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Cry Out- Standing with Israel in the Last Days- Part 2

Hazen Stevens - Sunday, June 4, 2023

Review:

- A. Today, we will review Biblical Theology and the Israel Centric view of end-time events that are fast approaching. We will look at the specific biblical prophecy of the coming challenges to Israel, and the horrors of Nazi Germany as a glimpse into the adversity they will face. We will conclude with thoughts on the lifestyle & values of Dietrich Bonhoeffer that prepared Him to stand with God and the Jewish people.

II. Review: Biblical Theology & God's Israel-Centric Endgame

- A. The world does have a true story. The Bible tells it... **To do biblical theology is to think about the whole story of the Bible.** We want to understand the organic development of the Bible's teaching so that we are interpreting particular parts of the story in light of the whole. As an acorn grows into an oak tree, Genesis 3:15 grows into the good news of Jesus Christ.¹
- B. When we interpret scripture through the lens of Biblical Theology, we are understanding the narrative and themes **in light of what the story as a whole tells us to be important and true.** This is different from letting cultural trends, people's felt needs, or a topical approach to bible study inform what is important.
- C. **Why is this relevant to the study of the topic of Israel?** Topical approaches to Bible study, 'felt need' preaching and an emphasis on cultural relevance will cause us to almost entirely eliminate a paramount subject in God's great story: The topic of His purpose for Israel.
- D. Certain subjects like (ISRAEL) this can seem entirely irrelevant to our day-to-day lives, until we discover the hand of the master story weaver is bending the arc of history according to His sovereign purpose, and **then suddenly what seemed irrelevant yesterday to our day-to-day lives, is of utmost importance today.**
- E. Knowing the story that has come before helps us understand our present chapter, and the present chapter may also be the most significant part of the story; *the dramatic culmination of human history*. As the end draws closer and closer, it will become increasingly important for us to understand the prophecies surrounding Israel in the final generation, because they are a very significant part of HIS story.

III. Prophetic Vignettes of History

- A. Last time, we looked at the history of the anti-semitic nations as seen through the lens of the prophecies of Daniel and John found in Daniel 2 and Revelation 13 & 17.
- B. In Nebuchadnezzar's dream captured in Daniel 2, we are introduced to successive world empires that will rule over Israel until the time of Jerusalem's destruction in 70 AD by the Romans, but the statue that represents these gentile nations will ultimately be shattered by the coming Messiah and his ever-increasing Kingdom.

¹Hamilton Jr., James M.. What Is Biblical Theology? (p. 13). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

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1. Daniel 2:34 **While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands.** It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. 35 Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. **But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.**

- C. The message is simple, every idol of humanity, and the Kingdoms of this age that oppose the Kingdom of God will be subdued and supplanted in the second coming of Israel's Messiah. When you see this survey of history from the time of Babylon to the destruction of Jerusalem, **we understand that God views history with an Israel-centric lens.**

- D. In Revelation 13 & 17 we see a beast representing the Anti-Christ's empire in the last days, most commentators agree this beast empire is composed of all 7 of the predominant anti-semitic nations that ruled throughout history.
 1. Revelation 17:9 **"This calls for a mind with wisdom.** The seven heads are seven hills on which the woman sits. **10 They are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; but when he does come, he must remain for only a little while. 11 The beast who once was, and now is not, is an eighth king. He belongs to the seven and is going to his destruction.**

- E. These nations are most commonly understood to be: Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece (5 that have fallen), Rome (6th that is), and 7th mystery kingdom that 'has not yet come' and 'remains for short time', and an 8th king that is said to "belong to the seven" which is that of Anti-christ that is "going to his destruction".

- F. It has been conjectured that Nazi Germany may be the 7th antisemitic kingdom that 'is not yet' and will remain for a short time. If that is the case, we may find ourselves at the moment where 7 of the 8 anti-semitic nations have come and gone from the world stage, and the final culmination of the eighth that composes all the horror and oppression of the previous seven anti-semitic empires is about to come to power in the earth.

