

Israel's Time of Trouble in the Future

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... [Inaudible] return to my place. Israel's greatest loss was the withdrawal of the Messiah from their midst. Yes. Oh it was terrible terrible to be troubled. With the moth and with the rottenness and all that. The Jewish proverb has said the worm is brother to the moth but there's something worse than that. There's wounding and there's the lion and the greatest threat, the departure of the Lord from their midst. Matthew [inaudible] ye shall not see me henceforth until you say until you say, he did actually leave Israel, and he's at the right hand of the father. Otherwise our Bible doesn't mean anything he said so he did so it's true. He left Israel, returned to his place and we know it in more than one place, psalm a hundred and ten one the Lord God the father said unto my Lord God the Son sit thou at my right hand until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

One of the most, hear me, one of the most interpreted verses in the whole Bible is Psalm 110:1 because in a very real sense the whole epistle to the Hebrews is on the session of Christ, what he does there. As our beloved pastor said, I remember in one of his sermons shortly before the Lord took him home. He said what is really important, not what we're doing here this morning this Lord's day, it's what he's doing at the right hand of the father. That's where worship comes in. That's where effectiveness is. That's where blessing is. That's where glory And so in

Acts 1:9-11. While they were looking up, taken out of their midst. Ephesians one he was lifted up high above every principality, every power, and every name that's named in this age and that which is to come. And Hebrews 1:1-3 when he had by himself made sacrifice for sin sat down at the right hand of the father. Don't tell me Moses ever did that or Aaron or any of the rest of them. You see now that Christ is seated in heaven his glory is for you and me. Why? Well he remembers us in prayer.

He intercedes for us. He advocates for us. He intercedes for us so that we don't fall into sin he advocates, he's our attorney when we do fall into sin. Here's our intercessor and our advocate. Yes. So that's glorious. But for Israel it means the Lord has withdrawn himself. I don't know whether you've ever taken an opportunity to go into an Orthodox Jewish synagogue on the Day of Atonement. However high holidays well I tell you it's not in a major key, not in a major key. What do you have to sing about if you don't have redemption there's nothing to sing about. The Lord has withdrawn himself. Why hast thou turned thy face from us they cry out in their prayer? So that's the severity of God. But it has a future purpose, program in view. Some years ago in New York City there was a policeman saw a dear old lady standing in the middle of one of the busy streets not to confuse anybody. And a heavy truck rushing down on her.

Now it would have been useless for that officer to shout he would have just confused her all the more. She didn't need that kind of help quote unquote. But instantly that officer leaped in the way and threw that dear old lady out of the path and he himself was thrown into unconsciousness. Now when she gets up and straightens out her dress and gets ready to walk on should she blame the roughness of the policeman or the officer. Or should she bless his intervention. Have we ever blamed God for his severity for Israel to Israel? We shouldn't. He means ultimate blessing in it here it is. I will go and return to my place till. Oh there's a beautiful

till. Now if you have the Scofield bible there's a note there that's quite familiar to me. Having been put in there by our request. 5:15 taken with Matthew 23 [inaudible]. This passage gives in broad outline the course of Israel's future restoration to God, it does. First the departure of the Lord.

Now the affliction of Israel immediately means exactly that immediately that God begins to deal again with Israel. It will be in affliction. Yes. Father used to say for a number of years you get Israel back into the land and all their troubles will be at an end. They were right but they forgot to say it was the front end. And. The Dear Leader Shamir. And [inaudible] both of them. They want to make some new overtures to Morocco [inaudible] they won't let them, they won't let them. Can't do this. They can't do that they can't do the other. Immediately that God begins to deal again with Israel. It's going to be in affliction. Oh everybody was ready to condemn England. They had the oversight of that area and they didn't do that. Nobody else has done anything either. It's not in man. Scripture says it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps uh Jeremiah. Immediately God begins to deal with them it's going to be in affliction.

We do well to remember that in the midst of the progress and strives now made in the state of Israel and they are in the four figures. The desalination of salt water has gone farther along it's gone farther with a scientist in Israel than any other nation and not telling all of the different finds that they have in the world of science. No. The time of trouble lies definitely ahead of them. The time of Jacob's trouble. There's a specific time in scripture indicated that they are going to be engulfed with the tremendous time of agony. Have you ever stopped to think beloved; you're all students of the word. That the last book of the bible not the 30 book or the 35th or even the 40th. That's Matthew. But the last book of the Bible the 66th book of the Bible you'd say oh [inaudible] you get you get there you go onto the grand finale.

