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PART 12: THE END OF THE KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

GOD'S TIMING FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL

It is important to understand that God called Terah and his family to serve him but God has never called a piece of land to follow Him. Don't fall into the trap of grouping the two together. God is not sentimental and one day the entire earth will be dissolved and vanish. **2 Peter 3:10-13**

THE CALLING OF ISRAEL HAD TIME LIMITS

God did not call Abraham and his descendants because He was lonely.

God did not call them because they were a great people. **Deuteronomy 7:6-8**

God did not call them so they could have a great time ruling the world but so that they would be His people, preserve the Word of God and be the nation used to bring the Messiah in to pay for the sins of mankind. **Genesis 12:1-3; 22:16-18**

Once the Messiah had come, the people of Israel were to embrace him, obey him, be born again and enter into the second covenant. **John 3:1-21**

ISRAEL'S TIME PERIODS

THE BIRTH OF ISRAEL – 211 YEARS

This period began in the city of Ur, in the country of the Chaldeans (modern day Iraq) and ended when the family of Jacob arrived in Egypt.

THE CRADLE YEARS – 430 YEARS

The cradle years started and ended in Goshen, a province of Egypt.

THE EXODUS – 1 YEAR

This was a short period upheaval like the world had not seen since the days of Noah and the flood.

THE WILDERNESS YEARS – 40 YEARS

God's original will for Israel was to move them through the wilderness and up to the Promised Land. But they were not thankful of being moved from slavery into freedom and complained about everything. When they finally came to the border of the Promised Land, they faithlessly declared that it was impossible to enter the land and they were better off going back to Egypt.

It was during the wilderness years that God used Moses to compile the knowledge of God from the time of Adam unto his own time and write down



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the law of God. These are the five books of Moses. The books of Job and Enoch were also made part of the Bible of the Israelites.

POSSESSING THE LAND – 49 YEARS

Once Joshua had become the next leader, God confirmed His predestined plan and made it clear that He would keep His promises and give them the land. At the end of his life, Joshua declared his faith in God and that he was not turning away from serving God. The generation living at that time responded in like manner. **It was during these turbulent times that the book of Joshua was written.**

THE TIME OF THE JUDGES – 430 YEARS

It was the apostle Paul who gave us the length of this time period. **Acts 13:20**

God's purpose was to rule Israel as a theocracy, but the entire period was filled with violence, idolatry, infighting between the tribes and finally it ended in anarchy. **Judges 2:10-13; 21:25**

Samuel was the last judge to rule Israel but even this great man of God was not immune to trouble as he was unable to control his own family and the nation rebelled. The people wanted a strong central leadership found in a king and forever left God as their ruler. **1 Samuel 8:1-22**

God has always had faithful people and the true history of these horrible years was written down in the book of Judges and the personal story of Ruth.

ISRAEL AS A KINGDOM – 120 YEARS

The years under the first three kings, who reigned about forty years each were the greatest for the nation of Israel as far as military and political power was concerned. Spiritually there were some great moments under the reign of King David and the beginning of King Solomon, but in general the spiritual darkness never left the people of Israel. **Acts 13:21; 1 Kings 2:11; 1 Kings 11:42**

Saul, David and Solomon all had access to the Word of God that was written down, including the law as written in the five books of Moses, so there was no excuse for these kings. Saul despised the Word of God, David repented of his sins, but Solomon died as a reprobate. **1 Kings 11:1-8**

Because of the sins of King Solomon, the era of a united kingdom came to an end and Israel was divided up into two kingdoms. **1 Kings 11:9-13**

God had the following books added to the Bible during the years of a united kingdom: First and Second Samuel, parts of First and Second Kings, parts of First and Second Chronicles, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and the Song of Solomon.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS

THE TEN TRIBES OF ISRAEL – 210 YEARS

The Northern Kingdom of Israel lasted 210 years and was ruled by 19 kings. It was a time of violence, idolatry, betrayal, and murder. The ten northern tribes eventually became so evil that God took the land away from them and dispersed the survivors into other nations. The ten northern tribes were never brought back to the land by God and forever lost their portions in the Promised Land. Their capital Samaria was taken in 721 B.C. **2 Kings 17:1-18**

The prophet Amos (775-750 B.C.) was sent by God to warn the people. Hosea (748-690 B.C.) also operated in the northern kingdom. Nahum worked in the northern kingdom around 661 B.C.

SUMMARY

The leaders and the people of Israel continually failed to understand that they would lose the Promised Land if they worshiped idols and stopped obeying God.

God would send revivals to his people from time to time but they never took hold. The same holds true for today as God sends a revival and great things happen with people getting saved, healed, delivered and crime and violence also go down, but for some reason God's people are not able to hang on to it. Greed and lust for power corrupts the leadership and people revel in spiritual manifestations instead of keeping their eyes upon Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah warned us that only a remnant will be saved. **Isaiah 10:20-23**

Jesus repeated the same warning that the majority of the people will be lost and end up in hell when they die. **Matthew 7:13-15; Luke 13:22-24**

Do you have a heart for God? **Revelation 2:18-29**

You and I will not know the future until we get there!

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?