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THE NEGLECTED GOSPEL

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On the day of Pentecost Peter arose and preached a sermon, much of it recorded in *Acts 2*. What did Peter preach? He preached the only gospel he knew at that time. He preached the gospel of the kingdom and that was what he had heard the Christ preach.

This one sermon caused three thousand people to be converted. This is an example of the convincing, convicting and converting power of God in the gospel of the kingdom. It is no wonder that Lucifer and his forces do not want to have the gospel of the kingdom preached or taught. It is no wonder that there are so few Christians who will support the preaching and the teaching of the gospel of the kingdom.

Psalm 19 is a scripture on the creative power of God's Word. Beginning at Verse 7 we are told what the laws, the testimonies, the statutes, and the commandments of God in the gospel of the kingdom would do for a people and for a nation.

Psalm 19:7 states: "The law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. *"Converting the soul"* means changing the way people live their physical lives. God created Adam and breathed into his nostrils, and Adam became a living soul. Volumes could be written on the needs of people of changing the way they live.

"The testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple." The testimonies of the Lord would do wonders for our nation today. Christendom has become so simple that it teaches the Old Scripture is the Old Testament. The Christian clergy has become so simple that they actually teach that the New Covenant in *Hebrews 8:6-13* is with the church, when it states, as clearly as words can state, that this New Testament or New

Covenant is with the house of Israel and the house of Judah.

Christians have become so simple that they actually believe that that which Zephaniah prophesied in *Zephaniah 2:1,2*, that which Christ stated in *Luke 19:27*, that which Ezekiel prophesied in *Ezekiel*, and *Obadiah* prophesied in his one chapter is the regathering of Israel and Judah.

If by neglect, preachers can make *Luke 19:27* of none effect. And if by neglect, the clergy can make the prophesies in *Zephaniah*, *Ezekiel*, and *Obadiah* of none effect, then they can do the same with other scriptures.

Christ told the twelve disciples that they would sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Will the little land of Palestine be divided into twelve different pieces of ground, and on each piece will there be a throne established? Will the twelve disciples be told, because of their faithfulness, they will be permitted to sit on these twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel? The disciples would have a terrible problem because there would not even be standing room for the twelve tribes of Israel in that area.

Psalm 19:8 states: *"The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes."* The statutes in the gospel of the kingdom cause the heart to rejoice. The commandments in the gospel of the kingdom enlighten the eye.

There are examples in the Old Scriptures on how the statutes of the Lord brought rejoicing to the nation. There are also examples in Bible history how the commandment of the Lord enlightened the eyes of the people. It gave the people understanding, discernment, and knowledge that they did not and could not have apart

from the God's commandment.

A study of God's economic statutes and commandments in the gospel of the kingdom would enlighten people concerning the mammon money system we are now serving. The Scriptures call this wicked system a curse and an iron yoke. In *Joshua* it is called the "accursed thing." Moses, Solomon, and the Christ said it was an abomination in the sight of God.

The Scripture also refers to this mammon money system as a burden, a hook, a snare, a trap and a net that catches men. Jeremiah said, "their houses are full of deceit." Several times in the Scripture this system is called sorcery. It is also called a millstone tied to the neck of individuals, industry, and government.

During the administration of such men as Moses, Joshua, and Nehemiah, those who operated and manipulated this cursed economic system were executed. The time for rejoicing is at hand for according to gospel of the kingdom this cursed system is to be destroyed root and branch. It will be the greatest physical and mental release that mankind has ever known. It is in the restoration that God has spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets.

Psalms 19:9 states: "The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether." There is a cleansing power in the gospel of the kingdom and God's righteous judgments endure for ever.

Verse 11 states: "Moreover by them is thy servant warned: and in keeping of them there is great reward." There is a great reward for the nation, and for every group and every activity in the nation that will seek the Gospel of the Kingdom. No, salvation for the individual is not by the law, but there is a great reward in desiring, observing, and honoring the Gospel of the Kingdom. There is a reward in this life and in the next life. See *Matthew 5:19*.

In *Psalms 19:13* the Psalmist prays: "Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression." The "presumptuous sins" apparently is to believe and teach something to be scriptural and true when it is not scriptural and not true. In spite of what the Scriptures teach concerning them that say

they are Jews, and are not, but do lie, Christians teach that they are Judah, Israel, and Zion.

In spite of a clear distinction between the Old Testament and the Old Scriptures, many Christians believe and teach that the Old Scripture is the Old Testament.

In spite of the clear distinction between the redemption and personal regeneration, many Christians teach that redemption means personal salvation.

Instead of rightly dividing between the law of ordinances pertaining to the tabernacle, the sacrificing of animals, and God's laws for governing the nations, Christians place all these laws in one group and say, Christ is the end of the law. If Christ put away the laws that God gave Moses in Horeb for human government why do we have such scriptures as *Malachi 4:4* in this end time prophesy?

The Scriptures teach that when Christ comes, He comes to receive the kingdom and to reign over the house of Jacob for ever. Christian ministers teach that when Christ comes, He comes to rapture the church, and retreat into heaven.

The Scriptures teach gather together first the tares and burn them. Christians teach gather first the church, and rapture it into heaven. The Scriptures teach that the Christ will remain in heaven at the Father's right hand until all His enemies have been made His footstool. Christians teach that Christ might come any instant.

In spite of the clear distinction between the gospel of personal salvation and the gospel of the kingdom Christians teach that the gospel of personal salvation is the Gospel of the Kingdom.

In spite of the clear distinction between the church and the kingdom Christians teach that the church is the kingdom. The New Covenant states, as clearly as words can state, that the New Covenant is with the house of Israel and the house of Judas. Christians limit this covenant to the church.

From *Genesis* to *Revelation* the Scriptures condemn this present Babylon debt economic system that we are now serving. The Christian church is in the forefront justifying, defending, and highly esteeming this evil system and those who manipulate it.

"Presumptuous sins" might also be the practice by preachers and Bible teachers that

there are some chapters in the Word of God that should never be expounded verse by verse publicly. Christians can attend church for many years and they will never hear a sermon expounding verse by verse, *chapters 18 & 19 in John*. There are other such key chapters in both the Old and the New Scriptures that many preachers and Bible teachers do not consider fit for a public exposition.

Many chapters in the Scriptures do not make sense unless a person knows that the nations of Christendom are the descendants of Israel and Judah. This has caused many preachers and Bible teachers to become textual preachers and Bible teachers. By textual teaching they can make the Bible to teach practically anything that they wish to have it teach. *Jèremiah 24* is a key chapter to an understanding of much that is written in the New Scriptures.

The Psalmist in his prayer prayed "*and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.*" In the light of the context and in the light of Bible history, to neglect and reject the gospel of the kingdom "is the great transgression." When an individual neglects and rejects the gospel of personal salvation the evil consequences are limited, but not so when a nation neglects and rejects the Gospel of the Kingdom; that brings the curses of God upon an entire nation.

Bible history shows that when the Israel people went into apostasy it was always first in things pertaining to the gospel of the kingdom. This prepared the people for apostasy in things pertaining to personal salvation.

It is the preaching of this gospel of the kingdom in all the world as a witness to all nations that will bring an end to the terrible condition the world is in today. "*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.*" (Matthew 24:14)

Romans 11:27 states: "*For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.*" This is provided for in the new covenant. *Hebrews 8:12* states: "*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.*"

This is also prophesied in *Jeremiah 50:20*. "*In those days and in that time, saith the Lord, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and*

there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve."

Hebrews 2:1-3 states: "*Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him?*"

Scripture References

Acts 2	Psalm 19:7-9,11,13
Hebrews 8:6-13	Zephaniah 2:1,2
Luke 19:27	Ezekiel 35 Obadiah
Matthew 5:19	Matthew 24:14
Malachi 4:4	Romans 11:27
Jeremiah 50:20	Hebrews 2:1-3; 8:12

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There has always been a smaller number of God's people who have sought to serve Him with their whole heart, while the majority have been content with a very small measure of the knowledge of His grace and will.

And what is the difference between this smaller inner circle and the many who do not seek admission to it? We find it in the words "much fruit." With many Christians the thought of personal safety, which, at their first awakening was a legitimate one, remains to the end the one aim of their religion. The idea of service and fruit is always a secondary and very subordinate one. We see in God's Word everywhere these two classes of disciples.

Let our desire be nothing less than perfect cleansing, unbroken abiding, closest communion; abundant fruitfulness, - true Branches of the True Vine.

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Blessed be the Name of God, evil shall not ultimately triumph! Let evil do its worst, let arrogance of self-interested iniquity in all shapes and forms surge as it may, but *"he that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision."* The Spirit of God shatters every power of the world, the flesh, and the devil, every power of sin and the domination of Satan.

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"Come, Ye Blessed"

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"And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world." (*Matthew 25:32-34*)

We must constantly keep in mind that this is the judgement of the nations by the Lord at the end of this age. Some would limit the father's blessings to spiritual blessing, but this is not scriptural. See *Deuteronomy 28:1-14*.

Some teach that Christ made these racial and national blessings null and void by his death and resurrection; this is an unscriptural teaching.

In *Romans 15:8* we read that Christ came to confirm the promises made to the fathers. "Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:"

Throughout the scriptures God's earthly, servant, kingdom people, now the Isaac-sons or Anglo-Saxons, were called God's sheep. *Ezekiel 34:11-12* state: "For thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day."

How can and how will the sheep nations inherit the kingdom prepared for them since the foundation of the world? Where there is an inheritance there must also be a will. God did make a will concerning the Isaac-sons before Isaac, the father of the Isaac-sons or the Anglo-Saxons, was born. God made this

will in the form of a covenant. This assures us that God Himself will see that this will and covenant is brought to full fruition.

Genesis 17:7 states: "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

Abraham became tired of waiting for the promised son and in *Verse 18* Abraham said unto God: "O that Ishmael might live before thee!" And in *Verse 19* God answers Abraham: "And God said, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son indeed; and thou shalt call his name Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his seed after him."

Abraham was the father of Ishmael, but Sarah was not the mother of Ishmael. God had made some tremendous promises concerning Sarah and Isaac and Isaac's seed for ever. This could not and would not be changed. At Mount Sinai God made Isaac's descendants his special, earthly, servant, kingdom people which they have been throughout history, and are today.

Again the question, How can and how will these people inherit the earthly kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world? After God has purged this nation of its rebels, and Christ has sent forth his angels to remove the workers of iniquity and the children of the wicked one, Will God pick up this nation and set it down in the kingdom? Or will this Israel kingdom nation receive it's earthly kingdom inheritance little by little?

God established the Isaac-sons as his earthly, servant, kingdom people little by little as recorded in the writings of Moses. This nation is in uncertainty, confusion, and chaos largely because we are passing from the

church age into the kingdom age.

Terminal times in history have always been times of breakdown, upheaval and uncertainty, as it is today. It was so when Christ and the apostles ushered in the church age. It was the preaching and the teachings of the apostles that ushered in the church age.

In *Ephesians 3:2-3* the apostle Paul wrote: "If ye have heard of the dispensation of the grace of God which is given me to you-ward:" How that by revelation he made known unto me the mystery; as I wrote afore in few words." The dispensation of grace was given to the apostle Paul. The dispensation of grace brought us the church age. The other apostles made their contribution, but the apostle Paul was the one that set forth the doctrines of the church.

In *Colossians 1:25* the apostle Paul wrote: "Whereof I am made a minister, according to the dispensation of God which is given to me for you, to fulfil the word of God." A dispensation is an age, the church age.

There has been much preaching and speculation on how, when, and where the Christ will come. But there has been practically no teaching from the scriptures on how, when, and where the kingdom will become manifest. In *Mark 4:26* Christ said: "...So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground."

Isaiah made the same prophecy, but he used the word garden. *Isaiah 61:11* states: "For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations." Will the kingdom of God on earth spring forth in all nations at the same time? Isaiah said, "*Before all nations*".

Micah 4:8 states: "And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." This new order of the ages, as we have shown from fulfilled Bible prophecy, is "*the daughter of Zion*" and "*the daughter of Jerusalem*." This Zion nation is, as every one can see, "*the tower of the flock*" or the defense of the kingdom people and to this nation the first dominion of the kingdom will come.

In *Micah 4:1* Micah tells us where the

mountain or the kingdom of the Lord's house will become manifest. It states: "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it."

The time is "*the last days*." The place is a high and exalted nation. Isaiah made the same prophecy in *Isaiah 2:2*. It states: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it."

Now we have the question, Will all the people of this nation, that remain after the purging and the cleansing, enter into and inherit this earthly kingdom at the same time? The apostle Peter entered the church age years before the apostle Paul entered the church age and received the grace of God. Peter and Paul and every other person that has ever entered into the church, the body of Christ, has done so through the gospel of personal salvation.

In *Matthew 24:14* the God of this Universe said: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." Those who are opposed to this gospel of the kingdom teach that Christ meant the gospel of personal salvation in *Matthew 24:14*. But Christ said, "*This gospel of the kingdom*."

Why a "*witness to all the world and to all nations*?" Because Christ is going to reign over all the world and over all nations. Why all the world and all nations? Because this gospel of the kingdom is for all the world and for all nations during the kingdom age.

Why a witness? Because the nations and any people in the world who will not submit to the rule of Christ and recognize Him as their chief ruler in government and in religion will be as Christ states in *Matthew 21:44* be ground to powder. "And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder." From Christ we learn that the preaching of this gospel of the kingdom to all nations will bring an end to this present world order and the terrible condition the world is in.

In the light of what Christ taught and what God spoke through the mouth of all his holy prophets is not the gospel of the kingdom the way for the living to enter Christ's earthly reign. How could it be otherwise? There are developments in this nation and in the Middle East that will soon cause people to ask, Who and Where is Israel.?

One way people have been blinded to the gospel of the kingdom has been by spiritualizing things in the scripture that pertain to the kingdom. The clergy has spiritualized that which Abraham did when he placed Isaac, his son, on the altar and was about to sacrifice him. How can Isaac be a type of Christ? Isaac did not die. Abraham found a lamb nearby and sacrificed that instead of his son.

When Abraham sacrificed his son on the altar he sacrificed Isaac and his descendants to be God's special earthly servant kingdom people. And they have been kept from being destroyed again and again because of the Lamb of God that redeemed God's earthly kingdom people at Calvary.

The Exodus has been spiritualized and made a type of personal salvation. The whole race of people are not born again at the same time. The Exodus is a type of redemption for God's kingdom people.

The writings of Moses have been spiritualized by making the church spiritual Israel, and this has made such chapters as *Deuteronomy 7* meaningless. *Deuteronomy 7:6* states: "For thou art a holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."

Does the church minister the laws, statutes, judgments, and commandments that God gave through Moses for human government? By spiritualizing that which Moses wrote concerning the kingdom and the nation of Israel, it makes most of what Moses wrote a farce. Read *Deuteronomy 28*.

By spiritualizing that which the scriptures teach concerning Israel and the kingdom practically every thing concerning the kingdom is meaningless. Worse than that, it is not true. To teach that the church has, can, or ever will fulfill the prophesies pronounced upon Israel and Judah is an unscriptural teaching. To teach that the church is the

kingdom, spiritualizes the kingdom and makes about half of God's word untrue.

The Lord's kingdom parables have also been spiritualized. *Matthew 13:17* states: "For verily I say unto you, That many prophets and righteous men have desired to see those things which ye see, and have not seen them; and to hear those things which ye hear, and have not heard them."

Did the "*prophets and righteousness men*" hear about an experience or personal salvation? Certainly they did, but they did not hear the revelation and the prophecy, and the mysteries that Christ set forth in his kingdom parables. In *Matthew 13:34-35* it states: "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world."

In his kingdom parables the Lord revealed mysteries concerning the kingdom that had been "*kept secret from the foundation of the world.*" By spiritualizing these kingdom parables these mysteries and secret things which Christ revealed, concerning the kingdom, remain hidden and secret.

In the parable of the good samaritan why did Christ say, "*a good samaritan?*" Because he was giving a long range prophecy. Samaria was the capital of the ten tribes of Israel. Christ prophesied that there would be an Israel nation that would be very generous and helpful to other people, and come to the aid of other people at its own expense. This was a secret kept hidden from the foundation of the world. Today it is so evident that it needs no comment.

God will have the last word on the church and the kingdom and God will have the last word in regard to the Israel truth and the gospel of the kingdom.

We have each day to be faithful for the one short day, and long years and a long life take care of themselves, without the sense of their length or their weight ever being a burden. The single days do indeed make up the whole life, and the value of each single day depends on its influence on the whole.

The Offence of the Cross and the Blood *I Corinthians 1:23*

Blood was, and is, the offence. "You Christians wallow in blood," it is objected, "could no other word be used? And why talk so much about sin? Sin is but a defect, slowly being outgrown in the evolution of man." Blood, the vital life stream-offensive! Is there nothing offensive in sin, that devastating thing which poisons the very fountain of life, which makes the world a howling wilderness and our cities unendurable to thought—a defect!

The evolutionary idea sounds all right; it is the thinker himself who is wrong. Sin has alienated man from God and the story of the ages is an accumulation of wrongdoing and of judgments days; there is utter hopelessness in any attempt to meet the righteousness of God; but let a man begin to realize what sin is, then *"the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin"* will be a holy word to his

soul. The Cross and the blood of Jesus are indeed names for profound mysteries, but when a soul shattered by the crushing sense of his guilt believes that through the blood of Jesus there is forgiveness for sin, he receives a new life-energy, he is purged from his old sins.

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"For the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart." (*Hebrews 4:12*)

God showed both Joseph and David that they would occupy places of great authority and great responsibility, but things went from bad to worse. They waited for years and Joseph found himself in prison, in a foreign land. David was fleeing for his life from King Saul who was attempting to kill David. Why did God deal thus with Joseph and David? To divide between "*soul and spirit*". The positions that Joseph and David were to occupy required that they could discern between "*soul and spirit*" in their own lives and in the lives of others.

When the Word of God is received and believed it divides between "*soul and spirit*." It gives a spirit of discernment. It gives an insight into the thoughts, the intents and the purpose of the heart; both the intents of one's own heart and the intents and purpose of others. The spirit of discernment is one of the gifts of the Spirit.

Referring to our fathers in the flesh we read in *Hebrews 12:10*: "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." Joseph and David were chastened for years, for years they had their faith, their patience, and their endurance tested and tried; thus they became "*partakers of his holiness*." This was demonstrated in their individual lives.

Hebrews 12:11 states: "Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth

the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby." "*His righteousness*" was also manifested in the life of Joseph and David. Joseph forgave his brethren for selling him to the Egyptians and he nourished and provided for his brethren. David heard of a needy descendant of Saul and provided for him.

Church history shows that whenever the Holy Spirit moves especially strong upon a certain community or nation Lucifer and his agents seek to make that revival a soulish revival. Every great spiritual revival and reformation in the past was associated with some additional truth and light from the Scriptures.

In the time of Luther and the Reformers it was salvation by faith alone. This was a new and a strange doctrine at that time. This Bible truth spread throughout Europe and it changed whole nations.

In the time of the Wesley's and their associates it was the reality and the ministry of the Holy Spirit. This was such a new and strange teaching that Wesley had to stand at his father's grave to preach. In the early part of this revival, Charles Finney and his associates placed great emphasis on the law of God for men and nations. This brought a revival that shook the nation.

We have now come to the time which the prophets called the last days and which Christ called the end of the world, or the end of the present world order. We have now come to the time, according to all the Scripture, when a new and very different world order will come forth first among God's earthly, servant, kingdom people and then throughout the whole earth. This new and much better world order is set forth in the gospel of the

kingdom. And it is declared by that which God spoke through the mouth of all his holy prophets.

There is a desperate, soulish effort to make this present revival a church revival and a repetition of something in the past. Not so, the revival that is developing in this nation will develop into a kingdom revival. We are going into the kingdom age and it requires a kingdom revival to bring this nation from the church age into the kingdom age.

In *Jeremiah 23* the prophet in prophetic vision sees these latter days. In *Verse 19* he wrote the following: "Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind: it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked." Note whom God's "fury" is poured upon. *Verse 20* states: "The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly." The "latter days" gives us the time.

In *Verses 21-22* God makes a serious charge against the clergy in the "latter days." "I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings."

God's "counsel" for his earthly, servant, kingdom people is in the gospel of the kingdom. If this nation had heard, received, and believed the "counsel" of God, in the gospel of the kingdom, we could have passed from the church age into the kingdom age in an orderly and intelligent manner. Now, due to our ignorance of the gospel of the kingdom, we must be driven through a period of destruction, tears, and bloodshed.

Jeremiah 23:17 is an interesting verse. It states: "They say still unto them that despise me, The LORD hath said, Ye shall have peace; and they say unto every one that walketh after the imagination of his own heart, No evil shall come upon you." *Verse 30* states: "Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the LORD, that steal my words every one from his neighbour."

Christ said in *John 15:3*: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." When truth and light from the Word of God is received and believed it has a cleansing effect; even non-Christians know and expect this. The gospel of personal salvation has a cleansing effect on the individual and on the church. The gospel of the kingdom has a cleansing effect and cleansing power for the nation.

The prophet Elijah turned the whole Israel nation back to God and the Word of God by calling fire down from heaven. *I Kings 18:39-41* states: "And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God. And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there. And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain." "Fire from heaven" caused all the people to fall on their faces and say, "The LORD he is the God, the LORD he is the God." This brought an "abundance of rain" after a severe drought and famine.

If Elijah accomplished the above while in his physical body, what will Elijah do when he comes in his glorified body as prophesied in the two last verses in the Old Scripture? "Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse." (*Malachi 4:5-6*) The "fathers" represent the Old Scriptures devoted almost entirely to the gospel of the kingdom.

The sequence of events in the last chapter in the Old Scripture is the sequence of events in all Bible prophecy for this present end time. *Malachi 4:1* states: For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the LORD of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch." This is what Christ prophesied in his kingdom parables.

The sequence of events continues in *verse 2*: "But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall." The "fire" from heaven that will cause the wicked to be consumed will quicken and energize both the minds and the bodies of those "that fear the Lord."

This is also prophesied by other prophets. *Isaiah 35:5-6* states: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing: for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert." See *Isaiah 65:18-25*. This is the new Jerusalem which John saw descending from heaven from God, and having the twelve apostles of the Lamb as its foundation, or the Christian faith.

Malachi 4:3 continues the sequence of events in these last days. It states: "And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the LORD of hosts." here on earth is an unconditional covenant.

Malachi 4:4 is out of sequence and out of order to many in Christendom today. It states: "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." This reference to "the law of Moses" is out of sequence and out of place to many in Christendom today because they have been taught that the church is the kingdom, and because in recent years Christians have not rightly divided the Word of Truth concerning God's law.

God gave his earthly, servant, kingdom people two very distinct and very separate sets of laws. God gave his kingdom people laws governing the worship in the tabernacle and the temple with many rules and regulations. Christ fulfilled and put away these laws of ordinances.

God also gave his kingdom people a very separate and distinct set of laws in regard to human government and laws showing and directing God's way of life for his people here on earth. These laws Christ confirmed by his death and resurrection. It seems that Christians today have placed both the

religious ordinances and God's laws for human government into one and the same classification. They then quote this scripture in *Romans 10:4*: "For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth." "*Christ is the end of the law*" and that is true as far as the religious ordinances are concerned, but not God's wise, righteous, and just laws for human government and for our way of life here on earth.

Another reason *Malachi 4:4* seems to be out of sequence and out of order is because there has not been a clear distinction in Bible preaching and teaching between the old testament or covenant and the Old Scripture. To make all of the Old Scripture the old testament or the old covenant is unscriptural. The old testament in the Old Scriptures was replaced by a new testament or covenant. Does that mean that the entire Old Scripture has been canceled and put away? God forbid!

The old testament or covenant is one of the many old testaments or covenants in the Old Scriptures. Only this one old testament or covenant was replaced by a new testament. This new testament is recorded in *Jeremiah 31:31-34* and in *Hebrews 8:6-13*.

In order to learn what happened at Horeb we turn to what Moses wrote in *Deuteronomy 4:8-10*. "And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day? Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but teach them thy sons, and thy sons'sons; Specially the day that thou stoodest before the LORD thy God in Horeb, when the LORD said unto me, Gather me the people together, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they shall live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children."

Twice in these scriptures God commanded his earthly, kingdom people to "teach" God's laws and statutes to their children and their children's children. These laws and statutes were not made null and void by the death and the resurrection of the Christ. The Scriptures teach that God's wise

and righteousness laws for the nation endure for ever. *Hosea 4:6* states: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

The rejection by Christians of simple Bible knowledge is responsible for the tragic condition our nation is in today. Thousands of Christians today, both in the pulpit and in the pew, imagine that they are defending the faith when they are actually rejecting Bible truth and Bible knowledge.

When Christian people can become almost hysterical over a teaching that is not scriptural and at the same time despise simple self evident Bible truth and knowledge one wonders who is in control. Is this from the Holy Spirit's influence or is it from the influence of the soul and the carnal mind?

