

Sermon – The Sword

New Testament Applications:

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The Sword

(rod of iron, smiting, dashing, treading, fighting, exercising rule)

Triple Sensed RULE: Psalm 2:1-12, Isa. 11:4, 49:2 (1st Advent, Gentile Church, & 2nd Advent)

Triple Sensed SWORD: Isaiah 49:2 (1st Advent, Gentile Church, & 2nd Advent)

Double Sensed RULE: Rev. 2:26-27 (Gentile Church & 2nd Advent)

Double Sensed SWORD: Psalm 149:6-9 (Old Testament & Millennial Reign)

Old Testament →
(the Church of OT)

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Introduction: (**JUDGMENT SWORD:** Israel to Canaanites [Judges 7:18, 20, Josh. 5:13-15; Jer. 51:19-24 Commissioned Sword], Heathen to Israel [Ps. 17:13, Jer. 12:12, Isa. 10], Plague/Destruction to Israel & Heathen [1 Chron. 21:12, Num. 22:23, Deut. 32:39-43])

SWORD (Judgment Exemplified, Canaanites [i.e. the World]: “And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, **behold, there stood A Man over against him with His sword drawn in His hand:** and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, *Art* thou for us, or for our adversaries? And he said, Nay; but *as* captain of the host of the LORD am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? And the captain of the LORD'S host said unto Joshua, Loose thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest *is* holy. And Joshua did so.” – Josh. 5:13-15

SWORD (Israelite Commission to Canaanites, physically): “*Let* the high praises of God be in their mouth, **and a twoedged sword in their hand;** To execute **vengeance upon the heathen,** *and* punishments upon the people; To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron; To execute upon them the judgment written: this honour have all his saints. Praise ye the LORD.” – Psalm 149:6-9

SWORD (Israelite Commission to the Church, physically): “**Put every man his sword by his side,** and **GO...slay** every man his **brother,** and every man his **companion,** and every man his neighbor” – Ex. 32:27 [*This sword indicates in what manner Christ will come unto Israel, spiritually speaking; see Isa. 11:4, 49:2 (Israelite Sword unto Canaanite Judgment [Judges 7:18, 20, Josh. 5:13-15; a Commissioned Sword])*]

FIGHT via SWORD & ARROWS (Judgment Exemplified, Church & World): “**God judgeth the righteous,** and God is angry *with the wicked* every day. If he turn not, **He will whet His sword;** he hath bent his bow, and made it ready. He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; he ordaineth his arrows against the persecutors.” – Psalm 7:11-13 (see Ps. 90:3, compare with Deut. 32:7-43 [arrows to Church: Deut. 32:23; judgment to Church: Deut. 32:36; judgment via sword and arrows to world: Deut. 32:35, 39-43, see specifically “wound”, “sword”, “arrows”])

The saints invite the judgment of God ministerally so that it does not come upon them physically or divinely.

SWORD (Israelite Commission to the Church, spiritually): “Faithful are **the wounds** of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful” – Proverbs 27:6

SMITE (Israelite Commission to the Church, spiritually): “Let the righteous smite me; *it shall be* a kindness: and let him reprove me; *it shall be* an excellent oil, *which* shall not break my head: for yet my prayer also *shall be* in their calamities.” – Psalm 141:5

The Threatenings of God! – Do you see?

SWORD (Judgment Forewarned, Church & World): “See now that I, *even* I, *am* he, and *there is* no god with me: **I kill,** and I make alive; **I wound,** and I heal: neither *is there any* that can deliver out of my hand. For I lift up my hand to heaven, and say, I live for ever. **If I whet my glittering sword, and mine hand take hold on judgment;** I will render **vengeance** to mine **enemies,** and will reward them that hate me. I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; *and that* with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the beginning of **revenges** upon the **enemy.** Rejoice, O ye nations, *with* his people: for he will **avenge** the blood of his servants, and will render **vengeance** to his **adversaries,** and will be merciful unto his land, *and*

