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Will Christ at His Second Coming sit on the throne of David and rule over the nations of the world? The Bible is clear that Christ will rule over Israel but not over the unconverted nations of the world. In the Worldwide Church of God, it was assumed that when God will call all men during the Millennium that there will be a massive conversion of the nations and that Christ will establish God's Kingdom on the earth over mortal human beings. Let's with an open mind, together, review what the Bible says will be the nation Christ will rule and when that rulership will begin.

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I think it is essential to clarify the question of the “Holy Spirit” before we begin this study. If we say that who or what is the “Holy Spirit” is the question that needs to be answered, we are starting from the assumption that there exists such a being as the Holy Spirit and that it is a separate and distinct being from God and the Word. The question which should be asked is who are the beings the Bible tell us are holy, whose composition is spirit and who have existed eternally? Either the Bible plainly tells us who are the separate and distinct beings that existed from all eternity who created all things (spirit beings and the material universe) or we have no way of getting an answer to our question.

The Holy Spirits of the God Family

The Bible tells us in Gen 1:1 that:

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

The Hebrew word translated “God” is “Eloheem” which is the plural form of “Eloah which means “God”. The word “Eloheem” refers to “gods.” It is a uniplural noun like family, group, team, etc. In the beginning, there was therefore more than one God being in existence but how many were there?

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

In the beginning when God created the heaven and the earth there was God and there was another being with God who was also God, the Word. How can these two beings both be God; isn't that impossible?

The word God indicates the kind of existence of these 2 beings: their nature is to be God in the same way that all human beings have the same human nature. However, having the same nature does not mean that all human beings constitute a single being; indeed, they are all separate and distinct beings with their own personalities. God and the Word have in common the same nature or, level and type of existence, but they are separate and distinct beings just like all human beings who have the same human nature are separate and distinct beings.

God the Father

We read in the Bible that God became a father when the Word became flesh (Php 2:5-8) by being born of woman after having been conceived in the virgin Mary by the holy spirit being called God (Luke 1:35). God from that point on became God the Father and the Word, who was born as the flesh-and-blood Jesus of Nazareth became God's Son or the Son of God. He was both fully God (his father was God and fully human (his mother was the virgin Mary).

Jesus was God the Father's only begotten son at the time when He was conceived in Mary's womb but He was not to be the only one begotten of the Father. God the Father is the holy spirit being in the Godhead that calls men to salvation.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Joh 6:65 And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

Joh 18:9 That the saying might be fulfilled, which he spake, Of them which thou [God the Father] gavest me have I lost none.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

God the Word and Spokesman

The Bible term for being called is to be spiritually begotten by God the Father (1Pe 1:3). When we are begotten, we become a spiritual embryo that can be born again as a glorified spirit being with eternal life. Those begotten of the holy spirit God the Father who follow their calling are then able to come to the holy spirit being called the Word and Spokesman (John 6:44; 65; 18:9) who then teaches them. The glorified Jesus-Christ as God the Father's Word and Spokesman is the holy spirit being that works in the minds of God the Father's called and chosen ones.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Jesus had to first be glorified for it to be possible for Christians to have access to the holy spirit called the Word and Spokesman because the glorified Christ is the holy spirit being who works in the minds of God's saints (John 14:17) in the same way that Satan is the evil spirit that works in the minds of the children of disobedience (Eph2:2).

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he [I,Christ] dwelleth with you, and shall be in you. [On the day of Pentecost, it would be in them and in all true Christians.]

Eph 2:2 Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, [Satan] the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

The holy spirit God the Father calls men and those who follow their calling are then taught by the holy spirit called the Word and God the Father's Spokesman.

Joh 14:26 But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.

The Holy Ghost

The expression "Holy Ghost" used in the Bible is in error as there are no

ghosts in the Godhead but rather 2 beings that are holy (John 17:11; Isa 6:3) and spirit (John 4:24).

Joh 17:11 And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are.

Isa 6:3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory.

Joh 4:24 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

These 2 God beings who are holy and spirit are the holy spirit beings of the God family who existed in the beginning at the creation of all things.

Joh 1:1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Joh 1:2 The same was in the beginning with God.

Joh 1:3 All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made.

And, the Word who was with God is before all things i.e., nothing existed before He created them whether made of spirit or matter.

Col 1:15 [Christ] Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature:

Col 1:16 For by him [the Word who became Jesus-Christ] were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:

Col 1:17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

In the beginning before anything either physical or spiritual was created, there was God and the Word who existed before all things and no other being is mentioned as having existed with them. There is no

biblical evidence that there ever existed a third, separate and distinct personage in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit” who dwelt in eternity with God and the Word.

God is a Family

Throughout the Bible we can find many verses which clearly indicates the existence of family relations between God and the Word and God’s called, chosen and faithful.

Mat 11:27 All things are delivered unto me of my Father: and no man knoweth the Son, but the Father; neither knoweth any man the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him.

Mat 12:50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.

Joh 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

God is clearly a family in which many can be ultimately born again by a resurrection from the dead to eternal, glorified spirit life in God’s Kingdom.

Rom 8:29 For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he [\[God’s Son\]](#) might be the firstborn among many brethren.

Col 1:18 And he [\[the glorified Christ\]](#) is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead to be followed by many brethren.

Bible Writing Convention

The practice in the Bible has been to simply use the expression “the Holy Spirit” without indicating which God personage in the Godhead the expression represents. Over time, because of this practice, just about everybody has come to believe that the Holy Spirit is a separate and distinct God being in the Godhead but, there is no single verse or

group of verses in the Bible that prove the existence of such a third being in the Godhead. The words “holy” and “spirit” are adjectives that describe the nature of God the Father and of God the Word i.e., they are holy beings made of spirit.

Whenever we encounter the expressions the “Holy Spirit” or simply the “Holy Spirit” in the Bible we must look at the context to determine of which holy spirit being of the Godhead the Bible is talking about: the holy spirit, God the Father or the holy spirit, the Word and Spokesman.

The Word is the holy spirit being in the Godhead who carries out the instructions and wishes of the holy spirit, God. He is the faithful son who seeks to do his father’s will in all things. He is the member of the God family that did the work of creating the heaven and the earth, who ruled over ancient Israel through Moses and his human successors, He is the one who became a man who suffered and died to be God the Father’s perfect sacrifice for sin and make the salvation of mankind possible, etc. and He came to reveal the Father to those who follow the Father’s calling.

Making Things Clearer

In this study, when referring to God’s spirit who, depending on the circumstances can be the holy spirit personage called God the Father or the holy spirit personage called God the Word and Spokesman, I will not capitalize either of the adjectives “holy” and “spirit”. This is in order to not perpetuate the false impression in the minds of readers that there is a 3rd being in the Godhead called the “Holy Spirit.” Instead, I will refer to either of the holy spirits in the God family as being God’s spirit without capitalizing the word “spirit” to make it plain that we are not referring to a third God being in the God family called the “Holy Spirit” but to one of the 2 God beings in the Godhead.

God’s family is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings to which are to be added thousands and possibly millions of other holy spirit beings when God’s plan of salvation for mankind has reached its end. The saints that endure in the faith until the end of their natural human life, will be resurrected as individual holy spirit beings in God’s Kingdom when it is established.

There are two studies which you can read regarding what is the “Holy Spirit” and decide for yourself in light of the Bible-based evidence offered if such a being exists in the Godhead. These studies are: [What is the Holy Spirit? Cliff Notes Version](#) and [Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#)

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In the Worldwide Church of God (WCG) under its Pastor General Herbert W. Armstrong (HWA) it was taught that Christ at His Second Coming will sit on David's original throne which has been preserved over the centuries for that very purpose so that prophecy may be fulfilled.

What follows are excerpts from the Ambassador College Bible Correspondence Course (ACBCC 58). This first one is from the beginning of Lesson 2. All **highlights** in the quoted texts are from me.

BEGINNING OF EXCERPTS

*Before Jesus was born, an angel told Mary of His destiny: "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and **the Lord God shall give unto him the THRONE of his father DAVID:** and HE SHALL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER; and **of his Kingdom there shall be no end**" (Luke 1:32-33).*

*This inspired angelic messenger from God revealed to Mary important truths of which this world is in TOTAL IGNORANCE! He revealed that CHRIST would some day take over an actual throne -- an **EARTHLY THRONE** -- the **THRONE OF DAVID!** History and prophecy both prove that **David's throne is in existence TODAY** -- awaiting Christ's return! (If you do not already understand this truth, write at once for Mr. Armstrong's free book, "The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy.")*

The angel also foretold Christ was to *rule over the HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER*. He did not say “reign spiritually, invisibly, in the hearts of believers.” He said “reign over the house of Jacob” -- A LITERAL NATION. Christ is to rule from an actual *EARTHLY* throne!

Jesus Preached the True Gospel of the Kingdom

Jesus himself preached throughout His entire ministry “*the gospel of the KINGDOM*” (Mat. 9:35) -- the *GOOD NEWS OF HIS COMING WORLD RULE*. The apostles knew that He would return and bring this present “world” (the inspired Greek word means “age”) to an end by establishing His Kingdom over all nations. They asked Jesus for details: “What shall be the sign of Thy coming and of the end of the world?” -- “the end of this AGE” (Mat. 24:3).

And, at the beginning of ACBCC 58 Lesson 5, we have the following statement:

History and prophecy prove that King David’s throne has existed on earth until this very day! Thousands are learning for the first time where it is! It is from David’s throne that Jesus Christ will rule the world in the Millennium, after having been coronated “KING of kings.”

END OF EXCERPTS

A Few Contradictory and Questionable Statements

The author of the ACBCC makes statements about Christ’s coming rulership that are contradictory and which I think would be important for us to take note of what these are.