The practice in recent years for Christians to relate their experiences rather than to teach and expound the Word of God has opened Christianity to a great deal of

souliness. There is a time and place for Christian testimony. And there are times when our emotions should be stirred, but to substitute such things for the expounding of the Word of God is not good.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Knowledge of what? Knowledge of God's Word. "...the word of God is quick, and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart" as long as we live.

As individual Christians we never arrive at the place where the Word of God ceases to divide between soul and spirit. This continues throughout our entire Christian life.

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The Rapture

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It is the popular preaching today that the church is the kingdom. It is also a popular teaching that the church will be taken out first. Both of these teachings are unscriptural. Christ said: "...Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." (Matthew 13:30) Christ did not say, rapture the church first. Christ said: "Gather ye first the tares, and bind them in bundles them: but gather the wheat into my barn." Christ said the "tares" are the children of the wicked one. And He also said the "wheat" represents the children of the kingdom. Christ did not say, gather first the wheat into my mansions in heaven. "My barn" is a place on earth where the children of the kingdom are gathered to be stored and preserved for future use.

In Matthew 13:47-50 the Christ said: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: Which, when it was full, they drew to shore, and sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but cast the bad away. So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth."

It was the bad fish that were cast away. Christ did not say, the angels shall gather the just from among the wicked and rapture the just into heaven. Christ said gather the wicked from among the just.

In Luke 17:26-27 it states: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed

them all." The flood came and destroyed all the wicked. Noah and his family and the animals with him in the ark were safe here on earth. Fire and brimstone from heaven destroyed the wicked. Lot and his family were also saved.

The "any minute rapture" theory has been preached for the past 70 years. Much of the preaching is that the rapture of the church could take place at any time or at the twinkling of an eye. How can this be a scriptural teaching in the light of other scriptures, such as Psalm 110? Verse 1 states: "The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool." Have the enemies of Christ been made his footstool during the past 70 years, or have Christ's enemies become worse and worse, and stronger and stronger?

This is the same teaching that we have in Acts 3:20-21. "And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began." There will be a restitution of the things "which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets" before the Christ comes to the earth.

Acts 3:23 tells us what a part of this restitution is: "And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, (the Christ) shall be destroyed from among the people." That rebels, the workers of iniquity, and the children of the wicked one will be destroyed from among God's earthly kingdom people is clearly taught by the prophets and by the Lord in His kingdom parables. Scripture also makes it very plain that Christ will remain seated at God the Father's right

hand until God has made Christ's enemies, here on earth, his footstool.

The teaching that Christ comes as a thief is not a scriptural teaching. It is the great and dreadful day of the Lord, which we are now in, that comes as a thief and a snare upon the entire earth.

I Thessalonians 5:1-3 states: "But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

There never was a time in all history when there was so much talk about peace and safety as there is today. And note that the destruction that comes upon them, is a sudden destruction with no escape. In *Verse 4* it states: "But ye, brethren are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

It is true that millions will be snared when the Christ comes, but Christ does not come as a thief. *I Thessalonians 4:15-18* describes how the Lord will come. "For this we say unto you by the word of the lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. For the Lord himself shall descent from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words."

A thief does not come with a shout, with a trump, and a voice of an archangel to announce his coming. *Verse 17* has been twisted, misused, and abused. It states: "We shall be caught up... to meet the Lord in the air." These words have been twisted, and made to mean and teach that the Lord descends to meet us as we retreat and flee into heaven.

In the light of Bible prophecy and world conditions this teaching of an "any minute rapture" is a silly teaching. It is wishful thinking by Lucifer and his forces. So is the

teaching that God has ordained that some great antichrist is to reign over the entire earth, including this nation, before the Christ returns.

In I Corinthians 15:52 states: "In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed." At the last trump, the dead shall be raised and we, the living, shall be changed in our bodies.

There is something else that happens at the last trump. In *Revelation 11:15* it states: "And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever." Apparently, the resurrection happens at the same time that the kingdoms of this world become the kingdoms of Christ and Christ begins his earthly reign.

We should pray daily that such chapters as *Malachi 4, Matthew 13, and Revelation 18* will soon be fulfilled. According to the kingdom parables there is to be a great restitution among God's earthly kingdom people before the Christ comes to reign. This restitution will not be brought about by human effort. It will be brought about by our Sovereign God with mighty angels and by fire from heaven.

This restitution, spoken of by all the holy prophets and Christ, is on schedule and there is no power in the universe that can stop or delay this restitution. There must often be great destruction before there can be great construction.

We are witnessing a strange and yet a significant and interesting development today. Cable television ministers, who still cling to the "any minute rapture" theory and the coming of some great antichrist have established large Christian institutions to train and prepare young people to enter into every secular activity in the nation. This training and preparing thousands of young people to enter every secular activity, including government, is significant because it undoubtedly is one development in the restitution.

But that which these thousands of young people are being taught does not prepare

them nor train them to enter every secular activity in the nation. It teaches and prepares these thousands of young people to serve in the nation as if they were ministers or pastors of churches.

We had a President, some years ago, who undoubtedly was and is a good Christian Baptist. But he apparently believed this nation should be governed and should serve as a church is governed and as a church serves.

Every Christian church opens its doors to the vilest of sinners inviting them to enter in and receive the gift of salvation and be taught in the Christian life. And because of his unscriptural beliefs this President opened this nation's doors and permitted Castro to empty his prisons and send the vilest of criminals into our nation. This was a violation of God's law for the nation in the gospel of the kingdom.

This president also gave away territory and authority that belonged to this nation. This was also a violation of God's law in the gospel of the kingdom. When those who are involved in government and the secular affairs of the nation teach that the nation should be governed and should serve as the church, they place the nation in the hands of its enemies. And that is where this Zion nation is today.

It will require a tremendous breakdown and upheaval in every activity in the nation, including the government, before we as a people come to our senses and discern between the gospel of personal salvation and the gospel of the kingdom.

That which these thousands of young people are being taught prepares and trains them to give this entire nation into the hands of our worst enemies. But thank God, He has decreed that soon this whole nation will inquire about the gospel of the kingdom. *"Thus saith the lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."*

I am reminded of what is recorded in *Luke 12:47-49*: *"And that servant which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with*

many stripes. But he that knew not, and did commit things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. For unto whomsoever much is given, of him much shall be required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more. I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?"

There are two groups of people in *Verses 47 & 48*. One group knew the "will" of the Lord, but did not prepare themselves. The other group did not know the "will" of God in regards to the kingdom and the gospel of the kingdom. We who have been given light on the Israel truth and the gospel of the kingdom have been given "much." Christians who know the Israel truth and the gospel of the kingdom become frustrated and discouraged at times, and because of the opposition they encounter, in practically every church, they often fail to prepare themselves for the time when every church in the nation will be asking about the gospel of the kingdom.

Because preachers have changed the gospel of the kingdom in *Matthew 24:14* to mean the gospel of personal salvation that does not change *Matthew 24:14*. If the gospel of the kingdom is to be "preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations" do you suppose that it will be preached in this nation? Of course it will!

If the end will not come until "this gospel of the kingdom" has been preached "in all the world for a witness unto all nations" do not you suppose we should be preaching the gospel of the kingdom? Of course we should. You should prepare yourself to expound and teach the gospel of the kingdom the whole nation will inquire about the gospel of the kingdom.

I Peter 3:14-16 states: *"But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear: Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evil doers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ."*

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GOSPEL POWER

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"For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." (Romans 1:16) The apostle Paul did not limit the power of the gospel to the saving of the individual.

In *Romans 11:25-27* the Apostle was inspired to write the following: *"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliver and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."* It does not say that part of Israel was blinded, it says that Israel was blinded in part.

The part that Israel was blinded to was its Israel identity. To teach *"and so all Israel shall be saved"* is personal salvation is to teach heresy. The word *"saved"* in this Scripture has the same use and the same meaning that it has in many other Scriptures, such as *Exodus 14:30: "Thus the Lord saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea shore."*

The delivering or saving of the Israel people from their earthly national enemies is also called redeemed in the Scriptures. In *II Samuel 7:23* David said the following: *"And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to*

himself, and to make him a name, and to do for you great things and terrible, for thy land, before thy people, which thou redeemedst to thee from Egypt, from the nations and their gods"?

When the word *"redeemed"* is limited to mean personal salvation; then that which Christ accomplished and provided for when He shed His blood for the redemption of Israel is blotted out. In order to understand *Verse 26 in Romans 11* we must know who Israel is, who and where Zion is, and who and where the descendants of Jacob are. I have a book showing from fulfilled Bible prophecy that the United States is Zion of Bible prophecy so we will not go into that matter here.

We have heard it said that history repeats itself and so it does, therefore, there is much Bible prophecy in Bible history. Bible prophecy often has a minor or small fulfillment; later it has a major fulfillment that will affect the entire earth.

The relationship between Washington D.C. and the Kremlin reminds us of the relationship that existed between Jacob and Esau, Jacob's twin brother, who was red all over when he was born. Jacob heard that his twin brother Esau was coming with an armed force against him to take possession of everything that Jacob had.

Jacob was greatly disturbed and he was afraid. He began by trying to pacify Esau, one thing after the other. He just gave in to Esau. Nothing that Jacob did or that he gave to Esau seemed to deter or pacify

Esau. Jacob realized that he and everything he had was in danger to be taken by Esau.

In *Genesis 32:24-28* we have a very important Scripture in the life of Jacob and his descendants. It states: "*And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the follow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint, as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.*"

There are indications in Bible prophecy that when the Kremlin makes its all out effort to take possession of our nation, this nation will be alone. Jacob was left alone and spent a night in prayer and God intervened. Jacob and all his possessions were spared and saved from Esau. This nation will have a night of prayer and God will intervene in behalf of this nation and save it from the Reds.

Those who seek the destruction of the sovereignty of this nation will themselves be destroyed. This night of prayer for this Israel nation will come when *Isaiah 17:14* is fulfilled. It states: "*And behold at eveningtide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.*"

The US has been robbed to the extent that it is the greatest debtor nation in history. And everything that would corrupt the youth of this nation has come in like a flood. In *Isaiah 59:19* it states: "*So shall they fear the name of the Lord from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him.*"

The first manifestation of the fear of the Lord will come forth in the West. The glory of the Lord will come forth from the rising of the sun or from the East. We are

rapidly approaching the time when the Holy Spirit will raise up a standard against the filth and corruption that has come in upon this nation like a flood.

The Holy Spirit always uses the Word of God. There is creative power in the living Word of God. *Psalms 33:6* states: "*By the word of the Lord where the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth.*" This is the record of creation as given in *Genesis* where we read "*God said.*" And that which God said was created. God's power in the gospel of personal salvation makes the individual who believes and receives it a new creation. The power of God in the Word of God will enable this new creation to live a new life as that person daily partakes of the Word.

The power of God in the gospel of the kingdom will cleanse and purge the kingdom when the people hear the gospel of the kingdom, and conform to the gospel of the kingdom. The power of God in the gospel of the kingdom is the one and only power that can cleanse and purge the kingdom or any nation that is a member of the kingdom people. Human legislation, education, and information do not have the spiritual power that the gospel of the kingdom has, therefore, these can never cleanse and purge a nation.

The power of God in the Word of God which brought forth creation, and the power of God in the gospel of personal salvation which makes the worst of sinners a partaker of the divine nature is the power that is in the gospel of the kingdom for the healing of the nation. In *Psalms 107:20* it states: "*He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destruction.*"

The power of God in the gospel of personal salvation is beyond comprehension. Generation after generation, preachers, evangelists, Bible teachers, and missionaries go throughout the whole earth to preach and teach the gospel of personal salvation. And people who hear, believe and receive this gospel

are made partakers of the divine nature.

II Peter 1:4 states: "Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust." By the Spirit and the Power of God that is in the Word of God these people, when they hear the gospel of personal salvation and receive it, become a new creation.

The Spirit and the Power of God that is in the Word of God separates such people from the corruption that is in the world. When Christians neglect a daily reading of God's Word they are soon back in the corruption of the world. *"He sent forth his word, and healed them."* Consider the multitudes, generation after generation, that have been healed of various sicknesses and diseases by the Power and the Spirit that is in the Word of God.

In view of what the Spiritual Power of God will do for, in, and through the individual we can understand why Lucifer and his forces would do everything imaginable to discredit the gospel of the kingdom.

Referring to the law of God in the gospel of the kingdom the apostle Paul in *Romans 7:14* wrote: *"For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin."* The law of God in the gospel of the kingdom is spiritual because it was spoken and inspired by God.