- G. We don't need to be fearful, because these kingdoms and their confederation go to destruction and will be shattered by the stone 'not carved with human hands'. But we must understand and prepare for what is coming upon the whole earth. **The most adverse time in history is coming, and the issue of Israel will be at the heart of it.**

- H. Yet God is mostly guiding the affairs of all nations in the last days toward a predetermined end game **that centers around Israeli as a land and a people, and crescendos with the return of their messiah to Jerusalem.**
 1. Matthew 23:37 **O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were unwilling! 38 Look, your house is**

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left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you that you will not see Me again until you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

- I. God's Word insists that the Church stand with His purposes in those last days, and many of those purposes are Israel-centric. This is not optional; it is a **litmus test** of the Church's obedience, especially in the End-Times. We love Him, therefore, we want to do what He does and love what He loves.²
- J. An angel reveals Israel's great trouble in the End-Times to the prophet Daniel (Dan. 12).
 1. Daniel 12:1 At that time Michael shall stand up (Rev. 12:7-9), the great prince (archangel) who stands watch over the sons of your people (nation of Israel); there shall be a time of trouble (Great Tribulation), such as never was since there was a nation, even to that time (Mt. 24:21). At that time your people shall be delivered...7 Then I heard the man clothed in linen (angel), he...swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time (3 1/2 years); **and when the power of the holy people (Israel) has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished...** 8 I said, "My lord, what shall be the end (purpose or outcome) of these things?" ...10 Many shall be purified, made white, and refined, but the wicked shall do wickedly... but the wise shall understand.
- K. Jesus quoted part of what the angel told Daniel to the disciples.
 1. Matthew 24:21 For then there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now—and never to be equaled again. **22** "If those days had not been cut short, no one would survive..."
- L. Zech. 12-14 provides the clearest overview in Scripture of the key themes related to Israel's conflict and salvation. All nations will stand against Israel.
- M. Zechariah 12:1 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples (nations), when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. **3...I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it...**9 In that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. 10 I will pour on...Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; they will look on Me (Jesus) whom they have pierced; they will mourn for Him ... 13:1 A fountain shall be opened for...Jerusalem, for sin and uncleanness. (Zech. 12:2-13:1)
 1. Satan's attack on the Jews who resist his regime, and God's judgment on the rebellious, will result in 2/3 of the Jews being killed and 1/3 getting saved. Satan wants to exterminate the Jewish people so a believing remnant cannot invite Jesus to rule them (Rev. 12:13-17).

² "Standing with Israel in Great Trouble in the End-Times" MikeBickle.org

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⁸ *In all the land...2/3...shall be cut off and die...1/3 shall be left (saved) in it (Zech. 13:8).*

2. Half of Jerusalem will be taken into captivity (600,000 Jews currently live in Jerusalem).
 - a) ² For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken...half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off... (Zech. 14:2)
3. Israel's condition just before Jesus' Coming includes being in prison camps and assaulted by foreign armies (Isa. 11:11-16; 27:12-13; 42:6-24; 49:5-25; 61:1-2; Jer. 30:3-24; 31:1-23; Ezek. 20:33-44; 39:25-29; Hos. 11:10-11; Amos 9:8-15; Joel 3:1-2; Zeph. 3:19-20; Zech 9:10-14 - See appendix 2 for full scriptures)