First, in Lesson 2, he says the following about Christ “*He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the THRONE of his father DAVID: and HE SHALL REIGN OVER THE HOUSE OF JACOB FOREVER; and of his Kingdom there shall be no end*” (Luke 1:32-33).

According to this statement, Christ is to reign *forever* over the house of Jacob (Israel).

Then in the same lesson, he also says that: “*Jesus himself preached throughout His entire ministry “the gospel of the KINGDOM” (Mat. 9:35) -- the GOOD NEWS OF HIS COMING WORLD RULE.” and that: “Jesus*

Christ will rule the world in the Millennium, after having been coronated "KING of kings."

According to this second statement, the Gospel is the good news of the coming rule of Christ over the nations of the world during the Millennium.

Will Christ rule over Jacob (Israel) or will it be over the Gentile nations of the world? And, if Christ's rule is to be over the Gentile nations of the world who are flesh-and-blood human beings with finite lifespans, how can His reign have no end or be forever? Mankind is not to last forever. After the Great White Throne Judgment and the Lake of Fire there will be no flesh-and-blood men left alive on the earth. They, the earth and the current universe will be consumed in the Lake of Fire.

It is also stated in Lesson 2 that: *"Jesus himself preached throughout His entire ministry "the gospel of the KINGDOM" (Mat. 9:35) -- the GOOD NEWS OF HIS COMING WORLD RULE."* Was the Gospel Christ preached the good news about Him ruling over the nations of the world? See the following study available on this site by clicking on the following link for more information on this topic: [What Good News did Jesus Proclaim?](#)

Is the end of the world the time when according to Lesson 2 Christ at His Second Coming will take over the nations of the world: *"The apostles knew that He [Christ] would return and bring this present "world" (the inspired Greek word means "age") to an end by establishing His Kingdom over all nations.* [What is the End of the World and When will it Happen?](#)

And, finally, it is stated in Lesson 5 that Christ at His Second Coming will sit on the actual, physical throne of David which has been preserved over the centuries that Luke 1:32 may be fulfilled: *"History and prophecy prove that King David's throne has existed on earth until this very day!"*

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Is the Gospel the good news of Christ ruling over the nations of the world?

Will Christ rule over the house of Jacob (Israel) or will it be over the world?

Is the end of the world the time when Christ will take over the governments of this world at His Second Coming?

Will Christ at His Second Coming sit on the actual physical throne of David which supposedly has been kept in existence over the centuries?

To which nation is Christ coming to at His Second Coming and why?

Will the nations alive during the Millennium be fully converted but for a few rare exceptions?

Will God rule by force over the unconverted to bring them to conversion?

Can the Kingdom of God be established over flesh-and-blood human beings?

Who is God's nation over which God will rule forever and what does sitting on a throne represent?

Let's start looking at all these questions and see what answers the Bible gives us.

Christ's Second Coming

In order to determine to which nation Christ's Second Coming will occur we need to first know who is the nation that is the focus of the Bible?

In Old Testament times, under the Old Covenant God had a nation to which He gave the 10 commandments, the statutes, the judgments and the ordinances. This nation in the Bible is referred to as the "church in the wilderness."

Act 7:38 This is he, [Moses] that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel [Christ who before His incarnation was the holy spirit God the Word] which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

A "church" is a group of people who have a set of beliefs which they try to apply in their lives. In the context of God's holy Bible, a church is a nation chosen by God to be His people. Under the Old Testament, God's

people were the descendants of Abraham who became the house of Jacob or of Israel. Jacob was a descendant of Abraham and God changed his name to Israel.

Gen 35:10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

After Israel was freed from its slavery in Egypt, they were taken to Mount Sinai where God through Moses gave them the 10 Commandments. As stated in Act 7:38 Israel was God's church or nation in the wilderness. The nation of Israel is the focal point of the Bible; other nations are mentioned only as they come into contact with Israel.

When we come to the New Testament, the nation of Israel is no longer a physical nation descended from Abraham but a spiritual one.

Circumcision in the flesh was commanded by God for His OT nation.

Act 7:8 And he [God] gave him [Abraham of which Jacob is a descendant] the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.

Jacob had 12 sons and together they are the 12 tribes which constitute the physical nation of Israel. Paul, in the NT explains to Israelites that circumcision in the flesh is only of any importance if they are keeping the law; if not, in God's eyes, it is as though they were not circumcised. In other words, they are not part of God's nation.

Rom 2:25 For circumcision verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: but if thou be a breaker of the law, thy circumcision is made uncircumcision.

Then, regarding those who are not circumcised, the Gentiles, the non-Israelite nations of the world, if they keep the law, God considers them to be circumcised which is to say, they are part of His nation of Israel.

Rom 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision keep the righteousness of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision?

Rom 2:27 And shall not uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfil the law, judge thee, who by the letter and circumcision dost transgress the law?

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh:

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

The only circumcision and means of being part of God's nation of Israel in New Testament times is a changed attitude from one of being in opposition to God to one of wanting to obey Him as best we can in all things. This changed attitude is what it means to be circumcised in the heart. The word "heart" as used in the Bible refers to the minds of men not their actual, physical heart beating in their chests.

