

A REDEEMED KINGDOM

ser5066 God & Country, Pt 4

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I. **(HOOK & BOOK) POINT OF INTRIGUE**

A. Where it all began

Today we conclude our sermon series, *God & Country*. I'm not sure if you've enjoyed this series, but I have loved it. We began by addressing:

1. A Nation Is Born
2. A United Kingdom
3. A Scattered Kingdom (Gina)
and today we look at, my favorite,
4. A Redeemed Kingdom.

B. Let's begin with a question: *What does the word "redeemed" mean?*

How about I give you a hint? When I was a child, we cut our teeth on hymns out of the church hymnal. This was one that we sang often. Take a listen.

Play "Redeemed How I Love to Proclaim It"
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yTTctsZ2XpM>

Did that help you any? That's what I thought. Let me give you the words to the first verse and chorus. Maybe that will help.

Fanny J. Crosby (Written in 1882)

Verse 1

Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it!
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed through His infinite mercy,
His child and forever I am.

Chorus

Redeemed, redeemed,
Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb;
Redeemed, redeemed,
His child and forever I am.

Let's look at a couple of examples:

1. A group of us attend a concert with five groups. The first four are, like, "Why did we buy tickets to this thing? These groups are really bad." But the last group is amazing. Someone says, "Thank God for *Group 5*, they redeemed the night."
2. You're desperate for money, and you've run out of options. So, you sell your favorite ring. A friend who was unaware of your situation finds out about what happened, goes down to the pawn shop and buys your ring (whatever) and gives it back to you. Your friend has redeemed your ring.

Are you seeing the picture? Maybe these verses will bring the picture into focus.

Ephesian 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace

Galatians 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us, for it is written: "Cursed is everyone who is hung on a pole."

Isaiah 4:22

I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to Me, for I have redeemed you."

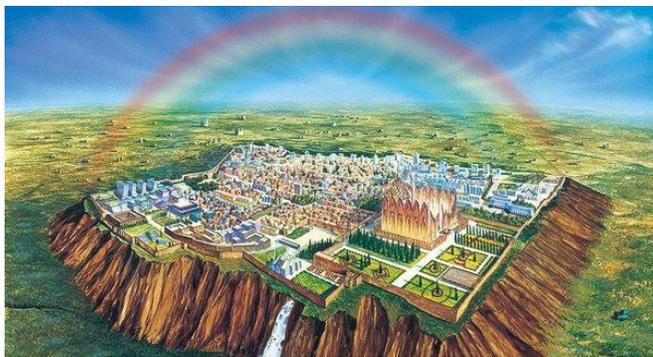
Psalms 111:9

He provided redemption for His people; He ordained His covenant forever— holy and awesome is His name.

C.If you recall, last week I gave you a brief JBS summary of the birth of Israel and its demise because of living hundreds of years in disobedience to their God.

NOTE: DISOBEDIENCE always has a price, whether it's being negligent in our devotional life, our service to God, our giving the tenth/tithe, our church attendance, or whatever else God has asked of us. Disobedience always has a price tag.

Yet, God in His mercy will redeem the Kingdom of Israel—I'm not sure exactly what that's going to look



like—but God's promises are "Yes and amen." It will happen. (show photo) My take is that it doesn't happen until Christ sets up His Millennial

Reign; that's when I think the nation of Israel will be redeemed.

Isaiah 51:11 says,

Therefore, the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away.

II. (LOOK) THE REDEMPTION STORY

A. The redemption story doesn't begin with Israel, the redemption story begins at creation, or maybe even before.

Ephesian 1:4 (jbsv)

For God chose us in Christ, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless in love before God.

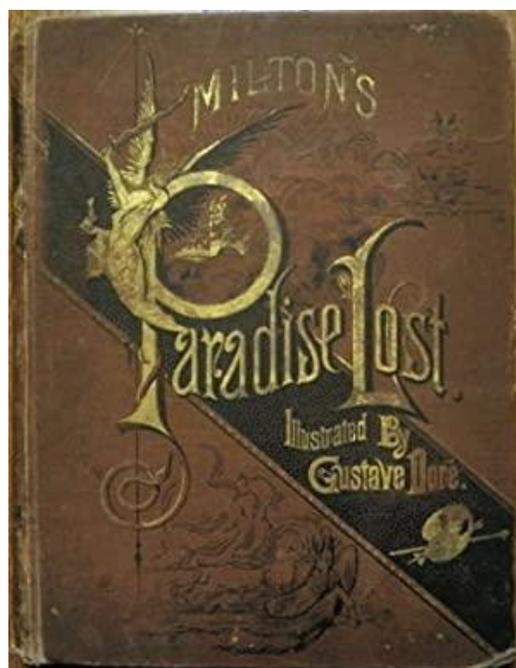
God knows the beginning from the end. A good way to explain God's foreknowledge is to think of sitting in a blimp overlooking a parade. Before it starts you see the beginning and the end—the first marchers and the last. Now what happens between Highland and Lambs Rd is determined by the choices of the marchers. Yet, there is

nothing that doesn't come under the watchful eye of the Creator. (If He wants to see it. But that's for another time. ☺)

