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"It is Not for You to Know"

Zechariah spoke prophetically of our twelve tribes:

...⁷¹that we should be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us; 72 to show the mercy promised to our fathers and to remember His holy covenant, 73 the oath that He swore to our father Abraham, to grant us 74 that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, 75 in holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. (Lk 1:71-75)

This must be fulfilled, therefore *our twelve tribes* (Acts 26:7; Jms 1:1) must be restored (Mk 9:11-12; Isa 49:6) as a light to the nations beyond the borders of Israel (Mal 1:5,11; 4:6; Sir 48:10). Who else could Lk 1:71-75 apply to, since Yahshua came to be the Master and Savior of *our twelve tribes?* (Mt 21:43)

Isa 49:6 and Mt 24:14 apply to the end days of this age — the days of Dan 2:44 (Dan 7:24; Rev 17:12). Our Master's answer in Acts 1:7 to the question in verse 6 refers to the days of Dan 12:4,9-10 — the time for disciples to know would be 2000 years in the future.

But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall increase. (Dan 12:4)

To *travel* is to go from one place to another, to make a journey, as coming and going to work, to church, to sports arenas, etc. Travel and knowledge would increase beyond all imagination and reason or understanding, far beyond anything Daniel could have conceived or imagined. This was not the case in our Master's day, in spite of the Roman roads, nor was 30 AD in the days of the ten kings of Dan 2:44; 7:24 and Rev 17:12, as the Roman Empire had not even divided between east and west at that time, much less formed into the feet of iron and clay. So the words of Dan 12:9 are shut up and sealed until the time of the end, to *that*¹ generation of Mt 24:34, when they would

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 $^{^{1}}$ The same Greek word can be translated as *this* or *that*, according to the context — it's the translator's choice.

be opened up to the school of prophets during the days of Dan 12:4 and 2:44, the days of the ten kings (Dan 7:24; Rev 17:12).

Dan 12:10 — Many shall be purified, made white, and refined. Only the wise virgins will understand the words of the book and be purified (1 Jn 3:1-3), made white (Rev 3:4), and refined (Mal 3:1-3), so as to make *acceptable offerings* (Rom 12:1-2). The *wicked* in Dan 12:10 are the foolish who will be left behind (Mt 24:40-41) because they would not purify themselves. The wise will understand *and* be purified — not just understand, but purify themselves, understanding how they can purify themselves, and do it, not just talk about it.

Our Master, the incarnate Word, could not reveal what was already sealed and shut up in the book, which would or could not be revealed until the time of the end — the last fifty years of this age when Mt 24:3,14,32-35 would be fulfilled and come to fruition. *Fruition* is bearing the fruit — the realization, aims, or hopes — as opposed to *not* bearing the fruit of it (Mt 21:43). Isa 53:11 — Bearing the results of His suffering, or we are just fruitlessly existing in the Community (Mt 12:30). To *fulfill* is to carry out prophecy, to attain to the promise, to satisfy our Master (Isa 53:11) and answer His prayer in Jn 17:23 by obeying His commandment in Jn 13:34-35, completing the works prepared for us (Rev 3:2; 19:8). Such are the *faithful* of Rev 17:14, the loyal and true ones, in contrast to the faithless, unreliable, and disloyal (Rom 12:3).

Dan 12:9 is so clear, so our Master's answer to the question of the apostles in Acts 1:6 was verses 7-8. Dan 12:10 speaks of us, and verse 11 is the morning and evening sacrifices which are taken away to the wilderness — the sacrifices are no longer "in every place" (1 Cor 1:2; Mal 1:11; 1 Tim 2:8; Rev 2:5). Dan 12:12 are those of Mt 24:13 who are rewarded for their faithfulness (Rev 17:14; 2 Cor 5:10). They were taken away to the wilderness for 1260 days (Rev 12:6), then the 30-day war makes 1290 days (Dan 12:11), and then the 45-day judgment makes 1335 days (Dan 12:12).

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Can you understand Acts 1:7-9, and how He answered, knowing already that the restoration of Mk 9:11-12 would be 2000 years in the future? He knew Rev 2:4 would happen, and the lampstands would be removed from their places (Rev 2:5). He knew the time of Rev 3:4 would come, when only a few would be left in every place, and then when they died, the Holy Spirit would no longer be on the earth. Acts 1:7 — He answered knowing Dan 12:9.

Our Master did not correct His apostles concerning Mt 19:28, when it would be, because He knew Mk 9:11-12 would be before Acts 3:21, when Heb 10:13 would release Him to return to the twelve tribes in the wilderness 1260 days after she flees (Rev 12:1-6). The apostles were not to know what they asked, since Dan 12:4,9 was sealed up, beyond understanding, until the proper time and season, when Acts 3:21 would release Him to return, but only after Heb 10:13 (Isa 49:6; Mt 24:14). They asked in Mt 24:3, and He answered in verse 14 and verses 32-35. The generation that sees "all these things" in Mt 24:4-31 would also see Dan 12:4.

We now see and know what Dan 12:4 means, which could not be understood then, but not until now as the past few years reveal. Mt 24:34 — *That* (not *this*) generation which sees these things will not pass away until all these things take place. What are "all these things"?

Mt 24:36 — In Jn 6:39,40,44,54 our Master makes an over-emphasis on the phrase, "the last day." The last day of what? The last day of this age — the end of the age (Mt 24:3). It is the last of the 1260 days after we flee to the wilderness in Rev 12:6 (Mic 5:3; Mt 24:22; Amos 8:9), the day of 1 Ths 4:16-18 and Mt 24:29-31 and Rev 17:14. But as to the day and the hour, we will not know exactly — only the Father knows (Mt 24:36,42) — yet as we now see in Mt 24:38,44-51, it is the time to be ready.

So in Acts 1:7 the apostles were not corrected for asking and thinking it would be soon that the restoration or rebirth of ancient Israel would come about (Acts 26:8; Rom 11:15) — raised from the dead — dead due to Mt 21:33-45, as they failed to bear the

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fruit of verse 43. On the day of Pentecost the new nation began and increased to the degree that Acts 26:7 and Jms 1:1 and 1 Pet 2:9 could be written. Mk 9:11-12 is the resurrection of the "church" in the last days of this present age (Mt 21:43), to bear the fruit that will bring our Master back. The church is the Body of Messiah, the Twelve Tribes.

Lk 19:11-27 — The disciples were not to know how long it would be before Messiah would be able to cause dead Israel to be reborn (Zec 12:10; 13:8-9; Mt 19:28; Rom 11:15; Isa 49:8; Acts 26:8), as neither did the ancient prophets know the length of time between His suffering in death² and the glories that would follow (1 Pet 1:11).

What the apostles *did* know was that the witness of Mt 24:14 would usher in the end of the age, as its harbinger or precursor, announcing its arrival (Eph 3:10), as a herald bringing the good news of its approach. Mt 24:14 is the foretaste of the kingdom to come when Satan is bound (Rev 20:3) — the millennial reign of Messiah (Rev 2:27; 20:1-3). This foretaste is the reality of Jn 13:34-35 and 17:23, the love and unity of the twelve tribes (Eph 1:22-23; 2:21-22; 3:21; 4:16). Eph 2:22 is Rev 21:3.

So our Master could not unseal the book and reveal the words before the time of the end, which the apostles could not know would be 2000 years in the future, so He answered as a wise Son who had all authority (Mt 28:18-20).

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² Acts 1:2-3 says it was 40 days *after His suffering* until He was taken up, meaning His suffering *in death*, not merely on the cross, or else it would have been 43 days.