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And thank you Mr. Announcer and good morning my radio friends and friends of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles. This is Louis T. Talbot welcoming you to another broadcast of Bible Study and I do so in the wonderful name of our wonderful Lord. I do trust that all of you folks look forward to this 11:00 hour with as much delight as I find myself doing. I believe that the ministry over the radio is one of the greatest ways of contacting people that I know.

Now I trust that all of you folks have a blessed day in worship and in service yesterday. My, my, but what a privilege it is to have any part in making the Lord Jesus Christ known. Whether it is the ministry of preaching the Word of God or teaching a Sunday school class or being in, in some downtown mission or in just handing out tracks. You know outside of the Bible Institute of Los Angeles there is a dear friend of mine and from half past eight in the morning until about twelve o'clock there he is giving out tracks. He does not have any personal ministry, that is in the way of oral ministry, but he has been doing that for years and years. And I believe that when the Lord Jesus Christ comes and catches the way, the Church and we are standing at the judgment seat of Christ that there will be a reward in the way of a crown that, that will shine brighter than a lot of the crowns that we preachers are going to get.

And I want to say, my dear friends, in this regard to all of you folks who are confined to beds of pain and, and infirmity, and, and others for other reasons that have no personal ministry at all. I want to say, my dear friends, that a ministry that the Lord has given to all of you shut-ins is the ministry of intercession. And I believe that the greatest ministry that God can give to one today is

the ministry of intercession. You remember that when the Apostle Paul was writing to Timothy about the end of the age, he says, among other things, "I would add that prayers be made for all people." And then he speaks about what we should pray for: to pray for kings and for rulers and for all those who are in authority that we might live a peaceful life.

And I want to say, my dear friends, that I believe that that is the reason why the Lord in His providence has, has allowed some of the choicest of His people to be on the flat of their backs. It is in order that He might have some folks giving themselves to the ministry of intercession. Do you remember how that in the Old Testament days that God looked upon the nation of Israel on one, on one occasion and we read that He marveled that there was no intercession. And we are so busy these days that there wouldn't be anybody praying unless God got a hold of the choicest of His saints, a lot of them, and put them on the flat of their back that they might just give themselves to the ministry of intercession.

I want to say to all of you folks that are confined to beds, don't you have the devil get you to believe that an inactive life is a useless life. I tell you, my dear friends, that the greatest ministry that God can give you is the ministry of intercession; and all those of you who are infirm because of ag-, of old age or because of sickness or what have you. You know that you have within your reach the greatest ministry in the world. And so the Lord abundantly bless all of you folks who are confined to your home. And when you have an audience with the King I'd be very, very glad my dear friend if you would just remember the name of Louis T. Talbot and just talk to the Lord about me and ask the Lord to give me strength and to, and to keep up my spirits and remember

also to tell the Lord something about La Mirada and raise up many, many friends to make possible the continuation of this great work right on until Jesus comes.

And those of you would like to have a part in the completion of the, the campus at La Mirada, you may do so by just sending your letters and your gifts to the Bible Institute of Los Angeles, Los Angeles 17, California. You want to address the letter personally to me. I will be glad to answer it and also to send your gift to the department for which it is intended. I believe my dear friends that the greatest ministry in the world today, or rather the greatest investment in the world today is in a life. That is in the training of young men and young women who are being prepared to carry the Gospel to the uttermost parts of the earth.

Some folks have asked me when I, to announce when I am going to give the address on the scarlet woman. That is the Babel as you find it in the 11th chapter of Daniel and, and know how that certain mystery religions began there that are going to come to full fruition in the 17th chapter of the book of Revelation. I want to say that I'll be giving at least one or two lectures, addresses on that subject before this week is over. I think that they will be given on, on either Thursday or Friday of this week.

All right now I've got a bunch of questions here and I must get through with as many of them as possible. This one has to do with Daniel in the lion's den and the writer says this, "I recently heard it expressed that while Daniel was in the lions' den that God took the lions' hunger from them or stopped their hunger and that, at that time and that was the reason why and that they didn't eat him and that that is the meaning of Daniel 6:22." Well my dear friends every day you

learn, every time you leave you learn something, don't you? You know that the language of Daniel Chapter 6 verse 22 is this, "My God hath sent His angel and hath shut the lions' mouths that they have not hurt me."

