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Luke 19

In contrast, other events he provides us with generally offer guidance on recognizing the season and time. For instance, when we observe certain occurrences, such as the end times, he provides us with numerous indicators to look for. However, he cautions us against attempting to select the specific day, as this is beyond our comprehension. Nevertheless, he emphasizes that the event is imminent.

Therefore, the event that he predicts to the year, month, and day must hold immense significance.

In my opinion, the most pivotal event in the history of humankind was the day Jesus died on Calvary, followed by his resurrection on the third day thereafter. However, God did not select either of these times for predicting to the year and month and day.

On the other hand, the event of Jesus descending the Mount of Olives and offering himself as king to Israel was predicted to the year, month, and day. He provides us with a means of determining the exact date of this event.

In the past, I have conducted similar studies with you, presenting evidence from the books of Jeremiah, Daniel, and Revelation, as well as Jesus' own teachings. By analyzing the facts provided by God and utilizing the calendar He established, we can arrive at the precise day of this event.

Significance of the Triumphal Entry

Today, I will not engage in this detailed analysis. Instead, I will simply convey to you the significance of the event in God's mind.

The offer of the king to Israel was of utmost importance. As you are aware, David had made several prophecies, and I would like to take you on a journey through the Old Testament to examine some of these prophecies concerning his king. This will provide you with a deeper understanding of how these events fit into God's plan for bringing his son to this earth and ultimately witnessing his son's glorification among those who trust him as their savior.

To begin, I will refer to 2 Samuel chapter 7, specifically verse 16.

16And your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever." ' " NKJV

In that verse, he states, “Your house and your kingdom, and he is speaking to David here. Your house refers to his direct lineage, and your kingdom refers to the kingdom he established as king.

As a king, David had a kingdom. In essence, the land he governed. His lineage, bloodline, and relatives descended from his loins and body constituted his house. His descendants, known as David’s line, were present, and the kingdom, which rightfully belonged to David’s lineage, would endure eternally. He proclaimed, “Your house and your kingdom shall be established forever before you. Your throne shall be established forever.” This plain message conveyed by God was unambiguous. The throne he sat upon would remain on this earth as long as there was an earth. The right to that throne would persist. I believe in this interpretation, as he envisioned it extending into eternity as a throne that would be ruled over forever.

Fulfilled in Christ

This prophecy was fulfilled in Jesus Christ. To understand this, one must refer to the New Testament, specifically the book of Matthew. In Matthew 1:1, chapter 1, verse 1, God immediately states, “The book of the genealogy of Jesus Christ, the Son of David. The son of Abraham, yes, as all Jews were. But the son of David. His genealogy is established.” Similarly, Luke, in chapter 1, does the same. It goes beyond just his birth. In Luke 1:31, he says, “And behold, to Mary, he says. You will conceive in your womb and bring forth a son and shall call his name Jesus.”

The Old Testament name for Jesus was Joshua. He would be great and be called the Son of the Highest. He is the Son of God. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David. Gabriel’s clear identification of the baby born of Mary as the one God had in mind to sit on the throne of David, from whose lineage he came, is evident. He would reign over the house of Jacob forever, and his kingdom would have no end. While there will be an earthly manifestation of that kingdom for a thousand years, in truth, he will reign forever. Beyond this earthly realm, eternally.

In Romans chapter 1 and verse 3, 4 the Apostle Paul makes reference to the kingship of the Lord Jesus.

3concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, 4and declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.

Romans 1, verse 3. concerning his son Jesus Christ, our Lord, who was born of the seed of David, according to the flesh. He is of the seed of David, the direct line of David. Therefore, the New Testament corroborates the Old

Testament's promise that Jesus' kingdom, the Davidic kingdom, would not only encompass all of Israel but also the entire earth. It is a promise for a kingdom that would extend over the entire earth. He was to be fulfilled by the Messiah, as the Old Testament refers to him, and the New Testament calls him Christ. He is to be fulfilled in the Messiah.

