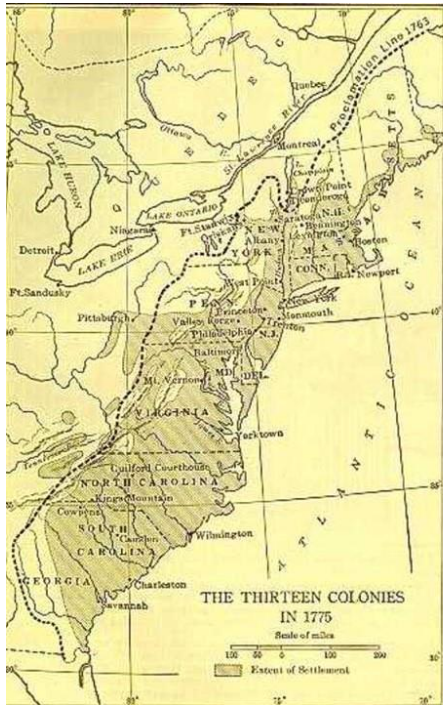


Fundamentals for American Christians

Bible Study with Dr. Paul Jehle

Week 1: May 13, 2020 - Introduction



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Foundations of a Biblical Worldview
Introduction – Sons of Issachar

**Zebulun –
merchants of
the sea**

The Sons of Issachar

- Son of Jacob and Leah – *“he brings wages”* (1800 BC)



**Issachar –
students of the
Torah**

- *Issachar is a strong donkey, lying down between two burdens; for he saw a resting place that was good. And the land that was pleasant. And he bowed his shoulder to bear, and to serve under forced labor. – Genesis 49:14-15*
- *Then in 1400 BC; And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in your going out; and Issachar in your tents! They shall call the peoples to the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness; for they shall partake of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hidden in the sands. – Deuteronomy 33:18-19*

The Sons of Issachar (400 years later; 1000 BC)

- 1st Chronicles 12:1 – From Ziklag (recovery)...
 - 1st Sam. 30:8 – *“pursue... you shall... recover all”*
 - 1st Chronicles 12:1 - *“the mighty men... helpers in the war”*
- 1st Chronicles 12:23 – to Hebron (throne)
 - *“equipped for war... to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of the Lord”*
 - 1st Chr. 12:32 – *“of the sons of Issachar who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, their chiefs were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their command”*

The Sons of Issachar were needed in a time of transition from the rulership of the flesh (Saul) to a greater dimension of the spirit (David)

