THE DOXOLOGY Pt. 2

Isaiah 40 and Job 41

Romans 9-11 and Ephesians 1-3

1. THE DOXOLOGY IN THE LIGHT OF EPH. 3 SHOWS THAT:

- a. God carrying out His Mystery Program in the context of Israel's Fall and future Rise, as revealed to the Apostle Paul is the answer to the despair of Rom. 9:1-3. It doesn't call into question God's faithfulness, righteousness and truthfulness to Israel (Rom. 3:3-7; 9:6, 14) ... It proves and displays them! (Eph. 3:10-11; 2:4-7)
 - b. Rom. 11:33a: The Mystery Program plummets the infinite depth of God's Wisdom and Knowledge, a place so deep only the Spirit of God can go there (1 Cor. 2:7-10) and then through the Body of Christ puts it on display before the heavenly powers there (Eph. 3:4-5, 10, 18; 2:4-7).

- 2. Rom. 11:34-35: These two quotes come from passages that refer to two Heavenly councils—that neither Israel nor Job knew nothing about:
 - a. At Creation: Is. 40:12-14 with Gen. 1:26-27—Before Creation of Universe—the Council of the Triune Godhead without Israel.
 - b. At Satan's Usurpation of Earth: Job 1:6-7 with Gen. 13:14-18; 14:19—Council of God and the angels without Job.

- 3. Rom. 11:34-35: God, the creator of everything under heaven, has a far greater task to accomplish than just Job's or even Israel's Prophetic Program to restore His glory on earth.
 - --He also has to deal with things that Job and Israel knew nothing about and that God kept hidden from them. He needs to deal with the Satanic usurpation in the Heavenly realm as well and restore His glory there.
 - --He doesn't just need to deal with Satan as the Prince of the World (visible earthly realm—Jn. 14:30; 12:31) but as the Prince of the Power of the Air (invisible spiritual heavenly realm—Eph. 1:23-2:3)

LIKE THE ISRAEL IN PAUL'S DAYS:

Both Israel and Job had been experiencing God's blessing (Job 41:11; Is. 40:13).

Both have those blessings removed in a way they say is unfair and makes their restoration impossible.

Which call into question God's faithfulness, righteousness and truthfulness, not to mention His wisdom and knowledge. God is indifferent. He doesn't care (Job 13:23-24; 23:3-4; 24:1; Is. 40:27).

They are both called on to repent and believe God (Job. 42:3-6; Is. 30:15)).

Both will be restored to the place of blessing to a far greater degree, a full and complete salvation (Job 42:11ff; Is. 60:1-5; 61:3-6)).

In between their respective falls and rises God continues to work to accomplish something on the cosmic invisible supernatural spiritual heavenly level that none of them understood, and He didn't reveal it to them. It was a secret He kept hid in Himself, making it completely unknowable and unsearchable to men and angels. There is a purpose that needs to be fulfilled that goes are beyond Job's or Israel's national salvation.

Then at just the right point after the Cross, He made it known to and through the Apostle Paul. It is now searchable in Paul's writings, and God desires that all people now know about it.

4. God's Mystery Program, introduced by Paul in Romans and explained in full in Ephesians, addresses the removal of the Satanic powers in the spiritual/heavenly realm, returning it to Christ's rule through the Body of Christ (Eph. 1:20-23; 2:4-7), which provides the basis for the restoration of the Believing Remnant (pictured by Job) and establishment of the Kingdom (Rev. 20:1-3 as promised in Is.)

5. He is not doing it because He owes it to someone but because He is God not just of the Earthly Realm but of the HEAVENLY Realm as well! The whole creation is His and owes everything to Him! (Job 41:11)

6. Rom. 11:36:

EVERYTHING INDEED WILL BE SHOWN TO BE HIS: FOR HIM (AS THE SOURCE), THROUGH HIM (AS THE MEANS) AND UNTO HIM (THE GOAL) ARE ALL THINGS!! (Eph. 1:10)

TO WHOM BE GLORY FOR EVER. AMEN