

Go to Hell

Psalms 52:1 – 55:23

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~ Our Spiritual Safari arrives at a lush oasis in our expedition across the desert sands of the Book of Psalms with a cluster of truths that are inextricably intertwined. This report brings us a prophetic picture of the coming antichrist we won't see anywhere else in Scripture. The man of sin, as he will domineer over Israel and the world during the end of this age, comes into full, close-up view for us now. Antichrist will be a world dictator; and the Lord Jesus referred to him in the Olivet Discourse found in Matthew chapter twenty-four. Daniel and Paul both also speak prophetically about the coming antichrist in their writings. If you have not read our previous report and, indeed, all twenty-eight previous safari reports from Psalms, I suggest you go back and do so now.

Interestingly, only the apostle John mentions antichrist by name; and John says that *many* antichrists have *already* come into the world. Well, if many antichrists were in the world in John's day, then imagine how many are around today. Ask yourself these questions as we embark on today's leg of this safari: what sustains you in your dark moments of life? What gives you strength to continue and provides you with hope? What gives your life any meaning at all? David said he would cry aloud all the day long and the Lord would hear his voice. Do you understand David's dependance? Do you rest in that same level of trust and confidence of the Lord Jesus Christ? Well, only the Word of God can reveal to us the truth of this world and give us the guidance in it that we so desperately need.

All of the Psalms in this cluster are Maschil Psalms; which means they are for instruction. So, prepare to be instructed, my friends. We are examining the deepest and most profound spiritual truths concerning prophecy in this eschatological section of the Word of God that there is! There are many utterly ignorant — and just plain wild things — being said today in the field of prophecy. Fanaticism and phony religious philosophy run rampant in the eschatological department. There are many things being said that ought not be said. Prophetic conferences, and people who erroneously believe

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they have had a dream or a vision, are springing up everywhere. Many churches that have never even approached eschatology are now jumping wholly unlearned onto a bandwagon of heresy. It's emotional. It's sensational. It sells books — and all manner of merchandise — but it will never save a single soul.

2 Peter 1: 19 *We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the Day Star arise in your hearts: 20 Knowing this first: that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. 21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but by holy men of God who spake as they were moved by the Holy Spirit ~*

Some of you had better read that passage from second Peter again super duper carefully; particularly verse twenty. See, many people get WAY out on a limb with prophecy, and then they get angry at me when the Holy Spirit cuts that limb off! This is where many well-meaning men and women go horribly wrong; and then they get their feelings hurt as a result — and then they part ways with Jesus. So, with all of that as a background — and remembering that the inscriptions at the beginning of the Psalms are part of the inspired text - let's move along. I should tell you that I will only be able to hit the highest of high points in this passage....

DDD ~ (To the chief Musician, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech)

1 Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man? the goodness of God endureth continually.

~ Doeg was a bad egg who betrayed David. There were many men who professed to be David's friend, but were totally disloyal. It is antichrist that is the mighty man who will speak great swelling words and boasting of himself. They boast of their sin *continually*. When David sinned, he kept his mouth shut about it. That's because David was under deep conviction. Antichrist has no compunction and no conviction in his heart whatsoever. Actually, the man in the world loves his sin and brags about it incessantly.

Sinners absolutely *LOVE* talking together about all the sinning they have done lately. That's the difference between the child of God and the child of the devil. The child of God will sin, in many ways, the same as the man in the world will sin; because we all have the same old nature. However, the man of God will hang his head in shame and hate what he has done when he does it....

2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs; like a sharp razor, working deceitfully.

3 Thou lovest evil more than good; and lying rather than to speak righteousness. Selah.

4 Thou lovest all devouring words, O thou deceitful tongue.

5 God shall likewise destroy thee for ever, he shall take thee away, and pluck thee out of thy dwelling place, and root thee out of the land of the living. Selah.

6 The righteous also shall see, and fear, and shall laugh at him:

7 Lo, this is the man that made not God his strength; but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and strengthened himself in his wickedness.

