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By the word of God we know that Adam is the first man. His origin was from the creative hand of God.

Gen.1.26 ¶ And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth.

27 So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them.

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2.7 And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

1Co 15:45 And so it is written, The first man Adam was made a living soul ...

And all men are descended from this one man named Adam.

Ac 17:26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation ...

From the time man was created to the judgment of the flood in Noah's day was little more than 1 ½ millennia. Man had so filled the earth with violence and corrupted the way of the LORD in it that the LORD determined to judge the earth with water, destroy every living thing that dwelt on dry land and in which was the breath of life but for those that would be preserved in an ark of wood which Noah was commanded to build. (cf. Ge.6.3, 7, 10, 12, 17; 7.21, 22) That old world passed away and we live in that world that followed. (cf. 2Pe.2.5; 2Pe.3.7)

The LORD ordained Noah to be the progenitor of all of the ethnicities of this post-flood world. All ethnicities came through Noah's sons, Japheth, his firstborn son (cf. Ge.10.21), Shem, the second-born son, and Ham, the youngest (Ge.9.24). The LORD appointed to divide mankind into these ethnic groups, giving them their *isles* (regions), *tongues* (languages), and families. (cf. Ge.10.5, 20, 31, 32) Just

over 360 years later the LORD separated a man named Abram from all of the ethnicities of the earth and made promise to him and the children descended from him. The LORD called him from Ur of the Chaldeans to come up to a land that I will show you. So Abram did as the LORD commanded him.

[362 years – take into account Gal.3.17, which tells us when the promise was made to Abram. He was in Ur. This takes us to the year 2018 since creation when he was 70 years of age.]

Ge.12.1 ¶ Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families (מְפָחֶיךָ, mish-pah-chah, also tss. kinds, kindreds, every family) of the earth be blessed.

Until now, since Noah, the LORD had not dealt with any family of the earth in this way to call out of a people to Himself, but the LORD begins to makes promises to one man named Abram that affects those of His descendants; promises of becoming a great nation, of a great name, of being blessed and of blessing others (the Abrahamic Covenant [cf. Ge.12.1-4], and of having their own land (the Palestinian Covenant [cf. Ge.12.7; 13.13,14-17; 15.13, 18-21]), which other ethnic family groups enjoyed. After some time, according to the word of God Abraham's descendants, a total of seventy souls, left Canaan and came down into Egypt and remained there for 210 years. (cf. Ac.15.14; Ge.46.27; Deu.10.22)

[Many err on Israel's time in Egypt. Israel was not and could not have been in Egypt for 400 years. Comparing Ge.15.13; Ac.7.6 and carefully attending to the genealogies in the book of Genesis one will conclude they were in Egypt for 210 years.]

While in Egypt the LORD blessed them so that their population increased significantly. Because of this the Egyptians began to fear that if an enemy went to war against them that the Israelites might join with them free themselves from bondage. So the Egyptians began to afflict them with cruel labor. But the more

the Israelites suffered the more the LORD blessed them with children. (cf. Ex.1.9-13) Then the time came that the LORD would deliver the Israelites from Egypt.

Ex 2:24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. (cf. Ge.15.14)

In that day the LORD brought forth from the nation of Egypt the new-born nation of Israel.

Gen.46.3 And he said (to Jacob, Abraham's grandson), I am God, the God of thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation ...

Deu.4.32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?

33 Did ever people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live?

34 Or hath God assayed (proved) to go and take him a nation from the midst of another nation, by temptations, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by a stretched out arm, and by great terrors, according to all that the LORD your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes?

Deu.26.5 And thou shalt speak and say before the LORD thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father (Jacob), and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a few, and became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous ...

Israel is destined is to be the greatest nation on the face of the earth.

Deu.28.13, And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shall be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath ...

After the Israelites were delivered from Egypt the LORD brought them to Sinai and gave to them His Law Covenant. This covenant contained the Ten

Commandments as well as personal, social, and religious statutes. One of the purposes for this covenant was to preserve the nation to the LORD distinct from all of the other nations.

Deu.6.24 And the LORD commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear the LORD our God, for our good always, that he might preserve us alive, as it is at this day.

25 And it shall be our righteousness, if we observe to do all these commandments before the LORD our God, as he hath commanded us.

