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Isaiah 42: 22: But this is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

The LORD declared the sin of the children of Israel and Judah—"None saith, Restore." Knowing all mankind fell in Adam, knowing there would be robbers amongst the children of Israel, in the law, God provided for victims of robbery so that they would be restored—even double restitution be made to them.

Exodus 22: 1: If a man shall steal an ox, or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall restore five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep...3...for he shall make full restitution;...4: If the theft be certainly found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall restore double.

If a man put his cattle in another man's field to let them feed then he must restore the owner from the best of his own field and his own vineyard (Ex 22: 5). If a man caused a fire and it consumed another man's property, he that kindled the fire shall make restitution (Ex 22: 6). This went for anything stolen--

Exodus 22: 9: For all manner of trespass, *whether it be* for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, *or* for any manner of lost thing, which *another* challengeth to be his, the cause of both parties shall come before the judges; *and* whom the judges shall condemn, he shall pay double unto his neighbour.

But if the thief did not have ability to pay then he was to be sold and make double restitution by working for his victims to pay what he owed

Exodus 22: 3...if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft.

But it was only for six years. In the seventh year the thief was to be restored. He was to go out free. He had made restitution so he was to go out free (Ex 21: 2).

But God declared the sin of Israel and Judah, "*NONE, saith restore.*" The judges were corrupt and took bribes. Thieves were not made to restore their victims. Or if the thief was sold to serve when the seventh year came they did not restore him to freedom. They took advantage of free labor. It was not only with this law but with all the laws of God. None obeyed God.

If they had tv and news, it would be the same as today. Each faction would be condemning the other and justifying themselves. I saw something about prisoners having to work in prison. That is according to God's law. But here is the corruption. Prisons are providing products for corporations using free labor from prisoners. The prisoner should work but it should be to make restitution to their victims, not corporations.

Since the whole nation was guilty of robbing God, God honored and magnified his law by selling the whole nation to be servants to enemy nations.

Isaiah 42: 23: Who among you will give ear to this? who will hearken and hear for the time to come? 24: Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. 25: Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

That is what is going on in our nation and in nations all over the world today.

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None recognize it is God honoring and magnifying his law. But before anyone gets on their soap box and starts condemning the other political party, condemning this one and that one and justifying ourselves, remember, God gave the law to show his elect how every sinner in this world robbed God in Adam in the garden by transgressing the one law God gave. When God declares “NONE saith, restore”—he means NONE!

Romans 3: 9: What then? are we better *than they*? No, in no wise: for we have before proved both Jews and Gentiles, that they are all under sin; 10: As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one: 11: There is none that understandeth, there is none that seeketh after God. 12: They are all gone out of the way, they are together become unprofitable; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

When we get on social media and condemn that party and this wrong and that wrong, we are doing what Paul said in

Romans 2: 1: Therefore thou art inexcusable, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest another, thou condemnest thyself; for thou that judgest doest the same things.

CHRIST RESTORED

God sent Isaiah to declare the good news. Today, God sends his messengers to declare the good news. There is one who has said, “Restore.” There is one who has made full restitution. He has made double restitution.

Psalms 69: 4: They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, being mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored that which I took not away.

Christ restored to God all that his people stole by Adam’s transgression and our own sins. He gave God perfect obedience in perfect faith and righteousness, that he never took away. For his people, he fulfilled the law he never broke. On behalf of his people, Christ satisfied justice he had never injured. He made satisfaction for sins he never committed. He brought in a righteousness he had not taken away

But he did more, Christ restored his people double. He gave his people more than we lost in Adam.

Isaiah 40: 2: Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned: for she hath received of the LORD’S hand double for all her sins.

Christ is God and Man. So the things he suffered accomplished eternal good for his people. Christ brought in eternal righteousness, eternal redemption, eternal satisfaction. Christ made it so that God shall never again condemn his people—no condemnation ever again. In Christ, by Christ, we can never again fall and will never be viewed by God as anything less than perfect in Christ. Christ restored us to eternal life.