Summation and consummation of all things. OK. May I ask one question with what, hear me, with what is the book of the revelation occupied most with, with what is it most occupied? Six [inaudible] then you have the other case you have the trumpet judgments and then you have the bowl judgements. Why do you have. Judgements. The book is practically taken up with Judgements. You know why this is the sad heartbreaking thing think of how God must look upon it that at this late date when God must deal again with the world, with the nations. This world is no more ready to receive the Lord Jesus Christ when He comes a second time in the way of the first time, that's the sad part of it Oh we can talk all about [inaudible] it's a beautiful one up there. I've been to Vancouver more than once in Canada, then the exposition of the [inaudible] the world all at once and oh my dear friends we're not, as someone put it so vividly we're getting nowhere fast in other areas the Book of Revelation. And what really changed this the whole picture is that first five chapters showing what's going on up there. And then after the bowl judgement I'm mixed what do you mean by mixed I'm mixed with Grace [inaudible] Grace. Just pure and simple [inaudible]. I'm relieved God's day of full reckoning with Israel it's going to come in due time. Must be before they see Messiah's face again.

This world saw Lord Jesus the last time on the cross. They are going to see him in quite a different role when they see him again. Yes. So what do you have here? You have number one the affliction of Israel. He says so till acknowledge their offence and seek my face in their affliction they will seek me early. So the first part. Of. This time. Is the departure of the Lord, then the affliction of Israel. In their affliction that propositional phrase in their affliction they're going to be afflicted. Then what are they going to do. Till they acknowledge their offence, please see that it's in the singular singular not plural. The trials of Israel of Gods affect. God's hand on them will have the intended effect the acknowledgment of their offense. They will acknowledge

their offense and he's going to remain in his place till. Beloved if you want to be a careful student and teacher of the word don't pass over a little time words like till, till Hosea 5:15. Matthew 23:13 ye shall not see me henceforth until they admit their offense in rejecting him. He came unto his own and those who were his own received him not. Yes Isaiah 53. They're going to be saying that word of penitence, that word of confession. Zechariah 12, they shall look unto me whom they have pierced and shall mourn as for an only son and be in bitterness from his firstborn. I remember before I was saved, one of the times few times I ever went to a Jewish cemetery. Passing by a certain. Grave there and I saw a dear mother. Oh she was just her heart was just torn out and weeping. It wasn't. It wasn't theatrical or anything like that and I didn't want to inject myself of course.

I stepped aside for a while then she went out. I thought. I'm going to see when that child of hers or that loved one of her's died. I thought it must have been a week or two before. That one had died scores of years ago. The agony was there. Oh yes they are going to acknowledge their offense. The prodigal nation will come home. Thank God for the blessed accomplishments that have come about through their afflictions. God's going to turn it to his glory. They tell us of a mission in Japan. It has a meeting place with an interesting story about it. It was built by the stones that were thrown at Christians just because there were antforeign feelings in other countries. China and Japan. So it seems to be the fashion of the day. There is a mission built by stones that were thrown at believers in years before. A mob had rushed on the company. Japanese Christians against the missionaries believers and they stoned believers away and when the time of peace came the Christians did the right thing. They picked up the stones and worked them into a building. God can, he will overrule all to his glory.

So we have the acknowledgement of their offense. But that's not all of it. Here it is, they will seek me early and early before that seek my face seek me you have it twice, the seeking after God until you say see me as well. Until you say there has to be a seeking after the Lord Matthew 23:39 once they acknowledge admit their offence they will seek him early. The word in the original is very vivid, rising up before time. Yes. Rising up before dawn and every one of the Gospels my dear friend has the notation on it Matthew 27:1-2, and it was early, Mark 15:1 early. Luke 22:66 as well John 18:28. That's what it was in their rejection, they couldn't get at it early enough. They couldn't accomplish that sorry business fast enough. Yes, but here thus seek him in their acceptance. They're going to pronounce upon him the great Messianic blessing of Psalm 118 verse 26. "Baruch Haba B'shem Adonai" blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. The Lord is waiting for that hour he's going to receive back his erring people.

