

## THE LORD'S DEALING WITH THE GENTILES AND THE JEWS

### AT HIS COMING BACK (II)

*Scripture Reading: Rom. 11:25-26; Jer. 3:17; Isa. 11:10; 2:2-4a; Zech. 8:20-23; 14:16-19*

#### THE JEWS

Now let us consider how the Lord will deal with the Jews at His coming back. During the age of the church, **the Lord has temporarily given up the people of Israel and treats them like the Gentiles**. They must receive the gospel to be saved and become members of the church. But at the end of this age, according to Zechariah 13 and Romans 11, the Jewish nation will be revived and will turn to the Lord. Because it will occur during the tribulation, many will suffer and die. Zechariah 13:8-9 says that at least two-thirds of the living Jews will be cut off. This does not include the millions killed by Hitler. When the Lord Jesus comes back, **the remaining one-third will repent and believe in the Lord. The house of Israel will be saved at that time.**

After they are regenerated and saved, **they will be translated into the millennial kingdom on the earth to be the priests teaching the nations how to serve God** (Zech. 8; Isa. 2). The overcomers among the Christians will be the kings, the ruling ones, during the millennial kingdom, and the saved ones of Israel will be the priests. Although the Jews will be regenerated and saved, **they will not be transformed, and their bodies will not at that time be transfigured**. Later, just before the time of the New Jerusalem, **they will be transformed and changed in body**. Romans 11:25-26 says that all Israel will be saved. This is confirmed by **Jeremiah 3:17: "At that time they will call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah, and all the nations will be gathered to it because the name of Jehovah is at Jerusalem; and they will no longer walk after the stubbornness of their evil heart."** After the destruction of the Gentile armies and the salvation of the Jewish people, the Gentiles who are left will call **Jerusalem the throne of the Jehovah**. All the nations will be gathered to the name of Jehovah in Jerusalem. **They will walk no more after the stubbornness of their evil heart**. Today all the Gentiles are walking after the stubbornness of their evil heart, but in that day they will go to **Jerusalem to the name of Jehovah**.

**Isaiah 11:10** also speaks concerning that time. **"In that day the root of Jesse, / Who stands as a banner to the peoples—/ Him will the nations seek, / And His resting place will be the glory."** Of course, Christ is the root of Jesse. Christ as the root of Jesse will stand as a banner to all the Gentile nations. The Gentile nations will all seek after Christ, and His resting place will be the glory.

#### Teaching the Gentiles to Worship God

Let us also read **Isaiah 2:2-4a: "In the last days / The mountain of the house of Jehovah will be established / On the top of the mountains; / And it will be lifted up above the hills; / And all the nations will stream to it, / And many peoples will come and say, / Come and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, / To the house of the God of Jacob, / That He may instruct us in His ways, / And that we may walk in His paths. / For from Zion will go forth instruction, / And the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem; / And He will judge between the nations, / And will decide matters for many peoples."** **That will be the time of real peace upon the earth**. No matter how much people talk about peace today, there is no peace. **Peace on the earth will not come until the Lord Jesus is the King**. These few verses tell us that after the Lord Jesus destroys the Gentile armies, He will save the Jewish people and take Jerusalem as His capital on the earth. He will set up His throne there, and the Gentiles who are remaining on the earth will come to seek after Him. **Jerusalem will become a center to teach the Gentiles how to serve the Lord**.

Concerning that time, **Zechariah 8:20-23** says, **"Thus says Jehovah of hosts, Peoples will again come, even the inhabitants of many cities; and the inhabitants of one will go to another, saying, Let us go at once to entreat the favor of Jehovah and to seek Jehovah of hosts; and the other: I will go too. Indeed, many peoples and strong nations will come to seek Jehovah of hosts in Jerusalem and to entreat the favor of Jehovah. Thus says Jehovah of hosts, In those days, from all the languages of the nations, ten men will take hold, indeed, they will take hold of the skirt of a Jewish man, saying, Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you."**

Among the ancient Jews, the priests were the minority among the people of God. **The people received teaching and instruction concerning God from the priests**. They taught the people how to worship and serve God. That was a picture of the future situation during the time of the millennium. During the millennium, the Gentiles will take

the converted Jews as priests. Ten Gentiles will come to one Jew, asking him to teach them how to serve the Lord. Because they will hear that the Lord is with the Jews, **they will come to learn how to serve the Lord**. This means that, during the millennium, **the Gentiles will be the nations, and the converted Jews will be the priests, teaching them to worship God**.

### **The Lord's Doing**

The present situation in the Middle East is very significant! In 1948 the nation of Israel was re-formed, and in 1967 the city of Jerusalem was returned to the Jews. When I was saved more than fifty years ago, I read the prophecies concerning the re-forming of the nation of Israel. At that time **I could hardly believe that the nation of Israel could be re-formed**. It seemed impossible for Jerusalem to be returned to the Jews. But **Hallelujah! What seems impossible to us is possible with God!** And the Lord did it! It was the Lord's doing, and it was marvelous in our eyes.

**In 1948 the nation of Israel was suddenly re-formed. Then in 1967 in only six days the city of Jerusalem was returned to the Jews.** For twenty-five centuries, since 606 B.C., Jerusalem had not been under the control of the Jewish people. But suddenly overnight it was put back into their hands. **Surely this is the Lord's doing.** Today the focus of the world's attention is upon the Middle East situation with the little nation of Israel as the center. All the Ishmaelites, the Arabs, are still plotting against the Jews. But **Israel is being preserved by the Lord**.

In addition to the Middle East situation there is the European situation. Soon Europe will have ten nations. Besides the Middle East and the European situation, there is the Far East. The dividing line is the river Euphrates. Surely **the Antichrist will be the leader of the European powers**. The Europeans will form armies under his hand. They will go forth to Palestine to fight against the nation of Israel in order to capture Jerusalem. At the same time two hundred million horsemen will come from the Far East, passing through the river Euphrates. All those powers will come together. While they are gathered together, **the Lord will come to tread the winepress**. The armies will be formed in the territory of Europe, and the horsemen will be assembled in the Far East during the time of the tribulation.

We have seen that some of the more matured saints will be taken as firstfruits to the third heaven before the tribulation. **The harvest** will be taken in the midst of the tribulation. **The firstfruits** will be taken away to the third heaven, God's house. They will come with the Lord Jesus to the air, and **the rest of the harvest will be caught up to the air** to meet with them. There the Lord Jesus will **exercise His judgment over all the believers to select the overcomers for His army**. While the Lord Jesus is forming His army in the air, all the nations will be forming their armies on the earth and will be gathered to Jerusalem (Rev. 16:14, 16; 19:19). **This means that the grapes from every corner of the grape field will be collected to the center of the winepress** (14:18-19). The Lord will come from the air with His army of called, chosen, and faithful ones, and He will destroy Antichrist with his army and the two hundred million horsemen from the Far East (19:11-21). At the same time, the Spirit will be poured out upon the besieged Israel (Zech. 12:10). They will repent, and the whole house of David will be saved.

**The whole earth will become the kingdom of Christ** (Rev. 11:15). The stone that strikes the Gentile world will become the mountain, the kingdom, filling the whole earth (Dan. 2:35). Some of the Gentiles will be left alive after the battle of Armageddon, and they will become the peoples, the nations, upon the earth. The converted and saved Jews will be the priests in Jerusalem teaching people how to serve the Lord. **The Lord Jesus will set up Jerusalem as His capital, and from His throne He will reign as King over the whole earth.**

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