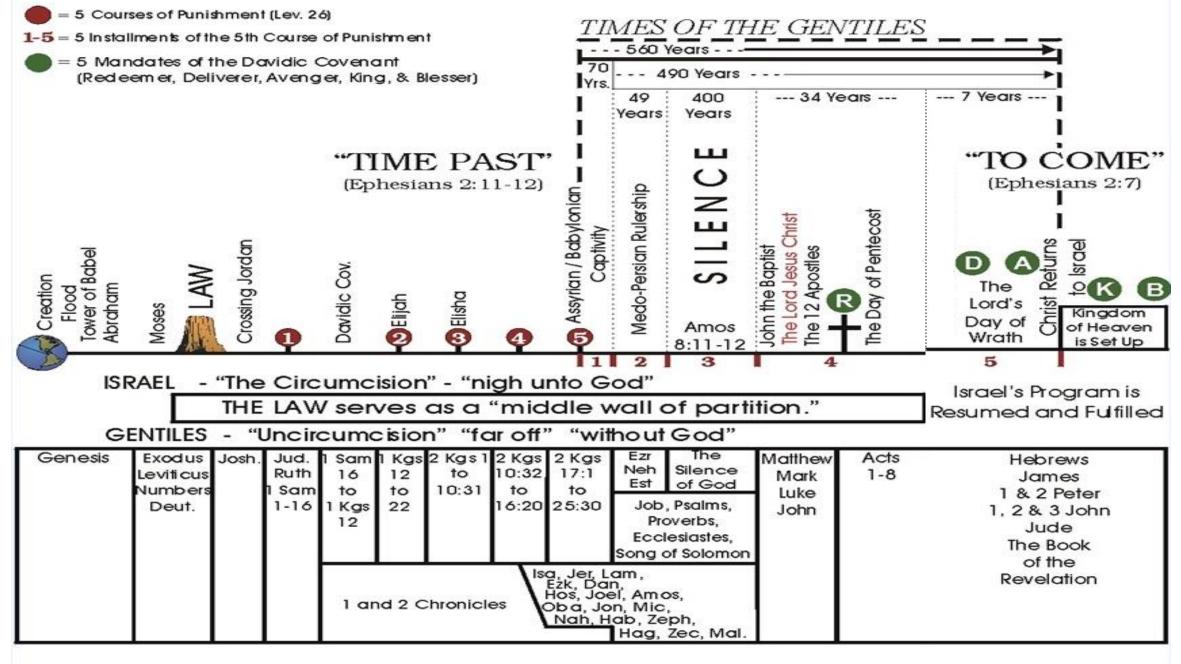


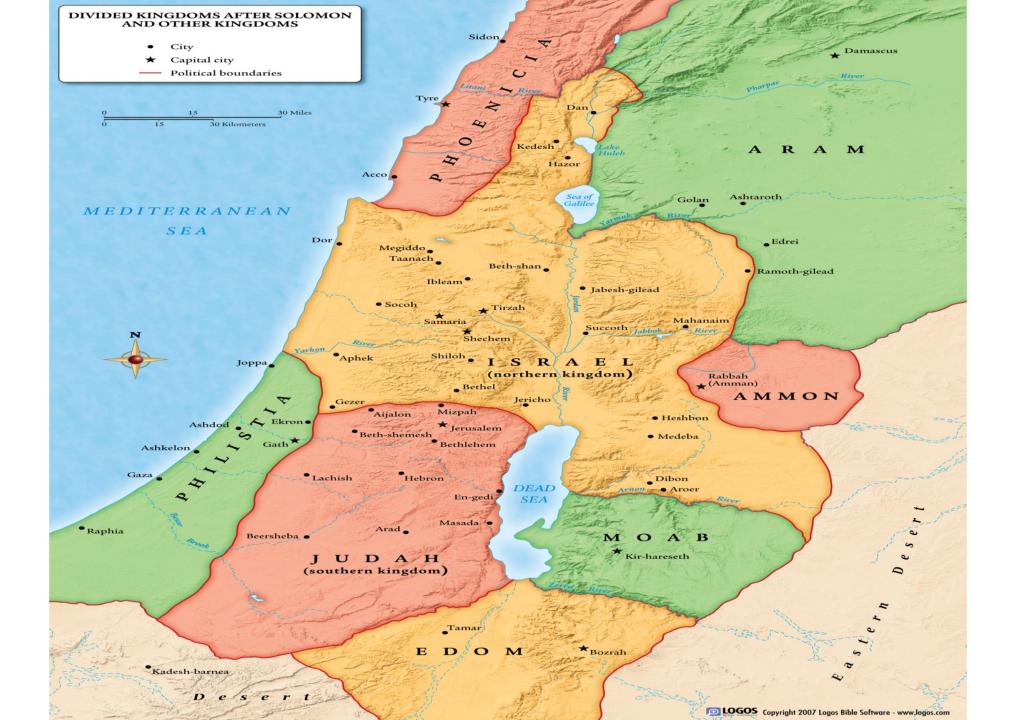
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The Samaritan Woman Pt. 5:

Re-unifying Israel

(Jn. 4:10-42)



1. Jesus's encounter with the woman occurs in two related parts:

a. Jesus is the source of living water that everlastingly quenches thirst (4:7-15). Key verse: 4:10—turns discussion from the water Jacob's well can provide to that which Jesus can provide

b. Jesus is the object of worship in Spirit (Jn. 1:33; 3:34) and Truth (Jn. 1:17-26, 14:6) that the Father seeks because He is the embodiment of the I AM Jehovah God of Israel (4:16-30). Jesus's question: If you knew who was speaking to you in v. 10 is answered in v. 26: The One speaking to you is I AM (v. 26).

--As was true with her father Abraham, everything starts with faith—Abraham believed God and God counted His faith for righteousness. This is what Israel was missing (Gen. 15:6; Mat. 3:7-12; Jn. 8:43-47).

- --Once in a right relationship with God the Father, they will receive His sent one—God the Son, and vice-versa.
- c. What neither Israel's patriarchs nor all the men in her life could provide, Jesus can exceedingly abundantly provide above all she even knew or expected thru His I AM Name and faith.

2.Summary: Alternate plot line:

- a. Who are the Samaritans? Israelites devoted to God and Moses, revering Israel's patriarchs and waiting for Messiah.
- b. Who is the Samaritan Woman? What are her inner thoughts and unsatisfied longings—not knowing or understanding, waiting for the future. Her whole life is compressed down to her unsatisfying relationships with 6 men (4:18, 29).
- c. The problem with much of traditional teaching on this is that it begins with a wrong assumption: That John is for evangelism and individual salvation in the Disp. Of Grace. So, they have to make everyone a bad sinner to show the greatness of salvation. But John doesn't need to demean people in order to show how great salvation is in Christ.

- d. John is really about the restoration and re-unification that comes through Israel's National Salvation, and through them the rest of the world.
- e. Jn. 4 isn't primarily about "saving" individual sinner Samaritan "outcasts". It's about bringing the Samaritans into the fold of God's true Israel by re-uniting Samaria (the Northern Kingdom —10 Tribes of Israel) with Judea (the Southern Kingdom—2 Tribes of Israel) through Jesus Christ thereby "saving" and restoring the whole Nation of Israel, which will then be His conduit of salvation to the whole world (Jn. 4:42).

- 3. God is often portrayed as the husband of Israel, but Israel as a whole (not just Samaria, Judea too) played the harlot through her idolatry.
 - a. Ezek. 16:1-14: God takes unworthy Israel as wife and gives her all the adornments worthy of a queen (Is. 54:4-8; 62:1-5).
 - b. Hos. 2:19-20: God's part is mercy and forgiveness of Israel. Israel's part is to repent and return to the LORD faithfully leaving their idolatry, resulting in peace and unity, Kingdom joy and the arrival of the Messiah (Mat. 9:15; Jn. 3:29; 4:26—I AM Jehovah God of Israel).
 - c. Jer. 2:13; 3:6-11 comp. Jn. 4:10, 15—Jesus invites this woman to true worship through metaphorical marriage between God and His people that will result in the joining together of the Samaritans and Judeans, thereby saving National Israel.

- This marriage will be celebrated and characterized by union with God (the Father) and true worship in (God the Holy) Spirit and in Truth (God the Son)—Israel's New Covenant blessings (Jn. 4:23-24).
 - --The Spirit will put the Law in their hearts and cause them to live according to Truth, which allows for them to receive the blessings of the Law rather than its curses, never accruing a national debt of sin again (Ezek. 36:22-36).
- 5. V. 23: True worshippers of the Father worship Him in Spirit and Truth. Jesus is the TRUTH (Jn. 14:6), and the One upon whom the Spirit eternally abides (Jn. 1:33; 3:34), and the One who gives the Spirit to whom He will (1:33; 7:37-39).

- 6. As with Nathaniel, Mary, Temple leaders and Nico, Jesus sweeps aside her superficial thoughts and plunge to the depths of the core of her being—her and the Samaritans deepest thoughts, longings.
 - --The Christ/Messiah who would tell her all things is here (Jn. 4:25)
 - --He will take her from physical water that can't permanently satisfy and give her real living spiritual water that can.

--Living water that can save, reunite and restore national Israel by bringing the Bel. Rem. Of Israel in Samaria together with that of Judea, centered on Him, in a right living relationship with the LORD thereby saving Israel and through her the world—gathering the Gentile nations unto God with Israel and through her Rise (Zech. 14:8, 16-17).

--Culminating in a new Temple from which flow living waters (Zech. 14:8; Ezek. 47:1-12) and the spring and river of water of life (Rev. 21:6; 22:1). Living waters point to Israel's national restoration/salvation. She will then dispense them to the world.