

Zion's King Shall Reign Victorious! - 1

Last time we saw how the new world government will be conducted in a completely different way than we are now used to. This will be a very hands-on style of governing, quite unlike the currently laissez-faire attitude in many places, where the authorities abstain from interfering in the actions of individuals.

Even if there were a desire to exercise more control, there is not the budget nor the qualified manpower for such a system to operate in our times. But in Christ's kingdom the numbers available to act as governors and spiritual guides will be "a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues" - Revelation 7:9

It is declared of these that Christ "made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth" and "the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands" - Revelation 5:9-10.

During Christ's reign mankind will be deprived of the freedom to do as he pleases, without reference to the will of God. In the picturesque language of Rev 20:1 "Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand."

"He laid hold of the dragon, that serpent of old, who is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years; 3 and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished..."

But the means of restraining human rebellion against Divine authority will not be accomplished through carnal warfare. Swords have already been converted into plowshares and spears into pruninghooks. Other, more peaceful means will find effective use by the divine governors.

And it cannot be expected that mankind will easily give up what they have regarded as their inalienable right to decide how they will be governed. So at the outset, like the recalcitrant schoolboy, some nations will test the resolve of Christ's government by refusing to "come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts." Who will win this contest of wills?

"It shall be that whichever of the families of the earth do not come up to Jerusalem to worship the King, the Lord of hosts, on them there will be no rain. 18 If the family of Egypt will not come up and enter in, that have no rain; they shall receive the plague with which the Lord strikes the nations who do not come up to keep the Feast of Tabernacles - Zechariah 14:17.

Jesus, during his mortal ministry, received the power of God to calm the storm, e.g., Matthew 14:32. Jesus promised access to Divine power by his apostles, who later exercising it, called it "the powers of the world (age) to come" - Hebrews 6:5. And so the faithful who have been made immortal and assigned positions as kings and priests in Christ's kingdom, will be given control over the "fire and hail, snow and clouds; stormy wind, fulfilling His word" - Psalms 148:8.

And so without firing a shot or dropping a bomb, the government of Christ will show the nations the wisdom of yielding and submitting to His authority. All he asks them to perform are for their own everlasting and joyous prosperity, which doubtless many will attain at the end.

This will happen in that wonderful time when Jerusalem will be "a crown of glory in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of Israel's God" - Isaiah 62:3.