

Take back the Nations!

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The scroll with writing on both sides was sealed with seven seals (Revelation 5:1). It remained in the hand of the Almighty God with nobody in heaven, on earth, or under the earth worthy to open it. On the outside of the scroll, John read the summary of the contents; he knew the fate of mankind rested in the hands of the one who was worthy, but he wasn't in heaven, on earth, or under the earth. Perplexed and distorted, John wept and wept.

His mind raced through the events of Christ's life on earth, his death and resurrection. What happened that he is not in heaven? An icy horror rippled through him as he wept, fearing something had gone awfully wrong and mankind was left for destruction, worst still—God's kingdom in heaven remains in rebellion, appearing weak and vulnerable.

This gripping event was recorded for the saints of the 21st century, for they live in a time where much of their ancient history is considered a fable.

“Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep! See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has triumphed. He is able to open the scroll and its seven seals.’ Then I saw a Lamb, looking as if it had been slain, standing in the center of the throne...” (Revelation 5:5-6).

Christ had just been crucified, having been only three days and three nights in the grave—under the earth, he was on his way into the heavens when John saw this vision. Christ hadn't arrived yet, but the point of this recording was to spell it out to us that Christ is mankind's only savior, he is the only heir to rule with God. He, and he only has been given from God Almighty all power on earth and in heaven to battle God's enemies and destroy them; there is nobody else anywhere who is worthy. Nobody else—succeeded. His battle, like ours, is against rulers, powers and authorities in heaven and on earth (Ephesians 6:12).

God's holy council members were given rulership over the nations (Deuteronomy 32:8), but they rebelled and failed. They are imprisoned in the pit; their golden crowns are hardly recognizable "they wore something like crowns of gold" (Revelation 9:7). A beast that was, but is not now, will come again in our near future. The leader of this beast, the Antichrist, will claim to be God of all gods. Our enemies are not flesh and blood. This god will perform wonders that will captivate the world. He will be identified as the Assyrian, for God will use the Antichrist, as He did the prince of ancient Assyria, to punish the rebellious people of the house of Israel, **again** (the ten tribes who comprise of many nations today) and purify the repentant survivors, through fire.

"In the whole land two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. **This third I will bring into the fire, I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'they are my people,'** and they will say, **'The LORD is our God'**" (Zechariah 13:8-9).

This rogue son of God, the Antichrist, is raging in madness. "His purpose is to destroy, to put an end to many nations" (Isaiah 10:7). The rod of God's anger against the godless nation of Israel, this Assyrian, is bent on destroying all of the tribes of Israel who are today many nations. His plan is to totally destroy God's first-born nation and subdue the rest of the nations under his rulership. The ancient gods failed, but he is confident that he will succeed. In all his certainty, he will fail to see who gives him power to punish.

"I will punish the king of Assyria for the **willful pride of his heart** and **haughty look in his eyes**. For he says: 'By the strength of **my** hand I have done this, and by **my** wisdom, because I have understanding. I removed the boundaries of the nations, I plundered their treasures; **like a mighty one I subdued their kings**'" (Isaiah 10:12-13).

But, he will not succeed because God has given Christ **all power in heaven and on earth**. The power these rogue entities desired from the beginning, has been given to Christ who, with ease, will overthrow the wicked and bring an end to opposition against God. The seven seals on the scroll in Revelation 5 detail these events.

Each broken seal activates an event and reveals a portion of the legal document written on the scroll. One-by-one events take place. Through Christ, God is destroying the wicked and purifying the repentant. When the final seal is broken, the trumpets are blown. The blowing of the seventh trumpet marks the end of the seventh seal and "there were loud voices in heaven,

saying, **'The kingdoms of this world** have become the **kingdoms of our LORD and of His Christ,** and He shall reign forever and ever!" (Revelation 11:15)

The battle against God and the rogue rulers, powers, and authorities in heaven and earth will come to an end. The scroll at that time will be completely open for all to read.

"The twenty-four elders, who were seated on their thrones before God, fell on their faces and worshiped God, saying: 'We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign'" (Revelation 11:17).

