

The Battle for Jerusalem: Litmus Test for the End-Time Church

I would like you to turn to page sixty-three in the teaching notes. We are going to talk about a subject that many of you may not be very familiar with, but it is a very, very important subject on God's heart. Let's pray: "Father, I ask you even now in these few moments before you. I pray that you would release revelation, and understanding on the subject of your heart for Jerusalem, in the name of Jesus, Amen."

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The Holy Spirit is speaking to the church, to those who are listening. About, what I call "the battle for Jerusalem"—God's salvation purposes for the nation of Israel. Now, we are not going to go through this really in depth, because you can only go so far in a short amount of time. But, I want you alerted that this is a very, very important subject. Typically, when young people come to IHOP. We pray for Israel. We talk about Israel. They scratch their head, and they kind of say, "I do not get the Israel thing." And we understand that. We understand that almost everyone who comes; there are exceptions, as this is a new subject. And some of them, for a few months, are just kind of enduring it.

We have Israel prayer meetings, and they are kind of like, "Oh." You know, they do their email, or something. I totally get that, I really do. First time I met Bob Jones, who is a prophetic man who spoke about this youth movement. Twenty-seven years ago, I meet Bob Jones. Twenty-seven years ago. I was twenty-seven years old at the time. So obviously I am fifty-four now.

And I meet Bob Jones, and he says, "I have had open visions." I have only been in Kansas City for a few months. I was pastoring in St. Louis for seven years. So I come to Kansas City, and this prophet comes, and says, "I have had a hundred open visions, or dreams in the last five to ten years about a youth movement starting in Kansas City that will touch the ends of the earth."

I said, "Okay." He said, "The Lord told me that He is going to use you in this way, or that way." He gave some specifics. A part of a youth movement. He said, "It is going to be singers, and musicians." He said, "A whole youth movement of singers

and musicians.” Okay, that was a new idea. He said, “You are going to pray for the nation of Israel.” That was a really strange idea. He said, “Are you a singer?”

I respond, “No.”

Bob Jones asked, “Are you a musician?”

“No.”

Bob asked, “Do you ever pray for Israel?”

I say, “Definitely no.”

He said, “So you do not know anything I am talking about.”

I said, “No.”

He said, “The Lord told me you would be dull, but I didn’t think you would be this dull.”

I looked at this man, and I said, “I have no comprehension what you are talking about.”

He says, “Mark my word, it will be years from now.” This was twenty-seven years ago. There will be millions of singers and musicians connected to a house of prayer in Kansas City. And God will release signs and wonders through them, and there will be power evangelism. There will be media; God will show His heart for the nation of Israel, and the battle for Jerusalem, in essence. And I was so mystified, so the years unfold.

Twenty-seven years later, I can understand a whole lot more, than I did back then. But I understand, when I was first, the Lord spoke to me about Bob Jones. I did not see Israel in the Bible. I mean I did not get the message of Israel—the end-time message for Israel in the Bible. I did not know anything about it. But whatever Jesus loves, I want to love.

So I said, “Lord, I will learn anything.” But, I kind of took this prophecy, and kind of put it on this side for a little while. Believe it or not, it did not interest me. I say,

“I do not really know about this singing, musician, youth group for Israel. Whatever.”

Now, I am really into singers, musicians, young people, Israel, and the end-time revival; justice, poor, orphans, human trafficking, and the glory of God, like you are. But the issue when young people join us, it trips them for a few months. Like, our youth group did not talk about this, our college ministry. Our church was not into this, which is most of the Body of Christ in the whole World, just so you know. I am not picking on you. But the fact that a lot of pastors ignore it does not mean it is not in the Bible, and it does not mean the Holy Spirit is not speaking about it. I do not get my information from the popularity of what pastors preach on. I do not look at where they preach, and then get my words from God.

We study the Bible, and listen to the Spirit. I want to tell you something. The Lord is speaking powerfully about His purposes related to the nation of Israel. And He wants—listen—the entire, the entire Body of Christ engaged in this. No exceptions. This will be the most dynamic conflict in the generation of the Lord’s return. And I believe, we are in the early days of it, the battle for Jerusalem. It will be like a vortex that will suck you in. Everybody in the earth will be a part of this conflict.

They do not know it yet, but they are going to. Every unbeliever, every king, every president, every merchant, businessman, businesswoman, every pastor, and every prophet will understand. Every campus ministry on the earth will have to answer, if they are for this, or against this. What happens in the battle for Jerusalem? Now right now, most people in the Body of Christ ignore it. But, you can look at the news, and the battle is mounting up, globally against Jerusalem.

