

Section One: Kingdom of God on Earth (Past)

Category C: Israel – Kingdom Intelligence Report #2

Topic: A Kingdom without a King?

One of the most amazing summaries you will ever find anywhere in the Word of God regarding the furtherance of God's Plan B, for the purpose of restoring Plan A, is provided for us in the genealogy of the Gospel of Matthew 1:17, where we read:

**“So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations;
from David to the deportation to Babylon, fourteen generations;
and from the deportation to Babylon to the Messiah, fourteen generations.”**

This genealogical timeline is significant. It spans the entire history of the nation of Israel under the Mosaic Covenant, with Abraham, David, Babylon and Messiah serving as points of progress in the furtherance of Plan B. For our purposes, we will consider the unique historical context that led to David becoming Israel's King; which in turn proved to be so crucial in the furtherance of Plan B. When Samuel became too old to rule as Israel's Judge under the authority of God, the elders came to him and requested a king like the other nations (1 Samuel 8:5). This request bothered Samuel to the point of his praying to God for wisdom regarding the matter (8:6). The Lord's response to Samuel has posed a dilemma in our understanding of Plan B ever since, recorded for us in 1 Samuel 8:7-8 –

“The Lord said to Samuel, ‘Listen to the voice of the people in regard to all that they say to you, for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me from being king over them. Like all the deeds which they have done since the day that I brought them up from Egypt even to this day – in that they have forsaken Me and served other gods – so they are doing to you also.’”

God makes it unmistakably clear to Samuel that the request for a king was also a rejection of God's rule over the nation. Ironically, God grants them their request. Why? From a positive perspective, God's promise to both Abraham and Jacob involved kings who would rule over their descendants (Genesis 17:6; 35:11). The concept of kingship is also prophetic regarding the restoration of Plan A, by means of Adam 2.0 (Genesis 49:8-10). From a negative standpoint, the qualifier inserted into the request (“like all the nations”), was what displeased Samuel so greatly (1 Samuel 12:12-25), as well as being viewed by God as the people's rejection of His rule over them. Our attempt at the resolution of this dilemma in order to harmonize it with Plan B will have to wait for report #3. But based on our current generation of American Evangelicals, we can rightly conclude that “the more things change, the more they stay the same.” Political activism is now viewed as the solution to our every problem. Seeking changes in human government has replaced the Great Commission as our top priority. It has resulted in an unbiblical ideology which pursues theocratic nation building at the expense of reaching the lost with the gospel of Christ. This demonic doctrine has a name. It is known as Dominion Theology.