IV. The horrors of the Nazi Holocaust³

- A. **The Holocaust** was the genocide of European Jews during World War II. Between 1941 and 1945, Nazi Germany and its collaborators systematically murdered some six million Jews across German-occupied Europe, around two-thirds of Europe's Jewish population. The murders were carried out primarily in mass shootings and by poison gas in extermination camps, chiefly Auschwitz-Birkenau, Treblinka, Belzec, Sobibor, and Chelmno in occupied Poland.
- B. The Nazis developed their ideology based on previous politics of racism and German colonization of Eastern Europe and seized power in early 1933. In an attempt to force all German Jews to emigrate, the regime passed anti-Jewish laws and orchestrated a nationwide pogrom in November 1938. After Germany invaded Poland in September 1939, occupation authorities began to establish ghettos to segregate Jews. Following the invasion of the Soviet Union in June 1941, around 1.5 to 2 million Jews were shot by German forces and local collaborators.
- C. Later in 1941 or early 1942, the highest levels of the German government decided to murder all Jews throughout Europe. Victims were deported by rail to extermination camps where, if they survived the journey, most were killed with poison gas. Other Jews continued to be employed in forced labor camps where many died from starvation or exhaustion. Although many Jews tried to escape, surviving in hiding was very difficult due to factors such as the lack of money to pay helpers and the risk of denunciation. The property, homes, and jobs belonging to murdered Jews were redistributed to the German occupiers and other non-Jews. Although the majority of Holocaust victims died in 1942, the killing continued at a lower rate until the end of the war in May 1945.
- D. An equal or greater number of non-Jews were also killed by the Nazi regime and its allies, although Jews made up the majority of the civilian war-related deaths in some

³ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/The_Holocaust#

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European countries. Many Jewish survivors emigrated outside of Europe after the war. A few Holocaust perpetrators faced criminal trials.

- E. Billions of dollars in reparations have been paid, although falling short of the Jews' losses. The Holocaust has also been commemorated in museums, memorials, and culture. **It has become central to Western historical consciousness as a symbol of the ultimate human evil.**
- F. The Church must act in ***sacrificial love to obey Jesus in standing with Israel in persecution.*** One key mission of the Church is to make Israel jealous to have Jesus (Rom. 11:11; 10:19). Israel will jealously desire what Gentile believers possess spiritually. This will happen as we risk our lives to provide refuge for Jewish people in flight; perform miracles like Elijah (*in multiplying food, healing the sick, and prophesying*), **and are fearless in the face of death.**

V. Cultivating a Lifestyle & Value System to Stand

- A. Biographical Sketch of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: Dietrich Bonhoeffer was born in 1906 in Germany into a prestigious, well-educated family. He had an early commitment to religion and had completed a Doctorate of Theology degree by the time he was 21. Bonhoeffer travelled to the United States for post-doctorate studies and spent a season in New York where he was significantly impacted by the vibrancy and resiliency of the African American church in the midst of centuries of oppression and suffering. This is the moment his faith moved from head knowledge to heart knowledge.
- B. With the Nazi ascent to power in 1933, Bonhoeffer was part of a contingent of pastors in Germany who sought to oppose Hitler's regime. They formed the Confessing Church, a group of churches seeking to hold to truth against the rising tide of Nazism. The majority of the Church in Germany succumbed to Nazi beliefs and the watering down of the Christian faith.
- C. Bonhoeffer led an underground seminary in Germany from 1935-1937 to train pastors in the Confessing Church movement. After it was shut down by Nazi forces, Bonhoeffer still secretly trained young pastors across Germany in values of Sermon on the Mount, Christology, and biblical doctrine.
- D. LIFESTYLE: A day in the seminary: Monday through Saturday. ⁴
 - 1. Silence before the morning service.
 - 2. 1 hour service in the morning with worship, Bible reading, and prayers. C.30 minutes of Scripture meditation after the morning service.
 - 3. Saturday service.

