

THE STORY OF THE BIBLE

SESSION #7

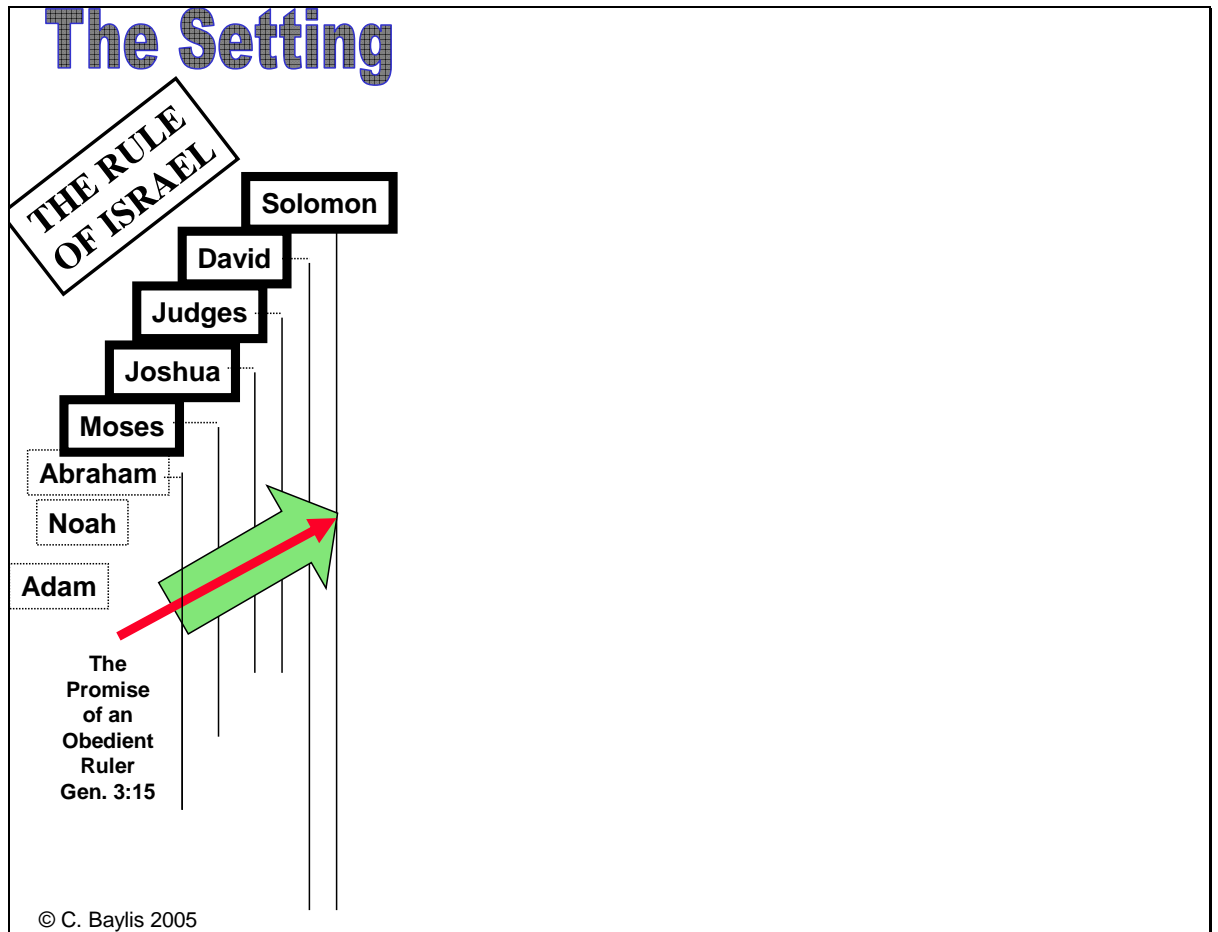
ABRAHAM TO THE EXILE:

Looking For The Messiah While Equipping The Nation

I. Looking for the SEED, the Anointed One, The Ruler over Israel

According to the promise of Genesis 3:15, God would bring forth a SEED who would be the New Adam who would rule. The Old Testament follows the Seed line with the hope that one would be that ultimate One. Thus God presents one after another. But since they have the heart of Adam, their father, they all ultimately fail.

Finally, God, in establishing the Nation, will bring forth the best that the children of Adam have to offer. David and Solomon are the greatest kings of Israel.



A. Noah

Noah appears and is expected to fulfill the hope of Genesis 3:15. So, he administers the judgment on all the unbelievers just like it prophesied. He then delivers the believers (his family) through the judgment and they appear in a new realm just like the prophecy expected. Yet Noah plants a garden (like the first Adam), drinks of the fruit (like the first Adam), and becomes naked and ashamed (like the first Adam). This potential new Adam is no different than the old Adam and so the story continues, looking for the One to come.