But in a minute, which means some years from now, the Lord is going to pull everybody into the conflict. So, we want to be prepared with what the Bible says. We want to know what the Spirit is saying now. And we want to have answers. And we want to cooperate with Jesus. So we have to get informed. So, as you read this title, “battle for Jerusalem,” here is what I do not want you to do: this is what I did in my early days, “Oh man the Jerusalem thing. Bah. I am not into Israel anyway.” I want you to take that little thought, and throw it away. And I am going to lead you in prayer right now for a moment. Just for thirty seconds.

Here is what you are going to say, “Holy Spirit, if you are speaking about this subject across the Body of Christ. Tell me, I want to know. If I do not know anything about it, that is fine. If you are speaking, I want to know, count me in.” Let’s pray this for a moment. Like everyone close your eyes for just thirty seconds, and say this to the Lord. Just quietly in your own words. “Holy Spirit, if you are speaking this, I really want to know if it is your heart. I really want to know. Does not matter if it is new. Does not matter if my church is for it, or against it. If you are for it, tell me.” Just take another second or two. Teach me. Amen.

LAYING A FOUNDATION: UNDERSTANDING THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM

Paragraph A. Again, we will just look a few moments on the notes. We will not get very far. But, at least you will be stirred up. That is my goal. Stir you up, stir up your attention, your attentiveness to this subject.

Paragraph A. The battle for Jerusalem is a spiritual, political, and military battle for the control of Jerusalem related to the second coming of Jesus. The Bible is full of this subject, by the way. There is a battle that is going to end, that is going to come to a conclusion at the second coming of Jesus. Did you know that Jesus is coming in context to a global military battle around the city of Jerusalem? Some people imagine Jesus, and he is coming any minute. They think He is coming in a vacuum, and we are going to be all taken out of here, and it is all going to be over.

JESUS IS RETURNING AT THE END OF A GLOBAL MILITARY CONFLICT

Let me tell you, He is not coming any minute. He is coming at the end of a global military conflict against Jerusalem, and He wants all of His people on His side. And the devil wants all of His people on the other side, and there will be massive bloodshed. There will be many Christians who will be compromising, and falling away from their faith because they did not understand what is happening in this hour. The Lord will use this subject to purify the End-time Church. He will make everybody take a stand. You say, “Take a stand for what? I do not get it.”

Well, we got it in the notes. I am going to get to what the stand is about, but just really briefly. We all will have to take a stand—our children, our grandchildren, and our neighbors, whether they are believers or not. Everybody will have to decide if they are for Jesus, or not for Jesus in the battle for Jerusalem. And there is a massive amount of material on this in the Bible, which again, I do not want to

overdo the negative. It is almost totally ignored by the Body of Christ worldwide. But it is in the Bible; there is a massive amount of material. We cannot ignore what the Bible emphasizes, just because it is not a part of our spiritual tradition or heritage. We are committed to the Bible. If it is in the Bible, we are going for it.

WE WILL ALL FIGHT IN THIS END-TIME BATTLE

I know you all believe that. Here is the second coming context: Revelation 19:11. This is what the second coming is described as: Jesus on a white horse. He comes in verse eleven. He makes war. I thought he was just coming, and we would be raptured. We will be raptured, we will meet the Lord in the air, and we will be raptured. But we are not going to be ruptured, and taken away. We are going to be raptured, given a glorified body, we are going to be mobilized, and we are going to be a part of his leadership over this earth. We are not being raptured to go away. We are being raptured will get transformed, glorified, mobilized, to rule the issue with Jesus—this earth right here. So get used to this earth.

You are going to be on this earth for a long, long time. Yes, with a resurrected body, but still on this earth. Heaven is coming to the earth, instead of. You know the guy will talk on the talk show. You know the different talk shows and news. They will say, “Wow, you know the new special edition. Preachers talking about the end of the world.” I have good news for you, the world is not going to end. The age will end, but not the world. So people come to me, and they say “wow.” I get different reporters from different magazines, “Kansas City Star,” and different ones. I get interviewed here and there by secular media. And they say, “you.” What they mean to say is, “You study the End Times.” But what they say, “You teach about the end of the world.”

I respond, “No. Never. Not once.”

They say, “What? It says here.”

I respond, “No, I do not believe in the end of the world.”

“What? I thought you thought Jesus was coming.”

“He is,” I answer. The end of the age is not the same as the end of the world. The age is the way the world is governed. The way the world is governed, with demons involved, that is going to end. But not the world, they respond, “Oh.” You know,

like you can see. They say, tilting their head, “Oh well, that messes up the whole thing then. I had all these juicy questions to trick you with. Now I am all messed up.”

