# Jacob, Israel

Father of the Israelites
Father of the Overcomers

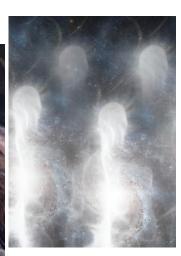
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# THE BACK STORY

Creation in heaven is grand and great. Vast kingdoms have formed governed by kings and princes. God established His great courts and gave His finest and most highly trained sons to judge and rule. God filled His headquarters with sons whose expertise in His Law was of the highest level. These members were briefed on God's plans for all creation.

Ezekiel 31 opens a window into God's headquarters in heaven. The story is shared because it unveils the great fall that brought God intense pain and made ready phase two of His plan, creation on earth.

<sup>2</sup> "Son of man, say to Pharaoh king of Egypt and to his hordes: "'Who can be compared with you in majesty?" God addressed the Pharaoh king in heaven with his **hordes**—the great multitude with him.

<sup>3</sup> "Consider Assyria, once a cedar in Lebanon, with beautiful branches overshadowing the forest; it towered on high, its top above the thick foliage."

God was warning this king over the Egypt on earth that he is going the way of the infamous and once-revered king of Assyria who was once a great leader in God's headquarters in heaven [called Lebanon]. When earth was made ready for mankind, God created a great forest of cedars on earth to mirror His great headquarters filled with experts on His Law. Intentionally, both locations have the same name, Lebanon.

6b "...all the great nations lived in its shade."

The heavenly king over Assyria provided protection and support to all of the great nations on earth.

<sup>8</sup> The cedars in the garden of God could not rival it, nor could the junipers equal its boughs, nor could the plane trees compare with its branches— no tree in the garden of God could match its beauty."

The once-great leader in God's headquarters couldn't be challenged by anyone from creation in heaven.

<sup>9</sup>I made it beautiful with abundant branches, the envy of all the trees of Eden in the garden of God."

God blessed this leader and His Holy Spirit was poured out upon him. God loved him.

<sup>10</sup> "Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Because the great cedar towered over the thick foliage, and because it was proud of its height, <sup>11</sup> I gave it into the hands of the ruler of the nations, for him to deal with according to its wickedness. I cast it aside, <sup>12</sup> and the most ruthless of foreign nations cut it down and left it. Its boughs fell on the mountains and in all the valleys; its branches lay broken in all the ravines of the land. All the nations of the earth came out from under its shade and left it." Unfortunately, this great leader became proud and arrogant because of the height of his achievements; he thought he was as great as his Creator.

<sup>15</sup> "This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On the day it was brought down to the realm of the dead I covered the deep springs with mourning for it; I held back its streams, and its abundant waters were restrained. Because of it I clothed Lebanon with gloom, and all the trees of the field withered away. <sup>16</sup> I made the nations tremble at the sound of its fall when I brought it down to the realm of the dead to be with those who go down to the pit. Then all the trees of Eden, the choicest and best of Lebanon, the well-watered trees, were consoled in the earth

below.<sup>17</sup> They too, like the great cedar, had gone down to the realm of the dead, to those killed by the sword, along with the armed men who lived in its shade among the nations."

God withdrew His Holy Spirit from this dissident and he decayed into a raging rebel.



"Whom have you taunted and blasphemed? Against whom have you raised your voice and lifted your eyes in pride? Against the Holy One of Israel! Through your servants [on earth] you have taunted the Lord, and you have said: 'With my many chariots I have ascended to the heights of the mountains, to the remote peaks of Lebanon. I have cut down its tallest cedars, the finest of its cypresses. I have reached its farthest heights, the densest of its forests.'"

God responded to this bragging bully, "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 should crush fortified cities into piles of rubble." God Almighty uses the wicked to destroy the wicked.

God added, "But I know your sitting down, your going out and coming in, and your raging against Me. Because your rage and arrogance against Me have reached My ears, I will put My hook in your nose and My bit in your mouth; I will send you back the way you came'" (Isaiah 37:23-24, 26, 28-29).

God beseeched the heavenly king over Egypt to urgently self-reflect and not fall into the walk of the Assyrian king in heaven.

