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Representative Prophetic Passages #6

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by — Clyde L. Pilkington, Jr.

Isaiah 45:1-25

The LORD says **to His anointed, to Cyrus**, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him ... “I will go before you, and make the crooked places straight ... I will give you the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that you mayest know that I, the LORD, which call you by your name, am the God of Israel. For Jacob My servant’s sake, and Israel Mine elect, I have even called you by your name ... that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that there is none beside Me. I am the LORD, and there is none else. I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these things. Drop down, **you Heavens, from above**, and let the **skies pour down righteousness**: let the Earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it. ... **I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build My city**, and he shall let go My captives ... The labor of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto you, and they shall be yours: they shall come after you; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto you, they shall make supplication unto you, saying, ‘Surely God is in you; and there is none else, there is no God’ ... **Israel**



shall be saved in the LORD with an age-abiding salvation: ... Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, you who are escaped of the nations ... Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the Earth: for I am God, and there is none else. I have sworn by Myself, the Word is gone out of My mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto Me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. ... In the LORD **shall all the seed of Israel be justified**, and shall glory.

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- Cyrus to be resurrected as Yahweh Elohim’s “anointed” (:1), whom He called (:3), that he may know Him, and be a servant to Israel (:4).
- Cyrus will be resurrected “in righteousness” and God “will direct all his ways”: he will rebuild “My City” (Jerusalem), and he will “let go My captives” (:13), and the nations will assist with the rebuilding (:14).
- God will hold Cyrus’ hand “to subdue the nations” (:1), to, “make the crooked places straight” (:2).

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- Cyrus will oversee the assembly of Jews who “are escaped of the nations” (:20), and “righteousness” will “pour down” from Heaven (:8), with the global worship of “every knee” bowing (:23) and “in the Elohim shall all the seed of Israel be justified” (:25)

Matthew 19:27-29

Peter responded to Him, “We have left everything and followed You. What, consequently, will there be for us?” Jesus said to them, “I assure you, that you who follow Me, **in the Regeneration when the Son of Man will be seated on the throne of His Glory, you also shall sit on Twelve Thrones, judging the Twelve Tribes of Israel.** And everyone who leaves houses, or brothers, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or fields, on account of My name, shall receive a hundred-fold, and shall be enjoying the allotment of age-abiding (eonian) life.”

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- There will be a “Regeneration” [“Renascence,”

CV] of Israel, with Christ reigning [from Heaven] on “*the throne of His Glory*.”

- The Twelve Apostles are resurrected to sit on the “Twelve Thrones” of Israel.
- With the “Kingdom of the Heavens” being referred to as “*the Regeneration*,”¹ and the parallel Scripture passage calling it “*the age that is coming*” (Mark 10:30, YLT, REB, TCNT).²
- This “Regeneration” will be a *restoration* of all that has been lost to them – “houses, brothers, sisters, father, mother, wife, children, fields.”

1. SEC, G3824 παλιγγενεσία (*paliggenesia*) meaning: “(spiritual) rebirth (the state or the act), that is, (figuratively) spiritual renovation; specifically Messianic restoration.”

Bullinger in his Companion Bible note states:

the regeneration = the making of all things new. The restoration of Acts 3:21 = the “when” of the next clause. In Mark 10:30 we have the synonymous expression “*the coming age*”: thus referring to the future time of reward, and not to the then present time of their following; the word *paliggenesia* occurs only here, and in Titus 3:5. The Syriac reads “*in the new world*” (i.e., age).

Thus, the basis for the following translations:

In the new world (Goodspeed)
the world to come (GW)
the Messianic Age (HCSB)
the new world Moffett, Lamsa

2. *The coming eon* (CV).



Rightly Dividing Israel's Prophetic Kingdom – With Special Emphasis on The Overlooked Pre-Millennial “Kingdom of the Heavens” (A Comprehensive Compilation)

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There are enormous amounts of prophecy that were given to Israel in the Hebrew Scriptures that are yet to be fulfilled. Most believers simply follow some version of Christendom's eschatology, futilely attempting to force the enormity of Israel's prophetic scene into a few extremely abridged time periods. From this shallow vantage point, it is believed that more time has passed in God's ages than remains. This couldn't be further from the truth. Multiplied millennia remain, more than have yet transpired, for the fulfillment of all of the glorious plans that God has revealed in His Word. Far from being near the “end” of something prophetic, the span of God's eonian plan is immense, and our placement is early in its timeline. Much more of God's prophetic program remains than man's feeble eschatologies allow.

The intention herein is to present an alternative view to the confusing message of the traditional Evangelical concept of prophecy, thus opening the door to a consideration of the idea of a Pre-millennial Kingdom as the fulfillment of many of God's promises to Israel to have their kingdom in the Earth.

All of the material in this book, taken together, is a wonderful resolution to the confusion of the conventional religious theology that has muddled the minds of sincere Bible students for centuries. While we may live in the Secret Administration, that doesn't necessarily mean that God's Word regarding His plans for Israel must be a mystery to us.

