

2Timothy 2:1-3

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1. Last week I taught in part 2Ti 2:1-3 and when the clock tolled 11:30 A.M. I was in the process of teaching the *Doctrine of Witnessing*.
2. Before we continue that review, I want to give you opportunity to use 1Jo 1:9 as may or may not be necessary.
3. Now let's see what we can learn from 2Ti 2:1-3.

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2Ti 2:1 You then, my son, be strong in the **grace** that is in Christ Jesus.

2Ti 2:2 And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many **witnesses** entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others.

2Ti 2:3 Endure hardship with us like a good **soldier** of Christ Jesus.

Comments:

1. I think the best way to study these three verses is to review the three active words: grace, witnesses and soldier.
2. Grace we completed last week and when time expired last week I was teaching the *Doctrine of Witnessing*.
3. I want to review some of that learned last week and then we will begin new material at point six on page two.

Witnessing

1. Witnessing is the responsibility of every believer.
2. Witnessing is the normal exhale of doctrine inhaled.
3. Witnessing will be effective regardless of the motivation of the one witnessing.
4. The power is in the Word.

Rom 10:17 So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Isa 55:11 So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

5. The convincing of sin, righteousness and judgment is the responsibility of God the Holy Spirit.

Joh 16:8 And when he (the Holy Spirit comes, he will reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment:

Joh 16:9 Of sin, because they believe not on me;

Joh 16:10 Of righteousness, because I go to my Father, and ye see me no more;

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the prince of this world is judged.

6. Some false concepts of witnessing

Assuming the lost will not be saved if we do not witness

Assuming you are spiritual because you witness

Assuming you are spiritual because you witness "effectively"

Assuming you must ask people to accept Christ in your presence

Assuming God is not using you if God does not lead you to a "target"

7. God will make certain every believer gets the gospel.

Tit 2:11 For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

Joh 1:9 That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.

Rom 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened ...

Rom 1:28 And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient;

7.1 We can therefore relax and enjoy the privilege of witnessing.

8. We should witness simply because God said to do it.

Acts 1:8 But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

9. Let's look at a few nuances of witnessing.

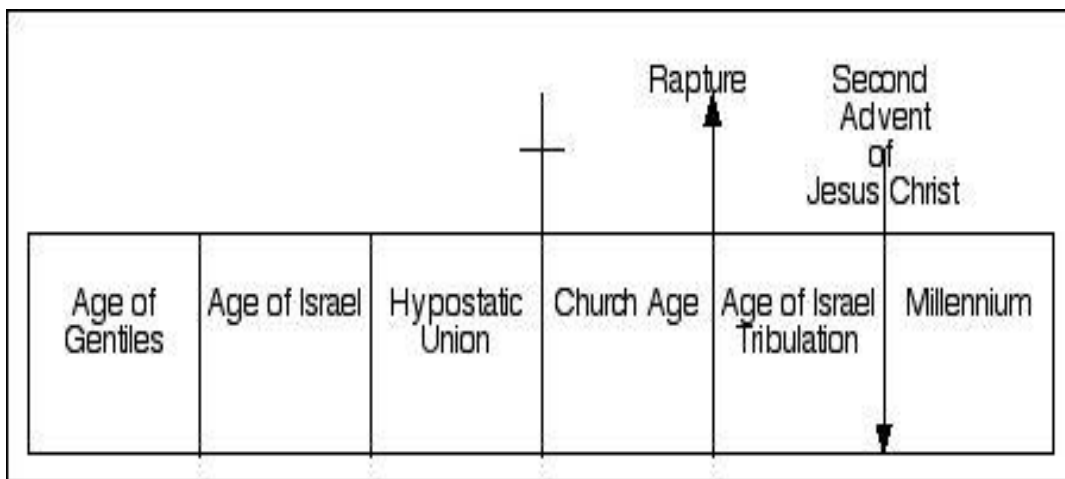
9.1 As a general rule, every believer is responsible for presenting the gospel to a lost and dying world--this is called "personal evangelism." Believers are also responsible for supporting world-wide evangelism--this we do by giving to people or organizations with mass evangelism programs.

The Family Plan

9.2 The first parents set the example for all future parents by witnessing to their children.

9.3 The family plan of evangelism continued up and through the time of Noah and it is our job today as parents and grandparents to witness to members of our families.

10. Evangelism in each of the respective ages has its nuances. First, let's look at our simple dispensation chart and then we will note several important differences in the respective dispensations.



10.1 Age of the Gentiles—This age can be divided into three sub-ages: innocence, fall and flood. In this age the family plan was the most important method of evangelism, even as it is today.

10.2 God also appeared directly to people in this first age; it was up to them to respond positively or negatively.

Gen 3:21 Unto **Adam** also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

Noah to World

Gen 6:20 Of fowls after their kind, and of cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after his kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive.

Gen 6:21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

Gen 6:22 Thus did **Noah**; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.