<sup>18</sup> "Which of the trees of Eden can be compared with you in splendor and majesty? Yet you, too, will be brought down with the trees of Eden to the earth below; you will lie among the uncircumcised, with those killed by the sword. 'This is Pharaoh and all his hordes, declares the Sovereign Lord'" (Ezekiel 31).

God often uses imagery which sharing information that relates to His creation in heaven. It is to provide a richer image, while disclosing the name of His family, Eden and the name of His headquarters, Lebanon.

Which of the leaders in God's family can be compared to you? Yet, you too, will be sentenced and imprisoned to be destroyed with the other wicked, fallen great leaders from heaven.

# THE GREAT FALL OF GOD'S HEADQUARTERS

The great fall of God's headquarters in heaven gave rise to creation on earth and the men and women who will be filling the positions lost by these fallen sons of God in heaven. Jacob and his descendants will fill many of these important roles. This is known from the scriptures.

Woven in every aspect of creation on earth are details of God's plan that mirror what mankind cannot see in heaven. Creation on earth is a mirror of all things critical in His plan.

Creation in heaven holds the structure of all things sustained through the forces of God's Law. God Almighty is the Great Teacher. The creation in heaven would learn that they are incomplete. Law alone becomes tyranny. One-third of all of the vast dominions in heaven have fallen into sin, each striving for sole rulership over all kingdoms. The remaining kingdoms have looked to God and realized; they are deficient. Through the second creation on earth, God is teaching them about His righteousness, that is, His theology. God Almighty is both King and Lord; He is a union of church and state. Creation in heaven is learning the importance of creation on earth.

#### GOD'S NEW GOVERNMENT IN THE MAKING

Satan and his one-third of fallen angelic sons of God, war against creation on earth because they want sole rulership. They refuse to allow a theological authority into their governing body. Within God's plan, the establishment of a model, holy kingdom of royal priests is His first priority. This model kingdom will teach the nations on earth how to rule in love by applying God's Law and His Theology of righteousness and grace. This model kingdom will be His repentant people, the descendants of Jacob—all twelve tribes who have become twelve nations today: Western Europe, the West and the Jews.

#### THEIR KING AND LORD

After the fall of His government in heaven, God announced the next phase of His plan—the induction of the Son of God into the highest government—in Israel.

"This is what the Lord GOD says: 'I will take a shoot from the lofty top of the cedar, and I will plant it. I will pluck a tender sprig from its topmost shoots, and I will plant it on a high and lofty mountain [government]. I will plant it on the mountain heights of Israel so that it will bear branches; it will yield fruit and become a majestic cedar. Birds of every kind will nest under it, taking shelter in the shade of its branches. Then all the trees of the field will know that I am the LORD. I bring the tall tree down and make the low tree tall. I dry up the green tree and make the withered tree flourish. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I have done it'" (Ezekiel 17:22-24).

God has declared that He will select a leader from the highest level of His order and inaugurate this leader at the highest level of government—in Israel. This leader will not fail like the previous ones. He will establish law and order; he will ensure justice rules, he will care for the vulnerable, he will rule in fairness without bias and his subjects will submit. He is the King over all kings and Lord over all lords. All of the previous heavenly rulers over the nations failed. They will be overthrown, that is, cut down and dried up—their subjects will be freed from their tyranny.

# JACOB, ISRAEL

Now, to the story of Jacob and how he obtained the firstborn blessings from Esau. It involved a battle of exchange. Esau sold his birthright for a single meal. That transaction was not honoured, so Jacob disguised himself as Esau and received the blessing through deceit. The blessing that Jacob received was rulership over the descendants of his brother, Esau but also, rulership over all of his relatives and servants. Jacob's relatives are the descendants of Hagar's son, Ishmael—the Arab peoples today and the descendants of the six sons from Keturah, Abraham's wife after the death of Sarah. Into the 21<sup>st</sup> century, Keturah's sons have also become nations. Their journey out from the Holy Land across Europe has hidden their identity of them and for all of Jacob's descendants who did not return to the Holy Land after their captivity. The Jews are an exception because they did return and they became the protectors of the oracles of God, though, even their identity, due to their scattering, has become blurred.