2 Samuel 7:8-17

Returning to 2 Samuel, chapter 7, verse 8, it states,

8Now therefore, thus shall you say to My servant David, 'Thus says the Lord of hosts: "I took you from the sheepfold, from following the sheep, to be ruler over My people, over Israel. 9And I have been with you wherever you have gone, and have cut off all your enemies from before you, and have made you a great name, like the name of the great men who are on the earth. 10Moreover I will appoint a place for My people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own and move no more; nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them anymore, as previously,

Indeed, they have been displaced from that land for 2,000 years and have returned to establish the nation of Israel. Consequently, I personally hold the belief that they will not be displaced from that land again. Thus saith the Lord.

Furthermore, he states, "For nor shall the sons of wickedness oppress them any more as previously." While the sons of wickedness are currently oppressing them, manifesting different forms of wickedness throughout the centuries, and are even hated and persecuted to this day, this passage indicates that there will be a time when this oppression will cease.

In conclusion, I would like to emphasize that the fulfillment of Jesus' kingdom, the Davidic kingdom, is imminent. It will not only encompass Israel but also extend to the entire earth. The Messiah, who is to be fulfilled in Jesus Christ, will bring about the end of the oppression and establish a kingdom that will endure eternally. The persecution will not cease due to the actions of the President of the United States, the United Nations, or the European Union. These entities have not determined that peace will prevail. This persecution will end at God's appointed time and manner.

11since the time that I commanded judges to be over My people Israel, and have caused you to rest from all your enemies. Also the Lord tells you that He will make you a house.

This promise continues.

12“When your days are fulfilled and you rest with your fathers, I will set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

David will die, and you will rest with your fathers. I will establish your seed, his seed, or his descendants, those who come from his line.

Now, set up your seed after you, who will come from your body, and I will establish his kingdom.

You may argue that this was Solomon. Indeed, he was the king for a time. However, a greater king is in view here. He will build a house for my name. Yes, that was Solomon. He did that. And I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. Solomon cannot live forever in the sense of this earthly realm. He cannot sit on the throne of David on earth forever. I will be his father, and he shall be my son.

If he commits iniquity, and by the way, Solomon did commit quite a bit of iniquity, God will chastise him with the rod of men and the blows of the sons of men. Although we do not emphasize this in Sunday schools to children, it is a terrible record of that man. Having seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines, it is evident that he engaged in immorality. The Lord states, “If he commits iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men and with the blows of the sons of men.” Indeed, he endured suffering, but my mercy shall not depart from him as I did with Saul, whom I removed from your presence. This is how God speaks of eliminating Saul to establish David on the throne and your house and kingdom. Your throne shall be established forever, as stated in these words and this vision.

Therefore, Nathan spoke to David, assuring him that this promise of God’s kingdom would endure forever.

17According to all these words and according to all this vision, so Nathan spoke to David.

Zachariah 12:8-

Now, let us delve deeper into Zechariah. Zechariah, not Zephaniah, Zechariah 12, verse 8

In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them God will establish the line of David and the throne.

In Acts chapter 15, I will return to the New Testament to demonstrate that this theme is consistently presented throughout the Scriptures. How are you progressing? Are you flipping the pages? Acts 15, verse 14. Simon has declared

how God. Did I mention Simon? I hope so. That God initially visited the Gentiles to select a people for his name. And with this, the words of the prophets concur, as it is written. Here is a quotation from Amos chapter 9, verse 11 and 12.

11“On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David,
which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will
raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;
12That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all
the Gentiles who are called by My name,” Says the
Lord who does this thing. NKJV

You know that the Tabernacle is a tent. When God establishes it, it will not be set up again as a tent. It will be set up as a solid building. And I do not mean a building made with bricks and mortar. I speak of a more solid structure than that. God is speaking of his own son. He will bring him back to this world and will demonstrate through him that he has been faithful to preserve the line of David within him and to establish him as king even here on this earth. Granted, it will only be for a period of time, a thousand years, but God will do that to prove his faithfulness.

