

THE LAW OF REDEMPTION

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In Revelation chapter four the Apostle John heard a voice that called him into heaven. This is a perfect type of the future rapture of the saints. While in heaven, in chapter five...

Revelation 5:1-4 And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book and to loose the seals thereof?

And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

And I wept much, because no man was found to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

When the Apostle John saw that no man was worthy to open and read the book, he 'wept much.' Why?

This short book, if read carefully will explain why.

The book of Revelation is a record of the end things. The fulfillment of God's final plan for the ages. (Revelation 10:6,7)

However, there was a beginning that lead to the ending.

Genesis 1:1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth.

Isaiah 45:18 For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I am the Lord; and there is none else.

Job 38:7 When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy.

God created the earth to be inhabited. He did not create it in vain.

And all the angels shouted for joy at the creation.

Then, the earth became dark and void.

The Bible teaches that Satan and one third of the angels rebelled against God and were cast out of the third heaven, the realm and throne of God.

Satan wanted to be as God, and even above God. (ref. Isaiah 14:12-14 Ezekiel 28:12-19 with Revelation 12:1-4)

When this took place, Satan and his angels were limited to the earth, and the first and second heaven.

And the earth became dark and void. The word darkness in Genesis 1:2 means *misery, death, destruction, ignorance, sorrow, and wickedness*.

Then, God brought the earth back into it's original condition and created Adam and Eve. (Genesis 1:2b-2:24 note 2:7)

At some point in time Satan deceived Eve, and Eve enticed Adam, and Adam disobeyed God and ate the fruit. (Genesis 2:16,17)

Because of Adam all men became sinful by nature. We are born with it, and will be sinners until death.

This is just a brief account of the events leading up to, and including the fall of man.

We have given Scripture references in order to prove our position.

Genesis 3:14,15 And the Lord God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou art cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly thou shalt go, and dust thou shalt eat all the days of thy life:

And I shall put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.

Genesis 3:17,18,19 And unto Adam he said, Because hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it, cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life.

Thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee, and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return to the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

There are three things the student of the Bible must know. They are.....

1. Satan still thinks he can be God. Therefore, he is busy trying to establish his kingdom among men. His first attempt was at Babel with Nimrod.
2. God has pronounced a curse upon the earth. It is still in effect.
3. The seed of the woman is Jesus Christ the Lord and all those who put their faith in Him. The seed of the serpent is all those who reject the gospel and follow Satan. (Galatians 3:6-9,26,29)

Psalms 24:1,2 The earth is the Lord's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein,

For he hath founded it upon the seas, and established it upon the floods.

Almighty God created the earth, and He owns the earth, and He sustains all things.

The Call of Abraham

1950 years after Adam, God chose a man to be the Father of Israel. He made a promise to Abraham in Genesis 12:1-2 15:1-6 and 17:1-8.

In 15:16 God Himself preached the gospel to Abraham. (Galatians 3:6-9)

Abraham believed the gospel and *“he believed in the Lord and he counted it to him for righteousness.”* (Genesis 15:6)

The seed, which would be Jesus Christ the Lord, would be through the lineage of Abraham. The nation of Israel would be through the lineage of Abraham, and the land of Canaan would belong to Israel because of the promise to Abraham.

Abraham begot Isaac, Isaac begot Jacob, and Jacob begot the twelve tribes of Israel. (Genesis 49:1-33)

Soon, Israel became a mighty nation. However, they were not in Canaan.

Israel was in Egypt. Egypt is a type of the world.

Exodus 1:8,9 Now there arose up a new king over Egypt, which knew not Joseph.

And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we:

Nothing has changed, Satan hates Israel, and he uses humanity to try and destroy God's chosen nation. (see Revelation 12 --)

Finally, after 430 years of being in Egypt, God sent Moses to deliver them out of the hand of the Pharoah.

NOTE: It was God who sent them to Egypt in the first place. Nothing happens without the intervention of Almighty God.

Everyone is aware of the story of Israel's deliverance out of Egypt by Moses, and enter the promised land of Canaan. However, Israel wandered in the wilderness for forty years before they came into their land.

Deuteronomy 1:8 Behold, I have set the land before you; go in and possess the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, to give unto them and to their seed after them.

Deuteronomy 1:32,33a Yet in this thing ye did not believe the Lord, your God,

Who went in the way before you, to search you out a place to pitch your tents.....

God told Israel to possess the land. He Even picked a place for them. But they did not believe the Lord their God.

