THE DESTINY OF THE PHILIPPINES

INTRODUCTION: God has a calling, or plan, or purpose, for every person, church, & nation, Am.9:7b,

 Jer.29:11. We need revelation to know this calling or plan, Eph.1:17-18. Four keys show this:

KEY # 1- BELOVED FOR THE SAKE OF THE FATHERS, ROMANS 11:28-29

 Spiritual inheritances are given to families & nations by their founders and great leaders

 A. KING PHILIP II of SPAIN- sacrificed to make the Philippines a center for the gospel.

 B. WILLIAM McKINLEY- was led by God for the U.S. to help Christianize & educate the nation

 C. JOSE RIZAL- a man of peace & goodwill: as a doctor and writer he caused the "blind" to see.

 D. Many of the presidents and leaders of the Philippines have had a measure of godliness.

KEY # 2- "AS HIS NAME IS, SO HE IS," 1 SAMUEL 25:25 Names are often prophetic.

 A. The Philip-pines: named after King Philip II, who wanted to spread the gospel worldwide

 B. The Philip-pines: King Philip was named after Philip in the Book of Acts!

 - Philip was a deacon (a servant) who became an evangelist & missionary.

 - The Filipinos will arise from being known as servants to become evangelists & missionaries!

KEY # 3- "THE LAST WILL BE FIRST," MAT. 19:30, ECCLES. 7:8, JOHN 2:10

 A. We can gain understanding of God's plan for the evangelization of the world by studying the

 Temple of Solomon. It is a prophetic picture of the Church, 1 Cor.3:16, 1 Pet.2:5. Part of it

 was the Sea of Cast Bronze where the priests were cleansed for service, 1 Kings 7:23-26.

 1) We are now the priests who need spiritual cleansing to serve the Lord, 1 Pet.2:9.

 2) We are cleansed by the water of the Word of God, Eph.5:26.

 3) Oxen (a type of the ministry, 1 Cor.9:9-10) are to carry the water of the Word of God.

 4) The Oxen faced the four corners of the world, showing how the gospel was going to be preached in all the world, and in what order: Asia being the last, but becoming the first!

KEY # 4- "TO WHOM MUCH IS GIVEN, MUCH WILL BE REQUIRED," LUKE 12:48

 THE NATION OF ISRAEL:

 A. God invested much in ancient Israel, to prepare them to be a light to the nations, Gen.12:2-3.

 B. Through sin and idolatry they largely failed, so God sent many judgments to them, Amos 3:1-2.

 C. God then sent them out among the nations as slaves. Many turned to God and shook the

 nations with their testimony (Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah, Naaman's servant girl, etc.).

 D. Then the Lord restored the nation to prepare them for the 1st coming of Christ.

 THE PHILIPPINES:

 A. God has invested much in the Philippines (natural resources, international help & missionaries).

 B. Through sin and idolatry past generations have largely failed, and God judged the nation by

 allowing many calamities and by sending out millions of O.F.W.s.

 C. Many O.F.W.s have been mightily used by God- and many will yet go as missionaries!

 D. Through revival the Lord will help restore the Philippines to prepare for the 2nd coming.

E. Many men of God have declared that the Philippines has an eternal inheritance as a sheep

 nation in the Millennium (Mat.25:31-33) and in the ages to come, Eph.2:7, Rev.21:24 & 26.

CONCLUSION: We must understand how the Lord wants us to be part of His glorious plan for the Philippines. Then we must fully consecrate our life to God so that He can prepare us, use us, and send revival to cause the nation to accomplish all of His will!