

\* THE HISTORY OF ISRAEL IS A TYPE, AN EXAMPLE FOR THE NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVERS (1 COR. 10:6, 11)  
 \* THESE ARE WRITTEN FOR OUR INSTRUCTIONS THAT WE MAY NOT REPEAT THE SAME MISTAKES (ROM. 15:4)

# GOD'S BUILDING - HIS HEARTS DESIRE THE RECOVERY OF GOD'S BUILDING (1)

"RIVER OF CHEBAR"  
 "WATERS OF EUFRATES"  
 (ZEK 1:1; ISA 8:7-8)  
 CARRIES PEOPLE AWAY FROM GOD & DESTROYS GOD'S BUILDING

"RIVER FLOWS OUT OF THE TEMPLE"  
 (ZEK 47:1)  
 BRINGS PEOPLE INTO GOD'S LIFE & BUILDS UP GOD'S HOUSE

## DIVISION & CAPTIVITY

\* ISRAEL LOST THE TESTIMONY OF ONENESS & WAS DIVIDED INTO TWO KINGDOMS.

### CAUSES

- 1) SOLOMON - DUE TO HIS INDULGENCE OF LUST, BUILT "HIGH PLACES"
- 2) JEROBOAM - DUE TO HIS AMBITION OF HIS KINGDOM, BUILT DIFFERENT WORSHIP CENTERS.

### THE SIN OF JEROBOAM (1 KINGS 12:30)

- 1) BUILT DIFFERENT WORSHIP CENTERS, ONE IN BETHEL & ONE IN DAN
- 2) MADE TWO GOLDEN CALVES - "JEHOVAH" (EXO. 32:4, 8)
- 3) APPOINTED PRIESTS NOT FROM LEVITES
- 4) ORDAINED FEASTS. "HE DEvised THEM IN HIS OWN HEART" (1 KINGS 12:33)

### THE SIN OF JEROBOAM WAS REPEATED AGAIN & AGAIN (3:34; 14:16; 15:30; 16:13, 26)

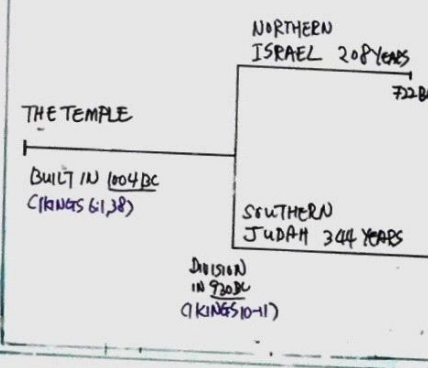
### AS A RESULT OF LOSING ONENESS ISRAEL FELL INTO IDOLATRY (1 KINGS 12)

- 1) IDOLATRY (1 KINGS 12)
- 2) CAPTIVITY TO ASSYRIA (2 KINGS 17:22-23) TO EGYPT (23:23-25) TO BABYLON (DAN. 1:1-2; 2 KINGS 24:20-26)

### THE SIN OF JEROBOAM OPENED A WAY FOR EVERY KIND OF EVIL TO COME IN & EVENTUALLY NEBUCHADNEZZAR BURNED THE HOUSE OF GOD. (2 KINGS 24:1-9)

\* IN CAPTIVITY, ISRAEL MAY HAD REVIVALS, BUILDING THEIR OWN TEMPLES OR SYNAGOGUES, TRIED TO WORSHIP GOD,

BUT, HIS GENUINE HOUSE WAS NOT IN THOSE PLACES & THERE WAS NO UNITY.



### CAPTIVITY TO ASSYRIA

- 1) 722 BC (2 KINGS 17:23; 18:7-9)
- 2) 722 BC - ISRAEL DESTROYED (17:1-6)

### CAPTIVITY TO EGYPT

- 1) 609 BC (DAN. 1:1-7) & DANIEL
- 2) 597 BC (2 KINGS 24:1-16) & EZEKIEL

### CAPTIVITY TO BABYLON

- 1) 586 BC (24:20-25; JER. 39:1-10) HOUSE OF GOD WAS BURNED
- 2) 586 BC
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- 4) 581 BC (2 KINGS 25:22-26)

### FIRST RETURN

ZERUBBABEL & JOSHUA  
 BY KING CYRUS (EZRA 1-6)  
 520 BC  
 BUILDING WORK DELAYED

### SECOND RETURN

EZRA  
 (EZRA 7-10)  
 458 BC  
 FIRST PURIFICATION (EZRA 9:11-10:44)

### THIRD RETURN

NEHEMIAH  
 (NEH. 1-2)  
 TO REBUILD THE WALL OF THE CITY  
 444 BC  
 SECOND PURIFICATION (NEH. 8:1-2)

## GOD'S WORK OF RECOVERY

- 1) TO BRING THEM OUT OF THE BABYLON
  - 2) TO BRING THEM UP TO JERUSALEM
- OF BABYLON = DIVISION  
 JERUSALEM = ONENESS

## FIVE "UPS" FOR GOD'S RECOVERY

- 1) STIRRED UP IN THEIR SPIRIT  
 "... STIRRED UP THE SPIRIT OF CYRUS ..." (EZRA 1)  
 "... EVERYONE WHOSE SPIRIT GOD HAD STIRRED UP ..." (6:5)
- 2) RISE UP  
 "... HEADS OF THE HOUSES OF JUDAH & BENJAMIN, PRIESTS & LEVITES ROSE UP ..." (1:5)
- 3) GO UP  
 "... LET HIM GO UP TO JERUSALEM ..." (1:3)  
 "... GO UP TO BUILD THE HOUSE OF JEHOVAH ..." (1:5)
- 4) BRING UP  
 → BRING UP GOLD & SILVER ... 5400 VESSELS (EXPERIENCES OF CHRIST) (1:11)
- 5) BUILD UP (1:2-3; 5)  
 "... TO BUILD (UP) HIM A HOUSE IN JERUSALEM"  
 "... LET HIM BUILD (UP) THE HOUSE OF JEHOVAH THE GOD OF ISRAEL - WHICH IS IN JERUSALEM"

