

# ***Israel – Never Forgotten nor Forsaken !***

*Thus shall they know that I the LORD their God am with them, and that they, even the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord GOD. Ezekiel 34:30*

It seems to us that lately more and more of our Bible studies have had to do with refuting so called Christians who are spewing satanically inspired doctrines and interpretations of the Bible. But, what we heard recently from a man who is half Jewish, and who comes to the same place where we study, really upset us. He told us of a group of men who call themselves Christians, use the King James Bible, and even close their fellowship with the Lord's Prayer. But their doctrine, however, is quite different from ours. In fact, we would say it's just the opposite. They make no pretense of their distain and hatred for Israel and the Jewish people. Some of the remarks made by them are that "the Jews are the root of all evil," "the Jews are Jesus Christ killers," and "in the end of days all of the Jews will be consumed by fire, and/or they will be murdered." Supposedly, their hatred comes from information taken out of the "Elders of the Protocols of Zion" which was written in the late 1800's. No wonder why anti-Semitic acts of violence are increasing drastically in this country and around the world.

Recently, a video appeared on social media which went viral. A man in NYC walked up to a Jewish man who was minding his own business, and began to curse and spit at him for no reason at all. In fact, it is getting so bad, that an article appeared on the website Rapture Ready.com stating that the Jewish community is looking to defend itself as anti-Semitic attacks rise, by training volunteers on the use of weapons to defend their synagogues. This is what happens when people overhear a group of men who actually call themselves Christians but are spewing hatred for the Jewish race – God's chosen people (Deuteronomy 7:6, Amos 3:2a). They, as so-called Christians, are forgetting one very important point – "JESUS WAS A JEW!" – HELLO! How can you say you love the Lord and are His follower if you hate the race that He was born from (Matthew 1:21, 2:2; Romans 9:5)? That is about as unsound a doctrine as you can get and goes directly against the Bible which says in Proverbs 4:2 "I give you good doctrine", and in Titus 1:9b "By sound doctrine both to exhort and to convince the gainsayers," and again in 1 Timothy 4:6b "nourished up in the words of faith and of good doctrine".

But the Bible also says in 2 Timothy 4:3-4 "For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears; And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables." At the top of the list of unsound doctrine is Replacement Theology, which has been around for a very long time. One of its main principles states that God is finished with Israel and that all of the promises made to Israel now belong to the Bride of Christ, which is the Church. Well, if this is so, then why does the Bible state in Romans 11: 1 – 2a "I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew." And if God said to the Church in Hebrews 13:5c, "I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee," how much more will the Lord keep His promise to Israel (Romans 9:4)?

So, let's take a look at the following scriptures to see if the Father and Jesus are done with Israel:

Isaiah 14:1 "For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob."

Isaiah 19:23-25 "In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians. In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land: Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance."

Isaiah 45:17 "But Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end."

Isaiah 49:14 - 16 "But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me."

Isaiah 54:7- 8 "For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy on thee, saith the LORD thy Redeemer."

Isaiah 59:21 "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, from henceforth and for ever."

Ezekiel 36:24 - 28 "For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land. 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 a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.”*

*Amos 9:14 - 15 “And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.”*

*Zechariah 8:13 “And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.”*

*Romans 11:26 - 29 “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. As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance.”*

Well, as you can see, God is not done with Israel, and He never will be. When the Lord returns to this planet at the second coming, He is returning to Israel “*to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness*” (Daniel 9:24b), and also, to save His chosen people from total annihilation at the hands of satan and the antichrist (Revelation 12:12-17).

It is the antichrist, the false prophet, the kings of the earth, and all of their armies that will be destroyed – not Israel! (Revelation 19:19) Then, the millennial reign of Jesus on the earth will commence and it will commence from Israel and Israel only. What a glorious time it will be when “*ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, we will go with you: for we have heard God is with you.*” (Zechariah 8:23). This will truly be the end of anti-Semitism. Until then, we, as true Born Again Christians, must love and pray for Israel, Jerusalem, and the Jewish people (Psalm 122:6). Just remember what Jesus said in John 4:22b, “*Salvation is of the Jews.*”

So what is this salvation that Jesus was talking about? Almost 2,000 years ago, God the Father sent His only begotten Son (John 3:16) to this planet to redeem mankind from the bondage of sin, which entered into the world when Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s commandment in the garden not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil (Genesis 2:17, 3:6). From that point onward, “*death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned*” (Romans 5:12). Beginning at the age of 30 (Jewish Law), Jesus being a Rabbi, began to preach repentance toward God for the remission of sins for the next three years. At the end of that time, Jesus was rejected (John 1:11), plotted against, illegally arrested, tried, and sentenced to death on the cross (Matthew 27:35). He died, was buried, but three days later, rose from the dead according to the scriptures (I Corinthians 15:3-4). By doing this, He became the first fruits of all them that will rise from the dead unto eternal life (I Corinthians 15:20-23). The way for us to go to heaven (John 14:6) was now complete when He said on the cross as He took His last breath, “It is finished” (John 19:30).

If you are ready to admit you are a sinner, are truly ready to repent of those sins, and are ready to live for the Lord, ask Jesus right now (I Corinthians 6:2) to come into your heart and receive Him as your Lord and Saviour (John 1:12). This is what Jesus, who was born of the Jewish race, did for the world.

So to all those, and especially the so-called Christians, who hate the Jewish people and Israel, we say this: “*Let them all be confounded and turned back that hate Zion.*” (Psalm 129:5) HALLELUJAH!

Amen

(All scripture references taken from the King James Bible)

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