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# Declaring the whole counsel of God Bulletin – Article 6 – May 16, 2024

# THE GENERATION OF SONS IS ARISING!

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### Having the same spirit that was in Caleb and Joshua

It is time to roll away the reproach of Egypt from us (Josh.5:9). It is time for a deeper circumcision by the Spirit (Phil.3:3, Col.2:11); to enter the Spirit of Sonship like Caleb and Joshua (Num.14:24, Num.32:12); to go after the inheritance like Elisha with Elijah (2Kings2:1-12). It is time to understand Messiah's inheritance and take all the promises of God which are "Yes, and in Him, 'Amen', to the glory of God through us" (2Cor.1:20).

#### Gentiles are fellow heirs

We Gentiles are fellow heirs with the Jewish believers and members of the household of God (Eph.2:19). Gentiles now can have Christ, be part of the commonwealth of Israel, partake in the covenants of promise, have a living hope and experience God in the world! (Eph.2:11-12) This is because "now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ" Ephesians 2:13. Christ has now created in Himself "one new man from the two...that He might reconcile them both [Jew and Gentile] to God in one Body through the Cross...for through Him we both have access by One Spirit to the Father" Ephesians 2:15-18. There is One people of God, One Body, and we are fellow heirs and inheritors of the promises. To us also now belongs the adoption as sons, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God and the promises (Rom.9:4). We are part of the "chosen generation, the royal priesthood, the holy nation, God's own special people", 1Peter2:9. We are included in the "Israel of God" (Gal.6:16) and the lineage of those who are of the faith of Abraham (Gal.3:6-9), now being "sons of God through faith in Jesus Christ...and heirs according to the promise" Galatians 3:26-29.

#### Fill the earth

Adam's commission was to "fill [replenish] the earth" (Gen.1:28). He was not told to occupy one piece of land in the Middle East! He was commissioned to FILL THE EARTH!

Noah was commissioned to "fill the earth" (Gen.9:1). God made the promise to Abraham to give him and his descendants (Seed – see Gal.3:16) the land and that "all the families of the earth would be blessed through him" (Gen.12:3, 13:15). The apostle Paul says that the promise to Abraham and his seed was that he would be "heir of the world" and that it was not according to the law "but through the righteousness of faith" Romans 4:13. Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth" Matthew 5:5. God said to Moses "As surely as I live," says I AM [Yahweh], "the WHOLE EARTH will be filled with My Glory" Numbers 14:21. God's plan is that "the EARTH will be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Yahweh, as the waters cover the sea" Habakkuk 2:14. Finally, according to the promise we "look for a new heavens and a new earth where righteousness dwells" 2 Peter 3:13. We are to fill the earth!

#### The nations are the inheritance

**Psalm 2** says that the Messiah, the Son of God, has "the nations for His inheritance, the ENDS OF THE EARTH for His possession" (v.8).

In Joshua's day the wicked were driven out in order to give the people of God their inheritance from Jesus. So also will it be at the end of the age: "The Son of man will send out His messengers [Gr. 'angelos'] and they will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend and those who practice lawlessness." (Matt.13:36-43). It is written that "evildoers shall be cut off [lit. 'Destroyed']; but those who wait on Yahweh, they shall inherit the earth. For yet a little while and the wicked will be no more..." Psalm 37:9-10.

Just as wicked nations were driven out of the land under Joshua, so the Lord Jesus is using His people, the church, to drive out wickedness in the earth by "preaching the unsearchable riches of Christ among the Gentiles [lit. 'Nations'], to make all see what is the fellowship of the mystery...to the intent that now the manifold wisdom of God might be made known by the church to the principalities and powers in the heavenly places, according to His eternal purpose which He has accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord" Eph.3:8-11.

# **Discipling nations**

Jesus commissioned the apostles to "make disciples of all the nations" (Matt.28:19) and to bring the nations "to the obedience of the faith" (Rom1:5). Jesus is gaining the inheritance of the nations through His sons making disciples of the nations, walking in His ways, being taught "to observe all things that I [Jesus] have commanded you" Matthew 28:20. To the church that overcomes the Jezebel spirit, not having the apostolic authority undermined nor usurped, Jesus promises, "to him I will give power over the nations" Revelation 2:26. The children of God are "heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ" Romans

8:17a. We inherit the nations with Him "if indeed we suffer with Him that we may also be glorified together with Him" Romans 8:17b. Nations will join in the heavenly city, "and the nations of those who are saved shall walk in its light [the city], and the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it" Rev.21:24. Nations obedient to the Messiah

"A Star shall arise out of Jacob and a Scepter out of Israel" (Num24:17). "The Scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between His feet, until SHILOH comes; and to Him shall be the obedience of the people" Gen.49:10. The Morning Star (Rev.22:16), the Scepter, the Anointed King, the Messiah, has come. He is SHILOH – which means "Him whose right it is to reign". The King has come and now nations are to come and learn to walk in His kingdom, learning His ways, being obedient to Him!

