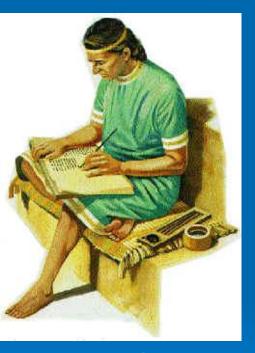
LEV. 26 BLESSINGS AND CURSES



- American criminal law system contains ONLY "curses", no rewards
- Two outcomes:
- A) Break the law and be punished
- B) DON'T break the law and NOTHING bad happens
- Lev.26 about Israel as a NATION (not about individuals)

God deals with humanity in 3 spheres

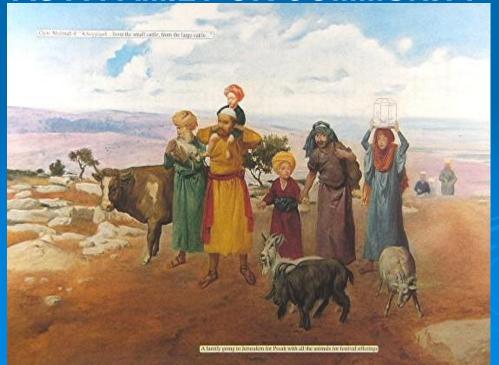




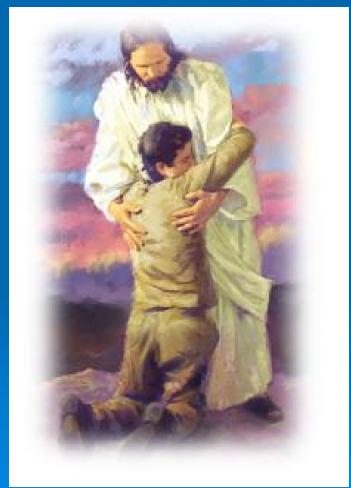
AS INDIVIDUALS

AS A NATION

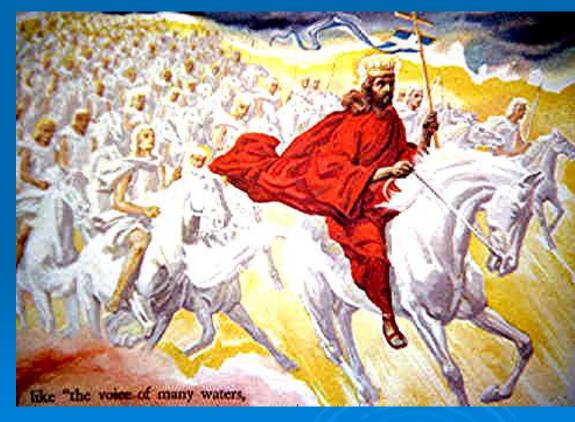
AS A FAMILY OR COMMUNITY



NATIONS WILL BE REDEEMED OR JUDGED ON ONE ATTRIBUTE: THEIR TREATMENT OF ISRAEL!!



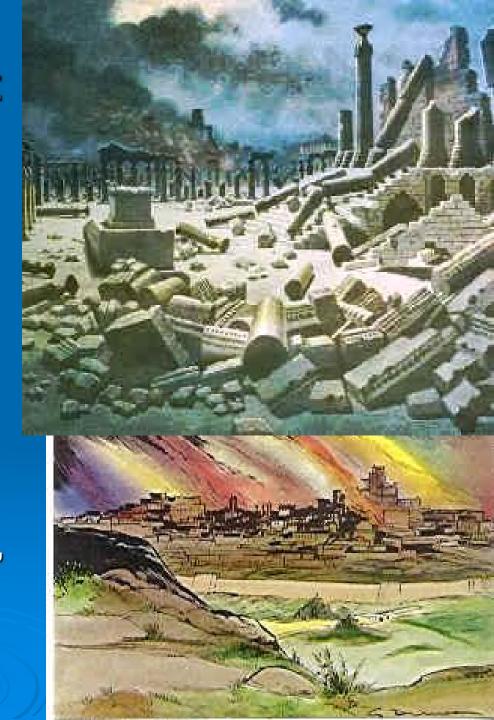
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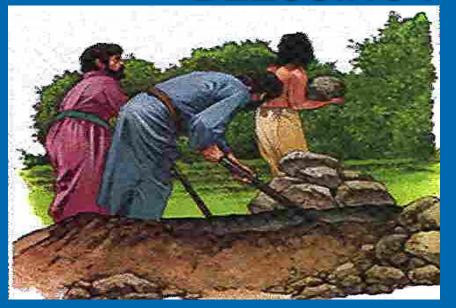
2ND COMING FOR ISRAEL AND FOR NATIONS

Israel's enemies will understand that their destruction is from a divine source

- BUT.....Israel WON'T think that God is punishing them!
- Church easily accepts God's judgment on Israel, but dismisses God's judgment on US!



MAKING THE LAND DESOLATE WAS GOD'S BLESSING FOR THE LAND



- 1) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR
- 2) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR
- 3) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR
- 4) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR
- 5) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR
- 6) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR
- 7) YEAR 1 2 3 4 5 6 SABBATH YEAR (49TH YR.) -> 50TH YEAR SABBATI

- "the land shall be repaid its Sabbaths.."
- Hirtsah = make-up-for
- The 50 year Jubilee also meant TWO years in a row, there was no planting and no harvest!