Now as to whether the lions' were hungry, the record does not say. Of course it was perfectly easy for God to take away their hunger or to leave their hunger with them and yet prevent them from hurting His servant. Nothing is impossible with God, but I want to say, my dear friends, that if the lions' hunger was removed it certainly returned in a hurry. When Daniel's enemies were cast into the den because you remember how that the lions immediately, even before some of their enemies touched the ground, that the lions had them and that was the end for them and a good meal for the lions.

And then this same questioner says, "When the enemies of Daniel were cast into the lions' den, why did their wives and children have to meet that terrible fate?" Well my dear friend, it was just the custom among the Persians that a man's kindred should share in his punishment. Now this was not the law of God. That was the law of the Persians. It was contrary to the Law of Moses because I think that when we are making a study of that sixth chapter of Daniel that I read to you from the book of Deuteronomy. How that God said that, that, that is its Deuteronomy chapter twenty four verse sixteen, listen. This is what Moses said, "The fathers shall not be put to death for the children. Neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers; every man shall be put to death for his own sin." Now that was the law of Moses, but my dear friends the law of the Persians was the very opposite. But I think I see in what happened to the enemy, to the relatives of the enemies, the terrible fate Daniel's enemies is just a dim picture of the eternal doom of

those who go through life and go out this world rejecting Daniel's God and the Christ of God. As Daniel represented the faithful Jewish remnant in the time of the end, even so his prosecutors might well represent or symbolize Satan inspired enemies of God's ancient people Israel in the latter days.

All right. Now the next question is a very brief one, "In what place on the earth will Jesus be during the millennium?" My friend, why His capital city is going to be Jerusalem and that will be the city of the King. Jerusalem will be the met-, metropolis of the earth and it will be the capital of the Lord's earthly kingdom. However, the Lord has now His resurrection body and in that day you and I will have our resurrection bodies and neither He nor those of us who will be linked with Him in His reign will be limited by location or death at all. I mean distance rather than death.

Now here is one that has to do with Israel's resurrection, "Some time, if convenient, will you please state when you think that the saved of Israel arise from the dead. Would that be at the rapture along with the dead in Christ? Or could it be in Daniel twelve, verses one and two? I have never found any statement concerning it." Well my friend, to answer that question I want to say that whether Daniel chapter 12 verses one and two refers to a separate resurrection of Israel is a question of-, often discussed but never fully settled.

But that every saved Israelite dead or living will participate in the rapture is beyond reasonable question. You know that the rapture includes all those who sleep in Jesus or the dead in Christ. And you know, my dear friends why that takes in all Old Testament believers and all New

Testament believers. The Lord Jesus Christ said concerning, concerning Abraham that, "Abraham saw My day and was glad." And of course Abraham when he died, he died in Christ. And the word of God says that when the rapture takes place, the dead in Christ will rise and the living shall be changed. I believe that the rapture includes all those who sleep in the Lord Jesus Christ or are dead in Christ along with all believers and takes in all or believers of all dispensations.

Then the next question is a very beautiful one. One that has been in the mind I guess of many of you fol-,folks, "What relation do little children have to the return of Christ?" Well my understanding of scripture is that all children including those of ungodly parents are Christ by virtue of what He accomplished on the cross. You know that children, my dear friends, are, are sinners by nature. Don't you ever call a baby an innocent little thing. You know that there are only two people that ever lived in this world who are innocent and that was Adam and Eve before the temptation.

A child is not innocent, a child is undeveloped. And my friends, children, even newborn children, they are sinners by nature. But until they reach the age of accountability this sinful nature is covered by the blood of Christ. You remember held that in the fifth chapter of Romans, I think it is, that that the Apostle Paul says, "Where there is no law, sin is not imputed." Now there is only one person that that of whom it could be said that there is no law operating and that is a little child. Newborn child or a child that hasn't reached the age of accountability. Why there isn't the law of conscience then there certainly isn't the law that is written in the Word of God that's operating. And consequently where there is no law, sin is not imputed. And yet my dear

friends every child every newborn baby, every newborn baby that has died in that state and goes to heaven will be there on the basis of the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ

All right now, here is another one, "Some say that the Church will be translated at the end of the first three and a, and one half years of Daniel 70th week which is just before the tribulation period. And others say that the Church will not be translated until after the tribulation, we'll go right through it. Will you please explain?" Well my dear friends I want to tell you what I understand the word of God to teach and I don't understand how in the world, world, any person could, could any, eh, believe any other way.

