

## **Section Three: The Kingdom of God on Earth (Future)**

### **Category B: Second Coming – Kingdom Intelligence Report #3**

#### **Topic: The Four-fold Purpose – Judgment**

The Second Coming of our Savior will not only occur in two phases, but as Phase One is completed in the culmination of the Church Age, Phase Two will involve the fulfillment of a four-fold purpose: judgment, intervention, repentance and theocracy. Since the Lord's judgment will pertain to the entire human race on earth at that time, we will consider the fulfillment of this purpose first. A clear pronouncement of this decree is given to us in Isaiah 2:17-19 –

**“The pride of man will be humbled and the loftiness of men will be abased; and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day, but the idols will completely vanish. Men will go into caves of the rocks and into holes of the ground before the terror of the Lord and the splendor of His majesty, when He arises to make the earth tremble.”**

While there is a reference here by the prophet to the timeframe of the Tribulation, preceding the actual return of our Lord; it is obvious from the expression in v17 – “and the Lord alone will be exalted in that day,” that His literal return is also in view. He will return as the judge of heaven and earth; an authority which was given to Him by the Father (John 5:22; 2 Timothy 4:1). The purpose of this authoritative rule, upon His return, is first described in Revelation 19:20-21 –

**“And the beast was seized, and with him the false prophet who performed the signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who had received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image; these two were thrown alive into the lake of fire which burns with brimstone. And the rest were killed with the sword which came from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse, and all the birds were filled with their flesh.”**

Even though the priority of Christ's return will be the salvation of the nation of Israel, they too will experience this judicial process. Just as Jeremiah and Paul confirm Israel's salvation upon the Lord's return (Jeremiah 30:7b; Romans 11:25-27); the issue of judgment must also be factored into their over-all salvation scenario, as revealed in Zechariah 13:8-9 –

**“‘It will come about in all the land,’ declares the Lord, ‘That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; but the third will be left in it. And I will bring the third part through the fire, refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them;’ I will say, ‘They are My people,’ and they will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”**

So all Israel will be saved as a national entity, but not without first experiencing the Lord's two-fold judgment upon His return, by means of both a purging, as well as a refinement. The end result will consist of a profession of faith by every Jewish believer, in the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth, with the affirmation: **“The Lord is my God!”**

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