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Only eight persons survived the flood, and now, after a few brief centuries, the earth is filled with human creatures numbering many millions and almost all of whom are wicked by reason of the Devil's influence. If only a few millions survive Armageddon, what may those few millions do under the direction of Christ Jesus during the period of the thousand-year reign? It is absolutely certain that God's mandate to fill the earth must be carried out, because he has given his word, and his word shall not return unto him void. It therefore follows that it will be fulfilled within the thousand-year period with the creatures appointed to that work.

#### MARRY

If this conclusion is Scripturally correct, then it would mean that those men and women forming the "great multitude" will marry and bring forth children in righteousness and unto life. There are now on earth Jonadabs devoted to the Lord and who doubtless will prove faithful. Would it be Scripturally proper for them to now marry and to begin to rear children? No, is the answer, which is supported by the Scriptures. Referring to the prophetic picture: Noah's sons and their wives had no children before or during the flood, and none were born of them until after the flood was dried up, and the record is that it was two years after the flood before children born are mentioned. (Genesis 11:10, 11) There is no Scriptural evidence that any children were taken into the ark, but only eight persons were

taken therein: "And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy house into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation." (Genesis 7:1) This is proof that the class pictured by those taken into the ark will be counted righteous by reason of their faith and obedience, and which is evidenced by their being carried over Armageddon. The Scriptures fully support the conclusion that the filling of the earth is not due to begin before, but after Armageddon. The words of Jesus further support this conclusion, to wit: "And woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days!"—Matthew 24:19.

It is the great privilege of the Jonadabs to now see that the kingdom is here and that it is their bounden duty, if they would live, to fully support the kingdom and do what the Lord has commanded them to do, which is to seek righteousness and meekness, and to join forces with the remnant and give testimony to the world of and concerning the kingdom of God under Christ. It will be far better to be unhampered and without burdens, that they may do the Lord's will now, as the Lord commands, and also be without hindrance during Armageddon.

There are Jonadabs who are fully devoted to the Lord and his kingdom many of whom have children and may have more. What must be expected of them? The obligation is laid upon the parents to teach their children the truth of and concerning the kingdom and to thus lead them in right paths that they too may seek righteous-

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forth children in righteousness to the glory of God.

Those Jonadabs who now contemplate marriage, it would seem, would do better if they wait a few years, until the fiery storm of Armageddon is gone, and to then enter the marital relationship and enjoy the blessings of participating in filling the earth with righteous and perfect children.

Let the Jonadabs now view with calmness and sobriety and with keen joy the marvelous prospect set before them. Jehovah's unchangeable mandate is that the earth shall be filled with a righteous people who, continuing in righteousness, shall receive everlasting life through Jesus Christ; furthermore, that the survivors of Armageddon, who form the great multitude, will be righteous in God's sight and will be granted the marvelous privilege of carrying out his mandate first given to Adam, and that such will be done under the supervision of the righteous ruler, Christ Jesus, who will administer life to all who receive life; that the great multitude and their children shall live for ever in peace and joy, and need never have any fear of death, but such faithful ones, together with the princes of the earth, shall fully realize the righteous government on earth wherein God's will shall be done as in heaven; all of which was made possible by the full obedience of Christ Jesus unto death and by his resurrection and his kingdom.

What should the Jonadabs do now? They should devote themselves wholly to the kingdom

interests of Christ, they should see to it that their substance is now used to the glory of God and his kingdom, and therefore should do all within their power to advance the kingdom interest. As companions of the remnant of the body of Christ now on earth the Jonadabs should join with them in actively bearing witness to the people, giving them warning and telling them of the kingdom blessings that will come to those who obey. The faithful from Abel to John looked for the coming of God's righteous government and sacrificed everything that they might have a place to live thereunder. Now the glorious kingdom is here in full sight and will soon be in full operation, and those who love God will delight now to do all within their power to make known to others the blessings of that kingdom. It is the kingdom of God under Christ now pitted against everything of Satan's organization, and the Jonadabs must align themselves uncompromisingly on the Lord's side, faithfully serving him and his kingdom at all times.

REDEMPTION

Children born to the Jonadabs before Armageddon must come under the redemptive provision made through Christ Jesus. The parents being imperfect, such children are born with imperfections and must be taught by the parents and must be obedient to the Lord if they receive life. Children born after Armageddon likewise must belong to Christ Jesus, because he has paid the redemptive price for all, including them.