Revelation 19:11: “Behold a white horse, He [Jesus] who sat on him..makes war.” That is Jesus. He is coming to make war. The second coming is in context to a war. Now this war, it is really clear in the Bible. It is around the city of Jerusalem, and all the nations are involved in it, but it is a real war. Jesus is going to come on the white horse as the greater David—as the great warrior king who triumphs over evil and oppressive people across the earth. He is coming as a king to make war—real war, and not figurative war. This is not figurative; this is real. It says in verse 16, he had on his robe a name, “The King of kings, and Lord of lords.” Revelation 19:19: “I saw the beast [Antichrist] was captured and the false prophet...these two were cast alive into the lake of fire...”

And by the way, it is all of the kings of the earth. I saw their armies, and they were gathered together. And other verses make it clear, around Jerusalem. They were gathered to make war against Jesus. Now you would think, who would dare make war against a resurrected Man on a horse with angels? We can talk about that, but we are not going to right now. Then, in verse twenty, the Antichrist is captured. Beloved, the Antichrist is a real man. He will come forth. He will emerge in history. I believe within this next, coming generation. That is just my personal opinion. But here is “the.” He is going to threaten the earth, but here is the good news: He is going to be captured in a minute. He is going to be captured, do not worry about him. He is mean, and he is powerful, but he is going to be captured.

THE ANTICHRIST WILL BE CAPTURED

We are going to prophecy that right in the midst of his kingdom, and his empire. “Your leader will be captured by our leader.” They will rage when we say that—that will be fun to prophecy, but I think they will be really mad when we say it. But man, let us go for it. That will be one of my favorite prophecies, Revelation 19:20, to preach. “He will be captured.” They say, “Impossible. He is powerful. He is the most powerful king on the earth in history.” No, no, no. There was a carpenter from Nazareth far more powerful than he is.

Revelation 20:1: “Then I saw an angel.” Verse two: “He laid hold of...Satan, and bound him for one thousand years; and he cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up.” This is critical. What is on Satan’s mind, in my opinion, more than

anything, is the idea that he is going to prison in a short amount of time. We think what is on his mind is to be mean to us. He is mean to us, because he is a murderer. But we are secondary to him. What is on his mind is to stay out of prison. He wants to avoid a prison sentence coming his way. Yes, he hates us. But we are not the main thing he thinks about. The main thing he thinks about his himself staying out of prison. And the battle for Jerusalem is around this subject. Let us continue.

THE BATTLE FOR JERUSALEM WILL END THE ARMAGEDDON CAMPAIGN

Paragraph B. Zechariah 14:2: The Battle for Jerusalem will be the decisive battle of the Armageddon campaign. Now a lot of people talk about the battle of Armageddon, there is no such thing as the battle of Armageddon in the Bible. That is a popular term, and that is okay to use it. Armageddon is a three and a half year military campaign that has many battles. Armageddon is the military staging area where the bad guys gather and they have many battles over a period of three and a half years. The decisive battle is the battle of Jerusalem. So when most guys say “Armageddon” what they really mean from the biblical point of view is the great battle for Jerusalem, and the final hours of natural history. Now notice, I say natural history because human history is going to go on forever and ever. But natural history, as we know it now, ends at the second coming. And then, there is a supernatural history of the people of God that goes on from there. But, it is still on the earth. Heaven comes down to the earth.

Zechariah 14:2 prophecies how all the nations are going to battle against Jerusalem—all the nations—even America. Now, we are going to pray, prophecy, and hope that there is a difference. The Bible prophecies that every nation will succumb, and all the political entities of the earth. They will cave in under the pressures, and line up against Jerusalem. And God will have one people in the earth that will stand with him. It is the prophetic praying Church in all the nations with power. The political nations will not stand with Jesus in Jerusalem. But the praying prophetic church will. But we must understand it now, or we will be completely confused in that day. And that day is approaching quickly. It is not an hour to remain ignorant of this subject. It is too big of a subject.

END-TIME CHURCH IS VICTORIOUS AND OBEDIENT TO JESUS

Paragraph C. When Jesus returns, He is coming for a victorious church. Now the question, we look at the Church now, it is not very victorious. There is so much compromise in the Church right now. But there is going to be no spot or wrinkle,

which means no compromise. And I say, “Okay, Lord. How are we going from 2010, full of compromise, to when you come, there is no compromise?” No spot or wrinkle means there is no compromise. There is no area where a believer is intentionally purposing to continue in compromise. They may stumble, but they are against everything, they have stumbled in. They rise up, and repent of it. That means they have warred against their compromise. They are not allowing compromise, though in their weakness, they may stumble.

But they agree with Jesus, they repent of it. I say, “Okay, what is going to happen between today, a church full of compromise, a church with no compromise, and the next three to eight decades.” I do not know how long. Could be two to three decades, could be five to six, could be seven or eight? I do not know, but I do believe there will be people in this room who will see it. And one of the answers is, well there is going to be a global battle that is going to sift the wheat. It is going to shift everything. Everyone will have to stand for or against it. The people who are casual Christians are not in it for real. They will bail in a minute under the pressure.

