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## **SUNDAY SERMON**

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**Scripture Reading: Ezekiel 35:1-15**

**Text: Ezekiel 35:1-15**

**Subject: EZEKIEL SERIES – Prophecy against Mount Seir**

We have seen the Lord GOD open the mouth of the Prophet Ezekiel in the previous chapter so that he can speak to the whole house of Israel over whom the LORD has made Ezekiel a Watchman. Chapters 35 and 36 are a connected prophecy. These two chapters speak both of the final destruction of Israel's bitter enemies and the certain multiplying of the people of Israel to the mountains, hills, rivers, valleys and forsaken cities of the land – the land promised to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their descendants. That desolate land shall be tilled and become like the garden of Eden; the ruined cities shall become fenced and inhabited.

Today, as the Lord enables us, we shall study the 15 verses of the 35<sup>th</sup> chapter.

In preparation for this study, we need some background concerning Esau, Edom, and Mount Seir – as well as the grandson of Esau, Amalek. We have already read of a coming judgment upon Edom or Esau's descendants, who dwelt in Mount Seir. The Edomites were the descendants of Esau, brother of Jacob.

The term "Mount Seir" is first mentioned in the book of Genesis in

chapter 16, verse 6, as the home of the Horites. The next mention of Mount Seir is when Esau moved there with his substance because he and Jacob were too wealthy to live together. In verse 8 of this 38<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis, we learn that Esau is Edom. He dwelt in Mount Seir.

**Ge 36:6-8 (KJV)** *And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had got in the land of Canaan; and went into the country from the face of his brother Jacob. 7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land wherein they were strangers could not bear them because of their cattle. 8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.*

**De 2:12 (KJV)** *The Horims also dwelt in Seir beforetime; but the children of Esau succeeded them, when they had destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which the LORD gave unto them.*

The Horims were the children of Seir as we see from this passage:

**Ge 36:20-21 (KJV)** *These are the sons of Seir the Horite, who inhabited the land; Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, 21 And Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan: these are the dukes of the Horites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom.*

Ezekiel 25:12-14 recorded the judgment against Edom which took place shortly after the invasion of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon.

**Eze 25:12-14 (KJV)** *Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because that Edom hath dealt against the house of Judah by taking vengeance, and hath greatly offended, and revenged himself upon them; **13** Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; I will also stretch out mine hand upon Edom, and will cut off man and beast from it; and I will make it desolate from Teman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword. **14** And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people Israel: and they shall do in Edom according to mine anger and according to my fury; and they shall know my vengeance, saith the Lord GOD.*

At this point, it is important that we do a bit more study of the genealogy of Esau. Most assuredly, we are dealing with the descendants of Edom. Israel's first and perpetual enemy after leaving Egypt (a type of the world) was Amalek. Just who was or is Amalek? We read this in Genesis 36:

**Ge 36:9-12 (KJV)** *And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir: **10** These are the names of Esau's sons; Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Bashemath the wife of Esau. **11** And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. **12** And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz **Amalek**: these were the sons of Adah Esau's wife.*

Amalek is mentioned as a duke of the sons of Esau in Genesis 36:16; after that, we find him coming to fight with Israel in the wilderness in the book of Exodus. This is an all-important record and prophecy concerning Amalek. Let us also consider that the false prophet Balaam was moved of the LORD to record the war of Israel with Amalek:

**Nu 24:14-20 (KJV)** *And now, behold, I go unto my people: come therefore, and **I will advertise thee what this people shall do to thy people in the latter days.** 15 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: 16 He hath said, which heard the words of God, and knew the knowledge of the most High, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open: 17 I shall see him, but not now: I shall behold him, but not nigh: **there shall come a Star out of Jacob, and a Sceptre shall rise out of Israel, and shall smite the corners of Moab, and destroy all the children of Sheth.** 18 **And Edom shall be a possession, Seir also shall be a possession for his enemies; and Israel shall do valiantly.** 19 Out of Jacob shall come he that shall have dominion, and shall destroy him that remaineth of the city. 20 **And when he looked on Amalek, he took up his parable, and said, Amalek was the first of the nations; but his latter end shall be that he perish for ever.***

In other words, Amalek was the first of the nations which warred against Israel. Do we find scripture that agrees with this truth? Yes, we do -

**Ex 17:8-16 (KJV)** *Then came **Amalek**, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out men, and go out, fight with **Amalek**: to morrow I will stand on the top of the hill with the rod of God in mine hand. 10 So Joshua did as Moses had said to him, and fought with **Amalek**: and Moses, Aaron, and Hur went up to the top of the hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his hand, that Israel prevailed: and*

*when he let down his hand, **Amalek** prevailed. **12** But Moses' hands were heavy; and they took a stone, and put it under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Hur stayed up his hands, the one on the one side, and the other on the other side; and his hands were steady until the going down of the sun. **13** And Joshua discomfited **Amalek** and his people with the edge of the sword. **14** And the LORD said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: **for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. **15** And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it Jehovah-nissi: **16** For he said, **Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.*****

Amalek is of the sons of Esau who is Edom. He dwelt in Mount Seir. The Lord hath sworn that the LORD (apparently in his people) will have war with Amalek from generation to generation. It is true that the descendants of Esau have had perpetual hatred for Israel. But, that war has an end, for the LORD told Moses to write this in a book and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua, who was the general of the army in the wilderness who fought against Amalek. What was the writing? “for I will utterly put out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven?” When does that occur? I believe we have the answer in this 35<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**1 ¶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it,**

This is another judgment message against the descendants of Esau—who have borne perpetual hatred for Israel and have

continuously tried to take their land. This is closely related to the coming restoration of Israel when the Lord shows his great mercy to His people and bestows upon them the promised blessings. At or near this time the LORD will also deal with Israel's enemies in judgment. Edom was the most bitter enemy of Israel, their blood-relation. A judgment was executed upon Edom after the invasion of Judah by Nebuchadnezzar. We have studied that already. But this chapter, being placed just before the restoration of Israel to peace and prosperity, has a prophetic meaning. In it, we see the judgment which is in store for the enemies of God's people when the times of the Gentiles end and God arises in behalf of His suffering and persecuted people. It is the next chapter after the mouth of the Prophet Ezekiel has been opened so that he can speak to the whole house of Israel – and in the preceding chapter was promised the gathering and saving of Israel. In that chapter, the LORD promises to give the whole house of Israel a covenant of peace and promises that his servant, David shall be a prince among them.

The Israelites "shall be no more a prey;" but Edom, the type of their most bitter foes, shall be destroyed utterly. Let us read this verse from the preceding chapter 34:

**Eze 34:28 (KJV)** *And they [Israel] shall no more be a prey to the heathen, neither shall the beast of the land devour them; but they shall dwell safely, and none shall make them afraid.*

The present nation of Israel is **8,019 square miles** in area. In size, Israel is nearly the same as the state of New Jersey. She lies in the very midst of multiplied millions of Muslims who bear

an innate, perpetual hatred for Israel. Israel lives in a state of war every hour of every day. Threats come to them from all these Arab antagonists continually. Their young people bear arms and wear protective gear everywhere they go because of the imminent threat of rockets, bombs, and other attacks.

**Every nation on the earth** opposes Israel at this present time, the United States of America being the only exception. This demonstrates a world-wide hatred for them and a desire that they perish from the earth. At the same time, the descendants of Esau have a DEEPER AND ABIDING HATRED FOR ISRAEL – AND ARE DETERMINED TO ACTIVELY EXTERMINATE THEM FROM THE EARTH. These are of the Islamic religion, whose book, the Koran, teaches them to kill everyone who will not submit to their teaching. Surrounding Israel are: Jordan (9.46M), Lebanon (6.01M), Syria (17.4M), Saudi Arabia (32.28M), Turkey (79.5M), Iraq (37.2M), Iran (80.3M), Afghanistan (34.7M), United Arab Emirates (9.27M), Oman (4.42M), Qatar (2.60M), Yemen (26.83M), Egypt (91.51M), Libya (6.29M), Algeria (40.61M), Sudan(39.58M), Ethiopia (102.4M), Somalia (14.32M), Kenya (48.46M). 7,822,000 people in Israel surrounded by enemies of bitter hatred numbering 683,140,000. That is about 87 to 1.

In this pronounced judgment against the enemies of God's people, Mount Seir is singled out as holding the very worst bitterness against God's people – and therefore, speaks of all Israel's enemies everywhere. Notice these passages about God's judgment at the end against Bozrah and Idumea. Idumea is the Greek form of Edom. Bozrah lies near Petra and the Dead Sea.

**Isa 34:4-8 (KJV)** *And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a*

*scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling fig from the fig tree. 5 For my sword shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon **Idumea**, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. 6 The sword of the LORD is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, and with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in **Bozrah**, and a great slaughter in the land of **Idumea**. 7 And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. 8 For it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance, and the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion.*

**Isa 63:1-6 (KJV)** *Who is this that cometh from **Edom**, with dyed garments from **Bozrah**? this that is glorious in his apparel, travelling in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 **Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the winefat?** 3 **I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the people there was none with me:** for I will tread them in mine anger, and trample them in my fury; and their blood shall be sprinkled upon my garments, and I will stain all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance is in mine heart, and the year of my redeemed is come. 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my fury, it upheld me. 6 And I will tread down the people in mine anger, and make them drunk in my fury, and I will bring down their strength to the earth.*



**Re 14:17-20 (KJV)** *And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. **18** And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. **19** And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. **20** And the **winepress was trodden without the city**, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*

[A furlong is 660 feet or 1/8<sup>th</sup> of a mile – thus, the blood came out of the battle winepress to the horses bridles (3-4 feet) for 1600 furlongs or 200 miles].

**Re 19:11-16 (KJV)** *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.*

So, in these two passages from Isaiah, Edom, the region of the greatest enmity towards God's people, scene of the final judgments of all God's foes. Outside of the city of Jerusalem.

**3** *And say unto it, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O mount Seir, I am against thee, and I will stretch out mine hand against thee, and I will make thee most desolate. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the LORD.*

It is the day of God's judgment against the enemies of Israel. He shall make their place most desolate and they will know the LORD God is God and He has done it.

**Am 9:11-15 (KJV)** *In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: **12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom,** and of all the heathen, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this. **13** Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. **14** And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. **15** And I will*

*plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.*

**5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed the blood of the children of Israel by the force of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time that their iniquity had an end:**

Who has had this perpetual (**Webster’s 1828: Continuing or continued without intermission; uninterrupted; as a perpetual stream**) hatred for the children of Israel but the sons of Esau – the Moslems? Who has shed the blood of them by force of the sword in the time of their calamity but the sons of Esau and Amalek?

**6 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: sith thou hast not hated blood, even blood shall pursue thee.**

Since the sons of Esau have not hated blood, but have shed it wholesale, blood shall pursue them.

**Mt 7:2 (KJV)** *For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again.*

**Ob 15 (KJV)** *For the day of the LORD is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head.*

**Re 16:5-7 (KJV)** *And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus. 6 For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy. 7 And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.*

**7 Thus will I make mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out and him that returneth.**

None will escape. All who come in and go out are cut off. God's judgment on Israel's enemies shall come suddenly and completely. As they have sown, so shall they reap.

**8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain men: in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain with the sword.**

**Isa 34:2-3 (KJV)** *For the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and his fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. 3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood.*

**9 I will make thee perpetual desolations, and thy cities shall not return: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.**

Complete and final annihilation comes! They shall never rebuild. And, most appropriately, they will know the Lord God has done all this and that He is the almighty!

**10 ¶ Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:**

**Eze 36:4-5 (KJV)** *Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about; 5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, **and against all Idumea, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.***

Can we not hear the echo of the Palestinian's cry toward that land? "It is not Israel's, but our's!" See, it is not really a cry against flesh, but against God who has historically put his name there. This is the time of answer to Israel's prayer from the pen of the Psalmist Asaph against her enemies. Let us read:

**Ps 83:1-18 (KJV)** *A Song or Psalm of Asaph. Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God. 2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head. 3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. 4 They have said, **Come, and let us cut***

**them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. 5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee: 6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes; 7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre; 8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot. Selah. 9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: 10 Which perished at En-dor: they became as dung for the earth. 11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna: 12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession. 13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. 14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire; 15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. 16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD. 17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: 18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.**

**11 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord GOD, I will even do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast used out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I have judged thee.**

God's judgment is exact proportion to their anger against Israel – and according to their envy of them which stemmed from their

innate and perpetual hatred. God will make himself known among Israel when He has judged the enemies of his covenant nation. Is this not when he brings them into the wilderness and pleads with them face to face? Then He shall bless Israel greatly!

***12 And thou shalt know that I am the LORD, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to consume. 13 Thus with your mouth ye have boasted against me, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard them.***

These enemies of Israel and Israel's God believe they can do whatever comes into their minds and hearts—and can utter multiplied slanders against God and his people. But, ...God sees every thought, hears every word, sees every action, and knows the intents of the hearts. The god of the muslims is satan! Satan is the god of this present world. Dear brothers and sisters, don't think for one moment that the God of the Bible and the god of "islam" is the same – never, never, never! Satan and the god of the muslims is the same. Satan has always been and shall always be the arch enemy of God and all that is righteous. This is the precise reason why the vast majority of the world is against Israel – because they are against the God of Israel. Too – "...REMEMBER THE SO-CALLED LEFT OF THIS LAND IS NOT AGAINST PRESIDENT DONALD TRUMP AS MUCH AS THEY ARE AGAINST ALMIGHTY GOD WHOM MR. TRUMP ACKNOWLEDGES AS THE SUSTAINER OF THE NATION. THIS IS THE VERY SAME REASON THAT EVERY NATION ON EARTH, WITH THE SINGLE EXCEPTION OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IS AGAINST

ISRAEL - BECAUSE THEY ARE AGAINST THE GOD WHO DELIVERED ISRAEL AND WILL YET DELIVER ISRAEL."

**14 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate.**

"The whole earth" refers to Israel and the nations that submit themselves to Israel's God. For these nations shall have been judged in the judgment of the sheep and goats of Matthew 25 and shall inherit the kingdom prepared for them from the foundation of the world. When these rejoice, the foes of God and His people, represented by Mount Seir, shall be desolate. Things shall be completely reversed; Israel, that now for a time mourns, shall then rejoice and forever. Mount Seir and the sons of Esau, that now rejoice over the woes of Israel, shall then, when all of the sheep nations rejoice and joy, -- be desolate.

**Isa 66:12-16 (KJV)** *For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. **13** As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. **14** And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies. **15** For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. **16** For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many.*



**15 As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it: and they shall know that I am the LORD.**

**Eze 36:2-5 (KJV)** *Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha, even the ancient high places are ours in possession: 3 Therefore prophesy and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the heathen, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and are an infamy of the people: 4 Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about; 5 Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the heathen, and against all **Idumea**, which have appointed my land into their possession with the joy of all their heart, with despiteful minds, to cast it out for a prey.*

**The Lord God will repay those who hate him to their face, to destroy them.**

**De 7:9-10 (KJV)** *Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations; 10 And repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he*

*will repay him to his face.*

**Mal 1:1-5 (KJV)** *The burden of the word of the LORD to Israel by Malachi. 2 I have loved you, saith the LORD. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the LORD: yet I loved Jacob, 3 And I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness. 4 Whereas Edom saith, We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places; thus saith the LORD of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and they shall call them, The border of wickedness, and, The people against whom the LORD hath indignation for ever. 5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, The LORD will be magnified from the border of Israel.*

Therefore, shall they know who has judged them – the Almighty – Jehovah, the LORD God!

Let us, right now, bow unworthy heads and give thanks to God for showing mercy on all of us sinners who were once dead in trespasses and in sins; on us, every one of us, who walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air (Satan), who is the spirit that now works in all the children of disobedience. O, brothers and sisters, God has shown us great mercy in the forgiveness of all our sins by the sacrifice of His only begotten Son who shed his blood for every one of us! Thanks be to God, that he moved in us to repent of our sins and believe that Jesus of Nazareth is the very son of the Living God. It is He, who has created all things, and for his pleasure they are and were created. It is he who sustains all created things right now by the word of His power! It is He who shall soon descend from heaven with a shout and with the

voice of the archangel and the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first, and we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. Then shall we be caught up with the resurrected dead in Christ to ever be with the LORD! We shall reign with him on this earth when Israel is the chief nation – and all nations shall go up to the mountain of the Lord in Jerusalem to worship the King. Thank God, all this turmoil, hatred, war, catastrophes, wickedness, and opposers of God shall suddenly stop. Even those allowed to go into the millennium in their natural bodies, shall be ruled over with a rod or iron both by the Lord himself and by the members of his New Testament Churches. Didn't you read the promise? This was included in the letters to the seven churches of Asia – to Thyratira!

**Re 2:26-29 (KJV) *And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.***

Blessed thought! Blessed promise! Reigning a thousand years with our blessed redeemer on this very earth – then with him in the city of God, New Jerusalem, forever and forever! How long is that? Forever and ever?

O, sinner, why will ye die? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved.