

CONNECTING THE DOTS

LESSON #2: ON A HIGH-WAY TO EGYPT

There was a crisis. Judah the beloved Southern Kingdom and God's own agent through whom He was to bring forth the Messiah of the world had rebelled. She had become haughty and incomprehensible. Her behavior was unreasonable and much more unacceptable before God. Yet even in this worrying and seemingly hope taking atmosphere God raised a Prophet. His name, Jeremiah!

God had a special mission for Jeremiah; to call back Judah to the sanctified way of God almighty.

This story is among the most fearful accounts of Rebellion in the scriptures. The story of Judah's harlotry comes out in clear view. God's chosen people had forsaken the straight path to trade in the ways of idolatry and great insanity. The Holy City had exchanged life for death. Thus somebody had to blow the trumpet and show the "good old ways" to the stiff necked rebels.

By this time of Jeremiah "the Son of Hilkiah,...", Judah had plunged herself in a pool of uncircumcised acts. The once admired of the Lord had forgotten her PAST. She had neglected the husband of her youth and gone after other men. "Neither did they say, 'Where is the LORD, who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, who led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and pits, through a land of drought and shadow of death, through a land that no one crossed and where no one dwelt.'" - Jeremiah 2:6. Judah had erased from memory the goodness of the LORD.

From sinful Egypt to marvelous Canaan God faithfully lead and protected Israel. By a Pillar of cloud during day time and a pillar of fire in the night He lovingly attended her paths. The Almighty miraculously opened the Red Sea and she passed on dry. He gave her food baked in heaven's own perfect ovens. He saved her from the fiery serpents in the wilderness. He gave her water out of the rock. He parted the Jordan for her children to go through and safely He delivered her to the promised land of Earthly Canaan. Yet what was her recompense to the LORD? "REBELLION!"

She made void the sanctifying ceremonies of the Lord. Injustice was her daily meal and prostitution became her addiction. Judah murdered the prophets of LORD. Arrayed in stains of blood and perfumed with the cries of the innocent, she accepted no counsel. She had gone as far as doing what heathens would not do; she changed her God. From worshipping the God of heaven down to worshipping images made by her now crooked hands. "Saying to a tree, 'You are my father,' and to a stone, 'You gave birth to me.' For they had turned their back to Me, and not their face..." - Jeremiah 2:27.

As though this was not already much unbearable embarrassment and rebellion in the sight of a Holy and patient God, Israel was now even packing! She had her baggage well loaded and she was going back to Egypt. "And now why take the road to EGYPT, to drink the waters of Sihor?..." - Jeremiah 2:18. The once faithful woman was now leaving her matrimonial home; she was on a high-way to EGYPT. Like in the wilderness Judah was now longing for the "Leeks and Onions" of EGYPT. Sad!

However, as sad as this scene may appear, it is a perfect prototype of modern day society.

We too have forgotten our PAST. We have chosen to format our memories of ALL the good things that God has done in and for our lives. We are now taking lightly the mercies of God and hitting Him hard with our cold shoulders.

Picture the plight of society today. Behold how injustice has ascended the throne and now reigns supreme. See how corruption and murder have crippled even the professed Christians. What has gone wrong? We have turned our backs to God instead of our faces. We have forgotten how far the LORD, through Christ and the Holy Spirit, has brought us. We are ignoring how much filth God washed off from us. "But it has happened to them (We/Us) according to the true proverb: 'A dog returns to his own vomit,' and, 'a sow (Adult female pig) having washed, to her wallowing in the mire (Swampy ground).'" - 2 Peter 2:22

But unless we now return from our backsliding and find healing in CHRIST JESUS we shall surely miss the mark. Our home is not EGYPT our destination is HEAVENLY CANAAN. Egypt will soon be destroyed and we must move out NOW!

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