Well, good day everyone. This is the last Sabbath of the month of August. The summer of 2020 has been moving along, briskly, shall we say. It's curious, you know I've spent a lot of time on this particular house of Israel topic and this will be installment number 5 in the series.

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But it was interesting, I come across a saying this morning that was posted, been doing a little research on the internet, and I thought it was really quite profound, it said, there are two ways to be fooled, and we might say deceived, but the author said fooled. One is to believe what isn't true and the other is to refuse to believe what is true.

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And I thought, hmm, that's an interesting thing. Given that we understand that the Bible is true. How much of it, when we read it, do we not believe? It is something to consider. In the past messages I tried to look at several factors; God's love for Israel, what He expected of them, how they performed, how salvation at this time requires the grafting into Israel and the acceptance of Israel's God and so on.

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Our God reveals to us His thoughts and feelings if we have eyes to see and ears to hear. Sadly, mankind generally, and even the ecclesia themselves, do not. And we look at the spirit of Israel, generally, as an underlying reason for that. We don't want to be eyeball to eyeball with God. And we will listen to men rather than God. There's a comfort in that.

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But when we are judged before God's throne, because so and so said so, in response to why we did this or that or didn't do this or that, just isn't going to cut it. In the last message I had pointed out a passage in Isaiah 26, specifically verses 19 - 21 for you to consider in light of what you would understand or what you would understand to be the case.

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And it's very interesting, I hope some of you went and took a look at all of Isaiah 26, because we don't want to be accused of taking things out of context in any way. And if we go back to Isaiah 26, verse 12, we'll begin there. It says:

¹² Lord, (And that's Yehovah), You will establish peace for us, for You have also done all our works in us. ¹³O Yehovah our God, masters besides You have had dominion over us; but by You only we make mention of Your name. ¹⁴They are dead, they will not live; they are deceased, they will not rise. Therefore You have punished and destroyed them, and made all their memory to perish.

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¹⁵You have increased the nation, O Yehovah, You have increased the nation; You are glorified; You have expanded all the borders of the land. ¹⁶Yehovah, in trouble they have visited You, they poured out a prayer when Your chastening was upon them.

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We all know there is a time of correction coming to both Israel and Judah.

¹⁷As a woman with child is in pain and cries out in her pangs, when she draws near the time of her delivery, so have we been in Your sight, O Yehovah

You notice the very repentant attitude of Israel here.

¹⁸We have been with child, we have been in pain; we have, as it were, brought forth wind; we have not accomplished any deliverance in the earth, nor have the inhabitants of the world fallen.

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You notice an acknowledgement of Israel's failure to perform the tasks to which they were given. And then we see something interesting. It says:

¹⁹Your dead shall live; together with my dead body they shall arise. Awake and sing, you who dwell in dust; for your dew is like the dew of herbs, and the earth shall cast out the dead.

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Clearly a reference to a resurrection.

²⁰Come, my people, (and notice their next action) enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you; hide yourself, as it were, for a little moment, until the indignation is past. ²¹For behold, Yehovah comes out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity; the earth will also disclose her blood, and will no more cover her slain.

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When we see that in the time sequence in which it is there, we see Israel restored in verse 19, resurrected, I'm sorry, you see them gathered and asked to hide themselves and we see, Yehovah, God, going out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. None of that makes any sense with that resurrection occurring at the end of the millennium. It just does not make sense.

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In fact, it points to something entirely the opposite to that. If we go to Ezekiel 28 and verses 24 - 26, speaking of a similar part of time, it says:

²⁴"And there shall no longer be a pricking brier or a painful thorn for the house of Israel from among all (those) who are around them, who despise them. Then they shall know that I am the Lord God." ²⁵ 'Thus says the Lord God: "When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob. ²⁶And they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely, when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them.

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We can see Israel reestablished and the people who live around them, yet despise them. We need to think about that, because that is very revealing.

In the New Testament, in the book of Acts, Acts chapter 3, we see a passage that has been read, and I believe misunderstood and really not given the importance it has. Well, let's pick it up in verse 18. Acts 3, verse 18. Where it says:

¹⁸... those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled.

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Now of course this is referring to Christ's activity, sending the redeemer, or sending the redemption. But God here, in verse 18, is clearly God the Father. We see Him compared with Christ in the verse, so there is no mistaking it.

