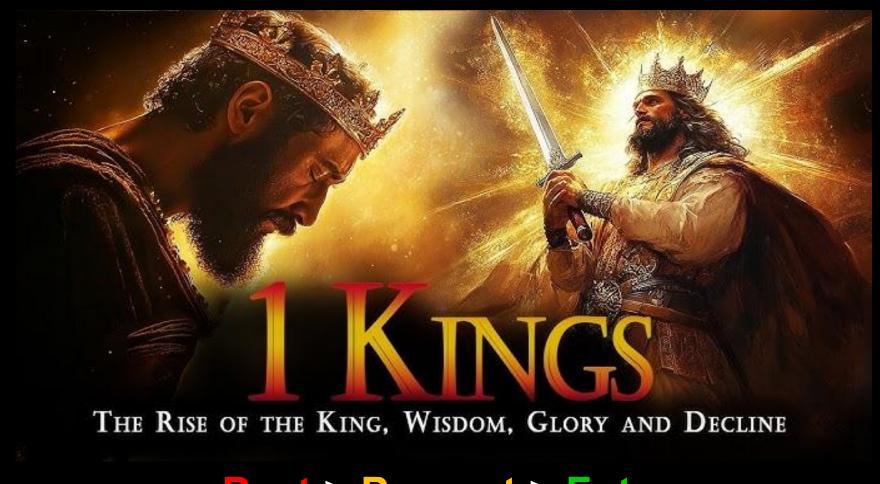
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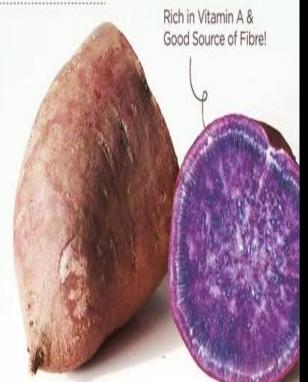
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- 1. <u>Diabetes control</u>: purple potatoes have a GI of 77, yellow potatoes have a GI of 81, and white potatoes have a GI of 93.
- 2. Has anthocyanin linked to better cholesterol, improved vision, < risk of heart disease, certain cancers, and diabetes.
- 3. Eating 6-8 purple potatoes twice daily reduced systolic and diastolic blood pressure.
- 4. In one study, cancer cells that were treated with purple potato extract grew more slowly. In some cases, the extract even caused cancer cell death.

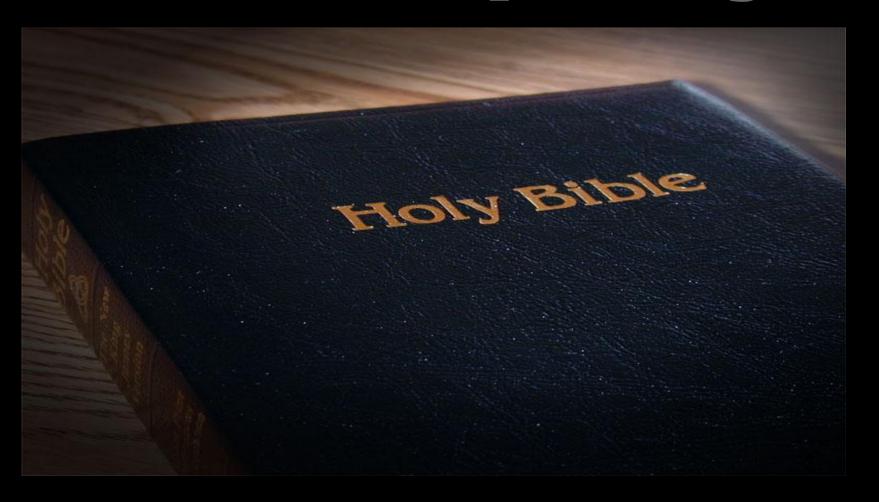
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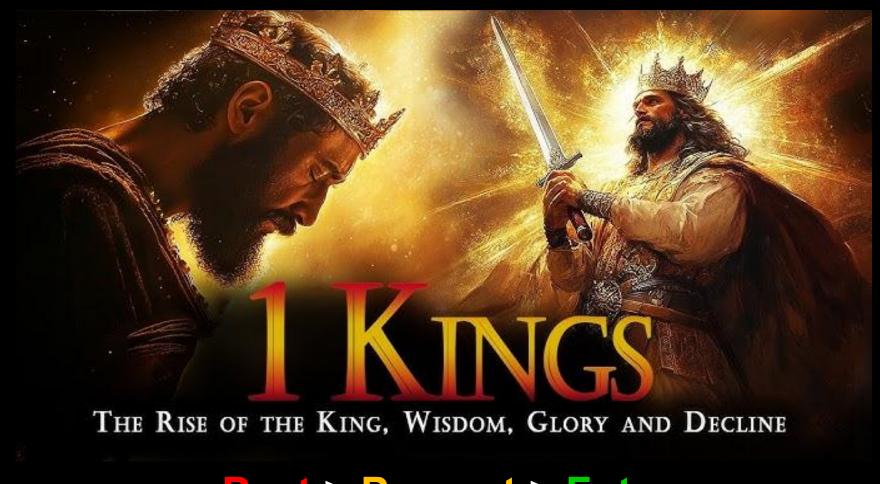


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The primary themes of 1 Kings are the rise and fall of King Solomon, the subsequent division of the united kingdom into Israel and Judah, the destructive consequences of idolatry, the importance of prophetic ministry and covenant faithfulness, and the justice of God demonstrated through blessing or judgment.

The book chronicles the initial glory and eventual spiritual decline of the united kingdom, culminating in the division and the ongoing struggle to maintain true worship.



1. Rise and Fall of Solomon

A Promising Start: Solomon's reign begins with wisdom, prosperity, and the construction of the Temple in Jerusalem, symbolizing Israel's peak.

<u>Spiritual Decline</u>: His later years are marred by idolatry and disobedience, setting the stage for future judgment.

2. <u>Division of the Kingdom</u>

After Solomon's death, the kingdom splits into the northern Kingdom of Israel and the southern Kingdom of Judah, a major consequence of the kings' unfaithfulness to God.



3. Idolatry and its Consequences

A major theme is the destructive nature of idolatry and false worship, which leads to the people turning away from God.

The leaders of both Israel and Judah are often depicted as promoting or engaging in idolatrous practices, such as Jeroboam setting up golden calves, which are seen as severe sins.

4. Prophets and Divine Justice

The book highlights the ministry of prophets like Elijah and Elisha, who speak God's messages and challenge the kings and people regarding their disobedience. God's justice is shown through consistent blessings for obedience and severe judgment for unfaithfulness and idolatry, with exile being the ultimate consequence.