And that is that the Church is going to be a raptured before the 70th week of Daniel begins. The Church has nothing to do with the 70th week of Daniel and the 70th week of Daniel has nothing to do with the Church. You know that second Thessalonians Chapter 2 and verses 7 and 8 is one of the clearest passages that prove this fact. You know that the Antichrist will not be revealed until the Holy Spirit's restraining influence in the Church is taken out of the way. The Apostle Paul says that that wicked one cannot be revealed until the, the hindering power be taken. And my dear friends the hindering power that is keeping the devil in check and preventing him from putting into the world the Antichrist is not the New York police force and it is not the Los Angeles police force.

My friends the, the hindering power that is keeping the devil in check is the Church of Jesus Christ. Do you know that the Antichrist, do you know that the devil has been trying to put the Antichrist into this world for centuries and centuries and he's failed because the Church is here? I

believe that the devil was trying to mold Napoleon Bonaparte and, and he tried to mold Hitler and the Kaiser and Stalin and this fellow Khrushchev, my he'd make a good Antichrist. But I tell you, my dear friends, that none of those men can be molded into the Antichrist that is the devil cannot succeed in his endeavor to mold them into the Antichrist while the Church is here. The Church must be away. That is the whole message of the, second Thessalonians chapter two. My dear friends, just read it. "And when the Church is gone then shall that wicked one be revealed whom the Lord shall consume with a spirit of His mouth." You know that's gonna be a great disappointment to a lot of folks because there are a lot of folks that talk more about the Antichrist than they talk about the Lord. And they wonder whether it's this fellow or that fellow that's the Antichrist.

I tell you my dear friends that I don't want to see him. I don't want to see the Antichrist at all. And I won't see them either because I believe that I'll be away. And we're going to see the Lord my dear friends. We're gonna see the Lord of Glory and we'll never see the Antichrist. And there are a lot of folks who believe that they will. And they believe that they're going through the tribulation, well brother, when they're going up to meet the Lord they'll change their theology. And I'd like to be right going up next to some of the folks who have been teaching that the Church was going to go through the, through the tribulation. I'd like to be able to say, "Brother I told you so," just as we were going up. I heard a preacher once say that there won't be a post-tribulationest in Heaven. He said they all change their, their theology on the way up. So that by the time that they get up there they will be pre-tribulation rapturers. Well I am fully in sympathy with that kind of, of teaching.

Now let me see. I'm trying to get out. Here is another one, I've got a bunch of questions still here. And I want to get them all answered before this broadcast closes. Here someone says, "Is it actually stated in the word of God that every Jew living at our Lord's return will be converted and become a missionary like Paul?" Well I want to tell you my dear friends, it's not stated in the word of God that every Jew living at the time of our Lord's return will be converted and become a missionary like Paul. That isn't so at all. Before the kingdom is actually set up, the word of God says that there is going to be a judgment of Israel in which rebels are going to be sifted out and prevented from entering into the land of Palestine.

Now one of the scriptures in regard to this judgment is Ezekiel chapter 20 verses 33 to 38. And if you have a pencil and paper my dear friends, just put it down, Ezekiel chapter, chapter 20 verses 33 to 38. And this is how it reads "As I live, saith the Lord God, 'Surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out of the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and will stretch out, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face. Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you,' said the Lord God. 'And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant: And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that trespass against Me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and share the blessings with them and I, and know ye that I am the Lord.'"

And so my dear friends why when, when Paul in the eleventh chapter of Romans says that, "When Christ comes ALL Israel shall be saved," he is referring to the nation nationally. That is that all the tribes will be in their place. It doesn't mean, my dear friends, that that all Jews just because they're Jews are going to be saved. I believe that an unbelieving Jew in this day is, is, is occupying the very same relation to God as an unconverted Gentile. And possibly my dear friends, his case will be worse than an unconverted Gentile because the Jewish background of privilege

