

## Jacob's Trouble

We, the people of the planet Earth are in the time known as Jacob's trouble. Why is this excruciating time of change called Jacob's trouble? And why is it the destiny of the Jew, the Iraqi, the Gentile, to all the inhabitants of the earth? Because God is not a respecter of persons and He is finally reaching the finishing of the creation of man as He intended. One in which He can dwell: In which He can have His kingdom: Calling each of us by name as His son or daughter. 2 Corinthians 6:16 — "I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God and they shall be my people." Notice that the final goal of God is the same for Jew and Gentile. He will dwell in us, an inner happening where He is our all in all. Our peace will come from Him; our joy will come from Him and we will walk in His will.

**I do not want you to read this next truth and let it go over your head and miss the awesomeness of what it is saying. In Hebrews 8 and Jeremiah 31:33, God is speaking to us who are living today. "I will make a new covenant with you. I will write my laws upon your heart." Now, the old law of Moses (the ten commandants) is passing away. The law was established in the heavens and made it possible for people to live together under an umbrella of guidance. That covenant is passing away and through much change and suffering He is taking our heart 'spiritual' and writing His laws upon them. Moses' law did not perfect the human race. The new covenant completes man as God would have him to be. If the old covenant was all that was needed for our becoming the likeness of God, we would not have had to have His son.**

Some points to ponder as we describe the mystery of Jacob's trouble. Jesus said something quite profound when He uttered quite nonchalantly, "The Kingdom of God is within you." He did not say, "The Christ is within you." He said, "The Kingdom of God is within you." Do you know what that entails? That means all outer references in the Bible and all countries, people, etc., are all inside of us, part of a kingdom dwelling inside of us. Do you get it or are you dense and carnal like the apostles of old?

Other scriptures refer to the outward being, that which is mortal, and the inward, that which is eternal — immortal. How about this one: "The Kingdom of God is not eat and drink (we can see, feel and touch the eat and drink) but it is joy, peace and righteousness in the

Holy Spirit." We cannot see or hear joy and peace, we have to experience it. Another scripture, 1 Peter 3:4 — "Let it not be that outward adorning of the plaiting the hair and of wearing of gold but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit." The inner man is the concern of God, not particularly America, Israel, Jerusalem, Zion or any outward place.

Also, remember, Christ in us is only our hope, the hope of glory (Colossians 1: 27) — it is not the glory. The glorified Christ in us, the capstone of our faith, the charity of our faith is called Israel; in the Greek — the power of God, the might of God. Luke 2:32 says it is the glory of His people. So if you have received Christ, you have a hope within you that is anchored behind the veil and if you desire the Kingdom more than life itself, that anchor will pull you behind the veil into God's presence. In His presence we will be transformed into **Israel**. Then out of Zion will come the laws which are written on our hearts and our new mother will be Jerusalem which is above.

Now, if you endure until that veil of the flesh gives way to the glory you will be saved. Did you hear me? You are not saved when you receive Christ. That is taught to you by false teachers. Three big stumbling blocks stand between you and God. Isaiah 1:18 — "Come, let us reason together for your sins which are as scarlet will be as white as snow." Get it? Our reasoning has to become one with God before we are considered saved. Do you realize what that entails? Do you realize you have a reason for doing everything? And that reasoning has to go?

Again let us ponder. Hebrews 9:22 — “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.” Oh, are you trying to squirm out of that one by saying that is referring to the shedding of “Christ’s blood”? My dear, deceived reader, your flesh and blood cannot enter the Kingdom (1 Corinthians 15:50), no matter how good you try to make it look.

When God said He was making a new creation, He meant “all things are new”. That inner man of ours has flesh and blood and also a body. The deeds of the flesh are all things you cannot touch but you know by experiencing them. The blood of the inner man you cannot see, however it rules over our whole being and is full of vengeance. You cannot touch or see vengeance, however you can experience it.

We are born carnal, an animal nature called Adam. It is the seed that must go into the ground and die or shall we say germinate, sprout and grow a new being — a fruit, if you will. This means suffering and a time so awesome, so glorious, so painful. It is referred to by Christ and also in the Old Testament as such a time has never happened to man, even at the time of the fall — the time of Jacob’s trouble — a transformation by which we will be saved out of it. (Jeremiah 30)

We will see a worldwide holocaust inside each of us as God makes His kingdom come on earth. There is only one place to flee to and that is into God’s presence. Read Psalm 91 where God admonishes us, “He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty. I will say of the Lord, **He is my refuge and my fortress, my God; in Him will I trust.**” You will note there are no Jews or Gentiles who will escape. There is no place to run to except God. Anyone teaching any other gospel is teaching false gospel for it is not the gospel Paul preached. God is saying, “Flee to the stronghold you prisoners of hope and there you will find refuge.” After this Holy Ghost holocaust there will be no Jew left or no Gentile, only Christ, for the middle wall of partition will be burned

down, for the bloodline of our lineage will be shed, for He will wipe away all tears, for the curse will be no more, for man will know war no more.

This word has gone out for years but heeded not, so His appearing will come as a thief and take all by surprise except those who have spent the last thirty years preparing for His coming. Have you spent your time seeking first the Kingdom of God?? Have you made yourself of no reputation by emptying yourself so He can fill you? Have you made the world and the things of the world, your home? Serious questions to ask yourself.

Now let us talk about “Jacob’s trouble”. That phrase is mentioned only once in the Bible even though it is referred to many times in the Old and the New Testaments. In Jeremiah 30 we find the Lord giving Jeremiah a description of the anguish and pain of Jacob going through his transformation from a contending, Adam nature into the humble beauty of the risen Christ (Israel). Now if we are to become the Israel of God, the glory of God, we too, will have to go through a time such as has never been before... for we shall be saved out of it.

Let us read verse 5. “For thus saith the Lord; we have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas; for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of **Jacob’s trouble**; but he shall be saved out of it.”

We all have been subject to vanity waiting for this time when we will be set free. He promises to break the yoke of bondage. He then will restore our health, our families, and everlasting joy will be upon all for “Ye shall be my people and I will be your God.” Now, my dear friend, that is worth suffering for.

Look for a paper on “**Jacob’s Journey into Heaven**”.



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