In order for an individual to experience the regenerating power of God that is in the gospel of personal salvation the individual must first hear the gospel of personal salvation, believe, and personally receive it. In order for our nation to experience the cleansing and restoring power of God in the gospel of the kingdom the nation must first hear the gospel of the kingdom, and conform to it.

In *Romans 7:12* the apostle Paul wrote: *"Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good."* The failure by the clergy to rightly divide the Word of Truth in regard to the law of

ordinances pertaining to the tabernacle and the sacrificing of animals, and the laws for the nation is responsible for the horrible condition the nation is in today.

In *Jeremiah 23* Jeremiah prophesied concerning the prophets in the latter days. *Verse 22 states: "But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my words, then they should have turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings."*

The teaching that places all of God's laws in the Old Scripture into one and the same grouping and then says, Christ is the end of the law, has brought disaster in both the church and the nation. It has brought forth the Laodicean church which Christ says He would spue out of His mouth.

In *I John 3:4* the Holy Spirit inspired John to write the following: *"Whoso committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law."* Whose laws, God's law in the gospel of the kingdom. If Christ put away the national laws in the Old Scripture then there can be no sin because sin is the transgression of the law and where there is no law, there is no transgression.

The Apostle Peter did not know the gospel of personal salvation until after his experience as recorded in *Acts 10 and 11*. Peter had to have a vision and a voice from heaven to assure him that it was God's will for him to bring the Word of God to people that were not the kingdom people.

Acts 11:1-4 states: *"And the apostles and brethren that were in Judaea heard that the Gentiles had also received the word of God. And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, saying, Thou wentest into men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them, But Peter rehearsed the matter from the beginning, and expounded it by order unto them," Verse 18 states: "When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life."*

Later, God chose the apostle Paul to set forth the doctrine of personal salvation and the mysteries of the church. Christ set forth the mysteries of the kingdom. Christ and the apostle Paul did not set forth one and the same mystery. Both of them said, The mysteries that they were setting forth were kept hidden until they were revealed by them.

After giving some of His kingdom parables Christ asked the disciples, Have ye understood all these things? They answered, Yea Lord. But we know that the disciples did not understand the gospel of personal salvation and the mysteries of the church until after Peter's experience in Acts 10 and 11, and until the apostle Paul came revealing and declaring the mysteries of the church.

To make the church the kingdom, and to make the mysteries of the kingdom church mysteries, blinds people to the mysteries of the kingdom, and it brings unscriptural teaching into the church.

Matthew 13:34,35 states: "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." Was personal salvation or the gospel of personal salvation kept secret from the foundation of the world until Christ came? Of course not, read the Psalms. But in His kingdom parables Christ did reveal things concerning the kingdom that had been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

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Romans 1:16; 7:12,14; 11:25-27
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"The Stone Was Cut Out"

C.O. Stadskev

"Forasmuch as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure." (*Daniel 2:45*)

The word "mountain" is used throughout the scripture to represent a kingdom. Since it was a "stone" that was "cut out of the mountain" it must refer to the stone kingdom. Before we can identify "the stone that was cut out of the mountain" we should identify the "mountain" or the stone kingdom.

As gold represented the Babylonian kingdom, silver the Persian kingdom, brass the Grecian kingdom, iron the Roman kingdom, so the "stone" mountain represents God's earthly kingdom people.

This can be established by a few references. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were the fathers of God's special kingdom people. In *Genesis 28:18* Jacob did a very strange thing. It states: "And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put for his pillows, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it."

In *verse 22* Jacob said: "And this stone, which I have set for a pillar, shall be God's house: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." "God's house" means God's earthly kingdom people. God's earthly kingdom people were to be symbolized by a stone "pillar."

When Jacob poured oil upon the stone pillar it symbolized that there would be special blessings from God upon these kingdom people. The person that can not see that God's special blessings have been upon

the Isaac-sons, now called the Anglo-Saxons, refuses to see.

In *Exodus 28:9-10* it states: "And thou shalt take two onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: Six of their names on one stone, and the other six names of the rest on the other stone, according to their birth." These "stones" were to be on the high priest's breastplate as he went in once a year into the most holy place to make atonement for God's kingdom people.

Leviticus 16:34 states: "And this shall be an everlasting statute unto you, to make an atonement for the children of Israel for all their sins once a year. And he did as the LORD commanded Moses."

In *Joshua 24:27* it states: "And Joshua said unto all the people, Behold, this stone shall be a witness unto us; for it hath heard all the words of the LORD which he spake unto us: it shall be therefore a witness unto you, lest ye deny your God."

Plymouth Rock is considered to be the beginning of this great and mighty nation prophesied throughout the Old Scriptures to arise in the last days.

How can this stone nation "cut out" of the kingdom stone nations in Europe break to pieces the iron, the brass, the silver, and the gold kingdoms? Esau, who was red all over, at the time of his birth has today established world communism. It embodies all the evil, wickedness, and cruelty of the previous four world powers. World communism and heathendom will now be broken to pieces. "...The dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure."

There is much prophecy in Bible history. For instance, Joshua had to defeat in battle

thirty one kings before he could bring the kingdom people into the place and position that God promised the fathers. According to Bible prophecy God will use the military power of this "stone" nation to break in pieces communistic and heathen governments throughout the earth in a similar way that God used Joshua and his military force.

Pray that those who teach that the old wicked desolate Jerusalem is the new Jerusalem, and the daughter of Jerusalem, and the holy Jerusalem will read and study the books of Jeremiah and Lamentation. The old Zion was plowed as a field. The old Zion is not the new Zion that was to arise in the last days and be a great and mighty nation used of God to teach, preach, and administer his Word throughout the earth.

I refer often to *chapter 4 in Micah's* prophecy because it is such a startling prophecy on our nation in these last days. In *verse 1* it states: "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it."

Micah used the same words that Jacob used in *Genesis 28* namely the "house of the Lord." "The house of the Lord" means God's kingdom people, but it also has a further application because the scriptures teach that God walks and dwells in the midst of his kingdom people. The Christian that can not see that God by his Holy Spirit has walked and dwelt in the midst of this Zion nation is wilfully blind and wilfully ignorant.

Micah prophesied that in the last days "the house of the Lord" or the kingdom nation would be at "the top" of all nations or mountains, and that this nation would be exalted above "the hills" or smaller nations.

He also saw that people would "flow unto" this nation. This "flow" of people into our nation is now one of the greatest threats confronting our nation.

In *verse 2* it states: "And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the

word of the LORD from Jerusalem." Rulers from all over the earth are coming to visit our President just as rulers from various parts of the earth came to visit Solomon.

In *verse 11* Micah saw another group of "many people" or many nations. "Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion." "Let her be defiled" refers to the lifestyle that is being forced upon our nation that defiles everything in the nation. "Let our eye look upon Zion" refers to the spying by the communists and their sympathizers. These two threats are so evident that any one will recognize them.

Both of the above evils are parts in the conspiracy to corrupt, weaken, and to take over this Zion nation. But the Almighty has something else in mind as it states in *verse 12*: "But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor."

Who is to do the threshing? This is stated in *verse 13*: "Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

God is now beginning to give this Zion nation a horn of "iron" and hoofs of "brass." God will allow conditions and circumstances to become so unbearable for this Zion nation that it will be compelled to "arise and thresh" and "beat in pieces" the governments over many people. This will be necessary and in order to prepare the earth for the reign of Christ.

Isaiah gave the same prophecy in *chapter 41:10-16*. *Verse 15* states: "Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff."

Communism has defied and challenged the Almighty, therefore, God Himself will take on the fight with the men in the Kremlin. See *Ezekiel 38 & 39* and note the "I will." God will use this destruction of world communism and all antichrists to magnify Himself and to

show to all the earth what people constitute the Israel people.

Christendom today is in a situation very similar to the situation that the disciples were in with regard to Judas before the crucifixion. They had heard Christ say, "and one of you is a devil" (John 6:70) but even at the last supper they did not know who was to betray Christ. It was not until they saw Judas betray Christ with a kiss that they knew who and what Judas was. Do you suppose that if Judas had lived, the other apostles would have given him honorable mention practically every time they preached, and insisted that the people highly esteem Judas? This is food for thought.

This stone nation called Zion was brought forth "without hands" of men. In other words it was not brought forth by a great military force: it was brought forth into being, in the purpose and providence of God, by a feeble group of people who sought a place where they could worship God according to the Scripture and where they could establish a government in harmony with the Scripture.

Before we consider what Christ prophesied concerning this "stone" nation that was "cut out" of the "mountain" we should give thought and study to what the Lord said in *Matthew 11:12*. It states: "And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force."

To account for the violence that had John the Baptist beheaded, who was filled with the Holy Spirit from his birth, and the violence that had Christ crucified, we must look at *Genesis 25:21-26*.

"And Isaac entreated the LORD for his wife, because she was barren: and the LORD was entreated of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, why am I thus? And she went to inquire of the LORD."

"And the LORD said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels; and the one people shall be stronger than the other people; and the elder shall serve the younger."

"And when her days to be delivered were

fulfilled, behold, there were twins in her womb. And the first came out red, all over like an hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. And after that came his brother out, and his hand took hold on Esau's heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was threescore years old when she bare them."

Was this recorded merely as a human interest story or was it something that our God wanted us to know and understand throughout subsequent history and Bible prophecy? It was the latter. God alone knows how much the Jacob people have suffered throughout history because they have paid little or no attention to what God told Rebekah, nor have they paid any attention to subsequent history.

The violence that beheaded John the Baptist and crucified the Christ began in Rebekah's womb. God told Rebekah that two manner of people would come forth from her womb. One would be a negative and a punitive force; the other would be blessed and be a blessing to all other people as we read later.

When Esau came forth he was red all over. When Jacob came forth he was holding Esau by the heel and thank God for that. Today Jacob's descendants are holding Esau the Reds back from establishing their world rule. This is called deterrent.

With the above in mind see *Matthew 21:43-44*. "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." Christ prophesied that the kingdom these violent people had taken by force would be taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth kingdom fruit. The USA has brought forth more kingdom fruit than all the nations of history combined. In *Verse 44* Jesus prophesied: And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder."

Scripture Verses

Daniel 2:24	Genesis 28:18,22
Exodus 28:9-10	Leviticus 16:34
Joshua 24:27	Micah 4:1-2,11-13
Isaiah 41:15	Matthew 11:12
Genesis 25:21-26	Matthew 21:43-44

Christian Perfection

"Not as thou I had already attained, either were already perfect...." Phil. 3:12

It is a snare to imagine that God wants to make us perfect specimens of what He can do; God's purpose is to make us one with Himself. The emphasis of holiness movements is apt to be that God is producing specimens of holiness to put in His museum. If you go off on this idea of personal holiness, the dead-set of your life will not be for God, but for what you call the manifestation of God in your life. "It can never be God's will that I should be sick." If it was God's will to bruise His own Son, why should He not bruise you? The thing that tells for God is not your relevant consistency to an idea of what a saint should be, but your vital relation to Jesus Christ, and your abandonment to Him whether you are well or ill.

Christian perfection is not, and never can be, human perfection. Christian perfection is the perfection of a relationship to God which

shows itself amid the irrelevancies of human life. When you obey the call of Jesus Christ, the first thing that strikes you is the irrelevancy of the things you have to do, and the next thing that strikes you is the fact that other people seem to be living perfectly consistent lives. Such lives are apt to leave you with the idea that God is unnecessary, by human effort and devotion we can reach the standard God wants. In a fallen world this can never be done.

I am called to live in perfect relationship to God so that my life produces a longing after God in other lives, not admiration for myself. Thoughts about myself hinder my usefulness to God. God is not after perfecting me to be a specimen in His show-room; He is getting me to the place where He can use me. Let Him do what He likes.

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"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God." (James 19-20)

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Thou Art Lukewarm

By C.O. Stadsklev

"So then because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spue thee out of my mouth." (Revelation 3:16)

The above verse is the Lord's word to the Laodicean church. The Laodicean church is the last of the seven churches, and we are now in the last days. There are indications in the messages to these seven local churches that these seven messages are also for the seven different periods in the church age.

It is very important that we learn and understand what it was that the Laodicean church took a lukewarm position to. It does not seem that the Christian clergy and the Christian churches can be charged with being lukewarm, in our generation, toward the gospel of personal salvation. Since the coming of radio, television and cable television there has been more preaching, and good preaching, on the gospel of personal salvation than any time in all history. This nation is blanketed, day after day, week after week, month after month, and year after year with daily broadcasts from the airwaves expounding the gospel of personal salvation. And thousands of people are being saved.

Verse 18 in Revelation 3: "I counsel thee to buy of me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve, that thou mayest see."