The context of "age-abiding [eonian] life" (:16) is entrance "into the Kingdom of the Heavens" (:23).

Mark 4:26-29

And he said, "So is the Kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed into the ground ... For the earth bringeth forth fruit of herself; first the **blade**, then the **ear**, after that the **full corn** in the ear. But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he puts in the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- The Kingdom is in development and harvested, demonstrating a gradual ascendancy (until)

the Harvest is come.

Note: This is the Kingdom Parable of the Growing Seed. The Pre-Millennial Kingdom does not come all at once. It comes in four stages: Blade/Ear/Full Corn/Harvest. It is in place long **before** the Harvest (when Christ returns), at which time it is in its fullness (Revelation 14:14-15, note "sickle"). These stages have their beginning with the "blade" (the earliest visible stage of growth from the previously planted seed) at Pentecost – "This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel" (Acts 2:16). The entire Acts period makes up this "blade" stage.

Jeremiah 24:6-7

*I will set My eyes upon them for good, and **I will bring them again to this land**; and **I will build them**, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. And **I will give them an heart to know Me**, that I am the LORD: and **they shall be My people, and I will be their God**: for **they shall return unto Me with their whole heart**.*

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- The regathering of Israel.
- "I will bring them again to this land."
- The reestablishment of Israel nationally.
- "I will build them."
- The reversal of *lo-ammi* (not my people).
- "they shall be My people, and I will be their God."
- They will be given a change of heart to know God, and will return (repent) to Him.

I will give them an heart to know Me ... and ... they shall return unto Me with their whole heart.

Note: This last characteristic makes it not fit within the last two stages of the Kingdom (Day of the Lord and Day of God).

Jeremiah 31:27-30

The days are coming ... when I will sow the



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by — E.W. Bullinger

This useful work deals with the principle of Divine Names and Titles, and their meaning, usage and occurrences. In view of the fact that every name used for God has its own special meaning, and that the particular name used in any given case is often a key to the spirit of the context, this subject is one which the Bible student cannot afford to overlook. There is a mass of information compressed into this book. In addition to the many names and titles fully developed, there are numerous helpful suggestions to assist Bible students continue their own profitable study.

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House of Israel and the House of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast. ... I will be attentive to build and to plant them. ... In those days, it will never again be said: The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge. Rather, each will die for his own wrongdoing. Anyone who eats sour grapes, his own teeth will be set on edge.

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- The Houses of Israel and Judah will be replanted, man and animal.
- “I will sow the House of Israel and the House of Judah with the seed of man and the seed of beast.”
- Natural men living during this time will not die as a result of Adam's sin:

but everyone shall die for his own iniquity.

Note: The proverb, “The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge,” refers to sins of fathers being visited on their children.

John 16:7-8, 13-14

It is for your benefit that **I go away**, because if I don't **go away** the helper will not come to you. If **I go**, I will send him³ to you. When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness and judgment ... When **the spirit of truth comes**, he will guide you into all the truth. ... He

3. The “helper” (“counselor,” “comforter”) here is the “spirit of truth,” personified by the personal pronouns of “him” and “he,” just as Proverbs personifies “wisdom” as “her” and “she” (1:20-21; 9:1-3).

will glorify Me, because he will take from what is Mine and make it clear to you.

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- The first stage of God's Kingdom requires Christ's absence from the Earth, i.e., His *Parousia* [personal presence] is absent.

if I don't go away ... if I go.

- The first stage of God's Kingdom is spiritual

When he comes, he will convict the world about sin, righteousness, and judgment.

When the spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

- In the “Day of Christ” He will be glorified in His absence.

He will glorify Me, because he will take from what is Mine and make it clear to you.

Luke 17:20-21

Being asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God will come, He answered them, “**The Kingdom of God is not coming with observation**; no one will say, ‘Look here!’ or ‘There!’ For you see, **the Kingdom of God is inside you.**”

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

(see **PROPHECY**, page 8697)



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by — A.E. Knoch (1874-1965)

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by — Mark D. Vogt

... Shall not the Judge of all the Earth do **right**? (Genesis 18:25, KJV).
... doth the Judge of all the Earth not do **justice**? (YLT).

Key Points:

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The definition of the word "just" is "conformed to ... righteousness" (CKC).

God is *always* right. Always, without exception. This attribute of God is a great comfort.

Religion hijacks the whole concept of God being "just" so as to equate the idea of a just God with a god who rains down terror and vengeance upon His enemies. In their imaginations they think that God must take out His wrath upon people, and hence that this is somehow His "just" dealings with humanity.

The religious mind revels in the erroneous thought of God terrorizing people with the threat of an imaginary "hell." They take pride in thinking that they won't have to suffer those things because they exer-



cised their "free will" and accepted Christ as their own personal Savior; hence, avoiding the supposed terror of God.

