

When Nations Rise God Rises Higher

They shall know that I am the Lord | EZEKIEL 38:23

In today's world, the headlines are filled with reports of nations rising against nations, alliances forming, and conflicts intensifying across the world. For many believers, these events raise an important question: Are we witnessing the stage being set for biblical prophecy?

The prophecies found in Ezekiel chapters 38-39 remind us that God is fully aware of the movements of nations. These chapters describe a future time when a coalition of nations will rise against Israel. From a human perspective, this massive invasion appears unstoppable. Israel seems outnumbered and vulnerable, and the alliance against her seems impossible to defeat. When Israel appears

vulnerable and surrounded, God will intervene. Through supernatural acts and divine judgment, He will defeat the invading forces and protect His covenant people.

Yet the purpose of this conflict is not merely political or military. God Himself declares that He will use this moment to reveal His glory before all nations. He will demonstrate His sovereignty over the affairs of the world. While the nations may believe they're acting according to their own plans, the truth is that God remains in control of history. Even the rise of nations and alliances cannot move beyond His authority.

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While the world often views wars only as political struggles, Scripture shows that they can also be part of the unfolding of God’s prophetic plan. In Matthew 24:6-7, Jesus warned that we would hear of wars and rumors of wars, and that nation would rise against nation, describing these events as “beginning of sorrows” - like birth pains that increase as the time of delivery draws near.

The message behind these prophecies is not meant to create fear but to strengthen

faith and to motivate us to remain faithful. Biblical prophecy reminds us that believers are called to live in readiness, knowing that the Rapture could happen at any moment (1 Corinthians 15:51-52). And God will resume His prophetic dealings with the nation of Israel as revealed in Ezekiel 38-39.

Indeed, when nations rage and conflicts increase, believers are reminded that the coming of Christ draws nearer, and our hope rests in the sovereign purposes of God.



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*Motivate us to
remain faithful*



WORD OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Unwavering Faith

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How can we strengthen our faith in God in the midst of our problems? And how can we overcome iba't ibang pagsubok sa ating buhay? Ang hinihingi ng Dios sa bawat mananampalata-ya ay ang magtaglay ng tunay na pananampalataya. While we live with faith in God's will, we will surely go through testing. Ngunit nagsasaya tayo dahil nagdudulot ito ng katatagan sa atin. Tinitiis natin ang mga pagsubok upang maging ganap at walang anumang pagkukulang ang ating buhay. Si Abraham ay maagang gumising upang sumunod sa sinabi sa kanya ng Dios

*James 1:2-4,
“Consider it pure
joy, my brothers
and sisters,
whenever you
face trials of
many kinds...”*

**God is
greater than
what we
expect...**

(Genesis 22:1-16). He chose to trust God, the one who gives and fulfills His promises. Walang duda sa isipan ni Abraham na ibibigay ng Dios ang kailangan niya. Nagtiwala siys sa kabutihan at katapatan ng Panginoon. Hinarap niya ang pagsubok at nagtiwala. Because of his faith and obedience, the Lord blessed him. Kung nakakaranas man tayo ng mga pagsubok ngayon, alalahanin natin na may mga pagpapalang naghihintay sa atin. Let us continuously trust and obey the Lord amidst trials, and experience success and blessings. Do not fear, do not hesitate, entrust to God whatever problems you have, that you may receive the grace of the Lord. Trust in Him wholeheartedly!



FEATURE STORY

With the Love of God | JCOB Matsudo

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The love the He has for us is unconditional and never based on our situation.

With the love of God we can feel secured that everything will be alright and we will have peace of mind as we walk along in

the road that he has prepared for us.

At JCOB Matsudo we walk together knowing that God is with us in any circumstances and there where love can be found.

神を待つこと

あくまでも忍耐しなさい。そうすれば、完全で申し分なく、何一つ欠けたところのない人になります。ヤコブ1:4

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の時に明かされる、と信じることを教えてくれました。

これは、ヤコブが教えたことです。「あくまでも忍耐しなさい。そうすれば、完全で申し分なく、何一つ欠けたところのない人になります」(ヤコブ1:4)。彼は、あきらめないようにと離散し苦難に耐えているキリスト者を励ました。神に知恵を求める、それが与えられるまで待つ、あきらめないという過程は(5、6節)、神に対する信頼や忍耐を育むだけでなく、神について、また自分自身について、より深く知り、その人の人格を育てます。

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Mahal ka ng Diyos at nais Niyang malaman at maranasan mo ito. SINASABI NG BIBLIA: ROMA 3:23, Lahat ay nagkasala; ROMA 6:23, Ngunit may libreng kaloob Siyang buhay na walang hanggan; ROMA 5:8, Sa kabila ng ating pagiging makasalanan inialay ni Hesus ang Kanyang buhay para sa iyo; ROMA 10:9-10, Ipahayag mo ng may pananampalataya sa iyong puso na si Hesus ay Panginoon mo't Tagapagligtas; ROMA 10:13, Anyayahan mo Siya sa iyong buhay ngayon | PAANYAYANG PANALANGIN: "O Diyos, inaamin ko pong akoy nagkasala sa iyo. Patawarin mo po ako. Binubuksan ko ang aking puso at tinatanggap kita, Hesus bilang Panginoon at Tagapagligtas. Amen."

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How Did Jesus Secure Our Salvation?

2 Corinthians 5:21 | P. Renan Coronado

Introduction. "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." How did Jesus secure our salvation?

The Sinless Savior | v.21, "God made him who had no sin." 1 Pet. 2:22, "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." Heb. 4:14-15, "...we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God... For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin."

The Divine Exchange | v.21, "God made him who had no sin to be sin for us." 1 Pet. 3:18, "For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit." Rom.

5:8, "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us."

The Imputed Righteousness | v.21, "so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." Romans 5:19, "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous." Romans 3:22-24, "This righteousness is given through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus." Phil. 1:6, "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus."

Conclusion. Jesus took our sin, guilt, and condemnation on the cross, and in return, believers are credited with his perfect righteousness.



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