## A Nation Great/ Part III/ The Prayer of God's Righteous

Psalms 119:5 O that my ways were directed to keep **thy statutes**! 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments.

The phrase, 'thy statutes', is the Hebrew word Pn <choq, khoke>, {Strongs number 2706}, that signifies, an appointment of; labor; measure of; or set time of God. This harmonizes with what God teaches in Ephesians 1:10:

Ephesians 1:10 That <u>in the dispensation of the fulness of times</u> he might gather together in one all things in Christ ...

In obedience to 1 Corinthians 2:13, His upright compare spiritual things with spiritual, [comparing God's word only with God's word]. In this case, an examination of the Hebrew phrase, 'thy statutes', \(\nabla \opi \) <choq>, \(\frac{\text{Strongs 2706}}{\text{phrase}}\), follows. This is from a desire to see more perfectly how this phrase may be used in the proclamation of the gospel. Two examples are seen in Genesis 47:26, and Psalms 2:7-8:

Genesis 47:26 And Joseph made 'it a law,  $\overline{P}\Pi$  <choq>', over the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests only, which became not Pharaoh's.

In Genesis 47:26 God's law had ordained before the world began that part of this earth shall be reserved for God's chosen priests, [His elect people], who'll worship their Lord while in the flesh. The outward appearance of their existence on this earth is irrelevant. That they will be born of water and of the spirit, (John 3:3-5), from amongst the tares has been decreed (Matthew 13:24-29):

Psalm 2:7-8 ¶ I will declare 'the decree:  $P\Pi$  <choq>' the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. 8 Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.

One of the greatest stories in the bible tells about the LORD's law in Jacob's son Joseph. According to the law, [word], of God; Jacob is from Isaac, and Isaac from Abraham. These patriarch's, from righteous Abel, represent the line of God's upright according to the law of faith in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:27).

Because of jealously Josephs brethren would throw Joseph, [who was around 18 or 19], into a pit where-by his father Jacob would come to believe Joseph had been killed.

But God had pulled Joseph out of the pit and brought him to Egypt where he would dwell with Pharaoh and the Egyptians. After 9-10 years, when Joseph is 28, Pharaoh's wife would accuse Joseph of sexual harassment, where-by Joseph would be thrown into Pharaoh's dungeon for two years. Upon his 30<sup>th</sup> year Joseph would find himself interpreting Pharaoh's dreams about the 7 years of plenty and the 7 years of lean [the gospel doubling signifying a 14 millennia set time]. To day, in 2016 A.D., the earth is 13022 years old from Adam's sin. This signifies the fourteenth millennia at even (Exodus 12: 14-18).

The bible can show how the earth is presently in the very beginning of its 14<sup>th</sup> millennia following the 13000<sup>th</sup> earth year which was 1994 A.D. A commentary of this may be seen in Exodus 12:18-19:

Exodus 12:18-19 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, ...

In Exodus 12:14 God declares it is a feast that is forever. Throughout the bible God refers to days as years and years as days depending on the context:

Numbers 14:34 After the number of the days in which ye searched the land, even forty days, each day for a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know my breach of promise.

The phrase, 'forty years', can relate to God's testing throughout the gospel program. It begins with Cain, who, after failing to heed God's law, [testing], killed his brother Abel (Genesis 4:6-8). The number 40 therefore may signify the eternal testing of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is an essential part of the whole council of God from Alpha to Omega, from the beginning of time until there should be time no longer (Revelations 10:6). This is what the flood of Noah signified when God declared, "40 days and 40 nights". Throughout the gospel time line God's is testing those who are of the day, and those who are of the night (1Thesallonians 5:5-6).

Further, in Genesis 2:1-4, God reveals how the number seven illustrates God's eternal work that was completed in Christ. It includes every generation under heaven on earth, as the whole gospel program in its entirety, from Alpha to Omega:

Genesis 2:1-4 ¶ Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made. 4 ¶ These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens.

As the context of these number references identifies essential features of the gospel, which includes all local events on the time line: one of those events is described as the fourteenth day at even. This law of God points to an essential aspect of the gospel that manifests God's time and judgment, which must include the beginning, [at even], of the fourteenth millennia. The context of the phrase, "the 14th day at even", can actually refer to the whole gospel program from its beginning to its ending; where, in Christ, God's people eat unleavened bread as the true and living word of God, that began with Abel, who spiritually in Christ, continues to speak to us To day (Hebrews 11:4).

