

Swords of Iron War
A Wake-Up Call for the
Body of Christ

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"When the enemy comes in like a flood..."

50 years after the Yom Kippur War, on Saturday 7th October 2023, the Hamas Terrorist organization invaded Israel in a coordinated attack from the sea, land and air while shooting rockets. They murdered civilians, raped women, beheaded babies, trampled on the bodies, took hostages and many more atrocities that, in some cases, exceed the horrible things ISIS committed.



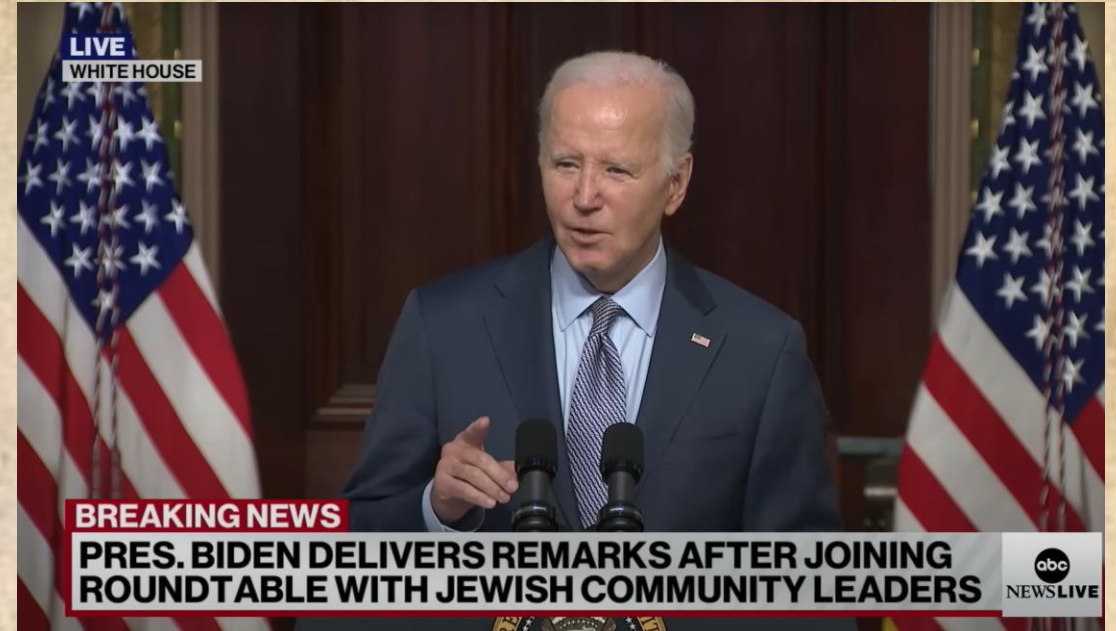
Hamas has called the terror attack **"The Al-Aqsa Flood"** which reminds us of Rev. 12:15 river of violence spewed out of the serpent's mouth.

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“I truly believe where there is no Israel, No Jew in the World will be ultimately safe. It’s the only ultimate guarantee, the only ultimate guarantee”

(President Joe Biden)

- The US President understands something that many Jewish people understand.
- God will bring down the self-trust and shatter the power of the Jewish people before He saves them.



President Biden delivers remarks after roundtable with Jewish community leaders

(Picture taken from abc News)

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“...Call a sacred assembly...Let the priests, who minister to the Lord, Weep between the porch and the altar...”

- The events that took place and still unfolding should be, by the Grace of God, a wake-up call to the body of Christ. We should call out for a sacred assembly and reconsider the expectations we hold on to. The events are a significant, devastating but yet a smaller scale picture of the overflowing armies of the AC when he will flood the land at the Time of Jacob's Trouble (The Great Tribulation).
- We also see how the rise in worldwide antisemitism is captivating many calling to abuse/murder Jewish people in many nations. This is a foreshadowing of a larger wave of antisemitism and persecution that will start at the beginning of the Great Tribulation (Days of Manifestation of intense human depravity).



Chapter 36

“Thus says the Lord God:

“**On the day** that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt.”

