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A REMNANT WILL RETURN

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Isaiah 10:20–30

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IN THAT DAY

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The term “That Day” is often used synonymously as “The Day of The Lord” (Isaiah 2:10–22; Revelation 19:11–21). The prophecy here moves from the general to the particular. It starts to describe the fulfilled judgments upon the Assyrians and moves to the final destruction of all the world’s Gentile world powers at the return of the Lord Jesus in Glory. There are three principle texts which are important to support this doctrine.

1. The Campaign of Armageddon (Revelation 16:13–16, 19:17–21)
2. The Times of the Gentiles (Luke 21:24)
3. The Tribulation (Psalm 2:5; Revelation 6:1-19:21)

The remnant under discussion refers to the spiritual remnant who will be regenerated (born again) and no more rely on the very enemies who sought to destroy them. They will return to the *mighty God* (El Gibbor) who is the name given in Isaiah 9:6 is also referencing to the Messianic king. They will lean upon him in truth, that is, sincerity. On the miraculous day when the Assyrian army is defeated many of the Jewish people will realize just how foolishly they acted in relying on foreign powers to defend them. They for a while will turn their trust toward the Lord. The Jews who had not been exiled by the Assyrians will realize God’s Might and return to Him with devotion and obedience. One of Isaiah’s sons was *Shear-jashub* (Isaiah 7:3) and he was given this name, meaning *a remnant will return*, as a prophetic sign regarding the near-term physical salvation and the final spiritual salvation when the national regeneration of all Israel (Romans 11:25–26) occurs at the end of the Tribulation. Here too they will experience an invasion by the king of the North (Daniel 11:40) in the end time of whom the Assyrian typifies. The Assyrian king in Bible typology represents the future king of the north who is the Antichrist.

There are two aspects to the final and permanent regeneration of the remnant of the nation Israel. *First*, there must be the confession of Israel’s national sin (Leviticus 26:40–42; Jeremiah 3:11–18; Hosea 5:15); and *second*, a pleading for the Messiah to return (Zechariah 12:10; Matthew 23:37–39). Here they will realize their nation’s sin of rejection the Messiah during His first advent and then they will experience the final stage of the Valley of Dry Bones prophecy given to Ezekiel (Ezekiel 37:1–14). God will speak through Isaiah in the forty–first chapter on the protection He will provide to the remnant during the Tribulation.

The remnant who are left after the destruction of the Tribulation will be a very small part of their total world population. Two thirds of the world’s population will perish in the Tribulation (Zechariah 13:8).

The present world–wide Jewish Population stands at 13, 900,000¹

During the Tribulation two thirds (2/3), or 9,174,000, will die (Zechariah 13:8). That leaves 4,726,000 who will remain. This remaining 4,726,000 is known as “*the remnant*” because they made it alive through the Great Tribulation. Within this group, 144,000 will be “sealed” (Revelation 7:4). “Sealed” in the Greek is the word is sphragízō, from Strongs G4973, which means “to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security” or “preservation from Satan (literally

¹ (2015, www.worldometers.info/world-population).

or figuratively, or possibly resurrected)” for the purpose of evangelizing the world for Christ during the last half of the Tribulation. 4,582,000 Jews with natural bodies remain. This is a minimum number of Jewish people going into the Messianic Kingdom.

THE NEW COVENANT WITH ISRAEL

Jeremiah 31:31-34

³¹Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ³²not 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 a husband unto them, saith Jehovah. ³³But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more (ASV, 1901).

All the Jews going into the Messianic Kingdom will be converted and become connected to God. As Jeremiah said, God will place His law in their hearts and they all will know Him.

THE REMNANT WILL BE SINLESS

Zephaniah 3:13

¹³The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth; for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid (ASV, 1901).

This verse clearly states that “*the remnant*” of Israel will be sinless in the Messianic Kingdom. They will do *no* iniquity, nor speak *any* lies, or utter *any* deceit.

Ezekiel 36:25

²⁵And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep mine ordinances, and do them. ²⁸And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹And I will save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply it, and lay no famine upon you (ASV, 1901).

God says to the Nation Israel, “*And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.”* He also says that He will give them “*A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you*”. He says He “*will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes*” which will create a sinless state in each Jew. None of this will be resisted by “the remnant”, who now clearly believe in the Messiah.

ISRAEL’S POPULATION WILL INCREASE IN THE MESSIANIC KINGDOM

Ezekiel 36:37-38

³⁷Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: For this, moreover, will I be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall know that I am Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

This text follows from a previous section of the book of Ezekiel, and explains that the national salvation of the Nation Israel will result in a population increase of Jews, all knowing the Lord. This increase must come from the remnant of 4.5 million who made it through the Tribulation because they will have the natural bodies.

Ezekiel 37:23

²³neither 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 dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God (ASV, 1901).

This is another affirmation that the Jews in the Messianic Kingdom will be sinless as the Lord will “*cleanse them*” and they will no longer defile themselves with idols, detestable things, or any other sins. As a result, they will not participate in the Gog and Magog uprising led by Satan at the end of the Messianic Kingdom (Revelation 20:7-9).

INSTRUCTION TO NOT FEAR THE ASSYRIANS

Isaiah 10:24–28

²⁴Therefore thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian, though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. ²⁵For yet a very little while, and the indignation against thee shall be accomplished, and mine anger shall be directed to his destruction. ²⁶And Jehovah of hosts will stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and his rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up after the manner of Egypt. ²⁷And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of fatness.