All right, now here is another one. Oh let me read this. Here is one about Solomon's Temple, it does not have very much to do with Daniel. But this is one of great interest I think will interest you and just spice this questionnaire with a little variety. Somebody who writes, "I will be very grateful if you would take the trouble to explain the need of Solomon to employ so many thousands of men for so long a time to complete two comparatively small houses, the temple and his own palace." Well my friends it is difficult for us in these days of modern machinery and a high priced labor to appreciate the circumstances under which Solomon, Solomon's building of the temple was done. You know there was no lack of labor because he had many slaves. And it was a gigantic task to just to hue the cedars and the fir trees in the Lebanon mountains and bring them down to the sea and convey them in floats and to Joppa and then carry them from there to Jerusalem. You read my dear friends what the job that Solomon had on his hands in first Kings chapter five and Second Chronicles chapter three. And then let us remember that the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither to the place where it was to be, where it was to be built so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool (inaudible) and heard in the place where it was in the building.

This means my dear friends that there was much greater care taken with those stones and other parts of the Temple of Solomon erected than is taken in these latter days of rush and turmoil. I think we put up a building today and the workers were, were handicapped by distance and by a lack of transportation of go-, of the things that were to go into the temple possibly that our workers in spite of all of their skill would require a longer time to build the building than Solomon's men took to build, for them to build.

One other word and its this, "Will you please explain Daniel chapter 12 verse two which reads, 'And many of them which sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake; some to everlasting life and some to shame and everlasting contempt.' What resurrection is referred to in these verses?" Well my friends these words could well be applied to the two resurrections. That is the resurrection of the just and the resurrection of the unjust or the first resurrection to take place before the thousand years reign of Christ when believers will be raised and the second resurrection which is to take place after the reign of Christ on the earth when the wicked shall be raised and stand before the Great White Throne. It could mean that, but my friends my understanding is that this verse in chapter twelve, verse two refers not to those resurrections at all, but to a national resurrection of Israel. For the prophet is, uh, is addressing Israel in the preceding verse speaking of the great tribulation period and also referred to by our Lord in Chapter 24. If so then Daniel here refers to Israel's national resurrection and not to our physical resurrection from the dead.

You know that in the word of God that Israel has long been buried nationally among the nations of the earth. But one day she is going to awake and that is re-, described in Ezekiel chapter 37

when God will bring Israel out of their graves. Now it's a national grave. And you remember that bone comes to bone and sinew comes to sinew. Now God has repeatedly declared that the national idea will awaken in Israel. And does this not seem to be literally true today. That is when the nation is awaking in its national spirit and thought and that millions of people have their (inaudible) that is millions of Jews have their, have their eyes turned to Palestine. But my dear friends is in this national resurrection some will awaken to everlasting life because they will repudiate the claims of the Antichrist and therefore they will awaken to everlasting, to everlasting life. But some will awaken to shame and everlasting contempt because they will become a part of the apostas-, the apostasy and worshipping the Antichrist.

I think I got time for just one other question here, now which one will it be? Somebody says here, "We hear much of the Jews these days going to rebuild and inhabit Jerusalem and set up a national government and rule over their own land in its entirety. Can we expect anything like this after reading Luke chapter 21 verse 24 where Jesus says, 'Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.' Can Jerusalem prosper under the Jews before the Lord returns to reign over her?"

Well I tell you that is, that is a question that has come from a very, very thoughtful student. Now I want to say in, in answer to it that Israel will never be sovereign in Jerusalem before the Messiah's return to reign. But the Scriptures states that the Antichrist will enter into a covenant with Israel for seven years. Daniel's 70th week and that during the first half of that period that they will build a temple in Jerusalem. And doubt they will enjoy-, doubtless they will enjoy a period of prosperity. But the Antichrist is going to put his image in that, that temple during the

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last half of the 70th week of Daniel. And he is going to break that covenant that will give to them religious liberty. They'll have that during the first half of Daniel's 70th week and then he'll break it and he'll put his image in the temple and declare that no God shall be worship save himself.

And those who receive the, refuse the mark of the beast well it will be either that they-. That, that is those who receive the mark of the beast well the judgment that follows will be theirs but those who refuse not they'll either have the choice as those three Hebrew children had in the third chapter of Daniel either to worship the King's image or go into the fiery furnace. And some of those Israelites in that day will be like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, but God is going to miraculously preserve them

All right, my dear friends now thank you for listening and tune in tomorrow for another study in the Word of God.