⁴ Paul R. House, Bonhoeffer's Seminary Vision, 57,88,101

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4. Teaching of the word (Biblical studies, preaching, catechism, pastoral care, ecclesiology).
 5. Meals eaten together.
 6. Recreation in the evening.
 7. Weekly discussion of current topics.
 8. Communion once a month.
 9. It was not a place of isolation as they did missions to area churches and housed people from time to time.
- E. As war drew near and persecution increased, Bonhoeffer's friends secured him a safe passage to America, where he would be protected during the impending war. In June 1939, Bonhoeffer left for the United States amid much inner turmoil. Once on the boat, he immediately regretted his decision to leave his beloved Germany. He returned to Germany two weeks after arriving in New York, despite strong pressures from his friends to stay in the United States.
- a) "I have come to the conclusion that I made a mistake in coming to America. I must live through this difficult period in our national history with the people of Germany. I will have no right to participate in the reconstruction of Christian life in Germany after the war if I do not share the trials of this time with my people ... Christians in Germany will have to face the terrible alternative of either willing the defeat of their nation in order that Christian civilization may survive or willing the victory of their nation and thereby destroying civilization. I know which of these alternatives I must choose but I cannot make that choice from security."
- F. Upon returning to Germany, Bonhoeffer served in a German military intelligence organization to avoid fighting for the Nazi party. There he served as a double agent, covertly continuing work of the resistance, being involved in a conspiracy to assassinate Hitler and involved in the rescue of many Jews from persecution. Bonhoeffer was ultimately arrested for his work and was executed by Nazi Germany in April 1945, soon before the war ended.
- VI. 4 Main Ideas of His Belief System that Allowed Bonhoeffer to Stand:
1. Supremacy: Supremacy of Christ over all
 2. Submission: Total individual submission to the person of Jesus
 3. Set-apart: The call of the Church to live totally differently from culture
 4. Suffering: The Call to Suffering as a Part of Obedience
- B. SUPREMACY: Embracing Christ's Supremacy: Bonhoeffer emphasized the supreme significance of Jesus Christ in every aspect of life. He wrote, "[Discipleship] is nothing else than bondage to Jesus Christ alone... He alone matters." This recognition empowered Bonhoeffer to reject the false ideologies of the Nazis and embrace the truth of God's love and justice, inspiring him to stand against the prevailing evil.

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1. “[Discipleship] is nothing else than bondage to Jesus Christ alone, completely breaking through every programme, every ideal, every set of laws. No other significance is possible, since Jesus is the only significance. Beside Jesus nothing has any significance. He alone matters. (Cost of Discipleship, 58-59)
- C. SUBMISSION: Total Submission to Jesus: Bonhoeffer understood that true discipleship meant total submission to the person of Jesus Christ. He believed that only those who left everything to follow Christ could claim justification by grace alone. Bonhoeffer's commitment to submission enabled him to withstand the allure of compromise, proclaiming, "Our task is simply to keep on following, looking only to our Leader who goes on before.”
1. The only man who has the right to say that he is justified by grace alone is the man who has left all to follow Christ. Such a man knows that the call to discipleship is a gift of grace, and that the call is inseparable from the grace. But those who try to use this grace as a dispensation from following Christ are simply deceiving themselves. (Cost of Discipleship, 51).
 2. “From whom are we to hide the visibility of our discipleship?... We are to hide it from ourselves. Our task is simply to keep on following, looking only to our Leader who goes on before, taking no notice of ourselves or of what we are doing.” (Cost of Discipleship, 265).
- D. SET-APART: Living a Set-Apart Life: Bonhoeffer recognized the importance of being set apart for God's purposes, standing firmly on biblical principles even in a world consumed by conformity. He noted that Christ's call compelled individuals to make a personal decision and embrace the solitude of following Him alone. Bonhoeffer wrote, "Neither father nor mother, neither wife nor child, neither nationality nor tradition, can protect a man at the moment of his call... It is Christ's will that he should be thus isolated." His conviction to live a set-apart life allowed him to stand with the Jewish people, acknowledging their unique role in God's plan.
1. Through the call of Jesus, men become individuals. Willynilly, they are compelled to decide, and that decision can only be made by themselves. It is no choice of their own that makes them individuals: it is Christ who makes them individuals by calling them. Every man is called separately, and must follow alone. But men are frightened of solitude, and they try to protect themselves from it by merging themselves in the society of their fellow-men and in their material environment. They become suddenly aware of their responsibilities and duties, and are loath to part with them. But all this is only a cloak to protect them from having to make a decision. They are unwilling to stand alone before Jesus and to be compelled to decide with their eyes fixed on him alone. Yet neither father nor mother, neither wife nor child, neither nationality nor tradition, can protect a man at the moment of his call. It is Christ's will that he should be thus isolated, and that he should fix his eyes solely upon him. **At the very moment of their call, men find that they have already broken with all the natural ties of life. This is not their own doing, but his who calls them. For Christ has delivered them from immediacy with the world, and brought**