Luke Picks Up the Narrative

Luke 19:32-40 NKJV

32So those who were sent went their way and found it just as He had said to them. 33But as they were loosing the colt, the owners of it said to them, “Why are you loosing the colt?”

34And they said, “The Lord has need of him.” 35Then they brought him to Jesus. And they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. 36And as He went, many spread their clothes on the road.

37Then, as He was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works they had seen, 38saying:

“ ‘Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!’

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

39And some of the Pharisees called to Him from the crowd, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

40But He answered and said to them, "I tell you that if these should keep silent, the stones would immediately cry out."

You must go to Luke with me to see that the Lord Jesus offered himself as king. However, he was rejected. I will just read a little bit from Luke 19 at verse 33. But as they were loosing the colt, that is the colt of a donkey, the owners of it said to them, Why are you loosing the colt? And they said, The Lord has need of him. Then they brought him to Jesus, and they threw their own clothes on the colt, and they set Jesus on him. And as he went, many spread their clothes on the road Then, as he was now drawing near the descent of the Mount of Olives, in other words, he had come off of the crest of the Mount of Olives, gone a little ways, and then now was at the place where he would be going down the western slope of the Mount of Olives. The whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen. In response to the Pharisees' request to rebuke his disciples, Jesus responded, "If these should be silent, keep silent, for the stones would immediately cry out." He explained that their words were a fulfillment of prophecy from the Old Testament, specifically Psalm 118:26, which states, "*Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*" Jesus emphasized that God's promises must be fulfilled, even if they require divine intervention.

Luke 19:41-44 NKJV

41Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, 42saying, "If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things that make for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. 43For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, 44and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation."

As Jesus drew near the city, he observed its state and wept over it. He reminded his audience that they should not overlook the depth of his emotions and the revelation of his soul during this time. This act of weeping, reminiscent of his visit to Lazarus' tomb, demonstrated the intensity of his love for the city and its people.

Addressing the city, Jesus expressed his disappointment that they had not recognized him, especially in this pivotal moment. He highlighted the peace that was within their reach but had been obscured from their perception. Jesus

emphasized that this was the day God had chosen for him to come and offer himself as king, promising to bring peace to Jerusalem.

Interestingly, the name Jerusalem is derived from the word Salem, which signifies peace. God had promised that peace would come to Jerusalem, a city that was supposed to be a place of tranquility. Jesus questioned whether the people of Jerusalem were aware of their day for the king's arrival and the power he possessed to bring peace. No, it was concealed from their perception. You may inquire, how can these events be fulfilled if God conceals them from their sight, blinds their eyes, or prevents them from seeing?

Allow me to elucidate: the individual who blinds the eyes of the unbeliever is not God, but Satan. He blinds their eyes so that they may not believe. Consequently, they are unable to comprehend that Jesus is the one that God has sent to be king. He declares, "For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you, and close you in on every side. They will level you and your children within you to the ground. They will not leave to you one stone upon another because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Jerusalem The temple and the people were leveled in 70 AD by the Roman Legion. "Not leave one stone upon another?" Well, the Romans burned the temple with fire. Observe that there were substantial timbers shipped down from Lebanon that were scattered across the ceiling and utilized inside for the walls and inside the stones. Consequently, it burned with intense heat. Consequently, all the gold and silver decorations that were present and on the floor were melted. As it melted, it flowed down between the cracks of the stones. The Romans, driven by greed, declared, "We will obtain that gold and silver." They employed great iron bars to pry apart the stones in order to retrieve the silver and gold. In doing so, they did not leave one stone upon another to fulfill this prophecy. Indeed, God's word is accurate to the utmost detail. To the infinite detail.

