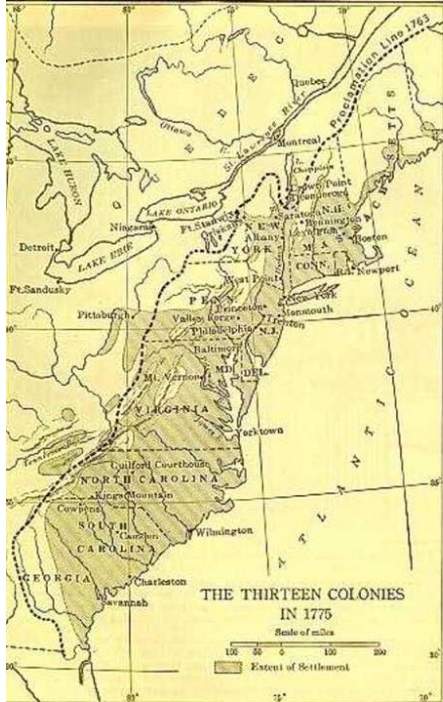


Fundamentals for American Christians

Bible Study with Dr. Paul Jehle

Week 2: May 20, 2020 - Lesson 1



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Let's be sons of Issachar!

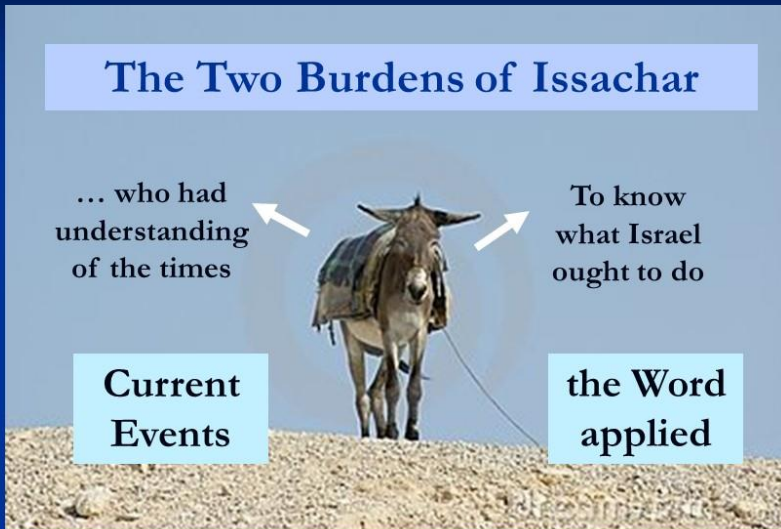
The Two Burdens of Issachar

... who had understanding of the times

To know what Israel ought to do

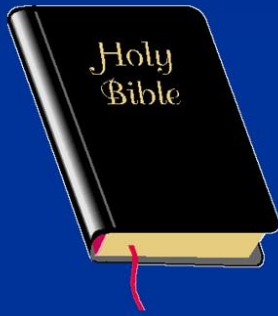
Current Events

the Word applied



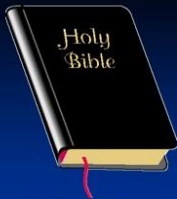
Section 1 - The Holy Bible: God's Textbook for Life

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



- The Bible, *Old and New Testaments*, are inspired and trustworthy for the believer
- The Bible states we are dual citizens – for Christ is both Savior (church) and King (nation)
- The Bible indicates that He is the author of government, and sets its purpose / boundaries
- The Pilgrims, who arrived 400 years ago, were “people of the book” and the Bible eventually became our “great political textbook!”

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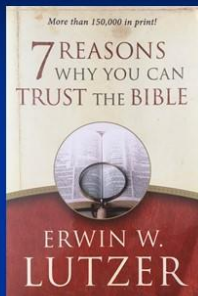
The Bible is God's Textbook for Life

Lesson 1 – Christ makes the Difference!

- The Bible is the “book of books” – 66 books, 39 in the Old, and 27 in the New – written by over 40 authors during a time period of 2,000 years in three languages – Hebrew, Aramaic, & Greek
- *The New is in the Old contained, and the Old is by the New explained* – both are inspired by God and inerrant (no error)
 - *“All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction; for instruction in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” – 2nd Timothy 3:16-17*

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The Bible is the only reliable Textbook for Life



*I highly recommend
7 Reasons Why you
can Trust the Bible*

By Erwin Lutzer,
Moody Publishers,
2015

- The Bible claims to be God's Word
 - Unity of authorship, theme, structure, symbolism
- History confirms the Bible's reliability
 - Archeology, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and...
 - *"history of the Bible... is the history of civil liberty"*
- Bible prophecies prove its truthfulness
- Christ affirmed the Bible's authority and truth
- Science supports Biblical creation...
- God's People, by Providence, recognized canon
- The Bible has power to change lives!

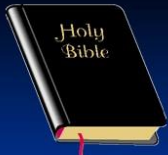
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Christ's Light shines through the Believer to dispel darkness!

