

The Messiah Will Lead

2 Esdras 5:21 – 9:25

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Ezra prayed, "O Lord, you have chosen the people of Israel; you have called us your first-born child; we respect your Law and trust your promises; yet you allow foreigners who reject you to beat us down. How long will we be under their thumb?"

The angel Uriel said, "You seem very upset. Do you think you love the people of Israel more than God does? Can you tell me how many people will be born in the future? Can you gather all the raindrops in your hand before they hit the ground? Can you make dried flowers bloom again? Can you make the wind change direction? Can you describe what a sound looks like? You can't, can you? Nor can you understand God's actions or God's love.

"The world is large. But to be born into it every individual must come alone through a narrow and difficult passage. While the passage into the next age will be wide and easy and will be accomplished in the company of people from every nation. The Son of God, the Messiah will lead the way. Truth and justice will determine who is to enter into peace and rest and who is to experience darkness and bitter regret. When this age has come to its end, each will reap their just reward.

"Never miss an opportunity to turn from your evil ways. Never miss an opportunity to do as God has commanded."

As the angel spoke to Ezra about the age to come, the earth shook, knowing its very foundations will be altered when that day comes.