The Laodicean church was apparently lukewarm to something that they either could not or would not see because they are told to get salve for their eyes, so they could see. This lukewarmness has made the Laodicean church naked and ashamed. And this lukewarmness on the part of the Laodicean church has made the nation naked and ashamed.

It seems evident that the Laodicean church

would be lukewarm concerning the gospel of the kingdom. This gospel of the kingdom would remove the nakedness and the shame from both church and state in this nation. The Laodicean church said, We are rich, and have need of nothing. We need no further light and understanding on the Word of God, we know the truth, and all the truth. Anything that we do not know is heresy.

There are several reasons why the Laodicean church is lukewarm and cannot see the gospel of the kingdom. In order for Christians to see and understand the gospel of the kingdom, they must first learn and understand that the nations of Christendom are the physical, literal descendants of ten tribed Israel and true Judah. God in his foreknowledge blinded these Israel people to their Israel identity. This was necessary lest they be wise in their own conceit or, in other words, lest they teach identity as being their means of salvation. We have examples of that today. But the times of Gentiles has come to an end. The world power of communism is the last Gentile power, and it is being broken up. Now the time has come for the Israel people to know and understand their identity and that they are the nations of Christendom.

Another reason why the Laodicean church has been lukewarm to the gospel of the kingdom, and could not comprehend it or understand and believe it, is because they have substituted a non-Israel people and called them Judah, Israel and Zion. This blindness on the part of the Israel people to their identity as being the nations of Christendom has now come to an end. See Romans 11:25.

In Revelation 3:15 Christ made a strange statement to the Laodiceans. "I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot." Christ knew that

at the end of this age, this gospel of the kingdom would be preached as a witness to all nations, and that would bring an end to Satan's power and influence throughout the earth. See Matthew 24:14. Christ did not say, as a witness to all individuals, He said, as a witness to all nations. Lucifer also knows this scripture. Therefore he has resorted to the most effective means of discouraging and opposing the preaching of this gospel of the kingdom which would put an end to his plans and purposes for this earth. And that most effective means and method of discouraging and opposing of this preaching of this gospel of the kingdom is "lukewarmness" or passive resistance.

The most difficult problem we have who have been called to sent forth this gospel of the kingdom is "lukewarmness." First on the part of some people who heard, believed and received this gospel of the kingdom, but because of opposition they become discouraged and lukewarm. That is an opposition that is very difficult to deal with. They cease to be "hot" for the gospel of the kingdom or active or diligent or have any sense of responsibility. They become lukewarm and take the way of the lest resistance.

If those who do not believe the gospel of the kingdom, would come forth and show us from the scripture where we are in error that would be helpful to us. It would give all of us an opportunity to have an open frank study and discussion to discern the truth. But this opposition is lukewarm. All they have as an answer is silly cliches and false accusations. They accuse us of teaching things that we do not teach, and have never believed.

Unfortunately in this Israel kingdom fellowship we have now individual teachers who are not scriptural in regard to the gospel of personal salvation, but that is true of every Christian denomination. Everyone of them has individual ministers and individual churches that are not scriptural in their teachings on personal salvation, but no sensible Christian will condemn the whole denomination because there are a few in the denomination who are not scriptural. Why condemn the whole Israel movement because some unregenerated men apparently have come into the Israel movement, and all they teach is identity? And

that is not the gospel of the kingdom, that is merely teaching history. There is no gospel of the kingdom apart from blood atonement.

The early preachers and Bible teachers who set forth the Israel truth and the gospel of the kingdom, both in Great Britain and America, were sound gospel preachers on personal salvation. In fact some of them were the outstanding preachers on the gospel of personal salvation. We have had the same attack that every other Christian movement has had and that is an infiltration of unregenerated men, taking the position of pastors, and of course an unregenerated preacher cannot preach personal salvation or the gospel of the kingdom.

One Shall Be Taken

By C.O. Stadskev

"I tell you, in that night there shall be two men in one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. Two women shall be grinding together; the one shall be taken, and the other left. Two men shall be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left." (Luke 17:34-36) This scripture, like all other scripture, should be considered in the light of other scripture. Scripture states that no scripture is of private interpretation or in other words, the scripture interprets the scripture.

We should consider the context of the above scripture because before Christ made the above statement, Christ stated in verses 26-31: "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed."

The word "day" here undoubtedly refers to what the scriptures call the "day of the Lord"

or the "great and dreadful day of the Lord" when God makes the enemies of Christ, Christ's footstool. Both in the time of Noah and in the time of Lot it was the wicked that were destroyed and taken away. Noah and those that were with him, and Lot and those that were with him were left.

There is a very timely and practical question in Psalm 15:1: "LORD, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill?" In Psalms 2:6 God states: "Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion." "Zion" is God's "holy hill" or the great and mighty nation prophesied to come forth in last days. Read verses 2-6 in Psalm 15. "He that doeth these things shall never be moved" is a decree by God Almighty. Removed from where? Removed from this purged and cleansed nation of Christendom called Zion. Some of the things listed in Psalm 15 that those who wish to remain in this Zion nation during its cleansing must do are things that the government must do. The individual citizen can do nothing about some of these things, such as the taking of usury.

In Acts 3:22 Peter said: "For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you." That Prophet is the Christ.

In the next verse Peter said: Acts 3:23: "And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people." "Destroyed" from among what "people?" From among the people that will honor the Christ. When people of this nation or Christendom hear the Gospel of the Kingdom and understand it and see God's divine intervention in behalf of Christendom, millions of people in Christendom will turn to the Lord. Scripture states in Joel 2:32: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call." "Destroyed from among the people" agrees with what Christ taught and prophesied in his kingdom parables. It also means that some would be left.

In Matthew 13:30 the Christ said: "Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the time of harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather ye together first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them: but gather the wheat into my barn." "The tares" represented the workers of iniquity or the children of the wicked one and they are the ones that are gathered first. They are already forming themselves into "bundles," antichrist and anti-American associations.

In Matthew 13:49-50 the Christ said: "So shall it be at the end of the world: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the just, And shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be wailing and gnashing of teeth." It is the "wicked" that are "cast into the furnace of fire." And it is the wicked that will be severed from "among the just." It does not say that the just shall be severed from among the wicked. The just will be left, the wicked will be taken.

The fact that God in Ezekiel 20:38 said: "And I will purge out from among you the rebels," would mean that it will be the rebels that will be taken, and those who are not rebels against God and the Christ, they will be left. This purging will be the purging of a country and a land.

I Thessalonians 4:16: "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first." How could that be a secret rapture of the church?

Verse 17: "Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." Born again believers are quickened in their bodies by the Holy spirit, and they arise to meet their King as He arrives to receive His Kingdom. And so shall we ever be with the Lord.

The reward that Christ offered to faithful believers was that they should reign with Him. He even mentioned that they should reign, some over ten cities, and some over five cities. The twelve apostles, Christ said, would sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. Will that be in heaven or will it be here on earth? It will be here on earth.

Contemplating the Sweet Mystery of the Godhead

O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
Romans 11:33

Christian theology teaches that God in His essential nature is both inscrutable and ineffable. By simple definition this means that He is incapable of being searched into or understood, and that He cannot tell forth or utter what He is.

This inability lies not in God but in the limitations of our creaturehood: "Why inquirest thou after my name, for it is secret?"

Only God knows God in any final meaning of the word know: "Even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God."

God in His essential Being is unique in the only sense that word will bear. That is, there is nothing like Him in the universe. What He

is cannot be conceived by the mind because He is "altogether other" than anything with which we have had experience before.

The mind has no material with which to start. No man has ever entertained a thought which can be said to describe God in any but the vaguest and most imperfect sense. Where God is known at all it must be otherwise than by our creature-reason.

In a famed treatise on the Trinity written in the third century, Novatian said: "Every possible statement that can be made about God expresses some possession or virtue of God, rather than God Himself.

The conception of God as He is can only be grasped in one way - by thinking of Him as a Being whose attributes and greatness are beyond our powers of understanding, or even of thought."

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An Heart of Flesh

By C.O. Stadskev

Chapters 34 and 36 in Ezekiel's prophecy are two beautiful chapters stating what God will do for and through his Israel people, now the nations of Christendom. One of the things that God will do is stated in verse 26 in chapter 36. *"A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh."*

All of the great powers of past history such as Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo Persia, Greece, Rome and the Communists have had a heart of stone. Their spirit was, and still is a spirit of cruel oppression and aggression, seeking to subjugate other nations and other people.

But this new order of the ages has a new spirit and an heart of flesh. Its spirit and purpose is to protect and defend the sovereignty and the freedom of other nations. It has a new spirit as a nation, and it has a heart of flesh as a nation. It has a spirit and a heart of human kindness toward all other nations.

In Ezekiel 36:22 God states: *"Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went."*

In Ezekiel 36:32 God states: *"Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel."*

That which God has done for the nations of Christendom, and especially for this great Zion nation, is for the sake of His honor. And to be true to the word which He promised the patriarchs, and the prophesies which God spoke through the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. The great

things that God Almighty has done, especially for this new order of the ages, is not something these people have merited, it is something they will inherit. As Christ said in Matthew 25:34, speaking to the sheep nations: *"...Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world."*

The sheep nations will inherit the kingdom because Christ shed his blood on Calvary for the redemption, the restoration and the cleansing of God's earthly kingdom people. It is because of the blood atonement in the gospel of the kingdom that we have such scriptures as Jeremiah 50:20. *"In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel shall be sought for, and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve."*

It is because Christ's blood atonement provided and purchased redemption, restoration and cleansing of God's earthly kingdom people that in God's New Covenant, in Hebrews 8:12 it states: *"For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more."* We must rightly divide the word of God in regard to personal salvation and kingdom redemption. They are not one and the same.

Between chapter 34 and chapter 36 in Ezekiel we have chapter 35. Chapter 35 is devoted entirely to God's judgment and destruction upon the people who have sought to destroy God's earthly kingdom people throughout history. This struggle between God's earthly servant kingdom people and the people that have sought to destroy them throughout all history began when Jacob and Esau were twin brothers in Rebekah, their mother's womb. See Genesis 25:22-23 and note

carefully what the Lord told Rebekah.

When Esau was born, he was red all over as with a hairy garment. Esau was the first Red. When Jacob was born, he was holding Esau by the heel. The Jacob people are still holding Esau, the Reds, by the heel. The nations of Christendom, and especially this new order of the ages, is making it impossible for the Reds to establish communism throughout the earth.

Married Unto You

By C.O. Stadsklev

"Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion." (Jeremiah 3:14) Note it is the Lord who speaks to Israel, now the nations of Christendom, and says to them "I am married unto you."

In the above scripture the Lord uses the symbol of marriage to show his special relationship to the Israel people, now the nations of Christendom. This symbol also shows the responsibility that the Lord has toward these people and the responsibility that these faithful have toward the Lord.

The Reformation brought a great turning by these Israel nations to the word of God. From such nations as Germany, Britain, and Ireland this revival spread to all the smaller Israel nations including the Scandinavian nations. This preaching and expounding of both the Old and the New Scriptures by the Reformers, and by those that followed brought forth the idea that human government should and could be established upon the principles for human government set forth in the scriptures. And this in turn gave birth to this new order of the ages.

In Isaiah 54:4 the Lord speaks to his Israel people: "Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more." Israel broke the covenant that they made with the Lord and the Lord divorced them. But when Christ shed his blood and died for the redemption of Israel, He restored the

Israel people to their original position and place as His wife. Therefore we read the following in Revelation 19:7: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready."

The gospel of the kingdom will make the symbolic wife ready for the marriage supper of the Lamb. In the Old Scripture the Israel people were called the "saints of the most high." David called their armies, the army of the Lord.

Be sure to read the balance of Isaiah 54 beginning at verse 5 to the end of the chapter and note especially this last verse. "No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD."

In light of the truth that Christ shed his blood, died and rose to redeem and restore the Israel people, and in light of the truth that God made the New Covenant in Hebrews 8:6-13 with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, how can any Christian say, it makes no difference what people are the house of Judah and the house of Israel today? The church is the body of Christ. Ephesians 4:11,12: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ."

The *more you simply take the Word, read and read again the message of God, contemplate one after another the promises with which God has made it sure that the Saviour is for every sinner, the sooner shall you feel constrained to say, "It is true; God says it; I must believe it." Just as water ever seeks and fills the lowest place, so the moment God finds the creature abased and empty, His glory and power flow in to exalt and to bless. "He that humbleth himself" - that must be our one care - "shall be exalted," - that is God's care; by His mighty power, and in His great love He will do it.*

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I Will Shake

By C.O. Stadsklev

"For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land." (Haggai 2:6)

Symbolically this shaking has already begun. The heavens are sometimes used in the scripture to symbolize rulers, and earth, the people of the earth.

