"The Day of the Lord —
The Lord Jesus, Israel's Coming King, Part 3"

<u>Our Outline Today:</u>

- ***Israel's Kingdom Hope Shall, In God's Good Timing, Be Confirmed***
- ***Resurrection Glory Awaits the Saints with a Kingdom Hope***

I. <u>Israel's Kingdom Hope Shall, In God's Good Timing, Be Confirmed in One Day:</u>

- What do I mean when I say that Israel's Kingdom Hope shall be received in one day? It is simply that their King will be received by faith, for it is that simple. This, additionally, is a national matter, for there have always been individual believers with a Kingdom Hope. But a nation, indeed, as we have seen it already, the Lord himself shall create that nation. The Lord must have his elect nation to bring to pass redemption among many nations worldwide through his own chosen ones:

Jeremiah 31:31-34
31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:
33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.
34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

- But as I also just said: "Israel's Kingdom Hope Shall, In God's Good Timing, Be Confirmed in One Day". How can that be, one might ask? For the prophet Isaiah, that was the word of the Lord. It was his question, and only he would answer it in his perfect time:

Isaiah 66:8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.

- We should read more of that chapter, but will perhaps do it in our next study. Then another most informative prophet regarding this subject, Zechariah, beginning in chapter 3:

Zechariah 3:9 For behold the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone *shall be* seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day.

Zechariah 12:9-10
9 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn.

[READ] Zechariah 13:1, 6-9
1 <u>In that day</u> there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds in thine hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.
7 Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.
8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.

9 And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.

Zechariah 14:1-9
1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. *[The chosen day, the Day of the Lord has come … and it will not end for 1000 years!]*
2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which *is* before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, *and there shall be* a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.
5 And ye shall flee *to* the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the LORD my God shall come, *and* all the saints with thee.
6 And it shall come to pass in that day, *that* the light shall not be clear, *nor* dark:
[Now the One Day shall be extended to the entire Kingdom time.]
7 But it shall be one day which shall be known to the LORD, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, *that* at evening time it shall be light.
8 And it shall be in that day, *that* living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be.

9 And the LORD shall be king over all the earth: in that day shall there be one LORD, and his name one.

- The great battle here in verse 3 will not result in the death of all, however, some will remain. In verse 16 we have a prophetic pointer forward to the life in the Kingdom which we will consider in our next study.

Zechariah 14:16 And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

- Apparently, only the believers remain, for unbelievers will be removed leaving only the believers:

[READ] Matthew 24:29-31, 37-42
29 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:
30 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.
31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.
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37 But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
38 For as in the days that were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark,

39 And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.
40 Then shall two be in the field; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
41 Two women shall be grinding at the mill; the one shall be taken, and the other left.
42 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.

Matthew 25:1-5, 10-13
1 Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom.
2 And five of them were wise, and five were foolish.
3 They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them:
4 But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps.
5 While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept.
…
10 And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut.
11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us.
12 But he answered and said, Verily I say unto you, I know you not.
13 Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh.

- And so the prophecies regarding Israel's coming King shall ultimately be perfectly fulfilled. Amen. Christ shall indeed reign on this earth! The elect remnant shall believe and obey the Lord at his coming, as we have seen from Zechariah's majestic prophecies and those of Moses and David and the prophets and in Christ's own teachings.

- But before that great day, the second half of the Tribulation will bring a time of trial such as has never been seen on earth before. See Daniel 11, Isaiah 16, Matthew 24, Revelation 12, and more for the details of it. But the stage will be set for the Lord to deliver his people in their land of the promises from the surrounding nations and the nations of this world, which, with satan's enabling and coercion, shall seek to destroy God's chosen and then finally, elect nation.

  We will not spend more time here on that period, for that is an entire study in itself. Just remember this: the Lord in the Tribulation has several objectives, firstly, to show satan's great unleashed power but with its limitations, for he will be judged, even eternally, and secondly, to show satan's limitations in the face of the power of God dramatically, for the Lord will rule Israel and the nations on this earth, not satan, and, finally, in God's appointed timing, to create an elect body of Jewish believers who will be the example for the entire world for nearly 1000 years.

- Again, remember what we have learned in our studies on the Day of the Lord is that our Lord Jesus will unite all three roles in himself, a High Priest who is also Prophet and King together in one divine person, the Son of God and, of course, the Seed of the Woman. He will be the Lawgiver and the Executor of that New Covenant Law. And he will be Priest above all others indeed, even as it were, after the order of Melchizedek.

  Only his death and resurrection, his sacrifice for his people, could ever have made this all possible. It has never been possible before in mankind's long history due to mankind's rebellion and sin, for their to be "an elect, believing, nation".

  Our Lord is already priest and King in the heavenlies, of course, but not until the Millennial Kingdom is established will he manifest that office fully from this earth, as had been so often prophesied. Key scriptures include Psalm 110:1–2, and then finally, the apostle John's great revelation in chapter 19 of the Revelation:

  Psalms 110:1-4
  1 A Psalm of David. The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool.
  2 The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.
  3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
  4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

  [READ] Revelation 19:11-16 *[He shall indeed make his enemies his footstool!]*
  11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him [was] called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
  12 His eyes [were] as a flame of fire, and on his head [were] many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.
  13 And he [was] clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
  14 And the armies [which were] in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.
  15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
  16 And he hath on [his] vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

- The Book of Revelation is what is called “apocalyptic”. It was intended to encourage the kingdom saints living in the Tribulation period, from verse 1 to the end of the book. True, many saints will be martyred, and those that are not shall endure until the end. At Christ’s coming to establish the Kingdom, they shall be ushered gloriously into their inheritance. The encouragement and hope of believers in the Tribulation is to be among those who endure, not those who are martyred, but so be it as the Lord wills.

