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WHEN IT COMES

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God's government is coming to this earth; it could come at anytime. This statement is supported by the full authority of God's Word. It is God's next move; the certainty of this impending divine intervention should be proclaimed to all living; there is nothing to hinder its coming; there is no unfulfilled prophecy or world event that must come first. Suddenly the kingdom of God could become an unexpected reality in the earth, much to the amazement of the vast majority of mankind who cannot even picture a world invaded, conquered, and governed by God. It will also come as a surprise to the great percentage of those in organized religion who espouse the erroneous and unbiblical, escapist theory of a "rapture," God rescuing certain individuals from this earth to keep them from the frightful tribulation they say will follow, teaching that God will pour out His wrath upon those left behind. This is not what the loving, righteous God of the Bible has said He will do.

When it comes, the Kingdom of God will graciously but powerfully impose itself upon all the peoples and governments of this earth, silently but surely invading all of earth's systems, and specifically the physical and mental beings of all living. This is the inauguration of the promised righteous reign of Jesus Christ. God has said concerning Jesus Christ: "Behold, My Servant whom I have chosen, My Beloved in whom My soul is well pleased: I will put My Spirit upon Him, and He will declare justice to the nations. He will not quarrel nor cry out, nor will anyone hear His voice in the streets. A bruised reed He will not break, and smoking flax He will not quench, till He sends forth justice to victory; and in His name the nations will trust" (Matt. 12:18-21). When God goes into action to bring His government to the earth, it will mark a great dispensational change, in how God deals with men. The God of every grace will now become the Judge of all the earth. As it is written of Christ: "Ask of Me, and I will surely give the nations as Your inheritance, and the very ends of the earth as Your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron, You shall shatter them like earthenware" (Psa. 2: 8-9 NASU). Isaiah also prophesied: ...The government shall be upon His shoulder... and of the increase of His government there shall be no end... (Isa. 9:6-7). The men of the nations will immediately have a changed attitude. Under the peaceful conditions imposed by God's government, no man would dare to harm another: He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; He breaks the bow and cuts the spear in two; He burns the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! (Psa. 46:9-10). God's Spirit touches everything and everybody.

When it comes, the invasion of this earth is quickly accomplished by God's Spirit sent from His throne in the heavens where Christ remains seated in His rights. Unlike the bloody wartime invasions of man's history, this work of God is peaceful yet powerful; no one gets hurt...Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the LORD of hosts (Zech. 4: 6).

When it comes, the vital work of the Spirit which had its beginning (in part) during the Acts Period will be in its fullness throughout the world, as Jesus Christ promised: "But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper (advocate) will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you. And He, (God's Spirit) when He comes, will <u>convict</u> (*Grk. elengko*, enlighten with conviction) the world concerning sin and righteousness and judgment; concerning sin, because they do not believe in Me; and concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged" (John 16:7-11 NASU). In effect, it is God's Spirit that will convincingly enlighten every individual, their renewed conscience bearing witness to their true standing before the judge of all the earth.

When it comes, the first physical and mental awareness felt by every living individual upon earth will be the universal touch of God's Spirit flowing out upon all flesh, as foretold by the Prophet Joel: "It shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh"... (Joel 2:28). The immediate effects of this outflow will be the sudden enlightenment of men's minds and an immediate physical change in the bodies of all living. The Apostle Paul spoke about those who would be living when God intervenes: We shall not all sleep (go into the state of death), but we shall all be changed. In a moment, in the twinkling of an eve. Death and dying will be stopped at that very moment; no longer will the descendants of Adam be held captive to the curse of being "alive and dying," but *every* living human being will suddenly experience Christ's gift of being "alive and living." The lame shall walk, the blind shall see and the dumb shall speak just as the Prophets foretold. The Lord Jesus, during His earthly ministry, demonstrated by His miracles and signs what men could expect under Heaven's government: And great multitudes came unto him, having with them those that were lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and cast them down at Jesus' feet; and he healed them: (Matt 15:30, Matt 12:15) and great multitudes followed him, and he healed them all. The gifts of healing were for all who had a need without discrimination.

When the Pharisees demanded that the Lord tell them *when* the Kingdom of God would come, our Lord answered their demand by telling them *how* it would come; And when he was demanded of the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God should come, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you (Luke 17:20-21). The first sign of the kingdom of God will be the changes within the living, no one will know any sooner than you do that God's government has taken over the earth. God's gracious re-creation of our individual body with its great physical and mental capabilities will be equal to Adam's created body, but with a memory. All men will not survive Christ's judgment, but the believer has the promise of <u>everlasting (eonian</u>. ever flowing) life.

When it comes, all of the living upon earth, even the rebellious, will suddenly experience Jesus Christ's hard won gift of eonian life, a gift that has been held out to all men to have as their own, but for many this great experience may be exhilarating but short-lived, due to their unbelief and their now exposed personal records. They will suddenly find themselves unworthy of life in the kingdom of God when the bright light of Jesus Christ's righteousness exposes how far short of God's glory they come. The Psalmist declared that such as be blessed of Him shall be given a place and enjoy a portion upon the earth; and they that be cursed of Him shall be cut off: For evildoers shall be cut off; But those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked shall be no more; Indeed, you will look carefully for his place, But it shall be no more. But the meek (submissive) shall inherit the earth, and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace (Ps 37:9-11 NKJV). The interrogation of God's Spirit will be very thorough according to Jesus Christ: For nothing is secret, that shall not be made manifest; neither any thing hid, that shall not be known and come abroad (Luke 8:17).

When it comes, it will be a day to be remembered, one of the greatest days in the history of mankind; all the nations of the earth will be involved as God's Spirit imprints the truth upon the minds of every living being. David the Psalmist wrote of that future day and the great changes that will occur in the whole earth when it does come: All the ends of the earth will **remember** (Heb. Zachar; have truth imprinted on the mind) and turn to the LORD, and all the families of the nations will worship before Thee. For the kingdom is the Lord's, and He rules over the nations (Ps. 22:27-28). What is imprinted upon the minds of men are the facts concerning Jesus Christ, as to who He is and what He is in the esteem of God. The light that flows from God's Spirit into the minds of men in every nation causes them to turn to the Lord and worship before Him. This action of worship does not obtain salvation for the worshipers but is the fulfillment of the declaration made twice by God: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil 2:10-11, Isaiah 45:22-23). The knees that bow and the tongues that confess are from all nations including the people of what was "Godless Russia" and "Christless Israel." (Note here that in regard to the Children of Israel there are many yet to be fulfilled prophecies concerning their future. Very early under God's government the enlightened living and the informed resurrected dead of Israel will be joined together, gathered into a place of separation where God will meet with them face to face, see Ezekiel 20:33-38). The Philippian passage goes on to tell how God has exalted the name of Jesus Christ: Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. The glory of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea; this glory and esteem of Jesus Christ will be manifest to all: And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it (Isa 40:5). All flesh will see it at the same time and in the same amount as the kingdom of God breaks forth upon the earth. In 2 Timothy 4: 1 we are told that Jesus Christ will set the order for the living

and the dead at His blazing forth, even His Kingdom. I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and (even) his kingdom.

When it comes, the unsuspecting millions of all nations who happen to be living will be the first to be dealt with in righteousness. This study has focused upon that group. Another study will focus upon the dead and the orders of resurrection. All the dead will be raised in their order, but not all will be raised to live in the kingdom of God. That God given privilege is for those which shall be accounted worthy to obtain that world, and the resurrection from the dead (Luke 20:35).

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