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BLESSINGS WILL COME TO ISRAEL

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These passages signal the end of the Tribulation, and the beginning of the Messianic kingdom. The national regeneration of Israel has occurred and physical light as well as the Glory of Jehovah's shekinah glory has descended upon the earth. *For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples;* which describes the spiritual state of the world when only wicked people live on earth and physical light that will cease for a period too. Consider the darkness on the earth near the end of the Tribulation when the fifth bowl judgment is given to the earth.

Revelation 16:10–11

*<sup>10</sup>And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, <sup>11</sup>and blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds (KJV).*

While darkness is one of the characteristics of the end of the Tribulation, the light that Jesus will bring to the earth at His return both spiritual and physical light will be seen by the entire earth. Here He describes the event to His inner circle on the Mount of Olives.

Matthew 24:29-30

*Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory KJV).*

Jesus stated that just preceding the sign of the Second Coming of the Messiah, there will be a total blackout of the earth. There will have been at least five before that. No light will penetrate to the earth from the sun, the moon and the stars. Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear. As this sign is coupled with God's glory, it is obviously the Shekinah Glory light that will signal the Second Coming of the Messiah. This Shekinah light will be the sign of the Second Coming of the Messiah. The light will be followed by the return of the Messiah himself. The sign of the Second Coming would be the Shekinah Glory light breaking through the worldwide blackout. The Old Testament prophets were told this by the Lord here through Isaiah and Zechariah as well.

ALL NATURAL LIGHT CEASES FOR A PERIOD

Zechariah 14:6-7

*<sup>6</sup>And it shall come to pass in that day, that there shall not be light; the bright ones shall withdraw themselves: <sup>7</sup>but it shall be one day which is known unto Jehovah; not day, and not night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening time there shall be light (ASV 1901).*

The Lord begins descriptions of the massive changes in natural phenomena of the earth as the Millennial Kingdom of our Lord is established on earth. This is exactly what the Lord Jesus told His apostles and us to pray for when He said, *“Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it*

*is in Heaven*” (Matthew 6:10). The Zechariah text here describes the general age of the Day of the Lord which here is characterized as “*That Day.*” This description encompasses the entire period from the beginning of the Tribulation on through the establishment and extent of the Messianic Kingdom and Eternal Order. In short it is when God takes His earth back from the evil forces, which have influenced it for at least six thousand years. As the Tribulation ends, the Lord Jesus returns, and after the seventy-five-day interval ends a spectacular series of events occurs in the heavens. All-natural light from the sun, the moon and the stars cease to give their light for a time. This has happened before when God was doing some miraculous activity associated with His massive changes in the order of the earth. For example, He caused, through Moses, complete darkness to fall on the Egyptians for three days as punishment. The darkness was so black that it was felt. However, the nation Israel had light where they were dwelling (Exodus 10:21-29). A second example was the preceding three hours before the death of the Messiah Jesus on the cross at Calvary (Matthew 27:45). It is not clear from the Zechariah passage what the duration of the blackout will be but the major event of the beginning of the Messianic Kingdom *will* be marked with a blackout. This may last for *one day* as the text states and known only to God as He marks the event of the establishment of the Millennial Kingdom with a spectacular phenomenon in the Heavens as only, He can do. Finally in the evening time after this blackout the light will reappear. Isaiah 30:26 cites the timing as “*in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.*” This is immediately after the tribulation, which has been a punishment for the Nation Israel for their rejection of Jesus the Messiah.

Another characteristic of Israel’s final restoration is that they will draw the Gentiles to them.

Isaiah 14:1–2:

*<sup>1</sup>For Jehovah will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the sojourner shall join himself with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for servants and for handmaids: and they shall take them captive whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors ASV, 1901).*

After Israel’s national regeneration and restoration, the world’s Gentiles who made it through the judgment in the Valley of Jehosaphat and are saved will go into the Messianic kingdom. They will align themselves with Israel in order to worship the God of Israel. In fact, as Israel is being regathered and the Jews are coming back into the Land from all over the earth, this will be accomplished with both the help of angels, as well as the Gentiles. Finally, the Gentiles will be possessed by Israel and will become the servants of Israel. At that time, the Gentiles of every social stratum will become the servants of Israel, and Israel will never again be shamed by them. The reason why Israel will become the center of Gentile attention is due to the fact that the *Shechinah* Glory will abide over Israel.

