

HORROR IN ISRAEL - OCTOBER 7, 2023

Was this murderous invasion . . . foretold in God's Word ?!?

Prelude to darker events to come. For Israel . . . and for the world !!

The early morning October 7 attack was the deadliest terrorist attack against Israel since the state's establishment in 1948. The scale of the death toll was unprecedented in Israeli history. The most recent fatality estimate of 1,200 people killed was more than '31 times' larger than those killed in the next most lethal attack on Israeli soil. Even with this immense death toll, the numbers still do not convey the unmitigated savagery and brutality perpetrated upon the unsuspecting Israeli people. As a nation, Israel was left in a state of shock and fearfulness in the wake of this grisly massacre of its citizens. Yet there may be 'much more' to this awful event than we realise.

Could it be the ancient prophet Isaiah actually foresaw and foretold this exact event ? Incredibly, in just 11 words Isaiah described - not only the prevailing godless and idolatrous culture in modern Israel - but also the shocking aftermath of this surprise terrorist attack and the chilling effect it had on the people. Consider Isaiah's words . . .

ISAIAH 33 : 14

*The sinners in Zion are afraid ;
fearfulness hath 'surprised' the hypocrites.*

True and haunting words in light of this terrifying incident. Israel has never before experienced such an attack, the nature of which has so traumatised its people. Yet in this very same verse the prophet Isaiah then reveals - not only dreadful global events that will come next - but also provides a truly extraordinary vision offering hope, comfort and reassurance for all the servants of Christ living in the very last days. Verse 14 continues . . .

*Who among us shall dwell with the 'devouring fire' ?
Who among us shall dwell with 'everlasting burnings' ?*

By means of asking these two rhetorical questions, Isaiah redirects the reader's attention to a far greater global catastrophe to come shortly after October 7th. Ominously, Isaiah describes this impending apocalypse as '*the devouring fire*' and '*everlasting burnings*'. It's a direct reference to the coming end-time '*judgments of fire*' soon to be unleashed during the Day of the LORD. These fiery judgments against the nations will be executed principally by the divinely-appointed "*Sword of the LORD*" (ie. Gog / Putin). Just as it was '*the Romans*' who carried out the Lord's judgments upon Jerusalem in AD70, so it will soon be '*the Russians*' who execute His word.

In view of this rapidly approaching period of divine judgment, the prophet Isaiah then searchingly asks the reader who '*among us*' will dwell (or endure) through these unprecedented judgments of fire ?

This is the very same question asked by the prophet *Malachi* (Chptr 3:2)

*But who may **abide** 'THE DAY of HIS COMING' ?
And who shall **stand** when 'he appeareth' ?
For he is like a REFINER'S FIRE, and like fullers' soap:*

Likewise the prophet *Nahum* (1:6) posed the identical question

*Who can **stand** before 'HIS INDIGNATION' ?
And who can **abide** in the 'fierceness of HIS ANGER' ?
His fury is poured out LIKE FIRE, and the rocks are thrown down by him.*

Similarly, the prophet *Joel* (2:11) raised the same question (whilst offering additional context)

*And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army . . .
For he is strong that executeth his word :
For THE DAY of the LORD is great and very terrible ;
and who can **abide** it ?*

It is a consistent theme repeated throughout the old testament prophets. Why? Because through the inspiration of God, all these prophets were pointing to the same 'coming reality' revealed throughout the Holy Scriptures that is . . . the saints will endure (or 'abide') through these coming 'judgments of fire'. Contrary to the many misguided and unscriptural doctrines of men, we will not be removed out of the world beforehand (in a fictitious 'secret return') but will be required to faithfully endure until the time of Christ's appearing upon the Mt of Olives.

So through this coming period (*ie. time of trouble / great tribulation*) the saints will be *hidden, protected and preserved* from these world-wide judgments in a 're-fulfilment' of the ancient Passover. Yet in stark contrast, *Jeremiah* (10:10) in the identical terms used by the other prophets reveals it will not be the same for *the nations*:

*But the LORD is the true God, he is the living God . . .
At HIS WRATH the earth shall tremble,
And the nations shall 'NOT' be able to **abide** HIS INDIGNATION*

The righteous indignation of the LORD will be upon all nations. They will be crushed and humbled by a series of 'judgments'. These are the Seven Trumpet judgments of Revelation. The first 'SIX' judgments will be the work of Russia's 'Gog' who will subjugate and rule the nations with his fiery rods of iron. The 'SEVENTH' and final Trumpet will bring the return of the Lord Jesus Christ, who with his holy angels will then destroy the image empire.

