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IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM ALL PEOPLE WILL WORSHIP GOD

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Isaiah 66:23

²³ And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

What God is saying is that from one month to another and weekly from one Sabbath to another all people in the world will come to worship before Him. The Lord presented this truth to us through Isaiah earlier in this book.

Isaiah 45:23

²³ By myself have I sworn, the word is gone forth from my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear (ASV, 1901).

There will be a conversion of the nations in the Tribulation (Isaiah 45:22-25). The Lord calls to all nations from all the ends of the earth to look to Him in faith (Numbers 21:8-9; II Chronicles 20:12; Micah 7:7; Zechariah 12:10) and be saved (Isaiah 30:15; 49:6). This is the invitation of the crucified, risen, glorified Christ who will have returned at that time. Salvation will be offered on the basis of faith in the King of glory's finished death and resurrection as it has in all ages. In validating the authenticity of His message, He swears by Himself (Hebrews 6:13) because He could swear by no higher authority, that to Him every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance to Him as the world's leader, in the Messianic Kingdom.

JOHN SAW THE KING OF THE KINGDOM

When the apostle John was on the isle of Patmos the penal colony in the Aegean Sea, he received the vision of the Revelation. In chapter five he sees God the Father on His Throne in the Throne Room of Heaven.

Revelation 5:1

¹ And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the back, close sealed with seven seals (KJV)

God the Father has a "book" in His right hand, which is written on both sides and sealed with seven (7) seals. The right hand signifies honor (1 Kings 2:19) and power (Mark 14:62). This designation of "book" is referring to a scroll. The codex or books of leaves with bindings that we are familiar with did not come into being until early in the second century. This change was due

to the Christian era writing and distributing the New Testament. Their size as well as the huge number of copies that flooded the Middle East, Europe and Africa required a more expeditious means of organizing and transmitting the documents. A sealed book, with conditions on the exterior and sealed, suggests a title deed. (Jeremiah 32) Roman law required that a will be sealed with seven (7) seals. This was how the wills left by Augustus and Vespasian were written.

Revelation 5:2

²And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof (KJV)?

A strong angel now appears asking a key question regarding the eligibility of one who would open the book and unseal the seals.

Revelation 5:3

³And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon (KJV).

Initially there did not appear that anyone was qualified to open this title deed/will/contract in the right hand of God the Father. The three realms identified are:

1. In Heaven
2. On the earth
3. Under the earth

The apostle Paul who was given prophecies regarding this time and made the following statements relative to this topic.

Romans 14:11

¹¹For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God (KJV).

Philippians 2:10

¹⁰That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth (KJV);

Going back to John's visions

Revelation 5:5

⁵and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof (KJV).

The Lion of the Tribe of Judah is a reference to the Lord Jesus Christ. (Genesis 49:8-12) He came through the tribe of Judah. We also know that He overcame and is now qualified to carry out the commanding role in initiating the Great Tribulation.

Genesis 49:10

¹⁰The scepter [of royalty] shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh [the Messiah, the Peaceful One] comes, And to Him shall be the obedience of the peoples (AMP).

Psalm 2: 2, 8

²The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the LORD and against his Anointed One (mashiach) ...⁸ I will make the nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession (ESV).

How it is that He has overcome? The most important reason is because He took the sins of the world upon Himself at the cross. This alone qualifies Him to conduct the Tribulation, return at its end and set up the Messianic Kingdom where He will rule the world from His throne in Jerusalem. Finally at that time the entire world will be in obedience to Him.

Revelation 5:9–14

⁹And they sing a new song, saying, Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou was slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood [men] of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation,¹⁰and madest them [to be] unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they reign upon earth. ¹¹And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands;¹²saying with a great voice, Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and might and honor, and glory, and blessing.¹³And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things are in them, heard I saying, Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, [be] the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.¹⁴And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped (KJV).

Jesus is worthy to carry out the Tribulation on this earth. When that is at its end and He returns to the earth, He will also be the king over all creation of all times as He runs the government of the earth during the Messianic Kingdom (Isaiah 9:6).

All the Jews going into the Messianic Kingdom will be saved and become connected to God. As Jeremiah said, God will place His law in their hearts and they all will know Him:

Zephaniah 3:13

¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid. (ASV, 1901)

This verse clearly states that “*the remnant*” of Israel will be sinless in the Messianic Kingdom. They will do *no* iniquity, nor speak *any* lies, or utter *any* deceit

To the casual or uninterested reader of Scripture, the minute details of the Bible are of little interest. These same readers say that the various chronologies in the Bible are unnecessary and without any spiritual importance. However, God says to us through King David that all of His Word is of supreme importance:

Psalm 138:2–3

*²I will worship toward thy holy temple, And give thanks unto thy name for thy lovingkindness and for thy truth: For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
³In the day that I called thou answeredst me. (ASV, 1901)*

The genuine invisible church is differentiated from the world because the world is profane and wicked. The people of God should not be in continual fellowship with those of the world. The people of God are always a distinct and separate people. We are also to separate out from the world. We are like a building encompassed by a wall, which divides us from it. This is the church of Christ through all ages and should consist of persons gathered out of the world and separated from it by the grace of God. As we draw closer to the Lord’s return, the distinction between God’s people and the worldly will become increasingly more visible. We are distinguished from the world by observing the purity of His doctrines, and by the holy lives we should live. The apostle Peter calls us “a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and God’s special possession” (I Peter 2:9).

II Timothy 4:3

³For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths (ESV).

By the grace of God, He provides a wall of separation round about it, to keep out profane persons and things.

ONLY THE CHOSEN SHALL ENTER THE MESSIANIC TEMPLE

Ezekiel 44:9

⁹Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, No foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any foreigners that are among the children of Israel. (ASV, 1901)

There will be no unsaved person, or one who engages in sinful behavior, allowed in to the temple sanctuary in Jerusalem during the 1,000-year reign of Christ. During the Messianic Kingdom, there will be people born to those with natural bodies, both Gentile and Jew. Some of them will not accept the Gospel of the Messiah, and they will not be allowed into the temple for any reason. In both the Old and New Testaments, God demands holiness of His people, especially in the houses of worship. The Israelites were guilty of behaving immorally in God's temple and were warned not to repeat this behavior when they returned after the Babylonian captivity (Ezra 4:1–3; Nehemiah 13:1–9).

DAVID, THE PRINCE, WITH HIS PEOPLE

Ezekiel 46:10–12

¹⁰And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, they shall go forth together. ¹¹And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meal-offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. ¹²And when the prince shall prepare a freewill-offering, a burnt-offering or peace-offerings as a freewill-offering unto Jehovah, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate. (ASV, 1901)

One of the most precious views of the attitude of Prince David's attitude, and why he was chosen for this role, is the love and obedience he has for God. As the great leader, he is not pushing the people to properly worship God, but is showing them how to obey by doing it with them. Here he is in the midst of them, and as verse 10 says, "*when they go forth, they shall go forth together.*" David consistently put God first, for example, as shown in his writing of his lament in 1 Samuel 26:19, to the Sons of Korah Psalm 42:4, and in David's godly resolve in Psalm 132:1–5. God says in verse 12 that David "*shall prepare a freewill-offering, a burnt-offering or peace-offerings as a freewill-offering unto Jehovah, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.*" In verse 12 the gate on the east of the inner court will be open for him to make his obeisance to the King of the world. After he comes in with the people, he will then ceremonially go in and out of the eastern gate in obedience to God. The gate will be opened for him, and closed after he has made his ceremonial offering and lead the people in worship with the specified offerings in the volumes required. Remember, the outer eastern gate is now permanently closed after Messiah entered the temple compound. The lesser leader David will obey a model of that by using the inner eastern gate as directed to do so by God. The New Year offerings, the Passover offerings, the offerings for the Feast of Tabernacles, and the Sabbath offerings, all will take place at the inner eastern gate. The inner eastern gate will be shut for six days but will always be opened on the Sabbath throughout the kingdom period.

GENTILE REQUIREMENT TO ATTEND

The Feast of Tabernacles, that will be obligatory for all Gentile nations. This is stated clearly.

Zechariah 14:16–19:

¹⁶ And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁷ And it shall be, that whoso of all the families of the earth goes not up unto Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. ¹⁸ And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, neither shall it be upon them; there shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. ¹⁹ This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of tabernacles (ASV, 1901).

All the Gentile nations that will populate the Kingdom will be obliged to worship the King at the time of the Feast of Tabernacles. The Gentiles will pay their obligatory tribute to the King. Gentile observation of the Feast of Tabernacles will be mandatory. Therefore, if at any time a nation should fail to send a delegation, the rains will be withheld from them for that year. As an example of the punishment, Zechariah mentions the case of Egypt. Should Egypt fail to send a delegation, there will be no rain for Egypt. Using Egypt as an illustration of a reluctant nation to keep the Feast of Tabernacles is especially significant, for originally the Feast of Tabernacles was inaugurated as part of a memorial festival of the deliverance of Israel from the Egyptian Bondage. Whatever nations fails to obey this mandate will be punished.

GENTILE ARAB NATIONS IN THE KINGDOM

One passage of Scripture that summarizes this entire attitude of the Arab states is Psalm 83.

Psalm 83:1-8

O God, keep not thou silence: Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult; And they that hate thee have lifted up the head. Thy take crafty counsel against thy people, And consult together against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent; Against thee do they make a covenant: The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites; Moab, and the Hagarenes; Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre: Assyria also is joined with them; They have helped the children of Lo (ASV, 1901).

Asaph the writer of this Psalm starts out by describing a united hatred of Arab nations toward Israel. These crafty people unite in their hatred toward the Jews. Their desire is to totally annihilate Israel. They want nobody to remember the name Israel. Nasser the former dictator of Egypt

repeated this verse almost verbatim during the Six Day War in 1967. ¹ The nations are listed by their ancient Biblical names. Their modern names are as follows.

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| 1. Edom | Southern Jordan |
| 2. Ishmaelites | One of the fathers of all the Arabs |
| 3. Moab | Central Jordan |
| 4. Hagarenes | Egypt |
| 5. Gebal | Lebanon |
| 6. Ammon | Northern Jordan |
| 7. Amalek | The Sinai Peninsula |
| 8. Philistia | The Gaza Strip |
| 9. Tyre | Lebanon |
| 10. Assyria | Iraq and parts of Syria |

God will use two principles to determine the future of the individual Arab states:

1. The history of their Anti-Jewishness
2. How closely they are related to Israel by blood.

Finally, peace will come between these individual states and Israel. It will come in three forms.

1. By means of occupation
2. By destruction
3. By means of conversion
4. Finally, there will be two desolate spots in the Kingdom. They are: Babylon, which is Southern Iraq and Edom, which is Southern Jordan.

Moab; Modern Central Jordan:

Moab will suffer destruction too. It is located in modern day Central Jordan. The destruction will not be total though. The survivors will become repentant and a remnant of Moab will return according to Jeremiah 48:47.

Egypt:

Egypt will experience destruction then conversion. The complete story is told in Isaiah 19:1-22.

Assyria- Northern Iraq:

Ancient Assyria is modern day northern Iraq and has been an enemy of the Jews. Peace will come by means of conversion (Isaiah 19:23-25).

¹ Laqueur, Walter, *The Road to War 1967*, London (Weidenfeld and Nicholson) 1968, p. 295.

Elam-Persia or Iran:

Iran is not an Arab state but a Persian one. It shares the same Islamic religion as the other Arab states. It is therefore included with the others in judgment by God. First God will issue destruction. The aftermath of the destruction will be dispersion followed by a return and resettlement. The length of the dispersion is not revealed in Scripture. So peace will come by means of destruction, dispersion and then a conversion and a return. There will be a saved nation of Elam (Persia or Iran) in the Kingdom (Jeremiah 49:34–39).

Any other nations Arab or otherwise not mentioned will not be allowed to populate the Messianic Kingdom. Some not present will be desolate in the Kingdom such as Edom (southern Jordan) and Babylon. We have fully covered Babylon in chapters 13 and 14, which is modern day southern Iraq. Babylon will be the world capital of the Antichrist (Zechariah 5:5-11). As such it will be destroyed in the Campaign of Armageddon (Isaiah 13:20-22). And finally;

All the world will unite in the worship of God and God's Messiah our Lord Jesus. (Isaiah 45:23, 52:1, 52:7-10, 66:23, Zephaniah 3:9, Zechariah 2:2, Zechariah 2:10-13, Revelation 21:3)

Next message: THE DEAD UNBELIEVERS WILL BE VISIBLE TO ALL

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SING: Verses 1, 2, 4, 5
Be Thou My Vision

Ancient Irish poem, ca. 8th cent.

Tr. by Mary E. Byrne 1905, Versified by Eleanor H. Hull 1912

Traditional Irish melody

Arr. by David Evans, 1927

Hymn Tune: SLANE

> 1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me,
> 2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er with thee and
> 3. Be thou my batt - le shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dig - ni - ty,
> 4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in - her - i - tance,
> 5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won, may I reach heav - en's joys,

> save that thou art. thou my best thought by day or by
> thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther, I thy true
> thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high
> now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly first in my
> O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what - ey - er be -

> night; wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
> son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
> tow'r: raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
> heart, High King of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
> fall, * still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel - lows-hip, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the e - ver-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the e - ver-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the e - ver-

las - ting arms; what a bles - sed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 las - ting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 las - ting arms? I have bles - sed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the e - ver - las - ting arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se-ure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the e - ver - las - ting arms.
 Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 Tune: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887



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