

Welcome to Rehoboth New Life Center Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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# Tonight's Lesson

Understanding Gods Original Purpose for Man

Creation for a Vocation

God did Not Create you for Salvation or For Destruction

# His Purposes, His Will

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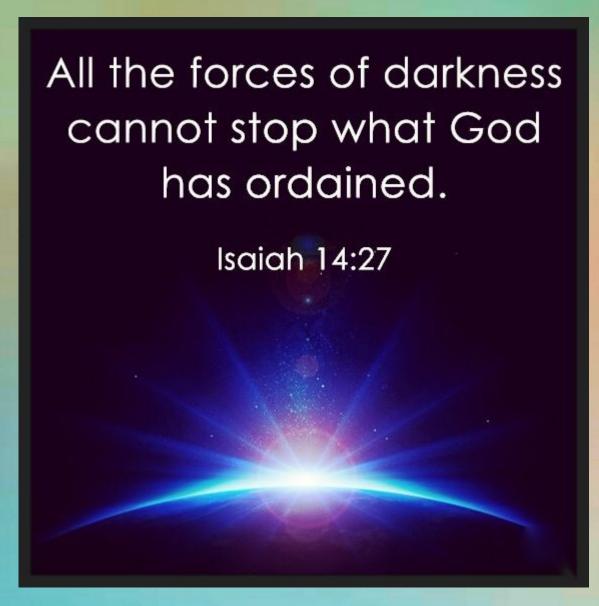
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AS IT IS IN HEAVEN.

MATTHEW 6:10

- Romans 8:28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.
- 29 ¶For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren.
- 30 Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.
- 31 ¶What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

#### God Has a Purpose, a Plan



- Ecclesiastes 3:1 ¶To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:
- Isaiah 14:26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.
- 27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

# God Creates Vocationally (Greek Klesis)

#### vocation noun



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#### **Definition of vocation**

- 1 a : a summons or strong inclination to a particular state or course of action especially: a divine call to the religious life
  - **b** : an entry into the priesthood or a religious order

The word is a descendant of
Latin vocatio, meaning
"summons." Vocatio, in turn,
comes from vocare, meaning "to
call," which itself is from vox,
meaning "voice."

- Ephesians 4:1 ¶I therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you that ye walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye are called,
- Romans 11:29 For the gifts and calling (Vocation) of God are without repentance.
- 1 Corinthians 1:26 For ye see your calling(Vocation), brethren, how that not many wise men after the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, are called:
- 1 Corinthians 7:20 Let every man abide in the same calling(Vocation) wherein he was called.
- Philippians 3:14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling(Vocation) of God in Christ Jesus.
- 2 Thessalonians 1:11 ¶Wherefore also we pray always for you, that our God would count you worthy of this calling, and fulfil all the good pleasure of his goodness, and the work of faith with power:

# God Created Us Vocationally for His Purpose



Genesis 1:26 ¶And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

Genesis 1:27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

1 Corinthians 11:7 For a man indeed ought not to cover his head, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: ....

# Created for a purpose, Men that God "Called"

Noah: Perfect (in human lineage Gen 6:9).

But failed by his flesh (drank a little too much).

Job: Perfect in his integrity,

But failed in his trust

Abraham: Perfect in Faith towards God

But lied to his fellow man about his wife.

Isaac: Perfect in spirit, a peacemaker.

But easily deceived.

Jacob: Perfect in cunning and endurance.

But quick to deceive.

Joseph: Perfect in enduring suffering.

But not able to return from the grave.

Moses: Perfect in humility and communion with God.

But failed the perfection of obedience.

#### The men that God "Called"

Joshua: Perfect in faithfulness and following.

But once trusted his own judgment.

Samson: Perfect in power and strength from God.

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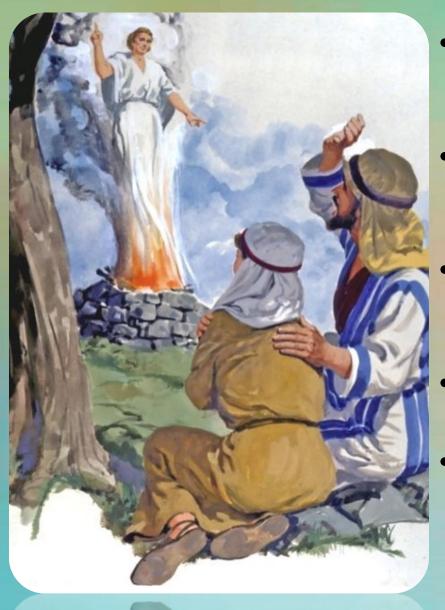
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# God Creates or Calls people/nations vocationally!