<p style="text-align: center;"> T A M E N T </p>	<p>to his people.” – Deut. 32:39-43</p> <p>FIGHT (<u>Judgment Exemplified, Church & World</u>): “But they rebelled, and vexed his holy Spirit: therefore he was turned to be their enemy, and He fought against them.” – Isaiah 63:10 [<i>see in correlation with 1 Corinthians 10:6-12 & Rev. 2:16</i>] This is God’s judgment against the world, as seen in Isa. 63:2-6, Rev. 16:1, 6-7, 18:20, 19:2. This is God’s judgment against the Church, as warned in Heb. 10:30-31, 2 Pet. 3:7-18, 1 Thess. 5:1-9, Rev. 3:3, Lk. 12:20)</p> <p>SWORD (<u>Judgment Exemplified, the Church</u>): “Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD <i>are</i> upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; saving that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the LORD. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as <i>corn</i> is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, which say, The evil shall not overtake nor prevent us.” – Amos 9:8-10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">-----</p> <p>Doctrinal Applications:</p> <p>It is said that the Lord will tread the winepress of the wrath of God (Rev. 14:18-20), but by what means? The event of this treading is inseparable from the SWORD of slaughter which comes forth from His mouth (Rev. 19:14-15).</p> <p>Concerning the Church it is sure, some will be taken up in the rapture and some left, thus some will be riding forth with the Lord and others will die under heaven’s overflowing army. This day of vengeance is mentioned as a means of judgment against Israel’s persecutors (Isa. 63:2-6, Deut. 32:39-43, Rev. 16:1, 6-7, 18:20, 19:2), this is true, but defectors from the Church become God’s enemies and persecutors who will be included in this multitude that is destined for wrath (Isa. 63:7-11, Heb. 10:26-27, James 4:4, 2 Thess. 1:7-10). For this very reason, the Church is vehemently warned of their NEED to be found among the number that escapes the judgment of God on this Day. This “Day of Vengeance” (Isa. 63:4), therefore, is not only executed on the World but also upon Church backsliders who have become “worldlings”, thus we (the Church) are repeatedly warned (Heb. 10:30-31, 2 Pet. 3:7-18, 1 Thess. 5:1-9 (the warning to be watchful so that that Day will not be “a thief”; a surprising robbery of our undying soul from its refuge of false security; Rev. 3:3, Lk. 12:35-41, 21:34-36, Matt. 24:32-25:13, Mark 13:28-37).</p> <p>That “Day” comes as a thief to saints because they do not watch and pray, and thus, God gives them over to the same damning plagues of His wrath which are deluding the heathen (blindness, darkness, sleep, famine, drunkenness, arrows, etc.). Therefore they, by compulsion of this delusion, are unable to prepare themselves for Christ’s 2nd coming (it surprises them as those who are unprepared for it, just as a thief surprises sleeping men).</p>
<p>1st Advent → <i>(the Church of Israel)</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"> 1st A D V </p>	<p>ROD, SMITE (<u>Exemplified & Spiritual</u>): “But with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth: and he shall smite the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips shall he slay the wicked.” - Isaiah 11:4, <i>Prophecy of Christ</i></p> <p>SWORD (<u>Exemplified & Spiritual</u>): “And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;” - Isaiah 49:2, <i>Prophecy of Christ</i></p> <p>SWORD (<u>Exemplified & Spiritual</u>): “And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this <i>child</i> is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall be spoken against; (Yea, a sword shall pierce through thy own soul also.) that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed.” – Luke 2:34-35</p>

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Swords are drawn to defend Lords - their properties, familial inheritances, geographical kingdoms – all such things that belong to Kings! When a King is in rule, He enforces His rule by sword-drawn men! (Rom. 13:4)

Do we recognize our calling?

ROD & RULE (Exalted View): “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. And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days.” – Rev. 12:5-6 [*Note: this reveals the place and position of His Throne, signifying the claim of His dominion, foretelling the grounds by which He will come for war on clouds descending against those who are rebellious in His Kingdom.*]

ROD & RULE (Warning Call For Submission to all Rebels): “Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, *saying*, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion. I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou *art* my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give *thee* the heathen *for* thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth *for* thy possession. **Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.** Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish *from* the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed *are* all they that put their trust in him.” – Psalm 2:1-12

Messengers of the King: “And when they heard that, they lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, Lord, thou *art* God, which hast made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and all that in them is: Who by the mouth of thy servant David hast said, **Why did the heathen rage, and the people imagine vain things? The kings of the earth stood up, and the rulers were gathered together against the Lord, and against his Christ.** For of a truth against thy holy child Jesus, whom thou hast anointed, both Herod, and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles, and the people of Israel, were gathered together, For to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel determined before to be done.” – Acts 4:24-28

The Arena of His Immediate Rule – right now!