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them into immediacy with himself. We cannot follow Christ unless we are prepared to accept and affirm that breach as a fait accompli. It is no arbitrary choice on the disciple's part, but Christ himself, who compels him thus to break with his past. (Cost of Discipleship, 94-95)

E. SUFFERING: Enduring Suffering as a Part of Obedience: Bonhoeffer understood that following Jesus often entailed embracing suffering. He willingly accepted the personal cost of standing against evil, recognizing that it was a necessary part of obedience to God. Reflecting on his impending execution, he declared, "This is the end—for me, the beginning of life." Bonhoeffer's readiness to endure persecution and sacrifice his own safety to save Jewish lives demonstrates the depth of his commitment and his willingness to share in the suffering of God's people.

1. "This is the end—for me, the beginning of life." -Dietrich Bonhoeffer
2. "On the morning of that day between five and six o'clock the prisoners, among them Admiral Canaris, General Oster, General Thomas and Reichgerichtsrat Sack were taken from their cells, and the verdicts of the court martial read out to them. Through the half-open door in one room of the host I saw Pastor Bonhoeffer, before taking off his prison garb, kneeling on the floor praying fervently to his God. I was most deeply moved by the way this lovable man prayed, so devout and so certain that God heard his prayer. At that place of execution, he again said a short prayer and then climbed the steps to the gallows, brave and composed. His death ensued after a few seconds. In the almost fifty years that I worked as a doctor, I have hardly ever seen a man die so entirely submissive to the will of God."⁵

⁵ Eric Metaxas, Bonhoeffer Pastor, Martyr, Prophet, Spy, p. 532

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VII. Appendix: Example of Biblical Theology, Narrative of Israel's Messiah

- A. Consider the coherent prophetic narrative that exists concerning Messiah from Genesis 3:15 to Revelation 19 in these 11 passages. The story is woven together over generations with coherent narrative themes, from the law, prophets, psalms, gospels, epistles, and the book of revelation.
1. The seed
 - a) Genesis 3:15 And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring[a] and hers; he will crush[b] your head, and you will strike his heel.”
 2. The seed will come from the Abraham, whom God choose as the Father of Nations. But the story of this promise foreshadows that the seed must die for it to bear fruit.
 - a) Genesis 22:15 The angel of the Lord called to Abraham from heaven a second time **16** and said, “I swear by myself, declares the Lord, that because you have done this and have not withheld your son, your only son, **17** I will surely bless you and make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of the cities of their enemies, **18 and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,[c] because you have obeyed me.**”
 3. Galatians 3:8 Scripture foresaw that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, and announced the gospel in advance to Abraham: **“All nations will be blessed through you.”**
 4. The seed will be a king from David’s line, and rule from Israel all people’s
 - a) 2 Samuel 7:16 Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; **your throne will be established forever.”**
 - b) Isaiah 9:6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. **Of the greatness of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David’s throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever.** The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.
 - c) Luke 1:32 He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. **The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,**

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5. The king of Israel will inherit, rule, and judge the nations, and there is going to be massive conflict and controversy on the way to his ultimate installation in Zion.
 - a) Daniel 2:34 While you were watching, a rock was cut out, but not by human hands. It struck the statue on its feet of iron and clay and smashed them. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver and the gold were all broken to pieces and became like chaff on a threshing floor in the summer. The wind swept them away without leaving a trace. **But the rock that struck the statue became a huge mountain and filled the whole earth.**
 - b) Revelation 11:5 Then the seventh angel sounded; and there were loud voices in heaven, saying, **“The kingdom of the world has become *the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.*”**
 - c) Matthew 25:31 When the Son of Man comes in His glory, and all the angels with Him, He will sit on His glorious throne. **32 All the nations will be gathered before Him,**
 - d) **Revelation 19:11** Now I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. **12** His eyes *were* like a flame of fire, and on His head *were* many crowns... **15 Now out of His mouth goes a [g]sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron.** He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. **16** And He has on *His* robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS
 - e) Isaiah 63:1 Who is this coming from Edom,
from Bozrah, with his garments stained crimson? Who is this, robed in splendor, striding forward in the greatness of his strength? “It is I, proclaiming victory,
mighty to save.” 2 Why are your garments red,
like those of one treading the winepress? 3 “I have trodden the winepress alone; from the nations no one was with me. I trampled them in my anger and trod them down in my wrath;
their blood spattered my garments,
and I stained all my clothing. 4 It was for me the day of vengeance;
the year for me to redeem had come. 5 I looked, but there was no one to help,
I was appalled that no one gave support;
so my own arm achieved salvation for me, and my own wrath sustained me. 6 I trampled the nations in my anger;
in my wrath I made them drunk
and poured their blood on the ground.”
 - f) Psalm 2:1 Why do the nations conspire[a] and the peoples plot in vain? 2 The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed, saying, 3 “Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.” 4 The One enthroned in heaven laughs;

