



This is a Message Seldom Heard!

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“Jan Willem van der Hoeven is the only one who has taught that Israel will receive Jesus as their Messiah at least 7 years before Jesus is coming back. This would be extremely important when the final redemption is near. Would you please give me a hint about Jan Willem’s teachings about this item? I have two CDs about this. He should teach nowadays about this! “-*Finnish believer.*

In response to this kind letter from a fellow Finnish believer, I felt to write down some of the scriptural reasons which clearly show that, before the physical second coming of Our Lord and Savior, there will be a nationwide spiritual awakening in Israel.

1. Jesus will not return unless He will be asked and welcomed by the very people who first failed to receive Him. This unfortunately is not preached or understood by many today.

See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’ Luke 13:35 (NKJV)

2. But what will have to happen in order for this to occur?

They will only be able to say this after the Holy Spirit has been blown over and poured out upon them, as it is written:

- ⁹ *It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.* ¹⁰ ***“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.*** ¹¹ *In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.* ¹² *And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;* ¹³ *the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;* ¹⁴ *all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves. Zechariah 12:9-14 (NKJV)*
- ¹² *Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.* ¹³ *Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.* ¹⁴ *I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your*



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own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it," says the Lord.' Ezekiel 37:12-14 (NKJV)

- ³¹ *"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—³² not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.³⁴ No more shall every man teach his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more." Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NKJV)*
 - ²⁵ *For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.²⁶ **And so all Israel will be saved,** as it is written: "The Deliverer will come out of Zion, And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;²⁷ For this is My covenant with them, When I take away their sins."²⁸ Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers.²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.³⁰ For as you were once disobedient to God, yet have now obtained mercy through their disobedience,³¹ even so these also have now been disobedient, that through the mercy shown you they also may obtain mercy.³² **For God has committed them all to disobedience, that He might have mercy on all.** Romans 11:25-32 (NKJV)*
3. For all this to happen, the aforementioned verses show that there soon will be an outpouring "of the Spirit of grace and supplication" (Zechariah 12:10) resulting in the whole nation seeing the pierced Lord and causing them to deeply mourn and repent with much weeping? The same process we later find with the conversion of the Apostle Paul!

As the Lord explained to Nicodemus in John 3:5, there is no possibility for any person "to enter the kingdom except through water and the spirit". Therefore, what happened on the day of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit had fallen on the 120 Jewish people, they all were also baptized in water. See Acts 2:37-38.

It seems so significant in relation to the final redemption and conversion of all Israel now that there is this stress in these already mentioned scriptures that there will be for this very reason an abundance of water.

"In that day, a fountain will be opened up for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and impurity" (Zechariah 13:1 NKJV)



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Joel 3:18 states that there will be an abundance of water on that day – making it possible for a massive baptism in water.

So it's not strange to find that, immediately after God will have poured upon Israel "the Spirit of grace and supplication" (Zechariah 12:10 NKJV), a fountain of water shall be opened for the cleansing of His people!

- ¹ *"In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. ² "It shall be in that day," says the Lord of hosts, "that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they shall no longer be remembered. I will also cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to depart from the land. Zechariah 13:1-2 (NKJV)*
- *And it will come to pass in that day that the mountains shall drip with new wine, the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall be flooded with water; a fountain shall flow from the house of the Lord and water the Valley of Acacias. Joel 3:18 (NKJV)*

In other words, there will be an abundance of water for every one touched by God's Holy Spirit to go through the waters of baptism like Paul, who significantly calls his own born again experience a pre-timely birth:

- a. He saw the Lord, whom he was persecuting,
- b. He spent 3 days in repentance, prayer and fasting
- c. And was baptized by Ananias.
- d. He was filled with the Holy Spirit

*Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time.
1 Corinthians 15:8 (NKJV)*

It is therefore quite amazing to see the parallel between the conversion of Paul the persecutor and what is to happen soon to all the people of Israel in spite of their previous failure to receive Him: that is, the vision of the Lord (Zechariah 12:8-14) resulting in a deep sorrow, weeping, fasting and prayer, and being baptized in the His Name and the receiving of the Holy Spirit. Thus, the way of Paul's conversion was indicative for Israel.

This is all therefore quite amazing, when we study the implications of these different Scriptures.

There will only be a coming of the Lord in glory, back to His people and city, when they will be ready to welcome Him. It is then that the king and His kingdom will be restored to His people Israel.

Luke 13:35 clearly states that the king will return. In Acts 15:13-16 the Lord affirms that the king will return and restore His kingdom and the tabernacle of David in Israel.



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4. The direct result of the people of Israel being saved is that it will then unite the worldwide gentile church, by God's Holy Spirit, with the restored Israel and the two restored sticks, Judah (modern Israel) and Ephraim (the full number of Gentile believers), will become one flock, one stick, one tree and one full Israel of God.

- ***For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. Romans 11:25 (NKJV)***

- ¹⁴ *I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it," says the Lord.' "* ¹⁵ *Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,* ¹⁶ *"As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: 'For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.' Then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.' "* ¹⁷ *Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand. "* ¹⁸ *"And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, 'Will you not show us what you mean by these?'— "* ¹⁹ *say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand." "* ²⁰ *And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes. "* ²¹ *"Then say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; "* ²² *and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again. Ezekiel 37:14-22 (NKJV)*

- ¹¹ *Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands—* ¹² *that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. "* ¹³ *But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.*

¹⁴ *For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, "* ¹⁵ *having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as* *to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace, "* ¹⁶ *and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. "* ¹⁷ *And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. "* ¹⁸ *For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. "* ¹⁹ *Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but*



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fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God,²⁰ having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone,²¹ in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit. Ephesians 2:11-22 (NKJV)

5. ⁹ Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls filled with the seven last plagues came to me and talked with me, saying, **“Come, I will show you the bride, the Lamb’s wife.”** ¹⁰ **And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great and high mountain, and showed me the great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,¹¹ having the glory of God.** Her light was like a most precious stone, like a jasper stone, clear as crystal. ¹² Also she had a great and high wall with twelve gates, and twelve angels at the gates, and names written on them, which are the names of the **twelve tribes of the children of Israel:** ¹³ three gates on the east, three gates on the north, three gates on the south, and three gates on the west. ¹⁴ Now the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. Revelation 21:9-14 (NKJV)

After Judah and Ephraim, the two sticks, have been joined together into one Israel, the book of Revelations describes the bride of the Lamb as the twelve tribes of Israel, thus Israel (modern Israeli believers) are being described as a part of Messiah’s bride!!!