It says:

¹⁹Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord,

Well, who is the Lord? Let's go on:

²⁰and that He (the Lord of the last half of verse 19) may send Jesus Christ,

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So, there is no mistaking who the Lord is; and it's talking here about the presence of the Father and the times of refreshing. Going on it says:

...²¹whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God (again a reference to the Father) has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began.

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And included in the "all things"; obviously is the restoration of Israel. And again, when you read your Bible, look for passages where both the Father and Christ are mentioned together. Warm up your gray matter a little bit and things will begin to clear up.

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There is going to be a time of restoration of all things. That is a big event; a clearing out of 6000 years of garbage brought on by the wrong spirit. And by that, I mean specifically Satan's spirit, rather than God's. And that influence upon our spirit, where the spirit, and by that, I mean our mental disposition, men's mental disposition, will be adjusted.

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It is the Father who spoke about these things through the prophets, and He is going to be full hands on when that time comes. We all know the passage, it's quoted many times in the New Testament, of course that would be Psalm 110; Psalm 110 and verses 1 and 2. Psalm 110, and verses 1 and 2 and we'll just read that because it is so important as a background piece for what we are going to cover today.

¹ The Lord (Yehovah) said to my Lord (Christ), "Sit at My right hand, till I make Your enemies Your footstool."

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The operative is clearly God the Father.

²Yehovah shall send the rod of Your strength out of Zion.

There's coming a time when Christ will rule in Zion, yes, and it says:

Rule in the midst of (all the happy campers, ah, no. It means rule in the midst of) *Your enemies!*

Exactly like we read in Ezekiel 28

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Perhaps our historical perspective of the millennium does not fit the biblical text, as we shall see. The restoration of all things, as I mentioned, includes the restoration and establishment of Israel in its proper place as God's people. And it goes back a long ways. In Exodus 19, verses 3 - 6 we see God's original intent and it looks pretty much the same today.

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Exodus 19, and verses 3 - 6, where we read:

³And Moses went up to God, and Yehovah called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: (The title of our series) ⁴'You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself. ⁵Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. ⁶And you shall be to Me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.' These are the words which you shall speak to the children of Israel."

That has not changed.

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If we go into the book of Revelation; in Revelation 5 and verses 9 and 10 we see the same thing; that God sure is persistent. And verse 9 of Revelation 5, it says:

⁹And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, ¹⁰and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth."

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It is consistent throughout the biblical text. God talks about Israel's reestablishment, and that really shouldn't come as a surprise; it's on His mind. And if it's on His mind, and we are to be one with Him, and He says quite a bit about it, then maybe it should be on our minds as well; what do you think?

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Let's look at some of the places where He talks about that and see if we can begin to see a pattern. Some details of the same, where our Father speaks to us about those times that are coming.

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And you know, after reading it through and putting this together and seeing it over, and over, and over again in the scriptures, you would almost think it was first and foremost on God's mind. And I think you are going to see that is true as we walk through this.

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In Jeremiah 23, and verses 1 - 8 there is an event coming that is so huge that the original exodus from Egypt will become a footnote. There is a changed focus for the children of Israel and let's just read the entire passage.

¹ "Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of My pasture!" says Yehovah. ²Therefore thus says Yehovah God of Israel against the shepherds who feed My people:

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So, there is an accountability here.

"You have scattered My flock, driven them away, and not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for the evil of your doings," says Yehovah. ³"But I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase ⁴I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking," says Yehovah.⁵"Behold, the days are coming," says Yehovah, "That I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness; (Obviously a reference to Christ) a King shall reign and prosper, and execute judgment and righteousness in the earth. ⁶In His days (and He's involved) Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell safely; now this is His name by which He will be called: YEHOVAH OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

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He bears his Fathers' name.

"Therefore, behold, the days are coming," says Yehovah, "that they shall no longer say, 'As Yehovah lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,' ⁸ but, 'As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.' And they shall dwell in their own land."

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It is a huge event and we will learn more detail of that in Jeremiah 16; Jeremiah 16, and verses 8 - 21, ah, 9 - 21, I'm sorry.