Therefore they wandered in the wilderness until that generation died.

THE LAW

Before they entered the land, God gave the law to Moses on Mount Sinai. It is recorded in Exodus, Leviticus, and rehearsed again in Deuteronomy.

There was the Law of offering in Leviticus chapters 1 through 7. Their was the dietary law, the law of relationship, sexual laws, law of ceremonial observance.

However, the law we are interested in was the law of the land mentioned in Leviticus chapter twenty five.

Leviticus 25:23-27 The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a redemption for the land.

If thy brother be waxen poor, and hath sold away some of his possession, and if any of his kin come to redeem it, then shall he redeem that which his brother sold

And if the man have none to redeem it, and himself be able to redeem it;

Then let him count the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; that he may return unto his possession.

Leviticus 25:38 I am the Lord your God, which brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and be your God.

The entire earth belongs to the Lord God. The land of Canaan He gave to Israel for an eternal Possession. .

From east of the Jordan river to the Great Sea on the west. From Mount Lebanon on the north to the Negev on the south.

In 1948 the world recognized Israel as a nation. But Israel does not possess their entire land yet.

In Leviticus 25 God provided a redemption for the land. Their were three requirements.

The redeemer had to be a kinsman. The redeemer had to have the price and he had to be willing.

RUTH

The short book of Ruth is a good example of the law of redemption. A man named Elimelech and his wife Naomi and their two sons left Beth-Lehem-Judah and entered Moab because there was famine in the land.

While they were in Moab her husband and two sons died. She was left with her two daughters in law, Ruth and Orpah.

Elimelech and Naomi should have stayed in Beth-lehem-Judah.

The problem – *1:15 And she said, behold, thy sister in law is gone back to her people, and unto her gods, return thou after thy sister in law.*

The Solution – *1:15 And Ruth said, entreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God.*

Ruth had the right attitude. When they returned to Beth-lehem-Judah it was harvest time.

Ruth went to the field of Boaz to glean. *Ruth 2:1-7*

Ruth was aware that Boaz was a kinsman of Naomi's. (2:1,2) And Boaz noticed Ruth and was impressed with her and said,

Ruth 2:12 The Lord recompense thy work, and a full reward be given thee of the Lord God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to trust.

As you will see God did bless Ruth.

Naomi made sure Ruth was aware that Boaz was a kinsman. (2:20 3:2)

In chapter three a bond was established between Ruth and Boaz. When he realized Ruth was a kinsman, he decided he would do the part of a kinsman.

In chapter four is the account of the redemption of the land of Nomi and the redemption of Ruth, who was near kin because of marriage to Naomi's son.

Boaz obeyed the law of redemption of the land and the law of redemption of the wife of a dead brother to further the seed. Here is the record.

Ruth 4:10 Moreover Ruth the Moabite, the wife of Mahlon, have I purchased to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from the name of his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day.

Boaz and Ruth became part of the genealogical line of Jesus Christ the Lord through David. (Ruth 4:18-22 Matthew 1:1-17)

Jeremiah's Right

In Jeremiah chapter thirty two, Hanameel, Jeremiah's cousin came to Jeremiah with a request. He requested that Jeremiah purchase land that was rightfully Hanameels and Jeremiah had the right of redemption. (ref. Jeremiah 32:6-15)

So Jeremiah, because he was a kinsman of Hanameels, bought the field in Anathoth.

Because he was willing and he had the money to pay the price.

Those were the requirements. He had to be a kinsman, he had to be willing, and he had to be able to pay the price.

Note: Jeremiah knew that Israel would be taken captive into Babylon, and they would lose their land. Yet, he also knew that the land belonged to God and it was given to Israel forever.

Jeremiah 32:15 For thus saith the Lord of Hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall be possessed again in this land. (Leviticus 25:23,24 also the promise made to Abraham Genesis 17:1-8)

Jeremiah 32:9-14 And I bought the field of Hanameel my uncle's son, that was in Anathoth, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver.

And I subscribed the evidence, and sealed it, and took witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances.

So I took the evidence of the purchase, both that which was sealed according to the law and the custom, and that which as open:

And I gave the evidence of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Masseiah, in the sight of Hanameel mine uncles son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the book of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the prison.

And I charged Baruch before them, saying, Thus saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel; Take these evidences, this evidence of the purchase, both which is sealed, and the and this evidence which is open; and put them in an earthen vessel, that they may continue many days.

We have already quoted verse 15, but it must be read again.

Jeremiah made sure the Jews that were there were witness to the sealed book, or deed. And he also made sure they were aware that the land would be possessed again according to the word of God.

Israel is a nation recognized by the entire world. But the land they inhabit at the present time is no where the size it should be.

And not only that, Israel is scattered all over the earth according to the word of God. (ref. Deuteronomy 30:1)

The Land

We take the land for granted. We live on it. We use it to grow our food. We extract the minerals, the oil and gas.

We use the trees for a multitude of things; and then there is the water from off the land.

God told Adam, “*cursed is the ground for thy sake...*”

When Cain slew Abel, God said, “*the voice of thy brothers blood crieth out to me from the ground.*”

When God gave the law to Israel, He expected them to obey the law for their own good.

Leviticus 18:24-27 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out before you.

And the land is defiled: Therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land itself vomiteth out her inhabitants.

Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations, neither any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you.

(For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which were before you, and the land is defiled.)

That the land spue not you out also, when you defile it. as it spued out the nations that were before you.

God gave the law of sexual behavior in Leviticus 18 through 21. All the nations that Israel replaced were corrupt. And defiled the land. God's land. (read Leviticus 18:1-24)

Israel fell into idol worship, and all the abominations of the nations around them.

Therefore, they were taken into captivity by Babylon. They lost their identity as a nation, and the land God gave them, but not forever.

The Seven Sealed Scroll

Revelation 5:4 And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

The apostle John wept because he knew the seven sealed book, or scroll was the title deed to the planet earth.

It has been given over, not only to the curse pronounced upon Adam, but all humanity has corrupted the earth. All the plagues mentioned in Leviticus, the abominations of the nations, which are in action in the present, have put a curse on the entire creation.

Romans 8:19-22 For the earnest expectation of the creature (creation) waiteth for the manifestation of the sons of God.

For the creature was made subject to vanity, not willingly, but by reason of him who

*hath subjected the same in hope,
Because the creature itself also, shall be
delivered from the bondage of corruption
into the glorious liberty of the children of
God.*

*For we know that the whole creation
groaneth and travaileth in pain together until
now.*

The entire creation shall be delivered from
the bondage of corruption.

*Revelation 5:5,6 And one of the elders saith
unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the
tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath
prevailed to open the book, and to loose the
seals thereof.*

*And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the
throne and the four beasts, and in the midst
of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been
slain, having seven horns and seven eyes,
which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth
into all the earth.*

Notice the Lion and the Lamb. Jesus was
the Lamb of God. (John 1:26,39 1 Peter 1:19
Revelation 13:8)

He went to the Cross as a Lamb, willingly and meek. He rose again and now is as a Lion.

Revelation 5:7-10 And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne.

And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the lamb, having every one of them harp, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints.

And they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof, for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

The seven sealed book is the title deed to the planet earth. More specifically, it is the law of redemption given to Israel.

Jesus Christ, the Lamb and the Lion, Paid the price with His blood, He was willing to go to the Cross, and He is the Kinsman of all those who put their trust in Him.

We will reign with Him on this earth some day as kings and priests. (Revelation 2:26,27 3:21 5:10)

Imagine, we will not be subject to the evil politicians, and the lying preachers. The world will not be run by evil dictators, who demand that nothing be said contrary to their evil regime.

The world will be a putting green and at peace. (Isaiah 5:15-17 11:6-9)

There will be no abuse of children and the helpless, and innocent animals.

However, as Christ opens the seven seals, the people on earth must suffer the wrath of God for seven years. And at a place called Armageddon, they will gather themselves together to do battle with Christ. (Revelation 16:12-16 Joel 3:1-16 Matthew 24:27-31)

This will bring an end to the seven years, and Christ will judge humanity. Those who manage to be saved during the tribulation, He will take alive into the kingdom.

Those who reject the gospel during the tribulation He will cast into the lake of fire which is the final abode of all the lost. (Matthew 25:31-46)

Christ died, was buried, and rose again, for the forgiveness of sins. Whosoever believes in Him has complete forgiveness of sin and eternal life. (John 3:15,16 6:47)

NOTES: Jesus Christ the Lord is called the Word of God in John 1:1. He is literally the Word of God. He gave the law to Israel. Therefore, it is only fitting He obey the Law.

We have tried to be brief, yet informative, therefore, we have given Scripture references where necessary. They should be read.

For a good idea of what the kingdom will be like see Isaiah 11:1-12 and Isaiah 65:17-25.

