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After We've Taken Our "Fight To Glory!"**

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## INTRODUCTION

Greetings in the Name of our Blessed Savior. He gives great blessing above measure to those that love Him and look with great joy and anticipation to His soon coming to call us Home! Isn't it wonderful to rightly speak of Him in the superlatives! He is the very loving God of Glory. Romans 5:8 reminds us, *"But God commandeth his love toward us. in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."*

That is such an important verse. It is reminder that the love of Christ is not something for which we must work. We can never earn our salvation by doing some good, or even "great," work. God speaks His love upon us before we can do either good or evil. We have all approached someone who has doubted his salvation because, "I am just too bad for God to ever save."

We often quote Ephesians 2:8-9 to remind someone that salvation is a free gift from God for which we cannot work. The very next verse tells us that we were created, by the grace of the New Birth, to walk in good works. We can never earn salvation by doing good works, but we can gain the right to do good works because we have experienced salvation. Good works is not the natural state of a man born in sin. That is an unnatural state to which one is promoted to exist as one is born again by the grace of God.

An act of a person not born again can never be called "good"; even an act that the world at large would see as both "good and necessary," is not good in the sight of God. We can have no "good works" to offer Him from an unconverted heart. *"An high look, and a proud heart, and the plowing of the wicked, is sin."* (Proverbs 21:4)

In First Timothy 1:15, the apostle Paul identifies

himself as "the chief of sinners..." We must overlook Paul's minor error. He had never met me. If he had met me, even just one time, he would not have called himself the "chief of sinners." He would have acknowledged that there is one who is a greater sinner and never have described himself as the worst sinner. I do know me and my record; yet, the truth is that Jesus loves even me!

This work is a follow-up to my previous work, which was intended for the 2022 Dean Burgon Annual Bible Conference. This earlier work is contained in my intended remarks to that conference. It is also contained in my booklet, *"The Faithfulness of God in Regards to the Jew and Israel."*

Ill health prevented my attendance at that meeting. The same cannot be admitted about those in attendance. Even though I was unable to attend; they would still have been there. I am not so important as to cause others to miss those Bible Conferences. Although I have complained within this work that it is already too long for my allotted forty-minute speaking time. When I realized I would be unable to attend, I expanded this work—several times! I present it now in the form of a small book. I would suppose that there is still much that should have been included.

Much more could have been, and should have been added. It is my hope that enough has been presented to answer the critic voices who have argued against my view as they would contend that the present return of Israel to the Land of Promise can not be a move of God as Israel has returned as a secular State rather than returning fully in faith.

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# CHAPTER 1

## THE NEW COVENANT

The "new covenant" (see Jeremiah 31:33, Mark 14:24, Hebrews 12:24) will be poured out upon Israel when she sees the armies of the world besiege Jerusalem in antichrist's effort to finally remove all Israel from the earth. The Jew will look into the clouds and see Messiah/Jesus, Who has come to fight for Israel. The scales will fall from the eyes of the Israelites as they finally recognize the face of their long awaited, and now returning, Messiah. They will call upon their God (see Zephaniah 3:9) and the prophecy (Psalm 14:7 and Isaiah 59:20) given to the apostle Paul, *"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 Jacob."* (Romans 11:26)

### **God's Words Cannot Be Broken**

This verse from Romans (11:26) shall be performed just as Paul had announced as he wrote under the inspiration of God. (Consider Jeremiah 31:31-36).

This is an important consideration as Jesus will, at that time, return to take up the throne of David's line and rule the earth in peace for One-Thousand-years as the King of the Jews. Note that the earthly reign of Jesus as Messianic King of the Jews is set at One-Thousand-years. This coincides with the prison term of Satan, who is bound for that time period. (Revelation 20:1-3) Although Satan is set free for a short time after this, to give him a chance to continue his nefarious work of deceiving the nations of men, he is not released from the power of God. His doom, at his final attempt to gain a throne from which to rule, is reported as swift and final as Satan is delivered to his final,

and eternal, doom in Revelation 20:10. When the judgment of God is decreed there is no court of appeals or purgatory of any sort. Even in this the Glory and Wisdom of God is shown, as humanity is shown to be a weak and prone to error people. This is especially so when they act apart from the will of God.

## **The Kingdom Era**

All of those who will enter into the Kingdom Era were born again people. Those born after the Tribulation were greatly blessed in that they had redeemed parents and the Living example of the Righteous rule of Jesus, as Messiah, even in their civil governance. Even though Satan was not available to bend the twig of the character of these people; they were still susceptible to the wooing of Satan even after the one-thousand-year Kingdom Age had shown the power and grace of Jesus, the Messiah of Israel.

We must note that those born during the Kingdom Age still needed salvation. It was those who needed salvation, but did not accept it, which were those that Satan was able to deceive into following him rather than Messiah/Jesus. Even these were shown to be a lost people who needed the grace of God were they ever to find the salvation of God. They could never find favor with the Lord through their own efforts.

