

Bethel Bible Series

Empowered for a Destiny

Week 9

Welcome & Announcements

Opening - Why was it important that God insured Israel's Destiny?

Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

Review of Last Week - *A Destiny Insured*

Manuscript and its message = After Egypt - The destiny still stands

Manuscript tied to anchor = The destiny must be insured

Anchor lodged in sand = Insuring factors were critical at infancy stage

Lightning streaks = Divine Intervention developed confidence & trust

Scales of justice = Civil & Moral Laws prevented chaos & destruction

Separated figures = Visual Aids reminded of separation & obedience (Nazirites, tassels)

Wine chalice & bread = Memorial Feasts reminded of past, present & future

Tent = The Tabernacle was a constant reminder of God's presence (also tent of meeting, ark, temple)

Mace = Leaders were provided who had proper credentials

Land scene = The land was to be conquered to fulfill the destiny

All rocks attached to manuscript = Insuring factors were meant to help insure the destiny

Lesson - *Empowered for a Destiny*

The Pentateuch = All 5 books ascribed to Moses

Pente = Greek for *Five* (as in Pentagon)

Teuchos = Greek for *Book*

Genesis = Greek for *origin*

Exodus = Greek for *Going Forth* (*Ex* - Out, *Hodos* - Way)

Leviticus = Book of ceremonial laws for the Levites

Numbers = Begins with census figures

Deuteronomy = Contains a 2nd statement of Mosaic Law (*Deuteros* - Second, *Nomos* - Law)

Evil Was A Reality

Question 1 = No. Important for Israel to recognize reality of sin & evil

Were the chosen people excluded from the onslaughts of evil?

Job 1:6-7 = Satan goes back & forth on the earth spreading his evil

Ephesians 6:12 = Not fighting flesh & blood, but against hosts of wickedness

1 Peter 5:8 = *The devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour*

Figure Carrying Burden = Israel

Murky Stream = Israel lived in a world where evil was a reality

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What is Sin?

Is evil the absence of good? = No, it is a reality in & of itself

What is Sin? = Write on board

A Biblical Word Study:

Asham (H)	- Jeremiah 51:5 = guilt
Ashmah (H)	- 2 Chronicles 28:10 = guilty
Chet (H)	- Leviticus 22:9 = sin, error, failure
Chataah (H)	- Genesis 20:9 = sin, miss the mark
Asah (H)	- Numbers 15:29 = make sin
Avon (H)	- 1 Kings 17:18 = iniquity
Pesha (H)	- Proverbs 10:12 = trespass, transgression
Shagag (H)	- Numbers 15:28 = err, go astray
Hamartema (G)	- Mark 3:28 = sin, transgression
Hamartia (G)	- Matthew 1:21 = sin, error
Paraptoma (G)	- Ephesians 1:7 = fall, offense, trespass

Israel Was Not Immune

Question 2 = Yes, guilt and sense of guilt must be resolved

Is there evidence in Leviticus that God is deeply concerned about Israel's guilt and sense of guilt?

Leviticus 5:5-6 = If guilty, confess, pay sin offering penalty, priest makes atonement

Leviticus 5:17-19 = If guilty & doesn't know it, pay guilt offering for atonement

Spotted Tunic = Evil of world splashes on Israel, Israel unclean with sin

Broken Note = Disobedience leads to disharmonies

Broken Note in Study 3 = Four disharmonies - God, self, others, nature

Burden = Sin leads to guilt and sense of guilt

Yokelike appearance of note in Study 3 = Guilt & Sense of Guilt

The Problem

Question 3 = Yes, can't be a blessing when soaked with evil, guilt & sense of guilt

Do you see any relationship between forgiveness of sins and Israel's capability "to be a blessing"?

Leviticus 26:3, 9-12 = Obey Me & I will keep My covenant, dwell with & bless you

Leviticus 26:14-15, 38-39 = Reject me & you will perish & waste away

Two mistakes people can make when dealing with evil

Proverbs 28:1 = *wicked flees though no one pursues* - Be preoccupied with it

Proverbs 28:13 = *conceals his sin* - Denies the reality of it

Extended Hands = Israel was called to minister to all on the earth

Figure Clutches Burden = Preoccupied with its own burdens, Israel was unable to minister to others

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Atonement Was The Answer

How did God provide for removal of the burden?

Leviticus 5:10 = Offering makes atonement for the sin & he is forgiven
(Also Leviticus 4:20, 26, 31, 35; 5:13, 16, 18; 6:7; 16:30)

Lamb Between Figure & Hands = God's atoning acts free Israel to fulfill its mission

What is Atonement?

"At One Ment" = Being made *at one* with God

Funk & Wagnalls

1. = Satisfaction, Reparation or Expiation made for wrong or injury
2. = The reconciliation between God & man effected by Christ

Hebrew - "*Kippur*"

Genesis 32:20; 33:8-11 = Jacob sent gifts as Kippur to Esau (Genesis 32:20 – *kippur*)

Leviticus 23:26-28 - "Yom Kippur" = Day of Atonement (*Yom* = *Day*)

Greek - "*Hilasmus*" (Propitiation)

1 John 2:2 = Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins

Romans 3:21-26 = God gave Christ as a sacrifice of atonement

Funk & Wagnalls = To cause to be favorably disposed; conciliate (placate, appease)

Why is this study called *Empowered for a Destiny*?

Manuscript Message = God's atonement was provided to empower Israel to "be a blessing"

Discussion Questions = Page 62 in Study Materials

1. In what way is atonement an end in itself?
2. In what way is atonement a means to an end?
3. What is meant by this statement: *Peace of mind is meant to be but a stepping stone to responsibility*?
4. What is the significance of the command that sin offerings be brought to the tent of meeting?
(See Leviticus 1:3; 3:12-13; 4:4, 14; 9:5; 17:1-9)
5. What is meant by this statement: *For the life of the flesh is in the blood*?
(See Leviticus 17:11a; Deuteronomy 12:23)
6. When the people of Israel offered blood sacrifices at the tent of meeting, they were saying symbolically that they were offering life itself to God to make atonement for their sins. Is this statement true or false?
7. Did the people themselves offer the blood to God or was this function reserved for the priests?
(See Leviticus 1:5, 11; 3:1-2, 6-8, 12-13; 4:3-5, 22-25)
8. In what way was Christ's sacrifice similar to the Levitical sacrifice? In what way different?
(See Hebrews 8:13-10:14; 1 Corinthians 10:16; Ephesians 2:13; 1 Peter 1:2, 18-19; 1 John 1:7)
9. What very practical thing may have been accomplished by the rite in Leviticus 16:15-22?

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Memory Concepts

Second Decalogue (Ten Commandments)	= Deuteronomy 5
The law of the tithe	= Deuteronomy 14
Hebrew creed	= Deuteronomy 6
Teach children the law	= Deuteronomy 11
Exhortation against pure nature worship	= Deuteronomy 4
Review of events from Horeb to Moab	= Deuteronomy 1

Summary - *Empowered for a Destiny*

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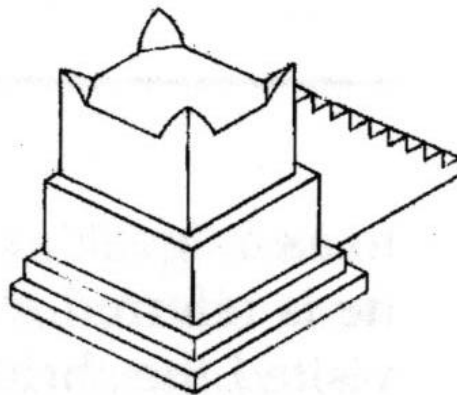
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Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 9 and Assignment 10

Next Week - *The Conquest*



Israelite Altar