## RETURN TO THE GROUND OF ONENESS (JERUSALEM)

- \* ISRAEL WERE IN THE CITIES, ... THE PEOPLE GATHERED TOGETHER AS ONE TO JERUSALEM
- ↳ WHEN THEY WERE IN THE CITIES, NO ONENESS IS REALIZED.
- ↳ BUT, WHEN THEY COME TOGETHER TO JERUSALEM THERE IS THE ONENESS
- \* JERUSALEM IS THE UNIQUE GROUND, UNIQUE CENTER, OF ONENESS.
- ↳ THE PLACE GOD HAD CHOSEN; (2 CHRON. 6:6)
- 1) TO PUT HIS NAME (DEUT. 12:5-6)
- 2) TO GATHER ISRAEL THREE TIMES A YEAR FOR THE ONENESS (16:16)

## RETURN TO THE ENJOYMENT OF THE RICHES OF THE GOOD LAND (EXO. 3:8; DEUT. 1:35; 3:7)

## NEED OF THE PRIESTHOOD & THE KINGSHIP

- \* JOSHUA, THE PRIESTHOOD, & ZERUBBABEL, THE KINGSHIP ROSE UP. (EZRA 3:2)
- ↳ THESE TWO ARE ALWAYS REPRESENTED TOGETHER
- \* FOR BUILDING THE TABERNACLE, MOSES REPRESENTED THE KINGSHIP & AARON REPRESENTED THE PRIESTHOOD
- ↳ THE KINGSHIP - THE DIVINE AUTHORITY. (COME TO BE UNDER THE HEADSHIP OF CHRIST.)
- ↳ THE PRIESTHOOD - TO BRING PEOPLE INTO THE PRESENCE OF GOD TO CONTACT GOD, TO BE SATURATED WITH GOD, & TO BE OCCUPIED & POSSESSED BY GOD.

## REBUILDING OF THE ALTAR

- "... THEY BUILT THE ALTAR ... TO OFFER BURNT OFFERINGS ..." (EZRA 3:2)
- \* THE FIRST THING RECOVERED
- \* WITHOUT THE ALTAR, THERE IS NO HOUSE OF GOD
- \* THEY ONLY OFFERED "BURNT OFFERINGS"
- ↳ CHRIST FOR GOD'S SATISFACTION.
- ↳ THE HOUSE OF GOD IS NOT FOR FORGIVENESS, NOT FOR OUR PEACE WITH GOD, NOT FOR OUR ENJOYMENT, BUT WHOLLY FOR GOD'S SATISFACTION

## LAYING THE UNIQUE FOUNDATION

- "... WHEN THE BUILDERS LAID THE FOUNDATION OF THE TEMPLE OF JEHOVAH ..." (3:10)
- \* CHRIST IS THE ONLY FOUNDATION (1 COR. 3:11) OF THE FOUNDATION OF THE APOSTLES & PROPHETS (EPH. 2:20)
- ↳ WE SHOULD NOT CARE ANYTHING BUT CHRIST
- \* WE SHOULD TAKE THE GROUND (JERUSALEM) BUT THE GROUND IS FOR THE FOUNDATION.
- \* LAYING THE FOUNDATION BY "SHOWING & PRAISING" (EZRA 3:12)

## STRENGTHENED BY THE PROPHETS

- \* HAGGAJ & ZECHARIAH (1:11-2)
- ↳ FIRST PROMISED TO ZERUBBABEL & JOSHUA, THEN SPOKE TO ALL THE PEOPLE (HAG. 1:11, 13; 2:2)
- ↳ THE KINGSHIP & THE PRIESTHOOD NEED TO BE STRENGTHENED TO PERFECT THE PEOPLE
- ↳ THE PRINCIPLE OF BUILDING IN EPH. 4:12.
- ↳ PERFECTED ONES ARE NOT DIRECTLY BUILDING
- ↳ THE PERFECTED MEMBERS DIRECTLY BUILD THE BODY OF CHRIST
- ↳ AS A RESULT, "... THEN ZERUBBABEL ... JOSHUA ... BEGAN TO BUILD THE HOUSE OF GOD ... THE PROPHETS WERE WITH THEM, HELPING THEM ..." (EZRA 5:2)

## HAGGAJ SAID

- 1) "CONSIDER YOUR WAYS" (HAG. 1:5, 7)
- 2) "CHRIST, THE DESIRE OF ALL THE NATIONS" (2:7)

## THE SUBTLETY OF THE ENEMY

- \* PEOPLE BROUGHT TO SAMARIA BY THE BABYLONIANS (IMITATED) ISRAEL W/ SEEKING GOD & WORSHIPING GOD. (2 KINGS 17:24; JOHN 4:9)
- \* "... LET US BUILD WITH YOU, FOR WE SEEK YOUR GOD AS YOU DO ..." (EZRA 4:1)
- \* "... WEAKEN THE HANDS OF THE PEOPLE OF JUDAH AND TROUBLED THEM IN BUILDING ..." (1:4)
- \* SO THE WORK OF HOUSE OF GOD, ... CEASED ..." (1:29)