

Welcome friends to another broadcast of “Morsels for Zion’s Poor”

The LORD’s dealings with Israel are, set forth for us, to illustrate the determination of the LORD to bring HIS purpose to pass, in causing HIS NAME to be exalted in the Earth and the Heavens, by the demonstration of HIS love for the people of HIS choice. By nature, religious men, will seek to make these accounts to be a morality show. They will tell us how Israel’s disobedience brought on their trials and how they could have avoided these things by being obedient. Yet the glory in all of these chastenings is that they are brought to pass to demonstrate the faithfulness of GOD to that people which HE has loved with an everlasting love, of which Israel is a type and foreshadow. *“Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.”*

None of the obedience of Israel nor any of their disobedience was outside of the realm of the purpose of GOD, which HE is pleased to demonstrate for our sakes, *“Of which salvation the prophets have enquired and searched diligently, who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: Searching what, or what manner of time the Spirit of Christ which was in them did signify, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow. Unto whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto us they did minister the things, which are now reported unto you by them that have preached the gospel unto you with the Holy Ghost sent down from heaven; which things the angels desire to look into.”* All of those things which the LORD was pleased to bring upon Israel were primarily for our benefit. *“For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope.”*

Babylon was one of the most ungodly and cruel kingdoms which have existed in the earth, and it was them and their despotic king, Nebuchadnezzar, whom the LORD raised up and empowered for the purpose of demonstrating HIS hatred of Israel’s ways and their disrespect of HIM who is a JEALOUS GOD, who had plainly told them *“Thou shalt have no other gods before me”*.

HE raised up the nation of Israel that they might set forth by way of illustration, the greater purpose of demonstrating HIS intention to bless that remnant of HIS choice, as HE promised to deliver them from all of their oppressors. Not simply just to deliver them, but to ultimately destroy all of their enemies, so that they might dwell in peace and safety forever. Indeed *“all things work together for good---- to them who are the called according to HIS purpose.”*

Many of the calamities which befell Israel are prophesied in the book of Ezekiel, yet just as clearly are prophesied the LORD’s judgement and total destruction of those nations which dared to strike the LORD’s anointed. It is well within the LORD’s prerogative to design a people to wreak havoc upon HIS people and then to destroy them for daring to do so. We can see a picture of this in David’s death sentence upon the man who claimed to have slain Saul. The LORD’s purpose to bless that people of HIS choice shall surely be brought to pass, even though it be in a manner which is beyond the thought of men or the scope of their understanding. HE plainly declares that HE scatters HIS people, in order that HE might demonstrate the glory of HIS grace in gathering them again at HIS appointed time. Just as HE has subjected them unto vanity as it hath pleased HIM, that HE might bring glory to HIS NAME in their redemption by the blood of HIS only begotten SON.

HE will cause the earth to know that HE puts a difference between those whom HE has loved and those HE has not. *“and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen.”* The work of CHRIST in the behalf of HIS people is not done simply that they might be made aware of it but that HIS deliverance of them might stand as a testimony to the whole creation. *“And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

The LORD has not designed these events because HE takes some delight in the creation and destruction of men and nations or is blindly intent upon chaos, but rather that HE might bring glory to HIS NAME in the deliverance of that “peculiar people” which HE has hid in CHRIST from the beginning. *“and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.”* What a glorious privilege is given to the sons of GOD to hear and believe the gospel of the glory of the Blessed GOD. They do behold HIS judgment upon the heathen and rejoice in HIS mercy revealed in CHRIST as that ONE who has borne their griefs and carried their sorrows. Do you rejoice in the salvation which is found in CHRIST?

“Thy free grace alone,” #11 **If you would like a free transcript of this broadcast email us at forthe poor@windstream.net**