

LET HIM MAKE *peace* WITH ME

“In THAT day—Sing about a fruitful vineyard: I, the LORD, am its keeper; I water it every moment. So that no one will damage it, I guard it night and day. I am not angry. If only there were briars and thorns confronting me! I would march against them in battle; I would set them all on fire. Or else **let them come to me for refuge; let them make peace with me, yes, let them make peace with me**” (Isaiah 27:3-5).



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Why is mankind so slow to make peace with God?

BECAUSE... GOD HAS A PLAN. HE IS NOT CALLING ALL OF MANKIND TO HIM AT THIS MOMENT OF TIME. THERE ARE A SERIES OF STEPS IN GOD'S PLAN FOR THE SALVATION OF MANKIND. SEVEN SIMPLE STEPS.

STEP ONE: Preserve the elect, the remnant, the chosen, the saints to do the work of God until Christ returns and transforms them into his glory, which is the glory of God.

JOSEPH recognized his **two-fold role**: to preserve the remnant and to save the rest of Israel. Joseph states, “But God sent me ahead of you to **preserve for you a remnant on earth** and to **save your lives by a great deliverance**” (Genesis 45:7). Joseph was a type of forerunner, a picture of Christ.

“For many are called, but **few are chosen**” (Matthew 22:14).

CHRIST preserved the elected chosen by God. “I have revealed you to **those whom you gave me** out of the world. **They were yours; you gave them to me** and they have obeyed your word... I pray for them. **I am NOT praying for the world**, but for **those you have given me, for they are yours**. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine... Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name—the name you gave me—so that they maybe one as we are one. While I was with them, **I protected them and kept them safe** by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled” (John 17:7-12).

“And **this is the will of him who sent me**, that **I shall lose none of all those he has given me**, but raise them up at the last day” (John 6:13).

“My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. **No one can snatch them away from me**” (John 10:27-28).

“Do not harm the land or the sea or the trees until we put a seal on the foreheads of the **servants of our God**... Then I heard the number of those who were sealed: **144,000 from all the tribes of Israel**... They follow the Lamb wherever he goes. They were purchased from among men and offered as **first-fruits to God and the Lamb**. No lie was found in their mouths; they are blameless” (Revelation 7:3,4).

STEP TWO: Bring the stubborn houses of Israel, both Judah and Israel into repentance through a chastisement—a time of trouble, Jacob’s trouble. They will enter into a second captivity, before they are cleaned up and given a new heart and a better covenant.

21ST CENTURY DESCENDANTS OF ANCIENT ISRAEL ARE STILL VERY STUBBORN: “But **because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, YOU ARE STORING UP WRATH AGAINST YOURSELF** for the day of God's wrath, when his righteous judgment will be revealed” (Romans 2:5).

“But **they lie in wait for their own blood; they ambush their own lives**” (Proverbs 1:18).

“For I know how stubborn and obstinate you are. **Your necks are as unbending as iron. Your heads are as hard as bronze**” (Isaiah 48:4).

A TIME OF TROUBLE: “These are the words concerning **Israel (the northern house – 10 tribes)** and **Judah (the southern house – 2 tribes)**... 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** [Note: ‘saved’ means that they will repent and be saved spiritually]” (Jeremiah 30:4,7).

“A day of wrath is that day, a **day of trouble and distress, a day of destruction and desolation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness...**” (Zephaniah 1:15).

“For then there will be **great distress, unequaled from the beginning of the world** until now—and never to be equaled again” (Matthew 24:21).

21ST CENTURY DESCENDANTS OF ISRAEL WILL REPENT AND CALL ON GOD. A SECOND TIME GOD WILL RESCUE THEM: “Then it will happen on that day that **the Lord will again recover the second time** with His hand, the remnant of His people, who will remain, from Assyria, Egypt, Pathros, Cush, Elam, Shinar, Hamath, and from the islands of the sea” (Isaiah 11:11).