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The Sons of Issachar

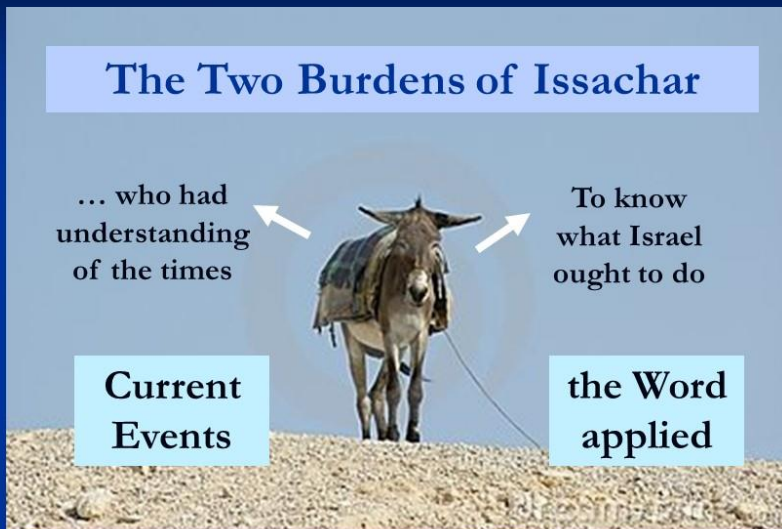
The Two Burdens of Issachar

... who had understanding of the times

To know what Israel ought to do

Current Events

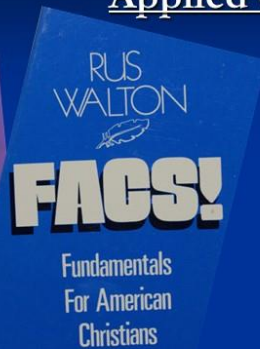
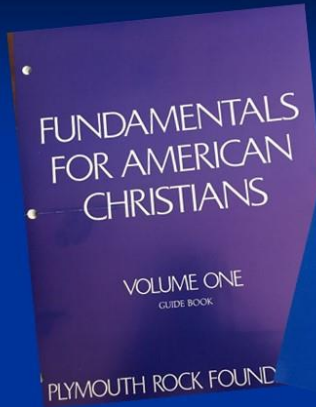
the Word applied



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So what is *Fundamentals for American Christians*?

Applied Christianity

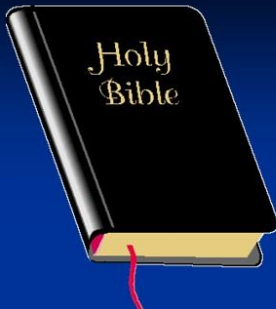


The paperback book and other resources on a Biblical world view available at

www.plymrock.org

- A course that teaches five fundamental principles of a Biblical world view
- It illustrates each principle with the truth of our American Christian heritage as a nation
- It suggests reading material for further study if you so desire
- The teacher applies each lesson in some way to current events

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Premise #1 – The Bible

Lessons 1-2 of NB, chapters 1-3 of book

- Why can I trust the Bible to be the inspired and authoritative Word of God?
- Should the Bible be applied to self *and* civil government?
- How was the Bible used as the “great political textbook” by those who established our nation?

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Premise #2 – Principle of Self-Government

Lessons 3-5 of NB and chapters 4-6 in book

- What is the origin of government?
- Why is Christianity the only religion that establishes self-government as the cornerstone of liberty?
- Why was Christianity viewed by the founders of our nation as the source of *both* religious and civil liberty?

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Premise #3 – The Sovereignty of God

Lessons 6-8 in the notebook; chapters 7-10 in paperback

- What does it mean that God is Sovereign?
- Why should Christ's Great Commission apply to discipling individuals *and* nations?
- How is God the governor among the nations?
- When is it lawful to disobey civil rulers because only God has absolute Sovereignty?

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Premise #4 – Principle of Individuality

Lessons 9-11 in notebook; chapters 11-14 in paperback

- Why does God work primarily from *individuals* to groups?
- What significance is it that the individual and family are created *before* civil government?
- What is the difference between secular individualism and *Biblical individuality*?

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Premise #5 – Principle of Private Property

Lessons 12-13 in notebook; chapters 15-17 in paperback

- What is the origin of owning property?
- Why did the Founders consider “conscience” as the most sacred property?
- How should we steward our property and productivity to honor God and bless others?

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A “Global Pause” - An Unprecedented Time

- Covid-19 affects almost 100% of the globe; *God has allowed it!*
 - Origin and scope of the 1950 Emergency Orders Act
 - Is it a *plandemic* and is that why the healthy got quarantined?
 - States / Governors reveal their priorities by what is essential
- Covid-19 is a massive test for the Body of Christ world-wide
 - Bible - apply the Bible to unconstitutional and even evil pressure?
 - Self-government – are we asking God for a deeper work within?
 - Sovereignty of God – is our primary perspective *God or the Devil?*
 - Individuality – will our priority be *personal relationships?*
 - Property – will we steward our conscience *so our attitude is pure?*

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Suggested further reading and study

- If you want to purchase the 400 page *FACS notebook*:
 - You can do so at the church for \$15 (including tax)
 - Checks can be made out to *Heritage Institute Ministries*
- If you want to purchase the 370 page *FACS paperback*:
 - You can do so at the church for \$16 (including tax)
 - Checks can be made out to *Plymouth Rock Foundation*
 - Read the *Preface and Forward* in either book
- Read the *Preface and Forward* in either book by next week
- Read *The Coronavirus in Context* by Pastor Paul Jehle (it will be attached with the powerpoint slides in the church email)

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