

Elpis Israel

for Young People

Sinai, the Place of the Judgment

Class 37

Review:

- 2-3 classes ago – looked at the resurrection process
- Last class – looked at the judgment

Order of Events:

- First event – Return of Christ
- 2nd Event – Resurrection
- 3rd Event – Gathering of those raised and currently living
- 4th Event – The judgment

1 Peter 4:17 *¹⁷For the time is come that **judgment must begin at the house of God**; and if it first begin at us, what shall the end be of them that obey not the gospel of God?*

Where will we go?

How is there to be a judgment without the world knowing it?

- Clues in the resurrection verses:

Isaiah 26:19-21 *¹⁹Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust: for thy dew is as the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.*

*²⁰Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: **hide thyself as it were for a little moment**, until the **indignation** be overpast. ²¹For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain.*

- Hide – 2247-chabah - to withdraw oneself, to hide oneself, remain hidden
- Little Moment – 7281 – a wink of an eye
- Indignation – 2195 – Zah-am – anger, to foam, wrath

There will be a period of time when the saints are hidden away:

- This will be when the light of the world is withdrawn
- All the Christadelphians will be removed from their jobs from their schools from their communities
- People will wonder “where have they all gone”?
- Probably make the headlines for a day or two – “Mysterious cult vanishes”

Where will this place be?

We are not given a chapter and verse saying “the judgment will take place HERE”

- We do have clues
- Where do we find the saints coming from... after the judgment?

There is an interesting passage in Deuteronomy that needs some explanation:

Deut 33:1-5 *¹And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. ²And he said, The **LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints:** from his right hand went a fiery law for them. ³Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words. ⁴Moses commanded us a law, even the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob. ⁵And he was king in Jeshurun, when the heads of the people and the tribes of Israel were gathered together.*

Historical Context:

- This passage is not talking about the coming of Israel out of Egypt:

Deut 2:1-4 *¹Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red sea, as the LORD spake unto me: and **we compassed mount Seir many days.** ²And the LORD spake unto me, saying, ³Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. ⁴And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the coast of your brethren the children of Esau, which dwell in Seir; and they shall be afraid of you: take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore:*

End result:

- Time of peace – Israel in the land never to be moved:

Deut 33:28-29 *²⁸**Israel then shall dwell in safety alone:** the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. ²⁹Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.*

So what is this passage talking about?

- Yahweh coming from Sinai
- He rises up from Seir unto them (who is the them?)
- He shines forth from mount Paran
- He comes with 10,000 saints
- From his right hand a fiery law goes forward
- All the saints are in his hand – they sit down and receive of his words?
- From here they are given their inheritance
- He is king in Jeshrun (the lawgiver or upright one)

The words in this verse paint a picture of the rising sun of the kingdom age:

- **Rose Up** – 2224 – Zarach – to rise like the sun, to break out, arise shine forth, to scatter rays
Isaiah 60:1 ¹Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the **glory of the LORD is RISEN upon thee.**

Malachi 4:2 ²But unto you that fear my name shall the **Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings (beams);** and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall.

Matthew 13:43 ⁴³Then shall the **righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom** of their Father. Who hath ears to hear, let him hear.

Revelation 16:12 ¹²And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that **the way of the kings of the east (of the Suns Rising)** might be prepared.
- **Shine Forth** – 3313 – yapha – to shine forth, to send out beams, to be bright
Psalms 80:1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, **shine forth.**
- **Came** – 857 – athah – to come, to arrive
Daniel 7:22 ²²Until **the Ancient of days came,** and **judgment was given to the saints of the most High;** and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

This is the place where the saints will be hidden – a secret location

- The light of the world will be withdrawn temporarily
Zechariah 14:6 ⁶And it shall come to pass in that day, that there shall not be light; **the bright ones shall withdraw themselves:**

The Changed Ones:

Psalms about the beginning of the kingdom:

- **Psalms 68:1** Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.
- Where are God's armies seen to be coming from?
Psalms 68:17-21 ¹⁷The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels (changed ones): the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place.
Angels: 8136 – shin'an – from 8132 "changed ones" – ie. thousands of changed ones.
- Where have we heard about "Changed ones" before:
1 Cor 15:51-52 ⁵¹Behold, I shew a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but **we shall all be changed,** ⁵²In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

Thousands of Changed ones – changed by immortalization coming from Sinai to take the kingdom.

- Now look at the rest of the context:

Psalm 68:17-21 ¹⁷The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels (changed ones): the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place. ¹⁸**Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led captivity captive: thou hast received gifts for men; yea, for the rebellious also, that the LORD God might dwell among them.** ¹⁹Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation. Selah. ²⁰He that is our God is the God of salvation; and unto GOD the Lord belong the issues from death. ²¹But God shall wound the head of his enemies, and the hairy scalp of such an one as goeth on still in his trespasses.

- Quoted in Ephesians 4:8 – speaking of Christ obtaining the gift of immortality that will be given to the saints.

It is the hope of all saints to be among the “changed ones”

1 John 3:1-3 ¹Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. ²Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, **when he shall appear, we shall be like him;** for we shall see him as he is. ³And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

The Mighty One Comes:

Always good to have several “witnesses” at any trial

- Same is true with Bible Study
- Try to have several “testimonies”

Another witness who saw something coming from the south:

Habakkuk 3:3-6 ³God (**The Mighty One**) came from **Teman**, and the Holy One from mount **Paran**. Selah. His **glory covered the heavens**, and the earth was full of his praise.

- Teman – 8487 “The South” – the area of Idumea named after one of Esau’s grandsons.
- Paran – 6290 – The place of caves on the south by the desert of Sinai

What was going on at this place?

⁴And his brightness was as the light; he had **horns** coming out of his hand: and there was the **hiding** of his power.

- Horns – 7161 – qeren – rays (beams) of light
- Hiding – 2253 – chebyowm – concealment, covering, the hiding place (to withdraw)
- This is the secret camp of the saints – the powerful ones are hidden for a moment.

What is he coming to do?

⁵Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth at his feet. ⁶He stood, and measured the earth: he beheld, and drove asunder the nations; and the everlasting mountains were scattered, the perpetual hills did bow: his ways are everlasting....

¹²Thou didst march through the land in indignation, thou didst **thresh** the heathen in anger. ¹³Thou wentest forth **for the salvation of thy people**, even for salvation with thine anointed; thou **woundedst the head out of the house of the wicked, by discovering the foundation unto the neck**. Selah. ¹⁴Thou didst strike through with his staves the head of his villages: they came out as a whirlwind to scatter me: their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

Summary:

1. Christ Returns
2. The resurrection takes place
3. The living believers are gathered with the resurrected and taken to judgment
4. Judgment takes place hidden away in the Sinai desert
5. It is here the righteous will receive their reward and become “changed ones” – changed from mortal to immortal beings.
6. From here the Lord Jesus Christ and the saints will go out and conquer the world....

But that story is for another class.

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