

## THE HISTORY OF HUMAN FAILURE

Beloved of the Lord:

God's Word not only is the history of the redemption of the human race, but also the record of human failure. Let the Scripture speak:

1 - ADAM LISTENED TO THE SERPENT in the paradise of Eden when he walked in holy fellowship with God, resulting in banishment. Gen. 1:1-34.

2 - MAN IN NOAH was providentially preserved from judgment during the flood, yet became guilty of intemperance - Gen. 6 to 9. Sin continued in rebellion - Gen. 10 to 11. God called Abraham to separate from heathen idolatry - Gen 12.

3 - ISRAEL DELIVERED FROM EGYPT led by God's power to the promised land, on inheriting Canaan, "forsook the Lord and served Baal and Ashteroth, gods of the heathen". Judges 2:13.

4 - NADAB AND ABIHU - two sons of Aaron in the priestly family, defiled the earthly sanctuary of God by offering "strange fire", being immediately taken in death - Lev. 10.

5 - SOLOMON - blest by God with greatest of earthly power and glory, untold wealth at his disposal, the resources of the world at his command, gives his heart to an uncircumcised stranger, daughter of Pharaoh. Then descends even lower, into multiplication of wives - 1 Kings 11, etc.

6 - MALACHI records the dismal, moral declension of Israel at the end of the Old Testament history - Mal. Ch. 2.

7 - CHURCH HISTORY - when the power of the Holy Spirit was manifested in its beginning; two disciples insult the Holy Spirit and are taken away in death - Acts 5:1-10. Follow the early history and note that "grievous wolves" and "apostate" teachers enter the testimony down to the end - Acts 20:28-30; 1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 1-5. Jude; Rev. 3:14-22; 2 Pet. 2.

8 - THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM - at its end, records the final story of human failure, when following 1000 years of "righteousness and peace", under the Messianic reign of Christ, Satan will again deceive the people and lead the final rebellion against God - Rev. 20:7-10

Beloved, from beginning to the final end of human history on earth, we read that man spoils everything that God provides for his blessing. Given the greatest and highest place of dignity by God, yet man degrades himself when blessings abundant surround him. He proves ungrateful even in the best of circumstances! Then, can we wonder WHY GOD in His ultimate purposes of redemption has declared - "BEHOLD, I MAKE ALL THINGS NEW" - Rev. 21:5. The OLD Creation will disappear - 2 Pet. 3:10; Rev. 20:11. There will be a NEW CREATION with NO human failure! How blest are the words of 2 Cor. 5:17 to the heart of a believer - "THEREFORE, if any man be in Christ--NEW CREATION" Do you not long for that New Creation? Then let us continue to say, with a spiritual longing - "EVEN SO, COME, LORD JESUS" - Rev. 22:20. May THE MAN Who - faileth not soon come! - "For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now" - Rom. 8:22, 23.

Faithfully yours in Christ,

