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In That Day the Deaf Will Hear the Words of the Scroll

29: 17-24

In that day the deaf will hear the words of the scroll DIG: What does the phrase: In that day mean (29:18)? Who is the New Covenant made with? What will happen when creation is turned upside down? How will Jacob be different then? Who will co-rule with the Messiah? When will they rule? How will they rule?

REFLECT: How has Yeshua opened your ears and eyes to learn His message in a way you could never hear or see before? What do you most look forward to in the Messianic Kingdom? What hope do the promises here give you? How do verses like this encourage you? What can you do to encourage others?

There is another sudden shift to the theme of redemption as in **28:5-8**. This section deals with **the far eschatological covenant with the antichrist** that will bring about a worldwide persecution of **the Jews**. When the nation of **Isra'el** finally rejects **the rules taught by men (29:13b)** and realizes that **Christ** was who **He** said **He** was, **their** national blindness will be removed (**Zechariah 13:1-5**). **They** will be able to hear the word of **God** and understand the book (**Isaiah 29:11-12**).

Previously, **they** could not properly interpret the Scriptures because **rabbinical law** was the only thing that guided **them**. But **in that day**, the Millennial Kingdom, the spiritual scales will fall from **their** eyes and **they** will not only be able to see the truth of **the TaNaKh**, but the **B'rit Chadashah** as well. About one hundred years later, **Jeremiah** would prophesy: **The time is coming, declares ADONAI, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Isra'el and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the LORD. This is the covenant I will make with the whole house of Israel after that time, declares ADONAI. I will put My Torah in their minds and write it on their hearts. I**

will be their God, and they will be My people. No longer will a man teach his neighbor, or a man his brother, saying: Know the LORD, because they will all know Me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares ADONAI. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more (see the commentary on [Jeremiah, to see link click Eo - I Will Make a New Covenant with the People of Yisra'el](#)).

After the campaign of Armageddon and the ushering in of the Messianic Kingdom, **the Israelites will rejoice in ADONAI**. Things will be different then. **In a very short time, as the LORD counts time (Second Peter 3:8), even the creation itself will be transformed. Will not Lebanon be turned into a fertile field and the fertile field will seem like a forest (29:17)? Lebanon** symbolizes that which is not made by human hands. **The trees of the LORD are well watered, the cedars of Lebanon that He planted (Psalm 104:16)**. However, **the fertile field** is the product of human hands. But since the whole creation is infected by human sin, nothing is as it should be. Everything needs to be turned upside down! What appeared as wilderness will show its true nature as **the Creator's** perfect design. What seemed to us like a well-ordered garden in our lifetime will, in retrospect, be a wild **forest**.



In that day, when the Messianic Kingdom comes, the metaphors of deafness and blindness will contrast with **29:10-12**, which referred to the nation's impaired sight. **The deaf will hear the words of the scroll, and out of gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind will see (29:18, also see 32:3 and 35:4-6)**. There will be a **new** hunger to hear and see **the scroll** or **God's** Word, a **New Covenant with the house of Isra'el and the house of Judah**, and a **new** satisfaction in the Scriptures (**Ephesians 5:8; First Thessalonians 5:4**). **Once more the humble**

will rejoice in the LORD; the needy will rejoice in the Holy One of Isra'el because of what He will do for them **(29:19)**. Notice the reference to **the humble**, or **the poor and the needy** which, when used together, is always a reference to the faithful remnant of the Great Tribulation. The apostate Jews will be destroyed and the remnant will be saved **(Zechariah 13:8-9)**.

The ruthless that deprived **the innocent of justice will** be punished. All active opposition to **Messiah** and **His Kingdom will vanish, the mockers will disappear, and all who have an eye for evil will be cut down**. Believers throughout history will rule and reign with **Yeshua (Romans 8:17; Rev 2:26-27)**. Although some unbelievers be alive when the millennium starts, **their sin nature will not be allowed to reveal itself. Those who with a word made a man out to be guilty, who ensnared the defender in court and with false testimony and deprived the innocent of justice, will be silenced (29:20-21)**. Those who are lost will have one hundred years to accept **Christ as the Lord and Savior** or **they will die** (see [Kq - The Wolf and the Lamb Will Feed Together, and the Lion Will Eat Straw Like the Ox](#)). Righteousness will reign and evil will not be tolerated.

The forecast of the Messianic Kingdom is now traced back to the original purposes of **God**, and focuses on **His** chosen people **Jacob (Deuteronomy 7:7; 14:2)**. **Therefore, this is what ADONAI, who redeemed Abraham, says to the house of Jacob (29:22a)**. The word **therefore** does not merely summarize the previous couple of verses. More exactly, it introduces a summary not only of **29:17-21**, but of **Chapters 28 and 29** also. It might be loosely paraphrased, *in the light of everything that has been said on this topic, then, I wish to say*. When did **ADONAI** redeem **Abraham**? In the most general sense, Abram was **redeemed** (see the commentary on [Exodus Bz - Redemption](#)) when **the LORD took him outside to look up into the heavens**. At that time **God** said to him: **Count the stars, if indeed you can count them**. But there were so many **stars** they were impossible to **count**. **Then ADONAI** said to **him, "So shall your offspring be."** And fatherless **Abram**, whose name meant *father of a great multitude*, **believed ADONAI, and He credited it to him as righteousness (Genesis 15:5-6); God redeemed Abraham when he believed in Him**.

Jacob is pictured as an anxious spectator of all that has happened to **his** descendants. But when **Messiah** comes **He** will say **to the house of Jacob, "No longer will you be ashamed or your faces grow pale"** by foreign domination and your own sin **(29:22b)**. **For when they see among them their children, the work of their hands, they will keep My name holy (29:23a)**. Instead of

being disgraced by its barrenness, **the house of Jacob** will be wonderfully fruitful. The final link in the chain of command of the Jewish branch of the Messianic government is that **Isra'el will rule over** the Gentiles (see the commentary on **Revelation Fi - The Government of the Messianic Kingdom**).

In that day, the faithful remnant **will acknowledge the holiness of the Holy One of Jacob and will stand in awe of the God of Isra'el (29:23)**. As **their children** grow up in safety **they** will realize that **God** has protected **them**. **They** will **stand in awe** and worship **Him**. **ADONAI's** deliverance of Jerusalem from Sennacherib (**37:36**) will be a foretaste of the ultimate deliverance from the antichrist.

Individual life will be changed in the Messianic Kingdom. **Those who are wayward in spirit will gain understanding; those who complain (Deuteronomy 1:27; Psalm 106:25) will accept instruction (29:24)**. No longer will spiritual blindness prevail. Instead of resentful grumbling there will be a teachable spirit. **They** will know **God** in a personal way and be **His children**.