

AMERICA FIRST...? FINAL DRAFT

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Good Morning Arising Church,

Today is an exceptional day for The Arising Church & Refuge City Ministries! We are in incredible times of advancement within our bodies.



At Refuge, we are learning that Adonai is with us in the valleys! He is with us from Baca to Springs! We are in a season of Holy Spirit preparation in anticipation of incredible expansion in the future!





At Arising, we have been confronting the demonic culture around us that is set on destroying God's people—Israel.

We learned that the Bible is Zionist! We also confronted the question: *wait, I thought I was Israel...?*

Today's message is going to be a direct follow up to the last 2 weeks—thus we saw it fitting to go over the main points of those two sermons before we give you today's title and its point.

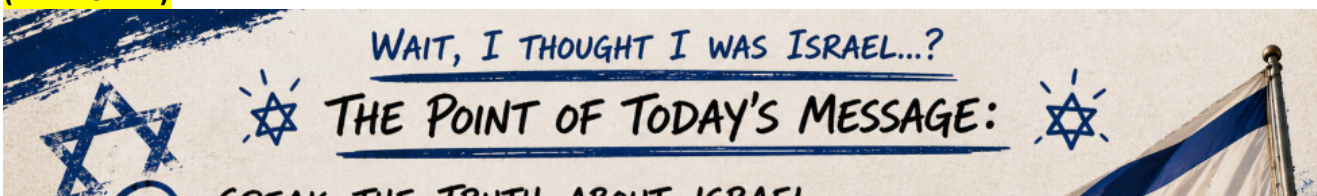
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First, in Your Bible is Zionist the main point was to **understand the times, and take action. Refuse to stand aloof. Stand with Israel or share in the judgment.**

Last week, in Wait, I thought I was Israel..? The main point was this:

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①. SPEAK THE TRUTH ABOUT ISRAEL AND GOD'S PROMISES REGARDLESS OF YOUR CIRCUMSTANCE
 → a. LEVITICUS 5:1

②. COMMIT TO KNOW THE SCRIPTURES MORE SO YOU CAN TEACH THE TRUTH TO THE SAINTS
 → a. DANIEL 11:32
 → b. 2 THESSALONIANS 2:9-12,15

This week, we are going to apply that charge. We are going to survey one of Biblical History's most unforgettable passages. We are going to see that within this unforgettable passage is prophetic insight into all of the following topics:

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TODAY'S MESSAGE ADDRESSES

- ★ The character of Adonai and His love for His people
- ★ Israel's past, present, and future destiny
- ★ Clarity on the difference between an entire nation and a generation
- ★ A warning to Christian nationalism
- ★ The cycle of Israel's chastisement to salvation
- ★ Proper perspective on Jew and Gentile relationships

We have spent a large amount of time calling out wrong thinking, bad doctrine and the *influencers* of today. We have even called out individuals by name in recent messages! This is not something we have historically done in this house—yet, as you survey the Scripture, particularly the writings of Paul, you can see he did the very same thing! Here are just a few:

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CALLING OUT INFLUENCERS

THE GOSPEL IS NOT PRIVATE — NEITHER ARE WARNINGS AGAINST FALSEHOOD.

2 Timothy 2:16–18

16 Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly. 17 Their teaching will spread like gangrene. **Among them are Hymenaeus and Philetus. 18** who have departed from the truth. They say that the resurrection has already taken place, and they destroy the faith of some.

1 Timothy 1:18–20

18 Timothy, my son, I am giving you this command in keeping with the prophecies once made about you, so that by recalling them you may fight the battle well, 19 holding on to faith and a good conscience, which some have rejected and so have suffered shipwreck with regard to the faith. 20 **Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander,** whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

SPEAK THE TRUTH.
EXPOSE ERROR.
PROTECT THE FAITH.

2 Timothy 4:10

10 For **Demas**, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia.

2 Timothy 4:14–15

14 **Alexander the coppersmith** did me great harm; the Lord will repay him according to his deeds. 15 Beware of him yourself, for he strongly opposed our message.

As you can see, Paul was not hesitant in calling out people who had departed from the truth and would potentially *influence others*...

