

I. GOD'S ESTABLISHMENT OF REALITY

A. The pattern of Scripture is God speaking and things being **established** קָמַם **qum**. The fullness of everything we know in the Bible, life, and reality revolve around what God has said and/or established. He said "Let there be light" and light was established and that is why we can see each other right now. It is why we can see the sun, moon and stars with our eyes. He spoke them, He established them. The earth and mountains and sea are only tangible reality of our earth because God said they should be, and they are established even today. This is the power of God's words and His autonomous and exclusive ability to קָמַם **qum** establish things. What He says cannot be changed, nor obstructed, though men seek to do this. Has there ever been a time in the last six thousand years when suddenly mountains didn't exist anymore? Does anyone know a mountain that has been unestablished? Even if a man were to blow it up with dynamite, its substance would remain whether in dust or pebble. They cannot be removed by the strength of man because God's word established them.

B. קָמַם qum: (koom) - Establish; stand up; arise.

*Prov. 30:4 Who has ascended into heaven and descended? Who has gathered the wind in His fists? Who has wrapped the waters in His garment? Who has **established** all the ends of the earth? What is His name or His son's name? Surely you know!*

*Gen. 17:7 "I will **establish My covenant** between Me and you (Abraham) and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you."*

*Ex. 6:4 "**I also established My covenant with them** (Abraham, Isaac, Jacob), to give them the land of Canaan, the land in which they sojourned.*

*Ps. 78:5 **For He established a testimony in Jacob and appointed a law in Israel, Which He commanded our fathers That they should teach them to their children...***

C. In the same way God established creation, God spoke His covenant with Israel into being, establishing His covenant with this specific people. He appeared to Abraham and established His covenant with Him in *Gen. 17*. He walked between the animals in *Gen. 15*, and swore that He should die if He did not establish what He promised Abraham. His promise to Abraham is the continued process of establishing His promise in *Genesis 3:15* functioning within the framework of the physical reality we live in. As the mountains cannot disappear, neither can man make God's covenant with Israel disappear. Though they use exegetical dynamite to try and blow it out of the Scriptures, the substance remains for those who love what the Lord establishes. Mankind's redemption is wholly reliant upon God fulfilling what He said. The resurrection of the dead and restoration of the earth cannot be achieved by God separate from Israel's establishment in the land because in His wisdom He has connected their covenantal existence and establishment in the land to His own glory and honor. God Himself chose to make Israel's establishment a personal issue that reveals His highest glory and it personally dishonors Him if it is not achieved, and makes Him a liar.

Is. 46:1-13 Declaring the end from the beginning, And from ancient times things which have not been done, Saying, 'My purpose will be established, And I will accomplish all My good pleasure... I bring near My righteousness, it is not far off; And My salvation will not delay. And I will grant salvation in Zion, And My glory for Israel.

D. How is a man proven to be a good man? How can a man be trusted? What gives a person confidence about another? Usually, in pragmatic life outworkings, this occurs by a person saying something and then doing (establishing) the very thing they said. Even now, the reason we love Jesus is not because He simply died for us. We love Him because He promised in Genesis 3:15 that He would fix the problem of our exile from God's presence. He said He would make a way for us to enter God's presence again so we could love Him forever. His death on the Cross was the fulfillment of what He promised and this fulfillment activates in us an understanding that God is trustworthy—even to the point of His own hurt (cf. Ps. 15:4) or death. When we inherit the Kingdom on that day by His blood, we are entering the kingdom of a King who has proven Himself extensively to the fullest expression of human measure and resource through the complete and total fulfillment of doing exactly what He said—and NOTHING ELSE. **The magnified context of this proof is seen vividly in Israel.** We can trust God, because we've seen Him interact with Israel in the story He wrote. We will not worship God abstractly in the age to come simply because He is beautiful. He is beautiful because He wrote the story, created everything in that story, and has made everything happen exactly as He wrote it. We do not have to be worried about a hidden clause on that day which will somehow indict us to condemnation rather than glorification, because the story has revealed His mercy and kindness and that He fulfills everything He promises without any contradiction. We know God is the God of the Scriptures by His confirmation of the Scriptures and affirmation of what He has spoken. If someone claims to be God or sent by heaven and is out of accord with the Scriptures, He is a false God, not the God of Israel or the God of our Scriptures.

