

The Destiny of the Afrikaner People

Biblical View of Afrikaans History

History is God's work among the nations; God's dealing with nations is HIS STORY.

I have been a student of history and also a student of the Bible and a student of Prophecy. I appreciate the opportunity that God has given me. Recently I began a biblical review of the cultures of the Yoruba people, over 40million people home and abroad in the West of Nigeria. It has resulted in a manual focusing on a biblical alternative to every aspect of the culture, appreciating the godly and progressive values, retaining the natural, eliminating the demonic without destroying or altering the uniqueness of a people. It is a delicate but necessary and may be an unprecedented work.

God uses Israel the way a teacher uses a chalkboard – to teach nations. Therefore all nations that seek the blessing of God have a lot to learn from Israel. In Exodus we see God extract one people from among others. He took Israel out of Egypt miraculously, led them via the Red Sea, provided for them over a period of forty years until He gave them their own land and their own civilization. God did not do this because Israel was merely a higher race or righteous but because their fathers had a covenant with Him and secondly to illustrate the way God has and will work among nations. Deuteronomy 9:5

In Exodus 32, we see the people of Israel made their first major mistake- the golden calf. They had to learn that the God who they are dealing with is a jealous God. He will not tolerate syncretism. God then submitted to Moses their leader that the people had CORRUPTED themselves. In my opinion, these people had never seen so much gold, and instead of acknowledging the one who delivered them from slavery and gave them the opportunity to possess GOLD (Exodus 11:2), they made an idol out of the gold and worshipped it.

Furthermore, Israel began to be obstinate and rebellious; they became unwilling to proceed to the Promised Land. We must take note of the contribution of the "mixed multitude" Exodus 12:38 to this dissension and rebellion. The mixed multitude that left Egypt with them later became opinion leaders, and since Pharaoh and his army perished they began to make plans to return to Egypt. This rebellion delayed the plan of God for Israel for 38 years and resulted in the destruction of a generation.

Then Israel began the wars of conquest and God gave them victory over the people of Canaan because of the idolatry and immorality of the existing Canaan cultures. In this God

clearly expressed His loathing for idolatry and sexual perversion. (Gen 15:16, Lev 18:24-28, Deut 4:15-29, Deut 9:1-6.) Notice the conditions that God sets as prerequisite for land ownership in these scriptures viz a viz the cultural orientation of the people.

Soon afterwards, the nation of Israel was established, united under David and became prosperous in the days of Solomon. The nation became so affluent that GOLD was like dust or ordinary stones (1 Kings 10:14-28). Rehoboam, Solomon's successor was such a spoilt brat that he had neither wisdom nor discipline to keep the kingdom together. His lack of discretion made room for the rebellion of Jeroboam. In the fear of retaining the ten tribes that he secured in the rebellion, Jeroboam made an altar (1 Kings 12-33) which became a standard of iniquity that caused Israel to stumble continuously for generations. What lessons do we learn from this as a people, as modern day historians as South Africans and as Afrikaans people.

First, it is the God of the Bible who actually makes nations out of peoples. As He raised Israel out of Egypt so did He extract Europeans of different stock: French, Dutch, English, and Germans and forged them to become one people group in Africa- Afrikaans. He made them a separate people group on the soil of Africa. He gave them a language here in Africa. He also gave them access to the land. I believe that God gave the Afrikaans people access to the land. The land in the Southern hemisphere of Africa has never appreciated in the hand of any other people group as it did with the Afrikaners. I have observed that the Afrikaans people love the land and one can almost say that the Land loves them. The land has allowed them not just to cultivate it, but to develop it. You have established in terms of infrastructure, something similar to what God gave to Europe immediately after the reformation. I make reference to the reformation as a watershed in European and World history. As Europe began to apply biblical values to all of life, they became a leading continent on the earth.

I believe that God brought the Afrikaans people into Africa to settle with the mandate not just to evangelize Africa but reveal a pattern/standard for nation building as it was in Europe immediately after the reformation and thus disciple the nations of Africa. However, many factors have militated against this divine call of the Afrikaans people.

First is the discovery of the depth of backwardness, darkness and witchcraft among

the native African tribes. Only a group of people who are constantly able to tap from God's power and wisdom could have tackled the depth of idolatry and witchcraft in Africa in the past centuries. The Afrikaans people, having discovered the land and all the prospects that come with it were no longer focused on the God that took them out of Europe. Some of who actually came out of Europe with the sole aim of being able to serve God who had delivered them from persecution for their faith in Him. Hence just like the Hebrews that were intimidated by the Canaanites, the Afrikaners were intimidated and instead of retaining the call to serve the African tribes, they actually began to separate themselves from the African tribes so as to enjoy the land.

Secondly, just as the mixed multitude in the wilderness hijacked the agenda of God for Israel and began to make plans to return to Egypt so there was a mixed multitude among the Afrikaans people. The mixed multitude in the case of the Hebrews could not return to Egypt partly because of the Red Sea. Nevertheless they became the opinion leaders and their opinion always delayed the program of God for Israel. Even in the case of the Afrikaans people God created the circumstances that made it difficult for the settlers to return to Europe not to mention the perils of sea travel in those days. Yet a group of people began to rise up to redefine the goal of the Afrikaans nation. This group later manifested itself in the Afrikaner Broederbond.

Nations have founding fathers, political fathers, opinion leaders and elites who shape the orientation of the people and develop the value system of the society. Once a group of elites envisioned by God become complacent, laid back and refuse to engage society with the vision of heaven, they create a vacuum. Since nature abhors a vacuum, a bunch of opportunists become opinion leaders. In the process of managing their opportunity and establishing their control over the people, the land and its institutions, these opportunists begin to look for power base in the occult. This is the dilemma of every people group and nation on earth today. This has also been the dilemma of the Afrikaans people.

At this point we need to remember that the Afrikaans people having made a covenant with God at the battle of the Blood River failed to honor that covenant as a people and instead have raised a monument here in Pretoria called the Voortrekker Monument. The Voortrekker Monument can only be compared to Jeroboam's altar as it glorifies the sun god and the images of the queen of heaven. (Jer 44:17). It is significant

for us to note that it is the generation of Afrikaners who were baptized and their marriages dedicated on this syncretic Altar of Afrikanerdom who actually began to lose the battle for and the control of the land. The covenant made with God at the battle of the Blood River has been broken and it leaves a generation that is rebellious and unable to keep even the covenant of marriage. Thus we see an escalation of divorce creating unprecedented social disorder.

Thirdly, just as in Exodus 32, the children of Israel bowed to gold instead of the God who gave them the gold so has the Afrikaners done at the discovery of gold and diamond in Africa. Not many nations have been able to combine material prosperity with Godliness. Israel did not and the Afrikaans have not done so either. Instead Afrikaners have labored in self-defense and in the flesh as they worked out the policy of Apartheid. God allowed Apartheid for a season but it is a work of the flesh, so it crumbled. So all other efforts to own the land through witchcraft and ancestral worship will fail. God is going to frustrate every effort even by indigenous African tribes to own the land without Him.

What Must We Do?

Hosea 14: 1-3

1. There must be repentance at different levels: personal, corporate, national repentance. Afrikaners must go in droves to the Voortrekker monument and repent of these historical sins. This must be followed up by departure from rebellious attitude towards God.
2. There must be a renewal of covenant with the God of heaven who brought the fathers from Europe to settle them in this land.
3. There must be a re commitment to the mandate that God gave to the fathers for the development of Africa.

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THE GLORY OF THE LORD MAY BE
REVEALED IN AFRICA.**

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