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HOLINESS IN THE MILLENNIAL KINGDOM

Zechariah 14:20-21

²⁰In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, HOLY UNTO JEHOVAH; and the pots in Jehovah's house shall be like the bowls before the altar. ²¹Yea, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto Jehovah of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil therein: and in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts (ASV 1901).

In this description of the holiness that will characterize the Messianic Kingdom Zechariah uses the illustration of *bells of the horses*. What he is illustrating is celebratory gladness as the horses have their bells ringing on their harnesses. There will be an inscription on those bells that proclaim "*HOLY UNTO JEHOVAH.*" This is the same inscription, which is on the gold plate of the turban of the High Priest (Exodus 28:36; 39:30). Holy in this sense is dedicated for the use of the Lord. The earth and its entire population will be holy and

dedicated to the service of the Lord as He reigns in Jerusalem. The world will be under a theocracy with King Jesus as the Holy Lawgiver. He will be physical present on the earth. They will live in peace, security, and righteousness. Holiness will follow these attributes of the Messianic Kingdom. Israel will have become a kingdom of priests as God wanted them to be.

Exodus 19:6

⁶ and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words, which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel (ASV 1901).

God gave the prophecy to the nation Israel even before He gave them the Law on Mount Sinai. They were to be holy, bring God's Word to the world and stay consecrated to Him. They were to be a witness to the World for God. In the Law He gave them dietary, sanitary, social, and a moral behavior reflecting God's desire for mankind. He wanted them to embody His character. But, instead of staying holy and consecrated (set apart) to God they wanted the ways of the world instead.

Romans 10:21

²¹ But to Israel he saith, all day long I have stretched forth my hands unto a disobedient and gainsaying people (KJV).

Isaiah 65:5

Which say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me; for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day (KJV).

I Samuel 8:7

And the LORD said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee: for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them (KJV).

However as our text in Zechariah has declared in this last chapter a day will come when all Israel will be saved. The Tribulation surviving and resurrected Jews will all acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Messiah and Savior in that day.

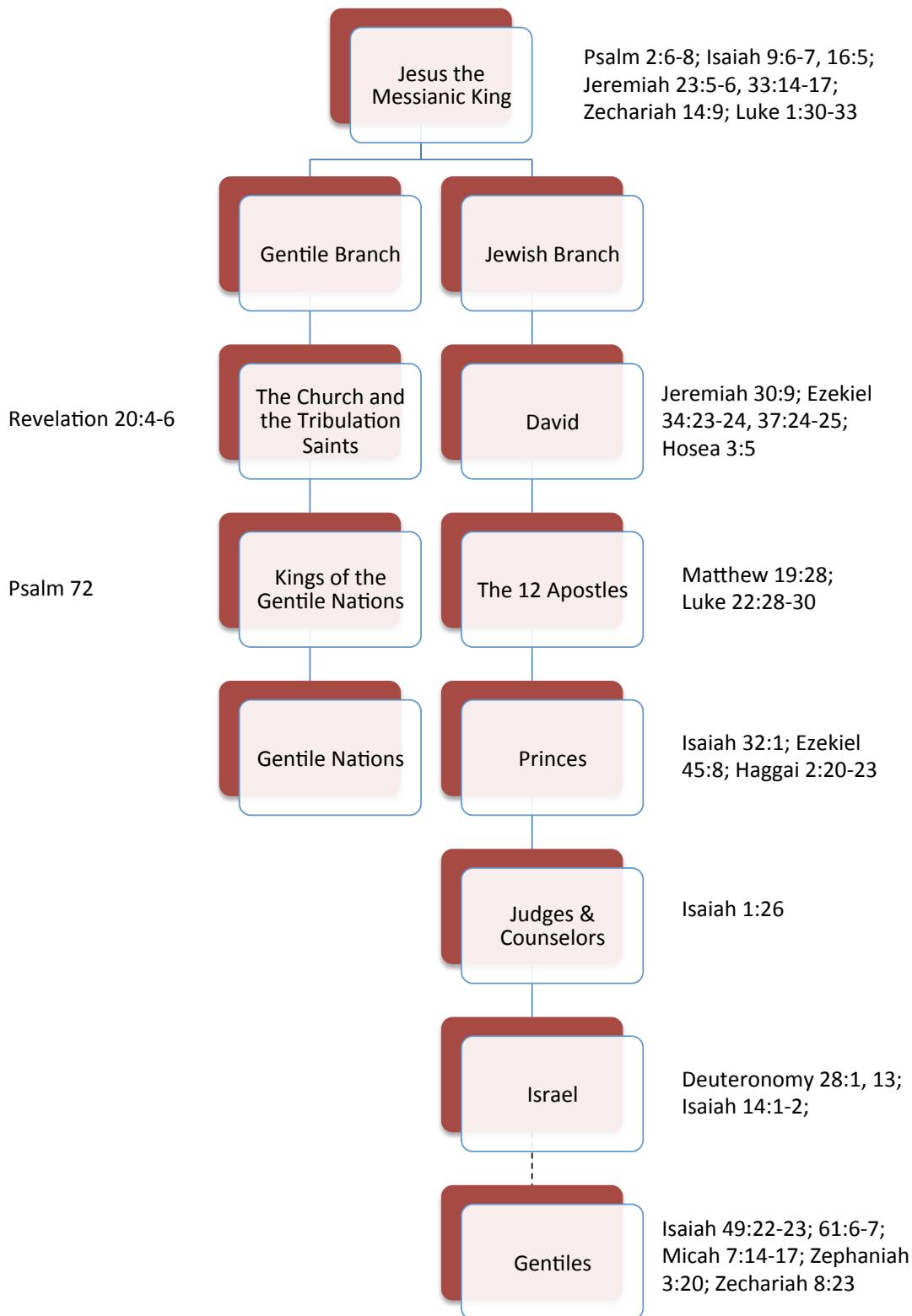
Romans 11:26

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 (KJV).

The Church has been given the same distinction long ago given to Israel. We who belong to Christ have been "born again" into the "kingdom of God" (John 3:3), and this is a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. The apostle Peter said: "Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5). Not only are we a holy priesthood, we are a royal priesthood, a kingdom of priest-kings. "Ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath

called you out of darkness into his marvellous light" (v. 9). We, indeed, have a high calling, and should devote our lives to showing forth His praises, for He "hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; unto him be glory and dominion for ever and ever" (Revelation 1:6).

World Government in the Millennial Kingdom



HOLINESS, PEACE AND SECURITY & RIGHTEOUSNESS

The Millennial Kingdom will be characterized as holy. Other prophetic passages affirm this.

Isaiah 32:16-20

¹⁶Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field. ¹⁷And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and confidence for ever. ¹⁸And my people shall abide in a peaceable habitation, and in safe dwellings, and in quiet resting-places. ¹⁹But it shall hail in the downfall of the forest; and the city shall be utterly laid low. ²⁰Blessed are ye that sow beside all waters, that send forth the feet of the ox and the ass (ASV 1901).

Isaiah 35:5-10

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. ⁶Then shall the lame man leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert. ⁷And the glowing sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water: in the habitation of jackals, where they lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes. ⁸And a highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for the redeemed: the wayfaring men, yea fools, shall not err therein. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast go up thereon; they shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there: ¹⁰and the ransomed of Jehovah shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their heads: they shall obtain gladness and joy, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away (ASV 1901).

Isaiah 51:3

For Jehovah has comforted Zion; he has comforted all her waste places, and has made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody (ASV 1901).

Isaiah 55:12-13

¹²For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing; and all the trees of the fields shall clap their hands. ¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree; and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree: and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off (ASV 1901).

Isaiah 61:10-11

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with a garland, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations (ASV 1901).

One of the factors affecting sin on the earth today is the ever presence of Satan and his demonic angels which antagonize the world's population. He will be bound for the entire thousand-year duration of the Millennial Kingdom.

Revelation 20:1-3

¹And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. ²And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, ³and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after this he must be loosed for a little time (KJV).

Finally God says that even the household pots, which were used for common use, will become holy. Ordinarily they were used for household cooking (Exodus 16:3; 2 Kings 4:38), and some of them were a symbol for wicked Jerusalem (Ezekiel 11:3; 24:3, 6). But in the Millennial Kingdom all will be sacred and useful for worshipping the God of the universe, King Jesus. As a conclusion to this book the last statement ends with a statement that there be no more any *Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts*. This is a direct reference to the impure unholy people. The term Canaanite is used as an illustration of an ungodly sinful people, which will not enter the Messianic Kingdom at the beginning. Nothing that defiles will be in the House of the Lord. In that day the House (Temple) will be a House of Prayer for all the nations.

Ezekiel 43:12

¹²This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house (ASV 1901).

NEXT WEEK: THROUGH THE BIBLE CHRONOLOGY

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