1. Muslim Expectation and the Deceit of Satan

a) The expectation of Islam in their Messiah proves this point perfectly. In Muslim eschatology Jesus returns and says "I did not die on the Cross, and I was not God" and then breaks a Cross in half as an example. He then says "Mohammed is God's true prophet, follow him not me." Next, He proclaims Islam as the only religion and anyone who does not worship the God of Ishmael (not Isaac) to be killed. Their ideal is a complete displacement of entry into eternal life through the Cross as God has spoken, and a complete displacement and removal of Israel as the people of God. In other words, it is the perfect opposite of what God has spoken. This issue is more dire to apprehend than we realize and the issue of replacement theology more detrimental than ever imagined as it sides more with a Muslim and Qur'anic Theology than a YHWHic and Biblical Theology.

II. GOD'S END-GOAL FOR WHAT HE HAS ESTABLISHED

A. *Acts 1:6- "So when they had come together, they were asking Him, saying, "**Lord, is it at this time You are restoring the kingdom to Israel?**" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or epochs which the Father has fixed by His own authority; but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem,*

and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth. And after He had said these things, He was lifted up while they were looking on, and a cloud received Him out of their sight.”

- B. The apostles question is not self-centered nor theologically wrong, it is Biblical! The apostles question should be our question. “Lord, when are you going to restore the Kingdom to Israel?” This question shows us that the restoration of ALL things is intrinsically connected to the kingdom being restored to Israel.

Acts 3:17-26 “And now, brethren, I know that you acted in ignorance, just as your rulers did also. “But the things which God announced beforehand by the mouth of all the prophets, that His Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord; and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you, whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time. “Moses said, ‘THE LORD GOD WILL RAISE UP FOR YOU A PROPHET LIKE ME FROM YOUR BRETHREN; TO HIM YOU SHALL GIVE HEED to everything He says to you. ‘And it will be that every soul that does not heed that prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.’ “And likewise, all the prophets who have spoken, from Samuel and his successors onward, also announced these days. “It is you who are the sons of the prophets and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying to Abraham, ‘AND IN YOUR SEED ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH SHALL BE BLESSED.’ “For you first, God raised up His Servant and sent Him to bless you by turning every one of you from your wicked ways.”

- C. The Apostles question also reveals that they do not perceive Israel to be Biblically established in the land even though the temple is functioning and they live in the physical land.

D. Dan. 7:13-28

E. Lev. 26:9-13

F. Jer. 31:31-37

1. Ps. 119:9-16

2. God’s Establishments: Words, Commandments, Statutes, Ordinances, Testimonies, Precepts, Ways, Laws, Wonders

G. Jer. 32:36-42

- H. Zech. 8:1-8 God is saying this in the midst of Zechariah’s time. Zechariah would have most likely understood this to be what was happening in his day, but we can exegete from the passage that these things did not come to pass in Zechariah’s day and that they are eschatological, still future.

1. *Shout for joy, O heavens, for the LORD has done it! Shout joyfully, you lower parts of the earth; Break forth into a shout of joy, you mountains, O forest, and every tree in it; For the LORD has redeemed Jacob And in Israel He shows forth His glory. Is. 44:23*

- I. God's end-time plan revolves around and ends with Israel's establishment in the physical land of Israel. In Israel we find a magnified (zoomed in) view of what God is doing on a large scale in redemptive history. However, what makes it so interesting is that they are inherently connected to make redemption happen when Jesus returns.

III. GOD'S ESTABLISHED PROMISE TO REACH HIS GOAL

- A. Understanding the process of God's establishment is direly important. There are ordnances, statutes, and laws God has set in place in order to realize the things He desires to be established.
- B. **Read Deut 28. Lev. 26 repeats Deut. 28**
 1. **Deut 28:9-10** "The LORD will establish you as a holy people to Himself, as He swore to you, if you keep the commandments of the LORD your God and walk in His ways. So all the peoples of the earth will see that you are called by the name of the LORD, and they will be afraid of you.
- C. **Read Deut. 30**; Deut. 31:26-29; Song of Moses Witness

IV. COVENANTAL CONFESSIONS OF GOD'S ESTABLISHED PROCESS COMING TO PASS

- A. 2 Chron. 36:15-21- Assyrian and Babylonian Exile Happens
- B. Daniel 9- Realizes while in exile that God's established process has come upon Israel. Gabriel gives him understanding with insight that what Daniel is crying out for will not be accomplished for a very long time.
- C. Ezra 9- Realization that the exile happened because of God's established process and that God has allowed a remnant to return in His grace so they try to do Deut. 30 and repent to the Lord for their wickedness.
- D. Zechariah 1:1-6 God Himself declares that His established process happened exactly as He said it would.

