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“The Kingdom Context”

Part 2 – Kingdom Mandate

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Deuteronomy 32:1-18 LXX (Septuagint)

1 Attend, O heaven, and I will speak; and let the earth hear the words out of my mouth. 2 Let my speech be looked for as the rain, and my words come down as dew, as the shower upon the herbage, and as snow upon the grass. 3 For I have called on the name of the Lord: assign ye greatness to our God. 4 *As for God, his works are true, and all his ways are judgment: God is faithful, and there is no unrighteousness in him; just and holy is the Lord.*

5 They have sinned, not *pleasing* him; spotted children, a froward and perverse generation. 6 Do ye thus recompense the Lord? *is the people thus foolish and unwise? did not he himself thy father purchase thee, and make thee, and form thee?* 7 Remember the days of old, consider the years for past ages: ask thy father, and he shall relate to thee, thine elders, and they shall tell thee.

8 When the Most High divided the nations, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the angels of God. **9** And his people Jacob became the portion of the Lord, Israel was the line of his inheritance. **10** He maintained him in the wilderness, in burning thirst and a dry land: he led him about and instructed him, and kept him as the apple of an eye. **11** As an eagle would watch over his brood, and yearns over his young, receives them having spread his wings, and takes them up on his back: **12** the Lord alone led them, there was no strange god with them. **13** He brought them up on the strength of the land; he fed them with the fruits of the fields; they sucked honey out of the rock, and oil out of the solid rock. **14** Butter of cows, and milk of sheep, with the fat of lambs and rams, of calves and kids, with fat of kidneys of wheat; and he drank wine, the blood of the grape. **15** So Jacob ate and was filled, and the

beloved one kicked; he grew fat, he became thick and broad: then he forsook the God that made him, and departed from God his Saviour. [16](#)

They provoked me to anger with strange gods; with their abominations they bitterly angered me.

[17](#) They sacrificed to devils, and not to God; to gods whom they knew not: new and fresh *gods* came in, whom their fathers knew not. [18](#)

Thou hast forsaken God that begot thee, and forgotten God who feeds thee.

- The context of Deuteronomy 32 is God's frustration with Israel, because, having released the nations to be reprobates, dividing them amongst their chosen gods (guardian spirits/devils), Jehovah chose to make a new nation as His own inheritance, the purpose of which was manifold, including (but not limited to) being the physical

- representation of the Kingdom of Heaven on earth, being the repository and beacon light of divine truth, being the foundation and root of the Anointed King (Messiah) who was to come and bring the full restoration of the Kingdom, being the core of said Kingdom that would infiltrate the Kingdoms of this world (Kingdom of darkness) and rescue many souls into the Kingdom of the beloved Son. Israel repeatedly failed to even be eligible for their divinely designed destiny.
- Notice: In verses 7-14 God is emphasizing that He personally formed Israel, that He did so alone, without aid from the gods (devils), that Israel is His own personal inheritance/portion, and that He alone is the one who has cared for Israel, provided for Israel, and protected Israel.

- Notice: In verses 15-18 The problem is pointed out directly, though Jehovah was THEIR GOD, they continually went after “strange gods”, “devils (demons/guardian spirits)”, “gods they did not know (have relationship with)”. Then Jehovah concludes, they have **forgotten** the God who begot (produced) them and who also faithfully fed them.
- This chapter of scripture reveals one of the over-arching themes of the entire Bible:
 - Jehovah vs. The gods / The Kingdom of Heaven vs. The Kingdoms of this world
- Notice: The declaration of final triumph of God over His enemies:

Revelation 11:15

15 Then the seventh angel sounded: And there were loud voices in heaven, saying, "The kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!"

- God also spoke of these things through His prophet Daniel:

Daniel 2:43-44

43 As you saw iron mixed with ceramic clay, they will mingle with the seed of men; but they will not adhere to one another, just as iron does not mix with clay. **44** And in the days of these kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed; and the kingdom shall not be left to other people; it shall break in pieces and consume **all** these kingdoms, and it shall stand forever.

- It is thusly revealed that God has allowed man to folly in choosing other gods, and forming other kingdoms, only that He might triumph over all of these and be exalted in them!
- The Divine Strategy Revealed:

Acts 2:1-11

1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

- This, of course, is Pentecost, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, the beginning of the Church Age. Notice who was there to witness it:

5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and Arabs — we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God."