Those whose "hearts" are circumcised become members not of God's physical nation but of His spiritual nation or church. The praise that they seek is not from men but from God. Truly converted Christians are under no obligation to please men by following their teachings as to what they say is how God is to be worshiped.

The conclusion of the matter is the following: since the day of Pentecost God has a spiritual nation. These are those who have been called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father and who are being taught all things by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman as they study God's holy bible ([Who or What is the Holy Spirit?](#))

Whether it be the Old Testament (OT) or the New Testament (NT), the focal point of the Bible is the nation of Israel; firstly, as a physical nation and secondly, as a spiritual nation. This leads us to asking what nation did God first have contact with in the Old Testament?

Act 7:30 And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him [Moses] in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush.

Act 7:31 When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him,

Act 7:32 Saying, [I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob](#). Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold.

Act 7:33 Then said the Lord to him, Put off thy shoes from thy feet: for the place where thou standest is holy ground.

Act 7:34 I have seen, I have seen the affliction of my people [\[the physical nation of Israel\]](#) which is in Egypt, and I have heard their groaning, and am come down to deliver them. And now come, I will send thee into Egypt.

Act 7:35 This Moses whom they [\[Israel in slavery under the Egyptians\]](#) refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? the same did God send to be a ruler and a deliverer by the hand of the angel which appeared to him in the bush.

Act 7:36 He [\[the angel, God the Word\]](#) brought them out, after that he had shewed wonders and signs in the land of Egypt, and in the Red sea, and in the wilderness forty years.

Act 7:37 This is that Moses, which said unto the children of Israel, A prophet [\[someone sent with a message from God\]](#) shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, [\[he will be one of your descendants, an Israelite\]](#) like unto me; [\[Moses; God spoke to Him and he spoke to Israel\]](#) him [\[that prophet\]](#) shall ye hear. [\[not simply hear the words but understand them in their spiritual dimension\]](#)

Act 7:38 This is he, [\[Moses\]](#) that was in the church in the wilderness with the angel [\[God the Word\]](#) which spake to him in the mount Sina, and with our fathers: who received the lively oracles to give unto us:

According to Act 7:37, a prophet is to come to Israel who will make it possible for them to understand the spiritual content of the words he will speak to them. This prophet will be an Israelite, one of their descendants.

God the Word, before His incarnation as Jesus the Christ, is the God being of the God family who came to the OT physical nation of Israel.

God's church or nation in the wilderness was a never converted nation and their worship of God was in the observance of the physical and symbolic ceremonies and sacrifices God gave them in addition to the 10 Commandments, the statutes and the judgments.

Israel entered the Promised Land after having wandered aimlessly 40 years in the desert until all those who had refused to enter into the Promised Land had died. Israel continued to be disobedient and after the death of Solomon, Israel divided into a Southern Kingdom (Judah, Benjamin and Levi collectively known as the Jews) and a Northern Kingdom (made up of the other 10 tribes collectively known as Israel). Israel was the first to go into captivity followed some 100 years later by the Jews.

Jerusalem was destroyed along with Solomon's temple when the Southern Kingdom was taken captive. The Jews under Persian captivity were allowed to go back to Jerusalem to rebuild the walls of the city and build a second temple. They were all given permission to go back to Jerusalem but many of them chose not to do so. (2Ch36:22-23)

They are the nation of Israel to which Christ came to at His First Coming. After having ended His ministry, Christ returned to His Father.

Act 1:9 And when he [Christ] had spoken these things, while they [the disciples] beheld, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight.

Act 1:10 And while they looked stedfastly toward heaven as he went up, behold, two men stood by them in white apparel;

Act 1:11 Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **this same Jesus**, which is taken up from you into heaven, **shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.**

Christ is coming back a second time and when He does, it will be to what nation?

In the following verses, Peter is speaking to Israelites who gathered around him after He had healed a man lame from birth.

Act 3:17 And now, brethren, [fellow Israelites] I wot [know] that through ignorance ye did it, [rejected Christ and had Him put to death] as did also your rulers.

Act 3:18 But those things, which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, he hath so fulfilled.

Act 3:19 Repent ye [Israelites] therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, [forgiven] when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord;

Peter is telling them that the Lord, Christ will again be among them and refresh their memories about the truths they had formerly heard from Him. This is made clear in the next verse.

Act 3:20 And he [God the Father] shall send Jesus Christ, [to you Israel] which before was preached unto you:

Act 3:21 Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.

Christ is to remain in heaven until the time comes for Him to come back to Israel to restore to them (the times of restitution of all things) the many truths they had heard from the prophets God sent to them but which they had always rejected.

Act 3:22 For Moses truly said unto the fathers, [ancient Israel] A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you.

Act 3:23 And it shall come to pass, that every soul, [person] which will not hear that prophet, [Christ at His Second Coming to Israel] shall be destroyed from among the people. [will not become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel]

Ancient Israel gathered at the foot of Mount Sinai became very afraid.

