

Apostolic Brotherhood International

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In Ezekiel 14 some of the elders came and sat before him. Evidently they wanted to ask questions, probably about the prophecies Ezekiel had been giving. The word of the LORD came to Ezekiel twice before they could speak. The first against the elders, and then against the land.

Concerning these elders, they have set idols in their heart and put the stumbling block of iniquity before their face. God asked should I be enquired of at all by them? Why should God even listen to their requests? The answer came to them before the question was even allowed to be asked. God would answer them according to the number of idols they kept before them; in other words not at all. The answer was to repent and turn from the idols they kept. Repentance is not spoken to the sinner, but to the child of God who was walking in error. If their error continued they would be cut off completely, cut off from the midst of God's people. They would no longer be the covenant people of the LORD. If they seek a prophet who will placate them the both the person and the prophet will be cut off.

Repentance does not mean we recognize Jesus as our savior. In Acts chapter 2, Peter was preaching to dedicated people who had traveled to Jerusalem for the feast of Pentecost. After these dedicated people realized Jesus as LORD and Christ then Peter told them to repent, and be baptized that they would receive the Holy Ghost. The first step is always acknowledging Jesus as LORD, after that we can repent, change our ways to acknowledge His Lordship. Baptism and receiving the Holy Ghost are the results of that repentance. You can't make Jesus your savior; all you can do is make Him your LORD. He makes Himself our savior.

God said they put the stumbling block of iniquity before their eyes. We see things the way we choose to see them. We make assumptions at times based on what we expect to see, or we ignore what we don't want to see. We judge everything based on our world view. I choose what I want to believe as absolutes, and judge everything based on them. If we choose iniquity it clouds our vision. We can't see God clearly, even if we claim to be "saved". We have to clear our eyes, and our senses to see the truth. We call that repentance. You cannot walk in sin and in the Spirit.

God then speaks against the land. The land is the Hebrew word for the earth, but in this case it looks to the rulers, and the political system in place. We are responsible for our own relationship with the LORD, but we are also in a culture that is fast turning its back on the LORD. God was acknowledged in everything at the creation of this country. Today just the mention of God in a school is enough to draw ire. The Ten Commandments are being taken out of our courthouses, and prayer is not allowed at any sanctioned event. Then this attitude called for the destruction of Jerusalem. Today our culture, our government, cannot survive unless individuals repent and acknowledge God. Climate change is the result of man's activity, his sin.

It is stated twice that even if Noah, Daniel, and Job were in the land, in their culture, they could only save themselves. These three men, dedicated above all, could not change what was happening. All they could do would be to live dedicated, and to save themselves. The land then was given to four judgments: the sword (war), famine, the noisome beast, and pestilence (sickness), which would cut off all men and beast (domestic stock). There can be little doubt that we have earned the same on our land today. I hope I can be a witness of the LORD to the salvation of others, but first and foremost I have to dedicate myself. I will live for God.

In the midst of this God said He would save a remnant, a handful. When anyone would see them they would know that God had a reason for everything He did. As we look the final days in the eye, we must never forget: it is about God, and not about us. God is setting the agenda, and calling all of the shots. It will happen in His timing, not before and not after. In Acts 1:6 the disciples ask the question we all want to ask today "Will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" Jesus told them it was not for them to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put it his own power (authority). But ye shall receive power (explosive), 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. I may not be a Noah, a Daniel, or a Job, but I must save myself, and then help any who will follow. I must live in the explosive power of the Holy Ghost and let God move as He will.

- Bro. Ernie Fowler, Author of The Acts of the Apostles and ABI Minister

Up Coming Events:

Special Service – Texas Region: May 28th at 12 noon

Apostolic Tabernacle Fellowship Hall

16613 FM 1485 West, Conroe TX

Please bring all ministers interested in License to this service. Lunch will be served after service. Please contact bishop Cathey with any questions.

ABI Camp Meeting & General Conference 2016

August 3rd – 5th

Grangerland Community Center 35636 FM 3083

Grangerland TX 77302

Hotel Recommendation:

Porter Executive Inn & Suites

23998 FM 1314 RD

Porter TX 77365

(281) 354-9988

\$55 A Night – King Size Bed

\$59.00 A Night Double Queen

Announcements:

Grow The ABI With Us: Do you know a fellow minister looking for Fellowship? We are always eager to find ministers of like, precious faith who are looking for a place of healing, belonging, and fellowship. We believe that through this network of ministers we each help to make the other stronger and more effective in God's Kingdom. You can obtain a copy of the application for License/Ordination for the ABI by going to our website, apostolicbrotherhood.org. If you know someone needing a paper copy please contact Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams for a paper copy.

ABI Evangelists: Please let Bishop Cathey or Brother Adams know when and where you will be preaching. Whether you are preaching one service or a Multi-Day/Night Revival we would like to help get the word out. We want to do everything we can to help

make your ministry a success. We will be happy to promote the Revival you are preaching on our FaceBook page, Twitter & in our Newsletter.

Revivals & Church Events: If you have any events that you would like to include in the monthly newsletter please contact Brother Adams by the 25th of the month to insure it is published in upcoming following issue. If you have an event you would like announced on our FaceBook page or Twitter please contact Brother Adams as well

ABI Website: Our Webpage has been updated and will now have a link to Newsletters. Also our Webpage has been updated to add information for Camp Meeting & other events going on around the ABI. Please stop by and take a look at the page & see all the wonderful things the ABI is doing.

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