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the Lord scoffs at them.⁵ He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, **6 “I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.”** **7** I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, “You are my son; today I have become your father. **8 Ask me, and I will make the nations your inheritance,** the ends of the earth your possession. **9 You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to pieces like pottery.”**

6. Jesus Messianic return, his execution of judgement of the nations, and His leadership over them expressed from Jerusalem is not an obscure theological side-point it is a major narrative thread of the whole of God’s story. There is going to be the most significant upheaval ever in history on the way toward this final endgame. The earth and the pain an adversity is likened to the anguish and beauty of giving birth, this is coming upon the whole earth.
 - a) Matthew 24:4 Jesus answered: “Watch out that no one deceives you. **5** For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am the Messiah,’ and will deceive many. **6** You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. **7** Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. **8 All these are the beginning of birth pains.**
 - b) Revelation 3:10 Since you have kept my command to endure patiently, I will also keep you **from the hour of trial that is going to come on the whole world to test the inhabitants of the earth.**
7. Revelation 3:10 says there is a day of testing coming upon the whole earth, and part of that trial is how we respond to God’s purpose for the Jewish people, Israel, and Jerusalem.
 - a) **Luke 21: 20** “When you see Jerusalem being surrounded by armies, you will know that its desolation is near. **21** Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those in the city get out, and let those in the country not enter the city. **22** For this is the time of punishment in fulfillment of all that has been written. **23** How dreadful it will be in those days for pregnant women and nursing mothers! There will be great distress in the land and wrath against this people. **24 They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.**
 - b) Luke 21: **25** “There will be signs in the sun, moon and stars. On the earth, nations will be in anguish and perplexity at the roaring and tossing of the sea. **26 People will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world, for the heavenly bodies will be shaken. 27 At that time they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 28 When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.”**

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VIII. Appendix 2: Israel's Future Suffering & Captivity

- A. These passages from the books of Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Hosea, Amos, Joel, Zephaniah, and Zechariah speak of various prophecies related to the restoration, redemption, and blessings of Israel and God's people. They depict a future time when God will gather His people, bring them back to their land, and establish His reign of peace. These prophecies convey hope, deliverance, and the faithfulness of God in fulfilling His promises.
1. Isaiah 11:11-16: "In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Cush, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea. He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. The jealousy of Ephraim shall depart, and those who harass Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not be jealous of Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim. But they shall swoop down on the shoulder of the Philistines in the west, and together they shall plunder the people of the east. They shall put out their hand against Edom and Moab, and the Ammonites shall obey them. And the Lord will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt, and will wave his hand over the River with his scorching breath, and strike it into seven channels, and he will lead people across in sandals. And there will be a highway from Assyria for the remnant that remains of his people, as there was for Israel when they came up from the land of Egypt."
 2. Isaiah 27:12-13: "In that day from the river Euphrates to the Brook of Egypt the Lord will thresh out the grain, and you will be gleaned one by one, O people of Israel. And in that day a great trumpet will be blown, and those who were lost in the land of Assyria and those who were driven out to the land of Egypt will come and worship the Lord on the holy mountain at Jerusalem."
 3. Isaiah 42:6-24: "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes that are blind, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, from the prison those who sit in darkness. I am the Lord; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols. Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them. Sing to the Lord a new song, his praise from the end of the earth, you who go down to the sea, and all that fills it, the coastlands and their inhabitants. Let the desert and its cities lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar inhabits; let the habitants of Sela sing for joy, let them shout from the top of the mountains. Let them give glory to the Lord, and declare his praise in the coastlands. The Lord goes out like a mighty man, like a man of war he stirs up his zeal; he cries out, he shouts aloud, he shows himself mighty against his foes. For a long time I have held my peace; I have kept still and restrained myself; now I will cry out like a woman in labor; I will gasp and pant. I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their vegetation; I will turn the rivers into islands, and dry up the pools. And I will lead the blind in a way that they do not know, in paths that they have not known I will guide

