

THY KINGDOM COME

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Gem Thought:

"In the time of the end, every divine institution is to be restored. The breach made in the law at the time the Sabbath was changed by man, is to be repaired. God's remnant people, standing before the world as reformers, In clear, distinct lines they are to present the necessity of obedience to all the precepts of the Decalogue. Constrained by the love of Christ, they are to cooperate with Him in building up the waste places. They are to be repairers of the breach, restorers of paths to dwell in. P.K. 678. See Isa. 58:12-14.

All truth and righteousness is to be restored before the end of probationary time. Therefore let us consider the truths that are restored in the time of the end after 1844, as follows:

1. The Third Angel's message.
2. There are five angels' messages in Rev. 14, prior to the Second Advent. (A Word to the Little Flock pp10, 11). In other words, two messages and two messengers following Ellen G. White and the third angel's message to give the church all the light on Rev. Chapter 14.
3. There are three sealing messages to seal the 144,000 (Rev. 3:12; E. W. 15; 1T59.
 - a. The seal of God by the third angel. (Rev. 14:6-12).
 - b. The seal of New Jerusalem by the fourth angel. (Rev. 7:1-8 ;14:15).
 - c. The seal of Jesus' new name by the fifth angel. (Eze. 9:3,4; Rev. 14:17 ; 18:1,2. See Rev. 14:8 last part; G.C. 389, 390).
4. These three sealing messages, are the antitype of Isa. 11:1.
5. Elijah restores "all things even the Kingdom." 2 T.G. 7-11; T.M. 475; Mal. 4:4-6

The Restoration of God's Kingdom. When, How, and by Whom?

The Lord said to pray, "Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as It is in heaven." Matt. 6:10. According to our Saviour's words, God is to have a kingdom.

WHEN; the question is asked. Will God's righteous kingdom be restored before, during, or after the one thousand years?

The answer has already been given from the Spirit of Prophecy in the gem thought, "In the time of the end." P.K. 678.

By this statement we can see that the Kingdom is during probationary time, during the time of the end. It is after the 144,000 have been sealed: for they are the antitypical two wave loaves since John called them first fruits (Lev. 23:17), which are offered on the Pentecost. (Acts 2:1-4). "The vision of the prophet pictures them as standing on Mount Zion, girt for holy service." A. A. 591. They stand there as a Token of God's covenant promises to Abraham. (Gen. 17:7).

The Atonement for the Living . . .

"Thy way, O God, is in the sanctuary. " Ps. 77:13. "Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the Lord God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph." Amos 5:15.

The atoning work of Christ has been going on for the dead for 119 years (See G.C.490), and the Spirit of Prophecy laments, "O that the atoning work of Christ might be carefully studied." R.&H. Nov. 22-29, 1892. C.O.R. 127, 1941 ed. Our fore fathers understood the atoning work of Christ for the dead, that began in 1844. Since Inspiration says, "Beginning with those who first lived upon the earth, our Advocate presents the cases of each successive generation, and closes with the living." G.C. 483. Evidently it is the atonement for the living, Mrs. White did not understand.

Another statement from the Spirit of Prophecy lends precedence to this idea. "The significance of the Jewish economy is not yet fully comprehended. Truths vast and profound are shadowed forth in its rites and symbols. The gospel is the key that unlocks its mysteries. Through a knowledge of the plan of redemption, its truths are opened to our understanding. For more than we do, it is our privilege to understand these wonderful themes. We are to comprehend the deep things of God." C.O.L. 133.

In the rites and symbols of the Jewish economy, is the key of the gospel that unlocks, the mysteries of redemption. Ellen G. White understood what the key was, but did not know how to use it in its relation to the atonement work for the living, since this phase of the judgment was not present truth in her time. If you will notice it is the fourth angel with the loud voice of Rev. 14:15 who says it is time for the Lord to harvest or judge the living--the church first. (Rev. 14:16). Plain it is that the fourth angel does not reap the first fruits since he says it is time for thee to reap. Hence, more light must be revealed in order to have a full knowledge on the subject.