GOD'S LAWS DON'T COME AND GO

- God's laws form the fabric of the Universe
- All of Yehoveh's laws are like gravity: break them at your own risk!
- The land NEEDED those Sabbath rests, because that 's how the earth operates



DID GOD EVER "MAKE-UP" FOR THE LAND'S MISSED SABBATHS?



- > YES! Ezekiel 4:4-6
- 900 years later, after all Israel had been exiled
- Ezekiel to lay 390 days on one side for Ephraim-Israel, 40 more days for Judah
- > 390 + 40 = 430
- 430 years contains exactly 70 Sabbath years
- The land, by God's audit, had been ROBBED of 70 Sabbath years

A DESCRIPTION OF THE EXILES ISRAEL WILL SUFFER

- ➤ 1) They will be "feint of heart"

 Hebrew morekh = to be soft

 Inner strength and courage removed
- 2) They will stumble over each other
 As if being chased
 Describes chaos and disorganization
- 3) Cannot stand up to an attack
 Back down to their enemies
 Prefer to appease rather than fight

- Will perish in foreign nations
 Will die in foreign nations in exile
 No comfort, no familiarity
 Last moments in agitation, not peace
- ➤ 5) Will be heartsick in foreign nations
 For those who do NOT die in captivity
 Hebrew *yimmakku* means "they will melt away"
 Deep and disturbing sense of DREAD
- ➤ 6) Lamenting the iniquities of their fathers

 They are suffering over their COLLECTIVE sins

 Both of the PREVIOUS and current generations

> 7) They shall escape their circumstances By means of CONFESSION

- They must confess, and repent from, their HOSTILITY towards Yehoveh.
- They must confess that they trespassed against His Holiness.
- Both the righteous AND the wicked suffer sideby-side in a NATIONAL judgment.
- Each individual must take PERSONAL responsibility for his NATION'S sins.

CHURCH HAS SEEN FAITH AS ONLY AN INDIVIDUAL MATTER

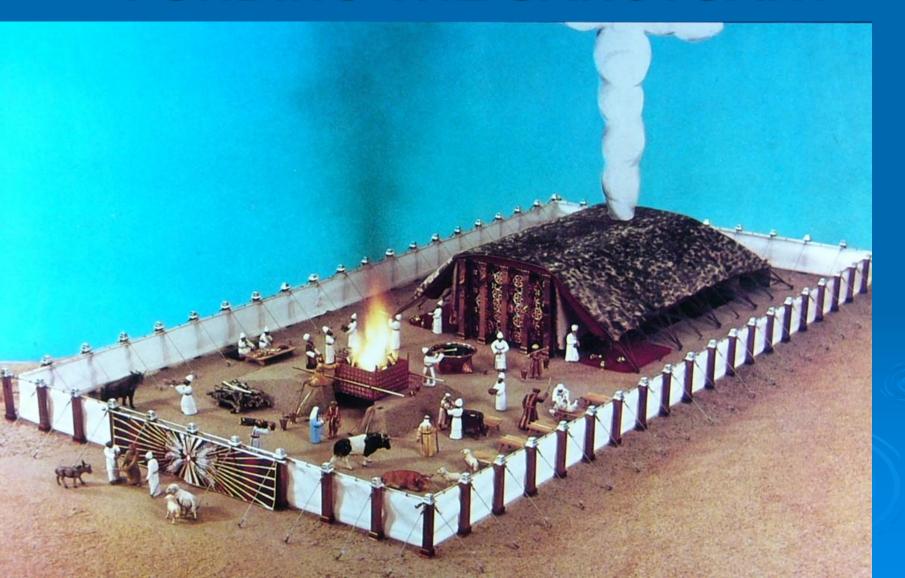
- That ALL of God's grace and redemptive process is about INDIVIDUALS
- > Judaism has seen faith as a NATIONAL issue
- That ALL of God's grace and redemptive process is about the NATION of Israel
- > BOTH ARE WRONG!!
- > 8) <u>During their exile, Israel recognizes their</u> hostility towards God
 - THEN God will purify their hearts

For the sake of the Patriarchs

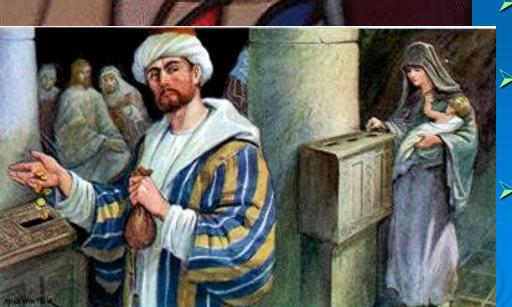


- NAS Leviticus 26:44 'Yet in spite of this, when they are in the land of their enemies, <u>I will not reject them</u>, nor will I so abhor them as to destroy them, breaking My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.
- Discipline is to AVOID judgment
- Revelation is NOT about discipline.

LEVITICUS 27 FUNDING THE SANCTUARY







TITHES JUST ONE KIND OF FUNDING

- NT does NOT deal directly with tithing
- NO command is given in the NT to tithe
- Tithing was ASSUMED in the NT
- Principle was already established in the Torah and followed
- NT was not established to repeat everything in order to validate it

MODERN TEACHINGS ON TITHES COMES FROM O.T.

NAS Luke 11:42 "But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

COMPARE TO:

NAS Matthew 23:23 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.

Jesus says tithing is expressly a provision of the Law (Torah).....and one should "do these things without neglecting the others"

THE N.T. ASSUMES THE READER ALREADY UNDERSTANDS TORAH

- Torah was 1300 years old by the time of Christ
- No need for Jesus to explain what tithing is
- We don't first explain WHAT a Bible is before we read it each week!