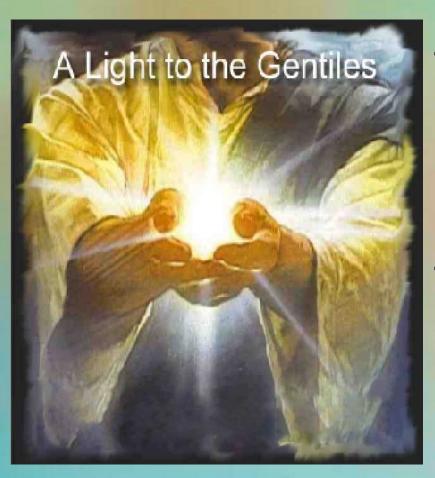
- Judges 13:1 ¶And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the LORD; and the LORD delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years.
- 2 And there was a certain man of Zorah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoah; and his wife was barren, and bare not.
- 3 And the angel of the LORD appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not: but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son.
- 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink not wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing:
- 5 For, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on his head: for the child shall be a Nazarite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of the hand of the Philistines.

# Abraham "Called" for a Purpose



- Genesis 12:1 ¶Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:
- 2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:
- Genesis 28:14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

# Gods Purpose in "Creating Israel" was to reconcile the world



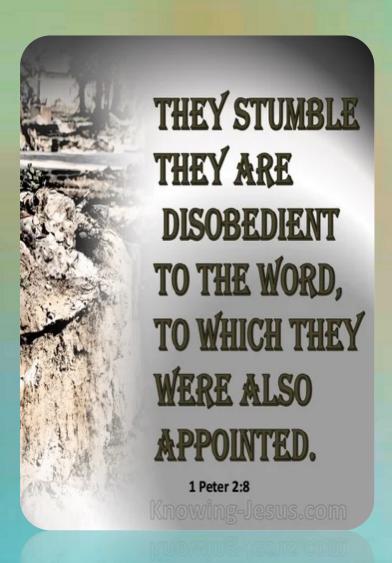
- Isaiah 61:6 But ye (Israel)shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
- Isaiah 49:6 And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

# But Israel Missed there Calling (Vocation)



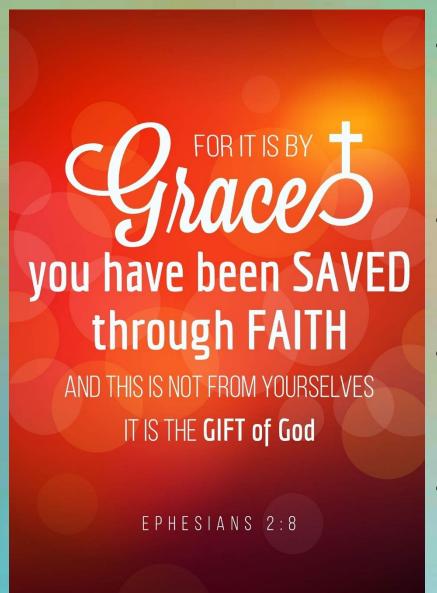
- Matthew 23:37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!
- 38 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.
- 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
- Luke 19:41 ¶And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,
- 42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.
- 43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,
- 44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

#### Was Gods purpose lost? Because Israel failed?



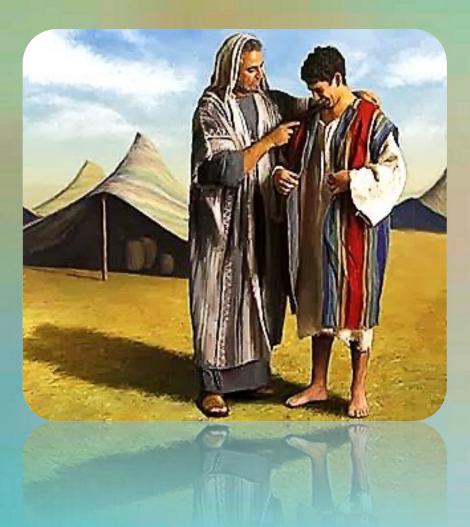
- Romans 9:3 For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh:
- 4 Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;
- 5 Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.
- 6 ¶Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:
- 7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

#### Saved By Faith .. Making Our "Calling" & Election Sure



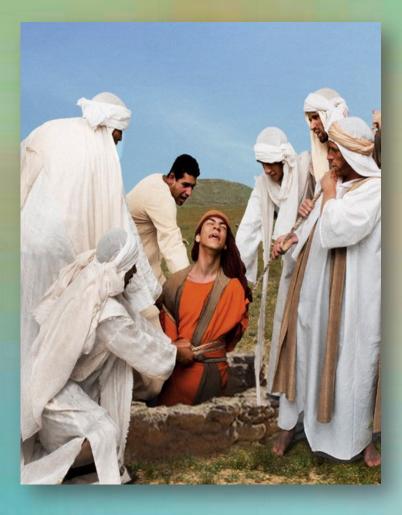
- Romans 9:30 ¶What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, which followed not after righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith.
- 31 But Israel, which followed after the law of righteousness, hath not attained to the law of righteousness.
- 32 Wherefore? Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumblingstone;
- 33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever believeth on him shall not be ashamed.