Abram to Ur

Gen 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:

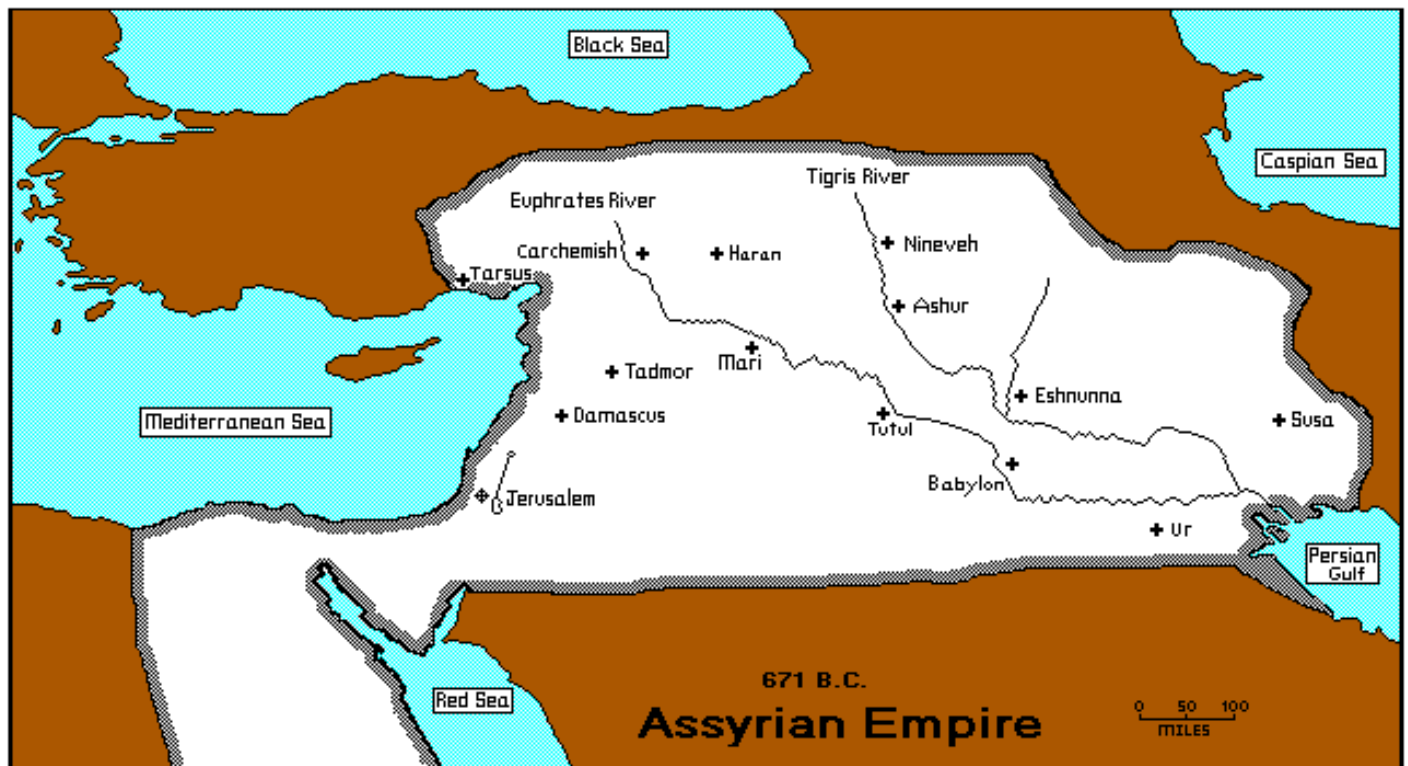
Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

10.3 Age of Israel—In this age we see a major change. Although God continued to use the family plan and direct appearances, He also chose a people and assigned them the job of evangelizing the nations.

10.3.1 After God destroyed the Tower of Babel, after selecting a people (Gen 12:3) and after the sojourn in Egypt, He created the nation Israel as His priest nation.

10.3.2 It was their job to witness to a lost world which from time to time they did, but very often reluctantly.



Jonah to Nineveh

10.4 Jonah was ordered to the capital of Assyria.

Jonah 1:1 **Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying,

Jonah 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jonah 1:3 **But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD**, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Abram to Haran

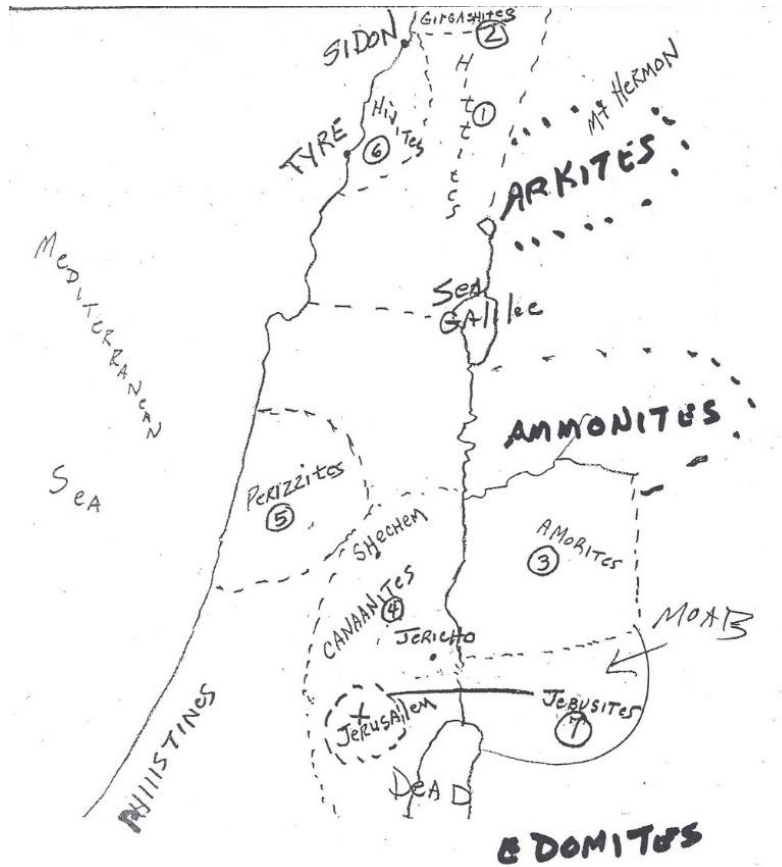
Gen 12:4 So Abram departed, as the LORD had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy and five years old when he departed out of Haran.