Exo 20:18 And all the people saw the thunders, and the lightnings, and the noise of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they removed, and stood afar off.

Exo 20:19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear: but let not God speak with us, lest we die.

They didn't want God to speak directly to them fearing they would die; so what did Moses tell them.

Deu 18:15 The LORD thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto me; unto him ye shall hearken;

Deu 18:16 According to all that thou desiredst of the LORD thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, [\[at the foot of Mount Sinai\]](#) saying, Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not.

Deu 18:17 And the LORD said unto me, They have well spoken that which they have spoken.

Deu 18:18 I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.

Deu 18:19 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

God will send a prophet to the nation of Israel at a time when they will be able to understand the spiritual content of his words. This prophet is Christ who is an Israelite, a descendant of the house of David, and He will be sent to Israel returned from its end-time captivity among the Gentile nations. Christ at His Second Coming will gather them from the countries where He had scattered them, resettle them in the original Promised Land and spend 3 1/2 years confirming the New Covenant with them.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Heb 8:8 For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel [\[Northern Kingdom\]](#) and with the house of Judah:[\[Southern Kingdom\]](#)

The New Covenant was not made by Christ at His First Coming to Israel because the time had not yet come when they could be given access to the holy spirits of the God family: God the Father and God the Word.

Joh 7:37 In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, *If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink.*

Joh 7:38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water.

Joh 7:39 (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive: for the Holy Ghost [holy spirit] was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)

Who is the holy spirit of the God family that was to come to Israel?

Joh 16:7 Nevertheless I [Christ] tell you [my disciples] the truth; it is expedient [profitable] for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.

Joh 14:28 Ye have heard how I said unto you, I go away, and come again unto you. If ye loved me, ye would rejoice, because I said, I go unto the Father: for my Father is greater than I.

Joh 14:16 And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;

Christ is the Comforter who was with the disciples and after His ascension to His Father He would be the other Comforter who would come to the disciples and to all truly converted Christians across the ages. This is why He had to leave.

Joh 14:17 Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye [my disciples] know him [the Comforter]; for he [the Comforter, I, Christ] dwelleth with you, [my disciples] and shall be in you.

Joh 14:18 I [Christ] will not leave you [my disciples and all truly converted Christians through the ages] comfortless: I

[Christ] will come to you.[my disciples and all truly converted Christians]

Joh 14:20 At that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you.

Christ at His Second Coming is going back to Israel to do what He could not do with them the first time He came and that is, make the New Covenant with them. The New Covenant is the means to salvation for the physical nation of Israel that will exist at the time of Christ's Second Coming and it is also the means of salvation for mankind.

Jer 31:31 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

Jer 31:32 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jer 31:33 But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

The New Covenant is being made with all those called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father since the day of Pentecost. There is no other way to salvation. Having God's law written in our minds by God, if we submit to Him when called, is the circumcision of the heart mentioned by Paul. It is God's government in truly converted Christians' lives whose attitude is to obey God in all things as much as is possible for them to do so.

At Christ's Second Coming is the time spoken of by Paul in Romans 11 when for the first time, salvation will be opened up to physical Israel. Physical Israelites have to enter into the New Covenant to become spiritual Israelites and members of God's spiritual nation of Israel to be saved.

So, the answer to the first question asked at the beginning of this study: To what nation is Christ returning at His Second Coming and why? The answer is that Christ is coming to the physical nation of

Israel, NOT to the world or for the world, in order to make the New Covenant with them.

Conversion of the Nations During the Millennium

In the WCG in the days of HWA, it was taught that during the Millennium God will call everyone and that it is only a few who will not become converted.

Joe 2:28 And it shall come to pass afterward, that **I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh**; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:

Joe 2:29 And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

Act 2:17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, **I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh**: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams:

God will indeed call all men during the Millennium but does it follow that upon being called, everybody will follow their calling and become deeply converted? What does the Bible tell us about how people react when called. Here is what Christ tells us if we will believe Him.

Mat 22:14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

Why are they not chosen? They do not follow their calling; their decision is to remain in the world.

The holy spirit God the Father is responsible for calling men to salvation; no one else can do it and certainly not any man or organization of men.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except **[unless] the [holy spirit God] Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.**

What do those who have accepted their calling do?

Mat 7:13 Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat:

Mat 7:14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

It is the few of the few who have accepted their calling who stay on the strait and narrow way that leads to salvation. After a while, they begin to compromise with the ways of the world. They try to please God while also not fully letting go of their former false religious beliefs and of certain things they did before their conversion which they now know to be sinful.

God says it can't be done.

Mat 6:24 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

And so it is, sadly, that though many are called, few are chosen and of the few chosen, few remain faithful. In order to be saved it is necessary to be called, chosen and faithful.

Rev 17:14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.

Therefore, even though everybody will be called during the Millennium, most of those then alive though having been called, will not be converted. What happened after the death of HWA should be proof enough that it is the few who remain faithful. The observance of the Sabbath became optional, wearing make-up was allowed and women used it, women wore revealing clothes and cohabitating couples made themselves joyfully known in their congregations. Everyone was so relieved to no longer be under the law yet these people were all supposedly deeply converted.