B. Moses

Moses delivered Israel from Egypt through God's power, yet when on the journey to the land, struck the rod twice in anger, disobeying God and was prevented from entering the land.

C. Joshua

Joshua, like Moses, delivered Israel from the Canaanites and possessed the land in the power of God. Yet when faced with failure in the battle at Ai blamed it on God instead of realizing that God was always faithful and Israel was to blame.

D. The Judges

In the Book of Judges, God puts forth leaders who are to rule as Genesis 3:15 hoped they would. Yet most of them fail as the text records their self-centered, godless, and immoral behavior. So the Old Testament continues, still looking for the Obedient One.

The Good

- Conquered Philistines

The Bad

- Weak, afraid: Barak
- Lack of faith, multiple wives, worship of idols: Gideon
- Superstitious vows: Jephthah
- Immoral, intermarrying with Philistines: Samson

E. The Kings

Saul: Saul was a massive failure to rule for God. He was self-centered and took glory to himself.

David: David showed great faith when he judged the “seed of the serpent”, Goliath in God’s power. That showed he was able to represent God against any foe, no matter how great.

Yet, David repeated Eve’s error as he “saw” that Bathsheba was “good” to the “sight” (saw) exceedingly and “took” her. Thus, David fails to be the One and the Old Testament continues on its journey to find the “Seed of the Woman.”

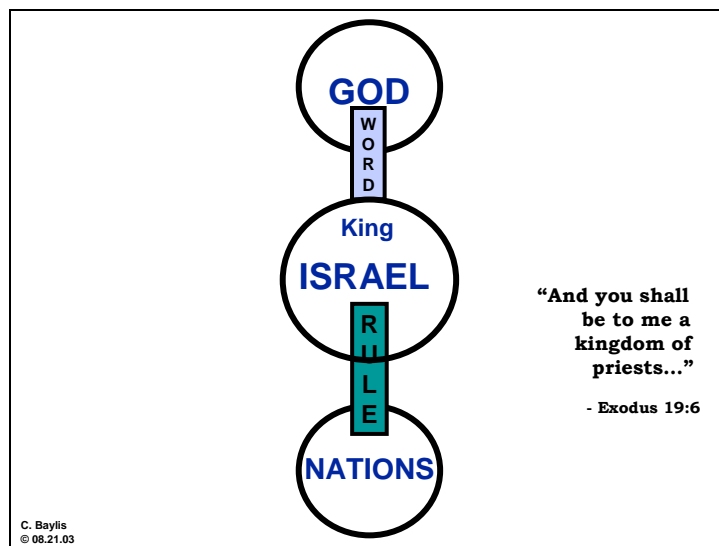
Solomon: Solomon is the ruler at the peak of the Kingdom that God has brought about. Yet Solomon violates Deuteronomy 7:3 as he intermarries with the pagans and worships their gods. This is a horrendous sin as Solomon repeats the sin of Adam in rejecting God and choosing instead to represent Satan.

II. Establishing and equipping Israel to Rule for God (Genesis 12—1 Kings 10):

God establishes Israel to represent Him over the Gentile nations (Genesis 12:1-3).

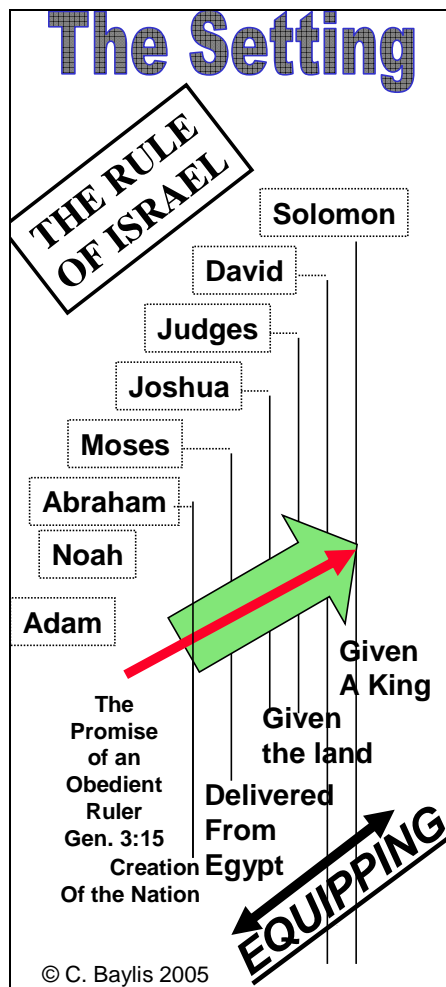
1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “. . . I will make you a great nation . . . And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed. ”

Genesis 12:1-3



In Genesis 12:1-3 God promised to create a nation from Abraham. This nation, Israel, would represent God (rule) over all the nations of the world (similar to man who was to rule over the creatures.)