5. <u>Leadership and Covenant</u> <u>Faithfulness</u>

The book explores the themes of good and bad leadership, the importance of wisdom in governing, and the fundamental requirement of covenant faithfulness to God's law.

The narrative serves as a warning that straying from God's commands, even for a powerful leader, ultimately leads to ruin.

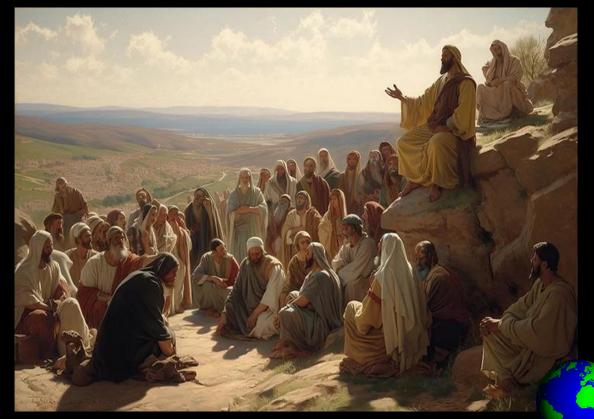


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Solomon - Wisdom

1. Solomon, son of David was renowned for his wisdom and a teacher, but the wisdom he attained was earthly and ultimately limited. 1 Kings 4:32-34



Jesus, as the greater son of David and a better teacher than Solomon, offers a wisdom that is both profound and eternal. Matthew 12:42



1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Solomon - Judgment

2. Solomon's wise judgment, as seen in the case of the two women claiming the same child. 1 Kings 3:16-28

Solomon's Wisdom

Jesus Christ's final judgment, where He will separate the faithful from the unfaithful. Matthew 25:31-46



1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Solomon - Reign

3. Solomon's reign brought a time of great peace. However, this was temporary. 1 Kings 4:24-25



Jesus, the Prince of Peace, brings a supernatural peace that is everlasting and overcomes the struggles of this life. John 14:27



"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." – Isaiah 9:6

1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Solomon - Building the Temple

4. Solomon built the great physical Temple, but it was destroyed by man. 1 Kings 6:14

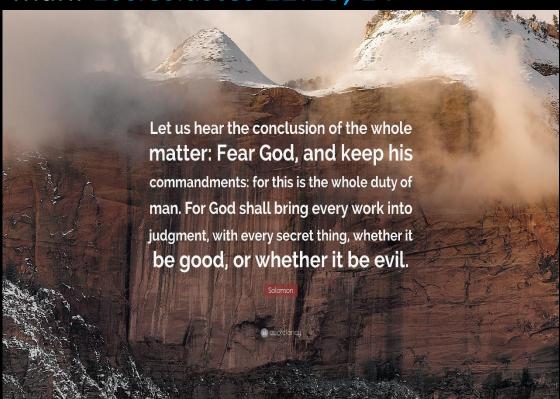
SOLOMON'S TEMPLE - ILLUSTRATED Three level structure built around the temple. Wooden Doors overlaid windows Lower level is 7.5 ft, wide Middle level is 9 ft. wide. Hollow bronze pillar on north called "Boaz" and one on the south called "Jachin". Bronze alter 30 ft. by 15 ft., for burnt offerings. Wooden Doors overlaid nner sanctuary is a 30' cube Ark of the Covenent in the middle with two massive 15' SOLOMON'S TEMPLE golden cherubim on either side. Solomon began to build the "House of the Lord" in Jesusalem on Mount The nave was 60' long and 30' wide: Moriah in the Spring of 967 or 966 B.C. There is a golden alter and golden table. and completed it seven years later. It There are five golden lampstands on the resided in the middle of a court with north and five on the south. Ten bronze wheeled stands with Metal basin 15 ft. in diameter and basins of water to rinse off ashes 7.5 ft. high holding 12,000 gallons of from burnt offerings. water, supported by twelve bronze oxen in sets of three.

Jesus, in contrast, built the spiritual Temple of the Church, which the gates of Hades will not destroy. Matthew 16:18

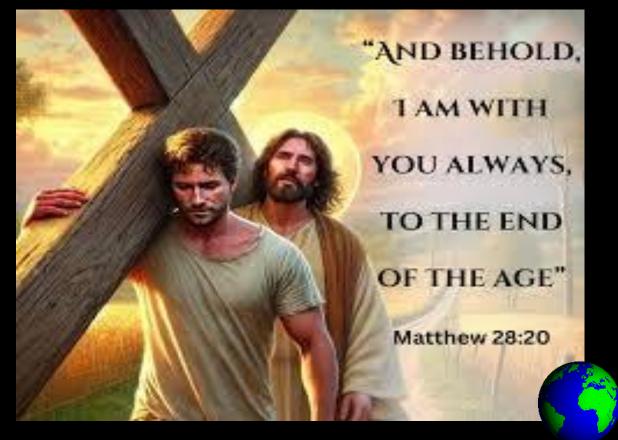


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Solomon - The Purpose of Life

5. Solomon reveals the futility of worldly pursuits without God, and that fearing God and keeping His commandments is the whole duty of man. Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

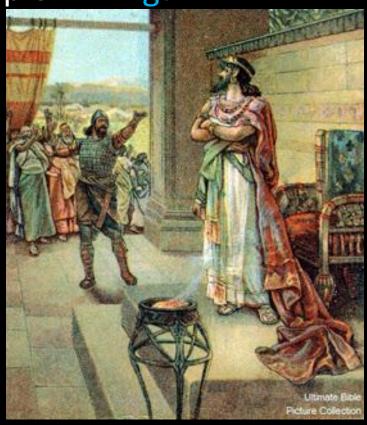


Jesus is the ultimate meaning for life, transforming meaningless experiences into redemptive moments within His larger divine plan. John 10:28

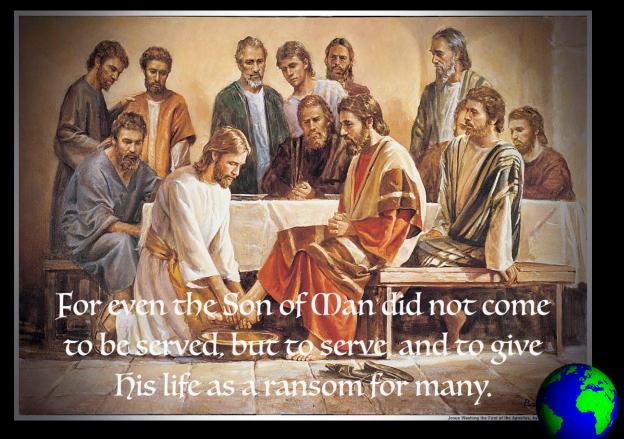


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Rehoboam - Servant Leadership

