They Shall See Eye to Eye

Isaiah 52:1 – 53:1
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~ If you have been reading our Spiritual Safari through the prophecy of Isaiah in the Spirit of God with us, you may have noticed a silhouette quietly emerging from the background as we proceeded. A servant has been working in the shadows of our thinking. In our last report, that servant came directly into the light – and we saw He is the Servant of Jehovah; none Other than the Lord Jesus Christ. Well, that Servant is also our Holy High Priest – and He has been making sacrifices for our learning and wisdom throughout this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God. Sacrifice is part of life. Sacrifice occupies a large segment of sound doctrine. A free-will offering for us, in sacrifice, manifests the gift of salvation. In the spiritual realm, however, there is a supremely high sacrifice to be made as ransom for our redemption and, indeed, Christ paid it all. All to Him we owe.

In order to bring a proper and acceptable sacrifice, you're necessarily going to require a fire. If Christ doesn't build that fire, and provide the light for you, then all you have is your own fire – where one shall lie down in sorrows. Yours is a false flame that gives a false light; and it is the single biggest tragic mistake I see being made by myriad multitudes of self-professing believers around this garbage-dump landfill of human thought and emotion that constitutes the forum on which I teach. If you have not read our last safari report, I highly suggest you go back and do so now. You will remember I designated chapter fifty-one the *''alarm clock''* chapter. The alarm clock should be blaring in our ears. If it's not, then I would suggest praying for wisdom, judgment, and discernment. Wake up, friends, and dedicate your self as a living sacrifice committed to the proper, correct and complete study of Scripture….

LII

1 Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean.

2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, **and** ***sit down, O Jerusalem: loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.***

3 For thus saith the LORD, Ye have sold yourselves for nought; and ye shall be redeemed without money.

4 For thus saith the Lord GOD, My people went down aforetime into Egypt to sojourn there; and the Assyrian oppressed them without cause.

5 Now therefore, what have I here, saith the LORD, that my people is taken away for nought? they that rule over them make them to howl, saith the LORD; and my name continually every day **is** ***blasphemed.***

6 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore **they shall know** ***IN THAT DAY that I*** **am** ***he that doth speak: behold,*** **it is** ***I.***

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

8 Thy watchmen shall lift up the voice; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.

~ These first eight verses are an invitation to the redeemed remnant of the nation Israel. When God says, *''….oh, Jerusalem*….'' and *''….Oh, Zion*….'' I have to believe that He didn't accidentally mean, *''oh, Venezuela*….'' or *''….oh, Orlando, Florida*….''— No, God means the geographically factual and literal Jerusalem located in the geographically, factually physical, and literal location of the nation Israel. Of course, Zion is the high point in Jerusalem. Someday, a true blessing will come upon the nation Israel; and it will no longer be such a dangerous, crime-ridden, dirty, sinful, and unattractive city as it is today. Personally, I'm not thrilled with the thought of living or

visiting there. I have no desire to do either. It's not a beautiful place to me. It's a captive city; trodden down by the Gentiles.

The Arab controls Jerusalem; and the sacred places are covered with all manner of Islamic Mosques, Greek, and Russian Orthodox churches, the Roman Catholic Church – and all manner of false religion permeates every inch of Israeli soil. When the Lord Jesus Christ was here on earth two thousand years ago, the nation Israel did not know Him. Today, the world rejects Him and they don't know Him, either. One day, they're all going to know Him as Jesus will knock on their door and say, *''behold, it is I.''* Of course, it will be too late for many people who have continually rejected Him – but they're still going to bow down. Their mouths will be stopped; I'm looking forward to that. Maybe you are, too?

Now, if God says Jerusalem will be a beautiful place someday — and He does — then I believe Him. However, if you say that the shackles of captivity have been removed, and that Jerusalem is beautiful today, then I disagree entirely. You won't find a joyful song on any street, or in any church in Jerusalem today. Around the Mosque of Omar, the noise is a dreadful minor key. At the Wailing Wall – they're weeping and banging their heads against it. It's so depressing they had to rename it.

No, friends, Israel needs deliverance from the low degree of a godless civilization that they have become. The day in which we are talking about, when Jerusalem will sing a joyful song again, and the time in which we are studying, in which Jerusalem will be beautiful again, is *IN THAT DAY*. *IN THAT DAY* is a term defining the time beginning with the rapture of the church, running through the Great Tribulation period, and into the Millennial Kingdom, when Christ is reigning on the literal throne in the literal Jerusalem. *IN THAT DAY*, we will have received glorified physical bodies, and the entire created universe will have been redeemed from the fall of sin. That's when the answer to the prayer *''….Thy Kingdom come….''* will be fulfilled. There won't be any guesswork about it, either. That's not today, my beloved. The amazing thing is that the *ENTIRE WORLD* will be changed; and become a beautiful place at that time….

9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem: for the LORD hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God.

11 Depart ye, depart ye, go ye out from thence, touch no unclean* thing*; go ye out of the midst of her; be ye clean, that bear the vessels of the LORD.

12 For ye shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight: for the LORD will go before you; and the God of Israel* will be *your rereward.

13 Behold, my servant shall deal prudently, he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.

~ Certain political administrations in recent past American history used this word ''*prudent*'' until it became almost meaningless. They talk of being prudent in personal conduct, and acting prudently on serious national matters but, today, there is no question that our leaders are not only *NOT* prudent, they are altogether unwise, immoral, reckless liars. Man today simply does not deal prudently with one another, friends. In fact, we don't even know what prudent means anymore. When Jesus returns to this earth, and deals prudently with us, most people are going to think He is being altogether prideful, arrogant, harsh, and just plain unreasonable. Well, He is the One Whom God hath highly exalted. God has given Christ Jesus a Name above every Name…..

14 As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:

~ So, our Spiritual Safari ends this shorter than usual leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God with a preliminary statement that prepares the way for us to examine the prophetic picture of the crucifixion of Christ on the cross in the next chapter. We need to be super careful when considering the death of Christ on the cross, because it is not always a sign of orthodoxy to dwell on the sufferings He endured. Frankly, most people

become crude in their preaching of the cross. Hollywood blasphemes it *EVERY TIME* they reenact it on a screen. *EVERY* time. No exceptions. So, if, for some strange reason, you are still reading this report, make sure you read this final paragraph extremely carefully:

Once Jesus was nailed to the cross, man could do Him harm no longer; so, they resorted to taunting Him from below. The night had come when no man could work. That's when the Son of God was working out our salvation on the cross. That's when the cross became the altar on which the Lamb that talketh away the sins of the world was offered. After those three hours of darkness, light broke again on the cross in the afternoon, and what men saw shocked, startled, and scared the living daylights out of them. Jesus didn't even look like a human being anymore. His visage was unspeakable. There was no beauty in Him that anyone should desire. That's why our Biblical and Gospel accounts of the crucifixion have a curtain of darkness pulled over them by God Himself. There are literally no details of the crucifixion given in Scripture. There's nothing in the Bible to satisfy the morbid curiosity of mankind. The blood and guts we see in movies are fabricated products of a sick imaginations; designed only to make merchandise of the Lord Jesus Christ – not praise Him. It doesn't bring Him glory; it brings them dollars. Who do we think we're kidding? What we see in the movies is heresy; as Hollywood *IN NO WAY* depicts what really happened – and doesn't understand it; not on *ANY* level….

15 So shall he astonish many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for* that *which had not been told them shall they see; and* that *which they had not heard shall they consider.

LIII

1 Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ~

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