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- them. I will turn the darkness before them into light, the rough places into level ground. These are the things I do, and I do not forsake them. They are turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in carved idols, who say to metal images, “You are our gods.”
4. Isaiah 49:5-25: "And now the Lord says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord, and my God has become my strength— he says: “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: “Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.” Thus says the Lord: “In a time of favor I have answered you; in a day of salvation I have helped you; I will keep you and give you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages, saying to the prisoners, ‘Come out,’ to those who are in darkness, ‘Appear.’ They shall feed along the ways; on all bare heights shall be their pasture; they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. And I will make all my mountains a road, and my highways shall be raised up. Behold, these shall come from afar, and behold, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene.” Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the Lord has comforted his people and will have compassion on his afflicted. But Zion said, “The Lord has forsaken me; my Lord has forgotten me.” Can a woman forget her nursing child, that she should have no compassion on the son of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. Behold, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me. Your builders make haste; your destroyers and those who laid you waste go out from you. Lift up your eyes around and see; they all gather, they come to you. As I live, declares the Lord, you shall put them all on as an ornament; you shall bind them on as a bride does. “Surely your waste and your desolate places and your devastated land—surely now you will be too narrow for your inhabitants, and those who swallowed you up will be far away. The children of your bereavement will yet say in your ears: ‘The place is too narrow for me; make room for me to dwell in.’ Then you will say in your heart: ‘Who has borne me these? I was bereaved and barren, exiled and put away, but who has brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; from where have these come?’” Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and raise my signal to the peoples; and they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders. Kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers. With their faces to the ground they shall bow down to you, and lick the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the Lord; those who wait for me shall not be put to shame.”
5. Isaiah 61:1-2: "The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good news to the poor; he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to

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those who are bound; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn.”

6. Jeremiah 30:3-24: “For behold, days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah, says the Lord, and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it.” These are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah: “Thus says the Lord: We have heard a cry of panic, of terror, and no peace. Ask now, and see, can a man bear a child? Why then do I see every man with his hands on his stomach like a woman in labor? Why has every face turned pale? Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it. “And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him. But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. Then fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the Lord, nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid. For I am with you to save you, declares the Lord; I will make a full end of all the nations among whom I scattered you, but of you I will not make a full end. I will discipline you in just measure, and I will by no means leave you unpunished. “For thus says the Lord: Your hurt is incurable, and your wound is grievous. There is none to uphold your cause, no medicine for your wound, no healing for you. All your lovers have forgotten you; they care nothing for you; for I have dealt you the blow of an enemy, the punishment of a merciless foe, because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant. Why do you cry out over your hurt? Your pain is incurable. Because your guilt is great, because your sins are flagrant, I have done these things to you. Therefore all who devour you shall be devoured, and all your foes, every one of them, shall go into captivity; those who plunder you shall be plundered, and all who prey on you I will make a prey. For I will restore health to you, and your wounds I will heal, declares the Lord, because they have called you an outcast: ‘It is Zion, for whom no one cares!’ “Thus says the Lord: Behold, I will restore the fortunes of the tents of Jacob and have compassion on his dwellings; the city shall be rebuilt on its mound, and the palace shall stand where it used to be. Out of them shall come songs of thanksgiving, and the voices of those who celebrate. I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will make them honored, and they shall not be small. Their children shall be as they were of old, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all who oppress them. Their prince shall be one of themselves; their ruler shall come out from their midst; I will make him draw near, and he shall approach me, for who would dare of himself to approach me? declares the Lord. And you shall be my people, and I will be your God.” Behold the storm of the Lord! Wrath has gone forth, a whirling tempest; it will burst upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the Lord will not turn back until he has executed and accomplished the intentions of his mind. In the latter days you will understand this.”
7. Jeremiah 31:1-23: “At that time, declares the Lord, I will be the God of all the clans of Israel, and they shall be my people.” Thus says the Lord: “The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness; when Israel sought for rest, the Lord appeared to him from far away. I have loved you with an everlasting love;