#### The Plan That We Cannot See



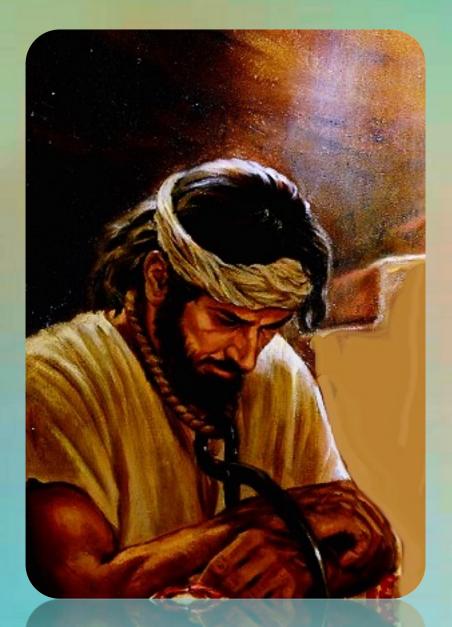
- Genesis 37:3 Now Israel loved Joseph more than all his children, because he was the son of his old age: and he made him a coat of many colours.
- 4 And when his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.
- 5 ¶And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it his brethren: and they hated him yet the more.
- 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed:
- 7 For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf.

#### The Plan we do not understand: Put to death...



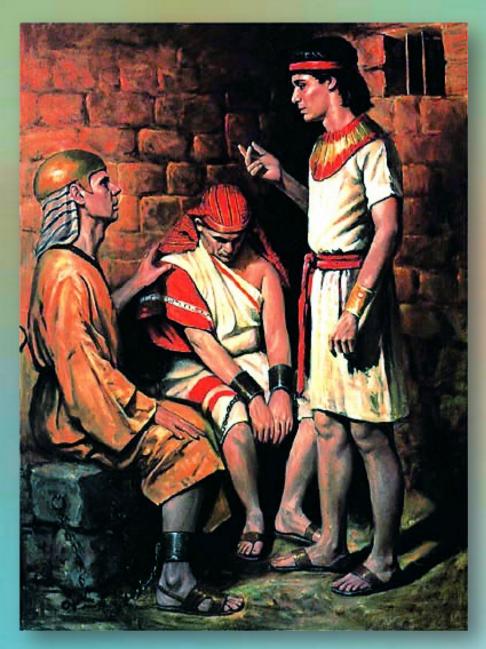
- Genesis 37:8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? And they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words.
- 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into some pit, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams.
- 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmeelites, and let not our hand be upon him; for he is our brother and our flesh. And his brethren were content.
- 28 Then there passed by Midianites merchantmen; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmeelites for twenty pieces of silver: and they brought Joseph into Egypt.
- 36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh's, and captain of the guard.

#### .....The Plan we do not understand: Into Prison



- Genesis 39:20 And Joseph's master took him, and put him into the prison, a place where the king's prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison.
- Ephesians 4:9 (Now that he ascended, what is it but that he also descended first into the lower parts of the earth?
- 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended up far above all heavens, that he might fill all things.)

#### Preached unto the captives!



- Genesis 40:12 And Joseph said unto him, This is the interpretation of it: The three branches are three days:
- 13 Yet within three days shall Pharaoh lift up thine head, and restore thee unto thy place: and thou shalt deliver Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler.
- 1 Peter 3:19 By which also he went and preached unto the spirits in prison;

#### The Plan we cannot see: Resurrected!

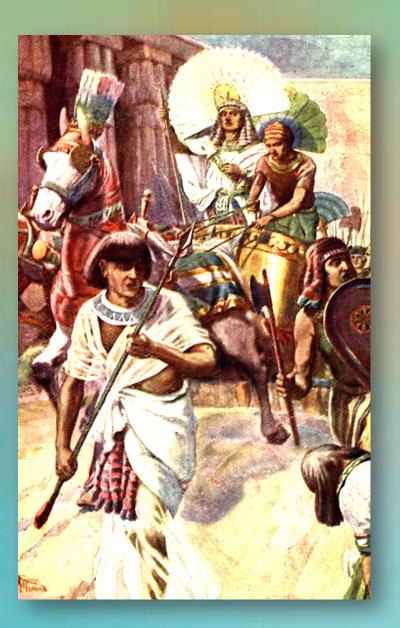


Genesis 41:14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh.

41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt.

42 And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck;

#### The Plan we cannot see: Resurrected!



Genesis 41:43 And he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, Bow the knee: and he made him ruler over all the land of Egypt.

Philippians 2:10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

Hebrews 1:6 And again, when he bringeth in the firstbegotten into the world, he saith, And let all the angels of God worship him.

#### The Plan we did not understand: Gets a Gentile Bride!



- Genesis 41:45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphnathpaaneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath the daughter of Potipherah priest of On. And Joseph went out over all the land of Egypt.
- Matthew 28:18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
- Revelation 21:9 ¶And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

#### The God Of Justice!

The Rock! His work is perfect, For all His ways are just; A God of faithfulness and without injustice, Righteous and upright is He. **Deuteronomy** 32:4

- Psalms 89:14 Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.
- Isaiah 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.
- Genesis 18:25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked: and that the righteous should be as the wicked, that be far from thee: Shall not the Judge of all the earth do right?

# "Calling and Election"

# MAKE YOUR CALLING AND ELECTION SURE

2 Peter 1:10

- John 3:18 He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.
- 19 And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.
- 2 Peter 1:10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:
- 11 For so an entrance shall be ministered unto you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.