6. Rehoboam was advised by the elders for him to be a servant to the people. 1 Kings 12:7



Jesus was a servant leader; he served humanity with love and compassion. Matthew 20:28

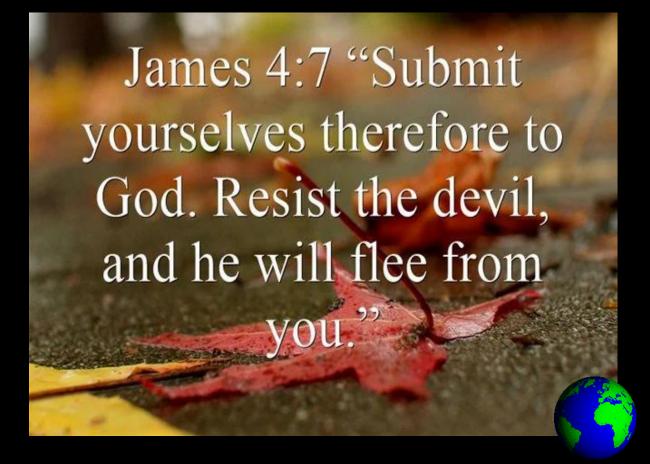


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Rehoboam - Rejection of Wisdom

7. Rehoboam rejected the wise counsel of the older elders and instead listened to his younger friends, who encouraged him to be harsh. 1 Kings 12:8-14

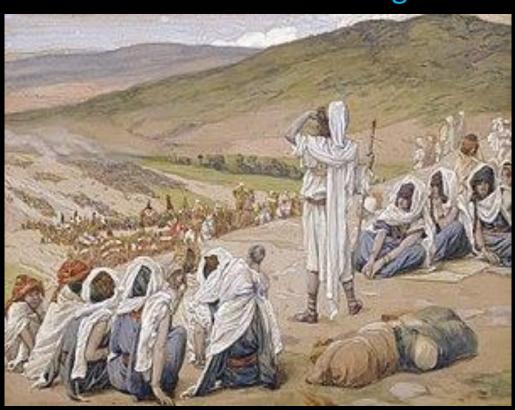


Jesus himself gives wise counsel to all to stay away from the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:11, James 4:7

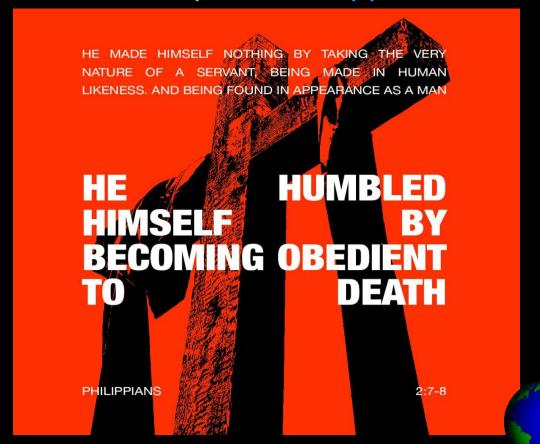


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Adonijah - Self-Exaltation vs. Godly Elevation

8. Adonijah's story illustrates the danger of exalting oneself, as he "saw the glory of a vacant throne and he claimed it as his own". 1 Kings 1:5



Jesus, though divine, "humbled himself" and did not seek glory for himself but was honored by God. Philippians 2:6-11



1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Elijah - Preaching Repentance

9. Elijah's message was to call people to follow God alone, preparing the way for a greater revelation of God. 1 Kings

18:21



Jesus's message was for all to repent and look upon him the hope for salvation for all humanity. Mark 1:15



1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Elijah - Miracles

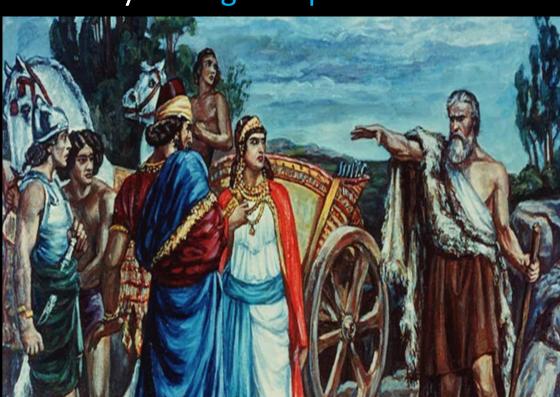
10. Elijah's performed miracles, such as raising the dead and calling fire from heaven. 1 Kings 17:17-24, 18:36-38.

Jesus performed many miracles: healing the sick, blind, deaf, lame, paralytic, raising the dead, etc... Matthew 11:5



1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Elijah - Confronting Unfaithfulness

11. Elijah's confronted King Ahab and Jezebel demonstrating the need to stand against injustice and serve God faithfully. 1 Kings chapters 18 & 21



Jesus confronts the Pharisees and scribes for their need to repent and serve God faithfully. Matthew 23:13-28

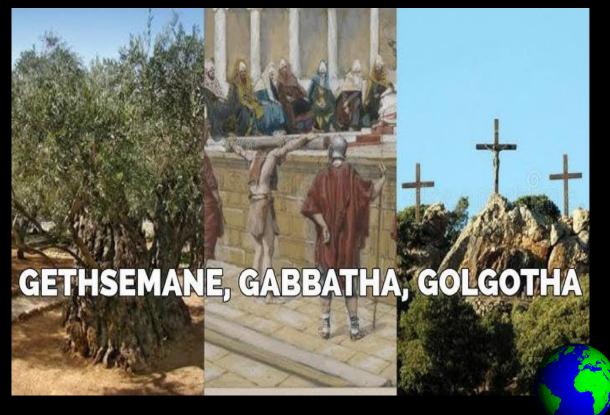


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Elijah - Faithfulness in Despair

12. Elijah's deep discouragement and desire to die, followed by his encounter with God in a "gentle whisper" at Mount Horeb. 1 Kings 19:11-12

Jesus also struggled and sought reliance on God's strength at Gethsemane, at Gabatha and also at Golgotha. Luke 22:43-44, John 19:13, Matthew 27:33





1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Elijah - Unity of God's People

13. Elijah's altar of twelve stones on mount Carmel for the twelve tribes of Israel points to God's desire for unity. 1 Kings 18:31