The people that are in it, that are immature, but they will get mature quickly, because it will be an issue of life and death. The energy will increase. The urgency. And there is going to be a great outpouring of the Spirit, but there is a great battle coming. Every neighborhood in America will decide. Everybody in every neighborhood will be more Jesus, or against Jesus in this battle. Nobody will be neutral. And it is coming. It is coming soon. It is building now. I mean they are talking about dividing the city of Jerusalem right now. I mean the thing is picking up. Jerusalem is in the news every day. But it is only just beginning.

It is going to get hotter, hotter, and hotter. And the glory of God will be on the people who stand for Jesus in it, and those believers who refuse, they will get more and more cold. And they will distance themselves from standing for the true Word of God. The closer we get to it. We are going to get hotter, or colder as this battle mounts up.

THE GENTILE BELIEVERS MUST UNDERSTAND THIS BATTLE

Paragraph D. Gentile believers—that is most of us in this room. There are some messianic believers. A messianic believer means a person of Jewish bloodline who loves Jesus. If you have any Jewish blood in you, you love Jesus, and you are in this room, stand up right now. Just keep standing. I want the camera, take a look at

them: Wave your hand. Wave your hand; I want us to see you. There are hundreds of you. We love you. We are with you. We are with you. We love you. I did not know. Go ahead, and have a seat. So, these are all messianic believers. Again, they are Jewish bloodline heritage physical. A few minutes ago, I was saying how Bob Jones told me to pray for Israel. I responded, "I do not get that." They were saying, "We get it for sure. We totally get it."

Gentile believers, paragraph D, have a significant role in the battle for Jerusalem. The Jewish people in the land. I am talking about believers, and unbelievers. They cannot, by themselves, stand in this battle without the support of the praying church in all the nations. The messianic believers in the nations, they cannot stand. They are going to be targeted. They need the entire Body of Christ standing with faith, boldness unto death to be loyal to Jesus in this conflict. The Lord spoke to me about one hundred million. By the way, that is a small number because there are a billion believers in the earth right now. But believing for one hundred million gentile intercessors who will be fully committed to Jesus to do whatever he says. In the context of this great battle as it mounts up, leading to his coming. We believe for one hundred million. One hundred million of us can make a huge difference in terms of what happens to the Jewish people. We must understand this battle now. We have some time, but it is mounting up now.

It may be again a couple decades before it hits the full fever—the full fervor, but maybe not. It may get there a lot quicker. I do not know. It may just suddenly become so intense in the next couple years. It really could.

THE CHURCH WILL STAND FOR THE PURPOSES OF GOD FOR ISRAEL

Paragraph E. The Word of God insists that the Gentile believers stand with Israel. This may be new to you, but it is all through the Bible. Just go to, you know, you can check our website. There are plenty of websites that have it, but if you want more material, we got a ton of material on it. The Bible insists on this. Say, "I never heard of it." That does not mean the Bible does not insist on it. That is why you came to the conference. What is the Spirit saying to the Church? He is saying, "Church get equipped. Get equipped to stand with me Jesus is saying in the battle for Jerusalem. Get equipped right now. Do not wait for the night before, and try to do an all-night study jam course to get ready. You will not get ready in one day. We need to get equipped now." This is one of the highest issues.

STANDING WITH ISRAEL IS A LITMUS TEST FOR OUR ALLEGIENCE TO JESUS

No, I want to say, paragraph B, it is not optional. It will be a litmus test. This issue will be an issue worldwide. If we will believe, obey Jesus, we will not. It will be a test that reveals our faith everywhere in the nations. Nobody will be exempt — believer or unbeliever. Every believer will be tested by this issue—the highest issue. Some of you Gentiles, I do not mean “You Gentiles.” I am one of the “you Gentiles.” But you may be going, what is this Israel deal? Okay, just lay that aside. It is an issue of obeying Jesus, if Jesus is for it, you are in it till the end. That is how I began to learn. I said, “Jesus, I do not get it from the Bible.” Because I was new at it some years ago, I said, “Whatever you are for, I am for. I will die for it if you just show me. Because I love you, if you are into this issue, I am into it by faith, and my mind will catch up later.”

My prayer is that twenty thousand of you go home, and everyone of you are saying, “if you do not get it from the Bible.” And most of you will not, just because this is one session. And many of you already have a foundation in it. You are going to leave saying, “I do not get it. But you know what, I pledge my heart to Jesus in it till the end. Holy Spirit, teach me.” And you are going to begin, you are going to begin to become a learner of what the Spirit says, and what the Bible says about this.

