

GOD'S RIGHTEOUS LEADERSHIP

THE DUAL ANOINTING OF LAW AND GRACE

There is a story so big that few can see it; this story is so magnificent that it blinds the many. The story is ancient, yet more current than the news of today. The story is urgent, yet few people care. It is the story of the two great forces of God's leadership mirrored in the story of His people and in Biblical imagery. This story explains the purpose for the creation of mankind and their role in God's eternal kingdom.

On earth, this story began with Adam and Eve who in their beginning walked with God in His garden of delights. Mankind was made in God's image; they are part of His royal family—His garden of delights. They had open fellowship with God. They trusted Him until they sinned, then they knew they made a mistake and they feared God; they felt guilt and immediately they went into hiding. The **fall of man** captured and submerged the part of the soul of man that deals with matters of the heart, inspirations, feelings of love, joy and peace and dragged it into a gloomy abyss.



Sin prevented mankind from finding their way back to God. Darkness crept over them and they turned against God. Their heart became hardened as they listened to the dark menacing spirits set on the destruction of mankind. God cast them out of His righteous family—the Garden of Eden, until His redemptive plan was accomplished. “After he [God] drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to **guard the way to the tree of life**” (Genesis 3:24). Adam and Eve attempted to justify their bad behaviour with coverings of fig tree leaves, but God showed them that the only covering for sin will require the blood of a perfect sacrifice. So, God made garments of skin and clothed them” (Genesis 3:21). He then, prevented mankind from accessing the tree of life—the Savior, the Word of God, until his sacrifice was accepted.

From that moment, God put into action His plan of redemption, restoration, and unity.

SIN BEGAN IN HEAVEN

Sin began on earth with Adam and Eve, but its earliest origins began in heaven. **Creation in heaven was the first of two creations.**



They were created perfect and with spiritual knowledge. The countless beings in heaven enjoyed happiness and peace until iniquity was found. Lucifer who became Satan is the source of sin, he was a murderer from the beginning—a destroyer of spiritual life and a liar—the truth is simply not in him. He lied to Adam and Eve and brought the division from God that occurred among the rogue rulers, powers and authorities in heaven onto earth.

Satan spread his theology far and wide. Earth became a centre for sin. Before the flood, evil became so entrenched that man's soul became diseased and finally necrotic. "The LORD saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the **thoughts** and his **heart** was only evil all the time. The LORD was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. So, the LORD said, 'I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth... But Noah found favor in the eyes of the LORD'" (Genesis 6:5-8).

The two parts of man's soul are his thoughts in his head and his emotions of the heart.

THE NATIONS DIVIDED AND GIVEN HEAVENLY RULERS

At the time of Babel after the flood, mankind began to wander again away from God. So, He decided to divide the nations, give them different languages, territories as well as heavenly rulers to guide them into righteousness. At this time, He decided to participate in this rulership and He chose a people not yet born—Abraham and his descendants through Isaac and Jacob.

"When the Most High **gave the nations their inheritance** [their inheritance was heavenly rulers over them], when He divided the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples **according to the number of the sons of God** [these sons of God were members of His heavenly court and highly respected, Ezekiel 31]. But the LORD's portion is His people, Jacob His allotted inheritance" (Deuteronomy 32:8-9 Berean Study Bible).



Unfortunately, these heavenly rulers turned against God. Knowingly, they chose to rebel when they became proud and arrogant. They taught the nations to worship them instead of the Almighty God, the source of all life. The nations followed their heavenly rulers into rebelling against the Most High God.

This rebellion left God the Father and His Son to work with just one man, Abraham, to accomplish their goal. He was found by God "in a desert land [a place void of God's truth], in a barren, howling wilderness [a place raging with wickedness from the leadership of rogue heavenly sons of God]; He surrounded him, He instructed him, He guarded him as the apple of His eye" (Deuteronomy 32:10). God found a

man who would listen to Him.

ABRAHAM

Abraham became a friend of God and proved to be the faithful earthly father for God's redemption plan. He demonstrated unconditional trust in God, undoubting faith in God's promises and ever-ready obedience. The first mention of a promise for Abraham was in Genesis 12:1-3, "Leave your country [that place of wickedness], your people and father's household [unconverted and a spiritually lost people] and go to the land [a new place—a holy place] that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you." So, Abraham left.

