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THE SPIRITUAL REBIRTH OF ISRAEL

“When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world.” (John 16:21)

Two years ago, we pointed out that the two previous united Israeli kingdoms, the first under King David and his son Solomon and the second under the Hasmonaeans, both lasted 73 years before they broke apart because of internal disunity. In the same way, unprecedented internal disunity began to emerge shortly before Israel’s 73rd anniversary. Five national elections in four years, is a clear example of this instability.

In our Prayer Alert two months ago, we warned about civil war breaking out in Israel after the latest election. The civil unrest in Israel has not abated since then. It has rather increased. Opposition leader Yair Lapid, who immediately encouraged civil disobedience towards the newly elected government even before it was formed, has been true to the threat he gave to Prime Minister Netanyahu, “If you think what I've been saying the last few days is seditious, I have news for you, you ain't seen nothing yet. I'm just getting started. ... We are here, we will fight the chaos government. We will take people to the streets.” As most of you know through the media, this is also what has happened. The birth pangs of Messiah are increasing. If we ever needed to pray for Israel, it is now.

The Antichrist is in the Scriptures called “the lawless one”. His main goal is

to prevent the coming of Messiah and the establishment of the Kingdom of God from Jerusalem through the national repentance of Israel. The enemy is bent on destroying Israel before that, either through military means from the outside, or through civil war inside of Israel. This is the main reason behind the present unrest! The unrest is, however, also an encouraging sign of the soon coming of Messiah as it is a necessary part of the painful redemption process.

The Redemption of Israel

In opposition to the development in the West, which is becoming more and more secular, Israel is instead gradually becoming more and more religious. This is a development completely in line with what the prophets have spoken about Israel's redemption. It is happening exactly as has been prophesied.

During the first decades after its independence in 1948, the state of Israel was ruled by socialists and Marxists. With the election of Menachem Begin as Prime Minister in 1977, the socialists began to lose their control. The latest election was, however, the first time, that a purely right-wing, religious government was elected to rule Israel. The left-wing and the secular population in Israel are panicking.

Here is how, Hillel Halkin, one of the leading secular intellectuals in Israel expressed it right after the latest election, "For years now, Israel has seemed to me like a man sleepwalking toward a cliff. Now we've fallen from it." He continued to explain that with the election of the right-wing religious government, Israel has not only ceased being a democracy, but it has also lost its soul. According to Halkin, Zionism was meant to cure the

Jewish people of Judaism's fantasies and delusions but has instead become infected with them. He wrote, "Zionism wanted to make us a normal people, ... It failed and grew warped in the process."

This is what the Scriptures say about Halkin's opinion, which represents the secular Israelis today who are yelling in the streets,

"What is in your mind shall never happen—the thought, 'Let us be like the nations, like the tribes of the countries, and worship wood and stone.' As I live, declares the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out I will be king over you. ... I will make you pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant. I will purge out the rebels from among you, and those who transgress against me. I will bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord." (Ez 20:32-33, 37-38)

The establishment of the state of Israel in 1948, was only the first stage in the ultimate redemption of Israel and thereby the entire world. Israel is not destined to be a secular, socialist or liberal state. What we are witnessing now in Israel is the beginning of the birth pangs towards the second stage of redemption, the spiritual rebirth of the nation of Israel in fulfillment of prophecy! Israel has entered the birth canal and the devil is fighting the birth with every means at his disposal.

The ancient Jewish prayer after meals, outlines the process of the redemption of Israel and the entire world. The third benediction of the prayer goes,

“Have mercy, Lord our God, upon Israel Your people, upon Jerusalem Your city, upon Zion the dwelling place of Your glory, upon the kingship of the house of David Your anointed, and upon the great and holy House over which Your Name was proclaimed.”

This is the order in which Israel has been restored and will be restored in our day. It began with God having mercy on Israel, gathering the Jewish people from the four corners of the world, and birthing the state of Israel in 1948. The Welsh intercessor Rees Howells, called this the greatest work of the Holy Spirit since the Day of Pentecost in Acts 2. Then in 1967, the Six Day War broke out and Jerusalem was liberated and united under Jewish sovereignty for the first time, in more than two thousand years. It was a supernatural, miraculous war.

What we are waiting for now is the full liberation of the Holy Hill of the Lord, Mount Zion, the Temple Mount and the coming of Messiah as it says, “When the Lord shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory.” (Ps 102:16 KJV) The prophecy above from Ezekiel continues to reveal what the ultimate goal for Israel is: worshipping the Holy One of Israel at the Temple in Jerusalem!