#### **JESUS IS GOD**

"And without controversy, great is the mystery of Godliness: God was manifested in the flesh; Justified in the Spirit; Seen by angels; Preached among the nations; Believed on in the world; Received up in glory!" (1Tim.3:16)

Messiah is the Son of God (Matt.16:16). The Great King is God in the flesh! The Word became flesh! (Jn.1:14) God rules through the Man He has appointed: "He will judge the world in righteousness by the Man whom He has ordained" — even Jesus the Messiah of Nazareth — and He has proven this by raising Him from the dead! (Acts17:31)

## The Kingdom of God

Jesus answered Pilate, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here" Jn.18:36. The kingdom is from above, from heaven! The kingdom is eternal in very nature because the King is eternal.

The kingdom of God is righteousness [which comes by faith, **Phil.3:9**], peace [which comes by faith, **Rom.5:1**] and joy [which is our strength, **Neh.8:10**] in the Holy Spirit (**Rom.14:17**).

"Do not fear little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom" Lu.12:32. God had promised in Daniel 7 that "the kingdom and dominion and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven shall be given to the people, the saints of the Most High" v.27. "A judgment was made in favour of the saints of the Most High, and the time came for the saints to possess the kingdom" v.22. The Kingdom will only increase in influence and power in the earth – "and of the increase of His government and peace there will be no end" Isaiah 9:7. Finally "the kingdoms of this world have become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ, and He shall reign forever and ever!" Revelation 11:15.

#### Messiah died for us

But God demonstrated His love for us in that while we were yet sinners, Messiah died for us (Rom.5:8). Our Kinsman-Redeemer came! (Ruth 2:20, 4:9-22). Jesus, the Messiah, who was the seed of David according to the flesh and proven to be the Son of God through the resurrection (Rom.1:3-4), is our Kinsman-Redeemer. "God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption [placement] as sons" Gal.4:4-5. Jesus died to make us sons, His heirs who would receive the kingdom as the inheritance.

God has come to save His people, to purchase a people separated to Him; a people to whom He can give the kingdom of God in the earth! He told the Jews who did not believe in Him, "the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it" Matthew 21:43. God is giving His kingdom to "a holy nation" (1Pet.2:9), a people who will look after His possession, who are being created in Christ, conforming to His image and offering themselves as a living sacrifice (Eph.2:10, Rom.8:29, 12:1-2). This recreation takes place in our lives as we receive "the spirit of a renewed mind" and are being "renewed in knowledge after the image of Him who created him" (Eph.4:23-24, Col.3:9-10).

## If we endure, we shall also reign with Him (2Tim.2:12a)

It is time to renew covenant with the God of Israel "for you have not yet resisted sin to the point of shedding blood" and "you have not remembered the exhortation given to sons" (Heb.12:4-5). We need to endure chastening and allow God to deal with us as sons. We are to submit "to the Father of spirits and live" Hebrews 12:9. We are to allow Him to correct us, discipline us, reprove us and prune us as the "Vinedresser" John 15:1. When we allow this we become "partakers of His holiness...yielding the peaceable fruit of righteousness" Hebrews 12:10-11. We will end up "bearing much fruit" John 15:2.

It is time to arise – it is time to take the land, "for the city [nations] to be filled with this doctrine" Acts 5:28. There is no room for the faint of heart. Radical obedient love is required. "For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls" Hebrews 12:3. Our King endured the Cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God (Heb.12:2). We are "to run with endurance the race that is set before us" v.1.

# Fight the good fight of faith

Jesus is Alive! We must be born from above! We are to "fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life, to which we were also called and have confessed the good confession in the presence of many witnesses" 1 Timothy 6:12. We must continue to have the good confession on our lips – declaring who we are, where we are from and the future we have in Christ, even as Jesus did (Jn.18:36-19:11). We are sons of God, inheritors of the promises, kings and priests who have been given charge to take the land and to inherit the earth. Through the redeeming blood of the

Lamb, Christ Jesus, He has "made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth" Revelation 5:9-10.

It is time for "the righteous to shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears to hear let him hear" Matt.13:43.