Catching the Vision

As we stated at the beginning of this current series entitled Capturing the Vision, it is a way of capturing and presenting the plan and purpose of God with this earth as He has revealed in His holy book, the Bible. It is God's vision and one that is designed for us to understand and take to ourselves. It is a way of scanning the entire period of time from creation to the establishment of a divinely ordered kingdom here on this earth and focusing on those things that are most important to grasping and understanding who God is, why He created us and what is to be our ultimate salvation from death and destruction.

It is the revelation of a vision that offers to those who respond to God's call redemption from a sinful, dying nature and a way to communicate with and receive strength and encouragement from the creator of mankind as he awaits the return of the Lord Jesus to this earth and the beginning of the ultimate fulfillment of this glorious vision.

In the first newsletter in this series we looked at and reflected on some thoughts about God the creator. His majesty, his might, his power, his ineffable love and mercy for his creation. Why did he create this earth to begin with? Is there an ultimate purpose to what too often appear to be random events leading nowhere? And what about man and woman, does they play a role in this vision and what is that role, now and in the future? We showed that the Bible

does indeed have answers to these questions.

In the second of this series we looked more closely at man himself, the crowning achievement of God's planning and preparation of a habitable place for man to dwell. We looked at his mortality and his nature, his proneness to sin and to disobey and God's willingness to extend mercy and forgiveness to the sinner.

In the third of this series we looked at the patriarchs Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and saw how the promises that were made to these forefathers were a very important part of the overall vision. We saw the importance of a covenant and considered how this covenant actually pertained not just to the actual lineage of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob but to all who would embrace the faith of Abraham, see resurrection from the dead as an integral part of these promises and obey God's will in obeying the commandment to be baptized and walk with God as Abraham did.

We then skipped over a large period of time and a significant portion of the history of the people called the Israelites to a period of time called the United Monarchy. It was during this period of time that we looked at the individual life of a man that was very special to God, the man David who was the second and most prominent king during that brief period of time when Israel was united under one leader and king. David was a man who sinned grievously

against God and his fellow man yet was also proclaimed to be "a man after God's own heart." David lived that life that God desires of each of his children: a life of trust in God, confidence in his leadership in daily life and an unquestioning faith and belief that what God says he will do and perform, He will. Important promises were made to David, promises that would bring a further unfolding of the vision and a better understanding of a future Messiah or savior that would lead God's people toward the kingdom that He would one day establish on the earth.

In this issue we are going to look at the children of Israel or the Israelites as they are referred to. We are going see how God chose them to be a special people and what the blessings and responsibilities of that calling would be. We are then going to look at when and why they so often failed in the responsibilities that God had placed on them, responsibilities which in the final analysis would have made them into the model nation that God wanted them to be. But we are also going to see God's steadfast love being manifested toward these people who constantly rejected His ways. Finally, we are going to look at how God's mercy is not only there for the Jew but also for the Gentile.

All this is an integral part of the vision we hope you are capturing as we progress through this series. May God's blessing be on your studies and your prayers as you draw closer to Him.

Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things. Blessed be his glorious name for ever; may his glory fill the whole earth!

Amen and Amen!

Psalm 72:18,19

A Special People for the Glory of God

Beginning in Genesis chapter 12, most of the Old Testament traces the history of one nation: the nation of Israel. Israel is the name of Abraham's grandson and means Prince of God. This special name was given to Jacob by God when he extended the promises to him that he had given to his grandfather, Abraham. (Genesis 35.) These same promises included the promise of blessings, being the father of many nations and the inheritance of the land described in Genesis 13. About 400 years after the time of Abraham and Israel, God rescued the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt and led them to the land promised to their forefathers. This nation was chosen by God to be a special nation, a holy nation:

They were given the law of God so that they would become a righteous nation:

See, I have taught you decrees and laws as the LORD my God commanded me, so that you may follow them in the land you are entering to take possession of it. Observe them carefully, for this will show your wisdom and understanding to the nations, who will hear about all these decrees and say, "Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." What other nation is so great as to have their gods

near them the way the LORD our God is near us whenever we pray to him? And what other nation is so great as to have such righteous decrees and laws as this body of laws I am setting before you today? Deuteronomy 4:5-8 (NIV)

God loved them because of the covenant he made with their forefathers:

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. But it was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt. Deuteronomy 7:5-9 (NIV)

God declared Israel to be his witness that he is God:

"But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel... "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.