“For on my holy mountain, the mountain height of Israel, declares the Lord God, there all the house of Israel, all of them, shall serve me in the land. There I will accept them, and there I will require your contributions and the choicest of your gifts, with all your sacred offerings. As a pleasing aroma I will accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered. And I will manifest my

holiness among you in the sight of the nations. And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, the country that I swore to give to your fathers.” (Ez 20:40-42)

If the physical rebirth of the nation in 1948, came about through great turmoil and upheaval, including an unprecedented World War and the Holocaust of six million Jews, we should not expect that the spiritual rebirth of Israel will become less dramatic. The battle will be intense, and we are called to pray for Israel as watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem crying out day and night to God for his will to be done.

The New Covenant

The New Covenant that God will bring Israel into, is explained in several places in the Old Testament. The primary one is of course the one in Jeremiah.

“Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” Jer 31:31-33

It is important to notice, that the Torah, the Law of God, is not done away with in the New Covenant! The book of Hebrews quoting this text does not

say that God found fault with the Torah in the First Covenant. What was wrong in the First Covenant was the people! “For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another. But God found fault with the people and said: ‘The days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah.’” (Heb 8:7-8 NIV)

The New Covenant requires a spiritual regeneration and transformation where the Torah will become internalized, written on the heart. God will circumcise the heart, making it new. This is what Moses also said would eventually happen to Israel,

“And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. ... the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.” (Deut 30:1-6)

Ezekiel explains that the heart transformation in the New Covenant will lead to a complete obedience to the Torah:

“I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you

shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” (Ez 36:24-27)

Notice what God says happens with the Torah in the New Covenant: “I will give you a new heart ... and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.” This is the New Covenant that Israel will enter as a nation in the last days! The Torah will not be done away with.

Israel is not going to be saved through a Christian gospel outreach, but through a sovereign outpouring of the spirit of grace and supplication on the people as prophesied by Zechariah, “And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves.” (Zech 12:10-12 NIV) There will not be any gender mixed places of prayer in this spiritual outpouring!

The best “evangelism” in Israel is Messianic Jews becoming just as zealous for the Torah as the early believers in Jerusalem were. “Then they said to Paul: ‘You see, brother, how many thousands of Jews have believed, and all of them are zealous for the law.’” (Acts 21:20) The early followers of Messiah were fulfilling the New Covenant, walking in God’s

statutes careful to obey his rules. Every day they gathered in the Temple “having favor with all the people.” (Acts 2:47) They were highly respected by the other religious Jews in Jerusalem who were worshipping in the Temple, “None of the rest dared join them, but the people held them in high esteem.” (Acts 5:13)

Israel’s Supreme Court

For years we have pointed out that the antichrist’s main powerbase inside of Israel, is the Supreme Court. The new, extremely lavish Supreme Court building, overlooking the Knesset, was built in 1992 by the Rothschild family completely according to freemasonry architecture. It is full of Masonic imagery including a pyramid on the top and the all-seeing eye at the entrance.

Immediately after the dedication of the new Supreme Court building, Aharon Barak who was the Supreme Court President at the time, initiated a constitutional revolution, that basically took the governing power away from the Knesset, placing it instead in the hands of in the Supreme Court, with self-elected judges.

Seeing that they no longer represent a majority of the population in Israel, the left-wing socialists and liberals have concentrated their efforts to control Israel through the media and the Supreme Court. Columnist Caroline Glick wrote recently, “The left's hysterical talk about civil war is caused by the fear that their decades-old power grab is being undone.”

Only God can save Israel from the abyss of anarchy, and we need to pray.

Israel is not meant to be ruled by a left-wing secular court. It is not a coincidence that the newly elected right-wing, religious government was established just in time for the Feast of Chanukah, celebrated in memory of the rededication of the Temple to God. What is happening now in Israel is a repetition of what happened during the time of the Maccabees in the Chanukah story prophesied by Daniel, "He [the Antichrist] shall seduce with flattery those who violate the covenant, but the people who know their God shall stand firm and take action." (Dan 11:32)

What is happening now in Israel is a battle between the socialists and liberals who have sided with the pagan nations in their apostasy against God and his Word, and those who want to be faithful to God and the Torah. The Torah will reveal the true Messiah to Israel. We need to pray for the fulfillment of the Chanukah story again in Israel!

Relentless Islamic terror

The enemy is very quick to exploit weakness. In the midst of the civil unrest, Israel is also rocked by a wave of horrifying terror attacks. Right now, when the world, including the United States, is turning more and more against Israel because of the new right-wing religious government's policies, is a very opportune time for terrorists to attack and murder innocent civilians. The terrorists know that in the end, people will tend to put the blame on Israel rather than on them for the gruesome acts they are doing.