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therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. Again I will build you, and you shall be built, O virgin Israel! Again you shall adorn yourself with tambourines and shall go forth in the dance of the merrymakers. Again you shall plant vineyards on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and shall enjoy the fruit. For there shall be a day when watchmen will call in the hill country of Ephraim: 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'" For thus says the Lord: "Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save your people, the remnant of Israel.' Behold, I will bring them from the north country and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she who is in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with pleas for mercy I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble, for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. "Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd keeps his flock.' For the Lord has ransomed Jacob and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall be like a watered garden, and they shall languish no more. Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy; I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. I will feast the soul of the priests with abundance, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, declares the Lord."

8. Ezekiel 20:33–44: "As I live, declares the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord God. I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord. "As for you, O house of Israel, thus says the Lord God: Go serve every one of you his idols, now and hereafter, if you will not listen to me; but my holy name you shall no more profane with your gifts and your idols. "For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, declares the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred offerings. As a pleasing aroma I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. And I will manifest my holiness among you in the sight of the nations. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers. And there you shall remember your ways and all your deeds with which you have defiled yourselves, and you shall loathe yourselves for all the evils that you have committed. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you for my

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- name's sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt deeds, O house of Israel, declares the Lord God.”
9. Ezekiel 39:25-29: "Therefore thus says the Lord God: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name. They shall forget their shame and all the treachery they have practiced against me, when they dwell securely in their land with none to make them afraid, when I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them from their enemies' lands, and through them have vindicated my holiness in the sight of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God, because I sent them into exile among the nations and then assembled them into their own land. I will leave none of them remaining among the nations anymore. And I will not hide my face anymore from them, when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, declares the Lord God.”
 10. Hosea 11:10-11: "They shall go after the Lord; he will roar like a lion; when he roars, his children shall come trembling from the west; they shall come trembling like birds from Egypt, and like doves from the land of Assyria, and I will return them to their homes, declares the Lord.”
 11. Amos 9:8-15: "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from the surface of the ground, except that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob,” declares the Lord. “For behold, I will command, and shake the house of Israel among all the nations as one shakes with a sieve, but no pebble shall fall to the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, ‘Disaster shall not overtake or meet us.’ “In that day I will raise up the booth of David that is fallen and repair its breaches, and raise up its ruins and rebuild it as in the days of old, that they may possess the remnant of Edom and all the nations who are called by my name,” declares the Lord who does this. “Behold, the days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when the plowman shall overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed; the mountains shall drip sweet wine, and all the hills shall flow with it. I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them,” says the Lord your God.”
 12. Joel 3:1-2: "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land.”
 13. Zephaniah 3:19-20: "Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you in, at the time when I gather you together; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes,” says the Lord.”

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14. Zechariah 9:10-14: "I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall speak peace to the nations; his rule shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double. For I have bent Judah as my bow; I have made Ephraim its arrow. I will stir up your sons, O Zion, against your sons, O Greece, and wield you like a warrior's sword. Then the Lord will appear over them, and his arrow will go forth like lightning; the Lord God will sound the trumpet and will march forth in the whirlwinds of the south. The Lord of hosts will protect them, and they shall devour, and tread down the sling stones, and they shall drink and roar as if drunk with wine, and be full like a bowl, drenched like the corners of the altar."