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OMNISCIENCE

The omniscience of God means that nothing – past, present, future, actual, or possible – lies outside His perfect knowledge. He does not search things out. He does not figure things out. He knows fully, always, and without limitation. God’s knowledge is active, sovereign, and complete. It is never reactive.

The Holy Spirit revealed the fate of the Messiah hundreds of years before He would suffer to redeem mankind.

“Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed?

For he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him.

He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were our faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not.

Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.”
(Isaiah 53:1-5)

The Devil cannot foresee the future and, in this respect, he is like the rest of humanity. We can examine the past, know what is happening at the present, make plans for the future, but what actually happens is unknown.

The Devil has read the Bible and is familiar with it. In fact, he has memorized it. The information given to Isaiah was not something he could work out on his own. He knew about the atonement, but he was in the dark as to how it would play out.

Lucifer made an effort to kill Jesus after His birth. It was like he was thinking, “If I can just kill the body of Jesus, there won’t be any redemption for mankind.” Satan was ignorant of the redemption plan.

“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought: But we speak the wisdom of God in a mystery, even the hidden wisdom, which God ordained before



the world unto our glory: Which none of the princes of this world knew: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory.” (1 Corinthians 2:6-8)

If the Devil had known Jesus would pay for the sins of humanity at the crucifixion, he would have ensured the God-man died of old age.

DESCRIPTION OF THE LAST WAR

Jesus wanted Lucifer to know that his evil actions in the end times was known in heaven and his plan for a last war would be revealed to mankind. The Son of God does not mention Satan by name in the prophecy to Ezekiel, but he is addressed as “Gog.”

“Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord GOD; In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it?” (Ezekiel 38:14)

Jesus disclosed the actions of Lucifer in this future war.

“And thou shalt come from thy place out of the north parts, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company, and a mighty army:

And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; Art thou he of whom I have spoken in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them?

And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face.

For in my jealousy and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel;

So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground.

And I will call for a sword against him throughout all my mountains, saith the Lord GOD: every man's sword shall be against his brother.

And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.” (Ezekiel 38:15-23)

IMPORTANCE OF THIS PROPHECY

Jesus felt this prophecy about the future last was so important that three chapters were dedicated to it. The Bible has been preserved by the Holy Spirit working through God’s people for the last 6,000 years. We must do the same and ensure that the Word of God is preserved for future generations.

PRE-ELECTRIC TECHNOLOGY

Ezekiel lived before mankind learned to harness electricity. Technology was pretty much the same as it had been since the days of Noah.

All items made were made with hand tools. Houses were simple edifices with walls, a floor, and a roof; glass windows did not exist.

Women bought meat, milk, fruit, and eggs on a daily basis since there was no refrigeration. Animals were butchered daily so the meat was fresh.

Melee weapons ruled warfare and killing took place face to face as foot soldiers wielded spears, swords, shields, knives, axes, etc. Ranged weapons like bows and slings provided ranged killing power. Calvary and chariots added mobility, rams broke fortifications, and warships propelled by oars and sail provided strategic mobility.

WAR BEGINS

Gog is a man ruling a geographical area after the millennium kingdom. There is no timeline provided by Jesus, but we know it will take place after the thousand years of peace when Jesus rules the world. Lucifer is set free and immediately sets out induce the people to rebel against Jesus.

Jesus is going to kill five of six men in this war, the armed forces brought against the land of Israel, from which Jesus dwells and rules the world.

The Bible says they will carry ranged weapons like bows and arrows, but it is obvious that Satan’s soldiers have weapons more advanced than what is in use today. Jesus will destroy the weapons these soldiers possess.

“Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel: And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.” (Ezekiel 39:1-3)

RESPONSE FROM JESUS

Jesus revealed that He would allow this huge army to get close to Israel and control the fields and mountains until fire falls and kills them. The Son of God will retaliate against the homeland of Magog, as well as the other nations that joined Gog.

“Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD. And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.”
(Ezekiel 39:4-6)

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

During the reign of the Antichrist, there were Jews who had not accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior, nor had they taken the Mark of the Beast. They are brought into the millennium kingdom and given the ancient land of Israel, where they live and multiply for a thousand years.

Since the fall of Jerusalem in 587 B.C., the question among Jews has always been about when they will get their land back. The priests and the royal leadership failed to realize God means it when He makes a promise. In the Mosaic law, the Israelites were warned they would lose the Promised Land if they rebelled.

“And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy you.”

(Deuteronomy 28:63-68)

Seventy years later God opened a way for the Jews to return from captivity in Babylon; however, only a remnant chose to go back to the Promised Land.

“The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore.” (Ezra 2:64)

God never promised Ezra and the returnees that He would restore the kingdom to Israel and give them a king. History revealed that they were allowed to live in the land, but under the rule of Gentiles.

During the time of Jesus’ ministry in Galilee, a group of men tried to force Jesus to use His supernatural power to become King of the Jews.

“Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone.” (John 6:14-15)

The Jewish leadership was blind to the fact that they had lost the Promised Land due to unrepentant sin and idol worship. By the time the Son of God was incarnated as an Israelite to live among His own people, they rejected Him.

He was in the world, and the world was made by him, and the world knew him not. He came unto his own, and his own received him not. (John 1:10-11)

After having been with Jesus for more than three years, having witnessed His crucifixion and resurrection, the apostles still clung to the false hope that the Messiah was going to revive the Kingdom of Israel.

“And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me. For John truly baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?” (Acts 1:4-6)

JEWES MUST COME TO GOD THROUGH JESUS

Some Christian Zionists teach that God has a special plan for the Jews that does not involve Jesus for eternal life.¹ This is diametrically opposed to the words of Jesus:

“Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.” (John 14:6)

The early church shared the same belief.

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.” (Acts 4:12)

After the crucifixion of Jesus, any Jew who dies without accepting Jesus as the Messiah is doomed to hell. The same holds true today. Just being Jewish is not enough to spare a Jew from the fires of hell. They need Jesus just like everyone else.

A REMNANT SHALL BE SAVED

God promised to bring a remnant of Jews back to the land of Israel in the end times. This will take place during the millennium, but it is emphasized that even though the Jews number like the sand of the sea, only a remnant will be saved.

“And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. The remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God.

For though thy people Israel be as the sand of the sea, yet a remnant of them shall return: the consumption decreed shall overflow with righteousness. For the Lord GOD of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land.” (Isaiah 10:20-23)

God does not preserve the Jews by ignoring their sin; He preserves a remnant by purifying them through judgment. The remnant returns and the repentant core emerges when everything false has been stripped away. The apostle Paul verified what Isaiah prophesied.

“As he saith also in Osee, I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved. And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God. Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though

¹ John Hagee leads CUF (Christians United for Israel), a major pro-Israel Christian organization. He is known for stating Jews have a unique covenant with God that does not require the same path to salvation emphasized in Christianity.

the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved.” (Romans 9:25-27)

Ezekiel predicted Jews would accept Jesus as their Messiah and the resurrected King David would rule them during the millennium.

“And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Neither 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 dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.

Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.” (Ezekiel 37:21-28)

Unsaved Jews started to move to Palestine at the end of the 19th century. When the World Zionist Congress met in Basel, Switzerland in 1898 under the leadership of Theodore Herzl, it was mandated by the delegates to reinstate the political state of Israel. This event took place in 1948. This was not the act of God described by Ezekiel, but a counterfeit by Satan since none of these Jews involved had accepted Jesus as their Messiah.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

Do you have an ear to hear with?