~ Some people lie even when telling the truth would be more advantageous to them. That's pathological lying. Honestly, they cannot help themselves; their lying comes naturally. Well, you won't be able to believe a word antichrist says. Antichrist will be a very rich man, too — of course. Naturally, only a rich man could ever be elected to any kind of office today; Abraham Lincoln wouldn't stand a snowballs chance in the Sahara of getting elected as president in this modern age. Only God will be able to stop antichrist; and verse five means God is going to beat the man of sin down throughout eternity. When God brings dreadful man into judgment, God's children are going to laugh at him. Friends, especially you atheists, make a note: God is going to have the last word and the last laugh....

8 But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the mercy of God for ever and ever.

9 I will praise thee for ever, because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy name; for it is good before thy saints.

~~~~~ (To the chief Musician upon Mahalath, Maschil, A Psalm of David)

1 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, that did seek God.

3 Every one of them is gone back: they are altogether become filthy; there is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge? who eat up my people as they eat bread: they have not called upon God.

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was: for God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

~ "Mahalath" means "in sorrow and in sickness;" and that will be characteristic of the last days; when antichrist is ruling on the earth during the Great Tribulation. However, antichrist will be an atheist, and he will also be in continual sorrows and sickness; although he will never admit to it. Psalm fifty-three is the same as Psalm fourteen, as far as the translation is concerned – but with one notable and very interesting difference: in Psalm fourteen, "Jehovah" was used four times and "Elohim" is used three times. Here, in Psalm fifty-three, "Elohim" is used all seven times! As we have already learned, "Elohim" is God's Name as Creator; and the atheist today denies God incessantly relative to creation. They deny the Word of God

wholesale, but *PARTICULARLY* attempt to cast doubt on the first several chapters of the Bible. They *ALWAYS* dismiss it as folklore, myth or fairy tale. That's the main focal point of the atheist's argument because that's all they really know; although they almost always claim to be an expert on the whole Bible. They invariably deny both the Father and the Son. They have no concept of inspiration, inerrancy or infallibility — because they've never experienced those gift of God in their lives.

Anyone who is going to come to God is going to have to come in faith. Any man who turns to Christ must believe He is a rewarder of them who diligently seek Him. Naturally, the atheist cannot even remotely comprehend that truth; and they set it aside to continue in their deadness of disease, sickness, sorrow, and trespasses and sins. There was a time in the early seventies when a famous rock star musician piously and proudly proclaimed of his group, "... we're more popular than Jesus." Well, that's not true any longer. It's funny how the Lord Jesus Christ made a comeback into the spotlight after being a "*has-been*" for so long; while the man who said that moved into his grave! That's antichrist; and that's the way antichrist works. If you haven't read our commentary on Psalm fourteen, I suggest you go back and read it now.

Verse six reveals, in no uncertain terms, that God is not through with the nation Israel. To make the statement that God is finished with Israel, you must absolutely deny the inerrancy and the inspiration of Scripture. There's no getting around verse six in this connection. Even so, there are men who claim to be believers — mainly the amillennialist — and they spiritualize the Book of Revelation to the point where they don't even realize that what they are doing is denying the inerrancy of Scripture. That is very, very, *VERY* important to understand. In the Word of God, God means the True and Living God, Zion means Zion in Jerusalem, Jacob means Jacob who fathered the twelve tribes and Israel means the nation Israel — as in, over there in Israel. The only way to misunderstand this is because you *WANT* to intentionally misunderstand it....

LDV ~ (To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David, when the Ziphims came and said to Saul, Doth not David hide himself with us?)

1 Save me, O God, by thy name, and judge me by thy strength.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, and oppressors seek after my soul: they have not set God before them. Selah.

4 Behold, God is mine helper: the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

5 He shall reward evil unto mine enemies: cut them off in thy truth.

6 I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O LORD; for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble: and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

~ Psalm fifty-four is a marvelous Psalm that is almost totally ignored. In the midst of all the trouble of the Great Tribulation period, we see the cry of faith in Israel. I think this is the profession of faith of the remnant of the nation Israel *in that day* — and Gentile believers, too. The inscription gives us the historical perspective for this Psalm; and “*Neginoth*” is a stringed musical instrument. It’s another *instructional* Psalm of David; and another example of men close to David betraying him. You can read the full record in first Samuel chapter twenty-three verse nineteen. Flip back to that and read it for yourself. These men went and told Saul where he could find David and kill him. We’re told that in the time of the Great Tribulation period, brother will betray brother. Actually, betrayal is one of the awful distinguishing hallmarks of a godless crowd that will be prevalent at that time; but let’s stay on track....

