STUDY TEXT:

1 Kings 11:14-25 (KJV)

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15 For it came to pass, when David was in Edom, and Joab the captain of the host was gone up to bury the slain, after he had smitten every male in Edom;

16 (For six months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until he had cut off every male in Edom:)

17 That Hadad fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants with him, to go into Egypt; Hadad being yet a little child.

18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran: and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt; which gave him an house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land.

[19] And Hadad found great favour in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen.

[20] And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh's house: and Genubath was in Pharaoh's household among the sons of Pharaoh.

[21] And when Hadad heard in Egypt that David slept with his fathers, and that Joab the captain of the host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country.

[22] Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit let me go in any wise.

[23] **And God stirred him up another adversary, Rezon the son of Eliadah, which fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah:**

[24] And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a band, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus.

[25] And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

APPLICATION POINT:

Although it may not be currently visibly obvious, the Word of God plainly indicates to us that none of us are exempt from, nor can elude the reach of the edict of divine chastening that has been issued to correct our straying waywardness.

PROVOKING HEAVEN'S DISFAVOR

FOCUS TEXT: And the Lord stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom. **1 Kings 11:14 (KJV)**

Albeit often dismissed and denied by the present contemporary perspective that falsely promotes common premise that "God will continue to bless us in spite ," conversely the biblical concept and reality of "provoking Heaven's disfavor," is one the has been repeatedly taught throughout the volumes of Scripture, as well as validated by numerous inspired accounts that have document in its timeless pages.

Moreover, even regarding the sound sage instruction that King David had plainly communicated to his son Solomon before his pending departure from this world, he sternly forewarned him in **2 Chronicles 28:9b**, **"for the Lord searcheth all hearts, and understandeth all the imaginations of the thoughts: if thou seek him, he will be found of thee; but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off forever."**

And too, this timeless relationship criteria is yet fully relevant and applicable to "the redeemed" of this present generation.

In **Galatians 6:7-8b**, **"Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.**

"For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption."

Now obvious, as was in the case of King Solomon, when the direct actions from the hands of divine correction are slow to be enacted because it is often the case that the Lord graciously affords us "space to repent," we wrongly tend to misinterpret or

miscalculate that the afforded blessing of longsuffering is a single that there will be no eventual manifestation of tangible divine intervention in our lives.

Yet from the present inspired account (as well as many others in Scripture) we are plainly shown that although not always readily evident, background activity that is initiated by Heaven's immense disfavor has already been set into motion.

Revoking of Heaven's Peace

Trouble, hardship, adversity and conflict are the common elements of trial and suffering that we are destined to repeatedly encounter while traveling the path of this earthly sojourn.

Hence, when the grace providences of Heaven bless our lives with rare interval of "peace," we should relish them to the fullest degree.

However, too often we sadly take for granted the wondrous spiritual blessing of Heaven's peace that has been allotted to us ("the redeem").

In relation to this keynote spirit-life overshadowing endowment we read in **1 Chronicles 22:9** regarding the distinct, divine character signature that was predominately associated with Solomon's reign, we read, **"Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about: for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto Israel in his days."**

Too pertaining to later generations in **2 Chronicles 14:6** regarding King Asa, **"for the land had rest, and he had no war in those years; because the Lord had given him rest."**

Herein we are shown that we should never take for grant those rare seasons of general tranquility and solace that surface in our lives.

In fact, **Proverbs 16:7** gladly instructs us to consider, **"When a man's ways please the Lord, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him."**

The Removal of Heaven's Protection

In Psalms 84:11 declares to us, "For the Lord God is a sun and shield: the Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly. "

However, when we rebelliously disobey and defy the will and the Word of God, we should clearly understand that those blessing of divine protection will be promptly removed, thus allowing our adversaries open access to our lives.

In fact in 1 Corinthians 5: the Apostle Paul directed the congregation thus: