

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Today, by God's grace, we have another opportunity to reflect on His Word and the blessings He has prepared for us.

Let us begin by reading from Zechariah 12:9-14, where the prophet speaks of a future time:

"On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. 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..."

This prophecy speaks about the Jewish people—the Israelites. Israel is a small nation, barely the size of a regional county, and doesn't seem remarkable in terms of natural wonders or resources. Yet, it remains the center of global attention—why?

Despite being spiritually distant from God today, the Jewish people are intellectually gifted and extraordinarily successful

worldwide. Now imagine: if they are already achieving so much while disconnected from God, what will happen when they return to Him?

The Bible promises that one day, God's Spirit of grace will be poured out upon Israel. On that day, they will finally recognize Jesus—the one they rejected and pierced over 2,000 years ago—as their true Messiah. They will weep deeply in repentance, realizing that the very one they crucified is the Savior they had long awaited.

This moment marks a turning point, and it fulfills the prophecy written by Apostle Paul in Romans 11:25-27:

"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: 'The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob. And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins.'"

In other words, Israel's spiritual blindness was allowed for a purpose—so that salvation could come to the Gentiles. We, the nations, have been living in this period of grace. But this season won't last forever.

Once the time for the Gentiles is fulfilled, grace will return to Israel. And with that transition, the Rapture—the great catching away of believers—will follow.

Currently, Jews are still crying out at the Western Wall (the Wailing Wall) in Jerusalem, praying to the God of their fathers to send the Messiah and save them from their enemies. The day is coming when those prayers will be answered—when their spiritual eyes are opened and they finally see Jesus for who He truly is.

It's important to understand: God deliberately allowed Israel to be spiritually blinded so that the Gospel could reach us, the Gentiles. Without that, we might still be bound in idol worship, witchcraft, and spiritual darkness. But through Christ, we were shown mercy.

When the disciples asked Jesus if He would restore the kingdom to Israel after His resurrection, He responded that it wasn't for them to know the time or season (Acts 1:6-7). This meant that a

time *will* come when God will restore Israel fully—and that time is drawing near.

When it happens, the world will witness God's mighty defense of Israel once again. Nations will unite against Jerusalem in the final battle—the Battle of Armageddon—but God will rise and fight for His people.

Zechariah 14 describes that day vividly:

“Then the LORD will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. You will flee by my mountain valley, for it will extend to Azel. You will flee as you fled from the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah. Then the LORD my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.”

So while it's easy to be amazed at Israel's progress today, the real message is this: Time is short. Grace is shifting.

Look at the state of Christianity worldwide. Nations that once sent missionaries are now turning away from faith. This is a sign: the age of grace for the Gentiles is closing, and God's attention is turning back to Israel.

Eventually, all nations—including ours—will oppose Israel and align with the Antichrist. As Zechariah 12:3 warns:

“On that day, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves...”

That's not a time to wish for. Why wait until those terrible days come upon us suddenly?

Now is the time to act. The grace of God is still available—especially here in Africa. Don't let it pass you by. Accept Jesus into your life and let Him cleanse and prepare you for His return.

May the Lord bless you and keep you ready.

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