

Kingdoms of Man

Part Twenty-two

(Replication)

Now, we are approaching the capstone lesson for the kingdom of man. There are many religious folks who want the world to end. This desire is said to be based on some Scripture. Personally, I do not believe that the Scripture indicates that the earth will end, though it does indicate that the world of the early life of Jesus of Nazareth, and prior to that, would end. Indeed, the four kingdoms of Daniel's prophecy were destined to come and go, in the history of man, along with their associated worlds. The first three of these kingdoms of Daniel's prophecy are pure history, now; this fact is not subject to dispute. The disposition of the last kingdom, though, is still subject to debate.

I like to use a simple logical flow when going through the events of the Bible. Well, in this case, I will not use such a simple flow; I say that because I will start near the end, in order to highlight the beginning. The following Scripture describes the ending at which I will begin, and, too, how the beginning that it highlights.

I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of his head like the pure wool: his throne was like the fiery flame, and his wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before him: thousand thousands ministered unto him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him: the judgment was set, and the books were opened.

I beheld then because of the voice of the great words which the horn spake: I beheld even till the beast was slain, and his body destroyed, and given to the burning flame. As concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet their lives were prolonged for a season and time.

I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

(Daniel 7:9-14)

As the end of the world of the day of Jesus Christ was occurring, a book was delivered to the seven churches of Asia. This book is *The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass*. In this book, the end of the world of the day of Jesus Christ is described. Among the pieces of the description, is this one.

And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

(Revelation 5:9-10)

Jesus spoke of the force of God that empowered the servants of God, the *kings and priests*.

In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

(John 7:37-39)

Earlier in our history, we received a message from the LORD, routed through the prophet of old, Zechariah, describing the conditions of the beginning of the new kingdom on earth.

And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light.

And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

(Zechariah 14:6-9)

Jesus of Nazareth described the conditions that would prevail at the time of the ending of the world that precedes the eternal kingdom of Daniel's prophecy.

And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto. For these be the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.

But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck, in

those days! for there shall be great distress in the land, and wrath upon this people. And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.

And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory.

And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh.

(Luke 21:20-28)

After Jesus' resurrection, the apostle Peter asked Jesus a question. It was Peter's way of attempting to establish a specific time when the eternal reign would begin; as the prophecy of Daniel had foretold it. This is Peter's question, and Jesus' answer.

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

(Acts 1:6-8)

The statement of Jesus about the signs of the time, considered with the answer that he gave to Peter, indicate that the transformation that was coming to the earth, was a transformation that would not obliterate the existing geography. Indeed, the existing geography is an integral part of the salvation of the people of Israel; particularly, the mountains to which they were told to flee. The people of the LORD had to have an earthly refuge from the storm that was coming. This storm would destroy significant portions of the earth's population; not, all of it. Some of the portions that would be destroyed are these.

And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard a voice from the four horns of the golden altar which is before God, Saying to the sixth angel which had the trumpet, Loose the four angels which are bound in the great river Euphrates.

And the four angels were loosed, which were prepared for an hour, and a day, and a month, and a year, for to slay the third part of men. And the number of the army of the horsemen were two hundred thousand thousand: and I heard the number of them.

And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates of fire, and of jacinth, and brimstone: and the heads of the horses were as the heads of lions; and out of their mouths issued fire and smoke and brimstone. By these three was the third part of men killed, by the fire, and by the smoke, and by the brimstone, which issued out of their mouths. For their power is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails were like unto serpents, and had heads, and with them they do hurt.

And the rest of the men which were not killed by these plagues yet repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not worship devils, and idols of gold, and silver, and brass, and stone, and of wood: which neither can see, nor hear, nor walk: Neither repented they of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

(Revelation 9:13-21)

The indication of the above Scripture is that the LORD is moving the human race toward repentance; it does not indicate that the LORD was moving us into oblivion. I say this because of the phrase, *yet repented not of the works of their hands*. The LORD is very precise about the result that will be achieved from a particular set of events. For instance, in the time of Noah, there was no mention of global repentance. There was not even any mention of local repentance, in the time of Noah. The LORD declared that the population of humans (minus eight souls) was irredeemable. There is no such indication given by the Lord Jesus Christ, as the divine “spokesSon” for the Father God. The Lord Jesus Christ speaks of preservation of life; not, of its destruction. This was directly stated by him, in the following discussion with his disciples.

And it came to pass, when the time was come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, And sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. And they did not receive him, because his face was as though he would go to Jerusalem.

And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we command fire to come down from heaven, and consume them, even as Elias did?

But he turned, and rebuked them, and said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of. For the Son of man is not come to destroy men's lives, but to save them.

And they went to another village.

(Luke 9:51-56)

Replication requires repentance; not, destruction. Jesus Christ describes the non-destructive replication that now blankets the kingdoms of man.

And there were certain Greeks among them that came up to worship at the feast: The same came therefore to Philip, which was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and desired him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: and again Andrew and Philip tell Jesus.

And Jesus answered them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified. Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour.

Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour: but for this cause came I unto this hour. Father, glorify thy name.

Then came there a voice from heaven, saying, I have both glorified it, and will glorify it again.

The people therefore, that stood by, and heard it, said that it thundered: others said, An angel spake to him.

Jesus answered and said, This voice came not because of me, but for your sakes. Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out. And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

This he said, signifying what death he should die.

(John 12:20-33)

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