Luke 19:45-48

45Then He went into the temple and began to drive out those who bought and sold in it, 46saying to them, "It is written, 'My house is a house of prayer,' but you have made it a 'den of thieves.' "

47And He was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests, the scribes, and the leaders of the people sought to destroy Him, 48and were unable to do anything; for all the people were very attentive to hear Him.

Ah, my. So he arrived. He was unaware of the day. They intended to level that place. Then he entered the temple and began to expel those who were selling in it. Because his father's house was a house of prayer, not a house of merchandise.

John chapter 12 They rejected him.

John chapter 12 Verse twelve. The following day, a vast multitude had gathered at the feast upon hearing of Jesus's impending arrival in Jerusalem. They adorned themselves with palm branches and proceeded to greet him, exclaiming, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!"

Upon finding a young donkey, Jesus mounted it, fulfilling the prophecy, "Fear not, daughter of Zion; behold, your king is coming." Sitting upon the donkey's colt, his disciples initially failed to comprehend the significance of these events. However, upon Jesus's subsequent glorification, they recalled the prophetic accounts and the actions they had taken towards him. Consequently, the people who had witnessed his miraculous resurrection of Lazarus bore witness to these events.

This act of witnessing prompted the people to gather around Jesus, drawn by the news of his extraordinary deeds. The Pharisees, however, expressed their frustration, remarking, "You see that you are accomplishing nothing. Look, the world has gone after him."

Despite their initial frustration, the rejection of the king became increasingly evident in the following days. The people cried out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"¹ and ultimately, they executed him on a cross, where he bled to death. Remarkably, his spirit was released at his own designated time.

Who is Worthy Revelation 5:2-12 KJV

The Bible provides a section at the end of the Book of Revelation that identifies this king. This vision depicts a scene in heaven where a question arises: "Who is worthy to open the scroll that is held up?" This scroll, often referred to as the title deed to Israel, bears seven seals. The question of who is worthy to open it is posed in the first part of chapter five.

In the right hand of the one seated on the throne, a scroll is revealed, inscribed both inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. In the presence of the father, who possesses the scroll and deed to Israel, a powerful angel proclaims with a resounding voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and release its seals?" No one in heaven, on earth, or under the earth is able to accomplish this task. Overwhelmed with sorrow, I lament the absence of a worthy individual to open and read the scroll.

¹ John 19:6

However, the narrative takes a turn in the subsequent verse. A worthy individual emerges, as revealed in verse 5. One of the elders advises me not to weep, for behold, the lion of the tribe of Judah has prevailed. The root of David has been victorious in opening the scroll and releasing its seven seals.

As I gaze upon the scene, I observe a lamb standing amidst the throne, the four living creatures, and the elders. The lamb appears to have been slain, adorned with seven horns and seven eyes, symbolizing the seven spirits of God sent forth across the earth.

The lamb then approaches and retrieves the scroll from the right hand of the one seated on the throne. Upon its acquisition, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders prostrate themselves before the lamb, each holding a harp. Golden bowls brimming with incense, representing the prayers of the saints, are also present.

In a harmonious chorus, the saints sing a new song, exclaiming, “You are worthy!” Only one individual is deemed worthy to reign over Israel and the earth. You are worthy to take the scroll and open its seals, for you have been slain and redeemed us to God through your blood.

Only one individual has died and shed their blood to redeem the earth. This individual is Jesus, the Son of God, who has descended from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation. This message extends beyond the Jewish community, encompassing all individuals on this planet.

God has bestowed upon us the promise of becoming kings and priests to our God, and we shall reign on the earth. This is the promise that awaits those who have accepted Jesus as their Savior. When Jesus reigns on the earth, you shall also reign on the earth, as God has given you that promise. At verse 11, I observed the presence of numerous angels surrounding the throne, along with the living creatures and the elders. The number of these beings was ten thousand times ten thousand, and countless thousands more. It is evident that he is worthy to reign over the entire earth. With a resounding voice, he proclaimed, “Worthy is the Lamb who was slain. To receive power, riches, wisdom, strength, honor, glory, and blessing.”

