## A message for the Church of Jesus Christ

"Come let us reason together" as we examine a very important subject.

I recently watched an interview between Tucker Carlson and Fr. Munther Sacci, a Pastor of a church in the West Bank of Israel. These are bible believing Christians that are being persecuted by the Israeli Government.

Pastor Sacci was very specific about how his church and his people are being persecuted by the Israel citizens as well as the government of Israel. He talked about the decline of attendance, as well as the hardships his flock is facing.

This seemed a strange phenomenon to Tucker. After all, as close as the Unted States is to the nation of Israel, how could this be happening?

This concern by Tucker shows the lack of understanding on his part of just what role Israel and the United States play.

Unless you are totally unaware of end time prophesy, you will never be able to understand just what role the Church of Jesus Christ plays toward that end.

Today, God is gathering from both Jew and Gentile a people for His name's sake that will be part of the Church of Jesus Christ. The major emphasis today is with the Gentile and is the total responsibility or the Apostle Paul in defining the relationship, the purpose and the response of this Church that Christ is building. That is why **Romans 11:25** tells us that "blindness in part" has come to **Israel**, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come into the Church.

Notice it says that blindness has come in part. Why? Because a few are coming into the church. Mostly the folks coming into the Church are from the Gentile Nations. Just the opposite was true during the Old Testament time when the emphasis was on the Jew and a few Gentiles were added, but not many.

If a Jew gives himself to Christ and becomes a Christian today, it is conceivable and probably certain that the Jewish family will disown the person who becomes a Christian

Why? Because the Jew has become the "enemy" of the Church, for our benefit (hard to understand I know, but the truth just the same)

God set them aside while He is building His Church for Jesus Christ.

Has God cast away His people (Israel) for all eternity? Of course not. He is a covenant keeping God. He has set them aside for our sake while He is building the Church.

Well what is going to happen then to the Jews?

They as a nation are going to go through the tribulation 7-year period. According to **Zechariah chapter 13 verse 8** it says: *"and it shall come to pass in all of the land, says the Lord, that two thirds ( 2/3 rds) of the Jews shall be cut off and will die, but 1/3 will be* 

*left in it – verse 9 and I will being the 1/ through the fire, will refine them, as silver is refined, and will test them as gold is tested, they will call on My name and I will answer them. I will say, this is My people, and each one will say, the Lord is my God."* 

During this time – God has given them a spirit of stupor, eyes that they should not see, and ears that should not hear to this very day" Romans **11:8**,

Now, further it is imperative that we understand what is written next; Verse **11 7** following: *I say then have they stumbled (that is Israel) that they should fall? Certainly not... But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, <u>salvation has come to the Gentiles.</u>* 

Ok, so God's plan is to blind their eyes while the Church is being built, but when God is ready, He will gather His people Israel and in one day, the Nation will be saved. The Church is off the stage. We are in heaven with our Bride Groom, but the scene mentioned here is on the earth.

Why should it come as a surprise that Israel has in fact persecuted the Church. This is happening throughout the entire world. Even though Israel has the same earthly father as the church does (that is Abraham) they have no allegiance to the Church today.

The Church has an allegiance to the Nation of Israel, and we should do our utmost to support her whenever possible, but they have no allegiance to the Church and we should not expect them to have.

As I have said, "blindness has come in part to Israel -UNTIL the fullness of the Gentiles come into the Church.

Well Tom, does that mean that the present conflict between Iran and Israel will find the Jews defeated? I think not. Father God is still in covenant with the Nation of Israel, and God help those who think otherwise.

How this will end, I know not. I do know that Israel will prevail. Will there be Nukes involved? Possibly. We think that Damascus Syria will be destroyed. How and when, we know not, but things are really heating up over there.

In any case, you can feel the closeness of His second coming and I say; Let's get in on Lord, your Church is ready to see its Bride Groom.

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