

NEVERTHELESS...A COVENANT CONQUEST

Psalm 106:28-48

28They joined themselves also to Baal-peor, and ate sacrifices offered to the dead.
29Thus they provoked *Him* to anger with their deeds, and the plague broke out among them.
30Then Phinehas stood up and interposed, and so the plague was stayed.
31And it was reckoned to him for righteousness, to all generations forever.
32They also provoked *Him* to wrath at the waters of Meribah, so that it went hard with Moses on their account;
33Because they were rebellious against His Spirit, he spoke rashly with his lips.
34They did not destroy the peoples, as the LORD commanded them,
35But they mingled with the nations and learned their practices,
36And served their idols, which became a snare to them.
37They even sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons,
38And shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons and their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with the blood.
39Thus they became unclean in their practices, and played the harlot in their deeds. **Psalm 106:28-39**

NASB

- A history of carnality and idolatry:
 - The worship of Baal-peor.
 - The god of sun, rain, and fertility.
 - Tied to Jezebel's influence of witchcraft during Ahab's reign (see **I Kings, chapters 18-21**)
 - Sacrifices of gross immortality. (See **Numbers 25**), 25,000 died.
 - The incident of Meribah in **Numbers 20**.

9So Moses took the rod from before the LORD, just as He had commanded him; 10and Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly before the rock. And he said to them, "Listen now, you rebels; shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?" 11Then Moses lifted up his hand and struck the rock twice with his rod; and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation and their beasts drank. 12But the LORD said to Moses and Aaron, "Because you have not believed Me, to treat Me as holy in the sight of the sons of Israel, therefore you shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them." **Numbers 20:9-12 NASB**

- Disobedience, unfaithfulness, pagan practices, and unspeakable idolatry:

36 And served their idols, which were a snare to them.
37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons [II Kings 16:3.]
38 And shed innocent blood, even the blood of their sons and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with their blood.
39 Thus were they defiled by their own works, and they played the harlot *and* practiced idolatry with their own deeds [of idolatrous rites]. **Psalm 106:36-39 AMPC**

- They sacrificed their integrity, their spiritual fidelity, and their children...

39Thus they became unclean in their practices and played the harlot in their deeds.
40Therefore the anger of the LORD was kindled against His people, and He abhorred His inheritance.
41Then He gave them into the hand of the nations, and those who hated them ruled over them.

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42 Their enemies also oppressed them, and they were subdued under their power.

43 Many times He would deliver them; they, however, were rebellious in their counsel, and so sank down in their iniquity. **Psalm 106:39-43 NASB**

- The people were defiled and unclean and rebellious and they fell into captivity.
- Those who hated God's people ruled over them.
- Several times the Lord 'backed them out' but they sank back in iniquity.

18 When the LORD raised up judges for them, the LORD was with the judge and delivered them from the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the LORD was moved to pity by their groaning because of those who oppressed and afflicted them. 19 But it came about when the judge died, that they would turn back and act more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them and bow down to them; they did not abandon their practices or their stubborn ways. **Judges 2:18-19 NASB**

44 Nevertheless He looked upon their distress when He heard their cry;

45 And He remembered His covenant for their sake, and relented according to the greatness of His lovingkindness.

46 He also made them *objects* of compassion in the presence of all their captors. **Psalm 106:44-46 NASB**

- Nevertheless! An amazing word!
 - Even so, He took pity on their distress each time He heard them calling. **Jerusalem Bible**
 - Never the less:

44-46 Still, when God saw the trouble they were in and heard their cries for help, He remembered his Covenant with them, and, immense with love, took them by the hand. He poured out his mercy on them while their captors looked on, amazed. **Psalm 106:44-46 The Message**

- He 'remembered' His Covenant for their sake.
- Due to His loving kindness, He makes them objects of His compassion in the presence of all their captors (a grace target with a bullseye of compassion.)
- What is holding you captive?
- Who do you know or who are you praying for that is trapped in cyclical sin and dead-end decisions...pray this for them...nevertheless!

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Today you speak the 'nevertheless'...I am never less than I claim to be and always more than you consider me to be.

Heresy is often found in statements of incomplete truth...like trying to 'fit' '10 gallons of grace' in a five gallon can...

I am always filled with fullness and never void of one aspect of truth while displaying another. Being in Kansas City is being in the United States and so is being in Los Angeles but there are many contrasts.. I am one God, in perfect Oneness with My Son and My Spirit and completely in harmony with all My attributes.

A person's experience of Kansas City will be different than one's experience in Los Angeles, but they have experience the USA in both cases...so it is with justice and mercy.