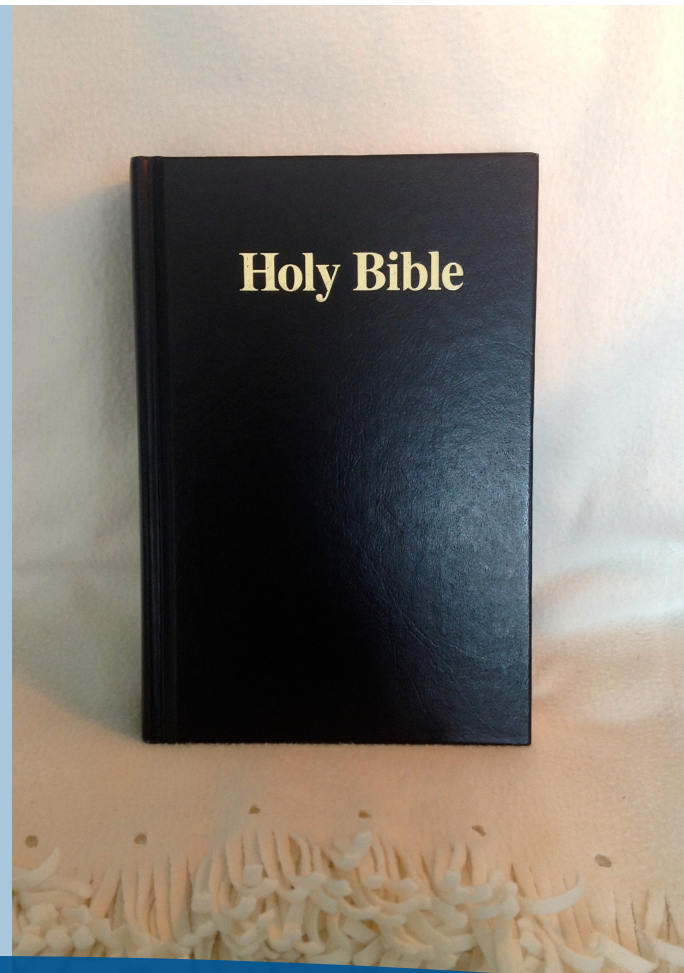


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Revelation 20:6

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It may be said in that day 'when did all this begin'. Well it was in the 'purpose' of God from the beginning, and foretold in the Prophets throughout the Old Testament it will only become reality when He (Christ) the King returns. The promise of these things was made known in the Old Testament and related to Mary by the angel Gabriel as follows:

Luke 1

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: **33** And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

So Christ is to be the great king promised in the prophets, as:

Jeremiah 23:

5 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David **a righteous Branch**, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, **THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.**

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

So the establishing of the Kingdom of God over Israel will begin with Christ's return as:

Zechariah 14

:2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

:3 Then shall **the LORD go forth, and fight** against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

:4 And **his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives**, which is before Jerusalem on the east,.....

Christ's association with the Mount of Olives is strong; he used to sleep there, he was arrested there, he ascended to heaven from there. When he next stands there it will be to deliver Jerusalem from imminent destruction in the battle of Armageddon, and dramatic upheavals will occur; as the rest of verse 4 foretells:

"...and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

This epoch is at the battle of Armageddon (spoken of in Revelation 16:16). We read on in:

Zechariah 14

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

10 All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and **it shall be lifted up**, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's

And so the Kingdom of Israel is to be restored by Christ

When mount Zion, with Jerusalem and the new temple, is “**lifted up**”, the remnant of the nations will come and pay homage to Christ and the temple, as this chapter further says:

Zechariah 14:16

“And it shall come to pass, that every one 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.”

The nations will have to send delegations annually to re affirm their subjection to Israel and her Messiah-King; otherwise:

Zechariah 14

17 And it shall be, that whoso 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.

18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; there shall be the plague, wherewith the Lord will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.

We read also of this time in:

Micah 4:

1 But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of **the house of the LORD** shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it **shall be exalted above the hills**; and people shall flow unto it.

2 And many **nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob**; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and **the word of the LORD from Jerusalem**.