The promise comprised of a land, his descendants becoming a great nation, and blessings.

Abraham is key to understanding God's leadership, His redemptive plan, restoration and finally, the complete unification of everything that was fractured as a result of sin, which began in heaven and flowed out to cover and disease the earth.

THREE EVENTS POINT TO UNDERSTANDING GOD'S LEADERSHIP. His righteousness is a unified body. His leadership is a marriage of His laws with mercy and grace. The story of Abraham and God's use of imagery tell a story painted with beautiful and delicate details revealing a multiple dimensional picture built on many layers.

THE FIRST EVENT

God protected Abraham from the raging lies of the rogue sons of God ruling over the nations. He taught him His ways, His laws, and the embedded meanings in His Holy Days. Abraham was not surprised when Melchizedek arrived after Abraham rescued his nephew Lot from the war of the nine kings. Lot was living in Sodom and both Sodom and Gomorrah were seized by the opposing four kings.

Melchizedek, **king of Salem** brought bread and wine. "He was **priest of God Most High**" (Genesis 14:18) and Abram gave him a tenth of everything (:20).

Melchizedek holds TWO roles: kingship and priesthood. He identifies the two anointings that form the leadership of God.

THE SECOND EVENT

In Abraham's seed God promised a Messiah who would qualify and pay the penalty for the sins of mankind. He came as the suffering servant, which is the example for the priesthood to be the servant of all, to be living sacrifices and he will return as King of kings and Lord of lords. "God gave the promises to Abraham and **his child**. And notice that the Scripture doesn't say "to his children," as if it meant many descendants. Rather, it says "**to his child**"—and that, of course, means Christ" (Galatians 3:16).



Jesus Christ's rulership is DUAL: king and priest, national and religious leadership.

THE THIRD EVENT

God Almighty confirmed with Abraham His promises and sealed an unconditional covenant after Abraham demonstrated his unbreakable loyalty, trust and faith in God with his willingness to sacrifice his son, Isaac though God, himself provided the sacrifice. **"I will confirm my covenant between me and you** and will greatly increase your numbers... No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for **I have made you a father of many nations**. I will make nations of you, and **kings will come from you**. I will establish my covenant as an **everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you**. The whole land of Canaan, where you are now an alien, I will give as an **everlasting possession** to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God" (Genesis 17:1, 5-8).

The everlasting covenant is the receiving of land and a city on a hill—kingship and people who God later revealed are a congregation worshipping a God—the Most high God. **"You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation."** These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites" (Exodus 19:6) and this was confirmed in the New Testament by the Apostle Peter, **"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, to proclaim the virtues of Him** who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9).

God's righteous leadership is manifest in His description of His people:

- A chosen people [selected for a specific purpose]
- A royal priesthood [priesthood of the highest order]
- Holy nation [national leaders different, set apart from other leaders]
- People for God's own possession [to work intimately with God in His temple].

This righteous leadership falls into **TWO roles—two anointings**:

1. A priesthood of the highest order nurturing a congregation
2. Kingship with laws governing a congregation.

God's people that He claimed as His inheritance at the time of the division of people on earth into different languages and territories were to preach, rule, and live God's righteous ways. Later, when God's people rebelled, they followed the ways of the nations who were taught by their rogue heavenly rulers to prioritize national rulership over religious priesthood, resulting in oppression and cruelty due to the neglect of mercy and grace, which they did not teach. Their religious practices were perverse and detestable.

God confirmed this everlasting covenant with Abraham's son, Isaac and again reconfirmed it with Jacob, not his twin brother, Esau who was born first.

JACOB

The wrestling for this firstborn birthright began in the mother's womb. This story images the grasping of God's promises mirrored in ancient Israel and latter-day Israel. God told Rebekah that the birthright blessing will go to Jacob, born second. It will be the latter-day descendants of Abraham who would receive the birthright blessings of: kingship, the scepter and priesthood with the abundant blessings not ancient Israel—Esau, the firstborn of the covenant family for they became rebels.

THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

Jacob's life after he fled Canaan from his brother, Esau, was no ordinary sequence of events. Every event in this chapter of his life, mirrors God's relationship with both the nation and church of ancient Israel. Jacob fell in love with a beautiful shepherdess, desiring to marry her but, he was tricked into marrying her sister, Leah, first. God wanted to marry a loving church—a

shepherdess, but ancient Israel behaved like Leah; her poor eye-sight kept her floundering and staggering falling off the straight and narrow repeatedly.



Rachel was a shepherdess, the woman Jacob loved. God uses imagery to reveal His deep mysteries. A woman is always imaged as a church. Rachel images the faithful church—a religious body of people who throughout time followed Christ, their Shepherd.

She was tormented for many years because she was unable to conceive, until God performed a miracle and opened her womb. God made possible her conception and she became pregnant with Joseph. She died after giving birth to her second son, Benjamin. It was like this faithful church of few died before the fruits of their labor became known, like the prophets of old of which, Christ was the last.

TWELVE SONS BECOME TWELVE TRIBES

Before Jacob died, he blessed his sons. It became very clear at this time that the birthright blessing implemented by God would again be broken. Jacob did not give the firstborn the birthright. Instead, it was divided and given to TWO sons: one—the fourth born of Leah and the other—the firstborn of Rachel. The mirroring in this story is rich as God tells the story of ancient Israel through Reuben who lost the firstborn birthright because of his adultery, so too, ancient Israel lost the firstborn birthright through their flirting and intimacy with the rogue gods ruling over the nations.



Jacob passed over Levi and Simeon because their massacre of the people at Shechem after the rape of Dinah, their sister. Jacob gave the kingship scepter to Judah. He proved his nobility and humility when he pledged his life to protect Benjamin on the journey from Jacob's care to Joseph's rule and vowed to serve Joseph as his slave to keep his pledge to his father to ensure Benjamin's safety. This mirrors a future event, lying on our near horizon where the Jews will again pledge their lives on a national level to protect a people during their journey from the safety of God's hands into the rulership of Christ; the transition will require protection.

In addition, King David proved his leadership as king. He never forgot the throne upon which he sat and in turn, God promised the King would come from his family line. Jesus Christ was born, son of David. The house of Judah would hold the royal kingship forever.

Joseph proved to be a great man. While imprisoned, he learned to trust in his God. Joseph ran from adultery; his relationship with God Almighty was never marred with treason; he could never be tempted just like Jesus Christ. Jacob loved Joseph from the beginning, the son born of the woman he loved. Such imagery mirrors God's love for His own Son. The firstborn birthright blessing was given to Joseph by Jacob whose role is not yet realized. His descendants took the gospel to the world and on the near horizon, he will again feed the world God's truth—His word during a time of great distress and darkness.



A TIMELINE REVEALED

God slipped a timeline in among the twelve sons of Jacob. Originally, God intended that ancient Israel be that model holy kingdom of royal priests and receive the firstborn birthright, but they rebelled. God changed tradition and gave the kingship and sceptre to the 4th son of Leah and priesthood blessings to the first son of Rachel. The two different mothers also indicate the two different churches these leaders come out of. One tends to remain wayward until Christ's return and the other follows Christ wherever he goes. The birth of **Judah**, the 4th son of Leah along the timeline reveals when the ruler who will be King arrives on the world scene—4/12^{ths} from the beginning. The birth of **Joseph**, the firstborn son of Rachel reveals when the birthright blessings would become visible on the world scene. It would be 11/12^{ths} from the beginning and Christ returns at the end of 12/12ths.

THE STORY THAT MIRRORS LAW AND GRACE

The story of these twelve sons becoming twelve tribes is filled with drama, joy and pain, happiness and anger, kindness and cruelty, law but **no grace**. They enter the Promised land under Joshua, a warrior of God and Israel. Judges are given and they enjoy many moments of peace and prosperity, but they can't keep themselves from watching the nations. Eventually, they reject God as their King and demand an earthly king from their people. God accepts the choice of Saul, a Benjaminite from a tribe with resilience and a reputation of being strong fighters who is also head

and shoulders above everyone else. They value self-reliance over trust in God. Saul and his family line are later disqualified by God for his disobedience and God has David from the tribe of Judah anointed king.

