The Chronicles of the Kings of Judah

From Glory to Shame
Lesson 15
2 Chronicles 26-28

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14 DEAD IN CALIFORNIA MASS SHOOTING

GOD ISN'T FIXING THIS

As latest batch of innocent Americans are left lying in pools of blood, cowards who could truly end gun scourge continue to hide behind meaningless platitudes.
God has fixed all things!

- What is the problem? Terrorism? Guns? The curse!
- Galatians 3:13-14
  - Redeemed from the curse
  - Receive the blessing of Abraham
- The Savior, Who is Christ the Lord!
If it be so, why am I thus?

- Genesis 25:22 – Rebekah’s question
- Reality v. perception
- Romans 8:28-32, 38-39
- Celebration deferred:
  - Romans 2:4; 9:22-24 – repentance and faith
  - 1 Peter 1:6-9 – the precious proof of your faith
- Gospel: preaching v. “fixing”
- Christmas in Chronicles
1&2 Chronicles

- Messiah’s line from Genesis 1 to the end of the O.T.
- The Davidic Monarchy – the Everlasting Covenant
  - An eternal Kingdom
  - A dwelling place for God (1 Chronicles 17:11-14)
- The decline and fall of the Davidic Monarchy
- The divided Kingdom
  - Phase 1 – Kingdoms at war (10-16)
  - Phase 2 – Kingdoms allied together (17-22)
  - Phase 3 – Kingdoms in prosperity (23-27)
  - Phase 4 – decline and termination (28-39)
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2 CHRONICLES 26-28

- Josiah and Amaziah – recovery begins
- Uzziah (Azariah) – godly and prosperous – major sin
- Jotham – godly and prosperous – no failures
- Ahaz – ungodly – no goodness
Uzziah (2 Chronicles 26)

- 52 year reign (24/Amaziah + 12/Jotham)
- Prosperity
  - Military (26:6-9, 11-15)
  - Economic (26:10)
  - Spiritual (26:4-5, 15b)
- Unfaithful (26:16)
- Leprosy (26:17-21)
- Death as a leper (26:22-23)
Jotham (2 Chronicles 27)

- 25 years old when he became king
- Ruled 16 years (12 with Uzziah)
- Did right in the sight of the LORD (27:2)
- People kept to their sins
- Prosperous in building and war
- Mighty – he ordered his ways before the LORD his God
- Died in honor
- The goodness of Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah and Jotham
Ahaz (2 Chronicles 28)

- 20 years old – 16 years on the throne
- Great wickedness – like kings of Israel and Canaanites
- Under wrath (28:5)
  - Syria and Israel
  - Great defeat, but limited
- The “strange” intervention of the LORD
- Ahaz sought help from Tilgath-pilneser of Assyria
- Ahaz intensifies his defiance of God
The Christmas Story (Isaiah 7)

- It was the worst of times – great evil and great peril
- God’s Word through Isaiah:
  - Be at peace – Fear not
  - Be faithful (Isaiah 7:9; Genesis 15:6; Habakkuk 2:4)
  - Ask for a sign
- Ahaz tests God – wants nothing from God
- The sign
  - A virgin will bear a son; Immanuel – God with us
  - Coming wrath (by Assyria)
- The Son (Isaiah 9:6-7) – the righteous King
From glory to shame . . . to hope

- God isn’t fixing this!
- Failure to understand the problem – sin and death
- The truth: God alone can and has fixed this!
- Man cannot fix this in any generation
- Must see the sign – the Gospel (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)
- Signs intended to bring to salvation (John 20:30-31)