⁹For thus says Yehovah of hosts. the God of Israel: "Behold. I will cause to cease from this place, before your eyes and in your days, the voice of mirth and the voice of gladness, the voice of the bridegroom and the voice of the bride.¹⁰"And it shall be, when you show this people all these words, and they sav to vou, 'Why has Yehovah pronounced all this great disaster against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against Yehovah our God?'¹¹Then you shall say to them, 'Because your fathers have forsaken Me,' says Yehovah: 'they have walked after other gods and have served them and worshiped them, and have forsaken Me and not kept My law. ¹²And you have done worse than your fathers, for behold, each one follows the dictates of his own evil heart, so that no one listens to Me. ¹³Therefore I will cast you out of this land into a land that you do not know, neither you nor your fathers; and there you shall serve other gods day and night, where I will not show you favor." ¹⁴ "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says Yehovah, "that it shall no more be said, (Same reference we just read) 'Yehovah lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Eqvpt.' ¹⁵but, 'Yehovah lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers. ¹⁶ "Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says Yehovah, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks. ¹⁷For My eves are on all their ways; they are not hidden from My face, nor is their iniquity hidden from My eyes. ¹⁸And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols." ¹⁹O Lord, my strength and my fortress, my refuge in the day of affliction,

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There is going to be a day of affliction and a day of accountability for Israel and Judah

the Gentiles shall come to You from the ends of the earth and say, "Surely our fathers (also the Gentiles) have inherited lies, worthlessness and unprofitable things." ²⁰Will a man make gods for himself, which are not gods? ²¹"Therefore behold, I will this once (not twice, once) cause them to know, I will cause them to know My hand and My might; and they shall know that My name is Yehovah.

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That is our Father's name. So, we can see this pattern starting to show up in the scriptures; captivity, regathering, restoration. If we go back to Jeremiah 3; Jeremiah 3, and verses 14 - 18. Where God says:

¹⁴"Return, O backsliding children," says the Lord; "for I am married to you. I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion. ¹⁵And I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶"Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days," says Yehovah, "that they will say no more, 'The ark of the covenant of the Lord.' It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore. ¹⁷"At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of Yehovah, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of Yehovah, to Jerusalem. No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.

¹⁸ "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.

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We begin to tie these things together into end time events, and you notice that He's going to give true shepherds to Israel, instead of the false ones that they did have. If we go to Ezekiel 34, and verses 10 - 16; Ezekiel 34, and verses 10 - 16.

¹⁰Thus says Yehovah God: "Behold, I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them."¹¹ 'For thus says Yehovah God: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out. ¹² As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. ¹³And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. ¹⁴I will feed them in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. ¹⁵I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord God. ¹⁶"I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

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So, this adds another dimension of judgment at this time. It would be wise for us to ask the question, well, exactly, what time is that? Yet, Jeremiah says even more, and all of these things add color and they build. God is promising a rebuild. Jeremiah 31:1.

¹ "At the same time,"

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If we go just above that, it says in the latter days you will consider it.

... "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people." ²Thus says Yehovah: "The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness—Israel, when I went to give him rest." ³The Lord has appeared of old to me, saying: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore, with lovingkindness I have drawn you. ⁴Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice. ⁵You shall yet plant vines on the mountains of Samaria; the planters shall plant and eat them as ordinary food. ⁶For there shall be a day when the watchmen will cry on Mount Ephraim, 'Arise, and let us go up to Zion, to the Lord our God.'" ⁷For thus says the Lord: "Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout among the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, 'O Lord, save Your people, the remnant of Israel!' ⁸Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the ends of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and the one who labors with child, together; a great throng shall return there. ⁹They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is My firstborn.

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It's quite amazing as we go through this, we begin to see what God has in mind for Israel when it comes time to restore them to their rightful position. Going on, verse 10:

¹⁰ "Hear the word of Yehovah, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, 'He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock.' ¹¹For Yehovah has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of one stronger than he.

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And that involvement of God the Father begins, Jacob will be ransomed. And therefore, once that has happened.

¹²... they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, streaming to the goodness of Yehovah — for wheat and new wine and oil, for the young of the flock and the herd; their souls shall be like a well-watered garden, and they shall sorrow no more at all. ¹³"Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow. ¹⁴I will satiate the soul of the priests with abundance, and My people shall be satisfied with My goodness, …"

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As we walk through these things as I set out the original stuff in Isaiah 26, it becomes apparent these particular activities are pre-millennial. It is the Father that is involved. It is the things that He will do to set up the kingdom for a time when Christ and the saints can actually be given rulership.

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If we go to Jeremiah 32, verses 37 - 41, again we see the same pattern. Captivity, regathering, restoration.