JESUS RULES FROM JERUSALEM AFTER THE JEWISH LEADERSHIP

Roman numeral II. Here is the critical verse. Well, there are many of them. Jesus said in Matthew 23:37-39, Jesus prophesies to the Jewish leaders. Can you imagine? They are going to kill Him. They are going to kill Him in a minute. I mean, He is in the final week. They are going to kill Him in a couple days. He looks at them, He says, “I got a prophesy to you.”

He says in verse thirty-nine. Look at verse thirty-nine. I say to you, Jesus is talking to the leadership—the official leadership of Israel. He says (paraphrased): “I say to you, you will not see me until you say, leadership of Israel with your lips. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.” He says, “You will say with your lips, government of Israel, “Jesus of Nazareth is God, and He is our Messiah.”” And He said, “Here is the deal. I will not come until you say it.” Now, we are talking about painting himself into a corner. I mean Jesus said, the second coming, I will not come till they say it. So the Knesset, the Israeli government, the rabbinic Judaism, the religious leadership are going to say one day, “Jesus of Nazareth is our God, and our Messiah?”

Jesus says, "Then I will come." Well the devil—this is my opinion—when he heard this prophecy, he says, "Good. I got you Jesus now. I have you, because you boxed yourself in. You cannot come if the national leadership of Israel does not call you God, and ask you to come."

Jesus says, "I will not come, and take over till you give me the city of your own free will. I am not going to make you give me the city. I am not going to force you to call me your king. But circumstances are going to mount up with the devil raging, with evil men in the earth."

"You will call me to come, and solve your problems. Trust me, I know where history is going, and you do not. I know how much the devil hates you, and I know how evil men are. The Gentile leaders of the earth, they will abandon you in that hour. You will have no other option besides me as your king." And the leaders of Israel, "Not a chance." And they kill him. As did the Gentiles kill him. All the peoples of the earth are responsible for his death by our sin. Paragraph A. I am still on Paragraph A at the bottom of it. Jesus bound himself by this prophecy. And I think the devil liked it.

JESUS ONLY RETURNS WHEN JERUSALEM CRIES OUT FOR HIS RETURN

He basically is saying, "I got you. I got you. You cannot come back until they say you are God, and I am going to make sure Israel never ever says you are God, Jesus. They are going to be against you till the end. I am going to kill them."

"I am going to offend them towards you. I am going to see to it, they are offended. I am going to trick them. They will never ever call you God. That means you can never come back, that means I will never go to prison, I got you."

Because Jesus will only come back, turn to page sixty-four, Jesus will only come back after. After, He will only enter Jerusalem after. After the leaders, the governmental leaders, say, "Jesus of Nazareth, please come to Jerusalem, and take over and we will serve you." He says, "I will not come, I will wait, and I will wait. I will wait, and the heat will get hotter with the intensity, and the conflict." And Jesus says this, in essence through the Word. "I will have a people, Gentile believers, in all the nations. They will get this. They will understand it. They will be prophesying it. They will stand with Israel." "They will expose the works of darkness. They will even stand, if it costs them their life because of their love for

me. I have an army I will raise up from the ends of the earth. They will be the human instruments in the balance of this great drama.”

SATAN SEEKS TO EXPLOIT JESUS’ PROPHECY IN MATTHEW 23:39

Paragraph D. Satan is seeking to exploit a loophole in this prophecy. He says this, in his mind, “If I can keep the Jewish people from inviting Jesus, then Jesus can’t come because he said he would not. If he comes, that means he gave a false prophecy. That means he is a liar. If Jesus comes to Jerusalem before the Jews ask him, he is a liar. He broke his own prophecy. And if he is a liar, he cannot judge me for being a liar. He cannot throw me into prison for being a liar, if he is a liar. So I am going to work it to where the Jewish people will never ever call for Jesus.” And the devil has done a pretty good job, in deception, offense and stirring up the Gentile believers through history to kill the Jews and turn on the Jews. And the Jewish people have no confidence in Gentile believers because of the track record of betrayal through centuries. And the devil is going, “I got you. They will be so offended at the church and Jesus.”

And the Lord says, “Well, not. It is not going to end that way. I will have a people, they will understand, and they will love me unto death. Therefore, they will do whatever is in my heart unto death.” Beloved, that is where we come in the picture. Us, our little group of twenty thousand, and a hundred million others throughout Asia, Africa, Europe, and Latin America—all over the earth. The Spirit is speaking, “Prepare, and get involved in the battle for Jerusalem” because the battle for Jerusalem has already begun. It does not begin in the future. It has already begun, and it is going to get hotter, hotter, and more urgent.

