

THE NAME OF THE LORD LIX OR GOYIM – LIGHT OF THE NATIONS

¹⁰ *Who [is] among you that feareth the LORD, that obeyeth the voice of his servant, that walketh [in] darkness, and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the LORD, and stay upon his God. ¹¹ Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that compass [yourselves] about with sparks: walk in the light of your fire, and in the sparks [that] ye have kindled. This shall ye have of mine hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.*

Isaiah 50:10,11 KJV

⁷ *Some trust in chariots and some in horses, but we trust in the name of the LORD our God.*

Psalms 20:7 NIV

⁶ *“I, the LORD, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles,”*

Isaiah 42:6 NIV

⁴⁹ *“Master,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we tried to stop him, because he is not one of us.”*

⁵⁰ *“Do not stop him,” Jesus said, “for whoever is not against you is for you.”*

Luke 9:49,50 NIV

I. Three forces in redemptive history (Genesis 14:17-23 NIV)

¹⁷ After Abram returned from defeating Kedorlaomer and the kings allied with him, the king of Sodom came out to meet him in the Valley of Shaveh (that is, the King's Valley). ¹⁸ Then Melchizedek king of Salem brought out bread and wine. He was priest of God Most High, ¹⁹ and he blessed Abram, saying, "Blessed be Abram by God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth. ²⁰ And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. ²¹ The king of Sodom said to Abram, "Give me the people and keep the goods for yourself." ²² But Abram said to the king of Sodom, "With raised hand I have sworn an oath to the LORD, God Most High, Creator of heaven and earth, ²³ that I will accept nothing belonging to you, not even a thread or the strap of a sandal, so that you will never be able to say, 'I made Abram rich.'" (Genesis 14:17-23 NIV)

- A. General revelation - The Melchizedek factor (Starry heavens above, moral law within)
- B. Special revelation - The Abraham factor (Divinely revealed, Holy scripture)
- C. The darkness that opposes both - The Sodom factor

II. The Melchizedek people are coming!

- A. Melchizedek people are people of general revelation from outside the comfortable bonds of special revelation, such as...
 - 1. The queen of Sheba
 - 2. The Syro-Phoenician woman (Mark 7:24-30)
 - 3. The Roman centurion (Matthew 8:5-9)

4. Ruth (The book of Ruth)
5. Rahab (Joshua 2)
6. The widow at Zarephath (I Kings 17:7-16)
7. The Samaritan woman (John 4:4-26)

III. Makeda is coming. Are you ready?

- A. The queen of Sheba represents a breed of people, and a generation, that looks different.
- B. We have a slant on the gospel that deals only with the needy.
- C. A spirit of poverty often blocks Makeda people.
- D. Makeda people are an asset to the ministry. They have immense, clean resources that must be received without question.
- E. They are allergic to a spirit of poverty.
- F. Are you the roadblock to the resources God has been attempting to send you?
- G. We must bind the glass ceiling of the spirit of poverty over our lives, our families, and our church.
- H. Are we seeking wisdom, or are we satisfied with what we know?
- I. Are we seeking wisdom and spiritual direction? Are we willing to do whatever it takes to find God?
- J. Sheba had the nobility of a simple, earnest, restless seeker after truth.
- K. She was a model inquirer; she came prepared to listen in an open and receiving posture.

- L. With all Sheba had, she sought, hungered, thirsted, asked, and knocked.
- M. Many parables illustrate that finding the truth is based upon searching. (Matthew 13:44-46; Luke 15:3-31)
- N. Sheba, with less content and less privilege, seeing only Solomon's wisdom, and being a gentile, ended up believing God's truth, and giving God praise.
- O. The Pharisees and teachers of the law, with greater truth and more privilege, and seeing Messiah, refused to believe.
- P. The magi traveled over 800 miles to get to Bethlehem; the Jewish leaders were 6 miles away and did not bother to go.
- Q. It's easy to be cynical and hard to impress. Sheba could've sat in her opulence, waiting for wisdom to come to her, but she was too hungry for the truth, and too wise not to be a seeker. Are you?
- R. Sheba traveled 1,400 miles, 2 1/2 months, bringing 9,000 pounds of gold, alone, on 9026 camels.