Jeremiah 30: 17 For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after.

Christ did this not only for the elect among the Jews but among the Gentiles also.

Isaiah 49:6: And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.

MADE RESTORERS

Christ makes his restored child a restorer. When a brother or sister falls, knowing how Christ has restored us, we restore one another with this good news of Christ.

Galatians 6: 1: Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2: Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. 3: For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.

This restoration of brethren to Christ was typified in the congregation restoring a man to the city of refuge.

Numbers 35: 25: And the congregation shall deliver the slayer out of the hand of the revenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall abide in it unto the death of the high priest, which was anointed with the holy oil.

We pray for Christ to restore. And he does.

Isaiah 57: 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. 19 I create the fruit of the lips; Peace, peace to him that is far off, and to him that is near, saith the LORD; and I will heal him.

This is how it is truly manifest that we know what great sinners we are and how greatly Christ has restored us, when we restore fallen brethren. When God has truly sanctified us—so that we fast from the vain ways of this world—we restore one another with the good news of Christ and trust Christ to restore our brethren.

Isaiah 58: 6: *Is not this the fast that I have chosen?* to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke? 7: *Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?* 8: Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the LORD shall be thy reward.

There will be tribulation because all around us God is working what he worked in Israel.

Jeremiah 34: 8: This is the word that came unto Jeremiah from the LORD, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people which were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; 9: That every man should let his manservant, and every man his maidservant, being an Hebrew or an Hebrewess, go free; that none should serve himself of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother. 10: Now when all the princes, and all the people, which had entered into the covenant, heard that every one should let his manservant, and every one his maidservant, go free, that none should serve themselves of them any more, then they obeyed, and let them go. 11: But afterward they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids. 12: Therefore the word of the LORD came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying, 13: Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying, 14: At the end of seven years let ye go every man his brother an Hebrew, which hath been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. 15: And ye were now turned, and had done right in my sight, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbour; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: 16: But ye turned and polluted my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had set at liberty at their pleasure, to return, and brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

False preachers do this. They proclaim liberty in Christ but when men and women make a profession then they bring them back under the bondage of the law for sanctification. It is always for the personal profit of the vain preacher.

Jeremiah 34: 17: Therefore thus saith the LORD; Ye have not hearkened unto me, in proclaiming liberty, every one to his brother, and every man to his neighbour: behold, I proclaim a liberty for you, saith the LORD, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. 18: And I will give the men that have transgressed my covenant, which have not performed the words of the covenant which they had made before me, when they cut the calf in twain, and passed between the parts thereof, 19: The princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, which passed between the parts

of the calf; 20: I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life: and their dead bodies shall be for meat unto the fowls of the heaven, and to the beasts of the earth. 21: And Zedekiah king of Judah and his princes will I give into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their life, and into the hand of the king of Babylon's army, which are gone up from you. 22: Behold, I will command, saith the LORD, and cause them to return to this city; and they shall fight against it, and take it, and burn it with fire: and I will make the cities of Judah a desolation without an inhabitant.

God destroyed the entire political nation in 70 AD. And God will destroy this whole world when he has finished calling out his elect in this world. The kingdoms of men will never be free because sinful corrupt men rule them. The only kingdom where the law is honored and magnified and the citizens are truly made free is the kingdom of Christ our King. He honored the law. He Redeemed his people from the curse. He made double restitution to God and for his people.

CHRIST'S PROMISE

This is our Redeemer's promise to you who has called and restored. We will suffer in this world because of the corruption of men. But Christ gives us this promise.

Isaiah 43: 1: But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called *thee* by thy name; thou *art* mine. 2 When thou passest through the waters, I *will be* with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I *am* the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt *for* thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee. 4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life. 5 Fear not: for I *am* with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west; 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth; 7 *Even* every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

Amen!