

BSF Scripture for Kingdom Divided Lesson #29

FIRST DAY:

1. Read the lesson notes and References

SECOND DAY:

Read Isaiah 40:21-31 and Micah 7:18-19

Isaiah 40:21-31

[21] Do you not know? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood since the earth was founded?

[22] He sits enthroned above the circle of the earth, and its people are like grasshoppers. He stretches out the heavens like a canopy, and spreads them out like a tent to live in.

[23] He brings princes to naught and reduces the rulers of this world to nothing.

[24] No sooner are they planted, no sooner are they sown, no sooner do they take root in the ground, than he blows on them and they wither, and a whirlwind sweeps them away like chaff.

[25] “To whom will you compare me? Or who is my equal?” says the Holy One.

[26] Lift up your eyes and look to the heavens: Who created all these? He who brings out the starry host one by one and calls forth each of them by name. Because of his great power and mighty strength, not one of them is missing.

[27] Why do you complain, Jacob? Why do you say, Israel, “My way is hidden from the LORD; my cause is disregarded by my God”?

[28] Do you not know? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom.

[29] He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.

[30] Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall;

[31] but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

Micah 7:18-19

[18] Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy.

[19] You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

THIRD DAY

Read Jeremiah 4:22

[22] “My people are fools; they do not know me. They are senseless children; they have no understanding. They are skilled in doing evil; they know not how to do good.”

Question 7

Isaiah 53

[53:1] Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed?

[2] He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

[3] He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain.

Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem.

[4] Surely he took up our pain

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and bore our suffering,

yet we considered him punished by God,
stricken by him, and afflicted.

[5] But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was on him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

[6] We all, like sheep, have gone astray,
each of us has turned to our own way;

and the LORD has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

[7] He was oppressed and afflicted,
yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

[8] By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
Yet who of his generation protested?

For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was punished.

[9] He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,

though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

[10] Yet it was the LORD's will to crush him and
cause him to suffer,
and though the LORD makes his life an offering for
sin,

he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the LORD will prosper in his hand.

[11] After he has suffered,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;

by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify
many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

[12] Therefore I will give him a portion among the
great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,

because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

FOURTH DAY

Read Romans 9:1-5 and 1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Romans 9:1-5

Paul's Anguish Over Israel

[9:1] I speak the truth in Christ—I am not lying, my
conscience confirms it through the Holy Spirit— [2] I
have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
[3] For I could wish that I myself were cursed and cut
off from Christ for the sake of my people, those of
my own race, [4] the people of Israel. Theirs is the
adoption to sonship; theirs the divine glory, the
covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple
worship and the promises. [5] Theirs are the
patriarchs, and from them is traced the human
ancestry of the Messiah, who is God over all, forever
praised! Amen.

1 Corinthians 10:1-12

Warnings From Israel's History

[10:1] For I do not want you to be ignorant of the
fact, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all
under the cloud and that they all passed through the
sea. [2] They were all baptized into Moses in the
cloud and in the sea. [3] They all ate the same
spiritual food [4] and drank the same spiritual drink;
for they drank from the spiritual rock that
accompanied them, and that rock was Christ. [5]
Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of
them; their bodies were scattered in the wilderness.

[6] Now these things occurred as examples to keep us
from setting our hearts on evil things as they did. [7]
Do not be idolaters, as some of them were; as it is

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written: “The people sat down to eat and drink and got up to indulge in revelry.” [8] We should not commit sexual immorality, as some of them did—and in one day twenty-three thousand of them died. [9] We should not test Christ, as some of them did—and were killed by snakes. [10] And do not grumble, as some of them did—and were killed by the destroying angel.

[11] These things happened to them as examples and were written down as warnings for us, on whom the culmination of the ages has come. [12] So, if you think you are standing firm, be careful that you don't fall!

Question 9

Acts 17:28; [28] ‘For in him we live and move and have our being.’ As some of your own poets have said, ‘We are his offspring.’

1 John 1:1-7;

The Incarnation of the Word of Life

[1Jn 1:1] That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. [2] The life appeared; we have seen it and testify to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. [3] We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ. [4] We write this to make our joy complete.

Light and Darkness, Sin and Forgiveness

[5] This is the message we have heard from him and declare to you: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. [6] If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. [7] But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

Question 10a

Jeremiah 5:23-31; [23] But these people have stubborn and rebellious hearts; they have turned aside and gone away.

[24] They do not say to themselves, ‘Let us fear the LORD our God, who gives autumn and spring rains in season, who assures us of the regular weeks of harvest.’

[25] Your wrongdoings have kept these away; your sins have deprived you of good.

[26] “Among my people are the wicked who lie in wait like men who snare birds and like those who set traps to catch people.

[27] Like cages full of birds, their houses are full of deceit; they have become rich and powerful [28] and have grown fat and sleek. Their evil deeds have no limit; they do not seek justice. They do not promote the case of the fatherless; they do not defend the just cause of the poor.

[29] Should I not punish them for this?” declares the LORD. “Should I not avenge myself on such a nation as this?”

[30] “A horrible and shocking thing has happened in the land:

[31] The prophets prophesy lies, the priests rule by their own authority, and my people love it this way. But what will you do in the end?”

Hosea 11 God's Love for Israel

[11:1] “When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of Egypt I called my son.

[2] But the more they were called, the more they went away from me. They sacrificed to the Baals and they burned incense to images.

[3] It was I who taught Ephraim to walk, taking them by the arms; but they did not realize it was I who healed them.

[4] I led them with cords of human kindness, with ties of love. To them I was like one who lifts a little child to the cheek, and I bent down to feed them.

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[5] “Will they not return to Egypt and will not Assyria rule over them because they refuse to repent?”

[6] A sword will flash in their cities; it will devour their false prophets and put an end to their plans.

[7] My people are determined to turn from me. Even though they call me God Most High, I will by no means exalt them.

[8] “How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I hand you over, Israel? How can I treat you like Admah? How can I make you like Zeboyim? My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.

[9] I will not carry out my fierce anger, nor will I devastate Ephraim again. For I am God, and not a man—the Holy One among you. I will not come against their cities.

[10] They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west.

[11] They will come from Egypt, trembling like sparrows, from Assyria, fluttering like doves. I will settle them in their homes,” declares the LORD.

Israel's Sin

[12] Ephraim has surrounded me with lies, Israel with deceit. And Judah is unruly against God, even against the faithful Holy One.

2 Chronicles 34:23-26; [23] She said to them, “This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: Tell the man who sent you to me, [24] ‘This is what the LORD says: I am going to bring disaster on this place and its people—all the curses written in the book that has been read in the presence of the king of Judah. [25] Because they have forsaken me and burned incense to other gods and aroused my anger by all that their hands have made, my anger will be poured out on this place and will not be quenched.’ [26] Tell the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the LORD, ‘This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says concerning the words you heard:

FIFTH DAY

Read Romans 15:4

[4] For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope.

SIXTH DAY

Reflect on God’s faithfulness to you in light of our study.

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