

## "You are my **beloved** (*Hebrew: Jedidiah*: יְרִיְדְיָה) Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11).

"The key term is "**beloved**." Scholars have noticed that the term was used of Solomon, the original heir to David's throne. It's difficult to discern that in the English translation, though, since the Hebrew term gets translated as a proper name: Jedidiah. Solomon is referred to as "Jedidiah" in 2 Samuel 12:24–25:

<sup>24</sup> David consoled Bathsheba his wife, and he went to her and slept with her. She bore a son, and he called him Solomon, and Yahweh loved him. <sup>25</sup> He sent word by the hand of Nathan the prophet, so he called him **Jedidiah** because of Yahweh.

"Notice the wording. "Jedidiah" is a name or term that Nathan told David the Lord wanted assigned to Solomon. The name in Hebrew is *yediydyahu* and is related to *dawid/dawiyd*, the proper name "David," which also means "beloved." Used of Solomon, the term amounts to a title that marked Solomon as the legitimate heir to the Davidic covenantal throne.<sup>17</sup> The same message is telegraphed with respect to Jesus. God's own voice announces, *This is the king, the legitimate heir to David's throne*" [Written by Dr. Michael Heiser, *Unseen Realm*].

## He was chosen before creation.

The journey of this king began before creation. "He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake (I Peter 1:2) and "—the Lamb was slain from the creation of the world" (Revelation 13:8). From the beginning, it was known that mankind would sin and a savior would have to die to redeem them.

Upon the arrival of sin on earth, God said to Eve who pictures mankind—the church and false church, "Your desire shall be to **your husband** and **he will rule over you**" (Genesis 3:16). God realized that **His newest creation needs to lean on a priest—a high priest to help them grow into righteousness and remain there**. That would the Word, Melchizedek—Jesus Christ.

Evil entities attacked the plan of God bringing the great flood and the dividing of the nations at the time of the tower of Babel. Their goal was to destroy mankind and keep them from learning about God's great, eternal plan for them. Through 40 different authors in 66 books, God wrote consistently in His coded language of: mirroring, imagery, parables and parallels. The coronation message of Christ and his bride was woven into the creation story of mankind and revealed in the chapters of Revelation.

Paul rediscovered this mystery when he wrote, "For we are members of his body. For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh. This mystery is profound, but I am speaking about Christ and the church"

(Ephesians 5:31-32). Mankind listens daily to the god of this world, continuing to rebel in deception against the Almighty God and their Savior, so much so that the bride of Christ has dwindled into a small elect—a remnant.

## He was born into humanity.

In a humble stable, Jesus of Nazareth came to teach us the ways of God. He lived every day modeling perfection. **He kept his Father's commandments carefully and completely; he kept the weekly Sabbath and annual Sabbaths; he lived loving mankind into his death and beyond.** His body was torn and ripped into unrecognizable pieces and yet, his love remained true. "Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots" (Luke 23:34). This most painful and difficult suffering undertaken by Christ was his death on the cross. It was the beginning of taking back the nations from the rogue heavenly rulers and offering mankind a second opportunity of life—eternal. King David understood the taking back of the nations, back under God's rule. "Rise up, O God, judge the earth, for all the nations are your inheritance" (Psalm 82:8).

## He was baptized with water.

God baptized the ancient nation of Israel by water when they crossed the Red Sea. This cleansing and watering are essential to seeding a new way of life for a people that God claimed as His "inheritance." As King David affirmed—all of mankind will become God's inheritance (Psalm 82:8).

Christ's baptism by John the Baptist announced to his enemies that he was beginning the process of overthrowing their rule over mankind. His baptism signified the beginning of his new kingdom that will be built on the ways of God and grow to cover the whole planet. "While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were crushed all at the same time and became like chaff from the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away so that not a trace of them was found. But the stone that struck the statue became a great mountain and filled the whole earth" (Daniel 2:34-35). As Moses led Israel through the Red Sea out of the unholy ground of other gods, so Jesus, "the prophet like Moses" (Acts 3:22; 7:37), is leading mankind out of the unholy ways of the principalities in high places. He is reviving the kingdom of God [Mike Heiser, *Unseen Realm*].

## He went into the wilderness.

"Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread.' Jesus answered, 'It is written: Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' ...Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'All this I will give you,' he said, 'if you will bow down and worship me.' Jesus said to him, 'Away from me, Satan! For it is written: **Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only**'" (Matthew 4:1-10).