(Eze. 36:33)

Ezekiel

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Ezekiel 36

- “And you, son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel, and say, ‘O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord!’” (Eze. 36:1)
- From the beginning of the chapter the title “son of man” points us to the Lord Jesus who loved this title. We can further see that the Spirit of Christ that was in Ezekiel addressing the Mountains of Israel.
- Why address the mountains? What is the significance?
- Mountains in the bible represent rulership & authority. Ezekiel, from exile, proclaimed to the mountains God’s plan for the Land of Israel. Ezekiel 36 is showing us God’s attention to the Land & the people of Israel (literally).
- Remember in Chapter 35 the prophecy concerns Mount Seir.

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- “Thus says the Lord God:
“Because the enemy has said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession,’ therefore prophesy, and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God:
“Because they made you desolate and swallowed you up on every side, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you are taken up by the lips of talkers and slandered by the people”(Eze. 36:2-3)
- "הָאֵח" – “Aha!” = A call of delight, shows they are expressing joy over the calamity/devastation.
- “You make us a reproach to our neighbors, A scorn and a derision to those all around us. You make us a byword among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples.” (Psa. 44:13-14)
- Israel’s ability to reside in the land is tied in with the relationship that the whole Nation has with God (looking for enduring possession).

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- “therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord God! Thus says the Lord God to the mountains, the hills, the rivers, the valleys, the desolate wastes, and the cities that have been forsaken, which became plunder and mockery to the rest of the nations all around” (Eze. 36:4)
- We see how the Lord is very specific about the restoration of the people of Israel to the Land. Israel’s experience will reflect to them and to others something about the experience of Christ.
- Christ was mocked and reproached:
- “All those who see Me ridicule Me; They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying...” (Psa. 22:7)

Ezekiel 36

- “therefore thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I have spoken in My burning jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all **Edom**, who gave **My land** to themselves as a possession, with wholehearted joy and spiteful minds, in order to **plunder its open country.**” (Eze. 36:5)
- "לְמַעַן מְגַרְשָׁהּ לְבָז" - **plunder its open country** can also be translated as “**to cast it out for prey**” (KJV). Casting out like deportation גִּירוּשׁ.
- God is saying this land is “**My Land**” very specifically and showing to all the nations who own this Land.
- Reminds us of Daniel 11:39: “... **and divide the land for gain.**”

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- We need to remember that partial fulfillment can never stand for full fulfillment. Therefore, when we read the texts in certain chapters that seem to indicate something that we gladly would like to embrace, we must read the whole context and consider other supporting texts.
- God is the One who turns – He will have all the Glory when Israel returns to the Land. Was that fulfilled in the 19th and 20th Centuries? About to come...

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- The “raising of the hand” is covenant language Deut.32:40.
- “Then I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand to heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time; and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished.” (Dan. 12:7)

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“Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit” (Titus 3:5)

- “Thus says the Lord GOD: “**On the day** that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also **enable** you to dwell in **the cities**, and the **ruins** shall be rebuilt. “The desolate **land** shall be tilled instead of lying **desolate** in the sight of all who pass by So they will say, ‘**This land** that was **desolate** has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, **desolate**, and **ruined cities** are now fortified and inhabited.’ “Then the nations which are left all around you shall know that I, the LORD, have **rebuilt the ruined places** and planted what was desolate. I, the LORD, have spoken it, and I will do it.” (Eze. 36:33-36)
- Verse 33 gives us a clear time mark: **ON THE DAY** that Israel as a Nation will be regenerated they will be enabled to reside in the land peacefully and build ruined cities. The revelation of who the Lord is and knowing His Name – Yeshua will break upon the Jewish people as a Nation wherever they are around the World.
- When did “**the nations which are left all around you**”, which is clearly a great post-calamity event, recognize that it was the Lord that built the ruined places? If anything the nations that surround the state of Israel are in enmity. This verse shows us clearly a Post-Tribulation, Millennial fulfillment of rebuilding cities in the land.

Ezekiel 36

- “Thus says the Lord GOD: “I will also let the house of Israel inquire of Me to do this for them: I will increase their men like a flock.” “Like a flock offered as holy sacrifices, like the flock at Jerusalem on its feast days, so shall the **ruined cities** be filled with flocks of men. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.” (Eze. 36:37-38)
- These closing verses bring the theme of the Shepherd King reminding us that “He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock.” (Jer.31:10)
- Notice that it is from that **Day** that Israel will know the Lord, having been born again, knowing their history and the grace of God that is abounding to the chief of sinners.