I, even I, am the LORD, and apart from me there is no savior. I have revealed and saved and proclaimed — I, and not some foreign god among you. You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God. Isaiah 43:1,10-12 (NIV)

In the wilderness God promised Israel that he would bless them in the land if they worshipped and obeyed him. If they rebelled, then they would be removed from the land and scattered to all lands:

If Israel obeys...

If you fully obey the LORD your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the LORD your God will set you high above all the nations on earth. All these blessings will come upon you and accompany you if you obey the LORD your God... (Deuteronomy 28:1-14)

If Israel does not obey...

However, if you do not obey

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the LORD your God and do not carefully follow all his commands and decrees I am giving you today, all these curses will come upon you and overtake you...

Just as it pleased the LORD to make you prosper and increase in number, so it will please him to ruin and destroy you. You will be uprooted from the land you are entering to possess. Then the LORD will scatter you among all nations, from one end of the earth to the other. There you will worship other gods — gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known. (Deuteronomy 28:15-68)

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and their offspring were given eternal promises but the children of Israel were given a conditional promise. The promise of the land and the blessings were dependent on their faithfulness. The history of this nation shows us their failures of faith. There were many individuals who were faithful such as Joshua, Samuel, David, Daniel, and the prophets. Elijah was told that

there were 7,000 who had not bowed the knee to Baal, but over the time period from Moses (1,500 B.C.) until the Babylonian captivity (586 B.C.), most of the people were faithless and idolatrous. Even after they returned from captivity, even though the temple was rebuilt, many continued to be rebellious even to the time of Jesus

Was this the end of Israel? Were they rejected forever because of their disobedience?

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Israel - A History of Human Failure and God's Steadfast Love

About 2000 B.C., God called Abraham and told him to leave his home and family to go to a land that God would show him. Abraham, in faithful obedience, did as God commanded him and God gave him eternal promises of blessings and inheritance. These same promises were passed on to his son, grandson, and to his posterity.

About 1500 B.C. God called his people Israel out of Egyptian slavery. Through the leadership of Moses He brought them through the desert wilderness to the land promised to their forefathers. Throughout the time of the wilderness wanderings and the conquering of the promised land, there were periods of faithfulness but also many periods of rebellion.

About 1000 B. C. God chose a young man, David, to be Israel's king. David, who was the second King of Israel, was faithful and loved God. To David, God gave additional promises of a son who would rule over David's throne

forever. This son of David would also be the Son of God.

Just before he died, David appointed his son, Solomon, to succeed him. Although he began his rule as faithful as was his father, in the end he led the people in the worst kinds of idolatry. Because of this faithlessness, God split Israel into two nations: Israel in the north and Judah in the south. From the time of Jeroboam (930 B.C), who led the northern tribes in rebellion against Rehoboam, son of Solomon, until Hoshea (730 B.C.), the last king of the northern kingdom, there was continual faithlessness. idolatry, and rebellion. God sent prophets such as Elijah, Elisha, Hosea and Amos to warn the people but they did not listen. Finally in 722 B.C. God brought punishment in the form of the Assyrian army:

In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah, Hoshea son of Elah became king of Israel in Samaria, and he reigned nine years. He did evil in the eyes

of the LORD...The king of Assyria invaded the entire land, marched against Samaria and laid siege to it for three vears. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and deported the Israelites to Assyria...The LORD warned Israel and Judah through all his prophets and seers: "Turn from your evil ways. Observe my commands and decrees, in accordance with the entire Law that I commanded your fathers to obey and that I delivered to you through my servants the prophets."