#### ISAAC BLESSES JACOB BEFORE HE FLEES FROM ESAU

The Hittite wives of Esau grieved both Rebekah and Isaac. Rebekah said to Isaac, "I am weary of my life because of these Hittite women. If Jacob takes a Hittite wife from among them, what good is my life?" (Genesis 27:46)

"So, Isaac called for Jacob and blessed him. 'Do not take a wife from the Canaanite women. Go at once to Paddan-aram, to the house of your mother's father Bethuel, and take a wife from among the daughters of Laban, your mother's brother. May God Almighty bless you and make you fruitful and multiply you, so that you may become a company of peoples. And may He give the blessing of Abraham to you and your descendants, so that you may possess the land where you dwell as a foreigner, the land God gave to Abraham'" (Genesis 28:1-4).

#### GOD CONFIRMED THE BLESSING OF ABRAHAM WITH JACOB

Jacob left his father's tent and the first night that he rests, he had a dream. He saw a staircase to heaven with angels walking up and down and Almighty God above said, "I am the LORD, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. I will give you and your descendants the land on which you now lie. Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and east and north and south. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you and your offspring. Look, I am with you, and I will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. For I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you" (Genesis 28:13-15).

God knew exactly what He was doing when He blessed Jacob on that first night after fleeing from Esau. God foreknew the outcome before creation began. God saw a people who would overcome to stand strong and loyal to Him forever. He saw the descendants of Jacob, in particular, the last-days descendants, who will awaken to their great calling and stand up against rebel kings, presidents, prime ministers, judges, lawyers, three-letter agencies, officers and all rebels who violate law and order.

Jacob's mother was told by God that the older would serve the younger. Esau was born first with Jacob holding his heel. Esau lived in the moment, placing himself in the centre. Jacob lived fearing God and listening to his parents. He valued the words of God and was prepared to fight to secure blessings from Him. Esau lived mirroring the attitude of the ancient Israelites who believed they were entitled to God's blessings because they were a chosen people—the first of all nations.

The name Jacob means to supplant. Additional meanings of this word include: to supersede (another) especially by force or treachery, to uproot, to take the place of and serve as a substitute especially by reason of superior excellence or power. (<a href="https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/supplant">https://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/supplant</a>)

The Judo-Christians in the last days will fight for God's firstborn blessing. They will wrestle with Jesus Christ to prove their faithfulness and value to God Almighty. The spiritual world will be visible and their glorious calling will be clear. They will not let Jesus Christ go, until he blesses them with eternal life in God's kingdom.

Satan's wicked leadership is in opposition to the Kingship of Almighty God. The descendants of Jacob, those nations in Western Europe, the West and the Jews will overcome in these last days to stand against Satan and the beastly coalition, face-to-face. They will not fear the loss of their life; their strength will be in their relationship with Almighty God and Jesus Christ. They will not bend their knee to the great idol of the beast.

While, many are not fully awake today, those desiring their inheritance are wrestling already through different venues. Some are reporters of truth, a few are in government opposing the destruction of their nation, some are judges, and lawyers and law-enforcement officers working against injustice and crime. Hidden in the shadows are the many, ready to rise up and declare Almighty God as the Almighty-King and Jesus Christ as their Saviour-King.

Then the man [the angel of the LORD] said, "Your name will no longer be Jacob, but Israel, because you have struggled with God and with men, and you have prevailed" (Genesis 32:28).

Jesus Christ, the angel of the LORD in the Old Testament, changed Jacob's name to Israel. It means a strong leader, a prince of God.

Mankind has been at war against lies and deceit since sin entered our world. Mankind is engaged in an information war and it will intensify when Satan and his rebel coalition is thrown

out of heaven. Wickedness will not leave a single stone unturned. It is desperate to survive. War in heaven will spill over onto earth. The Antichrist, the little horn in the book of Daniel, will try and change God's law so to pardon themselves. They despise creation on earth and their central target will be God's people.

Jacob's trouble, the Great Tribulation, was foretold hundreds of years ago. God's people will not be ready. Many have grown tired and over generations lost their faith. "Where is the promise of His coming?" they will ask. "Ever since our fathers fell asleep, everything continues as it has from the beginning of creation" (II Peter 3:3-4).

