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(ASV, 1901).*

This section of Scripture begins a major theme in the Old Testament prophets. That is the worldwide regathering of the nation Israel for the second time. It is described in this section of Scripture from chapter eleven verse eleven to chapter twelve verse six as well as other passages. But this time it will be in preparation for the blessings of the Messianic Kingdom, following the national regeneration of Israel.

THE NATIONAL REGENERATION OF ISRAEL

The regeneration of the entire nation is the event spoken of by the apostle Paul.

Romans 11:25–27

²⁵For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening in part hath befallen Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in; ²⁶and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer; He shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: ²⁷And this is my covenant unto them, When I shall take away their sins (ASV, 1901).

One of the principal reasons for the Great Tribulation is to break the will of the Holy People, the Jews (Daniel 12:7). As a result of the cataclysm of the Tribulation there will be tremendous pressure on the Jewish remnant, which will bring about their confession of faith in their Messiah Jesus. By this time, they will have lost two-thirds of the world population of their entire nation (Zechariah 13:8–9).

The present worldwide Jewish Population stands at 13, 900,000¹

During the Tribulation two thirds (2/3), or 9,174,000, will die (Zechariah 13:8). That leaves 4,726,000 who will remain. This remaining 4,726,000 is known as “*the remnant*” because they made it alive through the Great Tribulation. Within this group, 144,000 will be “sealed” (Revelation 7:4). “Sealed” in the Greek is the word is sphragizō, from Strongs G4973, which means “to stamp (with a signet or private mark) for security” or “preservation from Satan (literally or figuratively, or possibly resurrected)” for the purpose of evangelizing the world for Christ during the last half of the Tribulation. The protection they have could have come from a resurrected body. 4,582,000 Jews with natural bodies remain. This is a minimum number of Jewish people going into the Messianic Kingdom.

There will be a confession of their sins and a pleading for God to save them. The confessional description is given in three passages of the Old Testament. The first is in the book of Leviticus, which discusses God’s blessings and cursings prophecies pertaining to the Nation Israel.

Leviticus 26:40-42

⁴⁰And they shall confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of their fathers, in their trespass which they trespassed against me, and also that, because they walked contrary unto me, ⁴¹I also walked contrary unto them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity; ⁴²then will I remember my covenant with Jacob; and also my covenant with Isaac, and also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and I will remember the land (ASV, 1901).

The second passage related to Israel’s repentance is found in the book of Jeremiah.

¹ <http://www.worldometers.info/world-population>, accessed June 15, 2019

Jeremiah 3:11-18

¹¹And Jehovah said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath showed herself more righteous than treacherous Judah. ¹²Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith Jehovah; I will not look in anger upon you; for I am merciful, saith Jehovah, I will not keep anger for ever. ¹³Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against Jehovah thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith Jehovah. ¹⁴Return, O backsliding children, saith Jehovah; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion. ¹⁵And I will give you shepherds according to my heart, who shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. ¹⁶And it shall come to pass, when ye are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith Jehovah, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of Jehovah; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they miss it; neither shall it be made any more. ¹⁷At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of Jehovah; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of Jehovah, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the stubbornness of their evil heart. ¹⁸In 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 gave for an inheritance unto your fathers (ASV, 1901).

The third passage is found in the book of Hosea as God speaking in the first person.

Hosea 5:15

¹⁵I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me earnestly (ASV, 1901).

The second requirement for the regeneration of the Nation Israel is for them to plead for their Messiah to return. This is found in at least two passages. Both passages are Jesus speaking.

Zechariah 12:10

¹⁰And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born (ASV, 1901).

The second aspect of the national regeneration after their repentance is a calling out to the Lord Jesus to return.

Matthew 23:37-39

³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! ³⁸Behold, your house is left

unto you desolate. ³⁹For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord (ASV, 1901).

These events are set at the end of the Campaign of Armageddon. When the armies of the Antichrist begin their invasion of Bozrah (Petra) the campaign is nearing the end. It has only three days left according to Hosea.

Hosea 6:1-3

Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. ²After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. ³And let us know, let us follow on to know Jehovah: his going forth is sure as the morning; and he will come unto us as the rain, as the latter rain that watereth the earth (ASV, 1901).

This section of Hosea follows the Jews confession of their sins in Hosea chapter five. The chapter and verse divisions were not in the original autographs. Verses 1-2 show the Jewish leaders telling the nation to repent and confess their national sins. Verse three shows the physical blessings that will be restored to them. Israel's leaders will finally realize that then entire Tribulation has come upon them due to their turning away from Jehovah and the Lord Jesus. Several communication mediums have been given to them to try and reach them. They have had:

1. All of the Scriptures
2. The Teaching of the Genuine Church
3. Preaching of the 144,000 Jewish Evangelists (Revelation 7:4–8)
4. The Two Witnesses (Revelation 11:3–14)
5. The Third Sign of Jonah (Luke 11:32)
6. Ministry of Elijah (Malachi 4:5-6)

Just as the leaders rejected Jesus they will come to accept Him. The call to the nation is found in Hosea 6:1-3. The confession will last for two days. The confessions actual words are given in a later chapter in the book Isaiah.

Isaiah 53:1-9

Who hath believed our message? and to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed? ²For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. ³He was despised, and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and as one from whom men hide their face he was despised; and we esteemed him not.

