

"The Earthly Kingdom of Jesus Christ"

Part 37

Jeremiah

Introduction: Two weeks ago, in our study of the Kingdom we started to look at how God will work with the nation of Israel after the church is raptured away. We considered how the Jews were scattered after the attack by the Romans in AD 70 and they are still scattered today. But this will not always be the case.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

² *And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;*

³ *That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.*

The nation will be regathered and what we need to understand is that there will be two regathering's.

➤ **First Regathering.**

The first regathering will be in unbelief. This regathering is happening right now as many Jews are flooding back into their homeland. This gathering in unbelief will set the stage for the tribulation.

Daniel 9:26-27

²⁶ *And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.*

²⁷ *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*

The Anti-Christ will enter into a covenant with the Jews for one week which is a week of years and this is the seven years of tribulation. Therefore, we know that this covenant must be confirmed at the beginning of the tribulation and the Jews must be in their homeland. This will then set the stage for the judgments of God to discipline the Jews and this will scatter them again.

➤ **Second Regathering.**

All of this then sets the stage for the second regathering which will be in belief. After the chastening the Jews will then turn to the Lord in faith and this will then bring about the establishment of the Kingdom.

Matthew 24:29-31

²⁹ *Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken:*

³⁰ *And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.*

³¹ *And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.*

Two weeks ago, we looked at something that Isaiah wrote concerning the regathering's.

Isaiah 11:11-12

¹¹ *And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.*

¹² *And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

This verse helps us to see that there will only be two regathering's and the one that is happening today is the first. The next thing that must happen is the rapture because God cannot discipline the Jews until the church is gone.

This now brings us to where we are tonight.

➤ Israel's Discipline

This evening we are going to see what God's discipline will do to His people. It will be through the discipline that God will bring Israel to the end of themselves and they will turn to Jesus Christ. This evening we are going to consider some verses that support this Truth.

Deuteronomy 4:30-31

³⁰ *When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou [you will] turn to the LORD thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;*

³¹ *(For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them.*

Here we see the Words of the Lord clear back in Moses' day and we see within verse 30 that in the LATTER DAYS when they are in tribulation that it will be then that they turn to the Lord.

Joel 3:1-3

For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity [captives, those who have been taken captive] of Judah and Jerusalem,

² *I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.*

³ *And they have cast lots for my people; and have given a boy for an harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they might drink.*

In verse 1 the idea is that God will restore to Israel what had been taken away and all the captives that had been scattered will be brought back. Notice also that this is a gathering from the NATIONS so this is not speaking of the Assyrian or the Babylonian captivity. This happens after they have been scattered and the land is parted. This is a reference to what will take place during the tribulation period.

Jeremiah 30:4-10

⁴ *And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.*

⁵ *For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.*

⁶ Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

⁷ Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it.

⁸ For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

⁹ But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

¹⁰ Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.

Here in this text, we are told that in the time of "Jacob's trouble" he will be saved out of it. Who is Jacob? We see the answer in Genesis 32.

Genesis 32:27-28

²⁷ And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

²⁸ And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.

Here we see that Jacob's name was changed to Israel by God. Therefore, when we read of "Jacob's trouble" it is a reference to Israel's trouble. When Israel is saved out of "Jacob's trouble" they will then worship the Lord and David their king. They will have rest, peace, and quiet. Some do not see the reference to David as being literal. They say that this reference to David refers to Jesus Christ. But there are other passages that speak of David sitting on the throne in the Kingdom.

Ezekiel 34:

²³ And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.

²⁴ And I the LORD will be their God, and my servant David a prince among them; I the LORD have spoken it.

David will be resurrected and he will sit upon a throne in the Kingdom. Let us get back to Israel's salvation through the tribulation.

➤ **The Severity of the Discipline**

Daniel 12:1

And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.

Joel 2:1-2, 18-21, 27-28

Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

² *A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.*

¹⁸ *Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people.*

¹⁹ *Yea, the LORD will answer and say unto his people, Behold, I will send you corn, and wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith: and I will no more make you a reproach among the heathen:*

²⁰ *But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things.*

²¹ *Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice: for the LORD will do great things.*

²⁷ *And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.*

²⁸ *And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions:*

Both Daniel and Joel tell us that this time of distress for Israel will be far worse than anything that the world has ever seen. Jesus says the same thing in Matthew 24.

Matthew 24:21-22

²¹ *For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be.*

²² *And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.*

Zechariah speaks of the severity of the discipline.

Zechariah 13:8-9

⁸ *And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the LORD, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein.*

⁹ *And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God.*

To put this in perspective; there were about 1.5 million Jews killed in AD 70 and Hitler killed one third [6 million] in the holocaust but in the tribulation two thirds of Israel will die. How many Jews are there today? It is estimated there are around 18-20 million. Two thirds of this group would be 12-14 million.

Conclusion:

The tribulation will accomplish several things when it happens.

1. **The Jews will turn to God.**
2. **The Gentile nations will be destroyed thus the Times of the Gentiles will end.**

Revelation 11:14

¹⁵ *And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever.*

3. **The world will go back to its original Owner.**

Revelation 5:1-5

And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals.

² And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?

³ And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon.

⁴ And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.

⁵ And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.