Deu.26.16 ¶ This day the LORD thy God hath commanded thee to do these statutes and judgments: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

17 Thou hast avouched (confessed) the LORD this day to be thy God, and to walk in his ways, and to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and to hearken unto his voice:

18 And the LORD hath avouched (confessed) thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments;

19 And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

(Another purpose was to show them their need of the Messiah's righteousness to save them rather than depending on their own. [1Co.9.20; Gal.3.25])

Under this covenant Israel was blessed or cursed, but never utterly destroyed. The nation and the people of Israel, the LORD would never utterly be cast off.

Deu.28.63-68; 29.10-12, 22-28, noting v.24; 30.15-20

Le 26:44 And yet for all that, when they be in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them: for I am the LORD their God.

I think the reason that that Israel was not altogether rejected by the LORD is because of the overriding promises that he made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Ga 3:17 ... the covenant, that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of none effect.

Deu.4.31 (For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and ask from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it?

2Ki.13.23 And the LORD was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet (as yet = until now).

Ro.11.27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

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

29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.

God will keep His promises to Israel. The LORD will never disavow them. But the word of God records the sad history of this almost wholly unregenerate nation. When once Israel came upon the land of Canaan, the Lord's land^{*}, a land which the LORD cares for (cf. Deu.11.12) the LORD began sending a series of judgments or chastisements to affect repentance in Israel.

^{*} cf. the LORD's land, Lev.25.23; 2Chr.7.20; Is.14.25, 26; Jer.2.7; 16.18; Ez.36.5; 38.16; Hos.9.3; Joe.3.2

He sent droughts, famines, insect infestations, and diseases. Because they had failed to drive out the nations from the land, the LORD also raised those nations

up against Israel. (cf. Nu.33.53; Jos.13.13; 15.63; 16.10; 17.12; 19.47; Jud.1.19, 21, 27, 29-34) Israel would sin, chastisement would come, Israel would repent. Afflicted by the enemy the people would cry out to God, then He would send a judge to deliver them, and then there was rest for a time. And this was the cycle of events repeated again and again over the next 400 years during the times of the judges.

Ac.13.20 And after that he gave unto them judges about the space of four hundred and fifty years, until Samuel the prophet.

Then Israel desired a king. This appears to be the beginning of the kingdom of Israel. Samuel was judge then, (cf. 1Sa.7.15) but he was old. And because he appointed his sons, who were wicked men, to be judges over Israel, they desired a king.

1Sa.7.15 And Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life.

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8.1 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made his sons judges over Israel.

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3 And his sons walked not in his ways, but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted judgment.

4 ¶ Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah,

5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy ways: now make us a king to judge us like all the nations.

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9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit yet protest solemnly unto them, and shew them the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

manner, מִשְׁפָּט, mish-phat, judgment (294), manner (39), right (18), cause (12), ordinance (11), fashion (3), etc.; 1Sa.8.9; 10.25.

1Sa.10.25 Then Samuel told the people the manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it up before the LORD. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man to his house.

The kingdom of Israel reached its glory days under the reign of Solomon but again only to fail in the king and in the subjects as they apostatized. (cf. 1Ki.11.1-13, **note esp. vss.6, 9, 11**) After the death of Solomon the kingdom soon split into two kingdoms, the kingdom of Israel (10 tribes) to the north and the kingdom of Judah (2 tribes, Judah and Benjamin) to the south. The new king of the northern kingdom, Jeroboam, feared that when his people went to worship the LORD in Judah he would lose their allegiance. To prevent this he raised up two golden calves for Israel to worship, one in Bethel (in the south) and the other in Dan (in the north). Jeroboam also appointed men to serve in priesthood that were not of the family of Levi. (cf. 1Ki.12.25-31) Then the northern kingdom became so corrupt that the LORD brought the Assyrians against them and captured the northern territories and taking them all away captive. (cf. 2Ki.15.29) Eventually Assyria came against Samaria, and after a three-year siege the entire kingdom was dissolved. (cf. 2Ki.17.5-18)

2Ki.17.18 Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

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22 For the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; they departed not from them;

23 Until the LORD removed Israel out of his sight, as he had said by all his servants the prophets. So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