℣ ~ (To the chief Musician on Neginoth, Maschil, A Psalm of David)

1 Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and hear me: I mourn in my complaint, and make a noise;

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked: for they cast iniquity upon me, and in wrath they hate me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! for then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, and remain in the wilderness. Selah.

8 I would hasten my escape from the windy storm and tempest.

9 Destroy, O Lord, and divide their tongues: for I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: mischief also and sorrow are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof: deceit and guile depart not from her streets.

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; then I could have borne it: neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

14 We took sweet counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in company.

15 Let death seize upon them, and let them go down quick into hell: for wickedness is in their dwellings, and among them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; and the LORD shall save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

18 He hath delivered my soul in peace from the battle that was against me: for there were many with me.

19 God shall hear, and afflict them, even he that abideth of old. Selah. Because they have no changes, therefore they fear not God.

20 He hath put forth his hands against such as be at peace with him: he hath broken his covenant.

21 The words of his mouth were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: his words were softer than oil, yet were they drawn swords.

22 Cast thy burden upon the LORD, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved.

23 But thou, O God, shalt bring them down into the pit of destruction: bloody and deceitful men shall not live out half their days; but I will trust in thee.

~ So, our Spiritual Safari opened this leg of our expedition through the entire Word of God with a Psalm of instruction; and we end with a Psalm of instruction. Maschil. The Great Tribulation period will be the darkest years in the history of the nation Israel — and the entire world, for that matter — and it is in the future. This Psalm — fifty five — represents the darkest moments of those darkest days in those darkest years. Antichrist is fully portrayed and totally exposed in this Psalm in a most undeniable and remarkable way. Frankly, what we see here are things that even the most sincere student of the Bible, and the most astute purveyors of prophecy, have never considered previously. Read very, very carefully from here.

This Psalm reveals the type of things the Lord wants us to seek out by calling upon the Holy Spirit. Pray for wisdom, judgment and discernment now, friends – and then read this Psalm again extremely carefully. When David’s son, Absalom, led a rebellion against him, David left Jerusalem so fast he didn’t even have time to grab his boots. David learned many of his men had sided with Absalom; and he didn’t want Jerusalem and Mount Zion embroiled in a civil war, as that would have destroyed the holy city. David went out of Jerusalem and hid in the caves of the earth he knew so well.

One of the men who betrayed David and sided with Absalom was Ahithophel; a close advisor and confidant of David. In second Samuel chapter fifteen verses thirty and thirty-one we read, *“.... and David went up by the ascent of Mount Olivet, and wept as he went up, and had his head covered, and he went barefoot: and all the people that was with him covered every man his head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. And one told David, saying, Ahithophel is among the conspirators with Absalom. And David said, O LORD, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness.”* Well, God turned the council of Ahithophel into foolishness.

This presents a direct correlation to Judas Iscariot and his betrayal of Jesus. The nation Israel will be betrayed by antichrist *in that day* – meaning the day of the Great Tribulation period! I’m sure many of you reading this report have been betrayed at some point – if not many points – in your life. Some people are just naturally born Judas Iscariot’s and Ahithophel’s. Of course, it hurts when someone we love and have confidence in betrays us. Antichrist will be the familiar friend spoken of in verse fourteen. A covenant was made between David and Ahithophel; and that covenant was broken into a thousand little pieces. Some people who betray you will pray with you — and for you; however, the moment you turn your back to them, they’ll stick the knife in.

We do well to learn there are people around us who will do harm without thinking twice. If antichrist appears tomorrow morning, he will have a following of fans before the sun goes down. Some of this Psalm is

imprecatory; I understand that. But, either way, David wants God to send these men down alive straight into the pit of hell! We have a frightful expression today that says, “*go to hell!*” It is an awful phrase the world uses on each other without thought. The Lord Jesus Christ prayed for those who despitefully used Him. Someday, God is going to deal with our enemies, my beloved. Guess where they’re going *in that day*. One good thing our worst enemy will do for us is cause us to pray more than we have ever prayed before. It may be the best thing that ever happens to us. Turn that over in your mind as you turn your enemies over to God. Instead of criticizing and hating people, let’s start trusting the Lord. That’s the way out. Vengeance is His – He will most certainly repay ~

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