But they would not listen and were as stiff-necked as their fathers, who did not trust in the LORD their God. They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their fathers and the warnings he had given them. They followed worthless idols and themselves became worth-

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less... So the people of Israel were taken from their homeland into exile in Assyria, and they are still there. 2 Kings 17 (NIV)

About 120 years later God sent prophets such as Jeremiah and Ezekiel to the southern kingdom of Judah. Judah also did not listen:

Therefore the LORD Almighty says this: "Because you have not listened to my words, I will summon all the peoples of the north and my servant Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon," declares the LORD, "and I will bring them against this land and its... This whole country will become a wasteland, desolate and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years. Jeremiah 25:8-11 (NIV)

Zedekiah was twenty-one years old when he became king, and he reigned in Jerusalem eleven years. He did evil in the eyes of the LORD his God and did not humble himself before Jeremiah the prophet, who spoke the word of the LORD...

The LORD, the God of their fathers, sent word to them through his messengers again and again, because he had pity on his people and on his dwelling place. But they mocked God's messengers. despised his words and scoffed at his prophets until the wrath of the LORD was aroused against his people and there was no remedy. He brought up against them the king of the Babylonians...They set fire to God's temple and broke down

the wall of Jerusalem; they burned all the palaces and destroyed everything of value there. He carried into exile to Babylon the remnant, who escaped from the sword, and they became servants to him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. The land enjoyed its sabbath rests; all the time of its desolation it rested, until the seventy years were completed in fulfillment of the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremi-2 Chronicles 36:15-21 (NIV)

With Judah, though, it was different. Although Judah and Jerusalem including the Temple were destroyed and the people taken into captivity, restoration was promised after 70 years:

This is what the LORD says: "When seventy years are completed for Babylon, I will come to you and fulfill my gracious promise to bring you back to this place. For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. I will be found by you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back from captivity. I will gather you from all the nations and places where I have banished you," declares the LORD, "and will bring you back to the place from which I carried you into exile." Jeremiah 29:10-14 (NIV)

Daniel, and his three friends, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, were among those taken captive from Jerusalem to Babylon. After many

years as a captive in the service of the king of Babylon and the kings of Media and Persia, Daniel realized that the 70-year prophecy concerning the return and restoration of Jerusalem was near. He prayed a beautiful prayer of repentance and petition for his people. This prayer is found in Daniel chapter nine:

In the first year of Darius son of Xerxes (a Mede by descent), who was made ruler over the Babylonian kingdom--in the first year of his reign, I, Daniel, understood from the Scriptures, according to the word of the LORD given to Jeremiah the prophet, that the desolation of Jerusalem would last seventy years. So I turned to the Lord God and pleaded with him in prayer and petition, in fasting, and in sackcloth and ashes. Daniel 9:1-3 (NIV)

Read the rest of the chapter. It is truly an example of the effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man. The history of the return and rebuilding of Judah and Jerusalem is found in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. The prophets Haggai and Zephaniah also lived and prophesied at this time.

In the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD moved the heart of Cyrus king of Persia to make a proclamation throughout his realm and to put it in writing: "This is what Cyrus king of Persia says:

"'The LORD, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth and he has appointed me to build a temple for him at Jerusalem in Judah. Anyone of his people among you-may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem in Judah

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and build the temple of the LORD, the God of Israel, the God who is in Jerusalem. Ezra 1:1-3 (NIV)

The temple was rebuilt and many captives returned to Judah and Jerusalem although many remained in "dispora" that is they remained scattered and dispersed to the lands of their captors. The history of the southern kingdom of Judah, the people now known as the Jews or the Jewish people, continued through the time of Malachi, the last prophet in the Old Testament. About 400 years passed between Malachi and the coming of the Messiah. The Jews were not a free people as they had been before the captivities. After the Medes and

Persians, they were subject to the world empires that followed: Alexandra the Great and the Greek generals that took over his empire and then the Romans. When Jesus came, the Jews were subject to the Romans, many lived in Judah and Jerusalem but many more lived in dispersion throughout the Roman Empire. The temple rebuilt under the leadership of Zerubbabel was enlarged and renovated by Herod The Jewish people the Great. were looking for a Messiah that would restore the glorious era of David and Solomon.