Yet amid this outpouring of God's wrath upon the kingdoms of men, *Isaiah* (in this same passage of scripture) clearly indicates there will be a select group of people who will 'abide' safely and securely through these terrible global events. In fact, in the very next verse (v.15) *Isaiah* provides the definitive answer who these people are :

*He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly;
he that despiseth the gain of oppressions,
that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes,
that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood,
and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil;*

The description laid out by *Isaiah* is the unmistakable character of a 'true' follower and servant of the Lord Jesus Christ. Those who reflect this same godliness of character will be those who are *hidden, protected and preserved* in this coming *Passover*. In verse 16 *Isaiah* then offers the saints an astonishing 3-fold vision how this will happen.

*He shall dwell on high : his place of defence
shall be the munitions of rocks :
Bread shall be given him ;
His waters shall be sure.
Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty :*

To provide the saints with the necessary encouragement, comfort and re-assurance to endure unto the end, *Isaiah* (*moved by the Spirit*) uses 'illustrative metaphors' to powerfully convey the care and protection the LORD will afford His people. If we look at the Hebrew meanings of *Isaiah's* words ("*dwell on high / a place of defence / munitions of rocks*") he *likens* this protection to abiding in an impregnable fortress, a refuge elevated high above the craggy rocks. Impervious, impenetrable and essentially invisible to all surrounding dangers and threats. It is a sanctuary . . . a secret place of absolute safety. It is the coming end-times 'PASSOVER'. A theme consistently repeated throughout the scriptures, but especially in the Psalms: "*Thou shalt HIDE them . . . KEEP them . . . PRESERVE them in 'the secret' of thy presence*". It is astounding just how much evidence in the Bible there is :

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Yet beyond the safeguarding of the saints, *Isaiah* also provides 'full assurance' our daily temporal needs will be looked after during this period, stating: "*Bread shall be given him ; His waters shall be sure*". So even amid these cataclysmic events with global supply lines halted, food and other necessities unavailable, spiralling social disorder and even societal collapse - nevertheless (just like God's merciful provision of 'the manna in the wilderness') the saints are promised their basic needs will be supplied through these darkest of days coming soon.

Finally . . . in verse 17 comes the ultimate consolation and encouragement. Having endured through this time of great tribulation and of spiritual testing Isaiah assures these faithful saints - through a stunning vision of glory - "*Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty*". It is a promise of God to those who remain faithful and endure to the end, they shall be recipients of '*the most magnificent blessing*' imaginable. They (*with their very own eyes*) will see the Lord Jesus Christ ruling in majesty and power in his glorious kingdom. Clearly implied in Isaiah's words is they themselves will be inheritors and possessors of both eternal life and a citizenship in His kingdom on earth.

These are the words of God's faithful servant , Isaiah.

It is neither by chance nor co-incidence these words follow '*immediately after*' his vision of the unprecedented October 7 attack on Israel. This gruesome and barbaric atrocity inflicted upon God's people (*which so shocked Israel . . . and the world*) was in fact a prophetic harbinger and a precursor to a series of monumental events yet to come.

The ordered sequence of events laid out by Isaiah is '*by design*' of the Father. It is purposefully intended to be both a forewarning of these coming global '*judgments of fire*' (*which all Christ's followers need to prepare for*) and also to encourage the saints in their high calling , through these final visions of comfort, reassurance and glory.

As we ponder this remarkable passage let us be sure we are awake , watching and alert to the signs our Heavenly Father has so graciously provided for our learning and foreknowledge. As the great and terrible '*day of the LORD*' draws near - and knowing our lives rest in His providential care - may we each be preparing and encouraging one another to "*strengthen the things that remain*" so we may all faithfully endure through this coming time of great tribulation and together - as one glorified body - be a part of that wondrous time to come.

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*He that dwelleth in ' the secret place ' of the most High
shall ' abide ' under the ' shadow of the Almighty '*

*I will say of the LORD
He is my refuge and my fortress
my God ; In him will I trust*

*Surely he shall deliver thee
from the snare of the fowler
and from the ' noisome pestilence '*

*He shall cover thee with his feathers,
and under his wings shalt thou trust
' HIS TRUTH ' shall be thy shield and buckler*

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