

Jacob's Trouble Part II

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“And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.” Revelation 13:7

Continuing our discussion of the coming Tribulation and picking up where we left off in Part 1 of this message, we are in the middle of the Tribulation and death and destruction is all around about this planet. Divine wrath has consumed 2/3 of mankind on earth, and the Anti-Christ and his one world government has slain as many Jewish people that he can find.

*14:1 And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an **hundred forty and four thousand**, having*

his Father's name written in their foreheads.

14:2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

14:3 And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

Note the emphasis on the number again of 144,000 standing on mount Sion that we discussed in Part 1. Coincidence? No, it shows that these are the men and women of Jewish birth who have died in belief of their Messiah. Only these people can sing this song. They are the tribulation saints, the nation of Israel who have embraced their Messiah at long last and have died for that belief, much like the 12 apostles before them. They died preaching the Gospel to all who would listen. The church cannot sing this song, as we are not Israel. We are not of the 144,000 saints as a symbol of the martyred nation of Israel. Some will say, in error I might add, that we are Israel. That is Replacement Theology and Israel has never been cast away. God has not replaced Israel, just set them aside till this time in history to turn His attention to them solely, as the church has been completed and glorified at the rapture of the Bride of Christ . But God has promised that He would save ALL of Israel, not losing one!

Hebrews:

10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before,

10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Again in Romans,

11:25 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.

*11:26 And so **all Israel shall be saved**: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:*

11:27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the father's sakes.

How will God accomplish this? I don't know, but God can do pretty much what He wants, as He is God and because He said so, it will be done.

Returning to Revelation:

14:4 These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

Some say, ahah, see? It says being firstfruits to God and to the Lamb. It can't mean that we arrived prior to them, as they came as first fruits. What they fail to understand is that I believe, and there is good evidence to support this, that God works in dispensations. Many Christians who scoff at this, do not understand that Jesus, Himself also, was a first fruits offering being born of the dead and when the Wave Sheaf Offering was being given on the Sunday morning after His resurrection, Jesus was before the Father in heaven as a first fruit offering for the sins of the world. The Bible nowhere indicates that the priests understood the ritual they were performing on Saturday evening when Jesus Christ, the archetypical Wavesheaf, was "harvested" from the material world by being resurrected from the dead. On Sunday morning, as the firstborn of many brethren, He was lifted into and through the heavens to God's throne to be accepted by Him as the sacrifice for our sins and as our High Priest. As Jesus was a first fruits to God, the Church was a first fruits of the Church Age, and now we see the first fruits of Jacob's trouble during the tribulation.

So the church age has ended 7 years before. This is the time of Jacob's trouble and God turning His focus on Israel, as the time of the Gentiles has ended...We are the Gentiles that have been saved out of the earth. We are a people that were not His people, but because of Israel's unbelief and rejection of their Messiah, the Kingdom was given to another...Matthew,

21:42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?

21:43 Therefore say I unto you, **The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof**

Paul makes a startling statement by the power of the Holy Spirit in Romans,

9:24 **Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?**

9:25 As he saith also in Osee, (Hosea), I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

9:26 And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God.

We are the first fruits at the coming of the Lord for the Gentile Age, or the age of the Church, a dispensation also called the Age of Grace. When these who stand on Mt. Sion are considered first fruits of the Trials of Jacob, also known as Jacob's troubles and will be called Tribulation Saints. This is re-emphasized in chapter 15 in the following:

15:2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast,

and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

*15:3 And they sing the **song of Moses the servant of God**, (emphasis mine) and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty; just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.*

Now this is not to say that some besides only Jewish people will heed the call of the 144,000 evangelist, but the likelihood of that fact grows smaller and less likely, as the focus is on Israel, not on the Gentile nations.

THE CHURCH RETURNS WITH OUR LORD IN VICTORY

As we progress into the prophecy and the events that will destroy 2/3 of all mankind by divine wrath, we come near to the end of God's judgment and John's vision of the marriage supper of the Lamb and the revealing of the bride of Christ. Until this time, the church and its saints have not been mentioned, not one time since beginning chapter 6. Here John writes so of the bride by these words:

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.

*19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in **fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.***

19:9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.

