

MY PEOPLE MEET MESSIAH

Part III Pursuing

Nine: **Awake Awake**

Israel: Awake, awake. Put on strength, O Arm of the LORD; Awake as of former days—generations of times past. Was it not You who made the sea dried up for the redeemed to cross over?

The LORD said: I did come, and why was there no man—I called, and was there none answering? Was My hand much too short to ransom?

Behold, your God—Who made the heavens measured out by the span of His hand; Who ascended into heaven and descended; Who formed the earth, not formless, but for living on; Who measured the waters in the hollow of His hand—what is His name and the name of His Son, if you know?

Behold, the nations are like a drop from a bucket. He lifts up the islands as a little. All the nations are as nothing before Him—they are reckoned by Him as past vanity's end. Where is the bill of divorcement to your mother by which I gave her divorce; or, to whom from my creditors have I sold you? Behold because of your iniquities were you sold, and by your transgressions was your mother divorced.²⁷

27 Isa51:9 Isa.50:2 Isa40:9-17

Prov30:4 Isa45:18

Isa50:1

Israel: Justice is far from us. We feel along the wall like the blind—like no eyes. We have stumbled at midday as the twilight. We all groan like bears, and indeed like doves we moan. We make ourselves wait for justice, but there is none. We wait for salvation—it is far from us. For our transgressions are become great before You, and our sins answer against us. O' God, the nations are come into Your inheritance. They have made the Temple of Your Holiness defiled. They have set Jerusalem to ruins. They have given the corpses of Your servants as food for the birds of the heavens and flesh of Your godly to the beasts of the earth. They have poured out their blood like water roundabout Jerusalem. And there was none burying them. We are become a scorn to inhabitants with us—mocking and derision to ones roundabout us. Are You going to be angry, O' LORD, forever?²⁸

28 Isa59:9-12 Psa79:1-9

The LORD says: Who are you that you are afraid of man that dies; that you are afraid of the son of man who is given like grass? Who are you that you have forgotten the LORD your Maker—Who stretched out heavens, Who established the earth—so that you are afraid continually all day long from the rage of the oppressor as he fixes to spoil?

Israel: Let Your jealousy burn like fire—pour out Your wrath toward the nations who know You not—upon the kingdoms who call not on Your Name. For, he has devoured Jacob, and his sheep's abode they have laid waste.

Remember not against us the iniquities of our ancestors. Help us, O' God of our salvation, over this matter of Your Name's Glory. Deliver us, and cover over our sins on account of Your Name.

Said Your God: AHH! Is either earth made to travail in one day or a nation brought forth at one time? For, she shall travail, and Zion shall bring forth her sons. Am I, Myself, either causing to breakwater, but not to cause birth—oram I, Myself, the One to cause birth, but shall hold back?²⁹

29 Isa51:12-13 Psa79:5Isa66:8-9

Ten: Not Cast Out

You, Israel, whom I shall make to grow strong from the ends of the earth—My Servant are You. I have chosen you, and not cast you out. When Israel was a youth, I loved him; and from Egypt, I called My son. If the cast-out of you come into the extreme of the heavens, from there the LORD your God will make you gathered together, and from there He will take you. The LORD your God will bring you into the land which your father possessed—you shall possess it. He will prosper you, and multiply you more than your fathers. Fear not for I am with you. Stop staring at one another for I am your God. I shall make you bold. Yea, I shall help you. Yea, I shall lay hold of you with the Right Hand of My righteousness. Behold, all who are angered with you will come to be as nothing—men of strife toward you will perish. You may seek them, but will not find them. Men who war against you will come to be as nothing for I, the

LORD your God, will make your right hand grow unwavering.³⁰

30 Isa41:8-13Hos11:1Deu30:4-5

How can I give you up, Ephraim? How can I deliver you up, Israel? My heart is turned over on Me. I will not execute the burning of Mine anger for I, Myself, am God and not man—the Holy One in your midst.

So, they will walk after the LORD for He, Himself, like a lion will roar and sons will be startled from toward the sea. They will be startled as a bird from Egypt and as a dove from the land of Assyria—I will make them dwell on their habitations: declares LORD.

The kings of the earth take their stand, and the dominant are fixed as one against the LORD and against His Messiah, saying: Let us make their bonds broken asunder, and make them fling away their cords from us.

Yet, He Who dwells in the heavens laughs—the Lord mocks them. He shall have words with them in His wrath. He who strives with Him, the LORD—they are about to be broken in pieces—He makes thunder in heaven against him. The LORD judges the ends of the earth—He gives strength to His King. He will elevate the horn of His Messiah.³¹

31 Hos11:8-11 Psa2:2-5 1Sam2:10

To Me, belongs vengeance and retribution—Gilead belongs to Me; Manasseh belongs to Me; Ephraim, indeed, is the helmet of My head; Judah is that decreed of Me; Moab is My washbowl. Over Edom, I shall throw My

shoe; over Philistia, I will shout for joy. In due time their foot will totter—the day of their calamity is near for the LORD will judge His people, and console Himself over His servants when He sees that their might is gone. Your Husband is Your Maker. LORD of Armies is His name, and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel—the God of the whole earth will He be called.

