## All Families Will Be Blessed

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At a time in history when there are so many problems and disasters facing mankind, having an assurance that this state of affairs will not last is extremely important. Consequently, a permanent solution to these problems and disasters will be examined, as well as the main culprits behind our current malaise.

In order to understand the assurance of better things to come, the word of God must be trusted. Otherwise, we are without hope in a materialistic world that is rapidly coming apart,

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and **in His** word I do hope (Psalms 130:5; NKJV used throughout unless otherwise noted; emphasis added).

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the perseverance and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope (Romans 15:4; emphasis added).

A key scripture explaining this hope involves an ironclad promise that God made to Abraham,

I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed (Genesis 12:2-3; emphasis added).

Therefore, through the teaching and personal example of Abraham's descendants, including Jesus Christ, all the families of the earth would be blessed. This instruction would involve living

in accordance with God's law and commandments so that all people on earth would witness the benefits, and then emulate the same behavior,

Surely I (Moses) have taught you (Abraham's descendants) statutes and judgments, just as the Lord my God commanded me, that you should act according to them in the land which you go to possess. 6 Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it, as the Lord our God is to us, for whatever reason we may call upon Him? 8 And what great nation is there that has such statutes and righteous judgments as are in all this law which I set before you this day? (Deuteronomy 4:5-8; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Sadly, this once great nation, which reached its zenith under King Solomon, soon fell apart and was divided into two separate kingdoms (cf. 2Kings 17:18-23). Consequently, God's law and commandments, which would have created a peaceful and prosperous world if they were observed universally, were no longer taught accurately or correctly. Now we live in a world that is rapidly removing any remaining vestiges of God's law, and the negative consequences are very evident. In fact, because the descendants of these two separate kingdoms have become so corrupt, they are now a curse to the nations that assimilated them after their defeat in 723-721 BCE and 589-587 BCE, and that curse is spreading to other countries around the world as the modern day descendants of Abraham export their lawless behavior,

And it shall come to pass that **just as you were a curse among the nations**, O house
(kingdom) of Judah and house (kingdom) of
Israel, so I (God) will save you (after you have
been punished; cf. Jeremiah 30:11) and **you shall be a blessing** (once you are
rehabilitated and begin doing the job you failed
to do previously) (Zechariah 8:13a; Ed. notes in
parentheses; emphasis added).

The Apostle Paul referred to the twelve families that descended from Abraham in the context of God's promise to forgive them, and then restore them in order to teach God's law and commandments to the world,

To this promise our twelve tribes earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. For this hope's sake, King Agrippa, I am accused by the Jews (Acts 26:7; emphasis added).

The Jews mentioned by Paul were the religious politicians who whipped up the crowds in order to ensure Christ's death (see article entitled: 'Politicians Killed Christ'). They were from the tribe/family/kingdom of Judah that was taken captive by the Babylonians (589-587 BCE) but returned to Jerusalem seventy years later. However, the following families of Abraham were taken from Samaria (723-721 BCE) and moved northward into Europe (Reuben, Simeon, Zebulun, Issachar, Dan, Gad, Asher, Naphtali, Ephraim, and Manasseh). God frequently refers to these ten families collectively as the house of Jacob/Israel. Out of these ten families, the greater physical blessings mentioned in Genesis 49:22-26 were granted to the descendants of Joseph who were Ephraim and Manasseh (see article entitled: 'David's Prophecy to the British'). Therefore, many of Abraham's children are non-Jewish; do not observe God's law correctly, or at all, but because of God's promise to Joseph

they have still been the beneficiaries of great physical wealth and power, which is now being systematically removed due to their lawless behavior.

The good news is that the kingdom of Judah and the kingdom of Israel will be restored following God's punishment of both "houses." Once this is completed, all families of the earth will be blessed as they begin to learn about God's law and commandments from the descendants of Judah and Israel. These laws will be the foundation or constitution of Christ's one-thousand-year reign on earth (cf. Revelation 20:1-6),

It shall come to pass in that day that the Lord shall set His hand again the second time to recover the remnant of His people who are left...He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and (also) gather the dispersed of Judah (including Benjamin and Levi) from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup> Also the envy of Ephraim (see article entitled: 'David's Prophecy to the British) shall depart and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; **Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim** (Isaiah 11:11-13; Ed. notes in parentheses; emphasis added).

Is there any confirmation in recent history of Ephraim being unfair to Judah? (Read article entitled: "Illegal Migration Bill: Once UK turned away Jewish refugees fleeing the Nazis. Have we not learned from the shameful betrayal of humanity? - publisher The Scotsman. (https://www.scotsman.com/news/opinion/columnists/illegal-migration-bill-once-uk-turned-away-jewish-refugees-fleeing-the-Nazis).

This same time period following the reunification of the kingdom of Israel and

Judah is described in numerous prophecies. Following are just a couple of examples,

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 (Isaiah 11:9).

Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain (symbol of gov't) of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, and we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem (Isaiah 2:3; Ed. note in parenthesis).

After this one-thousand-year period of restoration and reeducation is completed, everyone alive will experience a final test of their faith and obedience to God when Satan is released for a brief period of time; per Revelation 20:3.

Following Satan's last attempt to deceive mankind, he will be extinguished; per Romans 16:20; Malachi 4:3; Isaiah 14:16-17. Then the second resurrection will occur, which allows everyone who was not predestined to be in the first resurrection to have an opportunity to repent of sin and enjoy the benefits/blessings associated with living in accordance with God's law and commandments (see article entitled: 'Predestined to Pentecost').

Having successfully accomplished all the tasks given to him by his Father, Christ will deliver his completed work to God the Father,

Then comes the end, when he (Christ) delivers the kingdom to God the Father, when he puts an end to all rule and all authority and power (that is hostile to God). <sup>25</sup> For he must reign till he has put all enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy that will be destroyed is death. <sup>27</sup>

For "He (the Father) has put all things under his (Christ's) feet." But when He (the Father) says "all things are put under him (Christ)," it is evident that He (the Father) who put all things under him (Christ) is excepted. <sup>28</sup> Now when all things are made subject to him (Christ), then the Son himself will also be subject to Him (the Father) who put all things under him (Christ), that God may be all in all (1Corinthians 15:24-28; Ed. notes in parentheses).

As God the Father is not willing that anyone perish forever, it is likely that all His children will eventually regret their sinful attitudes and actions, then repent and ask for forgiveness; thereby inheriting everlasting life,

The Lord is...not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2Peter 3:9).

Say to them: 'As I live,' says the Lord God, 'I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from his way and live. Turn, turn from your evil ways! For why should you die... (Ezekiel 33:11).

A happy and harmonious family will not be achieved when there is hostility toward God's law, which is an expression of his love for His people and the only way that leads to lasting peace and happiness,

By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. <sup>3</sup> For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome (1John 5:2-3).

Simply put, we do not express our love toward our neighbor by lying to him, stealing from him, or attempting to kill him. Sadly, these actions are not uncommon in this day and age, and then we wonder why mankind is under a curse. It is our own lawless conduct that has created this. The good news is that it will come to an end, and true happiness and prosperity will eventually be enjoyed by everyone forever.

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