The remaining southern kingdom of Judah, like the northern kingdom kept not the commandments of the LORD their God. (2Ki.17.19; Jer.2.7-11) And Judah finally, as Israel had done, went beyond in transgressions. (cf. Jer.2.24, 25) Calls to repentance went unheeded. (cf. Jer.4.7, 8; 7.3-7, 14, 15) Soon threats from a far off country of Babylon began to come against it. The prophets began to preach of coming judgment, that Judah would be exiled to Babylon, even for seventy years. (Isaiah, cf. Is.39.5-7; Jeremiah, cf. Jer.13.6; 16.13; ch.24, 25 [**vss.5, 8-11**]; Ezekiel [Ez.12.1-16]). And according to the word of God Judah was captured and most of the people taken captive to Babylon. It was during this time in Babylon that the LORD revealed a summary of the history of the kingdoms of this world beginning with Babylon, as well as a history of the LORD's future dealings with Israel.

First, concerning the image of Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 2).

While Israel was exiled to the land of Babylonia the LORD revealed to King Nebuchadnezzar a series of dreams that involved a great image. It had a head of fine gold, breast and arms of silver, a belly and thighs of brass, legs of iron, and feet part of iron and part of clay, which was ultimately destroyed when a stone that was cut without hands smote the image in its feet and pulverized it so much that the wind carried them all away so that there was no place for them any longer. But the stone became a great mountain and filled the whole earth. (cf. Dan.2.1-5; 26-35) Daniel, by the Spirit of God interpreted the dream before the king. The head of gold is King Nebuchadnezzar because God had given him a kingdom. (vss.37, 38) Each subsequent kingdom is inferior to the previous. We know that the next kingdom, represented by the breast and arms of silver stood for the kingdom of the Medes and Persians. (cf. Dan.5.17-31)

Dan.5.28 ... Thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.

[Also see Dan.8.20; 2Chr.36.20]

Again, by the word of God we know that the kingdom represented in the image by the belly and thighs of brass is Greece. (cf. Dan.8.21, *Grecia*) The kingdom represented by the legs of iron is the Roman kingdom. The interpretation of this can be gathered by the facts recorded in the gospels. (cf. Jn.1.48; Mt.27.27) And the kingdoms represented by the feet and ten toes of iron mixed with clay are derivatives of the Roman kingdom broken into ten kingdoms or under ten kings. (See also, Dan.7.7-9) It is in the days of these last kings that the God of heaven shall set up a kingdom on this earth which shall never be destroyed.

Da 2:44 And in the days of these kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever.

45 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.

Clearly these kingdoms shall be destroyed and others subjugated to Christ in the day of His second coming.

Re 11:15 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.

This occurs in the last days. But until then each of these kingdoms, from Nebuchadnezzar even to the last king that is among the ten, the Antichrist, these shall be the dominate world powers on the earth. Israel and the whole earth are subjected to these kings until the time of the second coming of Jesus Christ. Our Lord Jesus acknowledged this Gentile domination over the whole earth in the apocalyptic portion of Luke chapter 21 with this clause, *until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled*. The *times of the Gentiles* is the time of the supremacy of these kingdoms over Israel and over the whole earth.

Lu 21:24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

And last, concerning Daniel's seventy weeks. (Dan9.24-27)

Again, while Israel was exiled to Babylon the LORD sent the angel Gabriel to reveal to Daniel the LORD's clock of His future dealings with Israel. The purpose for the seventy weeks is stated in v.24 – to finish judging Israel's transgression, to put away their sin, to reconcile them to God and to bring them into an everlasting standing of righteousness. This clock begins ticking off time when Israel is released to return to their homeland by Cyrus, king of Persia. Like the image which Nebuchadnezzar saw, this clock ends at the same time as does the *times of the Gentiles*. Both of these, the image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and the seventy weeks of Daniel, end on the same note: the destruction of that last kingdom and its most wicked king, the Antichrist when Jesus comes.

A week is 7 years. 70 weeks for 490 years. (cf. Ge.29.27, a week is seven years, Lev.25.8, *Sabbaths of years*; Ez.4.4, 5, a day for year)

Da 9:24 Seventy weeks (490 yrs.) are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city,

Clearly the 70 weeks concerns the Israel and Jerusalem.

to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

In other words 70 weeks of years are determined in which time Israel shall to bear the chastening hand of God for sin, the Savior to atone for sin by His death, to bring to earth the everlasting kingdom, and be anointed King over all the earth.

