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BIBLICAL TRUTH CONCERNING THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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PART 4: LOSING THE PROMISED LAND

THE PERIODS OF KINGS

It is important to acknowledge that the physical offspring of Abraham are not more sinful than any other people on the earth. Everyone living on the earth is born in sin and we are all wicked and vile. **Romans 3:1-23**

After being in the Promised Land for some 400 years, God sent another man to the children of Israel, the great prophet Samuel. **1 Samuel 3:19-21**

When Samuel was old he appointed his two sons to be judges in Israel. We can see the sin nature of man because his two sons did not walk with the Lord but perverted justice and were rejected by the people of Israel. **1 Samuel 8:1-5**

God never intended that Israel would be an earthly kingdom; instead, His will was that He would rule over them in a theocracy. **verses 6-22**

Israel was to be the custodian of the Revelation of God and to be the people from whom the Messiah would come to. **Deuteronomy 7:6-8; John 1:1-14; Romans 3:1-2**

*Jesus Christ is the Messiah for all people on the earth. Israel doesn't have an exclusive Messiah; Jesus came to this world to save all men! **John 3:1-18***

Just because God anoints somebody does not mean that the person is in God's perfect will. God gave Saul an anointing, but pride, greed, and jealousy caused God to remove it. **1 Samuel 9:1-3; 10:1, 9-11; 28:15-19**

David became the second king in Israel. David loved the Lord and walked in His statutes as a young man but became corrupted over time. **2 Samuel 11:1-27; 12:1-14**

Solomon was the third and last king allowed to rule over all the tribes of Israel. **1 Kings 11:1-13**

THE DIVIDED KINGDOMS OF ISRAEL

Once the people of Israel rebelled against God, they left His perfect will and entered into His permissive will, which is full of disaster, destruction and pain. **1 Kings 11:26-40; 12:1-20**



THE NORTHERN PART OF THE PROMISED LAND LOST

The Northern Kingdom only lasted some 250 years before it was taken by the Assyrian Empire in 721 B.C. and many of the people of Israel were carried away into captivity. The Northern Kingdom never came back.

The time period from when Joshua entered the Promised Land until the destruction of the Northern Kingdom was about 650 years. They were never able to get it right even though God gave them 250 years. **2 Kings 17:1-23**

THE LOSS OF THE SOUTHERN KINGDOM

God gave the Southern Kingdom an additional 134 years to repent after the fall of the Northern Kingdom. But sin mastered also the tribes of Judah and Benjamin and they learned the hard way that God is not sentimental; the Promised Land could only be kept if the people walked with Him. It was too late once God let the judgment fall. **2 Chronicles 36:8-20**

ISRAEL LOST THE PROMISED LAND

The remnants of the 12 tribes have never accepted the fact that they blew it and God would never again restore the land to them. So for the next 2,535 years they have dreamt of the land and tried to take it by force but never been able to hold onto it.

There were Talmudic/Cabalistic Jews in the days when Jesus walked in the Promised Land who believed that He was the awaited Messiah and there to set up a physical kingdom of Israel again. They tried to take Him by force and make Him king but He did not respond to them. Jesus repeatedly said that His kingdom was not of this world. John 6:14-15; 18:33-37

Nowhere in the four Gospels do we find Jesus talking about restoring the Promised Land to the Jewish people, instead, His entire focus was on repenting from sins, being born again and preparing for life after death when we enter eternity. **Matthew 28:18-20**

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS?

God is not sentimental. His Son Jesus Christ has spoken loud and clear that anyone deviating from walking in holiness and obedience will have ***the anointing from God removed and the person or the church will be set aside.*** **Revelation 2:1-7**

There is only one way to live as a Christian who loves God and that is by walking in daily repentance and living a holy life. **Revelation 3:14-22**

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?