

One Religion in the Kingdom of God

You do not have to be a Bible scholar to learn that much of the Bible is about the coming Kingdom of God. Much of the book of Isaiah tells us of the 1000 years when Jesus Christ will rule this earth from his capital city Jerusalem, assisted by his Saints, Revelation 20:4, *'And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and who had not worshiped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.'*

It is from Jerusalem that the whole world will learn of God's law – the Biblical way that will result in peace, prosperity and happiness for all of mankind. Isaiah 2:2-3, *'And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. And many people shall go and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.'*

Jesus' arrival followed the preparatory work of his cousin, John the Baptist. Both of them came with the same message - Matthew 3:2, 4:17, *'And saying, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'* *'From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'*

When the disciples asked Jesus about His future return, in Mark 13, He gave a list of events that would precede His coming but then said, Mark 13:10, *'And the gospel must first be preached among all nations.'*

All of mankind will hear of His coming return to establish His Kingdom, as a warning to repent from God, at the very beginning of the troubles, which will all occur in one generation (verse 30). Many of us have helped deliver this message to the world, but it will only be finally, and completely, achieved by divine intervention - Revelation 14:6-7, *'And I saw another angel fly in midheaven, having the everlasting gospel to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and tribe, and tongue, and people, Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment has come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.'*

Yes, every man woman and child, worldwide, will be told about Christ's coming return. (See our article 'Preached into All the World').

Isaiah chapter 11 gives us a wonderful picture of God's Kingdom. Jesus Christ is 'a rod out of the stem of Jesse', verse 1, *'And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots'*. He will judge the earth in righteousness and tolerate no evil, verse 4, *'But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked'*. All nature, wildlife, and mankind will come to live in peace and harmony, based upon the knowledge of God's way of life, found in the Bible, verse 9, *'They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.'*

Representatives of all the nations of the world will come to Jerusalem, to learn God's way of

life, v10, *'And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, who shall stand as an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his place of rest shall be glorious.'*

The remnants of the scattered nations of Israel, descendants of the 12 tribes – not just Judah (Ancient Israel ended up in NW Europe, Britain, and from there to America, Canada, Australia and South Africa), will be gathered from the four corners of the earth, back to the land of their ancestors, after Armageddon, verses 11-13, *'And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again **the second time** to recover the remnant of his people, who shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.'*

This will be like a second Exodus, but very few will actually survive the troubles that lead up to the final battle of Armageddon.

The surrounding nations, deceived by Satan for so long into worshipping the violent and murderous religion of Islam, will then learn obey the laws of Israel's God, verse 14, (*'But they shall swoop down upon the shoulders of the Philistines in the west; they shall plunder together them of the east: they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them'*) who will display His power to any who refuse to keep His Holy Days, Zechariah 14: 16-17, *'And it shall come to pass, that everyone that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles. And it shall be, that whosoever will not come up of all the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain.'*

Any such nation will receive no rain. Nations such as Egypt who get little rain anyway, and depend on the Nile, will be punished with plague if their representatives fail to go to Jerusalem to keep the Feast of Tabernacles!

The Ten Commandments are the basis of God's Law. [Exodus 20:1-17], which will be spread worldwide to all nations by God's ambassadors, Isaiah 66:19, *'And I will set a sign among them, and I will send those of them that escape unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal, and Javan, to the coastlands afar off, that have not heard my fame, neither have seen my glory; **and they shall declare my glory among the Gentiles.'***

One day only each week, will be observed worldwide, as God's Holy Day – the Sabbath, Isaiah 66:23, *'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, says the LORD,'* the seventh day of the week. Exodus 20:8-11, *'Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shall you labor, and do all your work: But **the seventh day is the sabbath** of the LORD your God: in it you shall not do any work, you, nor your son, nor your daughter, your manservant, nor your maidservant, nor your cattle, nor your stranger that is within your gates: For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, **and hallowed it.'***

People will come to understand that God the Father and Jesus Christ together formed their Plan

for mankind, Genesis 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 creeps upon the earth.'*

Jesus said, *"I and my Father are one"*. He was the executive arm of God who led ancient Israel through the wilderness, 1Corinthians 10:1-4, *'Moreover, brethren, I want not that you should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; And were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; And did all eat the same spiritual food; And did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them: **and that Rock was Christ.**'*

During the millennium, He alone will rule in His Father's name, with the help of the saints (not the Roman Catholic type, but those Christians down the ages who make up the 144,000 firstfruits,) Revelation 14:1,4, *'And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on mount Zion, and with him a hundred and forty-four thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads..... These are they who were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the first fruits unto God and to the Lamb.'*

All men and women, of all nations, will learn to look to Jesus Christ, if they want eternal life. Acts 4:12,

'Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is no other name under heaven given among men, by which we must be saved,' even as, in truth, it is today. Satan and his false religions, which have been the cause of so much violence and suffering on this earth, will be banished for 1000 years, Revelation 20:2-3, *'And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, who is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him **a thousand years**, And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little while.'*

This will be the start of one true religion here on Earth, with one King of Kings, Revelation 19:7,16, *'Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to him: for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and his wife has made herself ready..... And he has on his robe and on his thigh a name written, **KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS,**'* before whom every knee shall bow Romans 14:11, *'For it is written, As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God.'*

At last, the world will see an end to war, hatred and violence for a thousand years! Isaiah 2:4, *'...he shall judge between the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.'*

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