To expedite our journey, I will direct your attention to chapter 19, where the return of the Lord to this earth is foretold. While he is worthy, he must await the appointed time by God to establish his kingdom and reign with glory.

Rev. 19, 20, 21, 22

In chapter 19, verse 6, I heard the voice of a great multitude, akin to the sound of many waters. A mighty thundering voice proclaimed, “Alleluia! For the Lord God omnipotent reigns!” The term “omnipotent” signifies all-powerful, a proclamation of the Lord’s reign.

Returning to verse 11, I witnessed the opening of heaven, revealing a white horse. Upon it sat a figure known as faithful and true. In righteousness, he judges and wages war. Only one can be called faithful and true, without ever failing or sinning. This individual has made us his by his own blood.

In verse 16, I noticed that he wore a robe and a thigh adorned with a name inscribed upon it. This name, "King of Kings and Lord of Lords," is his.

He then proceeds to engage in battle with victory.

In chapter 19, verse 19, I observed the beast. The kings of the earth and their armies assembled to wage war against the rider of the white horse and his army. However, the beast was captured, along with the false prophet who performed signs in his presence, deceiving those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshipped his image. These two were subsequently cast alive into the lake of fire, where they burned with brimstone. The remaining adversaries were vanquished by the sword wielded by the rider on the horse, filling the birds with their flesh. This signifies the complete eradication of evil on Earth upon his return. From the beast and the false prophet to the most insignificant sinner, all who do not recognize him as their Savior were slain.

In chapter 20, verse 4, we witness the establishment of the Lord's reign. I beheld thrones, upon which judgment was bestowed upon those who had been beheaded for their testimony to Jesus and the Word of God. They had refrained from worshiping the beast or its image and had not received its mark on their foreheads or hands. They lived and reigned with Christ for a millennium. Indeed, his kingdom will endure for a thousand years.

In chapter 21, verse 1, we are introduced to the eternal city that is to come. I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first had passed away, and there was no more sea. Then I John beheld the holy city, New Jerusalem, descending from heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. A loud voice from heaven proclaimed, "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people." God Himself will be with them and their God. He will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There shall be no more death, sorrow, or crying. There shall be no more pain. For the former things have passed away.

Then the rider on the horse, who was also the one seated on the throne, spoke. "Behold, I make all things new," he declared. He instructed me to write, for these words are true and faithful. Finally, he affirmed, "It is done." This signifies the conclusion of the earthly era. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will freely provide the fountain of the water of life to those who are thirsty. If one is thirsty, they may drink from Jesus and have life. Lastly, chapter 22, verse 12. Behold, I am coming quickly. My reward is with me

to give to everyone according to his work. This does not mean that one works to obtain heaven or salvation. It means that if one receives Jesus as their Savior, then he desires that they do works to God's glory, and he will reward them for them. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. Blessed are those who do his commandments, for they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter through the gates into the city. But outside are dogs, sorcerers, sexually immoral individuals, murderers, idolaters, and anyone who loves and practices a lie. I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the root of the offspring of David, the bright and morning star, and the spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let him who hears say, "Come." And let him who thirsts come. Whoever desires, let him take the water of life freely. Whoever desires may have eternal life. The king has said it will happen, but one must know him as their Savior.

Father, thank you for your word. The power of it is true. You have anointed Jesus as the King. He will return. He will purify this earth from all the evil ones. In days to come. And Lord, we believe the day is near. I pray that everyone here and everyone of the hearing of these words may know for certain that they have trusted you as their Savior. And Lord, if they have not, that they may admit that they are sinners and ask you to let the power of your blood cleanse them from their sin and give them eternal life, the gift that you promised to all who will ask. Lord, I pray for each one, even now. Thank you for first being our Savior. And Lord, help us to glorify you as our King. In Jesus' name, Amen