Therefore, some time after the loud voice of the fourth angel ceased to be heard, the Lord begins to reap. (Rev. 14:15, 16). The Lord thrusts in his sickle in the first harvest to reap the first fruits. (144,000, wheat) (Ex. 34:22). At this time the Lord has the reins in His hands. (T. M. 300). The fifth angel comes out, and after the antitypical Pentecost (Num. 28:26; .See Rev. 14:18.first part), He thrusts in his sickle in earth in a loud cry to gather the second fruits of the great multitude (Rev. 7:9); of grapes (Rev. 14:18 last part; Zech. 14:16- 21). When we keep the feasts (1Cor. 5:7, 8), we have the key for the atonement. The Spiritual harvest in the New Testament is just like the literal in the Old Testament, except for sacrificing animals.

Herein lies the substance of the matter. The S. D. A. church has been proclaiming the judgment of the dead since 1844; the ten commandments, the Sabbath and Sanctuary Truth, which were designed to gather the first fruits into the church. Seventh-day Adventists do not know how to separate the two phases of the judgment; the one of the dead from that of the living, which is given by the fifth angel who joins the third angel's message to give the Loud Cry. (E.W. 277; G.C. 604).

The judgment of the living first begins with the church (1 Pet. 4:17), as taught by the fourth and fifth angel's messages of Rev. 14:15,11.

The church must pass through the atonement before the "Remnant" (Rev. 12:17) of first fruits who escape the slaughter weapons of Eze. 9:5, 6, can go out in a loud cry to the world. (1T 186; See 5T 210, 211).

Inspiration says, ". . . every weight, every besetting sin, must be laid aside The church will be weighed in the balances of the sanctuary." 5T 83. "In the balances of the sanctuary the Seventh-day Adventist church is to be weighed." 8T 247. When the purification shall take place in our ranks, we shall no longer rest at ease, boasting of being rich and increased with goods, in need of nothing." 8T 250.

When the Seventh-day Adventist church passes through the judgment, the tares will be bundled and burned, and the first fruits wheat (Lev. 23:1; Rev. 14:1-5) put into the barn--Kingdom to give the loud cry.

Please study and understand the Hebrew economy of the ceremonial feast laws of the first and second fruits. Then you will be able to see the two spiritual harvests after 1844 "in the time of the end" are made simple... , Therefore let God's people keep the feasts (1Cor. 4:7,8; Acts 18:21; 20:6, 16; P.P. 277, 539; A.A: 390), and be sealed to stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb of God. Also let us keep the atonement day (Lev. 23:23-32); for this is where our High Priest is making atonement for us. The atonement day is the 10th day of the 7th month (Lev. 23:27); this year Sept. 28.

"He will purify His church, even as Christ purified the temple during His ministry on earth. All that He brings upon His people in test and trial comes that they may gain a deeper piety and greater strength on earth." A.A. 525.

The church is divided into three divisions Jesse, 1844; Rod, 1929; Branch, 1955. Isa. 11:1), of the genuine S. D. A. movement, which were established by the Spirit of Prophecy (Rev. 19:10), in each of the three movements at the right time.

Do you think our interpretation applying the symbolic prophecy of Isa.. 11:1, to the three divisions of the S. D. A. church is wrong? If so, we can be sure the three champion self promoters by the same names, who claim they are the 100%, the true McCoys, would not have shown up on the scene of action. This is proof positive that the Branch message gives the true and correct interpretation of the prophecy by Isaiah: for where there is no true, there cannot be the counterfeit.

Where there is the true, there is also the counterfeit. Moses experienced this in his day with those three, Korah, Dathan, and Abiraim. In Christ's time the people preferred Barabas to the Saviour. So it is today, articles of Barabas and Judas, as it were, are more popular than the messages of the Lord and His Righteousness. In Moses time "the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up" (Num. 16:32). So is our day the false will be swallowed up when the earth opens her mouth in our time. (Rev. 12:16).

Judas went out and hanged himself. Likewise today the Judases are hanging themselves. They want to get into the Kingdom, but like Judas they choose to climb up some other way rather than going through the Door. This is just as it was when the Son of God the Messiah was on earth. This perhaps will help us to understand what is taking place today a Spiritual Israel.

