



SILENCE

ISAIAH 43:16-21



PART

01



BEGINNING

Human beings were made
in *the image of God* to
display the *glory of God*
to the ends of the earth.

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PATRIARCHS

Though we were shattered by the Fall, God still desires for the earth to be blessed through a people He has *restored to Himself.*

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EXODUS

Despite Israel's call to be a blessing to the world, God's people need *continual rescuing* from their brokenness.

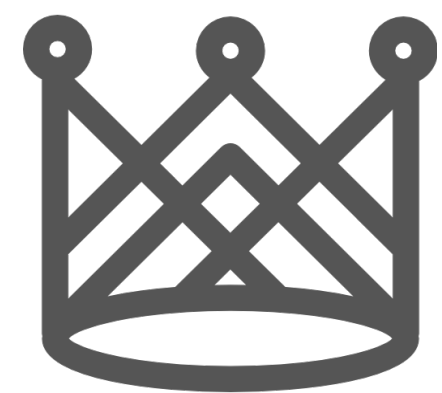
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JUDGES

God's people are
increasingly eroded by
“doing what is right in
their own eyes,” and
become *completely lost*.

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KINGS

Having a king, like the other nations, revealed that God's people need both a *perfect leader* as well as *virtuous citizens*.

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EXILE

In order to show them their need for restoration, God allows His people to *lose their promise and experience oppression.*

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RETURN

When we repent/confess our sin, God forgives and heals us. But we still have to face the *consequences of our choices.*

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God initiates a time of silence with His people in order to *prepare them* for the *new thing* that He has planned for them.





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Your beliefs about the large story show up on the small scale. The *universal* is revealed in the *particular*.

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Through the coming of Christ, God is going to *reverse* every expectation while still accomplishing His *purpose*.

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No matter how high your hopes are concerning the Kingdom of God and the goodness of the Lord, He is going to *surprise you by exceeding them.*

