

## THE WORD OF GOD IN LEVITICUS AND IN THE TORAH

### GOD SPOKE FACE TO FACE WITH MOSES

You will find **35 bracketed references** ( ) to the Word of God given to **Moses** in this book. These are part of over 160 references of this sort throughout the Torah. I decided to mark them because they give testimony to what the LORD is saying and because they emphasise the intimate relationship of unveiling between the LORD and Moses, a relationship so special that the unravelling of Israel's history in the latter day and the gospel of her Redeemer-King appears in **TORAH** form numerous times. *To read further go to Leviticus Part 3*

### ENOCH & NOAH AS PREACHERS

Moses was a prophet or preacher of the Word of God. There was a thin line of such preachers who predeceased him. Among such figures was **Enoch** who is on record as being a significant prophet of the ultimate victory of the promised "Seed-Redeemer" and indeed of Christ's return. He said that **the LORD shall come with ten thousands of His saints**. **Noah** also is acclaimed in scripture as a preacher of Righteousness. His message too must have had an urgent edge as he was warning of God's righteous judgment.

### THE PREACHER'S MESSAGE IS CHRISTO-CENTRIC

The mission and content of the Preacher is stark. Preaching addresses itself to that which is revealed of God and such revelation centres in the "Redeemer-"seed of the woman", "seed of Abraham", "branch of David". The "Seed" is seen afar from Mount Moriah where first we learn that "God will provide Himself a lamb-on the mount of the LORD it shall be seen or provided". The "Seed-Redeemer" is also proclaimed by Jacob as "Shiloh".

### HAGGAI-THE MESSAGE IS NOT ABOUT OUR HOUSES BUT HIS HOUSE & KINGDOM

In the context of on-going prophetic revelation **Haggai** exclaims "According to the Word of God that I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt, so My Spirit remains among you; do not fear!" For thus says the LORD of Hosts:(or armies)"Once more (it is a little while) **I will shake heaven and earth, the sea and dry land; and "the desire" [Hebrew tdmj singular possessive of Christ]of all nations shall come**[Hebrew wab taken by modern interpreters as a "plural" but that depends on pointing-and the ancient Rabbis who knew both the state of ancient Hebrew Text together with Jerome who retailed their sense in the Vulgate give us "He shall come" as a Messianic advent statement] of all nations shall come.

The "desire" of nations is also the "glory" of God. It is hardly to be imagined that God will substitute the delicacies of the nations or their precious goods for "His glory". So the context also approves a Messianic interpretation.(Haggai 2.6)

### THE MESSAGE PREACHED GIVES BOTH BAD NEWS AND GOOD

Preachers speak of sin and salvation-of sorrow and joy-of Tribulation and Restitution. This prophetic message is emphatically advent orientated in the very best sense-and it sees the King returning and a worldwide kingdom emerging beyond long eras of Gentile dominion or world government. The whole range of Major and Minor Prophets kick in alongside Haggai as they spell out a "sunny day" for Israel beyond the cloudy skies of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 37)

### PREACHERS TEACH HOW TO PASS FROM DARKNESS TO LIGHT

**Amos** says, "Will not the day of the LORD be darkness not light...men will stagger from sea to sea and wander from north to east searching for the Word of the LORD but they will not find it...yet I will not totally destroy the house of Jacob...in that day I will restore David's fallen tent...and build it as it used to be....**I will bring back my exiled people Israel...I will plant Israel in their own land never again to be uprooted**"(Amos 8.8, 9.15 et alii)

## **PREACHERS LIKE ISAIAH PRESENT A SUFFERING SAVIOUR AND GLORIOUS KING**

**Isaiah** says, I will make the heavens tremble; and the earth will shake from its place at the wrath of the LORD Almighty in the day of His burning anger....suddenly in an instant the LORD Almighty will come with thunder and earthquake and great noise...then the hordes of all nations that fight against the Lion of God; they that attack her and her fortress and besiege her will be as a hungry man dreaming that he has eaten but awakening faint his thirst is unquenched-so will it be with the hordes of all the nations that fight against Mount Zion...the sons of your oppressors will come bowing before you; they will call you the city of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel...I will make you an everlasting pride, the joy of all generations. You will drink the milk of nations and be nursed at royal breasts. **Then you will know that I the LORD am your Saviour...then will all your people be righteous and they will possess the land forever.** (Isaiah 13.13, 29.6 & 60 5-22)