³⁷Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. ³⁸They shall be My people, and I will be their God;³⁹ (and) then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them. ⁴⁰And I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from doing them good; but I will put My fear in their hearts so that they will not depart from Me. ⁴¹Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will assuredly plant them in this land, with all My heart and with all My soul.'

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Yes, God has a soul. God is a soul. In Jeremiah 32 the Babylonian captivity was only a type. The end time implications are obvious; those times are not yet upon us. But they might be just around the corner. Ezekiel 11; Let's go to Ezekiel 11, verse 14.

¹⁴Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ¹⁵"Son of man, your brethren, your relatives, your countrymen, and all the house of Israel in its entirety, (that's pretty clear) are those about whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, 'Get far away from God (get away from Yehovah); this land has been given to us as a possession.' ¹⁶Therefore say, 'Thus says Yehovah God: "Although I have cast them far off among the Gentiles, and although I have scattered them among the countries, yet I shall be a little sanctuary for them in the countries where they have gone."¹⁷Therefore say. 'Thus says Yehovah God: "I will gather you from the peoples, assemble you from the countries where you have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel."¹⁸And they will go there, and they will take away all its detestable things and all its abominations from there. ¹⁹Then I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within them, and take the stony heart out of their flesh, and give them a heart of flesh, ²⁰that they may walk in My statutes and keep My judgments and do them; and they shall be My people. and I will be their God. ²¹But as for those whose hearts follow the desire for their detestable things and their abominations. I will recompense their deeds on their own heads," ...

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Notice in verse 15 it's talking about the entire house of Israel, all of it. And in verse 21, which we just read, we see that there is going to be, you can see the choice, do they have their opportunity for salvation? God says I will give them one heart, I will put a new spirit within them, that they may walk in my judgements; but, as for those whose heart, they still have a choice, follow the desire for the detestable things and their abominations I will recompense their deeds on their own heads, says the Lord God.

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The Bible is entirely consistent.

We read of that, some more color on verse 21 in Ezekiel 20, where we again get more clarity, we see all of these events talked about over and over and over again in scripture. It's not historically where we have been. Whole passages of scripture have remained hidden because of the paradigm we had

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Notice Ezekiel 20, verse 33, obviously referring to the same event.

³³"As I live," says Yehovah God, "surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you. ³⁴I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. ³⁵And I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face. ³⁶Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you," ... ³⁷"I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant; (An opportunity for salvation) ³⁸I will purge the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against Me; I will bring them out of the country where they dwell, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am Yehovah. ³⁹"As for you, O house of Israel," thus says Yehovah God: "Go, serve every one of you his idols—and hereafter—if you will not obey Me; but profane My holy name no more with your gifts and your idols.

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Even God has a rope that He gets to the end of. So, He is going to gather these people into the wilderness, enter into covenant with them, give them the opportunity for salvation; the millennium has not started, and those who rebel against Him will find the gong very rough.

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⁴⁰For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel," says Yehovah God, "there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me …

The message is very clear, the ones who have been given their opportunity and will not serve God, are taken out. And you know there's passages we don't particularly like to read because they are not real pleasant.

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Let's go to Ezekiel 22; Ezekiel 22, and verse 14

¹⁴Can your heart endure, (God asks) or can your hands remain strong, in the days when I shall deal with you? I, Yehovah, have spoken, and will do it. ¹⁵I will scatter you among the nations, disperse you throughout the countries, and remove your filthiness completely from you.

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That scattering, an end time scattering, is meant, and will be used to remove the filthiness from Israel