Verse 7: "And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts." "All nations" are now being shaken and "the desire of all nations" will come.

Throughout history all nations have desired justice, freedom and liberty under a righteous form of government. And this will come when Christ returns to rule and reign throughout the entire earth. The "house" in this verse is not a literal house, it is the house of Israel, now the nations of Christendom. This house will be filled with the glory of the Lord of Hosts.

The Old Scripture promises that "...all the earth shall be filled with the glory of the LORD" (Numbers 14:21) and that "...the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea." (Isaiah 11:9)

Hebrews 12:25: "See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven."

Hebrews 1:1-2: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, Hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds." God now speaks by the Son or the inspired Word of God. "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." We who have both the Old and the New Scriptures will have more to answer for than those who had merely Moses and the prophets.

Hebrews 12:26: "Whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, Yet once more I shake not the earth only, but also heaven."

Verse 27 gives us the reason for this shaking of both the heavens and the earth. It states: "And this word, Yet once more,

signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that are made, that those things which cannot be shaken may remain."

The purpose for this shaking, that apparently has already begun, is to remove things that can be shaken, that the things that cannot be shaken may remain. The things that can be shaken are things that are out of harmony with the word and the will of God for the kingdom age. They will be removed. The things that cannot be shaken are those that are founded and grounded in the word of God relative to this present end time and God's purposes according to his word.

Verse 28: "Wherefore we receiving a kingdom which cannot be moved, let us have grace, whereby we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear." This shaking of all things will bring forth the kingdom of God, the earthly reign of the Lord Jesus Christ in which Christians will have a part.

Verse 29 indicates that fire from heaven will have a great part in this purging and cleansing, and bringing forth the kingdom of God on earth. It states: "For our God is a consuming fire."

Psalms 97:3: "A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about." Note the "fire goeth before" the Lord, and "burneth up his enemies." This fire does not come after the Lord comes, it comes before the Lord. This is the same teaching that we have in the three last verses in the Old Scriptures.

Malachi 4:4-6: "Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments. Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

Why should we, now living in this present end time, remember the law of Moses, and the statutes and judgments that God gave his kingdom people at Horeb? Because God is now preparing his kingdom people first of all, and then the entire earth, for the earthly reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. The kingdom laws that God gave to Moses, and the laws, statutes and judgments that God gave at Horeb will solve every problem that confronts and threatens our nation today.

God is Light

By Martin Luther

"For thou wilt light my candle: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. (Psalm 18:28)

That this verse applies to the people of Christ is quite evident, for with Christ "there is no darkness at all." The teaching of these words is simply this: Proud persons have a haughty look; each one is his own leader, his own light. He hears no one, he believes no one, not even God himself. But Christians become ignorant that they may be wise, they despair of themselves that they may recognize his authority over them.

This light can also be likened to the word of the gospel, as Peter uses it in II Peter 1:19: "We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn."

In adversity and prosperity we have no other star than the word of God. Nothing is ascribed to expressions of sinful understanding or the wisdom of the flesh, which the psalmist clearly calls darkness. He pleads that this

darkness may be penetrated by the light of the divine word, for the word of God alone sustains and counsels men.

Our Father God, I doubt not that the things for which I plead will be granted, not because I have requested them but because thou hast commanded us to pray for them and hast certainly promised them. Amen

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A Special People

By C.O. Stadsklev

"For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth." (Deuteronomy 7:6)

Many Christians seem to believe that when Christ came to earth and shed his blood to atone for the sins of anyone who would receive his gift of eternal life, that God abandoned his idea of having a special earthly servant people. But that is not scriptural.

Malachi 3:6: "For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." In the Old Scriptures God chose the twelve sons of Jacob, later they were called Israel because Jacob's name was changed to Israel. God has not changed, therefore these sons of Jacob now the nations of Christendom, will not be consumed. These people are still God's chosen special people, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

In Romans 11:1 the Apostle Paul asks a very timely question, and he answers it. "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin." Paul did not say, I also am a born again believer, a Christian, a member of the body of Christ the church. Paul said, "*I also am an Israelite.*"

Verse 2: "God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew." God foreknew everything these Israel people would be and do, but he did not change his mind in regard to having these people to be his chosen special earthly servant people.

In Romans chapter 9 the Apostle Paul identifies God's chosen special earthly servant people. It is necessary, in reading Romans chapter 9 to keep in mind that the Apostle Paul was writing about his kinsmen according

to the flesh. He was not writing about Christians and the Christian church, he was writing about his kinsmen according to the flesh.

In verse 4 the Apostle Paul begins to identify these chosen and special earthly people. "Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises;" These great things that the Apostle Paul refers to in this verse were given exclusively to these Israel people.

The first five books in the Old Scriptures are full of promises that God gave to the fathers and to these Israel people. In Romans 15:8 the Apostle Paul wrote that the Christ came to confirm the promises made to the fathers. These promises were not limited to the coming of the Christ and spiritual blessings.

Many of God's promises to the fathers pertain to earthly, physical and materials things. See the first 14 verses in Deuteronomy 28. Verse 10: "And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee." Even the men in the Kremlin are afraid of the USA. The USA has been called by the name of the Lord, it has been called a nation of Christendom.

In Romans 9:7 the Apostle Paul wrote: "Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called." Ishmael was a son of Abraham, but his descendants are not God's chosen special earthly servant people. One of the names that historians have given these Israel people is Saxons or Isaacsons.

In verses 8 & 9 the Apostle Paul wrote:

"That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed. For this is the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sarah shall have a son."

If the children of the flesh are made the unsaved and the children of God are made to be the Christians, then the teaching would be that God determines who shall be saved and who shall not be saved. But that is not the scriptural interpretation of this passage. The children of the flesh were the descendants of Ishmael. The children of God are the descendants of Isaac and Isaac was the promised son.

In Romans 9:10-13 Paul teaches the same concerning the sons of Isaac, Jacob and Esau that he taught concerning the sons of Abraham, Ishmael and Isaac. And he bases his teaching on the history recorded in the Old Scriptures. In Verse 13 the apostle wrote: "As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated." This is a quote from the Old Scriptures. Ishmael and his descendants are not barred from receiving personal salvation, neither is Esau and his descendants barred from receiving personal salvation. But God did not chose Ishmael and his descendants nor Esau and his descendants to be his special earthly servant kingdom people.

The nations of Christendom are the literal physical descendants of the twelve tribes of Israel. In verse 14 Paul wrote: "What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid."

The Elder Son

By C.O. Stadsklev

In luke 15 verses 11 through 33 Christ gave a long parable on the prodigal son. Many sermons have been preached on personal salvation using the prodigal son as the unsaved, and the father as representing God. But is this the correct and scriptural interpretation of this parable?

Christ said, "No man cometh unto the father, but by me." There is no mediator in this parable between the prodigal and the father. And this prodigal considered himself a son, in

spite of his wickedness and sinfulness. And the father considered the prodigal his son. The father told the elder son, this thy brother. So the prodigal, the father and the elder son all considered the prodigal the son of the father. In the Old Scripture God calls the Israel people my son, and this is prophesied in Hosea 1:10.

The way the elder son responded to the return of the prodigal son is not the way Christians respond when a sinner receives Christ, and especially a relative or a member of one's family becomes a Christian. It is the greatest joy a Christian can have.

The parable states that when the elder son heard the music and the rejoicing, he became angry and he would not join in or come in and take part in the rejoicing because the prodigal son had come home. That is not the way Christians respond when a sinner is saved.

Verse 29 should help us to identify the elder son. "And he answering said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, neither transgressed I at any time thy commandment: and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends." There is only one institution in all history that has served God the father, Lo, these many years, and that is the Christian church, the believers in the Lord Jesus Christ. In verse 30 the elder calls the prodigal "thy son," speaking to the father.

In verse 31 the father says the following to the elder son: "And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that I have is thine." There is only one body of people that this could be said to by God the Father and that is the church, the body of Christ.

In verse 32 the father said: "It was meet that we should make merry, and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found." Note he called the prodigal "thy brother." Christ spoke of the lost tribes of Israel.

When the disciples asked the Christ in Matthew 13 why he spake in parables, Christ's answer is given in verse 11. "He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. Christ's parables were about the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 13:34-35: "All these things spake Jesus unto the multitude in parables; and

without a parable spake he not unto them: That it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the prophet, saying, I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things which have been kept secret from the foundation of the world." Christ's parables were about things which had been "kept secret from the foundation of the world." Personal salvation was not kept secret from the foundation of the world. Personal salvation was made known to Adam and Eve and Cain and Abel and throughout the Old Scripture.

But why the Christian church has become angry when it hears the gospel of the kingdom with its blood atonement for the redemption, the restitution and the cleansing of God's earthly kingdom people is indeed a mystery. And who would ever have thought that this would be the reaction and position that the Christian church would take to that which has been kept secret from the foundation of the world.

The Lord's parable on the prodigal seems to be a long range prophecy like the Lord's kingdom parables in Matthew 13, to be fulfilled in the end of the world or in this present end time.

The High Priest

By C.O. Stadsklev

In John 11:49-52 Caiaphas, the high priest made a revealing and significant statement: "And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for that nation; And not for that nation only, but that also he should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad."

Caiaphas, the high priest, was apparently a true Judahite. He must have been from the best of the good figs in Jeremiah 24. Being high priest, Caiaphas knew that Christ would die not only for the nation, but that He would gather together the children of God, the children of the kingdom, scattered abroad.

This was a tremendous prophecy. Christ did

die for the redemption, the restoration, and the cleansing of his earthly kingdom people. And from the Israel nations scattered abroad throughout Europe, Scandinavia and in other places a representative number of these people have been gathered together in this great north American wilderness, as the prophets prophesied.

The office and the ministry of the high priest was to enter into once a year into the holy place with a blood sacrifice to atone for the sins of the Israel nation. The high priest carried on his priest plate the names of the twelve tribes of Israel. Hebrews 9:6-7 states: "Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people."

Caiaphas knew that if Christ was the Messiah He would not only fulfill the ministry of the regular priest; He would also fulfill the service of the high priest and die for the nation. There are many examples in the Old Scriptures how that blood sacrifices delivered God's earthly enemies and from the hand of them that hated them.

It was blood on the doorpost of the Israelites that saved them from the death angel and delivered them from their slavery and bondage in Egypt, and saved them at the Red Sea where God drowned Pharaoh and his army. This was not universal personal salvation for every Israelite. This was a type of redemption for God's earthly kingdom people delivering them from their enemies and from the hand of them that hated them.

See II Chronicles 29 and begin reading at verse 20. In verse 24 it states: "And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel." Twice this verse states that the blood sacrifice was for all Israel. Here again, this was not universal personal salvation for every Israelite. It was what the scripture calls a "type" of the redemption of the Israel people. Because of the blood atonement in the redemption of Israel which Christ fulfilled the Israel people will be restored, cleansed and inherit the

kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the earth.

Apart from this blood atonement which Christ the high priest fulfilled, the Israel people would have been destroyed from off the face of the earth a long time ago.

Sinning in the Name of the Sinless One

"Love suffereth long and is kind; doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own..." (I Corinthians 13)

Religious acts done out of low motives are twice evil - evil in themselves and evil because they are done in the name of God.

This is equivalent to sinning in the name of the sinless One, lying in the name of One who cannot lie and hating in the name of the One whose nature is love.

Christians, and especially very active ones, should take time out frequently to search their souls to be sure of their motives.

Many a solo is sung to show off; many a sermon is preached as an exhibition of talent;

many a church is founded as a slap at some other church.

Even missionary activity may become competitive and soul winning may degenerate into a sort of brush-salesman project to satisfy the flesh.

A good way to avoid the snare of empty religious activity is to appear before God every one in awhile with our Bibles open to the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians. This passage, though rated one of the most beautiful in the Bible, is also one of the severest to be found in Sacred Writ.

The apostle takes the highest religious service and consigns it to futility unless it is motivated by love. Lacking love, prophets and teachers, orators, philanthropists and martyrs are sent away without reward.

To sum it up, we may say simply that in the sight of God we are judged not so much by what we do as by our reasons for doing it!

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The Twelve Tribes

By C.O. Stadsklev

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.(James 1:1) The Holy Spirit inspired the Apostle James to address his epistle to those "scattered abroad."

More than 700 years before the time of the Apostles, ten tribed Israel and the fenced cities of Judah had been carried into the Assyrian captivity and placed in the region of the Caucasus Mountains and therefore they became known as the Caucasian race. Hosea prophesied that these people would not find their way back to Palestine, but that God would allure them into the wilderness, and this is what happened.

