

(Becoming a Prophetic Church) 3. Israel the Suffering Servant - Part 2

by Art Katz

The sermon emphasizes the importance of identifying with Israel's suffering and participating in the theocratic rule in order to fulfill God's calling and bring about a new kind of understanding.

Duration: 4:34

Scripture: Psalm 126:5-6, Isaiah 53:5, Matthew 25:40, John 15:20, Romans 8:17, 2 Corinthians 1:5, Philippians 3:10, Hebrews 13:3, 1 Peter 4:13, Revelation 21:4

Topics: "Suffering Servant", "Suffering for Others", "The Role of Israel in Redemption"

Description

Art Katz emphasizes the profound significance of Israel's suffering as a means to reveal the true church and the true God to the nations. He highlights that only the righteous are willing to suffer for others, particularly for Israel, who is both a suffering servant and a reflection of Christ's own sacrifice. Katz calls for a deeper understanding of God's purposes through suffering, urging the church to identify with Israel and participate in their journey. He warns against reducing the church's calling to mere programs, advocating instead for a prophetic and apostolic stature that embraces suffering for the sake of God's glory and Israel's redemption. The sermon concludes with a prayer for the church to awaken to its eternal destiny and the necessity of suffering in fulfilling God's redemptive plan.

Transcript

Only the righteous are willing to suffer for another people while they're yet in the place of sin and degradation because however the least they are, they are the least of these my brethren and they're also your brethren if you could but understand. Can you see how many purposes are served by the suffering of Israel in the last days? That will identify who in fact the true church is and reveal to the nations who the true God is and reveal to Israel the Messiah whose sacrifice they had previously spurned and now receive with gratitude for he was wounded for our transgressions and with his stripes we are healed. We need to pray saints.

Lord, a post-message blessing we're asking that this long dissertation will not fall on deaf ears either here or through here to the many places in which these tapes or videos will be communicated. That there will be an apprehension of a new kind, of the depth of the meaning of God through judgment, of Jesus at the cross, of the holocaust of the Jew and the holocaust yet to come. That the issues of eternity and the issues of the rule of God out of Zion which is righteousness in the earth is of such a kind, such a nature

that it deserves and justifies every expenditure required to obtain it even in the suffering of your people Israel as in the suffering of your son before them for they are also your son and cannot be exonerated or absolved from the road to Calvary that he himself trod and if it's required of that Israel to what degree shall it be required of us? Is there a road for us? Is there a Calvary for us? Is there a suffering for us? Probably to the degree in which we identify with that people and join with them and are caught in the act of it will suffer with them and for them and because of them.

For those who hate that people of God will hate this people and we're willing for those last days sufferings by which we also shall be exalted. They to their place in the earth and we to our place in the heavenlies rising and ascending and descending upon the son of man ruling over five cities and some over ten and the theocratic rule in which we participate from the heavenly locus as they from the earthly. What are you saying cats? Much learning has made you mad.

Lord, thank you for recording that little tidbit and let your church dwell upon it. It's own eternal as well as millennial destiny in keeping with the theocratic rule for which we ourselves are being prepared as they are being prepared from the earthly plateau and we from the heavenly and the entrance into which is suffering that is received with gratitude as coming from the hand of God in his great sovereignty and wisdom and necessity that precedes the glory. Bless the church, Lord.

This is the kind of word that not only wakes it up but makes it up and brings it in a hearing into a place of maturity by the very word that only you can convey and perform. So save us, my God, from being human all to human, American all to human, shallow all to shallow. Bring us, my God, into that continuum with the great saints that have preceded us and who are not complete without us and in our obedience and suffering even unto death the whole remarkable redemptive heilsgeschichte of God, the German word for the salvation history, shall be completed to the eternal praise of your glory from one shore to the other throughout all nations and over the face of this earth.

What a calling. To make that calling a predictable church of Sunday services or programs for our enjoyment is a caricature of the intention of God in those things that pertain to his glory which we reduce and fit to our purpose in keeping with our Kansas City culture and its requirement. God forbid that travesty, my God.

Raise us up to apostolic and prophetic stature who receive a calling with joy and for the God who will give us every enablement so to fulfill it for Israel's sake and your sake. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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