Jesus prepared the new Jerusalem which has twelve gates inscribed with the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Revelation 21:12





1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Jeroboam - Exile and Return

14. Jeroboam fled to Egypt for safety under Solomon's persecution and returned to the land of Israel after Solomon's death. 1 Kings chapters 11 & 12

Jesus' family similarly are seen fleeing to Egypt and returning to Israel after Herod's death. Matthew 2:13-23

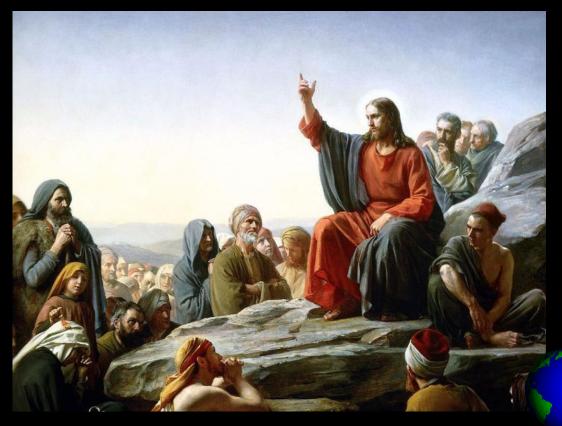


1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Jeroboam - Offering Freedom

15. Jeroboam offered freedom to the people from Rehoboam's harsh rule by establishing a new religious system. 1 Kings 12:26-28



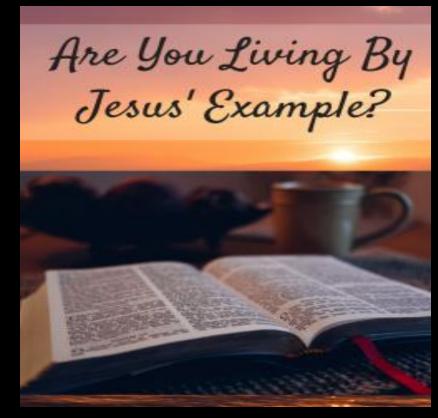
Jesus offered spiritual freedom to all people from the Pharisees laws of rule and the devil. Presenting the true path to God and salvation. John 8:36



1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Jeroboam - God's Judgment vs. Grace

16. Jeroboam refused to repent from his sin, continues leading his subjects in idolatry despite clear warnings and miraculous signs. 1 Kings 13:33-34

Jesus lived a sinless life and shows all the example to live and the path to true worship and returning to God. Hebrews 4:15





1 - Jesus in the book of 1 Kings Jehu - Anointed King

17. Jehu was anointed by a prophet to be king and carry out God's will. 1 Kings 19:16

Jesus is the Anointed One (Messiah) sent by God. Acts 10:38



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Courage in the Face of Wrongdoing

1. Nathan and Bathsheba courageously spoke up to King David when Adonijah's actions were not according to God's will. 1 Kings 1:11-31



The faithful remnant must also have the courage to stand for what is right and speak God's truth, even when it is difficult. 1 Corinthians 16:13

God cannot use men who, in time of peril, when the strength, courage, and influence of all are needed, are AFRAID to take a firm stand for the right.



He calls for men who will do faithful battle against wrong.

It is to such as these that He will speak the words: "Well done, good and faithful servant."

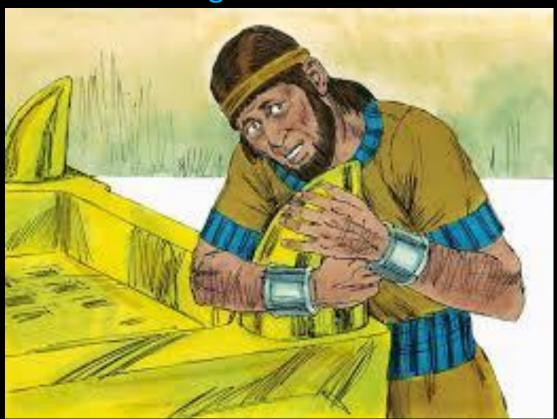
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2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings The Danger of Pride and Ambition

2. Adonijah's desire for the throne without God's explicit direction led to a self-serving ambition that brought his downfall. 1 Kings 1:5

Remnant must avoid this foolish exaltation and live for God's glory, not their own. Matthew 23:12



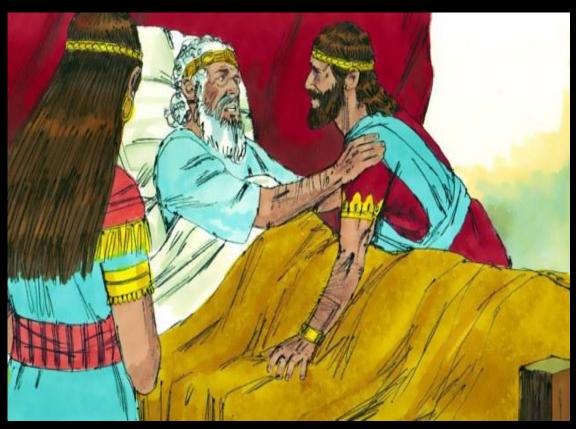
Those who live only to satisfy their own sinful nature will harvest decay and death from that sinful nature. But those who live to please the Spirit will harvest everlasting life from the Spirit.

Galatians 6:8

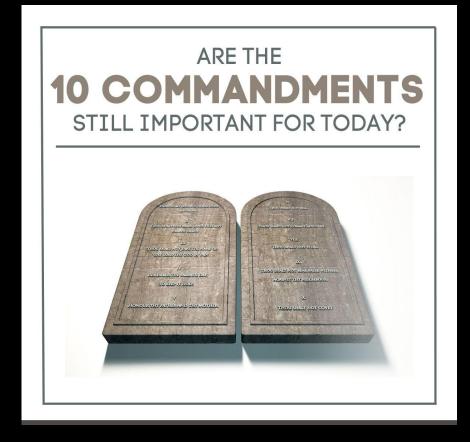


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Obedience to God's Word

3. David commanded Solomon to remain faithful to the Law of Moses. 1 Kings 2:3-4



All Remnant people need to follow God's commands to experience His blessing and keep His promises. Revelation 12:17





2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Prioritize Wisdom Over Worldly Desires

4. Solomon, even being the king, asked God for wisdom and an understanding heart to judge his people and discern good from evil. 1 Kings 3:9



Likewise, the Remnant need to value wisdom more than material wealth, long life, or success. James 1:5