¹⁶You shall defile yourself in the sight of the nations; then you shall know that I am Yehovah.""¹⁷The word of Yehovah came to me, saying, ¹⁸"Son of man, the house of Israel has become dross to Me: they are all bronze, tin, iron, and lead, in the midst of a furnace; they have become dross from silver. ¹⁹Therefore thus says Yehovah God: 'Because you have all become dross. therefore behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem.²⁰As men gather silver, bronze, iron, lead, and tin into the midst of a furnace, to blow fire on it, to melt it; so I will gather you in My anger and in My fury, and I will leave you there and melt you. ²¹Yes, I will gather you and blow on you with the fire of My wrath, and you shall be melted in its midst. ²²As silver is melted in the midst of a furnace, so shall you be melted in its midst; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have poured out My fury on you."²³And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ²⁴ "Son of man, say to her: 'You are a land that is not cleansed or rained on in the day of indignation.' ²⁵The conspiracy of her prophets in her midst is like a roaring lion tearing the prey; they have devoured people; they have taken treasure and precious things; they have made many widows in her midst. ²⁶Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean; and they have hidden their eyes from My Sabbaths, so that I am profaned among them. ²⁷Her princes in her midst are like wolves tearing the prey, to shed blood, to destroy people, and to get dishonest gain. ²⁸Her prophets plastered them with untampered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies for them, saying, 'Thus says Yehovah God,' when Yehovah had not spoken.²⁹The people of the land have used oppressions, committed robbery, and mistreated the poor and needy; and they wrongfully oppress the stranger. ³⁰So I sought for a man among them who would make a wall, and stand in the gap before Me on behalf of the land, that I should not destrov it: but I found no one. ³¹Therefore I have poured out My indignation on them; I have consumed them with the fire of My wrath: and I have recompensed their deeds on their own heads," ...

Pretty wild stuff.

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When you turn over to Ezekiel 35; Ezekiel 35, we begin to see another piece of the puzzle.

It's a prophecy against Mount Seir, but there is something that is quite important to realize in here that is something that we need to keep in mind. In Ezekiel 35 it says:

¹ Moreover the word of the Lord came to me, saying, ²"Son of man, set your face against Mount Seir and prophesy against it, ³ and say to it, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O Mount Seir, I am against you; I will stretch out My hand against you, and make you most desolate;

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Remember Isaiah 26:21

... and you shall be desolate. Then you shall know that I am the Lord. "Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end,

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There's going to be a calamity on God's people when God is just tired, He's done, He's finished with Israel's iniquity. If we go down to verse 15, again it's a reference to Edom and Mount Seir

¹⁵As you rejoiced because the inheritance of the house of Israel was desolate, so I will do to you; you shall be desolate, O Mount Seir, as well as all of Edom—all of it! Then they shall know that I am the Lord."

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So, there's a description here in Ezekiel 35 of a nation or nations that rejoiced when the modern state of Israel falls. And if we go on in verse 36, this is a continuous thing, these are in time sequence.

¹ "And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, 'O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord!

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So here God is speaking to the land; He is not speaking to the people.

²Thus says the Lord God: "Because the enemy has said of you, 'Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,""

Look at the situation in the Middle East today, what do you think the reaction would be in the surrounding nations if the modern state of Israel fell? Would it be gleeful, would there be happiness? Appears to be the case.

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We read about that in Ezekiel 36. Going on in verse 3.

³…'Thus says the Lord God: "Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up (He's speaking to the land) on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people"— ⁴therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around—

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There's no mistaking this, everything isn't a doctrine; this lays out events that are going to happen.

⁵therefore thus says the Lord God: "Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave My land to themselves as a possession, with whole hearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to plunder its open country."⁶"Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, and the valleys, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I have spoken in My jealousy and My fury, because you have borne the shame of the nations." ⁷Therefore thus says Yehovah God: "I have raised My hand in an oath that surely the nations that are around you shall bear their own shame. ⁸But you, O mountains of Israel, you shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to My people Israel, for they are about to come.

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So, we have the land in desolation; God speaking to the land to prepare it; God's people are going to come.

⁹For indeed I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. ¹⁰I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities shall be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt.

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Captivity, regathering, restoration; same patterns, all over the place in the scriptures.

¹¹I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bear young; I will make you inhabited as in former times, and do better for you than at your beginnings. ... I will cause men to walk on you, My people Israel; they shall take possession of you, and you shall be their inheritance; no more shall you bereave them of children." ¹³'Thus says the Lord God: "Because they say to you, 'You devour men and bereave your nation of children,' ¹⁴therefore you shall devour men no more, nor bereave your nation anymore," says God. ¹⁵"Nor will I let you hear the taunts of the nations anymore, nor bear the reproach of the peoples anymore, nor shall you cause your nation to stumble anymore," ...

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You see a restoration here; God then talks about the same dynamics. Verse 19. Verse 17 rather.

¹⁷"... when (they) dwelt in their own land, (they messed it up real bad). ... I poured out My fury on them.

Wherever they went, they profaned Me. Verse 23.

