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THE GOOD SHEPHERD WILL COME

Ezekiel 34:23-24

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With all the condemnation of the wicked leaders in Israel and Judah The Lord now says that He will establish one Shepherd over the sheep (people). This establishment of the coming Good Shepherd would be through His servant David. King David recognized that one greater than him would be coming on the earth to establish a new Kingdom. He wrote of Jesus coming on the earth.

Psalms 110:1

¹Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool (ASV, 1901).

This is a heavenly discourse between God the Father, called Jehovah to God the Son Jesus called in Hebrew *Adonai or Messiah*, who was David's Lord. David clearly understood who was speaking to whom and what they were saying. God the Father is saying something here that David is privileged to hear. In Biblical Hebrew the special word used here for the verb say is *neoom*. This word references special God breathed oracles or revelation. The Father is saying to God the Son that He (the son) must sit at my right hand (Mark 16:19; Romans 8:34; Acts 7:55-56; Ephesians 1:20 etc.) until the right time when He will hand His enemies over to Him. The right hand of God the Father is where Jesus is now waiting for the consummation of the ages to return as the conquering King to finish the campaign of Armageddon and establish His earthly Kingdom. All His enemies will be vanquished at that time through the Great Tribulation and then finishing with the sheep and goat judgment in the valley of Jehoshaphat. Therefore all entering the thousand year Messianic Kingdom will be transformed believers. The footstool is an illustration of complete subjugation or rule over an enemy. With His scepter first spoken of in Genesis 49:10 He will rule with a rod of iron over the world. Jesus realizing this conversation He had with God the Father questioned the Pharisees about it so as to affirm His Messiahship.

Matthew 22:41-46

⁴¹ While the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them, ⁴² saying, What think ye of Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The Son of David. ⁴³ He saith unto them, How then doth David in spirit call him Lord, saying, ⁴⁴ The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, till I make thine enemies thy footstool? ⁴⁵ If David then call him Lord, how is he his son? ⁴⁶ And no man was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions (KJV).

Jesus questioning the Pharisees who would not acknowledge His Messiahship asked them a question directly from Psalm 110 regarding the heavenly conversation that David was privileged to hear. He asked them, "*What think ye of Christ? whose son is he?*" They knew the Psalm and replied, "*The Son of David.*" As many of the religious rulers of Jesus day thought the Messiah would simply be a human son of David's lineage. Jesus then followed with another question that confused them. He asked, "*If David then call him Lord, how is he his son?*" In Psalm 110 David does refer to the Messiah as Lord or Adonai in Hebrew. The Pharisees were not ready to admit to the deity of the Son of David and therefore Jesus Himself. He was born, in a human sense as a direct descendent of David was proving to them that He is the God Man Messiah.

PEACE IS A CHARACTERISTIC OF MESSIAH'S REIGN

Ezekiel 34:25

²⁵ And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods (ASV, 1901).

Because of the coming Good Shepherd the nation will be established in the inauguration of the New Covenant which will bring in peace upon the earth. The New Covenant was first announced by God through the prophet Jeremiah.

Jeremiah 31:33-34

³¹*Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³²not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was a husband unto them, saith Jehovah. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more (ASV, 1901).*

The land will enjoy a peace that has not been on the earth since the Garden of Eden before the Fall. God told us through the prophet Isaiah that He *will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land*. This is a direct fulfillment of God's promises to Israel in the Mosaic Law if they would be obedient to Him. Because all Israel will be saved (Romans 11:26) at that time their obedience will provide for God to enact one of His promises to them.

Leviticus 26:6

⁶*And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land (ASV, 1901).*

Many characteristics of the Messianic Kingdom will be discussed in chapters 40-48 while Ezekiel receives the elaborate plans and description of the Millennial Temple which will be built in Jerusalem. The peace will extend to even the animal kingdom as they become docile and lose their competitiveness between species and peace will come upon them with human interaction. They will lose their carnivorous hunger and once again as in Eden subsist on vegetables.

Isaiah 11:6-8

⁶*And the wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den (ASV, 1901).*

The fact that the Messiah will be reigning on the earth will bring peace, because He is the Prince of Peace. This will enable all to be able to rest anywhere without fear even in the wilderness or in the woods as God told us this through the prophet Isaiah.

Isaiah 9:6-7

⁶For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this (ASV, 1901).

FORMER AND LATTER RAINS RESTORED

Ezekiel 34:26-27

²⁶And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. ²⁷And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them (ASV, 1901).

These rains are viewed as spiritual blessings and actual rain that will enable the abundance of crops to be reaped in the Messianic Kingdom. Rains or showers are often also referred to as a refreshing of the Spirit (Isaiah 44:3). The rainy season is normally from October to May. It is helpful to divide it into three segments the former, the winter, and the latter rains. The “former rains” are the showers of October and the first part of November. They enable the winter grain to be sown before the heavy continuous rains set in to nourish the seeds. The main bulk of the rain falls in the months of December, January and February. The “latter rains” of April provide for the ripening of the fruit before the drought of summer. They are considered a special blessing for example:

Hosea 6:3

³And let us know, let us follow on to know Jehovah: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth (ASV, 1901).

Job 29:23

²³And they waited for me as for the rain; And they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain (ASV, 1901).

Jeremiah 5:24

²⁴Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that preserveth unto us the appointed weeks of the harvest (ASV, 1901).

In the Messianic Kingdom there will be an abundance of rain in its season to enable a huge production of crops.

In the Millennium God will bring the Jews back *one by one* to the boundaries, which He gave to Abraham. As Ezekiel 34:27 says there will be an increased productivity of the land/crops, which He will allow the Land to enjoy.

Isaiah 30: 23-26 And he will give the rain for thy seed, wherewith thou shalt sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plenteous. In that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures; the oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat savory provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill, brooks and streams of waters, in the day of the great slaughter, when the towers fall. Moreover the light of the moon shall be us the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound (KJV).

The Land will be well watered, produce abundant food accompanied by a seven fold increase in the speed of light. All physical infirmities will be healed. Since the speed of light has been significantly faster closer to the creation than it is now it is apparent that it will increase during this Messianic Kingdom. This along with the rain will be factors attributed to food production increase and the longevity of life in the Millennium as God says through Isaiah.

Isaiah 65: 20

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be accursed (ASV).

The safety that the Jews will realize during the Messianic Kingdom will also be because God has rid the earth of the wicked shepherds and Satan that led them as they subjugated the nation Israel for many years. Satan will be bound for a thousand years (Revelation 20:2) enabling the earth be free from his evil influence. As God says He will *have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them.*

FREEDOM FOR ISRAEL FROM EVIL FORCES

Ezekiel 34:28-31

²⁸And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beasts of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. ²⁹And I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. ³⁰And they shall know that I, Jehovah, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord Jehovah. ³¹And ye my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

After Israel is regenerated through the persecution of the Antichrist in the Tribulation coupled with a national confession (Hosea 6:1-3; Isaiah 53:1-9; Zechariah 12:10-13:1) she will be brought back to the land in belief in her Messiah. Israel will then possess the Land in security. This security will be coupled with the increased productivity of the produce of the land. Since there will no longer be any threat of wild (carnivores) beasts in the Land, Israel will be living in total security. The former and latter rains will come in their proper time and in proper amounts. In complete conformity to God's Law Israel will be rightly related to Him and will be His special possession, His sheep.

NEXT MESSAGE: PROPHECY AGAINST EDMON (MOUNT SEIR)

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