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Embrace Unity

5. The unity of Israel and Judah under Solomon fostered strength and stability. 1 Kings 4:25



The remnant can find strength in working together in churches, and families to achieve greater things for God's kingdom. Hebrews 10:24-25



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Generosity and Mutual Benefit

6. Hiram generously provided materials and expertise for the temple, while Solomon provided food for Hiram's workers. 1 Kings 5:1-12



This shows the importance of generosity that the Remnant should enter into mutually beneficial agreements to further God's work. 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

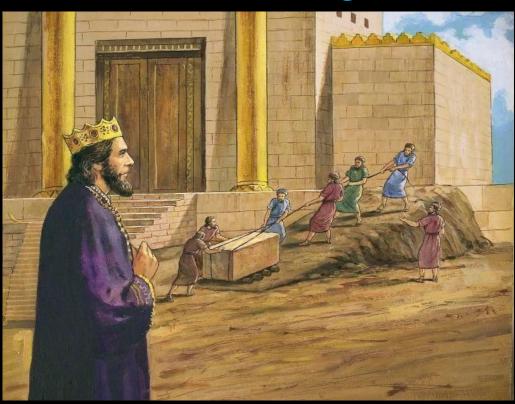


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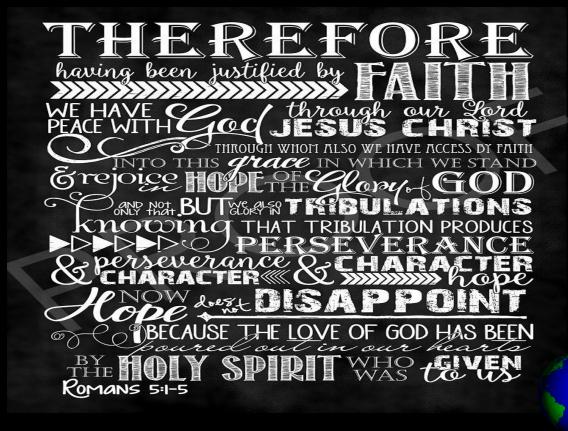


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Obedience to God's Word

7. Solomon meticulously followed God's instructions for building the temple, demonstrating obedience and reverence for God. 1 Kings 6



Remnant are called to do all in their ability to reflect Jesus in their bodies which is the temple of Holy Ghost. Romans 12:1-2



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Bring Glory to God

8. The detailed descriptions of the Temple and its furnishings was built to reflect God's glory. 1 Kings 7

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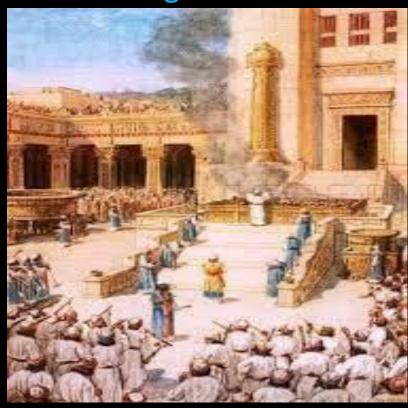
Remnant are called to live lives that too, should reflect His glory in all that they do. 1 Corinthians 10:31





2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Corporate Responsibility

9. The Temple was for communal worship, emphasizing the importance of unified gathering for prayer and sacrifice. 1 Kings 8



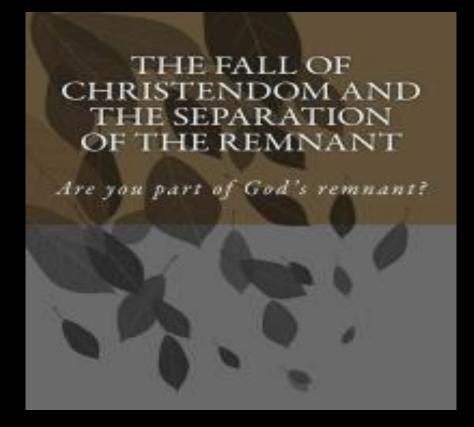
Remnant need to remember the importance of communal worship and collective responsibility in serving God. Hebrews 10:25



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings A Testimony to God

10. The Queen of Sheba was drawn to Solomon's wisdom and the glory of his kingdom, which should have glorified God. 1 Kings 10:1-13

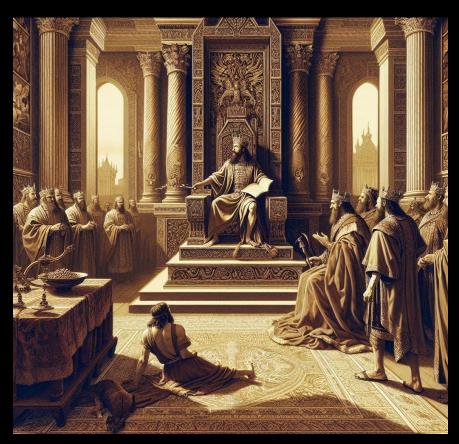
The remnant's lives, when lived with God's wisdom, can also be a testament to God's power and influence to the world. 1 Corinthians 1:24



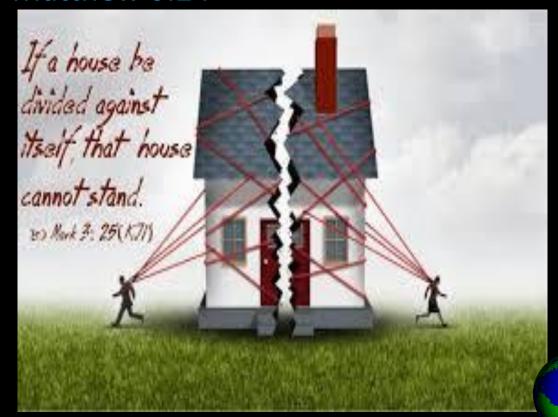


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings The Danger of a Divided Heart

11. Eventually Solomon's heart was not "wholly true to the Lord" indicating a divided loyalty. 1 Kings 11:4



The Remnant, if they have a divided heart, it will be at odds with God and cannot experience His full goodness. Matthew 6:24



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Beware of Sinful Substitutes

12. Solomon's many foreign wives were a distraction and a spiritual substitute, leading him away from God. 1 Kings 11:2-4



The Remnant should not be unequally yoked and also in anything that distracts from their relationship with God. 2 Corinthians 6:14

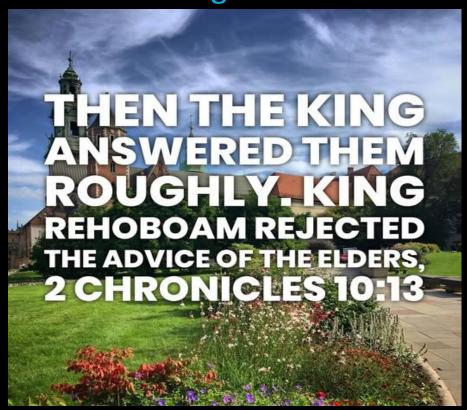


Do not be yoked together with unbelievers. For what do righteousness and wickedness have in common? Or what fellowship can light have with darkness?