The Need for Repentance:

There are promises and prophecies throughout the Old Testament concerning the restoration of the promised kingdom--when David's son would reign forever. What the Jewish people failed to recognize was that restoration of the kingdom was dependent on the faithfulness

and obedience of the people. There had to be a change to the hearts of the people and that is why John the Baptist and Jesus came preaching repentance. We know from the history in the New Testament that only a small percentage of the Jewish people understood and truly repented. Because of their unbelief and unrepentant hearts, they were again scattered from Judah and Jerusalem. In 70 A.D. the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temple. From that time until less than 100 years ago, the Jews have not had a homeland. They have been scattered to every place on earth. Do the Jews, then, have any hope of a restoration? Has God thrown them over forever?

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Mercy and Forgiveness for Jews and Gentiles

The promises given to Abraham were to him and his offspring. David was promised that his son would rule on his throne forever over the house of Israel. Israel was told that they were a chosen and holy nation. How will these promises come to pass? Now that the gospel has been spread to the Gentiles, does that mean that Israel has no part in God's future plans? Yes, the Jews have a part in God's plan and purpose. The Old Testament tells us that there is a time when Israel will repent, their hearts will be changed. When this happens, then all God's plans will come to pass and the promises will be completed. They will finally be gathered to the promised land and the kingdom will be restored:

"For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people, and I will be your God. (Ezekiel 36:24-29 (NIV)

"When your countrymen ask you, 'Won't you tell us what you mean by this?' say to them...'This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. There will be one king over all of them and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms. They will no longer defile themselves with their idols and vile images or with any of their offenses, for I will save them from all their sinful back-

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sliding, and I will cleanse them. They will be my people, and I will be their God.

"'My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd. They will follow my laws and be careful to keep my decrees. They will live in the land I gave to my servant Jacob, the land where your fathers lived. They and their children and their children's children will live there forever, and David my servant will be their prince forever. I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, my sanctuary when among them forever." Ezekiel 37:18-28 (NIV)

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. Zechariah 12:7-11 (NIV)

Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles comments on these promises of the final repentance of Israel and their restoration. He connects that time, their time of acceptance and restoration, to the time of the return of Jesus and the resurrection. The natural branches, that is the Jews (Israel) who were cut off will be grafted back into the vine. The time is coming when "all Israel" will be saved:

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their fullness bring! I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I make much of my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the

root is holy, so are the branches

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies on your account; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patri-

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archs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound all men over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all. Romans 11:11-33 (NIV)

When Israel entered the promised land under the leadership of Joshua, they were told that only in faithfulness and obedience would they be allowed to remain in the land. The Old Testament history tells us that Israel was continually unfaithful, disobedient, rebellious, and idolatrous. They were dispersed from the land and punished for their iniquity but that is not the end. God, in his mercy, has promised through his prophets that there will come a time when Israel will repent and their hearts will be changed. When this happens, then all the promises in the Old Testament of restoration will finally take place. The descendants of Abraham will be restored to their land and their nation. The promised kingdom will finally come to pass. All God's people,

Gentile and Jew, will share in the glories that have been promised.

"'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven..." Matthew 6:9-10 (NIV)

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable his judgments, and his paths beyond tracing out! "Who has known the mind of the Lord? Or who has been his counselor?" "Who has ever given to God, that God should repay him?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be the glory forever! Amen. (Romans 11)

The nation of Israel is important in God's plan and purpose for his creation. Most of the Old Testament and much of the New Testament is a history of God's working with Israel. Jesus, God's Son, was born an Israelite. God is still the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He is still the God of David and Daniel. Paul the Apostle to the Gentiles recognized that the hope of Israel is also the hope of every Gentile believer:

For this reason I have asked to see you and talk with you. It is because of the hope of Israel that I am bound with this

chain." Acts 28:20

You are all sons of God through faith in Christ Jesus, for all of you who were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:26-29

Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth..remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ. Ephesians 2:11-13

It is in Christ that both the descendants of Israel and all other nations are brought near to God through mercy and forgiveness. They become God's special people, his children, and will receive the promised inheritance

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