

New Beginnings for a New Year

Lessons from New Year's days of old

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 p.m.

Scripture Reading: Ex 12j: 1-3, 40, Ezra 10

Sunday December 29 2013

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Lessons from the way God dealt with His people on New Year's Day from the OT.

INTRO.

- A. New Years is a time of *resolutions* and new commitments.
- B. God agrees! Three OT passages provide great insights!

I. EXODUS 12:1-3

- A. "This month shall be the **b**_____ of months for you."
- B. 1445 BC = year one for them. The month of Nissan, is to become their first month.
- C. It begins the first and only real *theocracy*.
- D. The Passover was to be a time of **r**_____.
- E. The Jewish New Year was a time of introspection and **p**_____.
- F. The verbal affirmation was given **b**_____ the law was given.

II. EXODUS 40: 1-3 "On the first day of the first month you shall set up the tabernacle."

- A. This was the one year **a**_____ since they left Egypt.
- B. They received the **l**_____ from Mount Sinai.
- C. They began worship on the **f**_____ day of the month.
- D. "The cloud covered the tent of meeting and the **g**_____ of the Lord filled the tabernacle (Ex 40:34).
- E. The best way to renew worship is to focus on God's **p**_____.

III. EZRA 10:17 "All the men who had married foreign wives."

- A. It happened on the first day of the first month (vs 17).
- B. It was a time to put away **s**_____.

CONCLUSION:

- A. Let's review: We have **t**_____ challenges:
 1. Renew commitment to **God and our new birth** (Ex 12).
 2. Renew our worship so the glory of **God's presence** is with us (Ex 40).
 3. Renew our commitment to **repent** of sin.
- B. May the end of 2014 be better than the beginning" (Ecc 7:8)!

Notes

ANSWERS:

three first
sin law
presence anniversary
glory beginning
before
planning
remembrance