

Bethel Bible Series

A Destiny Insured

Study 8

When someone tells you that they “don’t believe in God”, ask them to describe the god they don’t believe in. Maybe you don’t believe in that god either. - PK

Welcome

Opening - What important lessons did the Israelites need to learn during their 40 years in the desert?
InDepth Memory Review
Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer

Review of Last Week

InDepth Picture Concept Presentation - Jean Carr

InDepth Research Presentation - Sandy Dybdahl

How did God use similar approaches with the early church (New Testament Israel) to teach her to Trust in the Lord in order to fulfill her destiny of being Blessed to be a Blessing?

Review of Last Week - *An Emerging Nation on the Way to its Homeland*

God used the Israelites' exodus experiences to build the new nation
What did God ask of the Israelites as they migrated?

Crisis and Trials

Examples: Egyptians chasing, Bitter water, No food, No water
What was God's intention when He intervened in a crisis?
God, a constant presence in Israel's midst

Organization

Examples: Delegation, Census, Levite duties, Making & Breaking Camp Orders, Communications
Why was organization critical?
Jethro's advice to Moses to delegate responsibility
God equips people for specific tasks

Law and Legislation

Three Types of Law: Civil (evolves), Ceremonial (evolves), Moral (never changes)
Why were laws critical?
The Ten Commandments
Civil Law for nomads
An eye for an eye code
Instructions to build a tabernacle
Inauguration of the priesthood

Rigid Discipline

Examples: Idolatry, Religious Abuse, Blasphemy, Jealousy, Mutiny
Why was rigid discipline critical?
The Golden Calf
Visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children

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Lesson - A Destiny Insured

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What was the purpose of Selection, Separation and Unity (Studies 4, 5, 6)?
Genesis 12:2-3

Were these enough to insure that Israel's destiny would be fulfilled?
Numbers 14:11

Deuteronomy (*Second Law*) - Moses reminded the wilderness generation of their Destiny from God

Manuscript and its message

Deuteronomy 7:12-15

Deuteronomy 28:9-10

Manuscript tied to anchor

Deuteronomy 30:15-18

Anchor lodged in sand

Deuteronomy 7:6-11

Lightning streaks

Question 1

Do miraculous elements have any direct relationship to Israel's needs in this period of its history?

Exodus 4:1-8

Joshua 3:7-10, 15-17

PK - *Miracles appeared in the early period to develop trust much like the early conversion period in the life of a new Christian*

When does God use "direct" divine intervention?

Genesis 2:21-22

Genesis 9:12-13

Genesis 12:1-3

Exodus 14:21-22

John 2:11

Why doesn't God use "direct" divine intervention every day?

Luke 16:27-31

Should we expect God to reveal Himself to us through divine intervention?

Mark 8:11-12

PK - *People who refused to believe were never able to see. The faithful saw God at work in everything.*

Should we be concerned with HOW or WHY miracles happen?

Scales of justice

Question 2

Could Israel have existed in its nomad days without the types of laws in Exodus 21-23?

Exodus 18:13, 17-20

Exodus 32:7-9

Why were laws critical for insuring the destiny?

Exodus 19:3-6

Deuteronomy 4:5-8

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Separated figures

Question 3

What purpose might the Nazirites have accomplished in Israel's camp?
Numbers 6:1-5

Question 4a

What purpose did the tassels accomplish for Israel?
Numbers 15:37-41

The Great Shema (Taught to Jewish kids)

Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Wine chalice and bread

Question 4b

What purpose did the memorial feasts accomplish for Israel?
Exodus 12:24-27
Exodus 13:6-10
Leviticus 23:41-43

Tent

Question 5

What did the tabernacle and the tent of the tabernacle mean to the Hebrews?
Exodus 25:8, 22
Exodus 40:36-38

John 1:14

Greek word translated as *dwelt* is actually *tabernacled*

Mace

Why was great leadership critical for insuring the destiny?

Numbers 16:3, 8-11

What was a key component for great leadership?

Numbers 12:5-8

What made Israel's leaders great?

Exodus 4:10-12

Joshua 4:14

Judges 6:14-16

2 Samuel 7:8-9, 16

Jeremiah 1:6-8

How did God prepare His leaders?

Exodus 2:10, 15

Exodus 33:11

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Land scene

Question 6

What is meant by the story in Joshua 5:13-15?

Joshua 5:13-15

How were the Israelites to receive the promised land?

Deuteronomy 7:22-24

Deuteronomy 7:16

All rocks attached to manuscript

How do these insuring factors relate to us as Christians today?

Divine Intervention

Civil and Moral Law

Visual Aids

Memorial Feasts

The Tabernacle

Leaders

The Promised Land

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InDepth Research:

What Insuring Factors did God put in place with the early church (New Testament Israel) to insure that she could fulfill her destiny of being Blessed to be a Blessing?

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials

Next Week - *Empowered for a Destiny*