

I Will Make the Outcasts a Strong Nation

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God's government turns the wisdom of man on its head by taking the broken and fragmented nation and anointing them as His own precious remnant.

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Description

Bryan Anthony preaches about the future restoration and exaltation of Israel as a strong nation under the reign of the Lord in Mount Zion. Despite facing great trials and being despised by nations, Israel will be transformed from a scattered and rejected people into a model nation governed by God Himself. Through a period of affliction and purification, Israel will emerge as a mighty army, crowned with mercy and grace, shining with everlasting joy and devoid of sin.

Transcript

"I will make the lame a remnant

And the outcasts a strong nation,

And the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion

From now on and forever. " -Mic. 4.7

The remnant of Israel will call upon the name of the Lord from the ashes of tribulation at the end of this age. I believe the "remnant" will actually constitute millions of Jewish souls, according to my understanding of Zechariah 13, one-third of the entire population of those who are in "the land." It will be a time of great shaking and trial, and a time of great glory and harvest.

In the time leading up to their salvation, they will be a despised and rejected people, considered by the nations to be the "scum of the earth." The kings and potentates of the nations will see them as worthless, and they will pursue them with a vehemence and bitterness that can only be explained when we make note of how intensely the powers of darkness hate the God of covenant. There will be immeasurable trial and bloodshed during that distressful hour, and the Lord has declared that He will permit it as a necessary "affliction" before the salvation of Israel will be permanently established. (v. 6)

But here is where we see the glory of God's brand of government. When Israel has been reduced to the category of the "lame" and the "outcasts," it is "in that day" that He will "assemble" and "gather" them, setting into motion their remarkable national destiny. We ought to love how the Lord turns the wisdom of man on it's head.

He makes "the lame a remnant and the outcasts a strong nation." He will take the broken and fragmented nation, now dispersed throughout the earth and despised by all peoples, and anoint them as His own precious remnant, even a strong nation that He will reign over "from now on and forever."

The mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains. It will be elevated above the hills, and peoples of the earth will make long pilgrimages in hopes of catching a glimpse of its glorious light. That previously despised people Israel, will be recognized as a "strong nation," and her King will be present in the land. Everlasting joy will mark her as an entire nation, and not one sinner will be found among them. They will be a model nation for the rest of the earth, and their Ruler and King will be the One who governs with a rod of iron in one hand, and the towel and basin in the other.

Israel will pass through an unspeakable death before the glory of God rests upon her nationally, for her self-sufficiency and idolatry must first be purged from her midst. The prophets indicate that "Jacob's trouble" will mean great trial and sifting for Israel, but when she emerges from the rubble, having called upon the name of the Lord, she will be crowned with mercy and grace, and God will raise her up, "a mighty and vast army." We have a calling to set forth the Gospel to the Jew both now, and in the midst of the great trouble to come. We need to learn God's government, that we are called to identify with those who are despised by men, even if it means a threat to our livelihood. We have been called to pray, to fast, and to set forth the Gospel of the Kingdom, until God Himself makes "the lame a remnant and the outcasts a strong nation, and the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on and forever." Amen.

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