V. THE MESSIAH IS BORN AS AN INTENSIFICATION OF THE COVENANT AND CONFIRMATION OF GOD'S ESTABLISHED PROCESS

- A. God draws the nearest to His people to personally warn Israel of their error giving a physical, pure witness in the land and He is rejected.
- B. God in the process reconciles the world to Himself establishing atonement for the sins of Israel so that they can actually be established in the land upon His return and in tandem makes the way for Gentile inclusion into His established Ordinances.
- C. As an intensification of the covenant God seeks to make Israel the last indeed, the tail, and gives them blindness and hardness of heart so that Gentiles receive a time of mercy to accept YHWH as their God, turning from their own wickedness, and live as a witness to the truth of God's established words and promises to Israel.

Rom 11:25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in; and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, "THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB." "THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS." From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers; for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience, so these also now have been disobedient, that because of the mercy shown to you they also may now be shown mercy. For God has shut up all in disobedience so that He may show mercy to all. Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.

- D. Understanding the end-times revolves around this many age old dilemma of God's established words working out the established process in real time and space culminating in God's final covenantal controversy with Israel and the nations of the earth in order to bring about the restoration of all things as He planned from the beginning.
- E. It is intentional of God to make the focus of Scripture His own interactions with a specific people. This lens helps us understand how God really is and how He deals with men. In Israel—elect and chosen, irrevocably so—we see Adam, and His inability to keep himself in covenant in the garden. God's covenant was established with Adam (man). God's process of accomplishing His covenant with Adam is played out in reality over six thousand years within a covenant made with Israel. Adam (man) is restored to the garden, when Israel inherits the kingdom. They are not two separate plans of salvation, they are intrinsic of each other and function together to complete the original purpose of God. This is what makes us cry what Paul did in Romans 11.

VI. GOD'S ESTABLISHMENT OF ESCHATOLOGY-THE FINAL PROCESS AND FULFILLMENT OF WHAT GOD ESTABLISHED TO TAKE PLACE

- A. However, as glorious as this is the pain of the Cross comes into focus as we now sit in this time and place in history—the End-Times. Therefore, if we truly live in this time we must be informed of what God established to happen in these last days.
- B. Jacobs Trouble
 1. Deut. 28:24, 33, 45, 63; 31:17, 29; 32:36
 2. Jer. 30:5-7
 3. Jer. 9:11-16
 4. Dan. 8:12; 24-25

5. Dan. 12:7

6. Hos. 6:1-3

C. Gentile Love of the Jew in the Last Days as a Testimony of God's Established Process

1. The Flight of the Jews

a) Mt. 24:15-21; Mk. 13:14-19; Lk. 21:20-24

b) *For these are the days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.* This is a phrase that resounds Daniel's prayer in Dan. 9. It appears Jesus is saying- Everything I established in My Covenant will come to pass. Everything I said in Deuteronomy must be established in full because it is what I said.

2. Laying down our lives for the Jews

a) Matt. 25:34-46; Joel 3:1-3

b) Seemingly Jesus attaches treatment of the *least of these* to how we are actually judged on the day we stand before Him. By God's own pronouncement in making Israel the "tail," the very last, in is in accord with Scripture to say Jews will be the *least of these* at the end of the age

VII. ESCHATOLOGICAL MISSIOLOGY (END-TIMES GOAL OF MISSIONS): DETERMINING TO PREACH CHRIST AND HIM CRUCIFIED TO THE JEWS BEFORE THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

A. Romans 10:14-How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher? How will they preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written, "HOW BEAUTIFUL ARE THE FEET OF THOSE WHO BRING GOOD NEWS OF GOOD THINGS!" However, they did not all heed the good news; for Isaiah says, "LORD, WHO HAS BELIEVED OUR REPORT?" So faith *comes* from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.... But I say, surely Israel did not know, did they? First Moses says, "I WILL MAKE YOU JEALOUS BY THAT WHICH IS NOT A NATION, BY A NATION WITHOUT UNDERSTANDING WILL I ANGER YOU."

Deut. 32:21- They have made Me jealous with what is not God; They have provoked Me to anger with their idols. So I will make them jealous with those who are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation...

Rom. 11:1-25

VIII. God Establishes A New Covenant = Isaiah 60