We need to faithfully pray for God's protection over his people, that he will help Israel to stop the terror and also that God will comfort the many that

are now hurting and grieving in Israel over lost loved ones.

PRAY FOR THE FOLLOWING POINTS!

- Pray for an outpouring of the spirit of grace and supplication in Israel!

“And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son. On that day the weeping in Jerusalem will be as great as the weeping of Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo. The land will mourn, each clan by itself, with their wives by themselves.” (Zech 12:10-12 NIV)

- Pray that many will have supernatural revelations and encounters with Messiah!

“As I was on my way and drew near to Damascus, about noon a great light from heaven suddenly shone around me. And I fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to me, ‘Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?’ And I answered, ‘Who are you, Lord?’ And he said to me, ‘I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom you are persecuting.’” (Acts 22:6-8)

- Pray that the Lord will bless all the ministers in the new government in Israel to do his will!

“The king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; he turns it

wherever he will." (Pr 21:1)

- Pray that the Lord will bring the plans of those who threaten with civil war in Israel to nothing!

"Let them vanish like water that runs away; when he aims his arrows, let them be blunted." (Ps 58:7)

- Pray for strength to the leaders in Israel's government to withstand the pressures from the nations!

"For I, the Lord your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not, I am the one who helps you.' Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares the Lord; your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel." (Isa 41:13-14)

- Pray that God will protect all the borders of the Land!

"a land that the Lord your God cares for. The eyes of the Lord your God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year to the end of the year." (Deut 11:12)

- Pray for the soon coming of Messiah to bring peace to Israel and the world!

"For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" (Mt 23:39)

God bless you as watchmen on the walls of Jerusalem!

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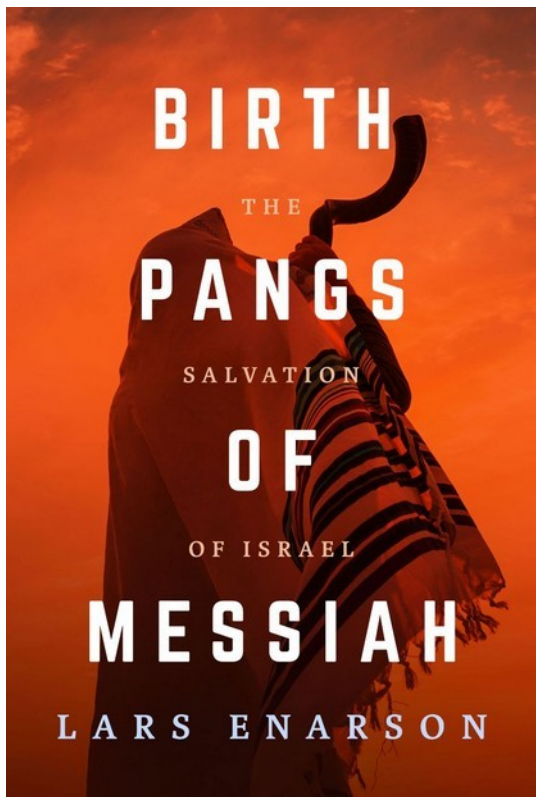
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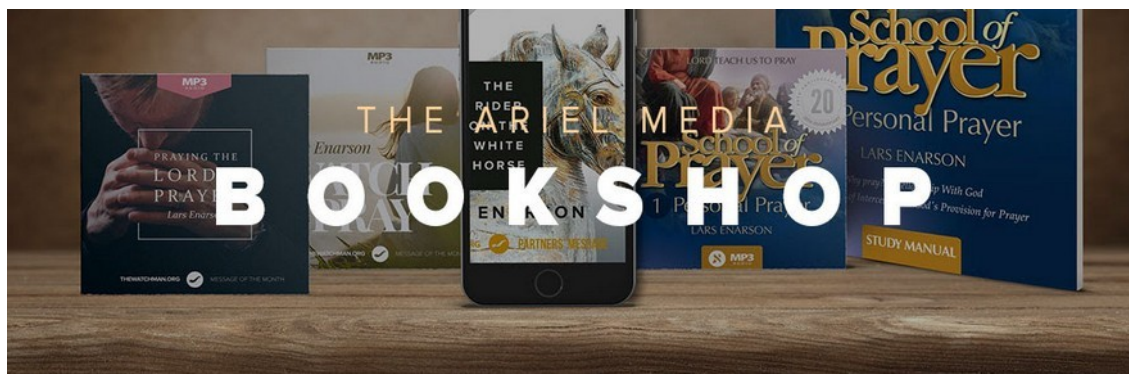
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