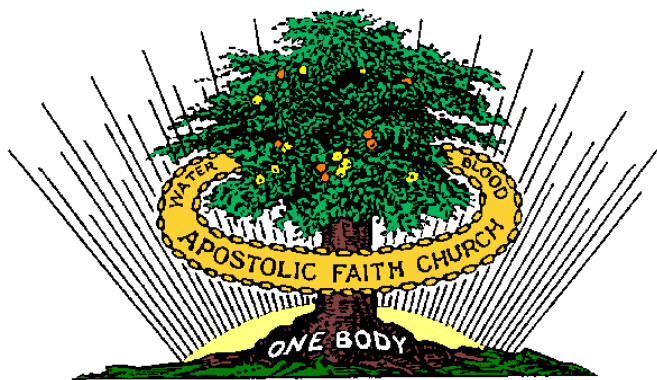


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His Kingdom Established

We pray, "Thy kingdom come on earth and thy will be done", but how? May the Saviour of the nations cause the understanding of the Kingdom vision to increase; for so is it brought into being in this day.

So that the Kingdom of God may be established on the earth, a base has to be set up for it first - as sockets set into concrete - into which His Kingdom can be clamped and riveted. This foundation is well and truly laid: and is seen when one realises that the Kingdom of God is the Kingdom of Israel. It is one and the same!

For some time now, the Israel nations have been formed and are well integrated as mature peoples. As these Israel nations have been created as the body structure on the natural plane of God's Kingdom; so has Ephraim been set to form the nucleus of this organism. One deliberately says "organism" because its formation has taken place by growing in a natural way, and has not been consciously planned by man as an artificial organisation.

Like a tree is a living organism created by God, so has the Kingdom of God structure been forming and growing in the Israelitish international combinations of Ephraim in the British Commonwealth, in the Manasseh people of the United States, and in the people of Judah in the Middle East.

The joining together of these parts of the Kingdom are in the process of time continuing inexorably, according to God's plan. No international intrigues can take from it, neither can any devices be put to it. Forward through the ages moves the Plan of God.

The identifying of these parts is seen by comparatively few today, yet their revealing will gradually be accepted by an astonished and chastened world. The Stone Kingdom which is to grow and fill the whole earth is from thence.

When Jacob called his sons together to tell them what would befall them in the last days; the uttermost blessings came upon the head of Joseph. These were to be fulfilled through his children Ephraim and Manasseh; so much so, that in their name would the rest of the Israelites invoke blessings (Gen. 48:20). From thence - through these nations who are of the seed of Joseph - comes the Shepherd to bless with the Word of nourishment, and wherein the Stone Kingdom of Israel is established; which growing is to fill the whole earth (Gen. 49:24).

The mighty God of Jacob has started to set up His Kingdom. He has restored it to Israel in this Faith - which is the faith of God - and wherein the creative Word is spoken for the healing of the nations. It is in the Kingdom of Israel that the Throne of the Lord, which is the Throne of David, is revealed. Both the Kingdom and the Throne were established by God - on oath - to be on the earth for all time. The Scriptures cannot be broken, for where one is,

so is the other.

The Lord is the King of the new order of righteousness wherever it is found. Every social improvement advances His Kingdom, which is in all righteousness and truth.

We know that Abraham's seed must be a nation and a company of nations (Gen. 35:11), and that when the Lord returns He begins to build again the tabernacle of David which is fallen down (Acts 15:16). We must not regard it as an earthly tabernacle, but a spiritual building not made with hands; one through which He can manifest Himself as the creative Word.

It is a particular faith that is being developed, to empower this word of authority which is to grow and grow, both by spreading to every nation, and also in depth of profundity within each nation; to uproot the old and plant the new. The new heavens are being planted in this Faith, and are now unfolding as a scroll. On this spiritual plane the Sons of God are being revealed as the new heavenly powers, busily engaged through their faith in making the new earth.

In such a faith as this, the Lord reigns as King, and does make war against the old evil heavenly powers of Satanic forces. The more we understand of how His Kingdom comes, the more we are climbing up and being raised into those realms wherein we join in the battle of the great day of God Almighty. Thus is His Kingdom increased and His ruling power extended to penetrate into every corner of society; making all things new.

Eventually the Lord will be King over all the earth in the day the work is fully completed. To be caught up into this heavenly vision, is what is meant by 'meeting Him in the air.'

The prince of the power of the air is fighting a losing battle, in trying to maintain his kingdom. No one ever sees the devil in a physical form up in the sky, for he really is a spirit manoeuvring to work his evil designs through the hearts of the disobedient.

Likewise, our Lord the Prince of Glory will not be seen coming in the air, sitting on any literal clouds of the sky, because at His resurrection He was raised a 'spirit' being. He may though be discerned operating His powers through the Word, supported by a great cloud of spiritual witnesses, who have gone on before.

All things are possible to those who believe in the revelation of the Word of God come again. Let us endeavour to have such a faith continuing in us, that we may be used to His glory and be of assistance in the establishing of His Kingdom.

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