Their favorite Scripture became Gal 2:16.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

So, during the Millennium, since the majority of people will be unconverted, it will not be possible to teach them spiritual truth which is knowable only by revelation.

1Co 2:10 But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God.

Would it then be possible for Christ to rule over the nations even if most of the people will remain unconverted?

Will God Rule by Force Over the Unconverted?

In the WCG under HWA it was thought by many that the Great Tribulation is God's way of shocking the unconverted so they would become Christians and also, to make lukewarm Christians more zealous. But, is this how God's plan of salvation is being administered? Will He use force and increasingly physically painful and emotionally distressing trials to bend men to His will and get them to start obeying Him? If that is His plan, why is it not being done now? Why did God not forcefully prevent Adam and Eve from taking of the forbidden fruit?

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led [not forced] by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

Deu 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

Men must knowingly, self-willingly and without anything or anyone forcing them to do so, choose to be led by the holy spirit God the Father while being called and by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman if they accept their calling.

Pain, suffering and misery are not used by God to bring anyone to conversion or to keep anyone converted. If a converted person makes the decision to no longer continue to obey God, God will respect his decision even if though it means that person has lost his only chance for salvation.

Heb 6:4 For it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted of the heavenly gift, and were made partakers of the Holy Ghost, [holy spirit]

Heb 6:5 And have tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the world to come,

Heb 6:6 If they shall fall away, to renew them again unto repentance; seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame.

God will not force men to obey Him and to remain converted and He will not force any formerly converted person back to conversion.

So what about the following Scriptures that were used in the WCG and which continue to be quoted in the several new “true” but doctrinally different, churches of God that have arisen after the destruction of the WCG.

Rev 19:15 And out of his [Christ's] mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.

Rev 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Rev 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Rev 12:5 And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

On the basis of these Scriptures, it was taught in the WCG that Christ's Second Coming will be to the world, and that along with the resurrected saints, He will take over the governments of this world and lead a worldwide educational campaign to teach the nations the true values by which they should conduct their lives. It will be the establishment of God's Kingdom on the earth over flesh-and-blood human beings and this is why during the Millennium the world will be at peace and everyone will be living happy and fulfilled lives.

This understanding of these Bible verses raises a number of questions. Will God force men to convert? Is it possible to teach spiritual truth, that can only be known by revelation, to the unconverted? Will everybody except a few very rare exception be converted during the Millennium? Is being called the same thing as becoming converted? Can God's Kingdom be established over flesh-and-blood human beings?

The answer to all these questions is, no. Let's see why.

Joh 3:1 There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews:

Joh 3:2 The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him.

Joh 3:3 Jesus answered and said unto him, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except [unless] a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.**

The Kingdom of God is something that cannot be seen by flesh-and-blood men.

Joh 3:4 Nicodemus saith unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Joh 3:5 Jesus answered, **Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.**

Joh 3:6 **That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.**

Joh 3:7 **Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.**

One must become born again as a spirit being by a resurrection from the dead to be able to enter into the kingdom of God which is presently made up of 2 holy spirit beings, God the Father and God the Word. Christ was the first to be born again by a resurrection from the dead.

Col 1:18 And he [Christ] is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, **the firstborn from the dead**; that in all things he might have the preeminence.

1Pe 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by **the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead**,

Many more are to be resurrected from the dead as was Christ.

Joh 6:44 No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day.

Christ as the holy spirit God the Word will raise up from the dead all those who have been called, chosen and faithful. They will then become immortal spirit beings and part of God's eternal Kingdom.

Now, going back to John 3.

Joh 3:8 The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit.

Those who are born again are like the wind which cannot be seen.

So, can the Kingdom of God be established over flesh-and-blood human beings?

On the basis of the Scriptures we have just examined, it can be safely concluded that mortal flesh-and-blood human beings cannot see nor enter into God's Kingdom. It is a kingdom which is wholly made up of spirit beings.

At the time of Christ's Second Coming, all of God's called, chosen and faithful ones who have died will become holy spirit beings and members of God's Kingdom by a resurrection from the dead. This is the first resurrection.

At the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind, after the Great White Throne Judgment, which takes place at the end of the Last Great Day, many more members will be added to God's Kingdom. These are those

who were never called since the creation of mankind. They will be resurrected to flesh-and-blood life and given their chance for salvation. Those called, chosen and faithful, at the end of the Last Great Day, in the Great White Throne Judgment will become spirit beings and part of God's Kingdom.

God's Kingdom cannot be established over flesh-and-blood human beings and will not be established over mortal human beings during the Millennium.

Who is the Nation God will rule over forever?

According to the Bible the nation over which God will forever rule is the house of Jacob.