Almighty God is the legal owner of all kingdoms on earth and in heaven. He is supreme; He is King; He is the Creator and there is no one like him. The kingdoms are His. Through Christ and the power given to him by God, all of the rogue rulers, powers, and authorities will be subdued and their failure will be announced at the blowing of the seventh trumpet.

However, Christ's work is not finished. He will reign until all of mankind worships the Almighty God and keeps His commands.

"For He [Christ] must reign until He has put **all His enemies under His feet. The last enemy that will be abolished is death**" (I Corinthians 15:26).

The thousand-year Millennial rule will be that time where all of mankind will come to know God's word, His way, and live His way. The final judgment will abolish death, for the righteous will be resurrected to eternal life, while the wicked will die the second death.

This new kingdom started as a mustard seed, but it will cover the whole earth.

A new royal, ruling partnership is in the making. God Almighty is the supreme ruler and King. He is the absolute head of the new ruling trio. Christ is His body—second under God. "But there is one thing I want you to know: The head of every man is Christ, the head of woman is man, and **the head of Christ is God**" (I Corinthians 11:3) and the bride of Christ is his body.

New to the spiritual world, is the birth of the church. She is a perfect compliment for Christ. He extends his hand to her, willing to share his earned rulership with her in an intimate relationship, like that of a husband and wife. She is a marvel and a wonder.

"A great and wondrous sign appeared in heaven: **a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet and a crown of twelve stars on her head**" (Revelation 12:1).

"I saw in heaven another great and marvelous sign: seven angels with the seven last plagues—last because with them God's wrath is completed. And I saw what looked like a sea of glass mixed with fire and, standing beside the sea, **those who had been victorious over the beast and his image and over the number of his name**" (Revelation 15:1-2).

She is radiant! “Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb” (Revelation 21:9).

The new Jerusalem is coming down out of heaven from God, full of the glory of God and brilliance adorned with exotic jewels. She is comprised of the faithful remnant from the twelve tribes of Israel. This body of people include the founding fathers, the twelve apostles who laid the foundation of truth for Israel. No lies or deceit are found in these 144,000 from the twelve tribes of Israel. Their righteousness is like transparent gold, forged and pressed free of blame, a marvel to the world who persecuted them. This body of many members is comprised of layers upon layers of people with wonderful, precious gifts and strengths; and they are many. They cover an area of 12,000 stadia in length, and as wide and high as it is long. The body of people who shine as protectors of the truth comprise of walls 144 cubits thick, by man’s measurements; they stand armed destroying misconceptions, misinformation, and disinformation. She has grown into learning all truth, God’s knowledge and wisdom and the nations will walk by her example and the kings of the earth will bring their splendor into it (Revelation 21:24). She will not associate with shameful or deceitful people. Her company will only be those who names are written in the Lamb’s book of life (Revelation 21:26).

The righteousness God achieves in these people is a marvel and a wonder; a beauty to behold.

King David understood the battle of God against the rogue rulers, powers, and authorities in heavenly places and on earth. He pleaded, “Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for **all** the nations are **your inheritance**” (Psalm 82:8).

The scroll with the seven seals is given to the One who qualified to break the seals—Jesus Christ. He is described as a lamb seen by John because his perfect sacrifice makes possible the redemption plan for mankind, which qualifies him to reveal the events that will take place from the time of his resurrection back into glory to the end of this evil age. The scroll has writing on both sides. It addresses both realms—both creations—the first and second—the heavenly and earthly. One side of the scroll may address the creation in heaven, while the second side may address the creation of earth. Both realms together will pledge their eternal allegiance to the Supreme God who is the source of all power. Christ will work to restore all things to how they were before iniquity was found in heaven. Never again will the creation rise up against the Supreme Creator: God the Father.

When Christ is finished, He will **become subject** to his Father in heaven.

“When he has done this, **then the Son himself will be made subject to him who put everything under him**, so that **God may be all in all**” (I Corinthians 15:25).

God Almighty is the eternal source of all power; He is Supreme. He will take back all the nations for all creation belongs to Him.

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