From Genesis 12 until 1 Kings 11, God will equip Israel to be the unique nation that He promised. He will make them a nation, deliver them from Egypt, covenant (instructions on how to act so as to represent God) with them, dwell with them, give them a land, and install His anointed king to rule over them. It is at that point that Israel is fully equipped to rule for God, having been given unique Godly things to aid them in representing Him.



1. **Deliverance from Egypt (Exodus 1—15):** Israel alone would be delivered from Egypt so that they would know that YHWH could always deliver them. They experienced deliverance when they were hopeless so that they would forever be in YHWH's service.
2. **The Law: Mosaic Covenant (Exodus 19—39):** God gave them the Law so that they would know how to represent God's character.

4. **God dwelling with them (Exodus 40):** They were given the tabernacle so that all would know that this Creator God dwelt among His people.
5. **Gave them a land (Numbers—Joshua):** They would have a land where God would bless them so that they could rule the nations from that place.
6. **Gave them a King (Judges—1 Kings 10):** The unique Representative of God would sit on the throne of Israel so that they would be blessed/judged through Him.
7. **Gave them Rest (1 Kings 8):** Under Solomon Israel expanded its borders to their greatest extent and Solomon ruled over their enemies establishing rest.

Summary: Israel is at the Peak of their Kingdom, Equipped and with their King on the throne. They are ready to be tested as the national representative.

III. The National Conflict (Tension) – The rejection of God’s rule by the Kings and the Nation: (1 Kings. 11—2 Kings 25)

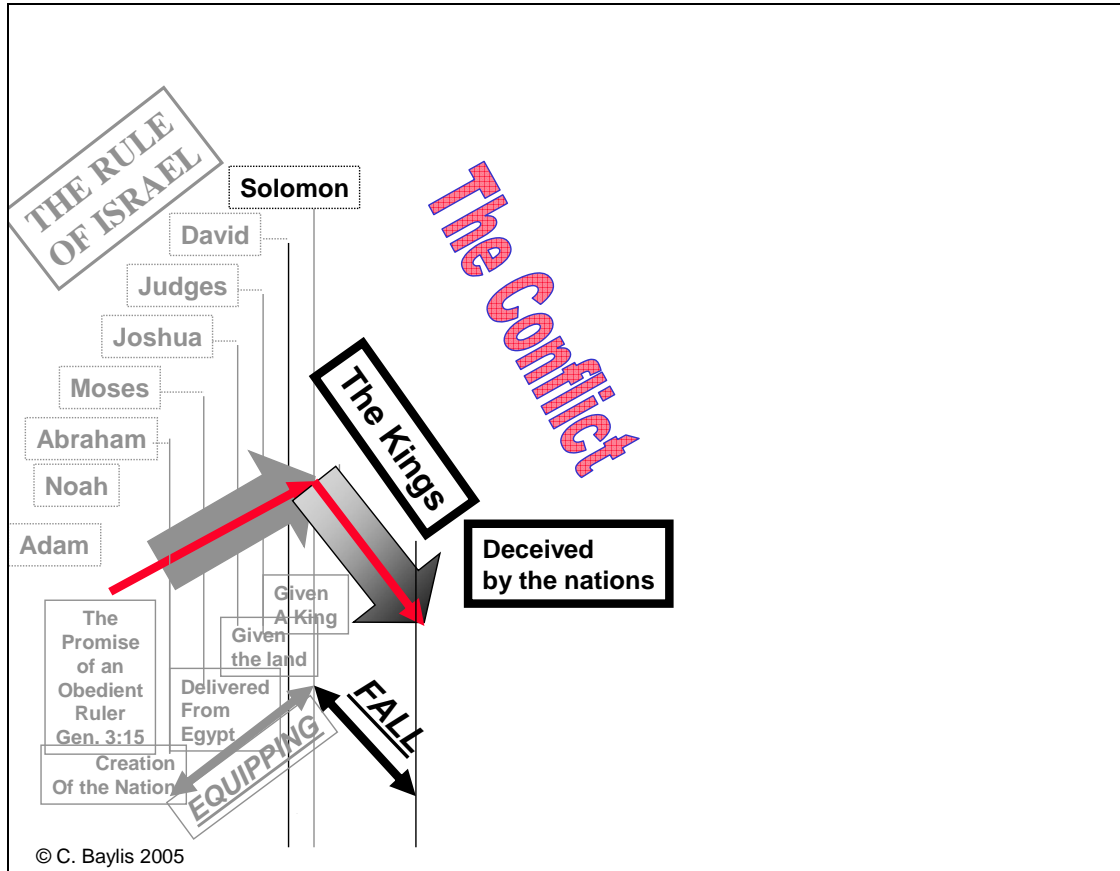
In 1 Kings 11 after Solomon was established on the throne, he intermarried with all the nations which were prohibited in Deuteronomy 7 and serves their gods. This was a choice parallel to Adam’s choice to worship Satan. As Satan was behind the serpent’s temptation so also Satan was behind the temptations of the gods of other nations. Solomon’s failure was the failure of Israel.