²³And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am Yehovah," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. ²⁴For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, (Same text exactly) and bring you into your own land. ²⁵Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; (Opportunity for salvation) I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them. ²⁸Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; ... ²⁹I will deliver you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and multiply it, and bring no famine upon you.

0:41:22 Going on in verse 33:

³³ Thus says the Lord God, "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. ³⁴ The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. ³⁵So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the Garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.' ³⁶Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, Yehovah, have rebuilt the ruined places and planted what was desolate. I, the Lord, have spoken it, and I will do it." ³⁷ 'Thus says Yehovah God: "I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock. ³⁸Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the ruined cities be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the Lord."""

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And it's interesting when you walk through this, He's speaking to the land. Prepare the land, get it ready to go, it's been made desolate, My people are about to come. And it seamlessly flows into Ezekiel 37.

¹ The hand of Yehovah came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. ²Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, there were very many in the open valley;

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We see here a description of a physical resurrection of the house of Israel. Again, when we see the resurrection let's go to verse 11.

¹¹Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel.

There's no doubt who this is. Verse 12:

¹²... "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

Does this sound familiar at all?

¹³Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,"

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The resurrection, opportunity for salvation. Going on:

¹⁶ "As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.'¹⁷ Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.

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So, when God restores them He's also going to put the two houses back together.

¹⁸ "And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'—¹⁹ say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand."²⁰ And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.²¹ "Then say to them, … "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.

Is Israel going to be one kingdom walking into the millennium? Absolutely!

²³ They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. ²⁴ "David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd; they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them. ²⁵Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children's children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever. ²⁶Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. ²⁷My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

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This is a restoration of Israel and it only happens once.

²⁸The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst for ever more."""

If we look at the passages in Ezekiel 34 - 40, they are continuous and they make sense. Historically Ezekiel 37 was clipped out and put to the end of the millennium, and it doesn't make any sense.

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Going on; some scriptures for you to consider and take a look at. In the book of Micah;` the little book of Micah. We learn some additional details. In Micah 5; Micah 5, and we will pick it up in verse 2. It says:

²"But you, Bethlehem Ephrathah, though you are little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of you shall come forth to Me the One to be Ruler in Israel, (Speaking of Christ) whose goings forth are from of old, from everlasting." ³Therefore He shall give them up, (He's not the ruler at that time) until the time that she who is in labor has given birth; (So that birth has to happen) then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. ⁴And He shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of Yehovah, in the majesty of the name of Yehovah His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth;

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That now ties in Isaiah 11 and 12, which you can read on your own time. But we can see that Christ is not involved as far as ruling things goes, until after that birth has been given. Well, what verse is that?

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Go to Isaiah 66, the book of Isaiah; Isaiah 66, verses 7 - 9.

⁷ "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child. ⁸ Who has heard such a thing? (Obviously referring to Christ) Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once?

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Remember the regathering and putting a nation in place to march into the millennium.

For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children. ⁹Shall I bring to the time of birth, and not cause delivery?" says Yehovah. "Shall I who cause delivery shut up the womb?"

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Let's go to Zechariah 10; the book of Zechariah 10; Zechariah 10, verses 9 – 12.

⁹"I will sow them (Speaking of Israel) among the peoples, and they shall remember Me in far countries; they shall live, together with their children, and they shall return.

Is that not speaking of a resurrection and a restoration?

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If we go to Micah, the little book of Micah. Let's look at chapter 2, verses 12 and 13.

¹²"I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold, like a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make a loud noise because of so many people. ¹³The one who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate, and go out by it; their king will pass before them, with Yehovah at their head."

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Hmm, how about that? How about that? And time does not permit, but read through Isaiah 65, all of it. You can see the same pattern, exactly the same pattern. God is ticked, He finally deals with it. The descendants of Jacob are razed, they're sorted and they're culled; then you get to the millennium. The pattern is consistent throughout scripture.

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If we go to Genesis 13 just as we close out, Genesis 13, we will see something I think is very profound; there was a promise made to Abraham and he was given all the land. Genesis 13: 14 - 17.

¹⁴And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants forever. ¹⁶And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered. ¹⁷Arise, walk in the land through its length and its width, for I give it to you."

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Abraham did not see this in his lifetime, he will see it played out. If we look at Zechariah 14:5 we see that the saints are with Yehovah when He returns and you can see the same thing in I Thessalonians 4:14. God has a program and we will be involved. Please take the time to read Psalm 147, verses 5 - 9. Are you with the program?