

Eternal Purpose and Plan of God: Lesson 7

"For who has understood the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?" But we have the mind of Christ. 1 Corinthians 2:16

Questions:

1. Which hymn does the following line come from? "And tho the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet."
2. At what point in history does Jesus enter the story?

"If the sovereign God of history were to comment on certain key events, offer a general statement on the meaning of the whole phenomenon, and show us a bit of the ending to help us get our bearings and choose the right way home – then a light would be shining in the world for any man or woman who possessed the disposition and tenacity to seek and find. The writings of the scribes and prophets contained in the Bible have always claimed to be just such a light, and although they focus on peoples and events that seem obscure by secular standards, we would do well to consider what that light reveals." (Larry Deason)

We have briefly reviewed the history of God's "mission" as revealed in Genesis from the Fall which evoked God's promise to redeem mankind (Genesis 3:15) - to the evolution of two seed lines following Cain's murder of Abel - to the consequence of the union of the two seed lines - the destruction of life on Earth. Then God worked a wonder in bringing Isaac into the world, fulfilling his promise to Abraham and Sarai. That was part of God's promise to Abraham that he would become a great nation. That all unfolds as God keeps covenant with Isaac, then Jacob and eventually one of Jacob's twelve sons – Judah. The promise was threatened by a famine, but God used sibling rivalry to arrange for Joseph to be the savior of his entire family who were to become the nation that God promised. But...they became enslaved in the land of Egypt.

Questions:

1. How did God come through for them in that part of their history?
(Deuteronomy 4:34)
2. Why is Mt Sinai significant?
3. Where did God promise they would take up residence as a nation?
4. Did He keep that promise? Did the Israelites keep their promise?

Eventually they became an earthly kingdom with King Saul.

Why did God choose Saul from the tribe of Benjamin given Genesis 49:10 promised the scepter to Judah?

Next Week we will look more closely at the life and line of David.