Most of Jacob's descendants remember only their roots from when they were taken into captivity by the Assyrians. They were relocated to live on the boundary of the Assyrian Empire around the Caucasus mountains. Today, they identify themselves as Caucasians. They have forgotten their earlier history. These ten tribes of Israel moved westward away from the Caucasus region and established cities in Asia Minor for a time. Josephus, a renown Jewish historian, recorded, "There are but two tribes in Asia ... subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates now, and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers." (Flavius Josephus, Antiquities of the Jews, bk. 11, ch. 5, sec. 2)

God continued to push these people westward and establish them where they are today. An event will awaken this great number of people. They will rise up with strength from Almighty God and supplant the wicked rule of the lawless across the planet at the return of Jesus Christ.

# THE JOURNEY OF THE TEN TRIBES

The ten tribes of Israel were divorced by God many years ago because of their relentless sinning. No longer did God refer to them as the house of Israel rather they were identified with the gentiles of the nations. After suffering the curses of disobeying God, like the prodigal son, they returned asking for nothing more than to be a servant for their Father in heaven. God saw them returning with a repentant heart and He offered them grace. Jesus did the work of bringing them back into the covenant family. They became known as Christians. King Agrippa said to the Apostle Paul, "Do you think that in such a short time you can persuade me to be a Christian?" (Acts 26:28)

The covenant family is once again all twelve tribes, which in the 21<sup>st</sup> century are twelve nations. God did not reject His people, though their commitment was and remains today, like the ebb and flow of the sea. The Apostle Paul said, "I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew" (Romans 11:1-2a).

God has not rejected any of the twelve tribes. He has corrected them; He has, at times, purged them from His sight, but as Jeremiah confirmed, He it impossible for Him to reject them because He foreknew their journey and the glorious outcome of His work.

"This is what the LORD says: 'Only if the heavens above could be measured and the foundations of the earth below searched out would I reject all of Israel's descendants despite all they have done,' declares the LORD" (Jeremiah 31:37).

King David never forgot whose throne he sat on. "For the LORD will not forsake His people; He will never abandon His heritage" (Psalm 94:14). God is their King. God gave them to Himself as His heritage—His rulership; they will always remain His subjects (Deuteronomy 32:9).

# JACOB CHOSEN, ISRAEL A TREASURED SERVANT

"For the LORD has chosen Jacob to be his own, Israel to be his treasured possession" (Psalm 135:4).

God used Jacob and Israel in the same sentence. He is identifying two different groups within His people. Jacob are the people before they wrestle with Christ and the overcomers are those blessed by Christ. The overcomers are God's treasured possession; they are destined to fill critical roles in His kingdom. During a time of great distress, the descendants of Jacob will come under extreme distress with the arrival of Satan and his rebel coalition. Some will submit to Satan and enter into idol worship; others will remember their God and cry out for help and protection.

God supports the two. He is correcting His people and will continue until the end of this mortal age. Ultimately, all who repent will become known as Israel. "But you, O Israel, My servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, descendant of Abraham My friend—I brought you from the ends of the earth and called you from its farthest corners. I said, 'You are My servant.' I have chosen and not rejected you. Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God. I will strengthen you; I will surely help you; I will uphold you with My right hand of righteousness" (Isaiah 41:8-10).

#### GOD'S PLAN FOR JACOB, ISRAEL

God foretold the repentance of the ten nations of 21<sup>st</sup> century Israel. "They will follow the LORD; he will roar like a lion. When he roars, his children will come trembling from the west" (Hosea 11:10). Though He pushed them into the far west, away from Him, still, He watched them over time return, like the prodigal son, returning, weeping in shame. "In the place [the West and Western Europe] where it was said to them, 'You are not my people,' they will be called 'children of the living God'" (Hosea 1:10).

God's people are the work of His hands. He is molding them and often, it is a painful process. "In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom and fill all the world with fruit" (Isaiah 27:6).

God is excited about the future. "In a very short time, will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field seem like a forest?" (Isaiah 29:17) All of God's great experts in His Law courts rebelled against Him. They became proud and arrogant. God is rebuilding His centre of law and order and filling all of those positions, once held by mighty sons of God, with the saints, soon to be resurrected men and women.

The future of God's people and people from all is nations will be glorious. Foretold is the humble worship of people from all languages, tribes and nations. "The righteous man will flourish like the palm tree; he will grow like a cedar in Lebanon. PLANTED IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD, they will flourish in the COURTS OF OUR GOD. They will still yield fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and very green" (Psalm 92:12-15).