JESUS’ END-TIME STRATEGY INCLUDES CONTROLLING JERUSALEM

Paragraph E: Satan’s strategy. Here is what he wants to do: because if Satan can control Jerusalem with the Antichrist, then Jesus cannot control it until Jesus throws the Antichrist out of Jerusalem, and throws the devil in prison. It is all connected together. So here is what the devil has on his mind, paragraph E.

He wants to deceive Israel in the final years of this age to take the mark of the beast. Many Jewish people will take the mark of the beast. They will worship the Antichrist as their messiah. So the devil will say, “Ah good, I got a bunch of them.” He is going to try to kill the remnant of Israel. He is going to actually try to kill them. Hunt them down, and kill them. He will have far more rage, and he will

have. I say this tenderly, my heart trembles as I say this. I do not say this in a cavalier, casual way. He will be far more evil, far more powerful, and far more intelligent than Adolf Hitler.

He says, "I will kill them. I will search them out in the ends of the earth, and I will kill them. There will be nobody that will call Jesus back with Jewish blood." He will not succeed, he will kill a lot, but he will not succeed. The Lord says, "I have a people. The praying prophetic church who will stand in the gap. They will open their homes to Jews in flight. They will be a part. They will prophesy. They will go to the death camps with them. And they will pledge their head to heaven in the conflict."

The Jewish people will be stunned by this. I am talking about the unbelieving Jews. They will say, "Why are you doing this?" Your messiah brought us into the salvation of Israel. Salvation of God belongs to the nation of Israel. We are grafted in. We are so grateful that we are giving our life to bring you the message.

SATAN'S MAIN AGENDA IS KEEPING OUT OF PRISON

Paragraph G. Satan's main agenda is to stay out of prison. That is his number one thing on his mind. He hates prison, and he knows how powerful Jesus is. He knows. And Jesus said, "You are going to prison." And he said, "No I am not." Jesus said, "Yes you are."

And he said, "I will kill every Jew. I will offend every Jew. Or I will deceive every Jew. Not one of them will call for you in that day."

And Jesus responds, "Yes they will, watch and see." The battle is raging. Truly, the battle is raging, it is mounting up in the earth right now. Satan, is blowing up, trying to, he is not going to succeed. He is seeking to blow up Jerusalem, not mega churches. Look where the terrorists are blowing up cities. It is around Israel. The terrorist, the devil is not coming to the mega ministries in America, and saying, "Boy, you threaten me so much, I am going to blow you up."

Most mega churches do not remotely threaten him. They are not bothering his agenda. Get a bunch of Christians on the side, focused on getting more money, easier life, and feeling comfortable while they are sinning. He says, "No you guys just keep going, you are doing good. You are doing good." No I mean this. I mean this.

He says, “I am not going to blow you up. Just keep it going. Let sleeping saints lie, do not disturb them. Get them fixated on money, figuring out how they can get more, bigger, and feel good about their sin, while they are sinning? Keep. Good. Good. I have no problem with you, mega ministry.”

I am not against mega ministries, because there are some really fiery ones in the earth. But my point is that is not who is troubling him. He is blowing up Jerusalem because that is what he has problems with. If Jerusalem invites Jesus back, he goes to prison. That is what is on his mind. When a bunch of people gets saved, he hates people. He does not want you to get saved. You get saved, and go to heaven. He says, “I hate humans so much, I do not like that.”

SATAN’S RAGE AGAINST JERUSALEM AND ISRAEL

But if those Christians do not enter into the battle for Jerusalem, they do not overly trouble him. He says, “Well, okay. You are going to go to heaven; you are focused on yourself anyway. I wish. I would rather have you in hell, but go for it. Just get out of my space.” But when those Christians, like right in this room, they get converted, trained, and they enter into the battle for Jerusalem, now the devil does not like that. We have a vision to see a hundred million Gentile believers enter in the spirit of prophecy and power, the full battle for Jerusalem in their evangelism of the nations.

Let’s go to, let me see. Top of page, I mean bottom of page 65. Paragraph D. Paragraph D. It kind of gives you one intense view of what is going to happen in the final years. Look at this: Zechariah 14:2: “For I will gather all the nations to gather against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken....” That weighs heavy. The city shall be taken, but only for a minute. Beloved let me tell you this. The city of Jerusalem will be captured by evil leaders, but only for a minute.

