

## How Christ will rule the World - 10

The descendants of Jacob's son Levi, were a large body of men which God chose to administer the Law to his nation - Numbers 3:12. But their service became weak and impaired -

“For the lips of a priest should keep knowledge, and people should seek the Law from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But you have departed from the way; you have caused many to stumble at the law” - Malachi 2:7-8, and they allowed the nation to rebel against God and His Law - and so He removed the nation from the land of promise.

But after Christ has returned, Israel will be in the Land again, when “Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem; they - Israel - shall walk no more after the stubbornness of their evil heart” - Jeremiah 3:17. What will cause this?

Under Christ the King ruling over His Kingdom, God has arranged for faithful people to guide His People who have been placed under His law - “I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding” - Jeremiah 3:15. There will be no opportunity for ignorance, backsliding, and losing one's way. Who are these shepherds?

Jesus promised his apostles, “in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel”. Serving under them in the role of shepherds over Israel are - “everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or wife or children or lands, for My name's sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and inherit everlasting life” - Matthew 19:28-29.

These are described in Revelation 2:26-27, “he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. ‘He shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the potter's vessels shall be broken to pieces’ as I also have received from My Father.”

These are the same ones spoken of in Revelation 5:9-10 who will praise God with “a new song, saying ... ‘You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.’”

In that day, those faithful servants of Christ who were treated with contempt by those around them will receive from Him an appropriate reward - to be given authority over the people of that locality - “I will make them come and worship before your feet, and to know that I have loved you. Because you have kept My command to persevere” - Revelation 3:9. And so the apostles and their fellow countrymen will be shepherds over Israel, while the Gentile faithful will be so in the various lands in which they “passed the time of their sojourning” - 1 Peter 1:17.

The nations in which the faithful believers in Christ, then given immortality, will be “kings and priests” will be in a condition parallel with that of Israel after the exodus from Egypt. The nations in modern times, espousing the fairy-tale of “The Evolution of Species” have become godless and morally liberalized, and so greatly in need of spiritual tutoring.

These are times when “darkness covers the earth, and deep darkness the people” - Isaiah 60:2. How much they need “the law of the Lord which is perfect, converting the soul” - Psalms 19:7.