Keep in mind also that Mrs. White did not have all the light necessary to seal the 144,000; let alone restore every divine institution; and give the loud cry of Rev. 14:18; 18:1-4. Therefore if there are some things in this article that is different from what we as S.D.A.s have believed in the past; please remember that if it is Scriptural it must be true.

Just before Israel entered the promised land after 40 years wondering in the wilderness, and about the time Moses died, Israel thinking they should have been in the kingdom long before, had drifted from the Lord, and His commandments, statutes and judgments (Josh. 22:5). When Joshua assumed the leadership over Israel, he called for a revival and reformation, calling on Israel to forsake their sins (Josh. 23:7), renew their faith in God by returning to true worship. (Josh. 24:15-25).

Joshua circumcised those that had not been circumcised in the way (Josh. 5:7), according to God's covenant promises to Abraham (Gen. 17:7). "And the Lord said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt." Josh. 5:9. "And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal, and kept the Passover." Josh. 5:10. The messenger of the Lord says, "The church has turned back from following Christ her leader, and is steadily retreating toward Egypt." 5T 217. We ask: God's people today if they are willing to about face, let the Egyptian bondage roll away from them, keep the atonement, encamp at Gilgal, keep the Passover feast (1 Cor. 5:7,8) and go into possess the land, that is to be like Eden.?

"When the tide of iniquity overspread the world, and the wickedness of men, determined their destruction by a flood of waters, the hand that had planted Eden withdrew it from the earth, ... it is to be restored more gloriously adorned than at the beginning."

P.P. 621. Now since God did that to the original Eden, my question is, what is to become of the Eden that is in Eze. 36:35, that "ark" of the people in the last days?

It is true that for a short while before the one thousand years mentioned in Revelation 20:2, there is to be a place like Eden, as a refuge for God's people. In order to locate this place of refuge for the faithful it will be necessary to go to the source of light--the Bible, and read the Scripture concerning this Eden. In Zechariah 1:14-21, we find that God is very jealous for Jerusalem and Zion; the land promised to Abraham.

"So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus Saith the Lord of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. Therefore thus saith the Lord; I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the Lord of host, and a line shall be stretched forth upon Jerusalem. Cry yet, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; My cities through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; and the Lord shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.. Then lifted I up mine eyes, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the Lord shewed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, these are come to frighten them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it." Zechariah 1:14-21.

While it is true that God permitted the horns of the heathen nations, because of the sins of His people, to come into the promised land and scatter Abraham's descendents, nevertheless the angel showed Zechariah that these nations would come back as carpenters and rebuild what they had destroyed. In fact they are to build up more than they destroyed, so much so that the land will become like Eden. (Eze 36:35).

If we doubt this, let us turn and read the prophecy found in Isaiah. "Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the Lord: look unto the rock from whence ye are hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. For the Lord shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody." Isa. 51:1-3.

In this promise we are admonished to remember, that in the first place God created us, and in the second place He made a promise to Abraham and his children born to Sarah. and their descendents. Please turn to Gen 17:7-10 and read God's covenant promises to Abraham.

Also, in Isaiah's prophecy the Lord promised to comfort Zion and "make her wilderness like Eden." Furthermore, because of God's great power to deliver those in whose heart is His law (Isa. 51:7) He promises, "Therefore the redeemed of the Lord shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away." Isa. 51:11. This promise to Abraham had not been fulfilled in Isaiah's day, for he was in the promised land at that time, and spake of another coming to this land. The Jews were taken captive to Babylon and returned of seventy years. But the land did not become like Eden.

Their capital city Jerusalem was destroyed in seventy A.D. by the Roman army because God's people rejected the Son of God. The whole land has been in a desolate condition for nearly two thousand years.

A few years ago it was generally believed by many, the Jews would never go back to Palestine. Especially was this true among Seventh-day Adventists. The ministry strongly advocated this. The second coming of Christ has been the main theme with them. The atonement for the living and an earthly spiritual kingdom is inconceivable,

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