- 2 Corinthians 6:14

2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Seek Wise Counsel

13. Rehoboam rejected the wisdom of experienced elders for the flattery of his young peers, leading to destructive decisions. 1 Kings 12:8-14



The Remnant should learn to seek out genuine counsel, even when it's difficult to hear. Proverbs 12:15

"THE PROBLEM ISN'T THAT WE DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO TRUTH



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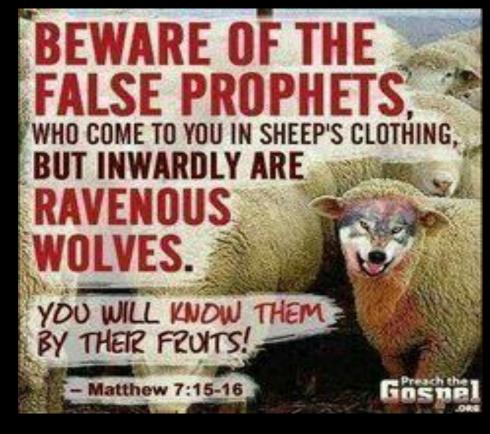


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Verify every Message Given

14. The prophet should have examined the old prophet's beliefs and identity, which would have quickly revealed he was not a prophet of God. 1 Kings 13:11-32

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Remnant are advised that false prophets will exist and can be recognized by their actions. Matthew 7:15-20, 1 Thessalonians 5:21

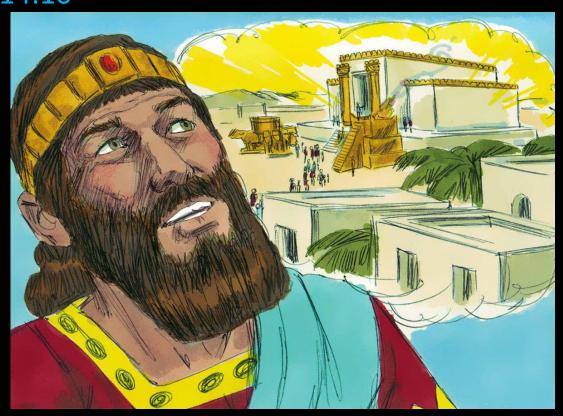




2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Complete Obedience is Required

15. Dire consequences of disobedience, seen with King Jeroboam, who turned from God's commands despite God's blessing and choice of him to lead Israel. 1 Kings 14:10

For the Remnant there is no hiding from God, as He knows the heart, not just external actions and that true devotion is a matter of life and death. Matthew 22:37

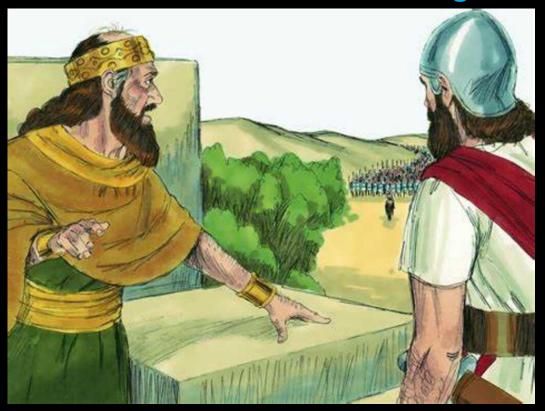


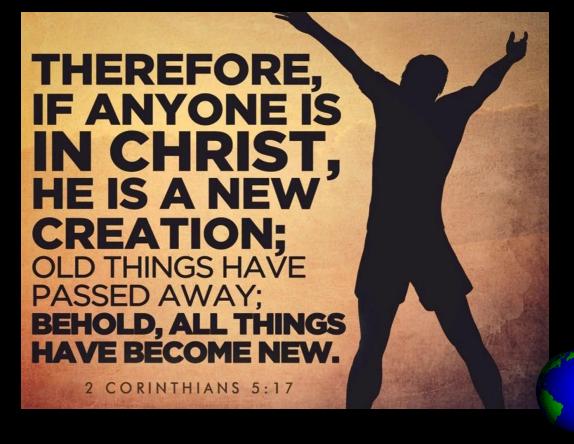
And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with ALL YOUR HEART and with ALL YOUR SOUL and with ALL YOUR MIND. This is the great and first commandment. MATTHEW 22:37-38

2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Break Generational Cycles of Sin

16. Abijam's reign was characterized by wickedness, serving as a warning that individuals are not doomed to repeat the sins of their ancestors. 1 Kings 15:3

Remnant can choose to live differently and set an example for their own children by following God truthfully. 2 Corinthians 5:17



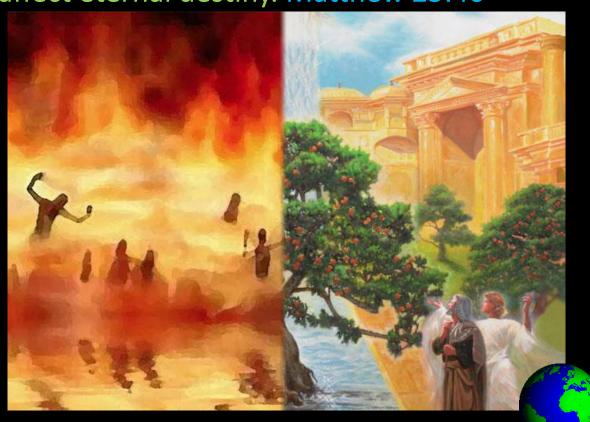


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Divine Judgment

17. The rapid succession of wicked kings in Israel—Baasha, Elah, Zimri, and Omri—shows, God judges nations that abandon Him and embrace idol worship. 1 Kings 16

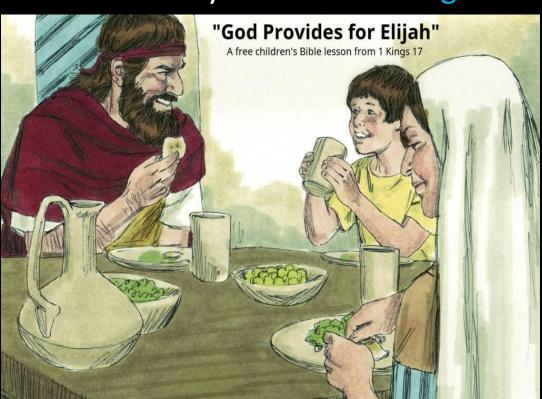
For the remnant, the lesson is to be faithful to God and to wait on His timing and direction, understanding that their actions affect eternal destiny. Matthew 25:46



