

Reasoning out of the Scriptures

by Allegory and Type



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class 6 - Jews Redeemed & Restored

2Cor 1:24 “Not for that we have dominion over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for by faith ye stand” (1Cor 2:1-8)

- ❑ **“Dr. Thomas not only gives you *his conclusions*, BUT THE REASONS WHICH LED HIM TO THOSE CONCLUSIONS. We are able to make his conclusions our own by a process *which makes us independent of all men as to the ground on which we hold them*. The best proof of the soundness of the views advanced by Dr. Thomas lies in this, that *once a reader is directed by him to the Bible*, AND BECOMES A BIBLE STUDENT, *he can dispense with Dr. Thomas' book altogether so far as steadfastness of conviction is concerned*. The Bible nourishes that conviction from day to day.” — R. Roberts**
- ❑ **The foreword to *Christendom Astray* notes the intent of the author is: “a single objective—TO PROMOTE THE PERSONAL STUDY OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES with a view to salvation.”**

We frequently quote brethren that have helped us, that others might also be directed to the same resources. While we do not exalt men, we do respect those “who labor in Word and Doctrine” (1Tim 5:17; Phi 3:17; 1Tim 5:17 cf. Rev 22:8-9; Act 14:15; Dan 2:48; 1Cor 2:1-5; 1The 2:13).

Class Six—Jews Redeemed, the Kingdom Grows

Est 9:1 Now in the twelfth month, that *is*, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and HIS DECREE DREW NEAR to be put in execution, *in the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have power over them, (THOUGH IT WAS TURNED TO THE CONTRARY, that the Jews had rule over them that hated them;)*

Jews Had Rule Over Them That Hated Them—Isa 60:14-16 “The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man went through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. Thou shalt also suck the milk of the Gentiles, and shalt suck the breast of kings: and thou shalt know that I the LORD *am* thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob” *Gentiles will fear because of Jews—Isa 14:1-4; Jer 16:19*

Est 9:2 *The Jews* GATHERED THEMSELVES TOGETHER in their cities throughout all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, *to lay hand on such as sought their hurt: and no man could withstand them; for* THE FEAR OF THEM *fell upon all people.*

Fear of them fell upon the people—this fear has been ever-present. However, “the Jews” are now represented by One with total authority. Isa 49:22 “Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: *and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders*” (Isa 56:6-8; Jer 30:17)

- Many people will say “come let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob”—Isa 2:1-4
- When Christ stands as an ensign for His people, “to it shall the Gentiles seek”—Isa 11:10-11
- The restoring of the Jew will cause the “Gentiles” to recognize Yahweh’s “glory”—Isa 66:19-20
- The people of the nations will “take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew” to worship Yahweh—Zec 8:20-23

*Est 9:3 All the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the deputies, and officers of the king, HELPED THE JEWS; because the *fear of Mordecai fell upon them *ONE RESURRECTED*

Rulers, Lieutenants, Deputies Helped the Jews—Gentile political figures of the sheep nations submit following Armageddon (Jos 2:9-11)

Isa 60:9-12 “Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far... And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee... thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces of the Gentiles, and that their kings may be brought. For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted”

Fear—used 3x in Esther. Mic 7:16-17 “The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf. They shall lick the dust like a serpent, they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee”

Est 9:4 For MORDECAI *was great in the king's house*, and his FAME went out throughout all the provinces: for this man Mordecai *waxed greater and greater*.

Waxed greater and greater—only used elsewhere for the Davidic kingdom: 1Chr 11:9 “So David waxed greater and greater: for the LORD of hosts *was with him*” *the militant title of Deity*

Dan 2:35 “The stone that smote the image *became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth*” (2Sam 3:1)

- A host of references teach that judgment, war, submission of nations, restoration of Jews, and reign of Christ occurs in a process of time. The government will “increase...” (Isa 9:7).

Fame—used for Solomon’s reign, which drew the Gentiles (Eze 36-39), as well as Joshua’s victory upon entering the Land (Jos 6:27).

1Kin 10:1-2 “And when the queen of Sheba *heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of the LORD*, she came to prove him with hard questions”

From the beginning, this book focuses more on Mordecai than Esther

Est 9:5 Thus THE JEWS SMOTE *all their enemies* with the stroke of *the sword*, and slaughter, and destruction, and DID WHAT THEY WOULD unto *those that hated them*.

Est 9:6 And *in Shushan* the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men

Sword—reps. righteous judgment (Psa 149:6; 49:2; Rev 2:16; 19:15)

Enemies, Hated them—influenced by Agag (Zec 10:5-7).

In Shushan—battle begins in Jerusalem and regions about (v. 7-9).

Joel 3:12-16 “Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision:
... The LORD also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel”

Zec 14:14 “And Judah also shall fight at Jerusalem...”

Zec 12:9 “It shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem”

Est 9:10 The *ten sons of Haman* the son of Hammedatha, the enemy of the Jews, *slew them*; but on the *spoil* laid they not their hand. *The desire for worldly goods is not their motive*

Upon the Spoil—this is how they failed under Saul (1Sam 15:9,15)!
Ten Sons of Haman—representative number (Gen 31:7); here the nations associated with Gog (Eze 38:1-9); the “feet and toes” of the image in Daniel’s prophecy (Dan 2:41-42).

There were “10” nations occupying the Land of promise (Gen 15:19-21). Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaims, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites.

Est 9:13 Then said *Esther, If it please the king, *let it be granted to the Jews* which *are* in Shushan to do *to morrow* also according unto this day's decree, and *let Haman's ten sons be hanged upon the gallows*. **Bride pursues warfare*

After the fall of “Gog” by Mordecai and Esther (Christ and the Saints), the “ten” powers of Europe must then be subdued (Rev 17:12-14).

Est 9:14 And the king commanded it so to be done: and the decree was given at Shushan; and **THEY** *hanged Haman's ten sons.* ***“they” —note the Jews’ participation in 10 sons’ fall***

Ten Sons—this is another amazing sequence of Bible prophecy. Gog destroyed (Est 7), Christ sends forth a saving Law to the Jews (Est 8), and now the European nations subjected (Est 9). *Joshua also hanged the rulers of the nations (Jos 8:29; 10:26).*

- ❑ “Following the destruction of the Gogian confederacy at Armageddon, the Catholic countries of Europe will re-group under ‘the beast’ (Rev. 17:13), and will prepare to resist the demands and ultimatum of the king in Jerusalem (Psalm 2:10-12; Rev. 14:6-7). But without waiting for them to attack, he will invade their territories, and so ‘rebuke strong nations afar off’ (Mic. 4:3). In this work of conquest, he will use Israel after the flesh ***officered by the saints**, and so re-formed into ‘a new sharp threshing instrument’ designed to thresh the nations (Isa. 30:27-28; 41:15-16)” —*HPM, Daniel Exp, pg 70* ***Esther**

❑ “Thus will the ‘dragon’ (headed by Russia) be overthrown as a political force. But it will not end opposition to the reign of Christ. A European confederacy of Catholic countries (the Apocalyptic ‘beast’) will oppose the rising power of Israel under Christ and will “make war with the Lamb.’ Christ, however, will take the initiative. He will ‘rebuke strong nations afar off’ (Mic. 4:3). His army will move against Catholic Europe and bring it into subjection as predicted in **Rev 19:19-20.**” — *Expositor, Revelation*

Mic 4:1-8 “Many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths... For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted... and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem”

Est 9:15 For *the Jews* that were **IN SHUSHAN** gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men at Shushan; but **ON THE PREY THEY LAID NOT THEIR HAND.**

Est 9:16 But *the other Jews* that were **IN THE KING'S PROVINCES** gathered themselves together, and stood for their lives, and *had rest from their enemies*, and slew of their foes seventy and five thousand, but **THEY LAID NOT THEIR HANDS ON THE PREY** *(Rest—Jer 30:10)*

The Other Jews—there are Jews in the land (Shushan) and outside the Land (Provinces) at Christ's appearing: prophetically styled **Judah and Ephraim** (Zec 10:1-12). UNIFIED by the enemy, Judah and Ephraim become one in "his hand" (Eze 37:19).

Together—they act as Yahweh's weapon against the nations: "When I have *bent Judah* for me, filled *the bow with Ephraim*" Zec 9:13. This book reveals that the Jews are not the initial instigators of war, but will "arise and thresh" the nations in self-defense.

Mic 5:7-9 “And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many people as a dew from the LORD, as the showers upon the grass, that tarrieth not for man, nor waiteth for the sons of men. And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep: who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, and none can deliver”

Jer 51:20-21 “Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; And with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and his rider”

Mic 4:13 “Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people”

- ***For a chronological detail of things to transpire at the second advent of Christ see: Events Subsequent to the Return of Christ, J. Cowie***

Zec 10:3-11 “Mine anger was kindled against the shepherds, and I punished the goats: for the LORD of hosts hath visited his flock the house of Judah, and hath made them *as his goodly horse in the battle... And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away”*

(Israel as a battle horse—Isa 63:1-2; Rev 14:20; 19:11)

Psa 110:1-6 “The LORD said unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool. The LORD shall send the rod of thy strength out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thine enemies. Thy people shall be willing in the day of thy power, in the beauties of holiness from the womb of the morning... The Lord at thy right hand shall strike through kings in the day of his wrath. He shall judge among the heathen, he shall fill the places with the dead bodies; he shall wound the heads over many countries”

Est 9:18 But *the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together* on the thirteenth *day* thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth *day* of the same they rested, and *made it a day of feasting and gladness*.
Est 9:19 Therefore *the Jews of the villages, that dwelt in the unwalled towns*, made the fourteenth day of the month Adar *a day of gladness and feasting*, and a good day, and of **SENDING PORTIONS ONE TO ANOTHER**.

Rested—formerly a people that would have no rest (Deu 28:65). This was done on the “third day” (15th)—Hos 6:1-2

Gladness, Feasting—prophetic phrase denoting the rejoicing of the Jews in salvation (Jer 31:7; 33:11; Zec 8:19-23; Isa 51:3; 35:10).

Sending Portions—a mutual enemy and purpose unifies the Jews, which brings Yahweh’s salvation (Deu 16:11; Isa 11:3; Eze 37:16-19)

Brethren today possess the same two unifying principles

*“*sending portions*” is an expression in the days of Nehemiah, the Restorer, as they *understood* the “Book of the Law”—

Neh 8:1-8 “All the people gathered themselves together AS ONE MAN into the street that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded to Israel. And Ezra the priest brought the law before the congregation both of men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. And he read therein before the street that was before the water gate from the morning until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. And EZRA THE SCRIBE STOOD UPON A PULPIT OF WOOD, which they had made for the purpose. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people; (FOR HE WAS ABOVE ALL THE PEOPLE;) and when he opened it, all the people stood up: And Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground... the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. So they read in the book in the law of God distinctly, and gave the sense, and caused them to understand the reading”

Neh 8:9-12 “And Nehemiah, which is the Tirshatha, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto the LORD your God; mourn not, nor weep. FOR ALL THE PEOPLE WEPT, WHEN THEY HEARD THE WORDS OF THE LAW. Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto them for whom nothing is prepared: for *this day is holy* unto our Lord: NEITHER BE YE SORRY; FOR THE JOY OF THE LORD IS YOUR STRENGTH. So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and to send portions, and to make great mirth, because they had understood the words that were declared unto them”

- **Gathered into the One Man of Christ (v.1), the understanding of the Law by the “water gate” (v.3) was not understood distinctly until Christ was lifted up on wood (v.4). The words of Messiah were not comprehended until he was “glorified” (Joh 10:6 cf. Joh 12:16). While the Law being read manifests sin and causes weeping (v.9), the redemption in Christ causes joy and great mirth (v.10-12). This was administered by the governor-priest (Nehemiah-Ezra).**

Est 9:20 *And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both nigh and far,*

Est 9:21 *To stablish this among them, that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly*

Mordecai wrote—a new law in their inward parts represents a new disposition received by Yahweh’s people:

Jer 31:31-34 “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not 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 an husband unto them, saith the LORD: *But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people...*”

Est 9:22 As the days wherein the Jews **RESTED** *from their enemies*, and the month which was turned unto them *from sorrow to joy*, and *from mourning into a good day*: that they should make them *days of feasting and joy*, and of **SENDING PORTIONS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND GIFTS TO THE POOR.** **fellowship**

Sorrow to Joy—great time of remembrance, when the deepest time of “Jacob’s trouble” is turned into salvation (Jer 30:7); when “sorrow and sighing shall flee away” (Isa 35:9-10).

Isa 51:1-3 “**LOOK UNTO ABRAHAM YOUR FATHER, AND UNTO SARAH THAT BARE YOU:** for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him. *For the LORD shall comfort Zion:* he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; *joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody*” (Jer 31:10-13)

Rested—repetitive word (v. 16,17,18,22), which is used for the 7th Day Rest in Exo 20:11—the greater rest under Joshua (Heb 4:1-11)!
Prophetically, it is used for the salvation of Israel (Jer 30:10; 46:27)

Est 9:23 *And the Jews undertook to do AS THEY HAD BEGUN, and as Mordecai had written unto them;*

Est 9:24 *Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the enemy of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to destroy them, and had cast Pur, that is, THE LOT, to consume them, and to destroy them;*

Est 9:25 *But when ESTHER came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.*

Est 9:26 *Wherefore they called these days Purim after the name of Pur. (the "lot" of Gentiles vs. the sure prophetic Word of Yahweh)*

Jews undertook to do as Mordecai had written—the Jews' open acknowledgement of Messiah's position as the King's authority upon His second advent (Jer 23:5-8; 30:9; 33:15-17; Eze 34:23-25; 37:24-25), because he redeemed them from Haman's plot to destroy them. Esther—saints are not passive (Joh 18:36; Psa 149)...etc.

Est 9:27 The Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, **and upon all such as joined themselves unto them*, so as it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to their writing, *and according to their appointed time every year*; **“many nations joined to Yahweh” Zec 2:11*

Est 9:28 And *that* these days *should be* remembered and KEPT THROUGHOUT EVERY GENERATION, EVERY FAMILY, EVERY PROVINCE, AND EVERY CITY; and *that these days of *Purim should not fail from among the Jews, nor the memorial of them perish from their seed.* **Not in Law of Moses, which cannot save*

Memorial—this prophetic parable begins with Vashti refusing to attend the King’s feast, and concludes with the Jews celebrating a feast of redemption, by a suffering servant now exalted (Mordecai) *This is a total conversion of a people who were of stiff-necked heart.*

NOTE: this is a feast of *salvation* and one that is outside the Law of Moses! This is the “new covenant” the Jews embrace in Christ (Jer 31:30-41), written upon the new heart or spirit (Deu 27:1-8 cf. 2Cor 3:1-12).

Est 8:17 *And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them* **Jews—45x in Esther**

All such as joined themselves unto them—(Jer 30:11). Those who worship Yahweh must join themselves unto the Jews.

Zec 8:22-23 *“Many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you”*

Isa 2:1-3 *“And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways...”* (**Isa 14:1; Mal 1:11; Zec 2:11-12**)

“When thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness” — Isa 26:9

Est 9:29 *ESTHER THE QUEEN, the daughter of Abihail, AND Mordecai the Jew, wrote with all authority, to confirm this *second letter of Purim*. ***used 12x in this book!!!** *Saints rule w/Christ*
Est 9:30 And he sent the letters unto *all the Jews, to the hundred twenty and seven provinces of the kingdom* of Ahasuerus, *with words of peace and truth,*

127—book opens & concludes with this number: Jews graft back in as Sarah reps. “Jerusalem, the mother of us all” (Gal 4:22-26).

Fulfillment of the Abrahamic Covenant (*127 used 3x in Esther—covenant*)

Unto all the Jews—the natural Jew become Abraham’s true “seed.”

Isa 51:1-4; Rom 11:24-27 *Now understanding redemption from law of Death*

Peace and Truth—the time of Israel’s restoration in Spirit under their Redeemer, who will “reveal” proper worship to them:

Jer 33:6-7 “I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will *reveal* unto them the abundance of *peace and truth*.”

AND I WILL CAUSE THE CAPTIVITY OF JUDAH AND THE CAPTIVITY OF ISRAEL TO RETURN, AND WILL BUILD THEM, AS AT THE FIRST”

Peace and Truth—one cannot exist without the other. Peace is more than the cessation of war, it is the creation of unity of mind. The Book of Esther ends with “peace.” BUT WE CANNOT IGNORE THE DETAILED PROCESS TO ACHIEVE THAT END!

2Kin 9:22 “When Joram saw Jehu, that he said, *Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?”* (Psa 85:10;

Heb 7:2 “To whom also Abraham gave a tenth part of all; *first being by interpretation King of righteousness, and after that also King of Salem, which is, King of peace*”

Jam 3:14-17 “The wisdom that is from above is *first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy*”

Israel’s Restoration in peace and truth is in contrast of false teaching, which is termed a “lie”—2The 2:11; Tit 1:12; Rev 2:2; Rev 21:8; Jer 14:14; 16:19; 20:6; 23:14; 23:25-26; Eze 13:8-22... etc

Chapter Ten—the Kingdom of Yahweh's Anointed

Est 10:1 And the king Ahasuerus *laid a tribute* upon the land, and *upon the isles of the sea*.

Tribute—taxation upon all people (Luke 2:1), as in the days of Solomon (1Kin 9:21). Christ said “render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s”—Mat 22:21. This reps. the nations to come up to Jerusalem in the Age to come to acknowledge the exalted status of Israel’s Great King.

Psa 72:8-11 when Christ reigns from “sea to sea” the “kings of Tarshish and of *the isles* shall *bring presents*: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall *offer gifts*. Yea, all kings shall fall down before him: all nations shall serve him”

Isa 60:1-12 “the *abundance of the sea* shall be converted unto thee, *the forces* (mg. wealth) of the Gentiles shall come unto thee” (Isa 66:18-20; Zec 14:14)—*the building of the Temple*

Isles—generally, not just Gentile nations, but those considerate of the Jews (see: Gen 10:5; Zep 2:11; Isa 11:11-12; 40:15; Acts 13:6)

Est 10:2 And all the acts of His power and of His might, and the declaration of *the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto the king advanced him*, are they not *written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia?

***USED FOR ISRAEL'S KINGS—1Kings & 2Kings—the Silver Kingdom**

King Advanced Him—the focus of the entire Scriptures is about Yahweh, the King, and His advancement of the one loyal to His Kingdom (2Cor 5:19 cf. John 17). God “highly exalted” Christ and “gave him a name above every name” (Phi 2:5-11)

- **“In some way, EVERY BOOK OF THE BIBLE centers attention upon the person and mission of the Lord Jesus Christ”—*Joshua: Expositor, HPM, pg 9.***

Luk 24:44 “That all things must be fulfilled, which were written in the law of Moses, and *in* the prophets, and *in* the psalms, concerning me”

Heb 10:7 “Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me”

Est 10:3 For Mordecai the Jew *was next unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren,* seeking the wealth of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

Next Unto The King—Christ's exalted position (1Cor 15:26-28) "gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God; angels and authorities and powers being made subject unto him" (1Pet 3:22; Heb 12:2; 8:1). Even in exaltation, he is still inferior to the King {Joseph, Daniel}

Great among the Jews—status of Christ never before held (Zec 12:10)

Accepted of the multitude of his brethren—final verse is the only time the Jews are described as Mordecai's "brethren." The deepest sense of this term relates to those now redeemed by Christ.

Heb 2:11-12 "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren,* Saying, I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the ecclesia will I sing praise unto thee"

(Christ firstborn Rom 8:29; born of Sarah, Gal 4:21)

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Speaking peace to all his seed—styled by the apostle, “the gospel of peace” (Rom 10:15; Eph 6:15). The Gospel is intended to unify.

Eze 34:23-25 “I will set up *one shepherd over them*, and he shall feed them, *even my servant David*; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken *it*. And I WILL MAKE WITH THEM A COVENANT OF PEACE, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land...”

Eze 37:24 “David my servant *shall be king over them*; and they all shall have one shepherd... 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”

HADASSAH MEANS THE MYRTLE TREE

- “In their rebelliousness the Jews are regarded as briars and thorns; *but in restoration*, because of righteousness, they are olive-branches, pine-branches, myrtle-branches, and palm-branches. When, therefore, it is prophesied in Isaiah 55: 13, ‘*Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle-tree*: and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an Aion-memorial that shall not be cut off;’ and in Ch. 41:19, ‘I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittah-tree, and *the myrtle*, and the olive-tree: I will set in the desert the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together; that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel (Christ) hath created it:’—when these things are declared, it not only imports that the land previously desolate shall become like Eden, the Garden of Jehovah (Ezek. 36 : 35), but that all its inhabitants in Messiah’s Olahm, the Millennial Aion, shall be trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he might be glorified”—Isa. 61:3. *Eureka, Vol 1 pg 54*

Zec 1:8 I saw by night, and behold a man riding upon a red horse, and *he stood among the myrtle trees that were in the bottom...*

Zec 1:10 *And the man that stood among the myrtle trees answered and said, These are they whom the LORD hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth.*

Zec 1:11 *And they answered the angel of the LORD that stood among the myrtle trees, and said, We have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.*

Zec 1:12 Then the angel of the LORD answered and said, O LORD of hosts, **HOW LONG WILT THOU NOT HAVE MERCY ON JERUSALEM AND ON THE CITIES OF JUDAH, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years? (Babylonian captivity)**

Zec 1:13 And the LORD answered the angel that talked with me *with good words and comfortable words.*

Zec 1:14 So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; *I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy...*

Zec 1:16 Therefore thus saith the LORD; *I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies: my house shall be built in it, saith the LORD of hosts...*

Mordecai—Restoration of the Jews happens in the Silver Kingdom

- **“The kingdom promised to them that love God, and are ‘the called according to His purpose,’ is a *Hebrew Kingdom*. Its *territory* is the Land of Israel, turned into Paradise; the *nation* to inhabit it, the twelve tribes of Israel cleansed from their iniquities, as the result of an intelligent and affectionate recognition of the Anointed Jesus; and obedience to him as their *King*; its *princes, priests, and nobles* of all ranks and degrees, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the prophets and apostles; and those Jews under the Law, ‘who walked in the steps of that faith of the father Abraham, which he had, being yet uncircumcised,’ or a Gentile; and those Jews after the Day of Pentecost, who continued in Abraham’s faith, affectionately recognized Jesus as the Seed promised to him and Israel, and were ‘immersed for his name’—Luke 13:28; Mat 19:27-29; Rom 4:12.” *Eureka, Vol 1, pg. 223.***

Jer 33:7-11 “I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. *And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it. Thus saith the LORD; Again there shall be heard in this place, which ye say shall be desolate without man and without beast, even in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, that are desolate, without man, and without inhabitant, and without beast, The voice of joy, and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of them that shall say, Praise the LORD of hosts: for the LORD is good; for his mercy endureth for ever...*”

For cleansing and iniquity to be put away requires confession and forsaking (1John 1:8-10; Pro 28:13).

Zec 14:2-3 “For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, *as when he fought in the day of battle*”

❑ **“HOW DID HE FIGHT IN THE DAY OF BATTLE? *Read the History of Joshua*, who says, ‘There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites, the inhabitants of Gibeon; all others they took in battle. For it was of the Lord to *harden their hearts*, that they should come against Israel to battle, that He (the Lord) might destroy them utterly, and that they might have no favour.’ ‘The Lord descomfited them before Israel, and slew them with a great slaughter at Gibeon...And as they fled from before Israel, the Lord cast down great stones from heaven upon them, and they died...’ (Jos 11:19; 10:10-11). This is the way the Lord fought in the day of battle; and so He will fight again (Eze 38:21-23; Zec 14:14; 10:5)” —J. Thomas “*Mystery of the Covenant of the Holy Land Explained*”**

Hadassah—the myrtle tree. Esther's Hebrew name represents a magnificent symbol of Israel's restoration.

- The branches of the myrtle were used to make booths for the Feast of Tabernacles (Neh 8:14-15) in the 7th Month. This relates to worship of the nations in the Kingdom Age (Zec 14:16).
- The myrtle is also used for Israel's glorified state in the Age to Come and the beautification of the Land (Isa 55:13).
- In Zec 1:8-12 the prophet shows the vision of a man among the "myrtle trees" who asks "O LORD of hosts, how long wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these threescore and ten years?" (70 years Babylonian captivity). The answer: "Yahweh shall yet comfort Zion" (Zec 1:17).

"The myrtle, thus stands as a fitting symbol of Israel regathered, blessed and rejoicing in Yahweh..." *Esther, pg. 11*

Feast of Tabernacles Numbers 29:12—40 (Lev 23:34)

15th Day of the Seventh Month The Feast of Seven Days

Bullocks offered for a “burnt offering,” along with a “goat” for a sin offering. Note: it begins with “13” (v. 13)—the number of rebellion (Gen 14:4; 17:25)—and concludes seven days later with “7” bullocks offered (v. 32)—the number of completion (Gen 2:2).

The principle: what begins with rebellion (13) is gradually reduced into ordinal perfection (7). Astonishingly, the total number of bullocks $13+12+11+10+9+8+7 = 70$. This is the number of the nations (Gen 10; Egypt: Gen 50:3; Jer 25:11-12; 29:10; Zec 1:12; Isa 23:15-17; Luke 10:1, 17).

Zec 14:16 “And it shall come to pass, *that* every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles”

Punishment of Jews Turned Upon Their Enemies

Deu 28:28 “The LORD shall smite thee with *madness*, and *blindness*, and *astonishment* of heart”

- Bro. John Martin very astutely points out that the only place where these three Hebrew words “madness, blindness, and astonishment” appear together is in Zechariah—

Zec 12:4-6 “In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with *astonishment*, and his rider with *madness*: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with *blindness*. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem”

His Brethren—a term used for those in covenant relationship with Christ, who have been redeemed by his blood (Col 1:2). Thus, the Jews have been grafted in again as the seed of Abraham.

Heb 2:11 “For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified *are* all of one: for which cause *he is not ashamed to call them brethren*”

Rom 8:29 “For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate *to be* conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be *the firstborn among many brethren*”

Mat 12:47-49 “Then one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to speak with thee. But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? and *who are my brethren?* And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren!”

Gal 3:29 “And if ye *be* Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise”