

## **The Three Eternal Destinies #83 The Holy Are a Royal Priesthood**

The holy nation (1 Pet 2:9) is made up from the people of God who are chosen from all nations to be a “chosen race” (1 Pet 2:10). This is a race, as Jer 31:1 says, which is made up of *all the families or clans* that have been made into one nation of people called a *commonwealth of Israel* (Eph 2:12). Rev 5:9 shows the *origination* of these people in the last days of this present age. A *race* is a *lineage of a family from a progenitor* as in Gen 10 (e.g., the three sons of Noah). But all of these *three races* are *included* in this race of men. Israel is the race of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

So we can see 1 Pet 2:9 as to the purpose of this chosen race which is a *royal priesthood* or a holy nation, a people for God's own possession to proclaim the excellencies of our King Yahshua Ha Mashiyach who has called us all out of darkness and into His marvelous light.

Gal 3:28-29 is who we are through verse 27. Obviously, God has His purpose for this new holy nation, which will be *twelve tribes* as Rev 7:5-8. The twelve tribes will produce the *Male Child*— the 144,000. Rev 12:1 — The *woman* is the edah, the *Israel of God* (Gal 6:16). 1 Pet 2:9 tells what the Isa 49:6 prophecy will do. As a result of this, the *whole world* will have opportunity to be *saved by its light* — the proclamation of His excellencies. The *edah* is His *showpiece* to the whole world through the union of people of different races into *one body*. The holy nation has to be twelve tribes to be the *light of the world* (Mt 5:14; Jn 3:18-19). This edah demonstrates the *unity* Messiah died to obtain from those who believe in Him through the apostles (Jn 17:20-23). This unity is *God's ultimate purpose* for the whole universe (Rev 21:3). Eph 1:9,10; 3:6-10 — Unless this demonstration of unity *startles* the nations as Isa 52:15 says, the purpose of God *has failed*, and Isa 53:10-11 *never materialized*.

This holy nation will be made up from all those redeemed, ransomed by the blood of the lamb from every tribe and tongue and people and nation of the earth, and they *corporately* are made into a *kingdom* of priests, a royal priesthood, and they will reign upon the earth with Messiah for 1,000 years (Rev 5:9,-10; 20:6) as priests of God and of Messiah.

When I say corporately I mean a *body politic* — formed to act as a *single person* even as the Father and the Son and the Spirit (Jn 17:11,21).

*Corporate* — to be shaped into a body, united in a body or community.

*Edah* — a number of individuals who are empowered to *transact business as an individual*, formed into a body, a *corporate assembly* of clans and tribes, to form a *society, collectively one*. They answer in a *corporate voice* (Lk 2:49; 19:13,15).

*Corporeal* — of a material nature, physical, tangible.

So if Paul had another meaning for the *Body of Messiah* then God is not one but is as Christianity represents Him. Isa 49:6; Rev 7:5-8 is the *witness* of the kingdom (Mt 24:14) producing its fruit (Mt 21:43; Jn 17:11,21) so that the world may believe that the Father sent the Son for this very purpose (Jn 17:21). This witness will *testify* that the Body of Messiah is *one*, even as God is one (Jn 17:23), being perfected in unity (Jer 30:18 - 31:1). This is how it will be concerning the *holy* in Rev 22:11.

### **The Reward of the Righteous and The Punishment of the Unjust and Filthy in the Everlasting Age**

The world is made up of *two categories of men*, which are...

1. The Unjust and Filthy, and
2. The Righteous.

They will go on *forever and ever* being in this state they chose for themselves (Mt 25:34,41,46). The Kingdom of God was *prepared in advance* for the *righteous* of the nations, and so was the Lake of Fire *for Satan and his angels*, and all those who *chose* to go along with him. They will inherit the *same destiny* as Satan and his angels. But the Righteous who chose to go along with (obey) their conscience will inherit the kingdom *prepared for them*, that is, the *universe and planets* in the overall kingdom of God whom the saints will rule (Ps 8:4-7; Rev 22:5).

Mt 25:32 — Out of all the nations of the world, God will separate the *Righteous* and the *Wicked* as Mt 25:46. The *goats* — the *unjust and filthy*, which are the *wicked* in verse 41 (the accursed ones) — will be

thrown into the *eternal fire* which has been prepared for the devil and his angels. In Mt 25:34 the kingdom that's been prepared for the Righteous will be given to those of the world who *did not participate* in the things the Unrighteous and the Filthy participated in. These are the sheep of the nations. When the occasion to *do good* to Abraham's spiritual seed presented itself to them (Gen 12:3) they did so because *their conscience* was still alive and *not silenced*.

### **A Kingdom was Prepared**

**This kingdom**, in Mt 25:34, was the *predetermined* plan of God — even billions of years *before* the creation of the universe. He knew that all created things would be *inhabited* by His highest creature — man — not just the earth (which is only the *starting place*, Gen 1:26-28).

