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Tale of Two Kings

Part 2: The Child King of Heaven

Genesis 49:10 *The scepter shall not depart from Judah, nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, until Shiloh come.*

Two stories are unfolding:

Herod, the puppet king of Satan, the Saddam Hussein of Israel, the mad builder, the paranoid sovereign rules from his palace with tyranny and brutality. He grinds the citizens of the country into abject poverty with his heavy taxes, while he lives in opulent luxury. Tortured by his own fear, he systematically eliminates anyone who he thinks is a threat to his absolute dictatorship. Nothing stands in his way for he has become a captive to the devil. He stoops to murder, taking the lives of his own wife and her sons.

Desire of Ages indicates this time as the lowest point in earth's history, for the light of heaven had been well-nigh extinguished. The puppet king of the prince of darkness was in place and disseminated all attributes of his Master's character to God's chosen people. The senses, the nerves, the passions, the organs of men, were controlled and manipulated by supernatural agencies in the indulgence of the vilest lust. The very stamp of demons was impressed upon the countenances of men. Human faces reflected the expression of the legions of evil with which they were possessed.

Desire of Ages page 36 states:

"The deception of sin had reached its height. All the agencies for depraving the souls of men had been put in operation. The Son of God, looking upon the world, beheld suffering and misery. With pity He saw how men had become victims of satanic cruelty. He looked with compassion upon those who were being corrupted, murdered, and lost. They had chosen a ruler who chained them to his car as captives. Bewildered and deceived, they were moving on in gloomy procession toward eternal ruin,--to death in which is no hope of life, toward night to which comes no morning. Satanic agencies were incorporated with men. The bodies of human beings, made for the dwelling place of God, had become the habitation of demons...With intense interest the unfallen worlds had watched to see Jehovah arise, and sweep away the inhabitants of the earth. And if God should do this, Satan was ready to carry out his plan for securing to himself the allegiance of heavenly beings. At the very crisis, when Satan seemed about to triumph, the Son of God came with the embassy of divine grace."

God was about to send a flood, a tsunami of healing love, sweeping over the world that can never be obstructed or withdrawn. That gift of compassion is the reason that we celebrate this season.

“Jesus came to throw out the demons that control us, to lift us up from the dust, to reshape our character into His image, to make us beautiful with His own glory.” --

Messiah p 25

John 3:16, 17 says

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God sent not the Son into the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God.”



“How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift was given.
So God imparts to human hearts, the blessings of His heaven.”

God is pretty quiet about the way He works in our lives, but not about His intent.

Next week: Part 3: The Journey

Blessings, Ken Crawford