Then at the culmination of the great feast in Heaven, where the bride is presented in linen white and clean, one final judgment is still in need of fulfillment. We, His chosen bride, and saints of the most High, come back to earth with our Husband, our King, our God which comes in full war cry and as a roaring Lion to avenge the earth for treatment of His people and the squelch the rebellion on earth.

19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.

*19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, **clothed in fine linen, white and clean.** (a sign of the saints and the bride, emphasis mine)*

19:15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Almighty God, our Savior and King, will make short work of rebellion on this earth of the final battle called Armageddon. Why is His vesture dipped in blood? I believe, it is not His blood, but the blood of those He has slain in divine wrath for the last 7 years. Here He will finish the slaying of unrepentant, lawless mankind till blood rises to the bridles of the horses they ride in a valley that is several miles long. This is His final coming to rule and reign with a rod of iron. He will rescue His people Israel that have endured to the end.

Matthew 24, as Jesus had said over 2000 years ago,

24:22 And if those days were not shortened, no flesh would have been saved; but because of the chosen, shall those days be shortened.

Israel as a nation has cried out, believing in their Messiah they had rejected over 2000 years ago, as Jesus said, "Matthew

23:39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."

Jesus has come and fought for Israel, as in the day of battle, Zechariah 14:3-4:

"Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

Then all of Israel will be reconciled unto their King and Lord, Savior and Almighty God.

Thus says the Lord GOD: *"Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. . . . Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. The nations also will know that I, the LORD, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore."* Ezekiel 37:21-23

TRIBULATION LOOMS ON THE HORIZON

With the news full of the battle that is going on in Israel between Hamas and the Jewish people, I believe we inch ever closer to wars of Psalm 83 and Ezekiel 38-39 and following on it's heels, the coming of the Anti-Christ to be revealed. Will this war ignite a cascade of events that will spiral out of control of the international community? Will the Prophecy of the coming Blood Moons be fulfilled during the next two years of something big and startling happening in Israel? Will these coming wars bring an international outcry for peace in the region and a silver tongued politician that will propose a peace treaty of 7 years? Who is this politician who will make such a pact? By our bible study, we know that this man, who is alive even today, will come out of the shadows and propose a plan for the security of Israel and the surrounding nations. Your Bible says, this is the Anti-Christ. Israel will temporarily embrace this man, to the point of believing he is their "savior" of the Jewish nation, UNTIL the prophecy spoken by Jesus comes to pass and confirms what Daniel spoke of in Daniel chapter 12, Jesus said:

"Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place" (whoever reads, let him understand), "then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. . . . For then there will be *great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time*, no, nor ever shall be. And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened." (Matthew 24:15-16)

Israel will realize that they have made a pact with the devil and reject this man as an abomination. The next 3.5 years will see a campaign of attempted annihilation of the Jewish people, because of the rejection of the AC as a "god" and he will set about for their complete destruction.

Many of the nation of Israel and those of Jewish heritage will die, for nothing else but being Jewish. Those who profess Jesus Christ during this time, will be marked for martyrdom. The Bible says it will be so and those slain will as the sands of the seashore standing upon Mount Zion.

Jesus made a promise to Israel to loose not one, but save them all. If you are reading this, can you say the same? If you be Gentile, meaning not of Jewish heritage or birth, have you the same promise? No, you do not. The end of a dispensation of the church comes quickly. Tribulation is at our doorsteps. Jesus is right now still at the door knocking waiting for those who hear to open the door to His call. When that final call comes out, and He proclaims, "Come up here", then time for the church will have stopped as we have entered eternity. Won't you join us? When Tribulation comes in earnest it will makes these hard times we live in pale in comparison, then hope of an eternal reward in Heaven to be with our Lord and Savior becomes less and less likely. I want to repeat this fact. Tribulation is designed to do two things, and two things only. That is to purify Israel to prepare them for their coming Messiah, and to destroy all aspects of lawlessness and rebellion of a sinful Gentile nation. Will you be in that number, the ones destroyed for eternity? Don't let that happen. Make that decision for Jesus Christ to come into your life right now. Pray the Holy Spirit to guide you into believing on the Name that is above every Name, Jesus Christ, the Son of the Living God.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son. That whosoever believeth in Him, should not perish, but have everlasting (eternal) life." John 3:16

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