Luk 1:30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him [the throne of his father David](#):

Luk 1:33 And [he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever](#); and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

As has been shown, the house of Jacob is the nation of Israel. God changed Jacob's name to Israel and his 12 sons became the twelve tribes of the OT physical nation of Israel.

So Christ, the holy spirit God the Word made flesh for the purpose of being the perfect sacrifice for the sins of mankind, will forever rule over the nation of Israel. And, as has been previously explained, in New Testament times, God's nation is no longer the physical nation of Israel. God's NT nation is spiritual Israel which is composed of all those called and chosen who are remaining faithful. All of humanity that has ever lived can become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel upon being called, following their calling and remaining faithful until the end of their natural lives. Before the end of God's plan of salvation for mankind, all will have been given an opportunity for salvation and their fate will entirely depend on the decision they will then make.

Christ, at His Second Coming, is returning to the physical nation of Israel to make the New Covenant with them. He is not returning to take over the governments of this world and establish God's Kingdom over flesh-and blood human beings which is something, according to Christ Himself, that is an impossibility (John 3: 1-9).

Let's continue.

What Does Sitting on a Throne Represent?

Let's first examine what it is that was taught in the WCG regarding Christ and the throne on which He is to sit.

EXCERPT FROM ACBCC (58) Lesson 5

Christ Born to be a King

Consider, for a moment, what the angelic messenger said to Mary, the mother of Jesus: "Thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a Son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great ... and THE LORD GOD shall give unto Him the THRONE OF HIS FATHER DAVID: and he shall REIGN over the house of Jacob forever; and of His KINGDOM there shall be no end" (Luke 1:31-33).

Jesus was BORN TO RULE. He was born to REIGN over the nations of earth. Remember what He said to Pontius Pilate? "Pilate therefore said unto Him, 'Art thou a KING then?' Jesus answered, 'Thou sayest that I am a KING. TO THIS END WAS I BORN, and for this CAUSE came I into the world ...'" (John 18:37).

END OF EXCERPT

Just a short comment on what is said in ACBCC (58) Lesson5.

Christ was indeed born to be a king but contrarily to what the author of the ACBCC study says, Christ was not born to rule over the nations of the earth. Luke 1:32-33 plainly says that God will give Christ the throne of His father David and that he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever. Christ rulership will forever be not over the nations but over the House of Jacob which is Israel.

Here are the verses used in the ACBCC lesson 5 excerpt.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Joh 18:37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, **Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.**

Christ is to sit on the throne of His father David. A small but important detail needs to be noticed here. Christ is a descendant of David through Mary but Christ's father was God and this is why after Jesus' birth, God became God the Father.

Let's now address what it means to sit on a throne which is the focus of this part of this study.

A throne is an inanimate physical object. It has no power to convey the power to rule to anyone. When the word "throne" is used it is a figurative way of representing the power that is given to a person to rule. This meaning is rooted in history where kings traditionally sat on what is basically an oversized and richly decorated chair often on a dais (raised platform) and which sometimes had a canopy (a covering).

In the WCG and the several churches of God that arose after the death of HWA, much importance has been attached to the throne of David as a physical structure which supposedly has been preserved over the centuries and which Christ will sit on at His Second Coming. However, the critical point that needs to be understood is that it is not necessary to have the very throne on which David sat for someone to be ruling as king over Israel. It was taught in the WCG that there would always be a human being sitting on the throne of David throughout the centuries

until it is taken over by Christ at His Second Coming. In fact, no throne is necessary in order for a ruler to exist and even when there is a throne in existence, as is the case for the British monarchy, the king actually only sits on it while being crowned and on infrequent formal occasions and state events.

Self-evidently, it is not necessary to be actually sitting on a wooden structure called a throne to be a ruler whether it be as a king, a president, a prime minister, a mayor, etc. Stating that someone will sit on a particular throne is simply a way of saying that person will rule over a specific group of people. The power to rule does not come from the throne nor is it necessary for one to exist for there to be a ruler over a nation. I could physically sit on the throne of the King of England but that would not make me the king of England.

When the Scriptures say that Christ will sit on the throne of David, the meaning is that He will rule over the nation of Israel which was the nation over which David was king. But according to the teachings of the WCG, Christ at His Second Coming will rule over the nations of this world; over its kings and lords but these nations are not the house of Jacob or nation of Israel.

It is not possible to reconcile the belief that Christ at His Second Coming is returning to take over the governments of the world and to set up the kingdom of God over flesh-and-blood human beings and the Scriptures that say that He is coming back to the descendants of the physical nation of Israel to make the New Covenant with them. And, it is not possible, as we have seen, for God's Kingdom to be established over flesh-and-blood human beings and who, for the greatest part, will remain unconverted during the Millennium though all will have been called.

Christ's Forever Rule Over the Nation of Israel

As we have seen, Christ is to occupy the throne of His father David and to rule over the house of Jacob which is the nation of Israel.

Luk 1:31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call [his name JESUS](#).

Luk 1:32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him [the throne of his father David](#):

Something of great importance for us to notice here is that Christ will **forever** rule over the house of Jacob which is the nation of Israel.

Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever;
and of **his kingdom** there shall **be no end**.

The house of Jacob will constitute God's kingdom of which there shall be no end. This is something that would be impossible if Christ during the Millennium were to rule over the physical nations of this world composed of men whose existence is temporary.

So who is the nation over which Christ will rule forever?

As we go from the Old Testament to the New Testament we learn that there is a significant change made as to who is God's nation. This had been previously mentioned but here I will add more detailed explanations.

Rom 2:25 For circumcision **[in the flesh]** verily profiteth, if thou keep the law: **[if your attitude is to obey God's law as well as you can]** but if thou be a breaker of the law, **[If that is not your attitude]** thy circumcision **[in the flesh]** is made uncircumcision. **[counts for nothing in God's eyes]**

Rom 2:26 Therefore if the uncircumcision **[this is referring to the non-Israelites nations of the world, the Gentiles]** who keep the righteousness of the law, **[who observe God's law]** shall not his uncircumcision be counted for circumcision? **[though uncircumcised in the flesh God considers him as though he was and this makes him part of God's NT nation of Israel]**

And here is the big difference between God's OT nation of Israel and His NT nation. OT Israel was a physical nation and one became part of it by being born into it but God's NT nation of Israel is no longer a physical nation. It is a spiritual nation as explained in the following verses.

Rom 2:28 For he is not a Jew, **[a member of God's NT nation of Israel]** which is one outwardly; **[by their physical appearance which is to look like a Jew by how they dress and in their physical appearance]** neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: **[the circumcision of God's NT spiritual nation of Israel is not in the flesh. In other words, there is no require-**

ment to be circumcised in the flesh to be part of God's nation in NT times]

Rom 2:29 But he is a Jew, [a member of God's spiritual nation of Israel] which is one inwardly; [it is something that occurs in the mind] and circumcision is that of the heart, [a new attitude of obedience to God's law] in the spirit, [whose observance of God's law is in the spirit and not only in the letter] and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, [truly converted Christians are not trying to please men who say they are representatives of God] but of God [by obeying him in all things as best they can in accordance with the truth given them as they study their Bible]

The difference between keeping God's law in the spirit rather than in the letter can be illustrated with this example.

Supposing God's law says you cannot steal a white horse then if the law is observed solely in the letter, it means that I can steal a horse of any other color and not break the law. Keeping the law in the spirit means that no matter the color of the horse, I am not to steal any horses.

The main point of interest to us, and which is critical to understanding this question about Christ sitting on the throne of David, is knowing that in NT times God no longer has a physical nation which would be the descendants of God's OT nation of Israel but a spiritual nation whose members are from the nations of the world. Though not living together on the same territory, speaking many different languages and usually not knowing each other as conversion is something that occurs in the mind and is therefore not something that can be seen by others, they are God's spiritual nation of Israel. This is why God's nation will not be found in large groups of believers who would be highly visible in the world. They are the only ones who are part of and constitute God's spiritual nation of Israel and they are the ones who will become part of the kingdom which will last forever, God's Kingdom

Conclusion

According to Luke 1:33 Jesus is to rule forever over the house of Jacob (Israel) and there will be no end of his kingdom over Jacob.

Luke Luk 1:33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Jesus also said something of critical importance to understanding what is His kingdom.

Joh 18:36 Jesus answered, **My kingdom is not of this world: if my kingdom were of this world, then would my servants fight, that I should not be delivered to the Jews: but now is my kingdom not from hence.**

Human beings are mortal physical beings and were created as the means for God to reproduce Himself that is, as the means of creating more God beings. Mankind will not forever exist and will come to an end at the time of the Great White Throne Judgment at the end of the Last Great Day. God cannot rule forever or have a kingdom that will last forever by ruling over human beings whose existence will come to a final end. There will be no more human beings in existence after the Great White Throne Judgment.

The only kingdom Christ, God the Word and Spokesman, can rule over that will last forever is one composed of spirit beings in whom dwells immortality. This is the spiritual nation of Israel which began on the day of Pentecost and whose formation will be fully complete after the Great White Throne Judgment.

The house of Jacob in OT times was the physical and never converted nation of Israel and in NT times it is all those who have been called and chosen by the holy spirit God the Father, who are being taught all things by the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman and who will remain faithful until the end of their natural lives.

They are God's spiritual nation and future members of God's Kingdom which is a kingdom wholly made of immortal spirit beings and which will last forever. Christ, the holy spirit God the Word and Spokesman, will forever sit on the throne of David which is to say He will forever be king over the nation of Israel, not the physical, temporary, mortal one but the immortal and never ending spiritual nation of Israel.

All men, whether they be members of the physical nation of Israel or of the Gentile (non-Israelitish) nations of the world, will be called by God the Father and if they follow their calling and remain faithful, will become part of God's spiritual nation of Israel. Israel is the house of Jacob over which Christ will reign forever. They will become immortal spirit beings by a resurrection from the dead either at Christ's Second Coming or in the Great White Throne Judgment.

