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STOP AND GOEx. 14:10-16 *3,342 yrs ago*

Setting: Year 1490 B. C. Israel trapped in natural cage.

INT: Word of God known as many things. A traffic light to children
 Purpose of traffic light: To avoid confusion; safe passageway.
 Lights protect us only if we heed them. Injury if we don't.

I. ISRAEL GOT BOTH A RED AND A GREEN LIGHT. Ex. 14:10-16.

- A. Moses, their leader, said to stand still. 14:13.
- B. Jehovah, their God, said "go forward". Contradiction? 15.
- C. Both commands right, given at different times.
- D. Saved by going on green and stopping on red light.

II. ISRAELITES ALWAYS HAD SOME STOPPING PLACES.

- A. Hebrews to stop short of Sinai's base. Exodus 19:10-13.
- B. Warriors to stop short of Jericho's wealth. Josh. 6:18-19.
- C. Israel to stop short of touching ark. Num. 4:15. IIS. 6:6-7
- D. Stay out of the Most Holy Place. Uzziah, son of Amiziah, transgressed. Azariah protested. II Chron. 26:16-21.

III. ISRAEL ALSO HAD GO AHEAD SIGNALS.

- A. Green light before land of the Giants. Josh. 1:5. -Num. 13:31
- B. Go destroy idolatry completely in Canaan. Deut. 7:1-7.
- C. Go worship knowing your land is safe. Exodus 34:23-24.
- D. Green light before great city of Nineveh. Jonah 1:1-2.

IV. MODERN ISRAEL, THE CHURCH, MUST OBSERVE TRAFFIC SIGNALS. ^{II J.} 9

- A. Salvation stopped short of H. S. baptism. Acts 2:4 & 10:44.
 1. H. S. a promise. Water baptism a command. Acts 10:47-48
- B. Salvation stopped short of miraculous experience. A. 9:3-4?
- C. Stop before you vote a man in. Lord's business. Acts 2:47
- D. Stop before you sprinkle a man or child. Col. 2:14.
- E. Follow lights as long as green then stop. Four greens.

V. CHRISTIANS MUST REMEMBER THAT GREEN MEANS GO, NOT STAND STILL.

- A. What happens to "sleeper" when delays start after change?
- B. God's word honks us into action. Speeds us along the way.
- C. Go teach all nations, baptizing believers. Matt. 28:19-20
- D. Go sell thy hinderances to eternal life. Mark 10: 21.
- E. Go visit fatherless and widows; prove religion. Jas. 1:27
- F. Go restore the brother overtaken in a fault. Gal. 6:1-2.

INV: God changed the light to green for sinners. Who will pass
 from eternal death to eternal life today? B-R-C-B.

Erring: Stopped when should have been going or went on
 when God had the red light on. R-P.