Jesus yearned and longed to care for mankind and cherish them like a husband in-love,

dedicated to his wife—his church. His most tender and greatest desire was offered by Satan ruling mankind in love **now** and **without his soon coming horrific death**. The tempting offer was bound with a heavy price—the worship of Satan. Satan is building an army ready to battle against Almighty God. Jesus' love and loyalty to His Father remained firm and unmovable. Yet, Jesus so loves mankind that at the end of his ministry, he demonstrated his great love by dying on the cross to pay for their sins—while they were still sinners.

Christ made possible the salvation of mankind, yet, the world into the 21<sup>st</sup> century continue to live as if there is nothing outside of this world. God's people have waned. Over the centuries, they have moved like the tide. The ministry all teach different doctrines and unity under God rests on only a few points. They remain scattered in the unholy lands of the Gentiles. A few Jews have returned to the land but most have not. They will not return until—all twelve tribes sincerely repent. "So, the land will enjoy its Sabbath years all the time that it lies desolate and you are in the country of your enemies; then the land will rest and enjoy its Sabbaths" (Leviticus 26:34).

It won't be until Christ returns that the theology of God will be taught in its fullest and misunderstandings and misconceptions removed. God the Father has given all authority to His Son. "And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased" (Mark 1:11). This is the King.

#### He has been appointed heir of all things.

"Although God spoke long ago in many parts and in many ways to the fathers by the prophets, in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom **he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the world, who is the radiance of his glory** and the **representation of his essence**, sustaining all things by the word of power. When he had made **purification for sins through him, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high**, having become so much better than the angels, by as much as **he has inherited a more excellent name than theirs**" (Hebrews 1:1–4).

Hence, "The Father judges no one, but has given **all judgment to the Son**, that **all may honor the Son**, **just as they honor the Father**. Whoever does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent him. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life" (John 5:22-24).

#### He gathered his disciples.

Jesus began with **twelve** disciples who are the foundation to God's perfect New Jerusalem. The reclaiming of the nations from heavenly rulers gone rogue has begun. Christ began the overthrow when he gave the disciples power and authority over demons and sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God (Luke 9:1–2).

In addition to the twelve disciples, Jesus appointed **seventy-two others** "and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go" (Luke 10:1). The number seventy-two is **also understood as seventy** which likely refers to these disciples bringing God's

truth to the nations governed by the seventy rogue heavenly rulers who led the people astray.

They later returned to say, "'Lord, even the demons are subject to us in your name!' Jesus replied, 'I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven'" (Luke 10:17-18). Dr. Michael Heiser concludes, "Jesus' ministry is the beginning of the end for Satan and the gods of the nations. The great reversal is underway" [Dr. Michael Heiser, *Unseen Realm*].

The teaching of the way of God has begun. His kingdom on earth is being redeemed.

## He died and was resurrected.

Israel's Savior died to save them and redeem mankind from their sins. His death was not initially understood by the powers of darkness because if they had known the Messiah's mission, they would never have killed him. Christ's death and resurrection included the reclaiming of the nations from the rogue sons of God [Dr. Michael Heiser, *Unseen* Realm]. "None of the rulers of this age understood it, for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. However, as it is written: No eye has seen, no ear has heard, no mind has conceived what God has prepared for those who love him" (I Corinthians 2:8-9).

Christ's resurrection is the evidence that his promise of our resurrection is true and sure. We were created to be born as sons of God and rule in God's royal family. Resurrected mankind is destined to replace all of the rogue heavenly rulers, powers and authorities (Ephesians 6:12). For this, they will fight to the death.

"But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the **first fruits of those who are asleep**. For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ all will be made alive. But each in his own order: **Christ the first fruits, after that those who are Christ's at His coming**..." (I Corinthians 15:20-23).

"Then I saw the thrones, and those seated on them had been **given authority to judge**. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their testimony of Jesus and for the word of God, and those who had not worshiped the beast or its image, and had not received its mark on their foreheads or hands. And **they came to life and reigned with Christ for a thousand years**. The rest of the dead did not come back to life until the thousand years were complete. **This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection!**" (Revelation 20:4-6).