Isaiah 60:4–9

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Jerusalem is here addressed as a female with eyes cast down from grief. She is directed to lift them up, and to see the great multitudes that were flocking to her. Whichever direction she will turn her eyes, she would see the Gentiles hastening to come to her. In this verse and the following verses, the prophet specifies that the dispersed sons and daughters of the Jewish people would be gathered back. One characteristic of the Gentile assisting the Jews back to the land will be *thy daughters shall be carried in the arms*. That is, the Gentiles will assist in carrying and nursing the Jew's children. All the nation's wealth shall be brought to Israel for she will be the capital of the Messianic Kingdom headquartered in Jerusalem. The Israelites will be so excited because even the maritime commerce will come to them including a multitude of camels; rather, a *continual stream of caravans*. These would be composed of merchants from Midian and Ephah, and would bring goods from Sheba (southern Saudi Arabia). The Midianite caravans of camels are mentioned as early as the time of Jacob, when they carried spicery and balm and myrrh from the land of Gilead into Egypt (Genesis 37:25, 28, 36). These nomads would visit the distant Sheba, in Saudi Arabia, for purposes of trade, and would buy their gold and incense, which they would convey to Israel.

*All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee*, refers to the sons of Ishmael, (Genesis 25:13). Ishmael's twelve sons, of which Nebaioth was the eldest, inhabited all the country from Euphrates to the Red Sea. Formerly adversaries of Israel who shall now be converted. These people will bring the best of their produce and livestock to serve the Temple, and glorify The Lord with it. *They shall come up with acceptance on my altar*; both they and their sacrifices and offerings will become acceptable to God. *and I will glorify the house of my glory*. With this large number of converts, and with the gifts and offerings they bring with them to the house of God, where He dwells and manifests his glory, they will bring glory to God in Christ and of His grace, and of His Gospel (Jeremiah 30:19).

Because there will be vast number of converts, they are here compared to a *cloud* because of the number of them, covering Judea as the clouds do the sky. They will come from all over the earth which is here referenced as the isles. They shall send their sons, and their gifts, in ships, which will come from far, and cover the Mediterranean Sea as they make their way to Israel.

#### THE WORLD WILL SERVE ISRAEL

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Israel will have the foremost position in the world's political, economic, religious, and social structures. Foreigners and kings will assist in rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, which is evidence of God's favor and compassion in contrast with His anger. Now that the nation Israel has been regenerated the Lord's anger is fulfilled and He will only show compassion to them. The flow of wealth into Jerusalem will be steady. And any nation that might try to rise up against Israel will be defeated by God. The Gentiles, who will be the servants of Israel, will also be used in building up the Millennial city of Jerusalem. The twelve gates named after the twelve sons of Jacob will be continually open, never to be closed throughout the Kingdom. The Gentile nations and kings will bring their tribute through these gates, for failure to do so will bring swift judgment. The Gentile nations who in the past afflicted the City of Jerusalem will now bow in submission to its authority. A detailed description will be seen in Isaiah 62:1–12.

God says, *"I will make the place of my feet glorious."* Here He refers to the wonderful beauty of the Messianic Temple.