"I [God] will be like the dew to Israel; he will blossom like the lily, and he will take root like the cedars of Lebanon. His shoots will sprout, and his beauty will be like the olive tree and his fragrance like the cedars of Lebanon" (Hosea 14:5-6). God has prophesied the repentance and spiritual maturity of His people, today, twelve nations.

God's people will blossom, take root, sprout and mature spiritually into a people who will endure persecution, stand strong keeping God's Law and living righteously.

#### **JACOB'S TROUBLE**

God will not allow the descendants of Jacob into the 21<sup>st</sup> century to fill the honoured positions in His headquarters, just because they are DNA Jacob. Only the overcomers who are prepared to put their own life on the line to stand against Wickedness, will fill the special, highly valued roles in God's kingdom. Only the overcomers who are God-fearing will serve in His temple. Only the overcomers will be rewarded their inheritance.

The incredible future of the descendants of Jacob is known into the 21<sup>st</sup> century as scripture is clear. Many of God's people are simply not reading God's word and these incredible blessings remain unknown as the average Jacob wanders in darkness and their thoughts are far from God's word. These people will awaken, terrified. The world will enter the darkness and most frightful time never seen before.

Powerful spiritual beings, thrown out of heaven, will arrive and declare themselves to be God and gods. They will mandate that all the people on earth worship them. They will first overpower God's people with a display of might that will frighten the world. The leaders of the nations will say, "Who is like the beast? Who can make war against it?" They will surrender.

The dominoes falling will trigger a religious revival. The two witnesses recorded in the book of Revelation will have great power from God Almighty. They will preach to the whole world. Judo-Christians will see their theological errors and be ashamed. During a time of extreme darkness and much deceit, people will either comply and accept the beast's rule or be prepared to die, standing up, declaring their allegiance to and worship of only the Almighty God—the God of Israel. The overcomers, Israel, will direct the world's attention to their God, the Almighty.

The inhabitants whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, will rejoice at the alien arrival—their masters. Amazing technologies will be introduced to lure the people into a different salvation plan. God's people will be separated. The church

described in Revelation as the woman with a crown of twelve stars will be attacked by Satan but given supernatural power to escape. Her daughter churches will remain. They won't be ready in time. Raging at his defeat, Satan will turn his anger onto the churches keeping the commandments of God and holding to the testimony of Jesus. God's people, choosing to serve Satan, will be eventually taken captive and given to the nations of the world as their slaves. Satan and his beastly coalition despise God's people.

#### JACOB WILL REPENT AND BE SAVED

At the beginning of the sixth seal, 12,000 men and women from the tribes of Israel are sealed. The tribe of Dan is excluded. There remain twelve tribes because Jacob adopted Joseph's two sons as his own. They became equal to his sons, receiving blessings with them. "Then I looked, and there before me was the Lamb, standing on Mount Zion, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads" (Revelation 14:1). These men and women have the name of the Son of God and the Father written on their foreheads. This scripture points to the Philadelphia group of men and women who Jesus said he would write on them the name his God and the name of the city of his God, the new Jerusalem, which is coming down out of heaven from his God; and he will also write on him his new name" (Revelation 3:12).

God is very specific to name the twelve tribes of Israel who will form His new government. They are a righteous group of men and women who are not defiled by false religion. They follow Jesus wherever he goes. They are the strong who will form the unbreakable structure of God's new government. God describes them as cedar trees: eternal beings, tall in knowledge of God's Law and ways, resistant to lies and deceit, and a people who live righteously, tirelessly helping others grow into spiritual maturity.

To specifically name the tribes that will form His government is a clear example that Almighty God is still working with His people, a specific group of people into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. It should be clearly noted that God has not also forgotten the people in the nations. Immediately after listing the twelve tribes of Israel who comprise of a special group of 144,000, which is likely a symbolic number representing a cube comprised of layers of spiritually mature men and women who have been well tested, God show the Apostle John an enormous group of men and women from "every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb... They cry out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb'..." (Revelation 7:9). They are wearing white robes. They will come out of the Great Tribulation purified and they will be honoured to serve Almighty God in His temple day and night.

"I will bring them to My holy mountain and make them joyful in My house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on My altar, for **My house will be called a house of prayer for all the nations**" (Isaiah 56:7).

When God's people, all twelve tribes of Israel, return to the Holy Land, they will return with people from the nations. They will all settle together in the Holy Land. "The LORD will have

compassion on Jacob; once again he will choose Israel and will settle them in their own land. Foreigners will join them and unite with the descendants of Jacob" (Isaiah 14:1).

While prophecy reveals that God will rescue His people and people from the nations together and settle them in the Holy Land, a time of intense persecution will precede their rescue. God's people will be mocked and ridiculed mercilessly. God is not at all happy with the people in the nations who callously add to the stress of His people when He is correcting his people. Nor will He be happy with the descendants of Jacob's brother, Esau because He foresees them to be cruel and treacherous.

"The enemy said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession'... because they ravaged and hounded you from every side so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations and the object of people's malicious talk and slander, this is what the Lord GOD says, 'In my burning zeal I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against all Edom, for with glee and with malice in their hearts they made my land their own possession... and because you have suffered the scorn of the nations, I swear with uplifted hand that the nations around you will also suffer scorn" (Ezekiel 36:2-7).

Joel recorded, "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations. And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations; and they have divided up My land. They have also cast lots for My people, traded a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine that they may drink" (Joel 3:1-3).

"At that time, I will deal with all who oppressed you. I will rescue the lame; I will gather the exiles. I will give them praise and honor in every land where they have suffered shame" (Zephaniah 3:19).

All people who remain faithful to Almighty God during this intense persecution will be rewarded richly.

# **GOD WILL RESCUE HIS REPENTANT PEOPLE**

"It shall come about on that day,' declares the LORD of hosts, 'that I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and **strangers will no longer make them their slaves**" (Jeremiah 30:8).

While God's people are in captivity and slaves throughout the world, they will take gospel to the whole world as a legal testimony. God's warning to the people in the world will be understood and God's people will urge them to repent and turn from serving Satan and his beastly coalition. The nations of the world will wonder why the God of Israel hasn't rescued them yet, and why He has allowed the great distress to fall upon them. They will learn that the God of Israel will not allow His people to go unpunished from their sins and also learn, that His

people are His special possession because they will repent; they will stand against Satan and his beastly coalition and they will be saved.

"'Therefore, do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the LORD, 'nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from afar, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid. For I am with you,' says the LORD, 'to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished'" (Jeremiah 30:8-11).

God has confirmed His support for Jacob vowing to save and return them to the Holy Land, again. "How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it" (Jeremiah 30:7).

"'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will gather you from the nations and bring you back from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you back the land of Israel AGAIN'" (Ezekiel 11:17).

He will never abdicate his rulership over His people. God foresees a glorious future. "In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria. The Assyrians will go to Egypt and the Egyptians to Assyria. The Egyptians and the Assyrians will worship together. In that day Israel will be the third, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The LORD Almighty will bless them, saying, "Blessed by Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance" (Isaiah 19:23-25). God's inheritance is His Kingship over the descendants of Jacob (Deuteronomy 32:9).

Before they return, they will finish the work given to the Christians of the ten tribes of Israel.

Jesus said, "Don't be alarmed when you hear of wars and rumors of wars." The end will not come until God's people repent, all twelve nations, return to obeying God with precision, and take the gospel of the kingdom as a testimony to the whole world, then the end will come.

# THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS

The parable of the ten virgins describes a redeemed people divided right down the middle. Five are wise and five are foolish. Now is the time to return to God, don't delay; we are in the final chapter of this evil age. The foolish virgins discover when they awaken just prior to the return of Christ that they have not developed a mature relationship with God. Their commitment is weak because they do not know Him. They initially think that they will hold onto the coattails of the wise, but they learn that they need to think for themselves and develop their own personal relationship with God and the Messiah. So, they go believing it can be achieved easily and quickly; but they are mistaken. Spiritual growth necessitates conviction, passion, obedience and resilience. They return to find the door closed into the wedding of Jesus Christ to His Bride. This is a bitter disappointment to miss out on that glorious event.

Jesus urged the churches recorded in Revelation to overcome.

**Ephesus:** This group of men and women had a burning love for Almighty God and their Saviour when they received grace and forgiveness those many years ago. The good gospel of grace was spread far and wide. Over time, it faded. The overcomers will return to this insatiable drive and the gospel will go out to all the world.

**Smyrna:** This group of men and woman remain, over the ages living without lavish riches, yet Jesus said that they are rich; they are rich in the knowledge of God's word. They will be purified through trials and tribulation. Jesus urged them to stay strong; he has a royal crown waiting for them.



**Pergamum:** These men and women are surrounded by deceivers. They are located at Satan's knowledge centres. They are teachers, scholars, researchers. Some of them teach and publish compromised research. A judgement of innocence will be given if they repent and stand up against their colleagues to teach and publish the truth.

**Thyatira:** The men and women holding national and civic positions have become devious scandals. Satan worship has infiltrated leaders at every level and his heinous rituals practiced. Jesus urged this group of people not to become defiled and continue to lead upholding the laws of the land in peace.

**Sardis:** This group of men and women have become so corrupt that there is little hope for them. Like most charities today, their good deeds are dead. Their efforts support primarily the perverted elite of the land.



**Philadelphia:** This special group of men and women have remained faithful and true to Almighty God and their Saviour. Despite false accusations, persecution and judgement, they stand strong and unmoveable. They will be kept from the hour of trial because they are a scattered people with little support yet, enduring patiently.

**Laodicea:** This confident group of men and women will be shown all they thought they knew but did not. This theological body claim to know the word of God, but Jesus is not among them.

He is standing at the door knocking. After they are humbled and overcome, Christ will offer them rulership under him.



#### A DIFFICULT JOURNEY LIES AHEAD

Jacob's trouble will be a time like no other on earth previously. Satan and the beastly coalition will attack God's people in a display of raw power upon their arrival. The mother church of men and women will escape into the wilderness. The remaining churches keeping the commandments of God and holding to the testimony of Jesus will be mercilessly attacked. Many people will be captured and sold as slaves to the people in the nations, others will die, some will surrender and partake in idol worship of the gods with the nations. Deception will run rampant. Falsehood will be part of everyday talk. No one will escape the dense darkness that is coming.

However, out of this darkness, a reborn people will walk with God Almighty at the head and Jesus Christ by His side. A new world will rise up lead by the saints. Western Europe, the West and the Jews will say, "I will praise you, O LORD. Although you were angry with me, your anger has turned away and you have comforted me. Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid. The LORD, the LORD, is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation."

They will all also say, "Give thanks to the LORD, call on his name; make known among the nations what he has done, and proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing to the LORD, for He has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you" (Isaiah 12).

God has never stopped loving His people. "Those who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again, I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel!" (Jeremiah 31:1-4)

The world view will change instantly when the spirit world is made visible. Face-to-face, God's people will see what was previously unseen. Almighty God will honour Jesus Christ, from the bloodline of Jesse, King David's father. "The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD. He will not judge by what he sees with his eyes, or decide by what he hears with his ears; but with righteousness he will judge the needy, with justice he will give decisions for the poor of the earth. He will strike the

earth with the rod of his mouth; with the breath of his lips, he will slay the wicked. Righteousness will be his belt and faithfulness the sash around his waist.

The wolf will live with the lamb, the leopard will lie down with the goat, the calf and the lion and the yearling together; and a little child will lead them... the infant will play near the hole of the cobra, and the young child will put his hand into the viper's nest. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain [God's holy government] for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. In that day the Root of Jesse [Jesus Christ] will stand as banner for the peoples; the nations will rally to him, and his place of rest will be glorious. In that day the Lord will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia from Hamath and from the islands of the sea. He will raise a banner for the nations and gather the exiles of Israel [the overcomers]; he will assemble the scattered people of Judah from the four quarters of the earth... There will be a highway for the remnant of His people that is left from Assyria, as there was for Israel when they came up from Egypt" (Isaiah 11).

God's precious treasures are the overcomes from within His people and all over the world, from all the nations. God has rich and abundant blessings saved for all of them.

The supernatural world will no longer be a mystery. Knowledge of Almighty God and His plan for creation in heaven and on earth will be fully understood. All of the pieces of the puzzle will be in their place and every detail of the picture will be clearly visible. The overcomers from the descendants of Jacob will receive the firstborn inheritance and blessings. The overcomers from nations of the world will rejoice in the blessings God Almighty has saved for them.

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