

He came Riding on a Young Donkey



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He entered Jerusalem riding on a young donkey that had never been ridden before. In doing so, he enacted the unfolding of the kingdom of God that would rise into a glorious, mighty kingdom through lowliness and suffering.

But—the naive people of Judah and Israel rejected a kingdom built on lowliness and suffering; they wanted to use force through military and economic strength to crush and humiliate their opposition. The house of Judah went to war against the Romans in 70 A.D. and lost. The redeemed house of Israel went to war during the Crusades and achieved very little. Both houses sought to establish the kingdom of God through military might; both houses failed.

“Not by might nor by power, **but by my Spirit**” (Zechariah 4:6) will the kingdom of God be established.

When will the covenant people of God who love striving for power and control understand that only through humility and peace, will the kingdom of God be established?

It will all become evident when Satan is thrown down to earth; when he knows that his time is short. He and his coalition will come out of the shadows; the world will see with their own eyes the dark forces of the heavens that have been playing them.

“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the RULERS, against the AUTHORITIES, against the COSMIC POWERS over this present darkness, against the SPIRITUAL FORCES of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12).

Within the nations of Israel, a remnant has remained faithful throughout the ages into this present day and in the future, during these final days of this evil age. Satan and all of the rogue heavenly rulers detest their loyalty and love for God and they will turn on these saints with a vengeance in the latter day. A revival of the **pure** word of God will ignite, during their time of trouble. Their witness will awaken many in the nations of Israel and around the world.

The boastful “little horn” Satan uses to lead his beastly coalition will attack the saints and win for three and half years (Daniel 7:25) for what has been determined by God must take place. Then, the Ancient of Days will stand before His court and pronounce judgment in favor of the saints (Daniel 7:22).

Satan will become enraged and strike with full force to overpower and obliterate the saints, but—“the woman was given the two wings of a great eagle, so that she might fly to the place prepared for her in the desert, where she would be taken care of for a time, times and half a time, out of the serpent’s reach” (Revelation 12:14).

Seething and frothing in rage, Satan will not accept his loss; he will turn to the nations of Israel who do not flee. Their time of trouble begins. These people are a mix of rebellious unrepentant people and newly converted people now keeping the commandments of God. 21st Israel—all thirteen nations will gasp in horror at that time. Millions of them will be overpowered and many will perish, the surviving one-third will be taken into captivity by a force whose origins are not earthly. That is the time when God has determined to clean His house. He uses the beastly power of Revelation to purge the wicked leaders and followers from His people and purify the remaining covenant people.

“Then the dragon was enraged at the woman and went off to make war against the rest of her offspring—those who obey God’s commandments and hold to the testimony of Jesus” (Revelation 12:17).

“And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, says the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: THEY SHALL CALL ON MY NAME, and I WILL HEAR THEM: I will say, it is my people: and they shall say, THE LORD IS MY GOD” (Zechariah 13:8-9).

The heavenly forces raging against the Almighty God will delight in the captivity of this remnant and will issue cruel and brutal orders with the intent of completely destroying them. But in their suffering, these 21st century Israelites will remember their God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and they will cry out to Him for help. They will pledge their allegiance to the God of their fathers and commit themselves to obeying Him completely and sincerely—eternally.

“I have heard Ephraim grieving, **‘You have disciplined me, and I was disciplined, like an untrained calf; bring me back that I may be restored, for YOU ARE THE LORD MY GOD’**” (Jeremiah 31:18).

“YET IN DISTANT LANDS THEY WILL REMEMBER ME. They and their children will survive, and they will return” (Zechariah 10:9).

“When **the Assyrian invades our land** and marches through our fortresses, we will raise against him seven shepherds, even eight leaders of men. They will rule the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod with drawn sword. **HE WILL DELIVER US FROM THE ASSYRIAN WHEN HE INVADES OUR LAND AND MARCHES INTO OUR BORDERS**” (Micah 5:5-6).

“In that day **the remnant left in Israel, the survivors in the house of Jacob, will no longer depend on allies who seek to destroy them. But THEY WILL FAITHFULLY TRUST THE LORD, THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL**” (Isaiah 10:20).

Christ, King of kings and Lord of lords will return at the end of the Great Tribulation and resurrect and give eternal life to his saints, beginning first with those who are dead followed by the living. They will meet him in the air and stand with him to fight against the heavenly rulers, powers and authorities who have captured the nations of the earth and hold God’s remnant covenant people in captivity.