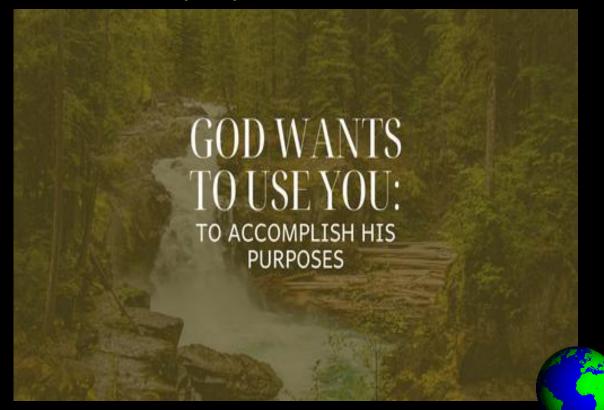


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings God's Word is Reliable and Sustains

18. God cares for the vulnerable, provides supernaturally, brings life and power through His messengers, even when human systems fail. 1 Kings 17



The remnant must respond to God's word, even when it demands difficult actions, God can use anything or anyone to fulfill His purpose. Romans 8:28



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings God is powerful and in control

19. The dramatic scene on Mount Carmel through Elijah that who the true God is and the consequences of the choice of worship. 1 Kings 18

Remnant are called to follow and be faithful like Elijah to proclaim the true God and call people out of Babylon. Revelation 14:6-12





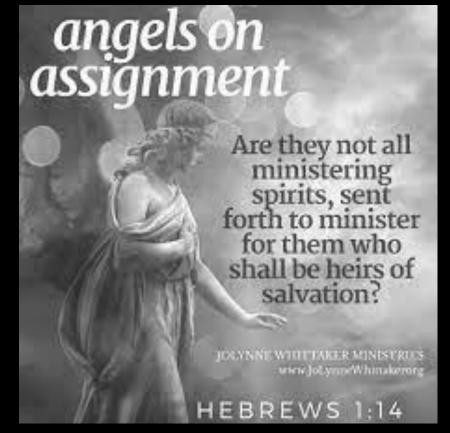


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Divine Provision

20. God sends an angel to feed Elijah when he is exhausted and despairing in the wilderness. 1 Kings 19:5-7



Faithful Remnant will be provided for and protected by angels in the time of uncertainty and need. Hebrews 1:14





2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Obey God's Word

21. The consequences of disobedience, as Ahab fails to obey the prophet's command to kill the enemy king, Ben-Hadad. 1 Kings 20:42

True victory for Remnant comes from God, not human strength, and the need to trust His authority, even when facing overwhelming odds. Romans 8:37

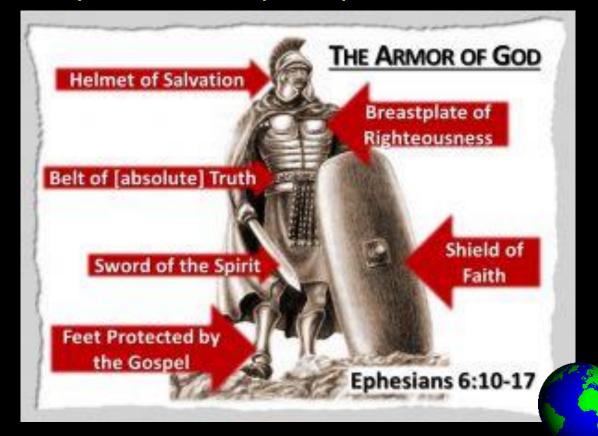


2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Faithfulness and Integrity

22. Naboth's refusal to give up his ancestral inheritance, despite the king's power and his difficult circumstances, showcases a powerful example of faithfulness to God's laws. 1 Kings 21



Remnant should stand firm in God's truth, even when facing powerful opposition or a society that has turned away from God's principles. 1 Peter 5:9



2 - Remnant in the book of 1 Kings Seeking Divine Guidance

23. King Jehoshaphat's decision was to seek the Lord's word before joining King Ahab in battle. 1 Kings 22:5

Remnant are admonished to seek God's word before embarking on anything in their lives. Colossians 3:16



1. Faithfulness and Truth

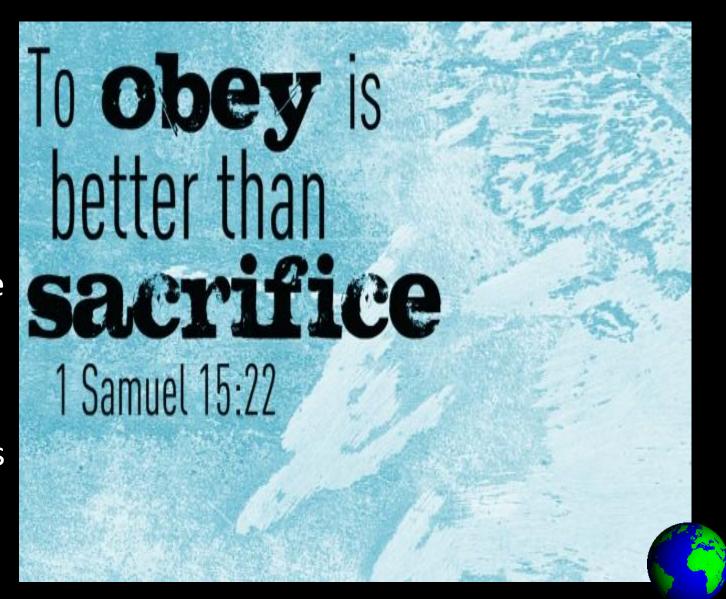
Stand for Truth: Elijah's confrontation with the prophets of Baal at Mount Carmel demonstrates the courage to stand for God's truth in a world that has turned to false gods. Reject Idolatry: The book of 1 Kings emphasizes the destructive consequences of idolatry, teaching the remnant to give their allegiance to God alone and to avoid elevating anything else to a divine status.



2. Obedience and Provision

Obedience Over Sacrifice: The lesson that "to obey is better than sacrifice" highlights that faithfulness to God's will is more important than performing rituals without true heart devotion.