“In those days, at that time, the **people of Israel** and the **people of Judah together** will go in **tears to seek the Yahuah, 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).

“For the LORD has **ransomed** Jacob, and redeemed him from the hand of him who was stronger than he” (Jeremiah 31:11).

“Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life... I will say to the north, **‘Give them up!’** and to the south, **‘Do not hold them back!’**” (Isaiah 43:4-6).

THE WORLD WILL WATCH 21ST CENTURY DESCENDANTS OF ISRAEL, NOW COMPRISED OF MANY NATIONS—INVADED, TAKEN CAPTIVE, BUT THE ALMIGHTY GOD IS STRONG. HE WILL RESCUE THEM WITH A MIGHTY HAND AND OUT-STRETCHED ARMS:

“The **people of Israel** are oppressed, and the **people of Judah** as well. **All their captors hold them fast, refusing to let them go**. Yet **the Redeemer is strong; Yahuah Almighty is his name**. He will vigorously defend their cause so that he may bring rest to their land, but unrest to those who live in Babylon” (Jeremiah 50:33-34).

21ST CENTURY DESCENDANTS OF ISRAEL WILL REUNITE INTO A KINGDOM AND RETURN WITH A REPENTANT HEART TO THE HOMELAND OF THEIR FOREFATHERS:

Israel and Judah go home together: "I will bring back from captivity My people **Israel** and **Judah,**' says Yahuah. 'And I will cause them to **return to the land** that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it'" (Jeremiah 30:3).

"When ye be multiplied and increased in the land in those days...**the house of Judah** shall walk with the **house of Israel** and they shall come **together** out of the land of the north, **to the land that I gave for an inheritance unto your Fathers**" (Jeremiah 3:16-18).

THE NATIONS OF THE WORLD WILL KNOW WHY GOD PUNISHED 21ST CENTURY DESCENDANTS OF ISRAEL:

"From that day forward the **house of Israel** will know that I am Yahuah, their God. And **the nations will know** that the people of Israel **went into exile for their sin, because they were unfaithful to me.** So I hid my face from them and handed them over to their enemies, and **they ALL fell by the sword.** I dealt with them according to their uncleanness and their offenses, and I hid my face from them" (Ezekiel 39:22-24).

STEP 3: The Great Tribulation will bring many people from all nations into repentance.

"After this I looked, and there before me was a **great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.** They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands" (Revelation 7:9).

STEP 4: The resurrected saints will rule with Christ and establish the way of God.

"If we endure, **we will also reign with him.** If we disown him, he will also disown us" (II Timothy 2:12).

"Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and **co-heirs with Christ,** if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory" (Romans 8:17).

"Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but **they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years**" (Revelation 20:6).

STEP 5: Set before the world, the 21st descendants of ancient Israel will become a model nation, an example of all the ways of God.

"**Many peoples** will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the temple of the **God of Jacob. He will teach us his ways,** so that **we may walk in his paths.**' The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem" (Isaiah 2:3).

STEP 6: The nations of the world will repent and Christ guarantees the destruction of death.

“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).

“**He [Christ] will swallow up death for all time**, And the Lord GOD will wipe tears away from all faces, and He will remove the reproach of His people from all the earth; for the LORD has spoken” (Isaiah 25:8).

“**Then death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire This is the second death, the lake of fire**” (Revelation 20:14).

Finally, all of mankind will be judged where only the righteous live eternally. With sin come to its end—death has no victory.

“Where, O death, is your victory?
Where, O death, is your sting?
The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law”
(Corinthians 15:55).

STEP 7: All creation will be at peace with the Creator and He will dwell with us.

“Then, when all things are under his authority, the Son will put himself under God's authority, so that God, **who gave his Son authority over all things, will be utterly supreme over everything everywhere,**” so that **God will be all in all** (I Corinthians 15:28).

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, ‘**Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God**’” (Revelation 21:1-3).

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