3 And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

This is one of many passages that show that as well as ruling Israel as the future Kingdom and Paradise of God, Christ will also rule over all the nations, which shall form a great empire **subject** to the Kingdom of God-of Israel:

Micah 4:8 And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the **first** dominion; **the kingdom** shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

The land and people of Israel will be more blessed than any other, of which it is written:

Isaiah 11

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them.

7 And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 And the sucking child shall play on the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den.

But these blessings will distinguish the Promised Land from the nations, at large as:

Isaiah 11

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.

10 And in that day there shall be a root **of Jesse**, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; **to it shall the Gentiles seek**: and his rest shall be glorious.

“of Jesse” The royal house of Judah began with King David, the son of Jesse, and culminates in Christ who descends from David, through his mother Mary.

“to it shall the Gentiles seek”. The nations will seek the favour of Christ the king, and he will welcome their homage when they come to Mount Zion as:

Isaiah 25

6 And in this mountain shall the LORD of hosts make unto all people a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined.

7 And **he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations**.

8 He will swallow up death in victory; and the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth: for the LORD hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is the LORD; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Yes; the way of salvation from death, will then be made known to those gentiles that come to Zion to learn it so that **“he will destroy in this mountain the face of the covering cast over all people, and the veil that is spread over all nations.”** This will apply to modern day ‘Christian countries’ as well, even **“all nations”** need instruction regarding Christ and the Gospel.

The Millennial reign of Christ on earth, will bring again an age of miracles and wonders, such as the re-appearance of the Sheckanah Glory-the pillar of cloud and fire:

Isaiah 4

2 In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped **of Israel**.

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

5 And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, **a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night:** for upon all the glory shall be a defence.

6 And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain.

The chosen race shall no longer be cast off, but shall be restored as the head of the nations, such that gentiles will fear and seek the favour of the Jews, as:

Zechariah 8

22 Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD.

23 Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that **ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.**

An end to anti-semitism! We read also that the Israelites will be blessed with longevity:

Isaiah 65

19 And I will rejoice in **Jerusalem**, and joy in **my people:** and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

20 There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed

21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and **mines elect** shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy **in all my holy mountain, saith the LORD.**

We may ask; seeing as the Jews rejected Jesus, how can this be? The answer is:

Ezekiel 36

:23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

:24 For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

The Israelites shall never go astray again, as we read on in this chapter:

Ezekiel 36

26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. 28 And **ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers**; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

“**ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers**”. The land was first promised to their ancestor Abraham 2000 BC, of which we will hear later. The end of this chapter shows again that Israel shall then become the Paradise of God:-

Ezekiel 36

35 And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the **garden of Eden**; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

36 Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

When gentile nations see how Israel has become the Kingdom and Paradise of God, they will realise that they had better watch their step and make a mends for the way they have treated the JEWS

Jeremiah 33

7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first.

8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.

9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and **they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.**

We mentioned that to Abraham were the promises made, and so Israel will be urged to recall these things:

Isaiah 51

2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him.

3 For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like **Eden**, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

Paradise involves having many trees

Isaiah 41

18 I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water.

19 I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together:

20 That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the LORD hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

And this is involved in the fulfilling of the promises to Abraham

Isaiah 41

8 But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of **Abraham** my friend.

9 Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away.”

The new world order of Israel as the kingdom of God on earth, and the nations as the subjective empire, is illustrated in many passages, such as:

Isaiah 60

9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the LORD thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.

10 And the sons of the **strangers shall build up thy walls**, and their kings shall **minister unto thee**: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy on thee.

11 Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought.

12 For the nation and kingdom that will not **serve** thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.

The New Testament also promises the same, as prophesied in:

Revelation 11:15

And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.

We don't have time here, to show that the Gospel is that the faithful from Adam to the return of Christ, will be raised and clothed upon with bodily immortality to live and reign with Christ in that age to come; but Christ's message to the believer is:

Revelation 2:26,27

26 “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.”

(see Psalm 2)

And so it foretells of that day:

Revelation 5:9,10

9 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;10 And hast made us unto our God **kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.**

And so we re-quote the opening reference to this leaflet:

Revelation 20:6

6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

These are the things we find when we

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