All who enter into the Kingdom age, of the Jew or the Gentile, all the subjects of Messiah will be born-again people at the beginning of His Messianic Kingdom. For that matter, the earth had just seen the purpose of the Tribulation Era as a time of judgment upon sin; all humanity entering the Kingdom Age will be possessors of salvation. Although we have been raptured out of this world before the beginning of the Tribulation Era and are transported

back to the Earth for the Messianic reign of Jesus, those left of the born-again survivors of the Tribulation Era do not possess bodies which have been glorified to be able to enter Heaven. They are humans who are able to procreate. There will be children born, of these and some of the Jews, as well, who will be fully human even during the time of Messiah's reign.

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## **CHAPTER 2**

### **THE FAITHFULNESS OF GOD**

I do need to begin my "White Paper" subject for this meeting. In my last paper I noted the faithfulness of God in preparing the world to accept the renewal of the nation state of Israel. This is a matter of "stage setting" of the record of human events in the end-times of the world's history.

I chose not to greatly access the pages of Scripture to explain this human phenomena of the age. The Scripture, itself, seems to have seen a sort of human validation as the world of man has worked to alter their own history and prejudices. The history of mankind has been altered by events in that history to bring the record of human events to come in line with the pre-history, the prophecy, of God.

#### **The Move of God to Return?**

Still, many have argued that this return of the Jew to his ancestral land cannot be a move of God, as Israel has not returned to the land in a spiritual sense. I will use much more of the Scripture to counter that argument as I seek the position that it seems necessary that the Jewish people have returned in unbelief at this point. As we shall see, this seems to be for a simple truth as revealed by prophecy.

#### **The Second Appearing**

The first thing I would like to address is that the next item on God's prophetic timetable is NOT the Second Coming of Jesus into this world. It is the second appearing of Jesus in the clouds to rapture His church out of this world.



I will note several verses and then add my commentary to those verses with a short closing before moving on to the next section. Neither will I waste time expounding on all things under consideration. This work is already too long. I will not finish in my allotted time; I would have placed the entire address in the *"DBS Address Book"* of the meetings for your full perusal when you received that book.

Although I am convinced that any man in this room could do a better job of preparing a paper on this topic than have I, there are other speakers. Get that full address book and gain the insight of all of the study of all of the speakers. This will be a very valuable reference book to have on your desk!

### **Setting the Stage**

In my previous talk I majored on the workings of God in the natural world rather than accessing much Scripture as my purpose was to show the majesty of God in setting the stage of the world to accept His purposes in regathering and resettling the nation of Israel, just as His prophecy said would happen.

This time I will access much Scripture. This will give us an advanced view of the history of the end of this present world and a look at the future history which God has seen fit to show. This prophecy is a record of history, given by that prophecy, of the ending of the rebellion of sin, and the glory of the reign of Christ in this present world and in the world to come.

Then I will give short commentary on those passages of Scripture where God told us of the end of the present world systems. We've all heard it said, "God said it. I believe it. That settles it." I have never liked that saying.

God said it and that settles it. My belief is not germane except as it agrees, in faith, with His pronouncements. To Him, the Ultimate Author of History, be all glory as we see His actions bend human history to accept His Divine Will even as unredeemed humanity continues to reject submitting to that holy will.

### **First Thessalonians - Chapter Four**

*4:13 But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope.*

[This verse has much reference to the rapture. But, it also has much to do with my peace and comfort in a very trying time after my wife passed into Glory at just 52 years of age. My first thought in seeing this verse was, "What is this? Taunting? I look for peace and find a verse that says for me not to sorrow about Linda and I being separated for this life!"]

### **Sorrow and Sleep**

Then the Lord led me to look more closely at the verse. It was more than a prohibition from being sorrowful. If anything, it was a command to sorrow. But, in the sorrow to remember the real hope of God. This is a Godly command to sorrow with the realization that the Lord has not lost control. We have the blessed hope of a reuniting in full worship, wonderful worship, of our Lord as we are brought to stand in His presence and look upon His blessed face. The comfort was in the verse.

*4.14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.*

The word "sleep" is, of course, a reference to the physical death of the Christian. As I consider the situation, I am happy that God allowed Linda to go home first. I am so happy that she has not been faced with all the pain that I have experienced. I am very pleased that God has allowed me to feel the pain of loss even as Linda, my wife, has awakened from her sleep in her new home where pain, sorrow, death and all those other things that we see as "bad," have been banned from her thoughts and experience. It is really a reason to praise the Lord for His goodness to us.

### **Two Thoughts**

Notice that this verse consists of a "run on" sentence with two thoughts connected by "even so." Because of:

"1" God promises us

"2" Since Jesus has resurrected from the dead, "even so," also will all of those who are saved by the power of His cleansing blood of His sacrifice for our sin.

Paul also uses the word "we" to connect himself with the readers; this is a strong indication that those original readers did believe that Jesus did die and then rose again. This is also evidence that the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus was being taught as truth by even those first century churches.

### **Body and Spirit Reunited**

Since the people who have "graduated to glory" do "sleep in Jesus," it is evident that He will bring them with Him at the Rapture.

Second Corinthians 5:8 - *"We are confident,*