King David, a shepherd was a nurturing king applying both God’s grace and law. God promises his family line an eternal throne. King Solomon rules after the death of his father and asks God for wisdom. God is moved with delight and gives him earthly wisdom and riches. His kingdom prospers until he marries women from other nations and the worship of these strange gods and their detestable practices leads King Solomon away from God. He vows to take the kingdom from King Solomon and leave him with only rulership over Judah and Benjamin, two tribes. This fracture does not take place, until King Solomon’s son begins his reign and the first decision this king needs to make results in the division of the kingdom that remains to this day.



THE BREACH OF JEROBOAM

The fracture of the kingdom of Israel began during the second year of the reign of Rehoboam, Solomon’s son. The Israelites were heavily burdened by the king. Forced labour projects involved every tribe and the Israelites begged for relief, “but Rehoboam rejected the advice the elders gave him and consulted the young men who had grown up with him and were serving

him. He asked them, ‘What message do you advise that we send back to these people who have spoken to me, saying, ‘Lighten the yoke your father put on us’?’ Rehoboam followed the advice of his friends and responded to the Israelites’ plea, “Whereas my father burdened you with a

Jeroboam *rebels and walks out!*

"What share have we in David? We have no inheritance in the on of Jesse! To your tents O Israel!"

Now, see to your own house, O David!"

heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke. Whereas my father scourged you with whips, I will scourge you with scorpions" (I Kings 12:8-9, 11).

Outraged, "when all Israel [led by Jeroboam] saw that the king refused to listen to them, they answered the king: "What share do we have in David, what part in Jesse's son? To your tents, Israel! Look after your own house, David!" So, the Israelites went home" (I Kings 12:16).



It was God's doing that the kingdom of Israel be divided because Solomon had married many foreign women and began bringing into Israel the treasonous worship of the gods from the different lands. In addition, King Rehoboam refused to give the Israelites relief from Solomon's heavy taxes and forced labor. Grace was not an option in the eyes of King Rehoboam.

The fracture of the kingdom of Israel took place around 930 B.C.. Their hostility towards each other lasted for hundreds of years, until the Jews forgot they had brothers and the Christians forgot their Hebrew roots. The powers of Darkness may delight in this division in God's inheritance, but God's plan cannot be thwarted. God is strategically working through His grand plan for both His people and all of mankind to establish His purpose and accomplish His good pleasure.

GOD'S PURPOSE AND HIS GOOD PLEASURE

"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's purpose and good pleasure involves **two creations**, one in heaven and one on earth. While the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities of Ephesians 6:12 believe that they are in-charge and have thwarted God's plan, they deceive themselves. God said to the heavenly ruler over Assyria who thought he was so powerful, as his earthly kings stomped and beat down other misguided nations on earth, "Have you not heard? Long ago I ordained it. **In days of old I planned it; now I have brought it to pass, that you have turned fortified cities into piles of stone.** Their people, drained of power, are dismayed and put to shame. They are like plants in the field, like tender green shoots, like grass sprouting on the housetops, scorched before it grows up" (Isaiah 37:27).

God uses the wicked to punish the wicked. While the heavenly king of Assyria was glorifying in his triumphs, God assured him, "But I know where you stay and when you come and go and how you range against me. Because you rage against me and because your insolence has reached my ears, **I will put my hook in your nose and my bit in your mouth**, and I will make you return by the way you came" (Isaiah 37:28-29). While the commander on earth did return

home without attacking Jerusalem, the heavenly ruler was assured that he would be taken captive by God himself.

God foreknew the fall in heaven and on earth before the creation. The separating of mercy and grace from national laws and ordinances was a direct result of choices made by rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities and deceived mankind on earth.

Mankind on earth has a Savior who paid the price for sin. Mercy and grace have been extended to mankind, now God has moved onto the next step in His plan—to reunite, to make ONE all of the TWOs that came about when iniquity was found in heaven and sin sold to mankind on earth.