God Provides for the Faithful: Elijah's story shows that God not only provides for the needs of His faithful servants but also confirms His words with powerful actions.



3. God's Sovereignty and Judgment

God's Power: The confrontation at Mount Carmel reveals that the gods the world worships are impotent, while the one true God, whom Christian's worship in Jesus Christ, is powerful.

Consequences of Unfaithfulness: The reigns of the kings in 1 Kings illustrate the devastating consequences of choosing to worship false gods and rejecting the Lord, resulting in condemnation.

Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance. It is the Lord Christ whom you serve. For he who does wrong will receive the consequences of the wrong which he has done, and that without partiality. Colossians 3:25 Knowing-Jesus.

4. Theological Implications

God's Plan for Israel: The existence of a remnant of believers in Israel, as cited by Paul in Romans, shows that God has not completely rejected His people but has a plan for their future restoration.

God's Judgment and Mercy: The book serves as a reminder of God's judgment for unfaithfulness, but also His ongoing faithfulness and His sovereign ability to work His purposes, even through the sins and failings of His people.

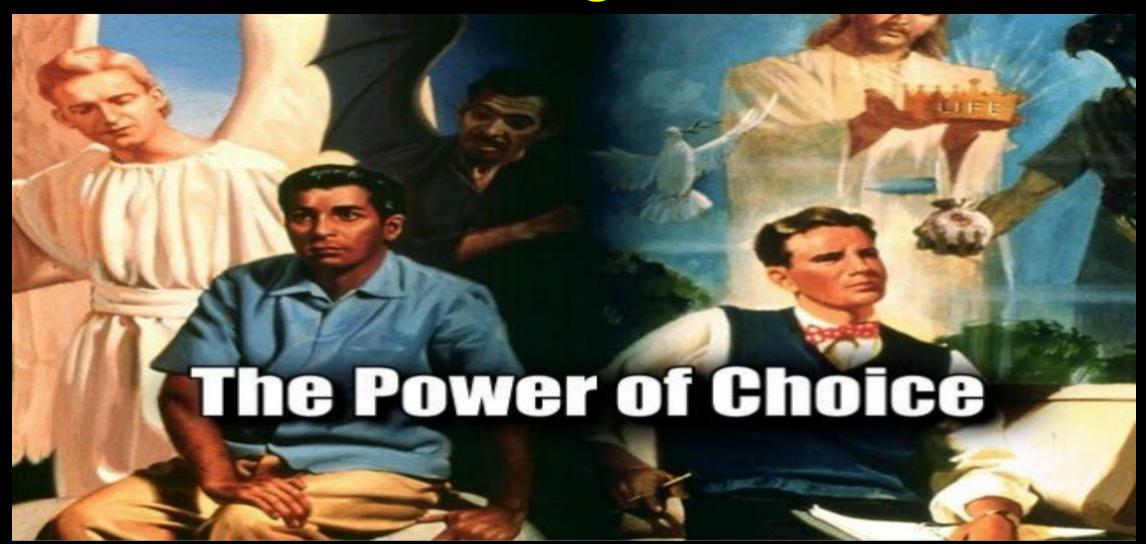


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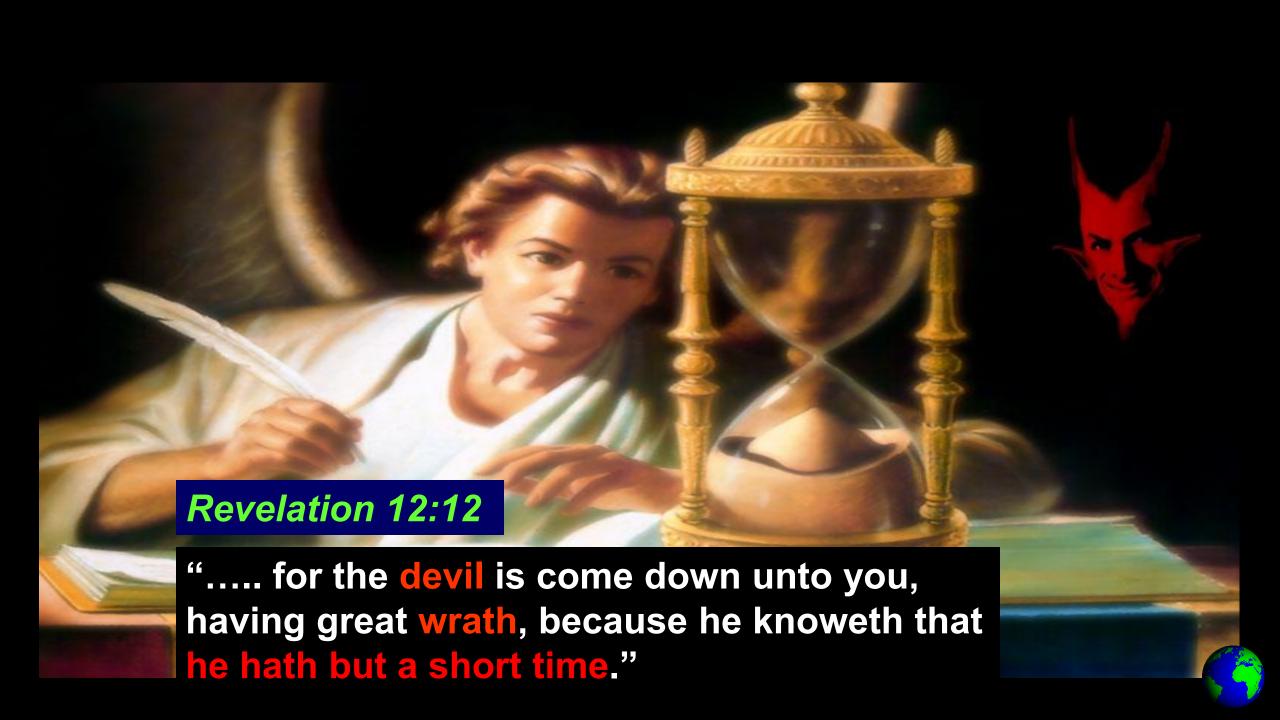
Lessons for the "remnant," or the faithful few, from 1 Kings include standing for God's truth in the face of idol worship, maintaining faithfulness to God, understanding the devastating consequences of unfaithfulness, recognizing God's ability to work through and provide for His faithful servants, and the importance of obedience to God's will over sacrifice.



God has given all:







Enter The Ark of Hope

- 1. Diet
- 2. Discipline
- 3. Decalogue

And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.

- John 10:16

The Ark of the Covenant





Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. -Revelation 3:20