After all the rhetoric against the culture—we thought it might be good today to dial it back a little..

NAH! we're not gonna do that— our title is:



We're going to jump right into the passage we have been talking to you about— Deuteronomy 32.

But before we do so let's read Deuteronomy 31:30,

○ **Deuteronomy 31:30**

Then Moses spoke the words of this song until they were finished, in the ears of all the assembly of Israel:

32 Listen, O heavens, and I will speak; hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

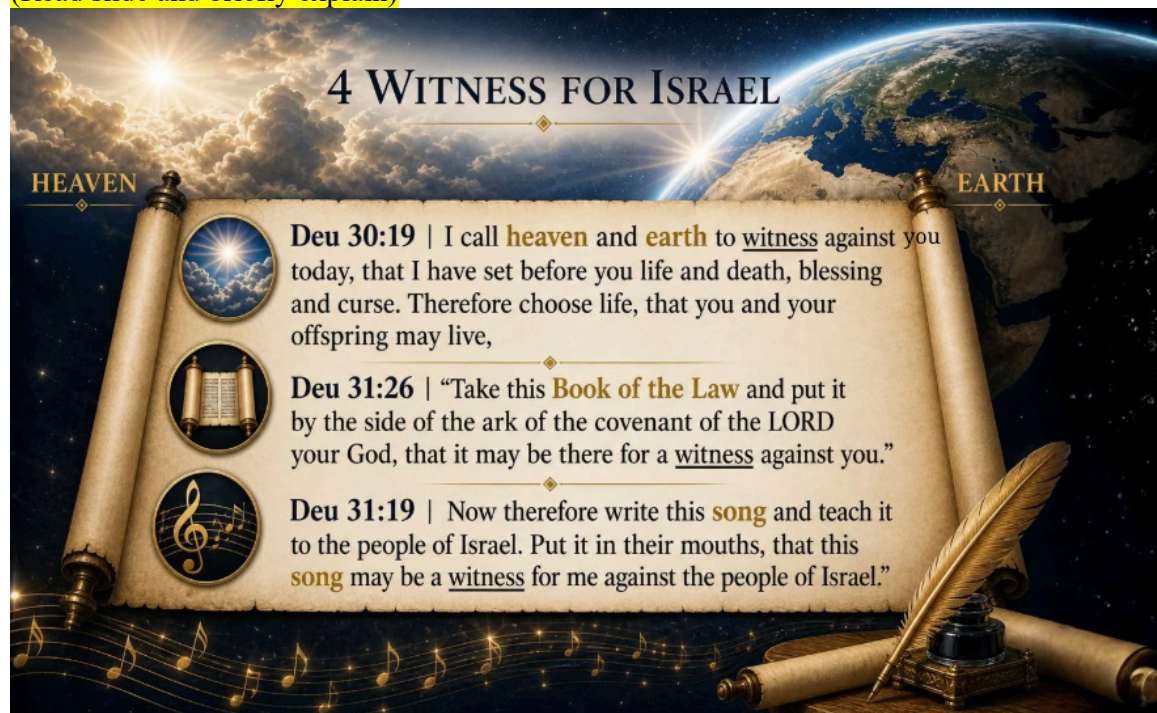
Here Moses a man of God is commanding the heavens to listen in.

He then tells the earth or land to Shema, to not only hear but also respond and obey the words of this song

The heavens are listening in and the earth is ready to listen and respond but they are even called on as witnesses to the words that are being spoken against Israel. And there are 2 additional witnesses leading up to this chapter.

Take a look at this slide,

(Read slide and briefly explain)



Back to verse 2,

2 Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants.

These words are to be like rain, like dew...something that forms in the heavens and materializes on the earth. This unforgettable passage is to be remembered and

and materializes on the earth. This unforgettable song is to be nourishing and life giving to the heavens, the earth, and specifically Israel as rain would be to the grass and herbs.

3 I will proclaim the name of the Lord. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! 4 He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is he.