That great expositor who ministered here but ministered of course first in England. And with such blessing for so many and his books are still Camel Morgan. He used to tell of a mother in Scotland daughter went wrong. The mother was a widow, did the best she could for that girl. She went wrong, broke with her home went to the big city and down to the lowest degradation that dear mother died I don't know how many deaths she didn't know where she was. She hadn't heard from her one year two years. Half a dozen years. Ten long years. Not one single, this is a true account. Not one single word from that daughter. One night broken, ruined, and wrecked Janet. That's a good Scottish name Janet took her way home. She'd arranged it so she would get there in the dead of night and she wasn't there to blow some trumpets or. Triumphant march or something like that. She went up that little lane that led to the cottage. She was so preoccupied with what the meeting might be with her mother if mother was still there that she didn't realize that there was a light burning in the windows.

And when she got near she saw it and she was frightened. Gone for ten years you see never letting her mother know oh human nature's really something else again. But here she was frightened. Didn't know whether her mother was gone. Perhaps she had died. Perhaps he was ill had to be taken care of by someone away from the home. What on earth did that light in the dead of night mean? She knew they didn't have that much of means to keep it going on. What did the light mean? So softly she crept up till she got to the cottage itself, and put her hand on the latch. She drew up the courage to realize that if it was someone else there in the home occupying it she'd only be embarrassed for just a very brief time and go off make her way. She put her hand on that latch. She found that latch was open. The door wasn't locked and the moment, hear it, the moment she opened it. Campbell Morgan said, a voice said is that you Janet? Her mother upstairs waiting for ten long years. [Inaudible] she'd still be waiting. There she was. The girl says what's the light burning for mother? I was afraid you were ill.

Said the mother it's never been put out a night since you left Lassie and the door has never been locked. That's the door to God's heart as well. Ever open and Israel will find it so in that day of seeking him. My friends. As we teach our classes we can't tell but what they may be invited to them. I trust that's true there will be some who will invite others who do not know the Lord and they will hear this message. This message is one return to the lord for he will abundantly pardon. What a message we have. The angels would love to be able to preach that angels can't preach the gospel oh they preach many messages but not the gospel why. They don't know the disease how can they know the cure? That's the reason yes we're the only ones that can do that. And the time is now. You notice how many things in the Bible concerning important decisions are put off. No that's what we do. That's what we do. God says now it's in the present time that adverb n-o-w

Now now is accepted time, now is the day of salvation. Now we are going to be allowed. I understand some time Lord willing in our sessions together for questions. And Lord willing get them. Here's the chance to see how little that fella knows. But we'll work it together. And so I think maybe one of the times in the morning we'll have it and then we'll have a couple of hours or at least three all told in the time together. Great joy to be back when you're totally occupied with the word. The Spirit of God sees that there's a certain atmosphere and a certain blessing to hearts because you don't have to work it up. You don't have to say well what am I going to say the first time I get there. Just open your mouth and let it come. The blessing of God will be there. Father in the quiet of this hour. As for before the throne we think of that precious life in whose heart thou doth implant BSF. As brother [inaudible] Johnson and those. Who have been with her and then those who have followed on never never hard put to find those who will carry on the work. At this late date in 1986 the Gospel is still going on even since Paul has been [inaudible]. And all the disciples, and so many many martyrs.

Thou hast raised up some here, thou hast kept the work going. Thou wilt, thou hast a purpose for it. Thank thee for these Minor Prophets oh how fresh is their message how true. How to the point how needed. Preach it with warm hearts with tender hearts with something of the agony and the heart of our God and of our Lord Jesus. Oh how wounded was the heart of Hosea [inaudible] picture in miniature in microcosm of what goes on in the heavenly sphere that's the thing, those are the things that are important not what goes on in Congress or in parliament Knesset or anywhere else in the world. What's important is thy program. Give blessing, bless our families from whom we're separated for a while may the return, the reunion be with tremendous joy for those especially that have come such long distance we remember how the group was started there. In the South Pacific when we're here last last and how the work is being prospered

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to thee. Thou canst not do otherwise thou has promised to bless thy word. We give thanks in the worthy, all-prevailing name of our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

Announcer:

[Inaudible] that was a wonderful beginning and we thank Dr. Feinberg so much I know you all enjoyed it tomorrow. So that means you all better get a good night's sleep tonight right? Anyway we'll start right at 8:30 or a few minutes before if you want um think that if you are um hungry you're welcome to go across the way [inaudible].[hustle and bustle of people leaving and chatting]

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