

The Lesson of DUALITY



GOD KNOWS EVERYTHING

Our Creator God, our Father in heaven is brilliant both in appearance and intellectually. His mind-blowing abilities will forever amaze and dazzle His creation. His knowledge, His wisdom, His understanding and ability to command and things happen baffles the limited mind of man. He creates and looks into the future to determine His plan for the creation in heaven and on earth. Together with the Son, they detailed every step along the way. Though angels and all of mankind

have fallen, God's arm is not short; His creation is not out of His control. He foreknew the outcome before the beginning—every detail and it remains an unbroken plan that will fully come to pass.

“Remember the former things long past, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God and there is no one like Me, **declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘**My PURPOSE will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure**’” (Isaiah 46:9-10).



GOD CHOSE A PEOPLE

God chose a people at the time after the flood when He divided them into nations. He gave them their own land and a heavenly ruler to lead them in truth and righteousness. (Deuteronomy 32:8 and 4:19-20). God chose the descendants of Jacob (Deuteronomy 32:9). He participated in the project of rulership over the nations.

God specifically chose a people to be a kingdom of priests: holy and royal (Exodus 19:6, I Peter 2:9). That was God's purpose and

He will accomplish it. **The duality here is: holy and royal as well as national and religious leadership. God Almighty was their King holding national leadership while the people were to become a kingdom of priests—religious leaders, a Queen.** The duality is pointing to God's purpose of establishing righteous national and religious leadership bound together as ONE ruling entity. This body is both HOLY, that is, set apart from other national and religious leaders and ROYAL, that is, part of God's royal, ruling family. This opens a door to the thought that there

exists created life who are not royal members of God’s family residing in heaven. I suspect the “beasts of the field” and the “birds of the air” may be part of that creation. All of mankind was created in God’s image, that is, to be members of His royal, ruling family. Possibly the animal kingdom on earth mirrors the heavenly “beasts of the field” and “birds of the air”.

God is a benevolent King giving opportunities to His creation to develop into strong righteous leaders. Unfortunately, relatively shortly after the heavenly rulers of God’s heavenly court received their inheritance, that is, rulership over the nations, they rebelled against God. He foreknew the rebellion, but the pain on the day it all began was no less intense. God “filled the deep springs with mourning... and clothed Lebanon (His holy court/headquarters) with gloom” (Ezekiel 31:15).



KINGDOM OF ISRAEL: RIGHTEOUS KINGSHIP AND BIRTHRIGHT BLESSINGS

God’s pain was not limited to the fallen angels in heaven, but His people added a heavy weight that He also foreknew. The twelve sons of Jacob were blessed before Israel died. He gave the sceptre to Judah and the birthright blessings to Joseph. The duality was planned before the beginning to teach mankind about their future in eternity. **The lesson of duality here is that those who are born spiritually will receive rulership in addition to abundant and generous blessings entitled to family members born into God’s holy, royal ruling family.**

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL: TWO HOUSES

But, before the kingdom of Israel could mature into strong spiritual leaders and set the example for the other nations, they fractured into two houses: the house of Israel and the house of Judah.



One house would embrace God’s law with a feverish frenzy while the other begged for grace and became lawless and wild. The pendulum did not stop, it kept swinging taking the leadership of one house into extreme self-righteousness, while the other went into extreme unrighteousness. **The lesson of duality planned before the beginning is: self-righteousness and unrighteousness. The teaching is that no matter what extreme path mankind chooses, God is able to bring them back into the middle, back onto His straight and narrow**

path. The people of Israel are the evidence of that. All this was foreknown before the beginning. It is like the people of Israel were predestined to wear ill-fitting and poorly constructed shoes, so that they would be the first to feel the pain of rejecting God, feel the curses of disobedience and turn to their Savior through Jesus Christ, and come to know the great God who takes great pleasure in giving grace, all the while, God was revealing the importance of binding law with grace.



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LAW AND GRACE

The house of Judah embraced the law; they were the protectors of the scriptures of the Old Testament. The house of Israel, more commonly referred to as the lost ten tribes, begged for grace and when offered it, they cherished it and wrote songs delighting in it. They took God's word, both testaments and bound them into ONE book. To this day, grace is the driving force of the Christian churches. **The lesson of duality here is: law**

without grace is like discipline without love, winter without summer, order without beauty. Law and grace were intended to be bound and harmonized into one legal system.

Though the two houses of God's people remain fractured into the 21st century, God has promised to reunite them at Christ's return. Under the righteous rulership and priesthood of Jesus Christ, the fractured will be mended together and made one, again. Jesus Christ will restore all things.

- God's people will be reunited back into one kingdom never to fracture again.
- Law and grace will be bound into one legal system. The law will come out of Zion [heaven] and the word will come out of Jerusalem [earth].
- A marriage between a King from heaven and a Queen from earth will bind the realm in heaven and on earth together.
- Righteous national and religious leadership will be bound into one where God Almighty reigns supreme, Jesus Christ second—sitting on God's right side with his Bride both reigning as a united body of national and religious leaders.

This lesson of duality is mirrored in the history of God's people to become a holy kingdom of royal priests, but they will not be alone. From all the nations of earth, people will come and serve God as His priests. "You [Christ] are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased men for God from every tribe and language and people and nation. **You have made them to be a kingdom of priests to serve our God and they will reign on earth**" (Revelation 5:9-10). It was foreknown by God. It is His purpose and it will be accomplished.

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