⁴Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows; yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. ⁸By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who among them considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my people to whom the stroke was due? ⁹And they made his grave with the wicked, and with a rich man in his death; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth (ASV, 1901).

They admit that the nation looked upon Jesus as nothing more than an ordinary man, even a criminal rebel rouser who died for His own sins. Now they realize that He was no ordinary man but the perfect Lamb of God, the Christ (Messiah) Himself. They also realize that He died for their (our) sins so that they (we) need not be stricken by God with eternal punishment. The national regeneration will come about as described in the confession recorded in Isaiah. On the third day the entire nation will be saved fulfilling the prophecy the Apostle Paul gave us in Romans 11:25-27.

All Israel (Romans 11:26) means just exactly what it says. It means all of those Jews that are living at the time of the national confession. Remember Hitler exterminated one third but Zechariah says that 2/3rd will die (Zechariah 13:8-9) Therefore, within two days after the leaders call the entire nation Israel will repent and accept Jesus as their Messiah. The effects of the Great Tribulation and the final pressure of the armies of the Antichrist will break the power of the Holy People finally after more than twenty centuries of national unbelief in Jesus. The pleading of the Jews is the subject of much discussion in the Bible. God in Christ tells the story Himself in Zechariah.

Zechariah 12:10-13:1:

¹⁰And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look unto me whom they have pierced; and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born. ¹¹In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon. ¹²And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; ¹³the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; ¹⁴all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

^{13:1} In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness (ASV, 1901).

The pleading for Messiah to return will include Jews from all over the earth. The nation's leader's call will be responded to across the entire globe. This passage mentions specifically the Jews in Jerusalem. They all plead for the one whom they have pierced. This results in an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, Israel's mourning for the Messiah and the cleansing of Israel's sins. Another prophetic description of this event is given in the book of Joel.

Joel 2:28-32

²⁸And 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: ²⁹and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my Spirit. ³⁰And I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. ³¹The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and terrible day of Jehovah cometh. ³²And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of Jehovah shall be delivered; for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem there shall be those that escape, as Jehovah hath said, and among the remnant those whom Jehovah doth call (ASV, 1901).

Since regeneration is the work of the Holy Spirit we see that He will be poured out in this passage, which results in some rather spectacular manifestations with the Jews. Some have tried to attribute this passage to the birth of the church in Acts chapter two. When Peter referred to this passage he was simply saying that something like the Joel prophecy was occurring when the Holy Spirit was poured out at Pentecost. The Joel passage clearly sets the chronological context as being at the end of the Great Tribulation and provides a partial prophetic fulfillment between testaments referred to theologically as repeat foreshadowing. There will be wonders in heaven and the Jews of Jerusalem will be delivered and escape as well as the remnant.

THE SECOND REGATHERING OF ISRAEL

Isaiah 11:11–16

¹¹And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord will set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, that shall remain, 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. ¹²And he will set up an ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth ¹³The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. ¹⁴And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together shall they despoil the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. ¹⁵And Jehovah will utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind will he wave his hand over the River, and will smite it into seven streams, and cause men to march over dryshod. ¹⁶And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Assyria; like as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt (ASV, 1901).

Frequently the return from the Babylonian Captivity is characterized as the first return to the Land. That was not a worldwide regathering. The first worldwide regathering started in the late 1800's with the early Zionist movement. They came back from many nations around the earth but in unbelief in their Messiah. The first regathering is in unbelief in preparation for judgment. The

regathering described in this passage is the second one in faith in preparation for the millennial blessings.

This regathering is not merely local as in the Babylonian return, from the nations of the Middle East, but from all over the world. The Lord shows Isaiah definitive characteristics of Israel's final regathering.

1. The unity between Israel and Judah will be restored (vv. 13–14).
2. Ephraim's envy of Judah will cease (v. 13), that developed because God kept the Temple in Judah following the civil war (Psalm 78:9–11, 67–68). This reuniting will enable them to overcome their opponents (v. 14).
3. The final regathering will be accompanied by miracles (vv. 15–16). *The tongue of the Egyptian Sea*, the Gulf of Suez, will dry up, while the Euphrates will be smitten and split up into seven smaller streams so as to make it easy to cross. As a highway was made for Israel at the Exodus, there will likewise be one again in the final regathering.
4. Immediately after the Exodus, Israel sang the song found in Exodus 15:1–18. In the same way, after the final regathering, Israel will sing the song found in Isaiah 12:1–6.

Isaiah 12:1–6

12: 1–6 And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah; for though thou wast angry with me, thine anger is turned away and thou comfortest me. ²Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for Jehovah, even Jehovah, is my strength and song; and he is become my salvation. ³Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation.

⁴And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. ⁵Sing unto Jehovah; for he hath done excellent things: let this be known in all the earth. ⁶Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion; for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel (ASV, 1901).

The song is in two stanzas. In the first stanza (vv. 1–3) Israel gives a thanksgiving to God for turning away anger (v. 1). They now realize that salvation is in Jehovah (v. 2) Who has poured out the waters of salvation freely (v. 3). In the second stanza (vv. 4–6) they wish to make known God's deeds to all the world, so they give thanks (v. 4), sing (v. 5) and shout out loud of God's goodness (v. 6).

Next message: THE BURDEN OF BABYLON

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