HALF OF JERUSALEM WILL BE TAKEN IN PRISON CAMPS (ZECHARIAH 14:2)

Look at the next one: this is terrifying. Half the city will go into prison camps. Now, I realize not many people are thinking about this. And when I have talked to messianic leaders in Israel, they say, “Well, that is in the Bible but. You know, we believe this, but you know. We, it is in the Bible, we believe the Bible, but you know we have so many things to do just to keep surviving.” And I have told them. I know a lot of the messianic Jewish leaders in Israel personally, good friends with them, and I am standing with them. But here is what I tell them: I say, “You know

what, I do not think you are supposed to preach on this. I think the Gentiles.” Us “Goyim” in the nations, we are supposed to be telling the Gentiles to get ready. “I do not think you are supposed to be prophesying to Jerusalem, Jerusalem we are going into captivity one day.”

We, I, Gentiles, you Gentiles, we are supposed to be getting the Gentiles in the earth ready for this hour because we are going to open our hearts, and we are going to join in the battle with them full blast. I do not mean with guns. I mean with opening our homes. Hiding Jews in flight. Protecting them and doing the things like Corrie Ten Boom did in the 1940’s. Half the city will go into prison camps. According to the numbers of today, if that happened today. I do not know what the numbers will be in that hour. It would be three hundred thousand Jews from Jerusalem in prison camps, according to this verse. Captivity. You know what captivity means? Captivity is bad. This is not small. I read that, and I tremble because I do not just tremble for the Jews in Jerusalem, I tremble because the Lord says, “Mike, you will fully line up and identify with them in this struggle.”

I am saying, “ohhh. Wow, this is intense.”

“And you and this singing youth group around the earth will join Me, line up, and stand for them in this struggle.”

BEFORE JESUS RETURNS, JEWS WILL BE PERSECUTED IN PRISON CAMPS

Now this is, paragraph E. Is one of the most terrible, in the flesh, paragraphs I have written in my life. Paragraph E. I want you to see it. I have never written anything that troubles me more in my natural humanity than Paragraph E. Israel’s condition before Jesus returns. Not every Jew, but many, is prison camps. There are so many Bible verses on this, it is staggering. It is one of the primary themes about the end times. Almost totally ignored by Jews and Gentiles alike who love Jesus. I can hardly hear a whisper of this truth, but it is one of the most prominent themes in the Old Testament about the second coming event. You read these passages on your own.

I have worked for years over this in weeping, and not just thinking of the Jewish people. Thinking, again my own sanctified selfishness, what it will cost them, what this means. You read those verses. This is not a faint whisper; this concept is a

shout from heaven. God wants the entire Gentile Body of Christ identifying with this conflict.

GENTILE NATIONS WILL PROVOKE ISRAEL TO JEALOUSY

Top of page sixty-six, Paragraph B. Gentile believers will provoke Israel to jealousy; that is what the Bible says in Romans 11:20-22. It has never happened in two thousand years. Here is what Paul said; the Jewish people will be provoked to jealousy by Gentiles. Well for two thousand, there are a couple exceptions of individuals who have provoked the Jewish people. But for two thousand years, let me tell you what the Jewish people think about Gentile Christians, they think we are fakes. We are frauds; we will betray them in a moment. They are not remotely jealous to have our faith. The Jewish people look at us, and say, “You got to be kidding. We want to be like you spiritually? Not a chance.”

Two thousand years, they are not jealous. And this jealousy is a godly jealousy. What it means is the Jewish people, unbelievers will look at us, and say, “Whatever you have in God. I want in God. I want what you have in God.” Right now, the Jewish people, we are a joke to them. But things are going to change dramatically in a short amount of time. I mean a decade, two, three or four, whatever—short amount of time. Here is what is going to happen: Jews will be in flight because they will be pursued across the nations, not just in Israel, in the nations.

The Gentiles like Corrie Ten Boom. And you want to read the story of Corrie Ten Boom, she was a Gentile believer in Holland who, her family opened their home. And they hid Jews, fed them, protected them, and ministered Jesus to them. Jews did not believe in Jesus. And Corrie Ten Boom’s entire family went to the death camps because it was illegal to hide Jews. And they went to the death camps, and they died. And in the death camps, they witnesses to Jesus, and led many people to the Lord. And the little girl in the family, Corrie, was the only one who survived. She went onto tell the world her story, and she is a prototype of our lifestyle in the future.

Here is what is going to happen. The Jewish family in flight, I will open my home. You know, do not make it about me. I mean, I do that, but I want to make it more hypothetical about. A family opens their home. Ten Jewish people are in there. And they are thinking, “Wow, you know, it is illegal, if you get caught, you go to prison like we do.” Satan is raging. This is not just about evil men. It is evil men,

but it is about the rage of Satan. It was Satan breathing on Adolf Hitler's spirit with fire. It was Satan who was stirring up Adolf Hitler; Adolf Hitler did not get this crazy idea by himself, it was a demon who gave this to him. So this family, this Christian family will take him in. And these Jews in flight will ask, "Why are you doing this?"