All, but captive 21st century Israel, worship this beast.

“One of the heads of the beast appeared to be fatally wounded. But the mortal wound was healed, and **the whole world was astonished and followed the beast. And they worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, “Who is like the beast, and WHO CAN FIGHT AGAINST IT?”** (Revelation 13:3-4).

Who can fight against the supernatural power of the beast? The crafty trap that will keep the nations passive under this world-ruling tyrant is a partnership of trade. The kings of the earth, the wealthy business men, entrepreneurs, tradesmen all will enjoy the wealth obtained by trading with “Babylon.” “For all the nations have drunk the maddening wine of her adulteries. **The kings of the earth committed adultery with her and the merchants of the earth grew rich from her excessive luxuries**” (Revelation 18:3). She casts a magic spell over the nations, leading them astray (Revelation 18:23). But, her end will be swift; she will fall and the wealthy elite will weep.

God remains loyal to the covenant He made with Israel. “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, 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, Zion, against your sons, O Javan, and **MAKE YOU LIKE A WARRIOR'S SWORD**” (Zechariah 9:12-13).

In God’s enduring mercy and grace, He gives the remnant of 21st century Israel a **double blessing.** He **rescues both houses:** Judah and Israel from captivity and **gives them victory** over the supernatural power of the beast. **This victory is designed to show the nations of the world that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob reigns supreme** and that **He has redeemed His people.** Satan will have preached an entirely different story through the blasphemous “little horn.” The world will be drunk on lies and deception.

God will rescue and gather the Israelite captives. He will call them to fight against the raging nations sick from the poisonous lies they will be forced to consume. Judah and Ephraim (the 10 tribes) will be bow and arrow in the hand of God.

“I will bend Judah as I bend my bow and fill it with Ephraim... and make you like a warrior’s sword” (Zechariah 9:13).

By this time, the Antichrist will have set himself up in Jerusalem in the temple and will claim to be the God of all gods—he is the “little horn” in Daniel.

The armies of the nations will not be strong enough to overpower the remnant, 21st century nations of Israel. God will lead the attack and protect His people as they fight against a sea of storming soldiers.

God will make the house of Judah “like a proud horse in battle” and “The Ephraimites will become like mighty men, and their hearts will be glad as with wine” (Zechariah 10:3,7).

“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**” (Zechariah 9:14-16).

They will attack with devastating violence. God not only fights for His people, but is also **their shield in battle.** Through this victory, the remnant people of Israel will attain glory and they will remember this mighty victory for generations to come. This mighty battle will bring an end to the ungodly powers, ceasing war.

“In that day the LORD will punish the **POWERS IN THE HEAVENS ABOVE** and the **KINGS ON THE EARTH BELOW.** They will be herded together like prisoners bound in a dungeon; they will be shut up in prison and be punished after many days” (Isaiah 24:21-22).

The kingdom of God will become a visual reality when Christ takes his throne as King of kings and Lord of lords and the Bible story of Christ entering Jerusalem on a young donkey will instantly come to mind, as he turns to the people of the nations and offers them peace and friendship. His humility and love for them will bring them to their knees and he will care for them, as he did for the people of Israel.

“He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide disputes for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; NATION SHALL NOT LIFT UP SWORD AGAINST NATION, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANYMORE” (Isaiah 2:4).

“Thus, says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten [ten is used as an indefinite number, denoting a great and complete multitude] men from the nations of every tongue shall take hold of the robe of a Jew, saying, **‘Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you’**” (Zechariah 8:23).

Keil and Delitzsch state, “Not only will the people of the nations, then flow to Jerusalem to seek the God of Israel, but they will crowd together to Israel and Judah to be received into fellowship with them as a nation.” <https://www.studylight.org/commentaries/kdo/zechariah-8.html>

At the close of this evil age, 21st century Israel will not seek political supremacy for they will finally be the humble, serving people God Almighty intended them to be those many years ago, which began when God claimed the people of Israel as His inheritance. These people were not special or better than any other people, but their forefathers: Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob were dearly loved by God, for they truly desired to obey God. They recognized His righteousness, perfection, and love for His creation, which brought them to have an intense admiration for and wonder of Him. Their descendants take many years to come to that realization—after intensely difficult and painful years of disobedience and rebellion that brought them curses and hardship. Yet, our enduring and merciful God will save them, He still loves them and He will **“not reject his people; he will never forsake his inheritance”** (Psalm 94:14).



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