

Exiles as Missionaries

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“Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and His kingdom the one which shall not be destroyed.”

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I. Introduction

The coming of God's kingdom, confirmed by the results of the heavenly judgment, is the best news for those who live on this planet. To be outside of His kingdom is to be stranger and alienated.



“In Christ, there is neither Jew nor Greek nor Arab nor Russian nor Ukrainian nor Mexican nor American. We can only realize this when we accept that, before the face of God, we were all – everyone of us – born strangers; and each of us, by our Baptism, has been given the gift of a name and of Sonship.”

John Parker



“An understanding of the hope of Christ's second coming is the key that unlocks all the history that follows [the Ascension of Jesus], and explains all the future lessons.”
Ellen G. White, Letter 218, 1906.



“We are to wait for the coming of Christ with patience. We are to watch with anticipation. We are to work with Zeal. We are to prepare with urgency. Scripture says Christ is coming when you’re least expecting him. Coming as a thief. He said, ‘Be prepared. Get Ready. Prepare to meet thy God. Are you prepared?’”
Billy Graham



"To me the second coming is the perpetual light on the path which makes the present bearable. I never lay my head on the pillow without thinking that perhaps before the morning breaks, the final morning may have dawned. I never begin my work without thinking that He may interrupt my work and begin His own. This is now His word to all believing souls, 'Till I come.' We are not looking for death, we are looking for Him."

G. Campbell Morgan



“The doctrine of the second coming has failed, so far as we are concerned, if it does not make us realize that at every moment of every year in our lives Donne's question, "What if this present were the world's last night?" is equally relevant.”

C. S. Lewis



“Nothing is more prominently brought forward in the New Testament than the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.”
John Nelson Darby



“Before we can pray, “Lord, Thy Kingdom come,” we must be willing to pray, “My Kingdom go.”
Alan Redpath



II. Context



Our text belongs to the second part of the Book, presenting the prophetic elements, necessary for God's children (Amos 3: 7). In this second section, the role of Jesus Christ is essential: Messiah, Michael, Son of Man, all aspects contribute to show the central place of Christ in the Great Controversy.



The structure of the Book of Daniel



III. There is a change in the direction of this Planet and of the Universe that everybody should know. This is an 'universal' Good News



1. God will have very soon ultimate authority and power in the entire Universe

“Then to Him was given dominion and glory and a kingdom”



“You don't give God authority over
your life. He has it, totally.”
John Piper



“God is the ultimate authority simply because He is “the LORD, and there is no other.” It is He who created everything, including mankind. God is the Father of mankind, and as such, He has authority over us.

The serpent questioned God’s authority back in the Garden of Eden, and deceived Eve. Adam ignored God’s authority by doing what God told him not to do. Consequently, sin entered the world, and each of us is born with a rebellious nature.

Because God is our authority in every area, we need to make sure that we know what His Word says, and strive to make it our authority in every area of life. We need to recognize when the beliefs and philosophies of men are contrary to God’s Word (*Colossians 2:8; Ephesians 4:14*), bring “every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,” (*2 Corinthians 10:5*), and respond by “speaking the truth in love” (*Ephesians 4:15*) to a world that has tried to deny the authority of the Father.”

Jeremy Ham

2. The true meaning of life is to serve God

that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve Him."



“Christianity is hard when we try to serve God in man's way instead of serving God in God's way.”

Aiden Wilson Tozer



“One of the greatest rewards that we ever receive for serving God is the permission to do still more for Him.”

Charles Spurgeon



“We don't serve God to gain His acceptance; we are accepted so we serve God. We don't follow Him in order to be loved; we are loved so we follow Him.”
Neil T Anderson