3 "Furthermore, you shall not intermarry with them; you shall not give your daughters to their sons, nor shall you take their daughters for your sons. 4 "For they will turn your sons away from following Me to serve other gods; then the anger of the LORD will be kindled against you, and He will quickly destroy you.

Deuteronomy 7:3-4

"Beware, lest your hearts be **deceived** and you turn away and serve other gods and worship them."

Deuteronomy 11:6



A. Solomon's failure

As was mentioned, Solomon rejected the rule of God as he served the gods of other nations and intermarried with their women (1 Kings 11)

B. The Division of the Nation into the North (Israel) and the South (Judah) because of the failure of Solomon (1 Kings 11)

Solomon's failure brought a division in the Kingdom. Israel, under Jereboam, were in the North. Judah, under Reheboam, were in the south.

C. The Northern Kingdom, Israel, fails and is to be exiled into Assyria.

1. King Ahab, king of Israel, married to Jezebel;

Jezebel was a Canaanite who worshipped other gods. Ahab, an Israelite, married her and worshipped her gods. Elijah and Elisha were the prophets who went to Ahab and his children to condemn them.

2. **Hosea the Prophet** to the Northern Kingdom forecast the exile into Assyria.

Hosea prophesied that the Northern Kingdom would go into exile in Assyria and would need to be delivered in a New Exodus back to the land where they would once again unite with the Southern Kingdom under the King who was to come.

¹³ . . . Now He will remember their iniquity, And punish *them* for their sins; **They will return to Egypt.** (Hos 8:13 NAS)

⁵ **They will not return to the land of Egypt; But Assyria - he will be their king,** Because they refused to return *to Me.* (Hos 11:5 NAS)

¹⁰ They will walk after the LORD, He will roar like a lion; Indeed He will roar, And *His* sons will come trembling from the west. ¹¹ **They will come trembling like birds from Egypt, And like doves from the land of Assyria;** And I will settle them in their houses, declares the LORD. (Hos 11:10-11 NAS)

D. **The Southern Kingdom fails to obey God and would be exiled into Babylon in 586 B. C. (2 Kings 25).**

1. **Ahaz and Hezekiah**

The Davidic Kings (2 Samuel 7) continued on the throne in the Southern Kingdom (Judah). This was the line of David which was to rule over the nation, from whom was to come the Messiah. Yet Ahaz, when in trouble went to Assyria, a Gentile nation, for help instead of God and was cursed. Hezekiah sought glory from Babylon (a Gentile nation) and was also cursed with the prophecy of a future exile into Babylon.

2. **Isaiah the Prophet ministered to both Ahaz and Hezekiah.**

Isaiah prophesied that Ahaz would be cut off from the seed line which would produce the Messiah. When Hezekiah sinned, Isaiah prophesied their exile into Babylon.

⁶ 'Behold, the days are coming when all that is in your house, and all that your fathers have laid up in store to this day shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left,' says the LORD. (Isa 39:6 NAS)

Summary of the Conflict: Now God seemingly has a problem. The nation that was to represent Him, Israel, is serving other gods, intermarrying with their women, and generally rejecting God for the Gentiles and their gods (Satan). The nation has come to chaos and failure.

God will respond with His plan of restoring the Abrahamic Covenant through the prophets.

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Reading:

Judges 16
2 Samuel 11
1 Kings 11:1-7

Study Questions: Give answers from the Notes

1. In the continuing search for the New Adam, name some of those who God established to attempt to fulfill Genesis 3:15 who ultimately are deceived by Satan.

2. How did Solomon fail?

3. Name the six ways that God equipped Israel so that they could uniquely represent Him to the Gentile nations.

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4. Into what two parts was the nation split?

5. Who was a prominent king in the Northern Kingdom and who were the prophets who condemned him?

6. Where would the Northern Kingdom go into exile?

7. Who were two prominent kings in the Southern Kingdom and who was a prophet who condemned them?

8. Where would the Southern Kingdom go into exile?