The rationale behind this warped sense of justice is that those who didn't accept Christ as their Savior deserve the full measure of "the wrath of God" because they weren't smart enough, or weren't fortunate enough to be in the right place at the right time to hear the message, or some other factor that led them to reject the message, even though the vast majority of the world has never even heard the name Jesus, let alone knows anything about Him.

To be "just" is to do what is right, and God *always* does right. God is "just" (doing the right thing!) when He saves sinners, and the sinners don't have anything to do with it. In fact, He will save all sinners, which

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of course, is everyone. It is the “*just*” thing for God to reconcile all creatures back to Himself, for as we have learned, all came “*out of Him*” (Romans 11:36).

The truth is that God would be *unjust* not to reconcile all back to Him. This is the only thing He can do and remain true to Himself.

All should be thankful that God is “*just*,” and that He must carry out His plan (*Logos*).

*Who wills that **all mankind be saved** and come into a realization of the truth* (I Timothy 2:4, CV).

God not carrying out His will would make Him a liar – not to us, but to Himself. His very trustworthiness is totally tied to His being “*just*” or doing the right thing.

... all His ways are righteous judgment. The El of faithfulness and without iniquity; just and upright is He. (Deuteronomy 32:4, CV).

God’s essence, which is His love, has been and always will be the same. Out of this essence flows all of His attributes, one of which is that He is “*just*.” His love will ensure that He will do the right thing *always*, ev-

ery time.

For the Word of the LORD is right, and all His work is trustworthy. He loves righteousness and justice; the Earth is full of the LORD’s unfailing love (Psalms 33:4-5, HCSB).

It should be comforting to know that God is “*just*,” and that “*justice*” flows with purity from His *unfailing love* for His creation. When the world appears to be falling apart all around us, we can rest in the absolute assurance that God *not only* loves us, but that He is compelled by that love to do the right thing *in every situation*, because He has planned this from “*before the disruption of the world*.”

Take comfort in this and relax, as the Psalmist says in Psalm 46:10,

Relax and know that I am Elohim (CV).

That is all that we need. This is all that you need – it is all that you will ever need. **ESN**

TOPICS:

Major: God; God, Attributes of; Just; Justice

Minor: Comfort; Love; Righteousness; Salvation of All; Sovereignty

PROPHECY (continued from page 8695)

- The initial stage of the coming Kingdom of God (“The Kingdom of the Heavens”) does not come with visible observation.
- The first stage of the Kingdom is spiritual, internal:

the Kingdom of God is inside you.

Matthew 8:11

*I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and west, and shall **sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the Kingdom of the Heavens.***

Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial

Characteristics:

- Abraham, Isaac and Jacob are resurrected.
- Christ is absent, for strikingly missing is “**sit down with Me.**”

II Thessalonians 2:1-4

*Now we are asking you, brethren, for the sake of the Presence [Parousia] of our Lord Jesus Christ and our assembling to Him, that you be not quickly shaken from your mind, nor yet be alarmed, either through spirit, or through word, or through an epistle as through us, as that the Day of the Lord is present. No one should be deluding you by any method, for, **should not the apostasy be coming first**, and the man of lawlessness be unveiled, the son of destruction, who is opposing and lifting himself up over everyone termed a god or an object of veneration, so that he is seated in **the Temple of God**, demonstrating that he himself is God?*



Kingdom Phase: Pre-Millennial Observations

Characteristics:

Prior to “the Day of the Lord” (the “Coming” [Presence (CV); Parousia] of our Lord and their “assembling [or gathering together] to Him”) there must be:

- Restoration (before there can be “apostasy” there must first be a restoration of faith).
- “apostasy be coming.”
- Temple (before the Antichrist can sit in God’s

Temple, it must be rebuilt). This is not merely “a temple,” or “Israel’s temple,” but,

- “**THE** Temple of God.”
- Thus, this is not a mere human effort, for “*Except the Lord build the House, they labor in vain that build it*” (Psalms 127:1).

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TOPICS:

Major: Cyrus (resurrected); Day of Christ; Jerusalem (rebuilt); Kingdom of the Heavens; Pre-Millennial Kingdom; Temple (Rebuilt); Isaiah 45:1-25; Matthew 19:27-29; Mark 4:26-29; Jeremiah 24:6-7; Jeremiah 31:27-30; John 16:7-8, 13-14; Luke 17:20-21; Matthew 8:11; II Thessalonians 2:1-4

Minor: Prophecy



The Problem of Evil and The Judgments of God

by — A.E. Knoch

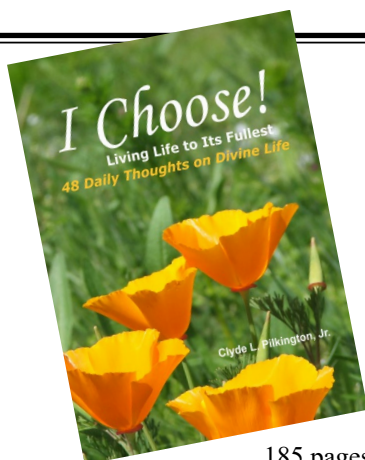
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