For a tiny blink, did I forsake you; but with great compassion will I make you gathered together. In a flood of rage, I did hide my face a moment from you; but in everlasting loving-kindness shall I have compassion on you: your Redeemer-LORD said.³²

32 Deu32:35-36 Psa108:8-9 Isa54:5-8

For the sake of My name I make My wrath grow long, and for the sake of praise to Me, I restrain it in order that there be no cutting off of you. Listen to Me Israel—My Called one. I am He—I am the First; I am also the Last. When the Most High made the nations possess their inheritance—when He divided the sons of man, He set the boundaries of the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel; for the portion of the LORD is His people—Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance.

He finds him in a desert land. He compasses him about, and makes him discerning. He keeps him as the pupil of His eyes. Like an eagle, He makes His nest rouse up, broods over His young, and spreads His wings. He took him, and carried him on His pinions. The LORD their God will save them in that day as the flock of His people for they are stones of a crown lifted high over His ground.

In what sense is His goodness? New wine will make the virgins flourish, and grain will make the young men flourish. The Sun of Righteousness will rise with healing in its wings on behalf of you who fear My name; and you will go forth; and skip about like calves from the stall.

Behold, days are coming: declared the LORD. Indeed, I shall cut with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah a new covenant—not like the covenant which I cut with their fathers when I made their hand strong to bring them out of the land of Egypt. Now, I am about to provide my teaching in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it—they shall no more make his neighbor taught; for all of them shall know Me. Thus says the LORD, Who is giving the sun for the light of day and the statutes of the moon and the stars for the light of night, Who stirs the sea that its waves roar, the LORD of the Armies is His Name: If these statutes were to depart from before My Face—this is the declaration of the LORD: moreover, the seed of Israel would cease from being a nation before Me all the days. Thus says the LORD: If the heavens upward were to be measured, and the foundations of the earth downward were to be searched out, moreover I would cast off all the seed of Israel on account of everything they have done: this is the declaration of the LORD.³³

33 Isa48:9&12 Deu32:8-11

Zec9:16-17 Mal4:2

Jer31:31-3,35-37

Eleven: **Hunted Given Wings**

And when the Dragon saw that he was thrown to the earth, he hunted the woman, Israel—who brought forth the man-child. And two wings of the great eagle were given to the woman that she might fly into



the desert to this place of hers. So, the woman fled into this deserted place—prepared from God. She is made to grow up for a time, times, and a half—three and a half years from the face of the Serpent.³⁴

34 Rev12:13 Rev12:14 Rev12:6

Says the LORD: Here, truly, I will make the remnant of Israel to gather together; I will set them united like the sheep of Bozrah—like a flock in the middle of its pasture; they roar because of man. There, these humbled and needy make search for water because their tongue is parched with thirst; but there is none.

I, the LORD, will answer them. I, the God of Israel, will not abandon them. On the bare heights, I am opening rivers and springs in the middle of the valleys. I fix the wilderness as a watery marsh, and a land of drought I fix as fountains of water. I give in the wilderness: the cedar tree, the acacia, the myrtle, and the tree of olive oil. I place in the desert: the cypress, the pine, and the evergreen together—all the fullness of it that they may see and know that the hand of

the LORD has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it. Behold, I am making a new thing. Now, I establish a way in the wilderness. The beast of the field: jackals, even the female young of unclean fowl make me honored because I have given rivers in a wasteland that I might make my chosen people drink waters in the wilderness.³⁵

35 Mic2:12 Isa41:17-20 Isa43:19-21

So, in this way, his waters are dependable; his bread is given; the inaccessible cliff-rocks are his refuge, and he begins to dwell on these high places. I will surely withdraw all of you, O' Jacob, My servant, whom I have chosen for Myself that you might make My song of praise be recounted.

Thus the LORD said: Who made you and formed you from the womb, stop being afraid. For as I pour waters out upon the thirsty, so I will pour out My Spirit upon your seed and my blessing upon your offspring.

Come, My people. Enter your chambers, and shut your doors behind you. Hide a little moment until the indignation passes over; for behold, the LORD is coming out from His place to visit on him the guilt of he who dwells of the earth. The earth will make her blood exposed, and will not again make a cover over her slain.³⁶

36 Isa33:16 Mic2:12 Isa44:1-3
Isa43:21 Isa26:20-21

Next: Part IV Recalling

Twelve: **Remember Egypt**