

Bethel Bible Series

Recalling a Destiny

Week 14

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - What positives and negatives did Israel realize from having a king?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Weeks

Review of Bethel Lessons to Date

In The Beginning

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| 1. | Genesis 1 | - | Creation |
| 2. | Genesis 2 | - | Divine Intentions |
| 3. | Genesis 3 | - | Disharmony |

Blessed to be a Blessing

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| 4. | Genesis 12 | - | Pronouncement of a Destiny | (SELECTION) |
| 5. | Genesis 12-50 | - | Ardent Dreams of a Destiny | (SEPARATION) |
| 6. | Genesis 12 - Exodus 20 | - | United for a Destiny | (UNITING FACTORS) |

The Emerging Nation

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| 7. | Exodus 12 - Deuteronomy | - | An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland | |
| 8. | Exodus 1 - Josh 5 | - | A Destiny Insured | (INSURING FACTORS) |
| 9. | Leviticus | - | Empowered for a Destiny | (ATONEMENT) |

The Developing Nation

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| 10. | Num 13 - Joshua | - | The Conquest |
| 11. | Judges - Ruth | - | Judges Forestall Threats |
| 12. | 1 Samuel 1-12 | - | The Philistine Menace |
| 13. | 1 Samuel 11 - 1 Kings 11 | - | The United Kingdom |

The Declining Nation

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| 14. | Prophets | - | Recalling a Destiny |
| 15. | 1 Kings 12 - 2 Kings 17 | - | The Crumbling North |
| 16. | 1 Kings - 1 Chronicles | - | The Crumbling South |
| 17. | Prophets | - | Pointing Ahead |

The Resurrected Nation

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| 18. | Jer, Lam, Eze, Dan | - | The Exile |
| 19. | Genesis - Malachi | - | History Itself is the Judgment of God |
| 20. | Eze, Neh, Hag, Zech | - | The Restoration |

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Old Testament Book Organization (Chronological Within Groups)

In The Beginning (Patriarchs)

Genesis

The Emerging Nation (The Exodus)

Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

The Developing Nation (The Conquest, Judges, United Kingdom)

Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel

The Declining Nation (North & South Split, The Exiles)

1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles

The Restoration (Return From Exile)

Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther

Poetry

Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon

Major Prophets

Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel

Minor Prophets to the Divided Kingdom

Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah

Minor Prophets of the Restoration

Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi

The United Kingdom (Study 13)

Banner entwines self around & through crowns = 12 tribes are United under kings

Inscriptions on banner = Symbols of the 12 tribes

Pillars rising from throne base to heavens = Kings selected by God, not by succession

Crown on far left = The reign of Saul

Crown is dark = Saul's kingship met violent opposition

Crown in center = The reign of David

Star of David, mace & light over crown = David's reign was Israel's golden age

Three diamonds and one dark pearl on crown = Four major events in David's reign

First Diamond = Jerusalem was made capital city of Israel

Second Diamond = Philistine menace & other political threats removed

Third Diamond = Jerusalem was made religious center of nation

Dark Pearl = Disunity in kingdom resulted from David's sin with Bathsheba

Crown on far right = The reign of Solomon

Yoke attached to third crown = Solomon's policies led to heavy taxation & forced labor

What major influence led to Israel's demand for a king? = Philistine Menace

How did Israel under a king differ from Israel under judges? = United Nation

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Lesson - *Recalling a Destiny*

United For A Destiny (Study 6)

Why was it important for Israel to be United?

Prism = To realize the destiny *to be a blessing*

In addition to a central kingship, Israel was also united by ...

Sharp rock = Circumcision

Man on ledge = Separation (Ethnic, Within Family, Geographic)

Mirror reflection = Common hopes and dreams

Yoke = Oppression under Pharaoh

Tablets = Law received at Mount Sinai

Security in the Unity

How well did Israel maintain the Uniting Factors? = Focused entirely on themselves, not God

Amos 4:4-5 = Proud of their regular sacrifices & offerings

How did Israel feel about her position with God? = Safe & protected

Micah 3:11 = Leaders corrupt; *Isn't God among us? Disaster won't come upon us*

How did Israel feel about the messages God sent through His prophets?

Micah 2:6 = *Don't prophesy about such things*

Israel loved the "*I will bless you*" part of the destiny. What did they forget?

Genesis 12:2-3 = *you will be a blessing, others blessed thru you*

A Destiny Forgotten

How was Israel Irresponsible to the Destiny?

Hosea 4:12-14

Idolatry

= Consult wooden idols, prostitutes, high places

Micah 7:2-6

Immorality

= No upright man remains

Hosea 4:1-2

Lawlessness

= Lying, murder, stealing, adultery

Micah 6:11-12

Deceit

= Dishonest scales, speak deceit

Micah 2:1-2

Wicked Leaders

= Plot evil, seize fields & houses

Hosea 4:6-9

Wicked Priests

= Priests sin & ignore God's Law

Jeremiah 8:8-11

Wicked Scholars

= Scribes' pen lies, Claim *peace* when isn't peace

Isaiah 10:1-2

Wicked Justice

= Unjust laws, oppressive decrees

Amos 5:11-13

Wicked Wealthy

= In mansions, Force poor to give grain

Isaiah 9:14-16

False Prophets

= Prophets teach lies, lead astray

Jeremiah 5:12-13, 31

False Prophets

= Prophets are but wind, people love it

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How did God try to get Israel's attention? = famine, drought, ruined crops, disease, battle losses
Amos 4:10 (also 4:6-11) = *I sent plagues ... you haven't returned*

What did God do when Israel didn't turn back?

Jeremiah 7:1-3 = Called prophets to remind Israel of responsibilities

Figure in red robe = God raised His prophets

Second figure = Prophets called to Israel

What warning did the prophets bring?

Amos 7:17 = Punishment by defeat & exile

Hosea 5:14-15 = God would exile Israel & Judah until they confess

Darkening sky in background = Prophets sent during age of decline

How did Israel respond to God's prophets? = Priest Amaziah served king, not God

Amos 7:12-13 = Rejected them, didn't want to listen

What hope did the prophets offer with their message of punishment?

Micah 5:1-4 = Hope in the Messiah, a Savior

Israel Focused on "I Will Bless You" = Israel felt secure in God's promises

Torn Manuscript on the Ground = Israel forgot responsibility *to be a blessing*

Prophet Holds Fragments Before Israel's Eyes = Prophet reminded Israel of destiny

Israel Clasps Mortar Bowl & Pestles to Bosom = Traditions became *ends in themselves*

How had Israel turned traditions from *means to an end* into *ends in themselves*?

Jeremiah 7:4, 8-11

The Temple

= Worship Baal & trust the temple

Hosea 8:11-13a

The Law

= Altars for sinning, not sin offerings

Amos 3:1-2

Separation

= I chose you, now I'll punish you

Jeremiah 9:25-26

Circumcision

= Israel uncircumcised in heart like others

Jeremiah 2:7

Holy Land

= You defiled my fertile land

Hosea 13:4-6

History in Egypt

= Became proud & forgot what I did

Summary

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 14 and Assignment 15

Next Week - *The Crumbling North*