

The Lord Reigns (Exodus 15:18): An Overview of God's End Time Deliverance of Israel in the Gentile Nations

I. THE LORD WILL REIGN ON THE EARTH AS THE KING OF ISRAEL FOREVER

A. In the coming days, Jesus will physically reign on the earth from Jerusalem as the King of Israel. At that time, every Jewish person will be saved (Jer. 31:1; Rom. 11:26). The Gentile nations will begin to come under the reign of Jesus like He reigns in heaven (Mat. 6:10; Ps. 115:16; Phil 2:10; Jer. 3:17; Isa. 2:3; Psalm 110:1).

“The Lord shall reign forever and ever.” (Exodus 15:18)

And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: “The Deliverer [Jesus] will come out of Zion [Heavenly Jerusalem], And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob [nation of Israel]... (Rom. 11:26)

At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered...to Jerusalem. No more shall they [the nations] follow the dictates of their evil hearts. (Jer. 3:17)

B. Jesus promised to return to rule as the King of Israel *only when* He is accepted by the Jewish leaders. (Mt. 23:38-39). He will not violate their free will but set-up a situation where He is the only one who can save them so they will cry out to Him for help (Zech. 12:10-13).

...for I say to you [people of Jerusalem], you shall see Me no more till you say, ‘Blessed is He [Jesus] who comes in the name of the Lord [God His Father]!’ (Mt. 23:39)

C. **Problem:** How does God turn people back to Him when they do not desire Him? **Principle:** God allows for the least amount of evil for the greatest amount of good without violating anyone's freewill to bring people back to Himself. How He draws Israel back to Himself is mind blowing when we begin to consider it.

For I do not desire, brethren [Christian believers], that you should be ignorant of this mystery [Israel's stumbling and redemption], lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel... Rom. 11:25)

II. THE EXODUS STORY POINTS AHEAD TO ISRAEL'S FINAL DELIVERANCE AT THE END OF THIS AGE

A. Israel's future deliverance is *more intense* and *more global* than the Exodus story in the OT. (Isaiah 24)

B. An evil king will arise who is more scheming, wicked, demonized, deceptive and powerful than Pharaoh in the Exodus story—The Bible refers to this man as the Antichrist (1 John 2:18), the Beast (Rev. 13:3), Lawless One (2 Thess. 2:9) or little horn [ruler] (Daniel 7:7). The Antichrist will oppress Israel after they make a treaty with him (Dan. 9:27; Isa. 28:15). It will be the most dangerous time in Israel's history (Dan. 12:1, 6-7; Jer. 30:7; Mt. 24:21) as God will hand over Israel to this wicked king for 3 1/2 years (Dan. 12:7; Rev. 12:6, 14; 13:5).

And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time. And at that time your people [Israel] shall be delivered... (Dan. 12:1)

Alas! For that day is great, so that none is like it; and it is the time of Jacob's [Israel's] trouble, but he shall be saved out of it. (Jer. 30:7)

C. The Antichrist and his empire will try to eradicate the Jewish people. He will be far worse than Hitler and the Nazi's (Zech. 13:8; Jer. 16:16; Zech 14:1-2). Many Jews will be in prison camps and Jerusalem will be

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attacked (Isa. 11:11-16; 27:12-13; 42:6-24; 49:5-25; 61:1-2; Jer. 30:3-24; 31:1-23; Ezek. 20:33-44; 39:25-29; Hos. 11:10-11; Amos 9:8-15; Joel 3:1-2; Zeph. 3:19-20; Zech 9:10-14).

And it shall come to pass in all the land [of Israel],” Says the Lord, “That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it... (Zech. 13:8)

- D. The good news is that God will release judgments (plagues) from heaven through the praying church (Rev. 8:1-3). Like the ten plagues delivered the Israelites in the Exodus, God will release twenty-one judgements on the earth *to give the wicked time to repent, to strengthen the Church, to destroy the Antichrist’s empire and to deliver Israel* (Rev. 6; 8-9; 15-16). Twenty-one judgments are 7 seals, 7 trumpets, and 7 bowls.
- E. Jesus will bring lasting physical deliverance to Israel. After his heavenly procession across the sky (Rev. 1:7), He will *liberate* Jews held in prison camps *marching through* Middle Eastern (Islamic) nations (Isa. 63:1-3; Hab. 3:3-15, ref. above, letter C), *deliver* the Jews surrounded in Jerusalem (Zech. 12:9-10; Mt. 23:39; Zech 14:1-5), and *return* Jews to the land of Israel (ref. above, letter C).
- F. Jesus will then *plead His case* with Israel in the wilderness, *remove her sin* (Ezek. 20:33-38; Isa. 4:2-6; Zech. 14:20-21) and *make an everlasting covenant of peace* with her (Jer. 32:40, Ezek. 37:26; Isa. 61:8). All Israel will be saved and believe in Jesus as Messiah (Rom. 11:26).
- G. On a global scale beyond the story of Exodus, Jesus will demonstrate to the nations that He is God and that He reigns with the endorsement of His Father in Heaven (Ex. 15:18; Rev. 6:16; 11:15; Jer. 16:14-15, 19; Isa. 42:6).
- H. Jesus will then rule as King in Jerusalem from David’s throne. (Isa. 9:6-7; Jer. 3:17; 23:5-6; Zech 14:16-19)
- I. As a holy nation, following Jesus as their King, God will pour His glory *through* Israel *into* the nations to touch *the entire earth* (Isa. 11:9; Hab. 2:14; Rom. 11:11-12; Eph. 1:9-10). Presently, the ministry of salvation is to the Gentile Church, but after the Lord delivers Israel, she will be his primary vehicle for touching the earth with His glory. From Jerusalem the earth will be transformed into conditions before the Fall.

Now if their fall [Israel’s] is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. (Rom. 11:12, 25)

...the earth will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. (Hab. 2:14)

III. OUR RESPONSE: THIS STORYLINE MATTERS TO US

- A. The earth’s destiny is intertwined with the nation of Israel as a part of God’s multifaceted plan.
- B. God is calling families and communities in the earth to prepare themselves for use in His end time plan.
 - 1. Return to God by living the first commandment of loving God. (Mt. 22:37)
 - 2. Study, digest and know the Biblical story line regarding the earth’s salvation. (Jer. 15:16; Rom. 11:25)
 - 3. Get God’s heart for Israel and pray for her (Psalm 122:6; Isaiah 62:1-7). Ask for God’s help (Eph. 1:17-19).
 - 4. Be prepared to be tested in our agreement with God’s purposes for the Jewish people (Mt. 25:31-46).
- C. More resources can be found on mikebickle.org regarding this topic.