They were allured into the wilderness of Europe, Britain, Ireland, Scotland, Scandinavia and other places and finally into the great North American wilderness. This scattering abroad of ten tribed Israel and much of the people of Judah became known as the Dispersion. In John 7:35 in referring to the Christ, the Jews said: "...Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?"

The Holy Spirit also inspired the Apostle Peter to address his epistle, in I Peter 2:9, to the same people. Peter wrote: "But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should show forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light." This verse clearly identifies the people that Peter was writing to as the Israel people, for the Old Scripture repeatedly refers to them as God's chosen people. Peter was writing to "a chosen generation." The scripture also speaks of them as being "a royal priesthood" or as we read in Exodus 19:6 a "kingdom of priests."

This same verse states that the Israel

people were to be "an holy nation," that is a nation used by God. They were spoken of as being "a peculiar people" in the Old Scripture meaning a special separate people. God's purpose with these people was that they should show forth his praise. And this they have done more than any other people in all history. They are now the nations of Christendom.

I Peter 2:10: "Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy." This continues to identify the people to whom Peter was writing as being the Israel people of the Old Scriptures. "Which in time past were not a people," but are "now the people of God" was prophesied in the Old Scriptures.

Hosea 1:10: "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God." The Israel people were to be a great multitude of people beyond numbering.

Paul states in Romans 11:25 that the Israel people, and all other people, were to be blinded to their identity until the end of the present age. And while they were called not God's people, not the Israel people, they would be called "the sons of the living God." There is only one people in history that has been "called the sons of the living God" or the nations of Christendom. No, they are not, by any means, every one a born again believer, but they are God's chosen special earthly kingdom people, formerly called Israel.

"Which had not obtained mercy, but which have now obtained mercy" further identifies these people as being the Israel people. In

Hosea 1:6 God states: "I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away." This is what happened when the Assyrians came to take Israel and the cities of Judah into captivity. They had no mercy, they were taken into captivity. But Peter states those that "had not obtained mercy, now have obtained mercy." No people on earth have obtained more "mercy" from God than the nations of Christendom.

Paul said the following in Acts 28:28. "Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it." Paul knew from the Old Scriptures that the Israel people and a portion of Judah that had been taken into the Assyrian captivity, 700 years before his time, were to be blinded to their Israel identity, and consider themselves "Gentiles." This was in the providence of God lest these people become wise in their own conceit. Therefore in this scripture Paul refers to these people as Gentiles.

Paul was familiar with the Old Scriptures and he knew that these people, who were blinded to their Israel identity during the church age, would hear the gospel that he preached. Paul was familiar with such passages as Isaiah 43:10 which states: "Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me."

These Israel people were to be God's special "witnesses" during the church age. They were to know, to understand and to believe the Word of God more than any other people throughout the entire church age. Paul knew from the Old Scripture that these Israel people, blinded to their Israel identity, were to become the nations of Christendom.

In Romans 4:17 Paul refers to this promise to Abraham. "As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations..." These people are now the "nations" of Christendom.

Almighty God, *grant us all thy grace, that we in our uncertain and miserable lives, surrounded by many foes, may fight in true faith and so receive the eternal crown. Amen.*

Joseph's Land

By C.O. Stadskev

"And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death." (Deuteronomy 33:1) In Deuteronomy chapter 33 Moses blesses and prophesies the future of each one of the twelve tribes of Israel. We shall consider the blessings and the prophesies that Moses pronounced upon Joseph's land.

Verse 13: "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath." Joseph's descendants apparently were to have a land of their own. Joseph's land was to be blessed with blessings from heaven, and blessings from the all the things that come from the earth.

Verse 14: "And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon." Read verses 15 and 16 and note the expression "precious things."

Verse 17: "His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."

The people in Joseph's land were to become a very powerful nation. It would "push the people together to the ends of the earth." They were to send their military forces in various parts of the earth to protect, and to deliver other peoples and nations from their enemies.

Genesis 49:1: "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." We know from the context that the words "the last days" refers to the period that scriptures calls the last days, not the last days of these individual men.

In verse 22 Jacob said: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall." Joseph's descendants were to be "fruitful" people, they were to "run over the wall." Joseph's descendants were to "run over the wall" that would keep them in bondage and servitude. They were to be an independent people and nation. Verse 23 indicates what this wall was.

"The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him." Did Jacob in prophetic vision see the Revolutionary War?

In verse 24 Jacob prophesied that Joseph's descendants would be victorious "by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob." It states: "But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel:)" "From thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel" seems to teach that the Joseph people, and the Joseph nation would be as a shepherd to the other Israel nations protecting, helping and directing them.

In verse 25 Jacob makes the same prophesies upon Joseph as Moses did only Moses used the words "precious things." Jacob used the words "blessings" and "bless."

In verse 26 Jacob prophesied that Joseph's land and nation was to be blessed more than any other nation in the past. It also indicates that Joseph's land would be a separate land from the other Israel nations. It seems very evident that North America is Joseph's land.

1 Chronicles 5:1: "Now the sons of Reuben the firstborn of Israel, (for he was the firstborn; but, forasmuch as he defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel..." The birthright was given to the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel.

By giving Joseph the birthright, God made Joseph responsible for administering justice and righteousness in the land God gave to the twelve tribes of Israel.

The conflict in that land today is between the descendants of Ishmael and the descendants of Esau. Eventually, this Joseph land and Joseph nation will be forced, by divine providence, to administer righteousness and justice in the land that God originally gave to the twelve tribes of Israel.

The stronger the Christian's faith is in God's everlasting purpose, the more his courage for work will be strengthened; the more he works and is blessed, the clearer it will become that all is of God.

Selected

The Scripture

By C.O. Stadsklev

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures." (I Corinthians 15:1-4)

What scripture? The Old Scripture, the only scripture in existence at that time. The gospel that Paul preached was promised aforetime by the prophets in the holy scripture. In Romans 1:1-2 the Apostle Paul wrote: "Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, (Which he had promised afore by his prophets in the holy scriptures,)" The gospel that Paul preached was made manifest by the scripture of the prophets. See Romans 16:25 & 26.

When Christ in John 5:39 said: "Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me." He referred to the Old Scriptures, the only scripture in existence at that time. When Christ returns, He will magnify the law and make the law honorable. See Isaiah 42:21. This is what the New Covenant in Hebrews 8: 6-13 promises and provides. If this New Covenant is with the church, then God brings the church back under the law. This is absurd. The New Covenant is a kingdom covenant. It is a covenant pertaining to God's law.

It is unfortunate that the Old Scripture has been called the Old Testament or the Old Covenant. By calling the Old Scripture the Old Testament or Old Covenant it makes the Old Scripture that which decayeth, waxeth old, and is ready to vanish away in the time of the apostles.

During the kingdom age, the entire earth comes under the law of God set forth in the Old Scriptures. God's laws in regard to finance and money. God's law in regard to education and race relationship. God's law in regard to religion. God's law in regard to recreation. And God's law in regard to every human activity upon the earth. The nations of the

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earth will not come under the law of ordinances, because these Christ fulfilled and put away by his sacrifice on Calvary. But Christ never put away the national laws of the Old Scripture. If Christ put away the national laws, then there could be no national sins for where there is no law, there is no transgression or sin.

In Matthew the Christ states the position that God's kingdom laws will have during the kingdom age. "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled. (Matthew 5:17,18)

"Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee daily. Forget not the voice of thine enemies: the tumult of those that rise up against thee increaseth continually. Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations."
(Psalm 74:22-23, Psalm 82:8)

The Psalmist prays here for a kingdom of a superior kind, where God's name is honored, his word accepted and himself served. He speaks of the kingdom of Christ and pleads: O God, come thyself and be judge on earth, be thyself king and Lord for the other rulers are lost. To thee belongs the kingdom among all heathen peoples in the world as promised in the scriptures."

No government is so extensive among heathen people as Christ's rule. The author does not say, "I have said you are God," but, "Arise, O God, judge the earth." Thus Christ sets in motion his divine activity. His rule embraces God's word and those who preach it. He creates and retains justice for the poor. He protects and rescues the miserable, He punishes the godless. Christianity is divine service - truth, peace, righteousness, life and salvation. Worldly justice comes to an end with this life, but the righteousness of Christ and of those in his kingdom remains unto eternity.

Martin Luther

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The Mercy Seat

By C.O. Stadsklev

In Exodus 25:17-21 we read: "And thou shalt make a mercy seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof." And thou shalt make two cherubims of gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, in the two ends of the mercy seat. And make one cherub on the one end, and the other cherub on the other end: even of the mercy seat shall ye make the cherubims on the two ends thereof. And the cherubims shall stretch forth their wings on high, covering the mercy seat with their wings, and their faces shall look one to another; toward the mercy seat shall the faces of the cherubims be. And thou shalt put the mercy seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee."

The ark contained the law of God. Verse 22 gives us the reason for the mercy seat. "And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel."

God's purpose in establishing and setting up the mercy seat was that He might meet His people and deal with His people in mercy. The cherubims with their out stretched wings symbolized God's protection and favor toward His earthly servant kingdom people.

The mercy seat was above the ark. In the ark was the law of God. But with the mercy seat established, God could deal with His people in mercy. If God had meet and dealt with the Israel people, His chosen special servant kingdom people, on the basis of the law they would have been destroyed from off the face of the earth in the time of Moses.

But with the mercy seat established, and God declaring that "I will meet with thee, and

I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat" God would meet with them and deal with them in mercy.

Leviticus 16:14: "And he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with his finger seven times." Twice in this one verse Moses was commanded to sprinkle blood upon the mercy seat.

Verse 15: "Then shall he kill the goat of the sin offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat:" Twice in verse 15 we read that blood was to be sprinkled upon the mercy seat, and before the mercy seat and this was to be a sin offering for the people. Every blood sacrifice for the sins of the people, whether it be the nation, the congregation or the individual in the Old Scriptures, was a type of what Christ, the Lamb of God, would accomplish by sacrificing and shedding His blood on Calvary.

Verse 16 declares what this blood sacrifice and the sprinkling of the blood on the mercy seat would do for all Israel or the congregation. "And he shall make an atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle of the congregation, that remaineth among them in the midst of their uncleanness." Verse 16 is a tremendous scripture. It covers both the church and the kingdom with God's mercy at the blood on the mercy seat. And that blood today is the blood of Christ.

It was this tremendous mercy that Christ provided and purchased by His death on the cross that the Apostle Paul referred to in

Galatians 4:5. "To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

Psalms 136 has 26 verses and in every verse we read: "for his mercy endureth for ever." Give special attention and thought to what God did as recorded in verse 10 and to the end of the chapter because "his mercy endureth for ever." The mercy that God extended to Israel, His special earthly servant kingdom people, in the Old Scripture was because there was blood on the mercy seat.

The mercy that God has extended to the nations of Christendom after Calvary is because it is the blood of Christ that is now on the mercy seat. God's mercy endureth for ever and that covers the present end time for God's earthly servant kingdom people.

Psalms 136:24: "And hath redeemed us from our enemies: for his mercy endureth for ever." The nations of Christendom have cruel and treacherous enemies today, but the nations of Christendom have been redeemed and these nations will continue to be redeemed from their enemies and the hands of all that hate them" whether these enemies be enemy nations or individual enemies in our midst, because "his mercy endureth for ever." This is the Gospel of the Kingdom.

Isaiah 29

By C.O. Stadsklev

Any believer who will read chapter 29 in Isaiah with a desire to learn, will learn that this chapter is clearly an end time prophecy. For instance, in verse 7 it speaks of the nations that "fight against Ariel." And then in verse 8 it speaks of the nations that "fight against mount Zion." Is Ariel another name of this Zion nation?

Isaiah 29:1-2: "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let them kill sacrifices. Yet I will distress Ariel, and there shall be heaviness and sorrow: and it shall be unto me as Ariel." The word "city" in the Scripture when used symbolically represents a way of life. And here in these verses it refers to King David's way of life or Christian faith and human government. This Zion nation is closest to David's type of human government and Christian faith of all nations

in the church age. This nation has been greatly distressed, there has been much heaviness and sorrow in recent years. In spite of the demand for freedom on the part of some of the nations under communism, the Kremlin is building up military basis south of our nation and north of our nation. And with their naval power they could besiege our nation from both the east coast and the west coast. Scripture states that when they say "peace and safety" then sudden destruction comes upon them.

