The Mediatorial Kingdom in the Old Testament, Part II Exodus 1-19 January 8, 2014

The Mediatorial Kingdom defined:

- 1) The Rule of God thru a divinely chosen representative who speaks/acts for God to carry out the WORD and WILL of God
- 2) This Rule of God is carried out on the earth
- 3) This Rule of God is carried out thru a human being as God's representative

Survey of Exodus 1 – 19

The Greatness of the Kingdom, by Alva McClain Chapter 6, The Establishment of the Mediatorial Kingdom in History

OT Overview:

The ... "theocratic kingdom began with Moses, continued under Joshua and the judges, developed and reached its highest degree of extension and prosperity under the first three kings, declined after Solomon and the division of the tribes, and came to a melancholy end with the departure of the Visible Presence at the Captivity." P. 52

The Kingdom of Israel, whether ruled by prophets, judges or kings, would be the "only kingdom ever established by God Himself on earth over a single nation in human history." P. 53

I. The Supernatural Preparation for the Kingdom – SEE Deut. 4:34

This new work so important it begins with signs to compel belief and send a message to the 3 parties involved:

A. To Moses -

5 facts of God's appearance relate to the kingdom theme:

- a. Where?
- b. How?
- c. Who?
- d. Why?
- e. To Whom?

B. To the Nation of Israel.

God provided three miracles performed by Moses w/ each directed toward Israel to encourage faith in God and Moses

C. To Egypt and by extension, the surrounding Gentile nations

God did this by way of 12 separate acts of power.

a. One preliminary sign

b. Ten Plagues

These fell upon Egypt "with appalling swiftness and progressive severity ... the very existence and sovereignty of Jehovah had been challenged, and the plagues were God's answer. When at times Pharaoh seemed to weaken and be inclined to give up the contest, his heart was "hardened" by Jehovah in order that the demonstration invited by the king himself might be carried out to the bitter end. Since a kingdom was about to be established in history, it was essential that sinful men should be given historic evidence that Jehovah is the true God and sovereign over the nations."

c. The Red Sea deliverance.

Pharaoh's response raised three questions:

- Who is YHWH?
- Who is Israel?
- Who is Moses?

Now, look again at this supernatural preparation for the kingdom displayed toward Egypt/pagan nations surrounding Israel. Do you see the parallel with what is to come?

II. Moses – The First Mediatorial Ruler of Israel (Acts 7:35)