3. A Brilliant Eternity is coming for God's children

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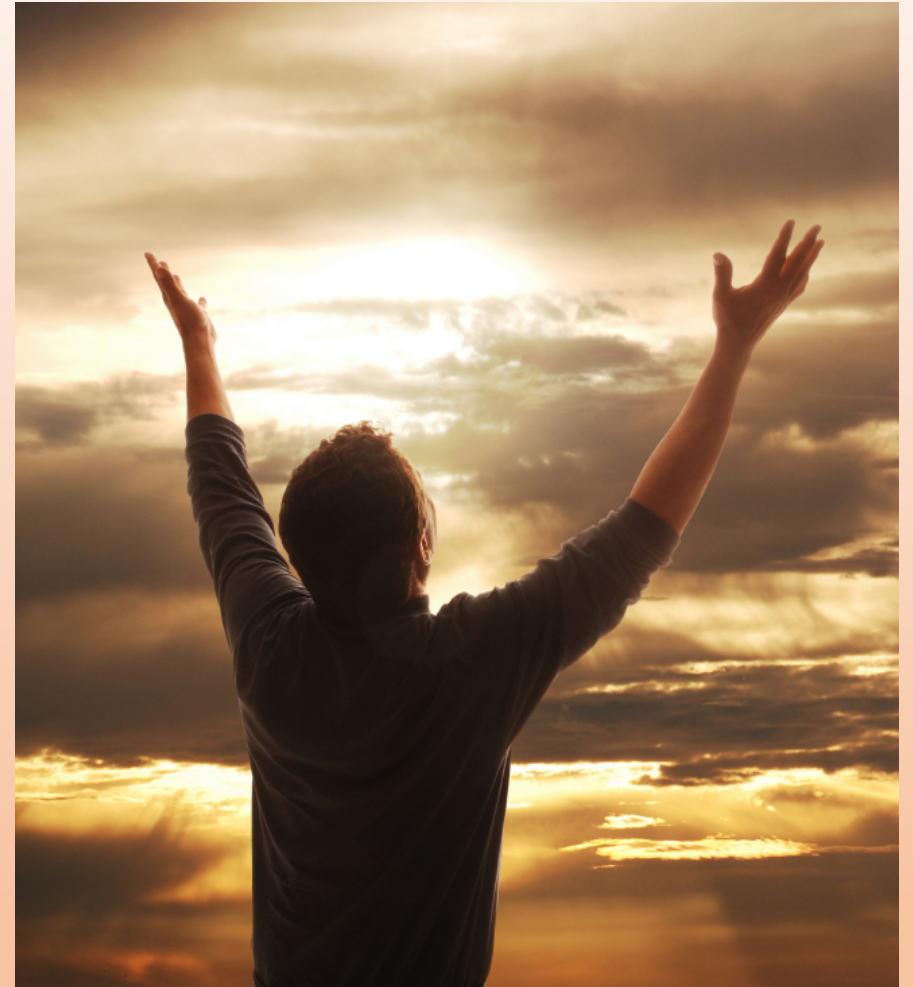


“Eternal truth, eternal
righteousness, eternal love; these
only can triumph, for these only can
endure.”

Joseph Barber Lightfoot



“This life is only a prelude
to eternity.”
Seneca the Younger



"A man's greatest care should be for that place where he lives longest; therefore eternity should be his scope."

Thomas Watson



V. Conclusion



“The minister who has learned of Christ will ever be conscious that he is a messenger of God, commissioned by Him to do a work both for time and eternity. It should not be any part of his object to call attention to himself, his learning, or his ability. But his whole aim should be to bring sinners to repentance, pointing them, both by precept and example, to the Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world. Self should be hidden in Jesus. Such men will speak as those conscious of possessing power and authority from God, being a mouthpiece for Him. Their discourses will have an earnestness and fervor of persuasion that will lead sinners to see their lost condition, and take refuge in Christ.”

Ellen G. White, *Evangelism*, p. 134.

“It is not the length of time we labor but our willingness and fidelity in the work that makes it acceptable to God. In all our service a full surrender of self is demanded. The smallest duty done in sincerity and self-forgetfulness is more pleasing to God than the greatest work when marred with self-seeking. He looks to see how much of the spirit of Christ we cherish, and how much of the likeness of Christ our work reveals. He regards more the love and faithfulness with which we work than the amount we do. {COL 402.3}

Only when selfishness is dead, when strife for supremacy is banished, when gratitude fills the heart, and love makes fragrant the life—it is only then that Christ is abiding in the soul, and we are recognized as laborers together with God.”

Ellen G. White, COL p. 402.

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