THE NUMBER TWO

Bullinger provides a comprehensive analysis on Biblical numbers. He stated that number, “**Two affirms that there is a difference—there is *another*; while One affirms that there is not another!**” He added as an example, “When the earth lay in the chaos which had overwhelmed it (Gen 1:2), its condition was universal ruin and darkness. The **second thing** recorded in connection with the Creation was the introduction of a **second thing—Light**; and immediately there was difference and division, for **God DIVIDED the light from the darkness.**”

In summary, the number TWO is a stamp of DIFFERENCE.

The number two in the Bible is a teaching mechanism about difference where one is not superior to the other and both are a fitting companion for each other.

Law and Grace are different like the two houses of Israel—one upholds the law and the other embraces grace, like national and religious leadership—one focuses on the rules and regulations, while other focuses on the **how** to keep the rules and regulations, how to turn away wrath, how to appropriately cover a multitude of sins, how to remain calm and open to reason when emotions are raging, how to recognize the wrong way from the right way, and how to resolve issues peacefully. The nations of the world and God’s people who craved the ways of the nations, chose law and national leadership over grace and religious leadership. This choice has led to abuse and corruption within the justice system and oppression and hardship for the people. They do not have leaders who are nurturing shepherds. God foresaw their choices long ago. In imagery, He demonstrates his foreknowledge.

GOD’S IMAGERY OF TWOs

- **TWO ANGELS**

Over the Ark of the Covenant, God has placed two angels who witness that the law is applied exactly as God intends it and grace is given accordingly. The two angels also image the two witnesses during the Great Tribulation who preach the LAW of God and His GRACE.



- **TWO WAVE LOAVES OF BREAD**

Upon celebrating the Day of Pentecost prior to 32 A.D., the Israelites were told, “You shall bring from your dwellings **two wave loaves** of two-tenths of an ephah. They shall be of fine flour; they shall be **baked with leaven. They are the firstfruits to the LORD**” (Leviticus 23:17). These two loaves image the sin-filled two houses of Israel from ancient times all the way into the present. God foreknew that sin would remain present throughout this evil age.



On the momentous Day of Pentecost in 32 A.D., the Apostle Peter addressed ALL of the people of Israel by declaring, “For the promise is to **you and to your children** [the Jews], and to **all who are afar off** [the ten tribes], as many as the Lord our God will call” (Acts 2:39).

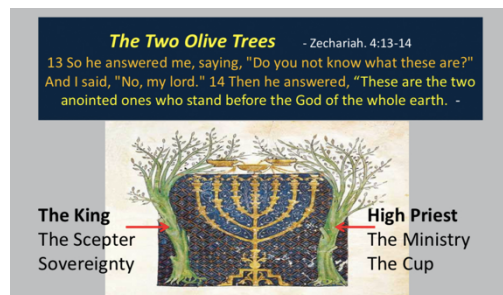
While only Jews were present when the New Testament church began, this New Testament church was not limited to one house or even two, but opened its doors to everyone from all nations. Peter was sent to Cornelius, a Gentile. “Then Peter opened his mouth and said: ‘In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. But in **every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him**” (Acts 10:34-35). Peter continued to explain the message of salvation to those assembled, and “While Peter was still speaking these words, the Holy Spirit fell upon all those who heard the word” (Acts 10:44).

- **TWO OLIVE TREES, TWO WITNESS, TWO CANDLESTICKS**

The two olive trees are the two anointings of king and high priest revealed to Zechariah 4:14, “These are the two anointed ones who stand before the God of the whole earth.”



God is not hiding his plan through His imagery. Quite the contrary, He said, “Listen, O high priest Joshua and your associates seated before you, who are **men symbolic of things to come...**” (Zechariah 3:8).



Zerubbabel, the king is symbolic of one of the olive trees and Joshua, the high priest is symbolic of the other. Joshua was given new garments showing God’s grace and desire to use him and they symbolize things to come—Jesus Christ as King and High Priest, Melchizedek. The flow of oil from each



tree demonstrates the two different leaders generating an oil [righteous leadership] that collects into a golden bowl and flows down into seven candlesticks, which ignite the oil into shining bright lights symbolizing the seven churches of a holy kingdom of royal priests preaching and living the pure way of God. Their righteousness is the light from the candlesticks showing the nations the way to happiness and joy living in love and peace.

