

Israel And The Word Of God

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- I. PREPARATION TO RECEIVE AND HANDLE THE WORD OF GOD, 8:11-15
 - A. A Word From The Lord, 11
 1. The Lord spoke to Isaiah with a strong hand
 2. The Lord took Isaiah by the hand as he did with Ezekiel – Ezekiel 1:3 *The word of the LORD came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Chebar; and the hand of the LORD was there upon him.*
 - B. The Instruction From The Lord, 11-12
 1. The Lord instructed Isaiah.
 2. His instructions were that he should not walk in the way “of this people.”
 3. It is the same instruction that the Lord gives to all of his children:
 4. 2 Corinthians 6:17 *Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you,*
 5. If we are to receive the word from the Lord, we must separate ourselves from this world – 1 John 2:15 *Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him.*
 6. Do not make a confederacy with the enemy as some of the people are doing.
 - a. If people turn away from serving the Lord and reject his word, they have actually joined with the enemy and are serving him.
 - b. Matthew 6:24 *No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*
 - c. Jesus said in Matthew 12:30 *He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad.*
 - d. Joshua said in Joshua 24:15 *And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that [were] on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.*
 - C. Let The Lord Be Your Fear, 13
 1. Sanctify (set apart) the Lord of hosts himself – 1 Peter 3:15 *But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and [be] ready always to [give] an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:*
 2. We must put the Lord first in our lives. We all know that, but we seldom do it.
 3. If he is set apart in our lives, then he will be our fear. We will fear him with a reverential fear and a fierce love for God in faith and trust – Hosea 3:5 *Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days.*
 - D. God Our Sanctuary And Stumbling Block, 14-15
 1. God is our sanctuary, the spiritual sanctuary, Christ himself – Hebrews 8:2 *A minister of the sanctuary, and of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, and not man.*
 2. The sanctuary is the Holy Place—that is our Lord, Jesus Christ, for he is the Temple of God spiritually, the holy place where we seek our refuge.

3. But this same sanctuary is also a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.
 - a. He was these things to those in Israel who were not true to their God.
 - b. . . . those who joined the enemies and fought against Israel for their own gain.
 - c. This applies to Christ personally – 1 Peter 2:7-8 *Unto you therefore which believe he is precious: but unto them which be disobedient, the stone which the builders disallowed, the same is made the head of the corner, 8 And a stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence, even to them which stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed.*
4. So, verse 15 tells us that many will stumble, and fall, and be broken, and be taken.

II. PATIENCE IN THE COMING OF MESSIAH, 8:16 - 9:7

A. Binding Up The Testimony, 16

1. This is a command from God:
2. To bind up means to seal and protect and keep it among the disciples.
3. This the word of God as it is being used among believers to love, obey, and to protect.
4. 2 Timothy 1:8 *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

B. Sealing Up The Law, 16

1. To seal up means to put a stamp of approval upon.
2. This is God's inspiration to men on earth to write down his exact words and in doing so to make them the veritable word of God, sealed and delivered to believers on earth.
3. The law (or the commandments of Christ) are to be preached "among my disciples."

C. Waiting For The Lord, 17

1. Isaiah will bind up the testimony and seal up the law, cherishing them and holding them close to himself, for in them are found the promises of God to send his Son to earth in the person of the promised Messiah.
2. He says in verse 17, "I will **wait** upon the Lord." – In Patience and Hope
3. Isaiah says in Isaiah 40:31 *But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.*
4. God has hidden Christ's face from the house of Jacob, but Isaiah will look for him.
5. It would have been nice if Isaiah could have been living when Christ was born and walked the earth.

D. Speaking Of Christ, 18

1. It seems here that Christ himself speaks and says in Isaiah 8:18 *Behold, I and the children whom the LORD hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from the LORD of hosts, which dwelleth in mount Zion.*
2. This is evident from Hebrews 2:13 *And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, Behold I and the children which God hath given me.* These are the words of Christ, quoting the passage in Isaiah 8:18.
3. Christ and his children are for signs and wonders, 18
 - a. Isaiah 7:14 *Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel.*
 - b. Luke 2:34 *And Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel; and for a sign which shall*

be spoken against;

- c. Zechariah 3:8 *Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee: for they are men wondered at: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the BRANCH.*
- E. Trouble Is Coming, 19-22
 1. The people seek false gods - familiar spirits and wizards, 19
 2. Should they not seek unto their God?
 3. If they speak not according to the word that God is giving to Isaiah, it is because there is no light in them, 20
 4. Judah will be “hardly bested,” or “sore distressed” as they face the armies of the Chaldeans, or Babylon, 21
 5. All they will be able to find in the earth will be trouble, darkness, dimness of anguish, 22.

III. PRESENTATION OF THE MESSIAH, 9:1-7

- A. Verse one tells us that Babylon will not be hindered in doing what God intends for them to do. This verse also brings us into the land of Galilee and thus turns our attention directly to the New Testament and the time of Christ.
- B. Christ is presented in verse 2 “The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light.”
- C. This Light is Jesus – John 1:9 *That was the true Light, which lighteth every man that cometh into the world.*
- D. People rejoice, because God has increased the nations with the coming of the Messiah.
- E. This was almost 700 years after Isaiah writes his book.
- F. In verse 4 we understand about Christ’s suffering, which was broken, or brought to an end, therefore ending the burden of the Jews to perform the ceremonial law, because Jesus perfected both the moral and ceremonial in his life and his death, resurrecting in victory and ascending into heaven to make intercession for us.
- G. In verse 5 a battle rages with noises of confusion, shields thrashing against one another, people crying out, horns blowing, people lying on the ground covered with blood, but this war, the war of the ages, will be with fire. That means that it will burn quickly and be short lived, Jesus dyed at a young age and lay in the tomb only three days and nights, making a short work of the cross, death, burial, and resurrection.
- H. The battle’s over, and the victory is won.
- I. Finally, in verses 6-7 we read the explanation why this is all possible:
 1. A child is born, unto us a son is given.
 2. The government will be upon his shoulders
 3. His name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The Everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
 4. There will be no end to his government (his kingdom). The zeal of the Lord will perform it.

IV. CONCLUSION

- A. So, we need to bind up the testimony and seal up the law—in other words, preach the Gospel to every creature.
- B. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16).
- C. We are to preach the Gospel – Mark 16:15 *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world,*

and preach the gospel to every creature.

- D. We are to believe the Gospel – Mark 1:15 *And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe the gospel.*
- E. We are to lose our lives for the Gospel – Mark 8:35 *For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel's, the same shall save it.*
- F. We are to publish the Gospel – Mark 13:10 *And the gospel must first be published among all nations.*
- G. We are to be subject to the Gospel – 2 Corinthians 9:13 *Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God for your professed subjection unto the gospel of Christ, and for your liberal distribution unto them, and unto all men;*
- H. We are to walk according to the Gospel – Galatians 2:14 *But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?*
- I. We are to be partakers of the afflictions of the Gospel – 2 Timothy 1:8 *Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*
- J. What will you do with the Gospel?