Abram to Canaan

Gen 12:5 **And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son,** and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came.

Gen 12:6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Sichem, unto the plain of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land.

Gen 12:7 **And the LORD appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land:** and there builded he an altar unto the LORD, who appeared unto him.

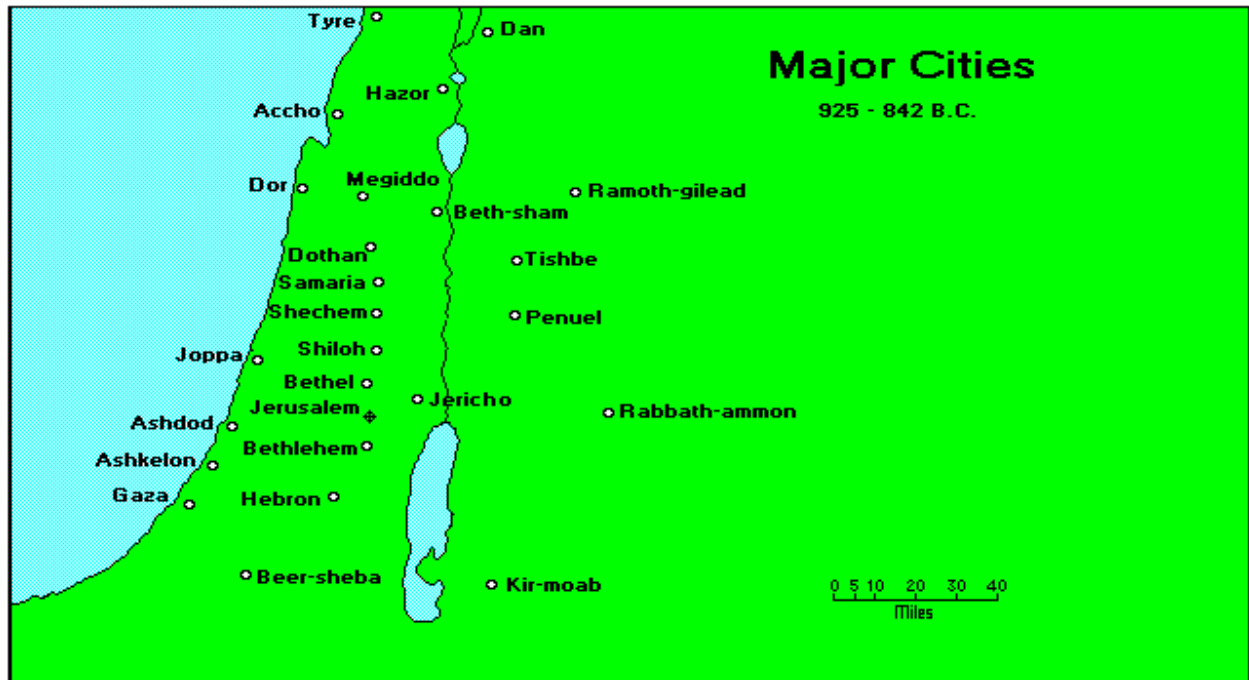


Isaac to Beersheba

Gen 26:23 And **Isaac** went up from thence to Beersheba.

Gen 26:24 **And the LORD appeared unto him** the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake.

Gen 26:25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of the LORD, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.



Moses to Arabia

Exo 3:2 And the angel of **the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire** out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed.

Exo 3:3 And **Moses** said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt.

Exo 3:4 And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I.

Solomon to Queen of the South

1Ki 10:1 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of **Solomon** ...

1Ki 10:2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart.

1Ki 10:3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king, which he told her not.

1Ki 10:4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built,

1Ki 10:5 And the meat of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cupbearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the LORD; there was no more spirit in her.



1Ki 10:6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom.

1Ki 10:7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me: thy wisdom and prosperity exceedeth the fame which I heard.

1Ki 10:8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, which stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom.

1Ki 10:9 Blessed be the LORD thy God, which delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because the LORD loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do judgment and justice.

End Lesson

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