The two witnesses of Revelation are two olive trees and the two candlesticks that stand before the God of the earth. The reference to the angels standing before God points to the leadership of God Almighty, which is both King and High Priest. His leadership role is DUAL both equally important and valid.

- **TWO CANDLESTICKS, TWO CANDLESTICKS, TWO CANDLESTICKS, TWO CANDLESTICKS, TWO CANDLESTICKS**

The candlesticks symbolize King and Priest, Law and Grace, House of Judah and House of Israel, Synagogues and Churches, Jews and Christians. Today, these remain separated, but the time is coming when all five become one.



- **THE TWO STICKS**

The two sticks image the two houses of Israel divided over 3,000 years ago. One stick is in the hand of the house of Judah and the other stick is in the hand of Joseph. When Christ returns, he will take both sticks into his hand and forge them back into ONE kingdom to be reunited forever.

The story is recorded in Ezekiel 37:15-22. "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am going to take the stick of Joseph—which is in Ephraim's hand—and of the Israelite tribes associated with him, and join it to Judah's stick. I will make them into a single stick of wood, and they will become one in my hand. They will be ONE nation; they will have ONE king over them all "and they will never again be two nations or be divided into two kingdoms."



For hundreds of years, the two houses fought against each continuing into the 21st century through antisemitism bias and prejudices and Christian persecution. God's people have a painful history. The Jews worked against Jesus in bringing their brothers, the lost sheep of Israel back into the covenant family and rejected him as the Messiah. The baton was passed to the Gentiles to take the gospel to the world. Then on 32 A.D. the New Testament church on Pentecost began with a congregation of Jews, but by 325 A.D. at the Council of Nicea no Jewish representation was allowed. The Crusades were the efforts of the ten tribes of Israel who still

remembered their Hebrew roots fighting using national power to protect their ancient homeland. Into the 21st century, the Jews have forgotten their brothers and their brothers have forgotten their Hebrew roots. Synagogues remain separate from Christian churches both worshiping in the God of Israel, but keeping their distance from each. There remains a dark and evil effort to destroy the royal line of David and the Evangelical New Testament teachings of Christ in you.

God cannot be overthrown. His purpose and pleasure will be accomplished. This barrier that separates the two houses of Israel into the 21st century will be shattered during Jacob's time of trouble. Both houses will be humbled and both will call out to God at the same time with their arms locked beseeching their God for forgiveness and rescue.

"In those days the house of Judah will walk with the house of Israel, and they will come together from the land of the north to the land that I gave to your fathers as an inheritance" (Jeremiah 3:18).

They will come weeping back to God, together at the same time. "In those days and at that time, declares the LORD, the **children of Israel and the children of Judah will come together, weeping as they come**, and will seek the LORD their God. They will ask the way of Zion and turn their faces toward it. **They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an everlasting covenant that will not be forgotten**" (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

God will hear and in His great power and might **He will give them a double blessing**. He will **RESCUE** them and give them **VICTORY**.

God will not forget His covenant with Abraham. "As for you, **because of the blood of my covenant with you**, I will **free** your prisoners from the waterless pit. **Return to your fortress** [victory is on its way], O prisoners of hope; even now I announce that I will restore **TWICE** as much to you. I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim. I will rouse your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and make you like a warrior's sword, Then the LORD will appear over them; his arrow will flash like lightning. The Sovereign LORD will sound the trumpet; he will march in the storms of the south, and the **LORD Almighty will shield them**. **They will destroy and overcome with slingstones... The LORD their God will save them** on that day as the flock of his people. They will sparkle in his land like jewels in a crown" (Zechariah 9:11-16).

Then finally, "The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: **Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim**" (Isaiah 11:13).

King David will be king over them; they will have ONE shepherd. The law-abiding house of Judah will be rebound with the grace embracing house of Israel.

And finally, they will be unified in everything with Christ as their King of kings and Lord of lords. The world will be watching; they will witness a transformation to behold. And "at that time

Jerusalem will be called The Throne of the LORD, and **all the nations will be gathered in Jerusalem to honor the name of the LORD**. They will no longer follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts” (Jeremiah 3:18).