God directed Joseph to demonstrate this gospel dispensation by revealing to Joseph the 7 years of plenty and the 7 years of lean (14). Earlier, God had directed Jacob to demonstrate the whole council of God with two sets of seven years for Rachel (14). Rachel being a picture of Christ's bride that shall be resurrected a second time on the last day (Hebrews 9:28). Jacob, who will be called 'Israel', illustrates Christ and His elect as they shall exist throughout the gospel time line until its completion. Of course this must be so; for Christ, who is God, and who is a spirit, dwells and abides in all of His elect – from Abel to Zacharias.

Because God was directing Josephs appointments, [statutes], throughout Josephs 110 year life, Joseph will succeed at all he puts his hand to; so that even Pharaoh and all of Egypt will acknowledge God's blessing to them through Joseph's God. God teaches this precept in Matthew 5:45:

Matthew 5:45 That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

But God's intent is that God's people, [Jacobs 69 souls + Joseph = 70], will have a part in the land for themselves to witness to their children, and to their children's children, the mighty works of Jehovah God.

By His virgin birth, Christ demonstrates how God divides the First Covenant from the Second Covenant – the wheat from the tare – the just from the unjust. Could it be, that, beginning in the Garden of Eden, this is what God is referring to in Daniel 7:25, where the Devil seeks to sow confusion throughout the gospel time line, because he knows that he has but a short time (Revelations 12:12):

Daniel 7:25 And he shall speak great words against the most High, and shall wear out the saints of the most High, <u>and think to change times and laws:</u> and they shall be given into his hand <u>until a time and times and the dividing of time</u>.

In an eternal spiritual sense, this division of the Old Testament from the New Testament, echoes the 7 years of plenty as God's elect who are born again throughout the dispensation of the fulness of times (Ephesians 1:10). It signifies God's complete perfection (7), throughout His gospel program (Genesis 2:1-4). Secondly, God indicates with the 7 years of lean a famine of the word of God that shall exist for the wicked, (Amos 8:11). It begins with Cain, and goes throughout the first and second covenants.

It is a fourteen millennia statute, [law], of God, ordained before the world began. To day, 2016 A.D., [from Adam's sin], represents the 14th millennia at even, where the earth is presently 13022 years old. From Genesis chapters 5 and 11, 1 Kings 6:1, and other scripture: it can be known 'accurately' that the beginning of King David's reign at 30 was the earth year 10006. A thousand years later, as the Bible clearly indicates; the virgin birth of Christ would take place when the earth is 11006 years old, or 7 B.C., [from an 11013 year Old Testament Calendar]. Therefore, the New Testament, from the Old Testament, [ei., the dividing of time], begins with the completion of the 11006th earth year – not the beginning of the 11013th year. As such, the 11013 year Old Testament calendar is off-set, [an unlawful statute], by seven (7) complete years.

Josephs brethren, [who echo the apostate church that must exist], were jealous of their father Jacob who's great love was for Joseph. But Jacob had served two sets of 7 years for Rachel. The first 7 years seemed but a few days to him, because of the great love he had for her. The second 7 years would be filled with affliction and tribulation under the hand of Jacob's uncle Laban who represents the anti-christ and the devil. The existence of this tribulation for God's people is further illustrated in Matthew 13:27-30:

Matthew 13:27-30 So the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst not thou sow good seed in thy field [ei., the world/vs. 38]? from whence then hath it tares? 28 He said unto them, An enemy hath done this [the devil/vs. 39]. The servants said unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he said, Nay; lest while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest, [the harvest is the end of the world/vs. 39]:

Throughout the gospel program of time and judgment the child of God will pray:

O that my ways were directed to keep thy statutes! 6 Then shall I not be ashamed, when I have respect unto all thy commandments (Psalms 119:5).

While it is called To day: the bible teaches how the eternal people of God perpetually desire that every good work they do, every pure word they speak, is eternally the work of God on their behalf unto their salvation, ordained, [their labor appointed in a set time], from before the foundation of the world (2Timothy 1:9).

John 17:24 ¶ Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given me, be with me where I am; that they may behold my glory, which thou hast given me: for thou lovedst me before the foundation of the world.