So now, being united with Israel, grafted into the tree and commonwealth of Israel to become one, all believers will have the desire, which is to build the temple of the Lord to welcome Him back to His holy hill and make Jerusalem His residence again!

- ¹² *Thus says the Lord of hosts, saying: “Behold, the Man whose name is the BRANCH! From His place He shall branch out, And He shall build the temple of the Lord; ¹³ Yes, He shall build the temple of the Lord. He shall bear the glory, And shall sit and rule on His throne; So He shall be a priest on His throne, And the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”* ¹⁴ *“Now the elaborate crown shall be for a memorial in the temple of the Lord for Helem, Tobijah, Jedaiah, and Hen the son of Zephaniah. ¹⁵ Even those from afar shall come and build the temple of the Lord. Then you shall know that the Lord of hosts has sent Me to you. And this shall come to pass if you diligently obey the voice of the Lord your God.”* Zechariah 6:12-15 (NKJV)
- ²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore. ²⁷ My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people. ²⁸ **The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.”** Ezekiel 37:26-28 (NKJV)



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- ¹ *Afterward he brought me to the gate, the gate that faces toward the east.* ² *And behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east. His voice was like the sound of many waters; and the earth shone with His glory.* ³ *It was like the appearance of the vision which I saw—like the vision which I saw when I came to destroy the city. The visions were like the vision which I saw by the River Chebar; and I fell on my face.* ⁴ ***And the glory of the Lord came into the temple by way of the gate which faces toward the east.*** ⁵ ***The Spirit lifted me up and brought me into the inner court; and behold, the glory of the Lord filled the temple.*** *Ezekiel 43:1-5 (NKJV)*

Therefore we must realize in the light of all these first aforementioned scriptures, that there will not be a physical return of the Lord without a welcome by His people Israel and to see Him come by building his house and temple as described in the last eight chapters of Ezekiel.

If this all is soon going to happen to Israel, it truly will be like “life from the dead” as Paul writes in his epistle to the Romans.

¹² Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, how much more their fullness! ¹⁵ For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?
Romans 11:12-15 (NKJV)

We must be like the old saintly Simeon, *who eagerly waited for the consolation of Israel*, when he saw the baby Jesus and prophesied.

So he came by the Spirit into the temple... and blessed God and said: “Lord, now You are letting Your servant depart in peace, According to Your word; For my eyes have seen Your salvation... and the glory of Your people Israel.”
Luke 2:25-32 (NKJV)

Therefore, in conclusion, there must be quite a few years before that dreadful day of the Lord and His return for His bride, from now until the moment of Israel’s full physical and spiritual restoration. There must be enough time for the construction and building of the Ezekiel Temple and the vicious final attack by the evil one through Gog and Magog.

According to the scriptures, all of this will occur when the majority of nations in this present time will turn against Israel in a huge Armageddon-like threat. Believers, doubly endued by the Holy Spirit, will have a strong prophetic responsibility in regard to their own nations, as the Bible warns that the outcome of his coming attack on Israel will be the destruction of these nations.

¹ Come near, you nations, to hear; And heed, you people! Let the earth hear, and all that is in it, The world and all things that come forth from it. ⁸ For it is the day of the LORD’s vengeance, The year of recompense for the cause of Zion.



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Isaiah 34:1,8 (NKJV)

¹⁰ 'Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,' says the Lord, 'Nor be dismayed, O Israel; For behold, I will save you from afar, And your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return, have rest and be quiet, And no one shall make him afraid. ¹¹ For I am with you,' says the Lord, 'to save you; Though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, Yet I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, And will not let you go altogether unpunished.'

Jeremiah 30:10-11 (NKJV)

¹² For the nation and kingdom which will not serve you shall perish, And those nations shall be utterly ruined.

Isaiah 60:12 (NKJV)

One thing is clear. There will be no coming of the Lord to the earth until there is a temple to receive Him and a people, Jew and Gentile believers together, to fervently welcome Him back! How very true and deeply applicable therefore are the words of Psalm 2:

Psalm 2 (NKJV)

¹ Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? ² The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, ³ "Let us break their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." ⁴ He who sits in the heavens shall laugh; The Lord shall hold them in derision. ⁵ Then He shall speak to them in His wrath, And distress them in His deep displeasure: ⁶ "Yet I have set My King On My holy hill of Zion." ⁷ "I will declare the decree: The Lord has said to Me, 'You are My Son, Today I have begotten You. ⁸ Ask of Me, and I will give You The nations for Your inheritance, And the ends of the earth for Your possession. ⁹ You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' " ¹⁰ Now therefore, be wise, O kings; Be instructed, you judges of the earth. ¹¹ Serve the Lord with fear, And rejoice with trembling. ¹² Kiss the Son, lest He be angry, and you perish in the way, When His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all those who put their trust in Him.

May truly every one of us use the little time left to us to do all that we can, He Himself will enable us to do for Him and His kingdom, before the night falls on us.

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