- *He (Christ) has delivered us from the power of darkness... by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth... that in all things he might have the preeminence. – Col. 1:13,16,18*
 - Christ is to have first place in all – individual, home, church, state
 - The believer is a dual citizen – of heaven (Lord) and earth (King)
- *"I am the light of the world (Jn. 8:12)... you are the light of the world (Mt. 5:14)..."*
 - Christ's light is in the believer, and where it shines, darkness recedes
 - Darkness cannot conquer where light prevails!

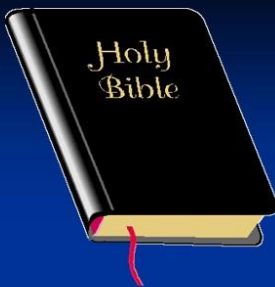
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God ordained Civil Government

Romans 13:1-7

- Civil government is the “*ordinance of God*” – v. 2
- Civil authorities are “*ministers of God*” – v. 4
- The purpose of Civil Government is...
 - To administer the Justice of God according to His Law
 - Punish evildoers according to God’s standard
 - Protect the conscience of the righteous
- We must do all we can to honor and submit to civil authorities, regardless of whether they are believers or righteous...
 - *But if and when they command us to disobey God we must as a last resort, disobey submissively.... this will be fully explained in a later lesson*



The Believer has the responsibility to steward the culture of the nation

- “*Two hundred years ago such a book as this... would not have been necessary*” – Rus Walton
- “*When American Christians stopped using the Bible as their textbook for government, those who espoused socialism – the sovereignty of the State over the sovereignty of God – took over.*” – Verna Hall
- *Believers are to transform their culture in some measure or be martyred by it...*

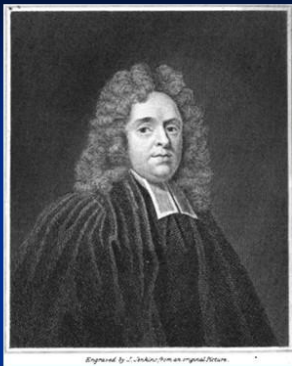
Where should the blame be laid for this present darkness?

Devil, non-believer, or the believer?

The Dominion Charter and Great Commission

- Ge. 1:28 *Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion...* (over creation but not over men/women)
 - Life – children are a blessing; protect and preserve life
 - Liberty – seek to protect the free economic choices of individuals
 - Property – protect the right of private property and productivity
- Mt. 28:18-20 *All authority is given to Me in heaven and earth. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you*
 - Seek the conversion of individuals (evangelism)
 - Seek to disciple nations beginning with individuals (discipleship)

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1662-1714

Published six volume
Commentary in
England in 1710 but
6th volume completed
after his death

Matthew Henry's Commentary

“How far his commission is extended; to all nations... diffuse the light of the gospel... that Christianity should be twisted in with national constitutions, that the kingdoms of the world should become Christ's kingdoms, and their kings the church's nursing-fathers.... Admit them disciples; do your utmost to make the nations Christian nations?... Christ the mediator is setting up a kingdom in the world, bring the nations to be his subjects; setting up a school, bring the nations to be his scholars; raising an army for the carrying on of the war against the powers of darkness, enlist the nations of the earth under his banner.”

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The Example of the Pilgrims

- Converted as *many became enlightened by the Word of God and had their ignorance and sins discovered unto them, and began by His grace to reform their lives...*
- They came with *a great hope and inward zeal they had... for the propagating and advancing the gospel of the kingdom of Christ in those remote parts of the world; yea, though they should be but stepping-stones unto others for the performing of so great a work.*
- 1606 Church covenant “whatsoever it cost”
- 1620 Civil compact “for the glory of God”

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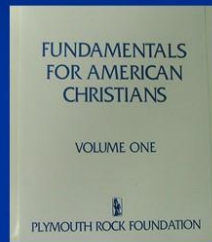
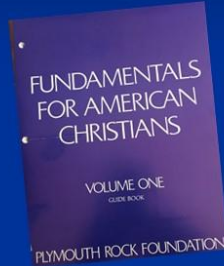
This “Global Pause” - An Unprecedented Time

- Governments have used the crisis to overstep the Constitution
 - Violating Civil Liberties - emergency orders beyond their limitations
 - Violating Religious Liberties – exercising control within a church
- There is a much more important battle raging, however...
 - A massive test of spiritual warfare – to focus on Christ as victor
 - To exercise priorities so we don’t target people as our enemy
- Our priorities ought to be set on...
 - Asking God for a deeper work on our attitude within...
 - Restoring our own Biblical understanding and worldview...
 - While all suffer, we don’t rush to resist, but patiently obey God...

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Suggested reading before Lesson 2...

- Get either the *FACS notebook or paperback* (508-888-1889)



- Read preface, forward and lesson 1 of NB, chapter 1 of Book
- Read the *Pilgrim Paradigm* article attached to email
- Ponder questions in the notebook; review PowerPoint slides