B. For us, living in time and space, the redemption story starts here ...

Show selected clips of Superbook video "In the Beginning." 3:12

In 1667 John Milton wrote the epic poem, *Paradise Lost*. The poem consisted of 10,550 lines and 79,810 words. (**show photo**) In this poem Milton paints word pictures of the fall of man and God's redemption plan. To this day it remains one of the most famous pieces of literature ever written.



1. The plan of redemption is first introduced in *Genesis*

3:15. God speaking to the serpent says,

I will ·make you and the woman enemies to each other [T place hostility/enmity between you and the woman]. Your ·descendants [L seed] and her ·descendants [L seed] will be enemies. ·One of her descendants [literally He] will crush your head (Satan's), and you will bite [strike; T bruise; L crush] His heel (Jesus) [Rom. 16:20; Rev. 12:9]."

2. The “He” shows up throughout the Old Testament at multiple times and places, often demonstrating the “redemptive” nature of Messiah.

- a. He appears to Moses in a burning bush telling him that he will accompany him assuring Israel’s deliverance out of slavery. (**Exodus 3**)
- b. He appears to Joshua telling him not to fear, that He will deliver Jericho into his hands. (**Joshua 5**)
- c. He appears to Manoah telling him his barren wife will be with child, and this child, Samson, will deliver Israel from his oppressors. (**Judges 13**)
- d. He appears to the three Hebrew children in a fiery furnace, delivering from death. (**Daniel 3**)
- e. His birth is predicted through the prophet *Isaiah* in **chapter 7 verse 14**.
- f. His place of birth is predicted by the prophet *Micah* in **chapter 5 verse 2**.
- g. The Messiah’s crucifixion is graphically described in **Isaiah 52-53**.
- h. Jesus’ redemptive work (there’s our title), is poetically pictured when *Isaiah* says,

Surely He has borne our [g]griefs
And carried our [h]sorrows;
Yet we [i]esteemed Him stricken,
[j]Smitten by God, and afflicted.

⁵ But He *was* wounded^[k] for our transgressions,
He was ^[l]bruised for our iniquities;
 The chastisement for our peace *was* upon Him,
 And by His stripes^[m] we are healed.
⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray;
 We have turned, every one, to his own way;
 And the LORD ^[n]has laid on Him the iniquity of us
 all. ***Isaiah 53:4-6***

- i. Messiah's resurrection is predicted in ***Psalm 16:10-11***, when King David writes,

For You will not leave my soul in ^[e]Sheol,
 Nor will You allow Your Holy One to ^[f]see
 corruption. ^[remain in the grave]
¹¹ You will show me the path of life;
 In Your presence *is* fullness of joy;
 At Your right hand *are* pleasures forevermore.

3. I love how ***Job*** put it.

Job 19:25-27

²⁵ I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end
 He will stand on the earth.
²⁶ And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my
 flesh I will see God;
²⁷ I myself will see Him with my own eyes—I, and not
 another. How my heart yearns within me!

NOTE: I am not the only one who loves this passage of Scripture. Handel wrote an entire musical masterpiece around this truth.

C. (TOOK) And there you have it, God's REDEEMPTIVE plan.

The outstanding question is: *What will you do with His plan of redemption?* Accept it or reject it? One is life the other is death.

John 1:12-13

² But as many as received Him, to them He gave the [e]right to become children of God, [even] to those who believe in His name: ¹³ who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

III. GOD HAS DONE HIS PART, WILL YOU DO YOURS?

SALVATION AGREEMENT

PARTIES INVOLVED

JESUS THE CHRIST & _____

I Admit – my sins have separated you from God.
(Psa 14:1-3; Rom 3: 23);

I Believe – that God did something about my sins through Jesus Christ.
(Lev 17:10; Heb 9: 19-22);

I Commit – myself to His righteousness by confessing Jesus as Lord and Savior. (Isa 53:5; Col 1:22);

I will Do it today! (Isa 49:8; 2 Cor 6:2).

Father in Heaven, I'm sorry for the things I've done that are wrong: I am a sinner; forgive me. Thank You for loving me and sending your Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for my sin. Holy Spirit come into my heart; Jesus be my Lord and Savior. I give You my life. Amen.

Your name

Jesus Christ, God the Son & Son of God

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