- Chapter 19, as we have just read, is primarily about the end of the judgments on unbelievers at the end of the Tribulation period. They will be removed, unbelieving Jews apparently by an upward removal (Matthew 24-25, Luke 21, Mark 13, etc.) and unbelieving Gentiles by death as described here.

- After this final judgment at the end of the Tribulation, only believers in natural bodies will remain, along with, we believe, all the young ones below the age of accountability, from newborns to teens. This will become the true “millennial” generation.

- We will not spend more time now on the details of the Tribulation …

II. <u>An Inheritance with Resurrection Glory Awaits the Saints with a Kingdom Hope</u>

- Now we will see truth that will surely amaze us. But so be it. For little is revealed regarding the coming resurrections as the Kingdom is established, but what is revealed is engaging indeed and should be encouraging for us too.

  The details given in God’s word regarding this are more than one might expect for the Lord’s encouragement for his own nation and people demand such detail. And this should be an encouragement to us living under grace. For God’s revelations directed towards us are to be taken quite literally for their meaning and power to be fully realized in us. I hope this is well understood, for otherwise our studies here are of far less benefit than they would otherwise be. The faithfulness of Almighty God is written into every page and line, whether in the scripture written to the Jews or to that written to and for us, the members of Christ’s heavenly Body.

- The prophetic portions of the Word of God, found in the Old Testament, in Christ’s own prophetic teachings, and in other key scripture such as the Book of Revelation, give details on how the Millennial Kingdom will begin and how it will prosper. Let us see!

[READ] Revelation 20:1-6
1 And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.
2 And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,
3 And cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.
4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and *I saw* the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received *his* mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.
5 But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection.
6 Blessed and holy *is* he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

- Many therefore will enter the Kingdom alive, having not died first, and others who had died will be raised again. There will be many thrones and much judgment by those that sit on those thrones, as highlighted here. That will include, as we shall now see, Christ himself, but also his co-regent David, the Twelve Apostles, and, as we read here, many others. This will be judgment for those living in the Kingdom. Unbelievers who die before Christ's coming will not be raised again until the end of the Kingdom. That will be at "the Great White Throne" judgment, as Revelation 20:11 indicates.

    - Verses 1-3: Satan's judgment; see 2 Pet. 2:4 & Jude 1:6 for the fallen angels / demons
    - Verses 4 & 6: Resurrection of Tribulation saints who were martyred
    - Verse 5: The resurrection of the unsaved multitudes at the end of the Millennial Kingdom

- We will now examine the resurrections in detail, for there are several distinctive ones mentioned in scripture:

Co-Regent David Resurrected to reign with Christ (Christ as highest Priest & King and David as his co-regent

Jeremiah 30:5-10
5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.
6 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?
7 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.
8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, *that* I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:
9 But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.
10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make *him* afraid.

Ezekiel 37:21-26
21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:
22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:
23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.
24 And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.
25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever.
26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

- But much more remains, of the resurrections:

The Twelve Apostles: Resurrected into ruling over the Twelve Tribes throughout the 1000-year kingdom

Matthew 19:28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. [See also Luke 22:30]

Other "Kingdom" Saints: Resurrected into the Kingdom with special roles and authorities not further defined here.

Revelation 20:4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

Daniel:

[READ] Daniel 12:1-3, 7, 8-13
1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.
2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.
3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

- Are there several resurrections here? There are, along with judgments according to the books, one the book of life, for believers, and then a judgment for unbelievers, as well, as verses 1 and 2 indicate. Verses 6 and following show the calendar timing of some of these resurrections.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.
5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.
6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?
7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. *[See also Revelation 12:14].*

- This represents 3 1/2 years, as indeed we see implied in the next verses:

  8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?
  9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.
  10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.
  11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. *[This is 30 days after the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus]*
  12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days. *[This is 45 days after the previous resurrection.]*

  13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.

  - This is all about resurrection, as verse 13 shows, where it is Daniel's resurrection at the "end of the resurrection days".

  - We might ask about the pre-Noahic saints, or of Noah himself, or Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, or so many others. What will their inheritance be? Will it be in the earthly Kingdom, or not? It will be by resurrection, we know. I would suggest that it is heavenly and also earthly, with a life and responsibilities beyond what any of our imaginations might be able to offer. But that is for other studies perhaps to consider.

  - But for this study here today, we may surely conclude that Israel's great Kingdom blessing will prove God faithful once and for all. Amen.

<u>Conclusions / Application:</u>

- **Israel's Kingdom Hope Shall, In God's Good Timing, Be Confirmed**

  - The hope of Israel is for an elect and redeemed nation. We have seen how the Lord himself will do that, and it could occur in no other way. And he shall, most gloriously! And at the same time all those nations that seek to destroy Israel will be themselves destroyed. Amen.

  Psalm 110:1-7
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3 Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning: thou hast the dew of thy youth.
4 The LORD hath sworn, and will not repent, Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.
5 The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath.
6 He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries.
7 He shall drink of the brook in the way: therefore shall he lift up the head.

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- ***Finally:***

  - Life In the Kingdom Will Be Different From What Many Have Been Taught. That should begin to be clear from our study today.

Conclusions / Application:

- The coming Kingdom will not be as many expect today, who are not rightly dividing and are trying to read grace into law and kingdom law into grace.

- When the Kingdom is established according to Revelation and the gospels, the judgment of unbelievers will have already occurred. Only the believers will remain, whether of the elect nation of Israel or of the Gentiles who have believed during the Tribulation at the witness of the saved Jews. So at the beginning of the Kingdom there are only the redeemed who will now fulfill the terms of the New Covenant. We shall

examine these terms and come to know what the essence of Kingdom life will be like. Its many differences with living as we do today under grace will be most clear. Amen.