

## **False Teachers**

Let us pray.

BAR-CHU et Adonai ham'vorach. Baruch Adonai ham'vorach l'olam vaed. Baruch atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, asher bacher banu mi-kol ha'amim, v'natan lanu et Torato. Baruch Atah, Adonai, notein ha Torah.

BLESS ADONAI who is blessed. Blessed is Adonai who is blessed now and forever. Blessed are You, Adonai, our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has chosen us from among the peoples, and given us the Torah. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Amen.

Isaiah 40:3 A voice of one calling in the wilderness, "Prepare the way for the Lord".

These are the last days. The very end of days. These are the days of preparation. We are to prepare for the coming of Messiah and the kingdom of God on earth. Let us begin our preparation by being careful in our teaching so that we do not lessen the preparedness of the ones who listen to us.

There are many false teachings that have gotten in the way of being prepared in these last days. For example, there are those that teach one of the reasons for the tribulation is to judge and purify the Jews and make them turn to Christ. They teach that the Christians will be raptured before the tribulation, but the Jews will go through it as a last judgement to get them ready to accept Messiah. And they quote Zechariah's refinement passage as happening during the tribulation.

Zechariah 13:7-9 "Awake, sword, against my shepherd, against the man who is close to me!" declares the Lord Almighty. "Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered, and I will turn my hand against the little ones. In the whole land," declares the Lord, "two-thirds will be struck down and perish; yet one-third will be left in it. This third I will put into the fire; I will refine them like silver and test them like gold. They will call on my name and I will answer them; I will say, 'They are my people,' and they will say, 'The Lord is our God.' "

This passage is not speaking about the time of the tribulation but goes with the two verses that follow it where Jerusalem is plundered and ransacked (Zechariah 14:1,2). Which happened in 70AD when the Romans sacked Jerusalem and scattered Israel. The refinement of the Jews has already taken place and God has already answered them and returned them to the land. They do say, "The Lord is our God" today in Jerusalem.

The time of judgement of the Jews is over, now is the time of restoration of the Jews and the time of converting the old covenant into the New Covenant. Restoration is in process. The Jews have a nation, and the tribes are returning. These days we are in now are the time for the returning of the rest of the northern tribes of Israel. The old covenant is already rapidly being converted into the New Covenant, in the last fifty years the number of congregations of Jews who believe in Jesus has grown remarkably and, in the years, ahead we will see this process increased as God pours His Spirit out and puts a fire into the hearts of the Jews.

In the time of tribulation God will not judge the Jews but preserve them. Ezekiel 38 will happen at that time, Russia and Iran will come against Israel and God will destroy them in a miraculous way. God will seal the tribes of Israel before harm comes to the land or sea in Revelation (Revelation 7:3-8).

No, the Jews do not get judged during the tribulation. The only ones who suffer harm and judgement during the tribulation among God's people are the false teachers. The Prostitute on the Beast in Revelation 17.

Revelation 17:6 I saw that the woman was drunk with the blood of God's holy people, the blood of those who bore testimony to Jesus.

Among other things, she represents false teachers who Jesus condemns in Matthew 23. Jesus says the teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat, so you must be careful to do everything they tell you (Matthew 23:2,3). So, Jesus does not condemn the listeners, he admonishes them to obey what they are taught. But he follows this with seven woes on the teachers of the law and the Pharisees. And he ends with the curse of the blood.

Matthew 23:35 And so upon you will come all the righteous blood that has been shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah son of Berehiah, whom you murdered between the temple and the altar.

And the Prostitute is drinking that blood. She represents false teachers. So, those who teach falsely will be punished in revelation.

Revelation 17:16 The beast and the ten horns you saw will hate the prostitute. They will bring her to ruin and leave her naked; they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire.

The truth is that God does not promise to remove His people from the tribulation. The only reason for the rapture is to bring the Bride to the wedding supper of the Lamb and this does not happen until the middle of chapter 19 of Revelation. But God does promise to protect His people during the tribulation, to pour out His Spirit, to prepare places of sanctuary, and to bring all of Israel and Judah into His New Covenant.

I wonder at a teaching that separates Christians and Jews. Especially when reading of the end times. If you aren't identifying with the tribes of Israel and Judah, then you should be. After all, everyone who comes to God through the New Covenant which is Christ Jesus; is by definition, Jewish.

And the twelve tribes get sealed on the forehead for the tribulation (Revelation 7:3)

Let us pray,

BARUCH atah, Adonai Eloheinu, Melech ha-olam, asher natan lanu Torat emet, v'chayei olam nata b'tocheinu. Baruch Atah, Adonai, notein ha Torah.

BLESSED ARE YOU, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe, who has given us a Torah of truth, implanting within us eternal life. Blessed are You, Adonai, who gives the Torah.

Amen.

Thank You,

A Voice in The Wilderness