25 Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks: the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublous times.

From the time that Cyrus issued the decree until the street is rebuilt, in troublous times, is one week of years or 49 yrs. Apparently, there is implied a space of time between the 7 weeks of years and the 62 weeks of years. But there would be another 62 weeks or 434 to the coming of Jesus Christ to Israel. This accounts for 69 of the 70 weeks that the angel revealed to Daniel. 69 weeks equals 483 yrs.

26 And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself:

Meaning that after the division of the 62 weeks Christ was crucified, but not because of anything He did. He died for the sins of His people. (By the word *after* it does not appear that the crucifixion of Christ constitutes part of the 70 weeks of Daniel but is a history that is closely connected to it.) Notice, after this ...

and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

This refers to the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70 and Israel flees Canaan. Now we come to the last week of Daniel, the seventieth week.

27 And he (prince) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (In other words the prince and his armies shall be judged.)

So, the last week of Daniel appears to be begin with the Antichrist's arrangement of a covenant with Israel. Again, the LORD determined 70 weeks upon Daniel's people and upon the city of Jerusalem. All of this is working to bring Israel ultimately to receive the Christ of God, the Lord Jesus. Yes, this 70th week includes the time when the LORD God Almighty will pour out His wrath upon the ungodly of the nations during the tribulation period. I would suggest to you that the Book of Revelation, ch 4 to the end of ch. 19 is a detailed account of Daniel's last week. Because this last week of Daniel is the LORD's dealing with Israel to save them I would suggest that the *fulness of the Gentiles has come in*. What does that mean, *the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*?

The *fulness of the Gentiles* is a phrase that refers to the full measure of Gentiles that shall be saved. When the Messiah was cut off at the end of the 69th week (Dna.9.26), shortly thereafter the LORD turned from Israel to save among the nations of the Gentiles. The first account of this is recorded in the 10th chapter of the book of Acts.

Ac 10:34 Then Peter opened his mouth, and said, Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons:

35 But in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is accepted with him.

After this Peter came to Jerusalem to tell the church about what an amazing thing the Lord had done. He saved among the Gentiles. We read in Acts 11.18 ...

Ac.11.18 When they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then hath God also to the Gentiles granted repentance unto life.

By Paul's use of the phrase *fullness of the Gentiles* he confessed a time when the last among the Gentiles would be saved. And here's the point, when the fullness of the Gentiles has come to Christ in faith, then the last week of Daniel begins. The LORD will then turn to deal with the nation as a whole to save them. Read this in Ro.11.25 and see if this isn't the idea.

*Ro 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.
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:*

[Note: Well-meaning brethren preach about Gentiles being saved during the tribulation period, but how can that be when the fullness of God's elect among the nations has come to Christ? Whatever is meant in Re.14.6, 7 by an angel having the everlasting gospel to preach to them that dwell on earth what we read is that they repented not three times in this book. (Re.2.21; 9.20; 16.9, 11) Rather the mention of the gospel in Revelation 14 is a prelude to some of the worst loss of human life the world has seen to this time. (vss.8, 10, 16, 19, 20) The gospel simply confirms that men will not repent because they love their sin.]

The last week of Daniel very likely begins when the fullness of the Gentiles has come in, when Antichrist makes his covenant with Israel, and it ends with his destruction. ... *and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate* (marg. 'desolator.')

Da 7:11 I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame.

Re.19.20 And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.

The Antichrist is destroyed at the second coming of Jesus Christ. (Re.19.11, 19-21) Then all these kings and kingdoms shall be destroyed. (cf. Dan.7.12) The end of the 70th week marks the end of the *times of the Gentiles* and the beginning of the kingdom of God come to this earth. How is that so? Because Jesus Christ returns. (cf. Mt.6.10, *thy kingdom come*)

No man, no men, no matter how holy and diligent can bring in Christ's kingdom. Remember that we read it was *the stone* that was cut out of the mountain *without hands* that *brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold*. This says that Christ alone shall bring in His kingdom. The Bible says that Christ comes *in* or *with* His kingdom.