THE MARRYING OF THE TWOs INTO ONE

Christ is working to restore things to how they were before iniquity was found. The great war in heaven led by Satan and his coalition brought division, disunity, confusion and destruction. Set on destruction, crafty Satan lured mankind into his dark world. But, despite the destruction, God’s purpose and good pleasure will be accomplished. Righteousness will prevail, reunification and restoration are on the near horizon and peace will rise up to reign forever.

Out of a time of great distress, Christ will bring God’s people together as a kingdom of one. They will be unified to apply law and grace perfectly, unified in love for one another, unified loving God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength, unified in serving and loving their Savior and following him wherever he goes. Then, he will lead them home, back to the Promised Land to resettle and rebuild and become God’s good pleasure—a **holy kingdom of royal priests** witnessing to the nations, teaching them God’s loving ways and sharing God’s blessings.

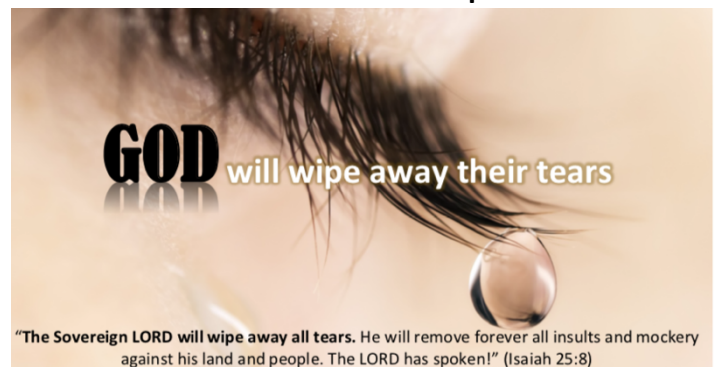
All this is made possible by Jesus Christ: his sacrifice, his love, his loyalty to his Father, his love for righteousness and his great love for all of mankind on earth.

Christ has been anointed King of kings and Lord of lords and he has extended his hand to the saints, his bride, to partner with him in ruling as King and Queen over two different realms: heaven and earth brought together as one under one monarchy. Together, they will marry God’s law with His grace into order and happiness. Together, they will reign as one forever.

LESSONS FOR 21ST CENTURY JEWS AND CHRISTIANS

Sin brought suffering and creation on earth have all felt the pain in varying degrees. However, God does have a purpose in allowing sin and suffering. God is testing, refining and perfecting.

Through suffering, we are also made perfect, like Christ before us who was made perfect. The Apostle Paul said, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, **to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings**” (Hebrews 2:9).



Through Christ’s perfect sacrifice, all of mankind have been bought by Christ through his blood and have been given the great honor of serving God as priests—a people perfected through suffering, compassionate, patient, kind and loving righteousness—experts in God’s way of love.

Righteous creation in heaven rejoice in the future of mankind serving God as priests of righteousness. “And they sang a new song: ‘Worthy are You to take the scroll and open its seals, because You were slain, and by Your blood You purchased for God those from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign upon the earth’” (Revelation 5:9-10).

FINALLY...

God uses stories and imagery to teach in vivid detail the steps of His plan for mankind. He is a transparent God not wanting to keep His creation in the dark. This study shines light on what the Apostle Paul wrote in Galatians 3:8, “There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are **all ONE in Christ Jesus.**”

- **Neither Jew or Gentile** images the history of the Jews and Gentiles—the two houses of Israel where law was misapplied and grace was ignored. Abuse of Law without grace brings corruption, hardships and oppression. Law unified with grace and applied correctly brings peace and happiness.
- **Neither slave or free** describes a union without distinction where one does not rule over the other. Law will not rule over grace, nor Grace rule over Law.
- **Neither male or female** images national and religious leadership. Mankind, God’s second creation—on earth is destined to become a kingdom of priests—a church with a congregation. The earthly representations of spiritual counterparts will become a faint shadow of the past when everyone is resurrected into their eternal bodies. There will be no male and female because what they represent will be fulfilled in the reality of eternity.

And finally, all this will be made possible through Jesus Christ, all of the TWOs will be married into ONE.



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