## **PREACHERS SEE THE DESPERATE PLIGHT OF MAN THE SINNER TEETERING ON THE EDGE OF ETERNITY WHILE THE SANDS OF TIME ARE SINKING BEFORE THE SAVIOUR COMES**

**Joel** says, "Let the nations be roused; let them advance into the valley of Jehoshaphat (the divine administration of justice)... I will show wonders in the heavens and on the earth, blood and fire and billows of smoke.

The sun will be turned into darkness and the moon to blood before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD and everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved; for on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem there will be deliverance... .. multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision. The sun and the moon shall be darkened and the stars will no longer shine. The LORD will roar from Zion and thunder from Jerusalem; the earth and the sky will tremble. But the LORD will be a refuge for his people, a stronghold for the people of Israel. Then you will know that I, the LORD your God dwell in Zion, my holy hill. Jerusalem will be holy; **never again will foreigners invade her...the LORD DWELLS IN ZION.**"(Joel 3.16 et alii)

## **PREACHERS ARE TRUE TO JESUS WHO SAID, YOU WILL HEAR OF WARS AND RUMOURS OF WARS, BUT SEE TO IT THAT YOU ARE NOT ALARMED.THESE THINGS ARE THE BEGINNINGS OF BIRTHPAINS.**

**Ezekiel** says, "Are you (Gog) not the one I spoke of in former days by my servants the prophets of Israel? At that time *they prophesied for years* that I would bring you against them. This is what will happen in that day: When God attacks my hot anger will be aroused. In my zeal and fiery wrath I declare that at that time there shall be a great earthquake in the land of Israel. The fish of the sea, the birds of the air, the beasts of the field, every creature that moves along the ground, and all the people on the face of the earth will tremble at my presence. The mountains will be overturned, the cliffs will crumble and every wall will fall to the ground. I will summon a sword against Gog on all my mountains, declares the Sovereign LORD....I will show my greatness and my holiness and I will make myself known in the sight of many nations. **Then they will know that I am the LORD** (Ezekiel 38.20 et alii)

## **PREACHERS SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**One quarter of scripture** leans towards the Coming Glory of Christ's kingdom. Modern preachers have got a gospel but have they lost the note of urgency? How well are they preparing their people for the advent of the king and the emergence of His rule in these times of crises? Jesus said, "This **gospel of the kingdom** shall be **preached in the whole world** and then shall the purpose come."

## **PREACHERS SEE THE MESSAGE SPREADS**

Clearly satellite communication did not take the LORD by surprise. The emergence of multiple satellite channel gospel ministries with huge audiences in 200-300 countries (including China and the Arab states) make it apparent that this objective is well within reach in the near future. Ironic as it may seem two fine gospel channels headed up by Marcus and Johnnie Lamb and Rory and Wendy Alec broadcast from Israel-the first is programmed 24/7 and the second is the God Channel which actually airs from Mount Zion.

## **PREACHERS ADORN THEIR MESSAGE WITH HOLY LIVES**

The **35 messages of the LORD** to Moses recorded in the book of Leviticus are not all in the minor key by way of direction to Cohens and Levis of ancient days. God then and now demands Holiness. The book of Leviticus introduces the vital keynote "Be ye holy for I the LORD your God am holy" to the preacher's message. Consider the LORD'S messages 68-70 to Moses for instance in terms of your love for His appearing and the relevance of holiness at Christ's first and second advents. Also refer to Part 5, Reading No.4.and in other places you will find pointers to the Coming King which are even more wealthily distributed in Moses writings in the later days when he gains long perspectives from his intimate walk with God enabling him to review his times and preview the life of his people in the latter days.

Charles Wesley's life was a model of unabated zeal for God and holiness and he has wrapped up his desire that the world should know the King very beautifully in a compelling stanza of sacred song,

*Happy if with my latest breathe  
I might but gasp His name  
Preach Him to all and cry in death,  
Behold, behold the Lamb.*