

Ninety-Three Wasted Years

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TEXT—And it came to pass in the four hundred and eightieth year after the Children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year of Solomon's reign over Israel . . . that he began to build the house of the Lord.—1 Kings 6:1.

One would hardly think that such a careful and exact statement would be contradicted, yet it has been contradicted by learned gentlemen, not a few, who tell us that there were 573 years from the Exodus to the beginning of the temple.

But the inspired apostle told us the same thing before these scholarly gentlemen were heard of. Acts 13 records Paul's account of this lapse of time as follows:

"About the space of 40 years suffered He their manners in the wilderness . . . after that He gave unto them Judges about the space of 450 years . . . and afterward they desired a king; and God gave unto them Saul . . . by the space of 40 years. And when He had removed him, He raised up unto them David to be their king."

Here Paul's reckoning of the years adds, but in 1 Kings 2:11 we find that David reigned 40 years, and was succeeded by Solomon, who reigned three years and in the fourth began to build the temple. The sum of these numbers is 573.

But neither is Jeremiah, who wrote 1 Kings, wrong in his account, nor is Paul wrong in his, albeit there is an apparent discrepancy of 93 years in them.

Jeremiah, prophet of God, moved and speaking by the Holy Spirit gives the Anno Dei or years of divine chronology, while Paul, apostle of Jesus Christ, fitted and moved by the same Spirit, gives the Anno Mundi or years of the natural chronology. The latter notes the actual number of years that elapsed between the Exodus and the temple building, while the former passes over five different periods of time embracing from seven to forty years each, dropping them from the record as though they had never been.

The book of Judges explains the mystery of these missing years. Five times in that book we find Israel, for her sins, in captivity to her foes: eight years under Mesopotamia, eighteen years under Moab, twenty years under Canaan, seven years under Midian and forty years under the Philistines, making ninety-three years in all. And these ninety-three years are accounted by Jeremiah because of a divine principle observable everywhere in Scripture—that God who reckons time only in connection with His earthly people Israel, cannot count those years spent away from Him. In writing their history He will omit no detail of their failure and sin and will tell the exact number of years that, for their disobedience, they suffered at the hands of their foes. But in reckoning the chronology He says, "Four hundred and eighty years: I cannot count those years in which my people have sinfully departed from me."

And what warning is there for us in this, "written," as it was, "for our admonition?"

"Our soon-coming Lord shall gather all His own to His judgment seat, there to appraise their works. Not in wrath shall that gathering be called by Him "who loved us and gave Himself for us," but for review in order to reward our fidelity to Him. "If any man's work abide . . . he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned he shall suffer loss; but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

Then shall be remembered the days and hours of your life story and mine. But what of the wasted years? What of the days spent out of His presence, in seeking our own things, pursuing our own pleasures, instead of pleasing Him? Can He count these years?

Oh, let us live out the days and hours with our hearts upon that approaching time of reward that we may hear Him say, "Well done."

"And now little children abide in Him that when He shall appear we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before Him at His coming."

Our Life

Our life is like the dial of a clock. The hands are God's hands passing over and over again. The short hand, the hand of Discipline; the long hand, the hand of Mercy. Slowly and surely the hand of Discipline must pass, and God speaks at each stroke; but over and over passes the hand of Mercy, showering down sixty-fold of blessing for each stroke of discipline or trial; and both hands are fastened to one secure pivot, the great unchanging heart of a God of love.

Serving Others

Nothing so increases the degree of spiritual energy as the glow and ardor and joy of doing some little service for another. In this lies the real blessedness, the real luxury of life.—L. Whitlog.

A fool and his "Honey" are easily separated.



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