● Acts 2 – Pentecost



- This listing of nations follows the expansion of the 70 nations listed in Genesis 10:1-32 (The Table of Nations)
- Jews reading the account in the book of Acts would have immediately connected chapter 2 with both Deut. 32 and Genesis 10.
- Deut. 32:8 LXX “When the Most High **divided** the nations...”
- Acts 2:3 “Then there appeared to them **divided** tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them”
 - Divided = (Gk. “diamerizo”) to partition, cloven, divide, separate, distribute

- The way God **divided** the nations was by **divding** their tongues (languages)!
- The people of God being dominated by people who spoke another tongue was a sign to Israel that they were still **divided** from **righteousness** (by their own disobedience), still **divided** from true **peace** because they are still **divided** amongst themselves and still **divided** from Jehovah (by their sins), thusly they are still **divided** from **joy** (in His presence is joy for evermore). This sign is to indicate that God's people are out of position, and it should function as a call to repentance!

Isaiah 28:9-12

9 "Whom will he teach knowledge? And whom will he make to understand the message? Those just weaned from milk? Those just drawn from the breasts? 10 For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept, Line upon line, line upon line, Here a little, there a little." 11 For with stammering lips and another tongue He will speak to this people, 12 To whom He said, "This is the rest with which You may cause the weary to rest, "And, "This is the refreshing"; Yet they would not hear.

- The people of God receiving the divided tongues of the nations is a sign that the Kingdom of God has once again taken dominance by the triumph of the **Righteous** One, and that **peace** and **joy** would be restored with the return of the world-wide unity that **only** God and His Kingdom are able to produce.

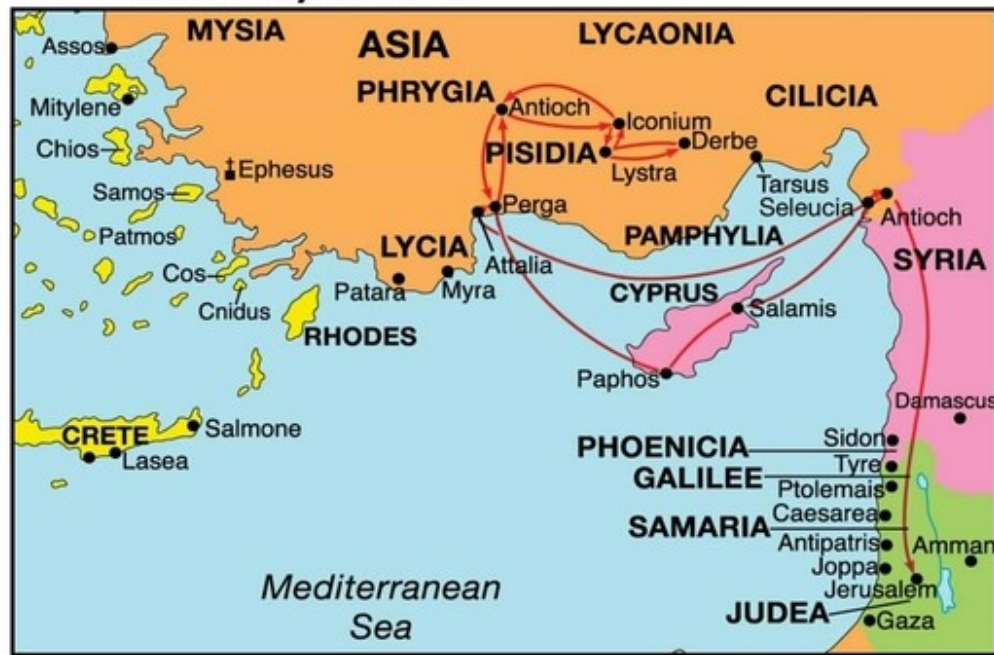
- Invading the Kingdoms of this world and transforming them into the Kingdom of our LORD and of His Christ by the preaching of His good news is the mission of The Church. Not just a church, or this church, but The Church!
- Restoring the nations to the rule of King Jehovah is the Kingdom Mandate that has been given to each and every one of us!

Mark 16:15-18

15 And He said to them, "Go into **all the world** and preach the gospel to **every creature**. 16 He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues

- God's Church is inherently Missionary by nature!
- There is no such thing as a non-missionary church!
- Greater Christ Temple has been called out by God to manifest the Missionary ministry of this assembly! We **MUST *SHIFT the World and manifest Greater Works!***
- With these things in mind, we see more clearly the reason for Apostle Paul's rambunctious Missionary journeys!

Paul's First Journey: AD 47-49



Paul's Third Journey: AD 52-57



Paul's Second Journey: AD 49-51



Paul's Journey to Rome: AD 57-62

