

Bethel Bible Series

Recalling a Destiny

Study 14

*So what if we don't get to the written lesson – you can **read** the lesson. - PK*

Welcome

Opening - What positives and negatives did Israel realize from having a king?
 Prayer Requests and Opening Prayer
 InDepth Concept Review = List the northern and southern kings
 InDepth Presentation: Marsha Bedbury
Compare the faith of the three kings of Israel's United Kingdom.

Old Testament Bethel Lessons

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 |

Old Testament Timeline (dates are very rough, but close)	
4000?	Adam & Eve
2000	Abraham
1900	Isaac
1800	Jacob
1700	Joseph
1300	Moses
1200	Joshua
1100	Judges
1000	David
900	Divided Kingdom
800	Prophets
700	Northern Kingdom Falls
600	Southern Kingdom Falls
500	Restoration
400	Nehemiah
300	Greeks
200	Other Greeks
100	Romans

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Old Testament Book Organization (Chronological Within Groups)

In The Beginning (Patriarchs)	<i>Genesis</i>
The Emerging Nation (The Exodus)	<i>Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy</i>
The Developing Nation (Conquest, Judges, United Kingdom)	<i>Joshua, Judges, Ruth, 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel</i>
The Declining Nation (North and South Split, The Exiles)	<i>1 Kings, 2 Kings, 1 Chronicles, 2 Chronicles</i>
The Restoration (Return From Exile)	<i>Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther</i>
Poetry	<i>Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon</i>
Major Prophets	<i>Isaiah, Jeremiah, Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel</i>
Minor Prophets to the Divided Kingdom	<i>Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah</i>
Minor Prophets of the Restoration	<i>Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi</i>

Review of Last Weeks

The United Kingdom (Study 13) - Gary Ferden (InDepth)

Banner entwines self around and 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 and 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 and 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 and 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

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

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Lesson - Recalling a Destiny

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 and offerings

How did Israel feel about her position with God? = Safe and protected despite rejecting God's will

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 ... disgrace will not overtake us*

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 through you*

A Destiny Forgotten

How was Israel Irresponsible to the Destiny? = List on board as read

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, no faith or love

Micah 6:11-12

= Deceit

Dishonest scales, speak deceit

Micah 2:1-2

= Wicked Leaders

Plot evil, seize fields and houses

Hosea 4:6-9

= Wicked Priests

Priests sin and 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 but force poor to give grain

Isaiah 9:14-16

= False Leaders

Those who guide this people mislead them

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 (6-11) = *I sent plagues ... you haven't returned*

ABC Cycle = God removed His protection to get their attention, but they never came back to Him

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 called His prophets

Second figure = Prophets sent to Israel

What warning did the prophets bring?

Amos 7:17 = Punishment by defeat and exile

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

Darkening sky in background = Prophets sent during age of decline (Solomon to exile)

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

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

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

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

The Temple	Jeremiah 7:4, 8-11	= Worship Baal and trust the temple
The Law	Hosea 8:11-13a	= Altars for sinning, not sin offerings
Separation	Amos 3:1-2	= I chose you, now I'll punish you
Circumcision	Jeremiah 9:25-26	= Israel uncircumcised in heart like others
Holy Land	Jeremiah 2:7	= You defiled my fertile land
History in Egypt	Hosea 13:4-6	= Became proud and forgot what I did

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

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

How did God's prophets point Israel back to her destiny?

Hosea 6:4-6 = Prophets cut with words: *I desire mercy, not sacrifice* (words from Samuel)

Micah 6:6-8 = The Lord requires: *Act justly, love mercy, walk humbly with your God*

Summary

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InDepth Research: *What were the times and key messages of the Old Testament prophets?*

Closing Prayer

Distribute Materials = Hand out Study 14 and Assignment

Next Week - *The Crumbling North* (Standard), *Oral Reports on Kings* (InDepth)