Verse 5 is a prophecy and a promise of divine intervention in behalf of this Zion nation: "Moreover the multitude of thy strangers shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away: yea, it shall be at an instant suddenly." This Zion nation has many strangers in its midst whose desire is the destruction of the sovereignty of this Zion nation. They shall be "like small dust." And "the terrible ones shall be as chaff that passeth away." "It shall be at an instant suddenly."

Isaiah 29:6 is similar to the prophecy we have in Psalm 83 and similar to the prophecy in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Verse 6: "Thou shalt be visited of the LORD of hosts with thunder, and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and tempest, and the flame of devouring fire."

Verse 7: "And the multitude of all the nations that fight against Ariel, even all that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision." "All that fight against her and her munition is a very significant statement because we can now expect a great campaign to disarm this Zion nation. Ever since the Reds established their rule over Russia they have had dreams of occupying this Zion nation with all its wealth, its resources, its potential, its industry and the multitudes of slave people that they would find here. It will be as a dream in the night.

Verse 8: "It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and, behold, he eateth; but he awaketh, and his soul is empty: or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and, behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion."

In verses 10 through 17 God states that neither the learned nor the unlearned could

understand and open a certain book. And God complains that there is insincerity. They worship with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

But in verse 18 there is a change. "And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness." The deaf shall hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see in spite of darkness.

Verse 19 continues this positive message. "The meek also shall increase their joy in the LORD, and the poor among men shall rejoice in the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 29:20: "For the terrible one is brought to nought, and the scorner is consumed, and all that watch for iniquity are cut off." The scorner is consumed and the terrible one is brought to nought. This undoubtedly is the cleansing of the Kingdom that Christ prophesied repeatedly in His kingdom parables, and that which God Almighty referred to when He said, "I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me." (Ezekiel 20:38)

Verse 22: "Therefore thus saith the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, concerning the house of Jacob, Jacob shall not now be ashamed, neither shall his face now wax pale." The nations of Christendom are the descendants of Jacob. "Wax pale" means to be frightened.

Isaiah 29:23 indicates that there will come forth a generation of young people who will turn this nation back to the Word of God. "But when he seeth his children, the work of mine hands, in the midst of him, they shall sanctify my name, and sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and shall fear the God of Israel."

Isaiah 29:24: "They also that erred in spirit shall come to understanding, and they that murmured shall learn doctrine." The word "Ariel" means the "Lion of God." The antichrist forces and the heathen nations of the earth will soon learn who and where the Lion of God is today.

Everlasting and merciful God, who hath not spared thine own Son but hath given him up for us all, that he should bear our sins upon the cross, grant that our hearts may never be disturbed or discouraged in this faith. Amen.

A Prayer of Martin Luther

Then Shall The End Come

By C.O. Stadsklev

Matthew 24:14: "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come."

This glorious prophecy and promise is made of none effect by the teaching that this gospel of the kingdom is the gospel of personal salvation. And that the gospel of personal salvation must be preached in all the world as a witness, to each individual, before the end can come. This gospel of the kingdom is a for a witness unto nations. And when this witness is preached to all nations, then the end of the terrible condition that the nations are in will come to an end.

Psalm 138:4-5: "All the kings of the earth shall praise thee, O LORD, when they hear the words of thy mouth. Yea, they shall sing in the ways of the LORD: for great is the glory of the LORD." This gospel of the kingdom will solve all the problems that the kings and the rulers of nations of this earth are unable to solve. Lucifer and his forces have done everything imaginable to discredit and oppose the wisdom and the power in the gospel of the kingdom. Substituting the gospel of personal salvation for the individual, for this gospel of the kingdom for nations was a master stroke for Lucifer. It has deceived and pacified millions of Christians.

The wisdom and the power of God is in the Word of God. Psalm 33:6: "By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all the host of them by the breath of his mouth." Verse 9: "For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast." Christ upholds all things by the word of his power. See Hebrews 1:3

If Christians really knew and believed what Christ said in Matthew 24:14 they would do everything possible to promote and support the preaching of this gospel of the kingdom throughout this nation. From this Zion nation this gospel of the kingdom will go forth to all nations.

Read Psalm 72. Verse 11: "Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him." There is redemption, restitution and healing for the nations in this gospel of the kingdom.

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"I do appreciate the wonderful work which Pastor Stadskev and his workers for the kingdom are doing. I look forward to the

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Times and Seasons

By C.O. Stadskev

"But of the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you." (1 Thessalonians 5:1) Paul apparently here is referring to the same "times" and "seasons" that Christ spoke of in the first chapter of Acts when the disciples "asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?"

He answered them in verse 7: "And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."

In 1 Thessalonians 5:2 the Apostle Paul wrote: "For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night." Here the apostle calls "the times and the seasons" in verse 1 "the day of the Lord." And that this "times" and "seasons" would come "as a thief in the night."

The prophets wrote much about the times and the seasons that they called "the day of the Lord." Isaiah 13:6: "Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty." The day of the Lord is apparently a times and seasons before the Lord descends from heaven.

In recent years, the nations of the earth have had the most destructive wars of all human history. Presently our nation has the most destructive economic strangulation that any nation has ever had and it has made our nation the greatest indebted nation in all history. We have certainly witnessed and experienced destruction in recent years. Read Isaiah 13 for a preview of what is in the near future.

Isaiah 13:19: "And Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees' excellency, shall be as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah." "Babylon" here is the symbol and it means the pagan debt

Babylonian money system which our nation is now cursed with.

1 Thessalonians 5:3: "For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." We are beginning to hear that the cold war is over and that there is a good prospect for "peace and safety." But the Holy Spirit inspired the apostle to write that when we hear this talk about world "peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them," and "they shall not escape." "Sudden destruction" is for those who say "peace and safety" in order to carry out their destructive purposes.

From verses 4-5 in 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 we understand that when the Apostle Paul spoke of the "day of the Lord" he was not referring to the particular day that the Lord would physical return; he was referring to "the times and the seasons" that the scripture calls the "day of the Lord" and in other places "the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

As Christians we do not know the specific day in which the Lord will come. We are in the dark in regard to that particular day. But we are not and need not be in the "dark" in regard to "the times and the seasons" we are in. Bible prophecy was given according to Peter to be a "light" in a "dark place." All you need to do in order to know "the times and the seasons" we are in is to study that which the prophets prophesied.

The three chapters in Joel's prophecy and the three chapters in Zephaniah's prophecy are almost entirely devoted to a prophecy of what would come to pass in the "day of the Lord," in "the times and the seasons" we are now in. See also Malachi 4:2-3. Both "the wicked" and them that "fear" the Lord are here on earth when "I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."

I Have Redeemed Thee

By C.O. Stadsklev

*"But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."
(Isaiah 43:1)*

There is much food for thought in this one verse. Both Rebekah, Jacob's mother, and Sarah, Jacob's grandmother, were barren, they were unable to bare children. They both prayed and Sarah gave birth to Isaac, and Rebekah gave birth to Jacob therefore God could say I "created thee O Jacob." God could also say I "formed thee, O Israel" because God formed the ten tribes of Israel into a nation under the ministry and the leadership of Moses.

God also said, "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." It was God Himself who changed Jacob's name to Israel. "Thou art mine" is based upon the blood atonement in the Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ fulfilled when He shed His blood on Calvary to redeem Israel.

Christians would have a better understanding of what "redeemed" means and provides if they would consider the things that were redeemed. Houses and lands were redeemed in the Old Scripture. People in debt were redeemed by other people, often a relative. Animals were redeemed in the Old Scripture. Redeemed always meant and provided that that which was redeemed was restored to its original owner.

God chose ten tribed Israel to be his special earthly kingdom people, but they sold themselves into sin and wickedness. Isaiah 50:1 states: "Thus saith the LORD, Where is the bill of your mother's divorcement, whom I have put away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities have ye sold yourselves, and for your transgressions is your mother put away." The creditors to whom the Israel people sold themselves in their sin and wickedness had to be satisfied. The price was blood atonement.

Throughout the Old Scripture we read, again and again, that the Israel people were saved or delivered from their enemies by the sacrificial blood of animals. Christ fulfilled all these types when He shed His blood on Calvary to redeem Israel.

The Israel people, now the people of Christendom, were the only people that were under the law covenant with God. In Psalm 147:19-20 it states: "He showeth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD."

In Galatians 4:4-5 the Apostle Paul wrote: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons." "To redeem them that were under the law," and that we as individual Christians might become the sons of God, Christ shed His blood on Calvary.

Verse 5 in Jeremiah 51 shows how fully and completely Christ redeemed Israel and true Judah. It states: "For Israel hath not been forsaken, nor Judah of his God, of the LORD of hosts; though their land was filled with sin against the Holy One of Israel."

We must clearly keep in mind what Christ purchased and provided when He redeemed Israel and true Judah. It is shown throughout the Old Scripture again and again, and it is stated in Luke 1:71. "That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us." This is repeated in verse 74. "That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear."

When Christ redeemed Israel and true Judah He provided that they would be saved from their enemies and from the hand of all that hate them. When Christ shed His blood to redeem or to buy back His special earthly servant kingdom people, He not only provided that they should be saved from their enemy nations, but that they should also be delivered from people in their midst that hated them.

Verse 75 in Luke chapter 1 brings the kingdom people into the kingdom age. It states: "In holiness and righteousness before

him, all the days of our life." When we limit our preaching and Bible teaching to the Gospel of Personal Salvation, we are only preaching one-half of what Christ purchased and accomplished by His blood atonement.

There never was a time in history when it was as important and as necessary for God's earthly servant kingdom people, the nations of Christendom, to hear and understand what Christ purchased and accomplished when He shed His blood to redeem Israel. To teach that to be redeemed is to be personally saved is to teach that every Israelite has personal salvation, which is a terrible deception. Israel is the name of a race of people. The Scripture repeatedly states that Christ redeemed Israel.

"Let Israel hope in the LORD: for with the LORD there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." (Psalm 130:7-8)

"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." (Matthew 6:9-13)

The Kingdom of God

By C.O. Stadskev

"And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you. (Luke 17:20-21)

Without considering verse 20, some Christians quote verse 21 and insist that the Church is the kingdom. Did the Pharisees who denied the deity of Christ, and accused the Christ of having a devil, and whom Christ in turn told them, Ye are of your father the devil; did they have the spirit of the church in their hearts and minds?

In the above scripture the Christ said to the Pharisees, The kingdom is in your midst. And it was. Christ the King stood before them. There also stood the twelve disciples who were to sit on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel, and Christ taught the Gospel of the Kingdom.

How can the Church be the kingdom in view of what Christ said in Matthew 21:43? Christ said: "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

Verse 45: And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them." The scribes and the Pharisees did not have the Church.

Many of the Pharisees believed on Christ; Saul of Tarsus was one of them. But the scribes and the Pharisees had usurped authority over the kingdom and this was to be taken from them and to be given, not to a Church, it was given to a "a nation."

A nation has a people, it has an earthly form of government and it has an earthly territory of its own. The Church has none of these. The Church is a world wide spiritual body. How could the Church be taken from the scribes and the Pharisees when they never possessed the Church. And the Church was never given to "a nation."

Were the people that the Christ spoke to and about in Matthew 23 in the spiritual body of Christ, the Church? Moses' seat was a kingdom seat which the scribes and the Pharisees had taken and occupied. Aaron and his sons and many other priests sat in the religious seats.

Born again believers, members of the spiritual body of Christ the Church, will have a great part in the coming kingdom age. They will reign over the kingdom, over cities and over nations. Churches will not reign one over another.

"It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself. Of these things put them in remembrance..." (II Timothy 2:11-14)

Truth on the Scaffold

By Martin Luther

*"For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance. But judgment shall return unto righteousness: and all the upright in heart shall follow it."
(Psalm 94:14,15)*

The Lord will not abandon his own people, this psalm promises. It is impossible that the godless shall carry out their designs, for if God is God they are certain to fall. "Only with thine eyes shalt thou see the reward of the wicked." If you die before you see the wicked judged, be sure you will live again and witness the justice of God meted out to them. This passage is a mighty comfort and assurance for the pious and a terrible indictment of tyrants and heretics. Its fulfillment is beyond doubt. Righteousness will bring about the right, even though - as at the present time - power passes for justice and truth. In the end both justice and hypocrisy will be overcome, but righteousness will triumph as unrighteousness is disgraced. The godly will accomplish this

even though the world oppose them. Take John Hus, for example, who was condemned by the unjust power of the Roman Church. Now his righteousness has been recognized and his integrity lauded.

Almighty God, grant that we may not be drawn by the evil and adversities of the world into impatience, revenge, anger or other vices. Help us to shun the lies, deceit and promises of the world, that we may be steadfast and daily increase in strength. Amen.

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