

What The Christian Owes the Jew

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Chapter Six - "Israel When CHRIST Returns"

What will happen to Israel when CHRIST returns? Not only the Jews but Christians as well should be intensely interested in knowing the answer to this important query. In this chapter it shall be shown that Israel will be restored to her land, aided by the Gentiles, her people will inherit Jerusalem and Israel will be saved from sin. Her temple and worship will be restored, Israel will be great among the nations and she will become a world-wide blessing.

GOD called Israel for a purpose. What was it? Jeremiah 13:11 says:

"... for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear."

Israel proved disobedient to her call. She departed from the LORD, was treacherous, as a woman dealeth treacherously with her husband. It was for that reason that Israel was broken off. The question arises, did GOD cast away His people. It is answered in Romans 11:2 as follows:

"God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew."

Because of her sins Israel was severely punished. She was scattered among the nations. This humbling of Israel, however, will not continue forever. In Romans 11:25-27 we read.

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."

Israel is going to turn away from her unbelief and be nationally saved. Just as surely as GOD sits on His throne, as surely as His word cannot be broken, Israel will be unto GOD for a people, and for a name, and for a praise and for a glory. The glory of Israel in her latter days will be greater than in former times. A greater than Solomon is coming to regather Israel.

Ezekiel 28:25-26 tells us:

"Thus saith the Lord God; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob. And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the Lord their God."

Again in Ezekiel 34:13, 26-27, we read:

"And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country . . . And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause the evil beasts to cease out of the land: and they shall dwell safely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. And I will cause the shower to come down in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them."

How wonderful it will be when Israel no longer must fear her enemies. Today she shrinks in fear and hides her face. Russia has slain thousands of Jews and persecuted them unmercifully. Germany was turned into a veritable made dog by Hitler and tried to exterminate the Jew.

Israel never has possessed all of her land. Most of her territory today is held by aliens. Israel, however, has a title deed given her by GOD Almighty. When GOD divided the nations and gave them their inheritance, He set their boundaries in regard to Israel, His people. And just as Joshua drove out the inhabitants of Canaan Land, so will GOD drive out present-day "squatters" when CHRIST returns and restores Israel to her rightful place.

Hear what GOD said and wrote with His own finger, and sealed with an unchanging oath:

"I will bring them again into their land that I have given unto their fathers; out of all the countries where I have driven them. And I will bring them again to their folds; and I will raise unto David a righteous branch, and a king shall rise and prosper. In his day Judah shall be saved, and all Israel shall dwell safely, and they shall dwell in their own lands."

All this will be done through the aid of the Gentiles! Isaiah 49:7 says:

"Thus saith the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, and His Holy one, to him whom man despiseth, to him whom the nation abhorreth, to a servant of rulers, Kings shall see and arise, princes also shall worship, because of the Lord that is faithful, and the Holy One of Israel, and he shall choose thee."

Here is a picture of the nations that once despised Israel actually helping her.

Israel also will be saved from her sin. Read again Romans 11:26 and 27, quoted in the first part of this chapter. Paul writes that all Israel shall be saved. In this regard I quote Isaiah 59:20-21 as

follows:

"And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord. As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the Lord, form henceforth and for ever."

Now, let Isaiah speak again:

"Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad for her. Behold I will extend peace to her like a river."

Jeremiah also tells of GOD's covenant with Judah in which He declares their sin will be remembered no more. Jeremiah 31:33-34 reads:

"But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."

Next, let us study some excerpts from the twelfth and thirteenth chapters of Zechariah:

"And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a fountain opened to the house of David, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness . . . And one shall say unto him, what are those wounds in thy hands? Then he shall answer, Those with which I was wounded in the house of my friends . . . They shall call upon my name, and I will hear them; I will say, It is my people, and they shall say, The Lord is my God."

Yes, indeed, Israel shall be saved through repentance -- saved through the blood of the Cross. Israel will be saved as a nation -- a nation that will put its trust in the LORD, JESUS CHRIST.

When Israel is saved she will bring forth fruits worthy of repentance.

Her life will be clean.

She became a shame, but she will become a glory.

She who once caused the name of the LORD to be blasphemed will bring honor unto it. Ezekiel says:

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean. From all your filthiness,

and from all your idols will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall be my people and I will be your God."