God is telling the nation Israel to not fear the Assyrians for six reasons;

1. God is much mightier than the Assyrians
2. They only struck the Jews because God allowed them to as a disciplinary measure until they confessed their sins.

Leviticus 26:40–45

⁴⁰And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that, because they walked contrary unto me, ⁴¹I also walked contrary unto them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity; ⁴²then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land. ⁴³The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they rejected mine ordinances, and their soul abhorred my statutes. ⁴⁴And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not reject them, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I am Jehovah their God; ⁴⁵but I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

Near the end of the Tribulation the leaders of the nation Israel, the priests, kings and people will issue a call to the entire nation to repent and confess their sins. They and their influence over their population have been the problem that God is citing their culpability.

Hosea 5:14–6:3

¹⁴For I will be unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I, will tear and go away; I will carry off, and there shall be none to deliver. ¹⁵I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly. ¹Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. ²After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. ³And let us know, let us follow on to know Jehovah: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth (ASV, 1901).

3. The vexation of the Assyrians toward Israel would be short-lived.
4. The Lord's anger was greater than the Assyrian's and He would destroy them.
5. The Lord will punish them just He did on several occasions in the history of the nation Israel. He did it when Gideon smote Midian at the rock of Oreb (Judges 7:25; Isaiah 9:4). He is also referencing their deliverance from the Egyptian army at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:16, 26). The Lord's punishment (*the rod*), stood in contrast to the small rod wielded by the Assyrians against Israel and other nations.
6. The people of God would be completely delivered from the Assyrian oppression (Isaiah 9:4). This will be because of the anointing (Hebrew *shemen* here *fatness*). This anointing

will be the divine selection known as *election* as a nation holy unto the Lord. The Lord has many promises which will be fulfilled through the nation Israel and He will never destroy them and will fulfill all His promises to them.

Jeremiah 31:35–37

³⁵Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name: ³⁶If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. ³⁷Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith Jehovah (ASV, 1901).

SENNACHERIB'S ADVANCE TOWARD JERUSALEM

Isaiah 10:28–32

²⁸He is come to Aiath, he is passed through Migron; at Michmash he layeth up his baggage; ²⁹they are gone over the pass; they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah trembleth; Gibeah of Saul is fled. ³⁰Cry aloud with thy voice, O daughter of Gallim! hearken, O Laishah! O thou poor Anathoth! ³¹Madmenah is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety. ³²This very day shall he halt at Nob: he shaketh his hand at the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

This passage describes most of the ancient walled cities that Sennacherib conquered on the way to Jerusalem from Samaria. God is saying that the enemy will not get Jerusalem. But, He will let that enemy come near, and allow him to do his best. The imagery given here is of the vantage point of view that Isaiah might have watching the events as he stands upon the high city wall of Jerusalem, and describes Assyria's approach. He describes the main cities which are defeated in an approach to Jerusalem. This discussion is describing the path the Assyrian army takes as it comes nearer and nearer to Jerusalem, passing over one by one the obstacles and difficult places which it would have to face. It also is outlining the principal points that lay between them and their ultimate prize, Jerusalem. The prediction that Isaiah has been given was literally fulfilled. The Assyrians did come from the north with the steps given and the cities named were actually conquered.

Isaiah starts with the first approach. *He is come to Aiath*, which was about thirty miles northeast of Jerusalem, today is probably Ai, and here he first entered the tribal area of Benjamin. Then he deviates from the main route and passes over into Migron; and in Michmash, modern Mahamas about 7.5 miles north of Jerusalem on the eastern side of the valley of Migron, he stops to leave some equipment. After this Sennacherib passes through the pass of Michmash without as much excess baggage as possible. At Michmash he is about seven and a half miles away from the object, Jerusalem. At Michmash they have made a rest as well as lodging in Geba. Ramah, a short distance to the west of Gibeah, trembles, but at Gibeah the people flee.

The people cry out of fear at the enemy's approach. They are now near to Jerusalem. The citizens of the town of Madmenah evacuate the city in great fear, and the dwellers of Gebim seek for cover. The enemy approaches closer and closer to Jerusalem and the desperation of the local inhabitants becomes increasingly greater.

The Assyrian has now come quite near to Jerusalem. So near that he can see the city and starts to gesture by shaking his fist at the people in Jerusalem. Nob was very near to Jerusalem. It was a priestly city within Benjamin near to Anathoth. Here at Nob Sennacherib stops to take his stand within sight of Jerusalem. From here he will prepare for the attack upon Jerusalem. This is the spot where God intercedes to stop them.

THE LORD DESTROYS ASSYRIA

Isaiah 10:33–34

³³Behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, will lop the boughs with terror: and the high of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty shall be brought low. ³⁴And he will cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one (ASV, 1901).

Now the Lord describes Sennacherib and his army as a forest of trees. The Lord who is a woodsman here will cut off the Assyrian officers and thereby bring the downfall of the arrogant Sennacherib who considered himself independent of any master. Continuing the illustration of a forest it is described with thickets which represent the closely allied men and officers of Sennacherib who like trees crowded together in unison to attack Jerusalem. The designation of Lebanon is refereeing to either a forest that was near to Jerusalem or the tall straight majestic cedars from Lebanon. This references the massive proud Assyrian army that will be struck down by the angel.

Next message: THE ROOT OF JESSE

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