

# BIBLE ENDINGS

## (Part 2)

### Introduction

- 1) **Psalm 39:4** – “LORD, make me to know *my end*, and what is the measure of my days, that I may know how frail I am”
- 2) We live in a physical, finite realm where we anticipate endings of those things that exist around us, even of our own lives
- 3) There are various endings in the Bible – ending of books, lives, and events
  - a) There are important lessons to be learned as we continue to study various **Bible endings**

### **I) WHEN AN END WAS NOT AN END (Deut. 7:1-2; 9:3; Judg. 1:19-21, 27-36)**

- A) The end of the conquest of Canaan was not the end of the pagan nations living there
  - 1) God had said he would help drive them out, but Israel did not do its part
- B) We need to be diligent to do the will of God; not go only part way and stop
  - 1) Run the race to the finish, fight the fight until victory, keep the faith to the end (2 Tim. 4:7)

### **II) END OF THE BOOKS OF JUDGES AND RUTH (Judg. 21:25; Ruth 4:13-22)**

- A) These two books show two different contexts in the period of the judges
  - 1) The book of Judges ends on a bad note about human rebellion (21:25; 2:10-12)
  - 2) The book of Ruth ends on a good note about the lineage of David (4:13-22; 2:11-12)
- B) Even in the worst of times, God has His faithful remnant and keeps His promises

### **III) ISRAEL ASKS FOR A KING (1 Sam. 8)**

- A) The period of the judges of Israel comes to an end with a demand for a king (vv. 1-5)
  - 1) Desire to be like the nations around them – to “fit in” with everyone else
- B) We can forewarn others about their choices, but many do not listen (vv. 9, 19-20)

### **IV) SAUL REJECTED AS KING BY GOD (1 Sam. 15:24-29)**

- A) Saul’s reign as a king blessed by God came to an end with his disobedience
  - 1) Did not heed the word of the Lord – did it his way and claimed it was obedience (vv. 3, 8-9, 11, 13)
  - 2) Rejected the word of the Lord, the source of faith and good works – will not please God
- B) Sadly, a lack of loyalty to God by Solomon would later bring the united monarchy to an end (1 Kgs. 11:1-13)

### **V) DEATH OF GOLIATH (1 Sam. 17:46-51)**

- A) The end of Goliath is a demonstration of the folly of standing against God and His truth
- B) Emblematic of the end of all who lack faith, rebel, and commit sin before God
  - 1) Antediluvian world (Gen. 6-8)
  - 2) Sodom and Gomorrah (Gen. 19)
  - 3) Lot’s wife (Gen. 19:17, 26)
  - 4) Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10)
  - 5) Korah (Num. 16)
  - 6) Sisera (Judg. 4:15-22)
  - 7) Jezebel (2 Kgs. 9:30-37)
  - 8) Israel and Judah (2 Kgs. 17:5-23; 25:1-21)

### Conclusion

These “endings” teach us to believe and trust God, and not to rebel and disobey the will of the Lord. Let us remember and apply the lessons from these Bible endings.