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## ***What's Old Is New - Hebrews - Week XXV***

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*Ecclesiastes 1:9-10 That which has been is what will be, that which is done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. Is there anything of which it may be said, "See, this is new"? It has already been in ancient times before us.*

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### **Absalom**

- **2 Samuel 15:1** After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him.
- **2 Samuel 15:6** In this manner Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment. So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

### **Adonijah**

- **1 Kings 1:5** Then Adonijah the son of Haggith exalted himself, saying, "I will be king"; and he prepared for himself chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him.

### **Jeroboam**

- **1 Kings 12:24** Thus says the Lord: "You shall not go up nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel. Let every man return to his house, for this thing is from Me." ' ' "Therefore they obeyed the word of the Lord, and turned back, according to the word of the Lord.
- **1 Kings 12:28** Therefore the king (Jeroboam) asked advice, made two calves of gold, and said to the people, "It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here are your gods, O Israel, which brought you up from the land of Egypt!
- **1 Kings 12:31** He made shrines on the high places, and made priests from every class of people, who were not of the sons of Levi.
- **1 Kings 12:32-33** Jeroboam ordained a feast on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, *like the feast that was in Judah*, and offered sacrifices on the altar. So he did at Bethel, sacrificing to the calves that he had made. And at Bethel he installed the priests of the high places which he had made. So he made offerings on the altar which he had made at Bethel on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in the month **which he had devised in his own heart**. And he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and offered sacrifices on the altar and burned incense.

### **Ahab**

- **1 Kings 21:25-26** But there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because Jezebel his wife stirred him up. And he behaved very abominably in following idols, according to all *that* the Amorites had done, whom the Lord had cast out before the children of Israel.
- **1 Kings 21:27-29** So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, "See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house."

### **More examples:**

- **1 Kings 16:9-10** Now his (Elah the king of Israel) servant Zimri, commander of half his chariots, conspired against him as he was in Tirzah drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza...And Zimri went in and struck him and killed him in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his place.
- **2 Kings 14:19** And they formed a conspiracy against him (Amaziah)...

- **2 Kings 15:10** Shallum...conspired against him, struck and killed him in front of the people, and he reigned in his place.
  - **2 Kings 15:14** Menahem...came to Samaria, struck Shallum...and killed him and he reigned in his place.
  - **2 Kings 15:19-20** Pul king of Assyria came against the land; and Menahem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom under his control. And Menahem exacted the money from Israel, from all the very wealthy, from each man fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria.
  - **2 Kings 15:25** Then Pekah...conspired against him and killed him...and reigned in his place
  - **2 Kings 15:30** Then Hoshea...led a conspiracy against Pekah...and struck and killed him...so he reigned in his place.
  - **2 Kings 23:34** Then Pharaoh Necho made Eliakim the son of Josiah king in place of his father Josiah, and changed his name to Jehoiakim.
  - **2 Kings 24:17** Then the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in his place, and changed his name to Zedekiah.
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## **These Not Uncertain Times**

### **1. God is God**

- **Col 1:17** And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.
- **Isaiah 41:4** Who has performed and done *it*, calling the generations from the beginning? 'I, the Lord, am the first; And with the last I *am* He.' "
- **Ephesians 4:4-6** *There is* one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who *is* above all, and through all, and in you all.
- **Revelation 1:8** "I am the Alpha and the Omega, *the Beginning and the End*," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

### **2. We are His kids**

- **Galatians 4:6** And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, "Abba, Father!"
- **1 John 3:2** Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.

### **3. Our future is secure**

- **1 Peter 1:3-5** Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to His abundant mercy has begotten us again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled and that does not fade away, reserved in heaven for you, who are kept by the power of God through faith for salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.
- **1 Thessalonians 5:9-10** For God did not appoint us to wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.
- **Romans 8:37-39** Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

#### **4. He is WITH us**

- **Hebrews 13:5** Let your conduct be without covetousness; be content with such things as you have. For He Himself has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you."
- **Deuteronomy 31:8** And the Lord, He *is* the One who goes before you. He will be with you, He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed."

#### **5. He has overcome the world**

- **John 16:33** These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

#### **6. He knows our every step**

- **Psalms 37:23** The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the Lord, and He delights in his way.
- **Proverbs 20:24** A man's steps *are* of the Lord; How then can a man understand his own way?

#### **7. We don't need to be afraid**

- **2 Timothy 1:7** For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.
- **1 John 4:18** There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts out fear, because fear involves torment. But he who fears has not been made perfect in love.

#### **8. We don't need to be anxious**

- **Philippians 4:6-7** Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

#### **9. We don't need to despair**

- **Psalms 42:5** Why are you cast down, O my soul? And *why* are you disquieted within me? Hope in God, for I shall yet praise Him *for* the help of His countenance.

#### **10. We can be honest with God about how we feel**

- **Psalms 142:1-2** I cry out to the Lord with my voice; With my voice to the Lord I make my supplication. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare before Him my trouble.

#### **11. He is our peace**

- **John 14:27** Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

#### **12. He is God**

- **Psalms 46:10** Be still, and know that I *am* God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!