Mt 16:28 Verily I say unto you, There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in (ἐν, with) his kingdom.

The kingdom cannot be a force or power above the nations of this earth until its king has *returned*. (cf. Lk.19.12) Jesus Christ will come and He will set up His kingdom. Then Israel will be saved. Until now has been unbelief. Had Israel believe before now they would have already received the promises and all of the blessings that were promised them of God. But God in His infinite wisdom purpose to save some from among the Gentiles. He smote Israel with judicial blindness so that they could not see.

Due.29.4 Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.

Until the Lord turns to Israel He will leave upon their hearts a veil so that the cannot understand that the man they had crucified was in fact the Son of God and their Messiah.

2Co.3.14 But their minds were blinded: for until this day remaineth the same veil untaken away in the reading of the old testament; which veil is done away in Christ.

15 But even unto this day, when Moses is read, the veil is upon their heart.

16 Nevertheless when it shall turn to the Lord, the veil shall be taken away.

Then Israel shall be turned wholly to the LORD, not just a small remnant like we see today. In that day Israel will be blessed above all nations and people of the earth. That day will come after *the fullness of the Gentiles has come in*. When Israel repents the LORD will bless Israel above all the people of the earth. And they shall repent, when the *fullness of the Gentiles has come in!*

Eze 36:26 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.

Zec.12.10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13.1 ¶ In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered: and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. (God forbid we deny the literal repentance of the tribes of the nation of Israel in this or any other text of the OT.)

Isn't this the time that the apostle Paul spoke of?

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

Isn't this the time that the apostles looked forward to when they asked the Lord Jesus?

Ac 1:6 When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

Isn't this the kingdom that the church receives as kings and priests of God during the millennial reign of Christ?

Lu 12:32 Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.

Isn't this the same kingdom that the Lord Jesus said, that when He sat upon His throne that they, the apostles, would sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel?

Mt 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Sure it is. Our eschatology must include both the nation of Israel and the churches of our Lord Jesus Christ. But I see Christendom has forsaken any notion of the salvation of the nation of Israel, that Israel shall possess the land *to the extent* that the LORD has promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. (cf. Deu.19.8, *if* [also tss. 'when'] *the LORD thy God enlarge thy coast, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers*) And this error is a part of the deception that I see is sweeping Christians away from being able to watch as clearly as they ought to watch by the

prophesies of the word of God. Brethren, I've never said and never will say that Israel is the church and that the church is Israel. It's just not in the word of God. But I will say this, that Israel has a prominent place in the soon coming millennial kingdom of Jesus Christ.

In closing, the end of all the kingdoms of this world, the LORD's dealing with the nation of Israel, Nebuchadnezzar's image and Daniel's 70th week, the times of the gentiles, the destruction of the man of sin, Antichrist (and every king confederate with him [cf. Re.17.12-14]), the lifting of the veil upon the heart of Israel to see the Christ of God, the rise of Israel as the chief nation of the earth, the fulness of the Gentiles come in, the end of the world as it is present arranged, the hope of all the churches, and the beginning of the millennial kingdom all converge on this one point in the history of mankind – the second coming of the King of kings and the Lord of lords, Jesus Christ. The reign of Jesus Christ shall envelope this whole earth. The Israelites shall dwell in their own, enlarged land in peace just as the LORD promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The knowledge of the Lord shall cover the whole earth as the water cover the sea. All of the Old and New Testament faithful saints glorified with Christ shall implement the policies of Christ over the whole earth. There's never been a kingdom like this kingdom. There's never been a kingdom to exist on this earth for so long. But there shall be. And this kingdom, unlike the other kingdoms, shall not be superceded by others. (cf. Dan.2.44, ... *and the kingdom shall not be left to other people ...*) It shall stand forever.

Isa 9:7 Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end...

Lu 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Da 7:27 And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him.

There's no question that the church have a future blessed place in the coming millennial kingdom, but today I lay emphasis upon Israel's place in that kingdom. Israel must be included in our eschatology, the study of last things. As Christ's

first coming was primarily to His own so shall be His second coming. And because of this the believing of the Gentiles are blessed as well. This future of the kingdom of Israel is certain.

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