We will answer, "Well the Jesus who is your Messiah, he let us into your salvation."

And they will say, "Well, whatever we have heard that, but you know we get that, but forget it." They do not really get it, but they think they do. So now there are ten people around the table, but there are only eight potatoes. And the man prays in the name of Jesus. Now the food is multiplied. And these Jewish guys, unbelievers, they say, "Wait. Our guys did this in the Old Testament. This is like Elijah where food was provided supernaturally. This is our stuff. What is this?"

We are going to respond, "Yeah, it is your God that we are following. This is Jewish prophet stuff." And they are scratching their head, "Yeah, this is not Gentile Christianity, this is Jewish Old Testament prophet stuff. That is who our fathers are. That is the tree, the tree of Abraham we are a part of."

So then the little girl comes out, "Daddy, Daddy I had a dream last night, and the angel came. And said at ten o'clock tomorrow, the bad people are coming." So they escape, and the bad people come at ten. And these Jews ask, "How did that little girl know that? This is Jewish prophet stuff."

"We are trying to tell you. This is your faith." And then we stand. Some there will be supernatural deliverance. Others like the Corrie Ten Boom family, she was delivered. They went to death.

STANDING WITH THE JEWS EVEN UNTO DEATH LIKE CORRIE TEN BOOM

Some of us will go into death, and we will be fearless because we believe in the resurrection. We believe in Jesus. And they will say, "How come you are fearless? Why are you doing this?" Because Jesus of Nazareth is committed to you and we love you.

One more passage—Jeremiah 33, 31:7-10. Paragraph F. We will end with this. Let us have Misty come up if she would. Here is what the Lord says, “Here are the Gentiles, here you have it right here.” Jeremiah 31:7-10 needs to be in the foundation to our faith, in Christianity 101, for every new believer. This should be in every new believer’s class.

Thus says the Lord, “Now, He is talking to the Gentiles not talking to the Jews here, to Jewish believers. Thus, says the Lord, “Sing for Jacob.”

“Okay, so we sing for Jacob.” God we love your purposes for Jacob. All the people in the neighborhood say, “Oh, so you are siding with Israel.”

The Lord says, “No, no. I did not say, ‘Sing I love your people.’ Sing Jacob.”

“Lord, we love you and Jacob.”

“No a little bit louder,” the Lord says.

“What if the neighbors hear that we are siding with, you know, because all the political.”

“No, I want you to sing for Jacob. This is going to be intense. This is like really neat right now. You know you get to go down and wave the little flags and carry the little tabernacle of David down the streets of Jerusalem. That is just not going to be cool in a few minutes.

Then I want you to shout among the chief of the nations. By the way, America is one of the chief nations. Shout and say this, shout it. “Save Israel.” Shout it on the airways, on the talk shows. Shout it on media. Shout it everywhere. Okay, “Lord, have mercy on your people.”

“No, no. I did not say, ‘have mercy on your people.’ I want you to shout, ‘Save Israel.’” Well if we say, ‘save Israel’ the other people will think we are against them. Jesus goes, “Ah the plot thickens. Shout it.” “Uh, Well, our church is not really into the Israel thing.” “So? Shout it.” “Here?” “Yes, lift your voice.”

WE TAKE A STAND TO PRAY, DECLARE, AND SING TO ISRAEL

I do not mean you go into your Sunday morning church, and shout. That is not the point. The point is, we do not do this in a corner; we are bold about this. Here is the message, verse ten. Look at the message: verse ten. This is a really a catch twenty-two. We will end with this. Here is the message: Hear the word of the Lord, oh nations. This is what we are going to tell our nation, and the nations of the earth. Declare it in the islands. Say it everywhere. In other words, the islands mean all the big nations, the little nations; the little out of the way places. Say it everywhere.

Write it, blog it, podcast it, video it. Everywhere. Sing it, say it, and pray it. Let everyone know where you stand. What is the most politically incorrect statement I can imagine in this hour of history? Say this, "He that scattered Israel will gather him and keep him."

So that is it. You say that. If you say, "God scattered Israel." The Jews will really be offended. They go, "Oh, God scattered us? Huh. Well I thought the evil guys did." "Well you are under the discipline of God because of your perversion and sin." God scattered Israel? The Jews will be very angry.

"But, He will gather Israel." Now, the Gentiles ask, "God is going to save, and gather Israel?" Now, the Gentiles are mad. If you say, He scattered Israel." The Jews are mad. If He is going to gather and save Israel, the Gentiles are mad. Nobody is happy.

And the Lord says, "The plot thickens. My power will be in your midst, but you must say it. You will offend the Jews who do not love my agenda. And you will offend the Gentiles who do not love my agenda. You must say it to all the nations."

Amen, let us stand.