God knew what needed to be done to bring it about. Yahshua was already a *lamb slain* at the same time God prepared the kingdom — the universe. The reason it is called a *kingdom* is because the universe is the *realm* of His reign (Kingdom — “the King's domain”).

Rev 21:3 — He will reign in and through His *holy habitation* — the twelve-tribed nation of Israel (the Wife of the Lamb). His dwelling-place will be *among* the nations, and the nations *will be His people*, and He will be *their God*. But He will rule *through* the holy ones whom He dwells in (Rev 21:3; 22:5). This kingdom will go on *forever and ever* as there will be generations of the righteous born forever and ever (Eph 3:21).

Those *worthy of this kingdom* were kind to Yahshua's brothers (Mt 25:40). The Holy are Yahshua's brothers and the Father's “many sons” because His Spirit dwells in them (Heb 2:10-13; Mt 10:42).

The Righteous will not lose their reward — *their inheritance* (Mt 25:34).

Mt 25:41,45,46 is the *judgment* of the Unjust and Filthy. Mk 6:11 — Everywhere these 144,000 go, when they walk to bring the “*good news*” (the everlasting gospel — KJV) or whenever disciples are sent out by the laying on of hands by the Body of Messiah in the name of Yahshua ha Mashiyach (Jn 20:21) — both the Unjust and Filthy *would not* receive these brothers of Yahshua but *persecuted* them.

Mt 25:31-46 — but the Righteous *received* them. How would you judge the Unjust and Filthy if you were God? (Mt 25:41,46).

### **Basis of Judgment**

**The judgment in Rev 20:11-15 will be based on a moral character**, and the *character* is revealed by good deeds, which the judgment (Rev 20:12,13) will determine (Ecc 12:14).

*Character* is revealed by *good deeds* or *bad deeds*. Good deeds or the lack of them is the *outward evidence* that demonstrates the *inner righteousness* of the people of the nations, or the *inner unrighteousness* of the nations (Rev 22:11). Those good deeds, the Righteous did, *did not* produce good character, but the good character *produced* the good deeds they did to Yahshua's brothers or anything else they did. They were never in a position to *accept or reject* the good news of Messiah, because they never were directly confronted with its *life or death mandate* through a sent one. Even though they were *righteous*, all men are appointed to die *once*; that includes *both categories* in Rev 22:11 — the Filthy and Unjust and the Righteous as well (Heb 9:27). But after this comes the judgment of Rev 20:11.

The Righteous who inherited the kingdom were *not* the Holy. These Righteous also did good deeds to the holy ones, and in turn for all eternity the Holy will serve God, in *servicing the nations*, by ruling over them as a good and gracious and benevolent king (Rev 22:2-5; 1:6, NKJV).

When a person of the world meets or encounters a holy one, all of his “good works” that he did before will be judged on the basis of how he *treats* them. If his works were truly “good” then he will do everything he can for the holy ones. These men are who we call “servants of the nations” as Jer 35:19. Many of the righteous of the nations have as their ancestors the *Rechabites* who are spread all over the world today to help the sons of Israel.

### **The Judgment for Those Who Reject the Gospel**

**2 Ths 1:8 — When our Master returns to earth in flaming fire He will take vengeance on:**

a. "...those who do not know, or refuse to know God, that is, those who did not *obey the gospel* of our Sovereign Yahshua;" (or an alternate reading)

b. "...those who do not *know God and also* on those who do not *obey the gospel* of our Sovereign Yahshua."

Which do you choose? It seems "that is" is the correct rendering. *That is*, those who *do not know* God are those who reject or *do not obey*.

"Do not obey" — those who do not obey the gospel reject it (Jn 3:36). But the gospel is to be obeyed *in order* to be saved from His wrath.

2 Ths 1:9 — These people *at the end of the age* will not have to go to the *First Death* of Heb 9:27 and then to the judgment since they are *judged already* (Jn 3:18; Mt 25:41; Rev 20:10; 19:20). If anyone has *obeyed* the gospel, for this *sole purpose* (or "to this end" in the Ampified) they were chosen in order to *obtain to the rule of Messiah* (2 Ths 2:14). This was the result of verse 13, which is the *Spirit's work* to perfect us so that we could *attain to the glory of Messiah* — acquiring it. 2 Ths 1:8 — the words "obey the gospel" tell us what one must *do to be saved* (Acts 2:37; 16:31).

*Believe* — But what does it *mean* to believe? It means *to trust*. Obedience to the gospel means *to trust* (Mk 10:17). This is the *same question* as in Acts 2:37 and 16:30, "What must I do to be saved?" Our Master proceeded to tell him (Mark 10:21 and 29-30 go together) what he must do in order to have eternal life as Peter did in Acts 2:37-41. Peter spoke what they must do "with many other words" in Acts 16:31-35 what was required in order to be saved (which were spoken *before baptism*) or else they would not have *obeyed the gospel* as 2 Ths 1:8.

The gospel must be *obeyed* (Jn 3:36; Rom 10:16; Acts 5:32). To *obey the gospel* is to obey Messiah (Heb 5:9).