# He has already begun to build his church, to teach the world the way of God, and battle the dark heavenly forces.

Christ is building his church. He is awakening the ancient house of Israel to their calling and bringing in Gentile believers into a collective body—his bride: the elect, the saints, the remnant.

"Jesus says he will build his church—and the "gates of hell" will not prevail against it. We often think of this phrase as though God's people are in a posture of having to bravely fend off Satan and his demons. This simply isn't correct. Gates are defensive structures, not offensive weapons. **The kingdom of God is**  **the aggressor.** Jesus begins at ground zero in the cosmic geography of both testaments to announce the great reversal. **It is the gates of hell that are under assault—and they will not hold up against the Church.** Hell will one day be Satan's tomb." [Dr. Michael Heiser, *Unseen Realm*]

Through the saints and the great final witness in the last days, "the God of peace will soon crush Satan **under your feet**" (Romans 16:20). Malachi 4:2-3 prophesies a similar account, "But for **you who revere my name**, the sun of righteousness will rise with healing in its wings. And you will go out and leap like calves released from the stall. **Then you will trample down the wicked; they will be ashes under the soles of your feet on the day when I do these things**,' says the Lord Almighty."

The saints are destined to battle against the wicked using the wisdom of the word of God. "For though we live in the flesh, we do not wage war according to the flesh. The weapons of our warfare are not the weapons of the world. Instead, they have divine power to demolish strongholds. We tear down arguments, and every presumption set up against the knowledge of God; and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ" (II Corinthians 10:4).

"Therefore, **put on the full armor of God**, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand" (Ephesians 6:13).

#### He will share his rulership with the saints; together they will judge the world.

The saints, his congregation of people who love him and serve him, will be given power and authority.

"The one who conquers, I will grant to him to sit down with me on my throne, as I also have conquered and have sat down with my Father on his throne" (Revelation 3:20–21).

"Nevertheless, hold fast to what you have until I come. And the one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, and he will **shepherd them with an iron rod**; he will break them in pieces like jars made of clay, as I also have received from my Father, and I will give him the morning star" (Revelation 2:25–28). The morning star is Jesus Christ, Yahusha HaMashiach. He says so himself. "I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star" (Revelation 22:16).

"Or do you not know that **the Lord's people will judge the world**? And if you are to judge the world, are you not competent to judge trivial cases?" (I Corinthians 6:2)

"But the **holy people of the Most High will receive the kingdom** and will possess it forever yes, for ever and ever" (Daniel 7:18).

"And a two-edged sword in their hand, to **execute vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples**, to bind their kings with chains and their nobles with fetters of iron, **to execute on them the judgment** written; **This is an honor for all His godly ones**. Praise the LORD!" (Psalm 149:6-9)

## He will share his rulership with his wife who will co-judge the house of Israel.

"Therefore, I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, said the Lord God. Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so, iniquity shall not be your ruin" (Ezekiel 30:18).

"Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, at the renewal of all things, when the Son of Man sits on his glorious throne, you who have followed me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel" (Matthew 19:28).

He saved the world. We are no longer slaves but sons, heirs of the LIVING GOD.

"He came to his own things, and his own people did not receive him. But as many as received him—to those who believe in his name—**he gave to them authority to become children of God**, who were born not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of a husband, but of God" (John 1:11–13).

"See what sort of love the Father has given to us: that **we should be called children of God, and we are!** Because of this the world does not know us: because it did not know him. Dear friends, now **we are children of God**, and **what we will be has not yet been revealed**. We know that whenever he is revealed **we will be like him**, because **we will see him just as he is**" (I John 3:1– 2).

"But when the fullness of time came, God sent out his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order that he might redeem those under the law, in order that **we might receive the adoption**. And because **you are sons**, God sent out the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying out, "Abba! Father!" so that you are **no longer a slave but a son, and if a son, also an heir through God**" (Galatians 4:4–7).

"Just as **he chose us in him before the foundation of the world**, that we should be holy and blameless before him in love, having **predestined us to adoption through Jesus Christ to himself** according to the good pleasure of his will" (Ephesians 1:4–5).

"For you have not received a spirit of slavery leading to fear again, but you have **received the Spirit of adoption, by whom we cry out, "Abba! Father!**" The Spirit himself confirms to our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, also heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer together with him so that we may also be glorified together with him" (Romans 8:15–17).

Jesus Christ, Yashuah HaMashiach. He is the King!

Shalom!

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