Haggai 2:9

*<sup>9</sup>The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, says Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, says Jehovah of hosts. (ASV, 1901)*

Here the Lord is declaring through Haggai, that the Glory of the Second Temple would be greater than either the Tabernacle, or the First Temple, but He does not give any details of how this was to happen. But the promise was made that the Glory that once departed would come in a greater way to that very same Second Temple, but in smaller spans of time corresponding with Jesus' presence in the Temple Mount area during His time on earth as a man. The Glory never resided there permanently, but only in the person of Jesus. The promise that they would again see the manifestation of God's presence in the *Shekinah Glory*, was declared the new form of the *Shekinah Glory* by the apostle John:

John 1:14

*And the Word became flesh, and dwelled among us (and we beheld His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth (ASV, 1901).*

JESUS WILL ENTER JERUSALEM THROUGH THE EASTERN GATE

Ezekiel 43:1–4

*<sup>1</sup>Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward the east. <sup>2</sup>And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east: and his voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shined with his glory. <sup>3</sup>And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Chebar; and I fell upon my face. <sup>4</sup>And the glory of Jehovah came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. (ASV, 1901)*

The Eastern Gate of Jerusalem is also called “the Golden Gate” or “the Beautiful Gate” (Acts 3:2). In Hebrew, it is *Sha'ar Haraḥamim*, and means the “Gate of Mercy.” It is currently the oldest gate of the old city, having been reconstructed in A.D. 6th or 7th century after the Roman destruction of the Temple Mount area in A.D. 70. This Eastern gate is now the only one of the eight gates to the old city of Jerusalem that is sealed. It is also the gate that gives the most direct access to the Temple Mount. If it were unsealed, one could pass through the arches of the Eastern Gate, and be right where the Jewish Temple used to stand. When Jesus entered Jerusalem on what is called Palm Sunday, He came from the Mount of Olives described in Matthew 21 and elsewhere:

Mark 11:1-2

*<sup>1</sup> And when they came nigh to Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth forth two of his disciples, <sup>2</sup> and saith unto them, Go your way into the village over against you: and as soon as ye be entered into it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon never man sat; loose him, and bring him (KJV, underlining added).*

After they obtained the colt and brought it to Him, it is most probable that He entered through the Eastern gate onto the Temple grounds because the Mount of Olives is on the east side of the Temple Mount according to Luke 19:28-48. According to the Lord’s words to Ezekiel in 43:1-4, the Messiah would also enter the Millennial Temple through the Eastern gate, which has a special holiness. The next time the *Shekinah* will appear, it will be through this gate.

THE EASTERN GATE IS SEALED

After He enters through the Eastern gate into the Millennial Temple, it will be permanently closed.

Ezekiel 44:1-2

*<sup>1</sup>Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. <sup>2</sup>And Jehovah said unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut (ASV, 1901).*

When He returns to govern the world during the Millennial Kingdom, the Eastern gate of the Jerusalem will be permanently sealed preventing any further use.



The Arabs believe that because the Jews expect their Messiah to come through this gate, they can prevent any possibility of His return by having sealed it shut. In A.D. 1540–41 by order of Suleiman the Magnificent, a sultan of the Ottoman Turkish Empire. The Eastern gate has remained sealed for the past 500 years, and a Muslim cemetery was placed in front of it, with the Arabs thinking that the Jewish Messiah would not set foot on an unholy cemetery, and therefore would not arrive. However, when the Messianic Kingdom begins, the entire earth will be transformed, and the Temple Mount will have new walls and gates as well as a new Temple. The Temple Mount will be fifty miles square, on the highest mountain on the earth. The old gates we see now will be gone, and the *Shekinah* will enter through the new Eastern gate, and then be sealed shut. Man's feeble attempts to stop the Messiah from coming, or stop the prophecies that God has declared, will never prevail.

After Jesus enters the Temple all the progeny of the Gentiles will come to Him bowing down in subservience to the king of Israel. They will all realize that Jesus is king of the world and will refer to Jerusalem as His city. This is a fulfillment of prophecy.

Philippians 2:10

*That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth (KJV).*

In this verse from Philippians, it says that the three realms of existence will bow down to Him. The three realms are: Heavenly beings-who love and know who He is. Earthly beings- who have a choice to know and love Him or not. Demonic beings-who know who He is but do not love Him. Because He's the only one who's truly "worthy all in Heaven, on earth and under the earth will bow down to Him and confess His name. Only those on the earth have the choice to do it now while it is still today. The other realms are already bowing down to Him. Those who do not accept His Lordship today will when they meet Him face-to-face at the Great White Throne Judgment.

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