RULE (Israelite Commission, by individual and calling): Eph. 2:5-6, Luke 19:11-27, Matt. 18:18-20 [individual], Heb. 13:17, Titus 2:15, & James 3:1 [as an officer in the Church].

RULE (By Title, now and to come): “And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 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. 2:26-27

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Come into Friendship on the Basis of the Captain’s Mercy – Receive and welcome your terrible and holy Lord by walking in his mercy IN THESE TERMS, and thereby you will walk in the purposes for which He has drawn forth His sword!

Fanning & harvesting, Cutting off, putting away, taking away, separating – these are the deeds of Final Judgment, but by the instruments formerly spoken these are the experiences of salvation, first of all! I speak concerning the Church. Furthermore they are the ever-increasing activity of judgment whereby some are saved and some are damned. This activity is saving and damning, depending on the circumstance.

Sword-drawn fury, going forth to War:

This image, as terrifying as it may be (seen in Joshua 5:13-15), should communicate to the saints what was communicated to Joshua and Israel during that time – a message of MERCY! With God’s people fixated in amazement at their sword-drawn Master, courage rises. They are empowered to sally forth and seize the promises of God as the spoilers after a war in which they

	<p>did not fight!</p> <p>The sword-drawn Captain going forth to war against Canaan, whereto shall the war be accomplished? The Captain has drawn His sword to slay until every promise is possessed by God’s people, yea, and every force of enmity is slain under the blade of His merciless fury!</p> <p>All of this exists to personalize the experience of New Covenant salvation in these terms. You see, the act of judgment is killing (because this is the judgment of God –Ezek. 18:4), and what is shocking is how, historically speaking, the acts in which God destroyed and damned men, being infuriated in wrath thereto, are the very same acts in which God does save men by in the New Covenant, revealing to all men the same God but only now... in this holy, just, and terrifying way - Great and Terrible Mercy is dispensed! Because of this, the recipients of mercy are made to understand: by grace they are made accepted but their person is utterly unacceptable; by grace they are an object of God’s delight, but their person is an object of God’s fury; by grace they are loved by God, but their person is abhorrent to God; by grace they are forgiven of their sin, but their person, which was the source of all sin, was uprooted, eradicated, and killed; by grace they are welcomed into heaven, but it is by a crucifixion to the world; by grace they are...</p> <p>For Example: Malachi 2:17 decries “the God of judgment”, and God responds to them in Mal. 3:5 saying, God will “come near” to them in “judgment”...but how? It is by the 1st Advent of Christ which is prophesied, forerun by the messenger of the Covenant, John the Baptist, and Christ’s arrival is spoken of with the same terms that “The Day of the Lord” was depicted in the Babylonian and Assyrian Captivities, even though at this time that “Day” is passed. This prophesies of another “Day”, described to be exactly like the former “Day”, and thus it was (1st spiritually and 2nd physically [i.e. 70AD]). This is exceedingly shocking because the exact same language is used, though the day is passed already. It is another judgment, a greater fulfillment of the former, which is, again, called a visitation and baptism of fire and judgment! See Mal. 3:1-3, 4:1-3, 5-6.</p>
<p>The Consummation → <i>(2nd Advent)</i></p> <p>T H E C O N</p>	<p>TRODDEN (2nd Advent, equivalent to the SWORD in Rev. 10:11-21): “And the third angel followed them, saying with a loud voice, If any man worship the beast and his image, and receive <i>his</i> mark in his forehead, or in his hand, The same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out without mixture into the cup of his indignation; and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angels, and in the presence of the Lamb: And the smoke of their torment ascendeth up for ever and ever: and they have no rest day nor night, who worship the beast and his image, and whosoever receiveth the mark of his name. Here is the patience of the saints: here <i>are</i> they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed <i>are</i> the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them. And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud <i>one</i> sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.” – Rev. 14:9-20, [For context, see <i>The End-Age Message: Rev. 14:6-7 & Rev. 14:8 in correlation with Rev. 18:4-5.</i>]</p> <p>SWORD, SMITE, RULE, TREAD (2nd Advent): “And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him <i>was</i> called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge</p>

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and make war. His eyes *were* as a flame of fire, and on his head *were* many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he *was* clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies *which were* in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. **And out of His 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.** And he hath on *his* vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God; That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all *men, both* free and bond, both small and great. And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse, and against his army. And the beast was taken, and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast, and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone. And the remnant were slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which *sword* proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.” – Rev. 19:11-21

SWORD (2nd Advent): “Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye people: let the earth hear, and all that is therein; the world, and all things that come forth of it. For the indignation of the LORD *is* upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them, he hath delivered them to the slaughter. Their slain also shall be cast out, and their stink shall come up out of their carcasses, and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll: and all their host shall fall down, as the leaf falleth off from the vine, and as a falling *fig* from the fig tree. For **my sword** shall be bathed in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Idumea, and upon the people of **MY CURSE**, to **JUDGMENT**. The **sword of the LORD** is filled with blood, it is made fat with fatness, *and* with the blood of lambs and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of rams: for the LORD hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Idumea. And the unicorns shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their land shall be soaked with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. For *it is the day of the LORD'S vengeance*, *and* the year of recompences for the controversy of Zion. And the streams thereof shall be turned into pitch, and the dust thereof into brimstone, and the land thereof shall become burning pitch. It shall not be quenched night nor day; the smoke thereof shall go up for ever: from generation to generation it shall lie waste; none shall pass through it for ever and ever.” – Isa. 34:1-10

“Howl ye; for the day of the LORD *is* at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty...Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it. (Isa. 13:6, 19)

Isaiah 13:6, and verses 9-13 depicts the punishment of Babylon (Isa. 13:1), and Babylon is, typologically speaking, “the world” (Isa. 13:11), therefore here we can see that the Day of the Lord comes to accomplish this purpose: to destroy all sinners out of the world (Isa. 13:9, i.e. 2nd Advent). This Day, which is spoken of as an act of God’s sword (like in Deut. 32), this is the same way in which the Lord speaks about the historical judgments upon other nations during past time (see Jer. 46:10) - this is a key to understand how prophesy works. The same terms are used to describe Final Judgment (or the 2nd Advent), as the terms which are used to describe the historical judgment of Egypt by Babylon. [This is the same thing that I was perceiving about the language of the New Testament (at Christ’s 1st coming in what He did to Judaism, at Christ’s continual coming among the Gentiles Churches to do what He does among them, and at Christ’s final coming to the

Gentile Church and Physical Israel in what He will do to them]. A parallel passage with the sword of the Lord being used in “the Day of the Lord”, meaning, Babylon destroying Egypt, is Ezekiel 30:3, 10, 24-25.

Destruction of Sinners Out of the Earth

The Lord, by Himself, creates and sustains all creation (Ps. 104:1-33). In this thought the psalmist declared: “how manifold are [His] works!” (Ps. 104:24) Indeed, God does “send forth [His] Spirit” to create and renew the face of the earth (Ps. 104:30), but He does also, furthermore, endeavor the consume all sinners out from the earth. An elaborate declaration of how God creates and sustains all life on earth does, by necessity, conclude the final act of judgment whereby God fulfills the prayer: “Let the sinners be consumed out of the earth, and let the wicked be NO MORE. Bless thou the LORD, O my soul. Praise ye the LORD” (Ps. 104:35). Concerning meditation upon this conclusion, the psalmist says, “My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the LORD” (Ps. 104:34). “Behold, the Day of the LORD cometh cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and He shall destroy the sinners out of it” (Isa. 13:9).

The warrant for Final Judgment unto the Heathen:

The people of God who have suffered great reproach at the hand of “the heathen” (Ps. 79:1-5)... they shall be delivered! God shall answer their crying request, “Pour out Thy wrath upon the heathen that have not known Thee, and upon the kingdoms that have not called upon Thee... And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom their reproach, wherewith they have reproach Thee, O Lord. So we Thy people and sheep of Thy pasture will give thanks FOR EVER: we will shew forth Thy praise to all generations” (Ps. 19:6, 12-13).

The heart of the people of God just preceding Final Judgment – Isa. 26:1-27:6 (shocking!). Have we heard the warning, and thus, do we have this heart?