Jerusalem will become a praise in the whole earth. Her name shall no more be called "forsaken," but shall be called "Hephzibah," meaning "**My delight is her -- her land shall be called Beulah (Married).**"

Israel's Temple worship will be restored. Haggai 2:6-9 tells us:

"For thus saith the LORD of hosts; Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; And I will shake all nations, and the desire of all nations shall come: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the LORD of hosts. The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts. The glory of this latter house shall be greater than of the former, saith the LORD of hosts: and in this place will I give peace, saith the LORD of hosts."

The book of Daniel also sheds much light on the subject of the restored temple and worship.

Israel shall be great among the nations. That is something every Jew should be able to look forward to with great thankfulness in his heart. Zephaniah 3:20 reads:

"At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord."

Now let us see what Isaiah 60:1-3 says:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee, For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. And the Gentiles shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."

Continuing, let us study the message in Isaiah 62:1-4 and 8-12 as follows:

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory: and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married . . . The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast laboured: But they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness. Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather

out the stones; lift up a standard for the people. Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken."

Israel has suffered for two thousand years and has been trodden down of the Gentiles for centuries. She has been persecuted by every country except America. Indeed, the lot of the Jew has been a sad one since Israel turned from GOD. She has been robbed, flayed, afflicted and scattered. But during the time of Jacob's trouble, GOD will hear her cry. He will restore Israel to her greatness. "**All nations shall call thee blessed. All nations shall honor the one who is despised.**"

But the time when she will be restored to her glory must be preceded by the time of Jacob's trouble. she must go through the refiner's fire. In Scripture, the time of Jacob's trouble is called the Tribulation, and the Great Tribulation. It is a period of seven years -- the seventieth week of Daniel. It will begin when the Church is raptured -- caught up to be with the LORD. It will end with the return of JESUS CHRIST to establish His Kingdom on earth, when He will occupy the throne of David and reign from Jerusalem.

During the seven years of the Tribulation Period, Israel will be under Divine chastisement. Because of her great sin she will suffer in the refiner's fire, but she will come forth with all dross removed. At the beginning of the Tribulation period, Antichrist will make his appearance on the world scene and will form a league and an agreement with the Jews. Israel will rebuild her Temple in Jerusalem, and when it is completed and Israel has resumed her ancient rites and worship, Antichrist will suddenly appear in the Temple and declare that he is God and that all men will worship him. The Jew will refuse to do this. Antichrist will issue an order to exterminate the Jews, but GOD will miraculously provide a place of safety for Israel and will feed her as He did during her wilderness journeyings. The Jew, at last, will have the scales fall from his eyes and will understand the Scriptures and will cry for her deliverer, MESSIAH, Who will come to save her. A nation will be born in a day. Israel will call upon the LORD and He will answer and come down to her. Israel then will become a world-wide blessing.

Ezekiel 36:23 reads:

"And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes."

Yes, Israel will become a great blessing in the earth. The Church will be caught up and taken out. Israel will be a light unto the nations.

All the prophecies of the time teach that Israel shall be saved as a nation and restored as a nation. Today, Jews think of a national homeland, but GOD thinks of a national salvation.

It seems to me that Christians today are failing to recognize the signs of the times, which most certainly point to the early return of JESUS. There have been enough miraculous happenings in the past generation in Palestine to show indubitably that GOD's plan for Israel is taking shape

according to prophecy.

In preceding pages I have tried to show the Christian how much he owes the Jew in the way of culture and achievement and even salvation. It should also be understood by any earnest Jew who will read this book that he, of all people, should be profoundly grateful to Almighty GOD for the blessings of the past and for the glorious day Israel will enjoy in the days to come. The Jew should cast aside all previous doubtings and seek JEHOVAH's revelation in regard to JESUS CHRIST, the only begotten SON of GOD, the SAVIOUR of all mankind -- the MESSIAH.

The Jew is truly remarkable, his history reveals beyond doubt. He is the chosen of GOD and he cannot be destroyed. He is GOD's greatest sign to the Gentile and should be prayed for and worked with by all professing Christians. The most enthusiastic Christian workers I have ever observed were converted Jews. Since the Christian owes so much to GOD's chosen people, extra effort should be exerted toward evangelizing the Jews.

I have long been a friend of the Jew and shall continue to work for his salvation. Through my radio ministry thousands of dollars have been raised and sent to organizations whose business it is to evangelize the Jews. As these lines are being written I am preparing to visit Palestine where I may obtain first hand knowledge of the marvelous things that are transpiring in Israel's homeland.

In conclusion, I pray that every person who reads these chapters about the most remarkable people in the world, be he Jew or Gentile, will trust the most remarkable personality in the world -- the LORD, JESUS CHRIST, as his SAVIOUR, and serve Him faithfully until He comes again.

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