The God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob is the ROCK that is constant

His works are perfect-that means without error

His ways are just-not corrupt

He is faithful, who has never ever done anything wrong and He is completely upright

5 They have acted corruptly toward him; to their shame they are no longer his children, but a warped and crooked generation. 6 Is this the way you repay the Lord, O foolish and unwise people? Is he not your Father, your Creator, who made you and formed you?

The few verses here must be understood against the backdrop of what we just read in vs. 3-4

God is the Rock unchanging and unmoving.

God is great and His name is worthy of praise.

His works are perfect.

All His ways are just and He is faithful and upright.

HE!!! Does nothing wrong.

But THEY!

They have acted corruptly toward Him, they are a warped and crooked generation. Being foolish and unwise. This word here is עם נבל (Ahm Nabal).

Do you recognize that word.

<h1>NABAL</h1>	Israel being "Foolish"
	<p>NAME MEANS: "Fool"</p>
	<p>HEBREW: עם נבל "Nabal" people</p>



SCRIPTURE:
Deut. 32:6

The passage first describes the character of God and then contrasts His character with the behavior of the children of Israel.

He uses language that sounds extreme: They are no longer His children! What does this mean???

There is what it means and there is what people think it means when they read it. When you read, They are no longer His children, doesn't it seem like He means that He is not their father, that they have disqualified themselves from being His children and He is now looking for some new children that won't behave so badly?

If that has been your conclusion, you are mistaken, you are in error, you are wrong! You will see in these coming verses that because they are His children, the expectation is that they would behave like Him. If they are behaving in a way that is contrary to the character of their father then they are showing themselves to not be His children. Notice something very important it says, they are no longer His children in verse 5 and the very next verse says, Is He not your Father, your Creator?

He remains the originator of the nation who will finish what He began to build. You will see later in this unforgettable song that there are Nabals among the gentiles as well. The presence of nabals does not nullify the promises of God for Israel, but it does mean that something needs to die.

Over the course of time, The Lord will even use language such as this:

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Return to Your Husband

Jeremiah 3:8-14 NIV

8 I gave faithless Israel her certificate of divorce and sent her away because of all her adulteries....

12 Go, proclaim this message toward the north: "Return, faithless Israel,' declares the Lord, 'I will frown on you no longer, for I am faithful,' declares the Lord, 'I will not be angry forever.

13 Only acknowledge your guilt—you have rebelled against the Lord your God, you have scattered your favors to foreign gods under every spreading tree, and have not obeyed me," declares the Lord.

14 "Return, faithless people," declares the Lord, "for I am your husband.

He says, acknowledge the guilt you have of not obeying me, return for I AM your husband. Not just past tense...He remains the one committed to her forever. But there are generations that will not make it because of disobedience and faithlessness, just like what happened to the generation wandering in the wilderness who did not make it into the promised land. The nation still did and the promises God made to Abraham still happened, but that faithless generation did not make it in and those generations can be strung together.

7 Remember the days of old; consider the generations long past. Ask your father and he will tell you, your elders, and they will explain to you. 8 When the Most High gave the nations their inheritance, when he divided all mankind, he set up boundaries for the peoples according to the number of the sons of Israel. 9 For the Lord's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance.

After considering the character of God and setting the stage for a proper perspective on the difference between the destiny of a Nation forever and the sinfulness of a single generation—this brings us to a proper understanding of HIS NATION in contrast to ALL OTHER NATIONS.

This verse is referencing events in the book of Genesis, when Adonai at the tower of Babel dispersed the nations according to the number of *Benai Ha Elohim* (sons of God). This is of course the 70 nations that came from Shem, Ham and Japheth.

(DO NOT READ)



The main point of these verses is this: ALL NATIONS except Israel are subject to

other gods— BUT Adonai has made Israel HIS people and HIS nation.

This should greatly reinforce the prior verse range—yes a generation was sinful, but the NATION as a whole is HIS, forever!

This unchanging truth from the Word should make you view history differently. At times, Nations certainly have sided with and supported Israel, which we should always champion. But, you have to recognize the destiny of every nation and also who is its true ruler.

The United States is not governed or ruled by Adonai. He has not chosen America to be anything other than just another nation throughout History. There is a spiritual power that is NOT Adonai that is over the United States, just like there is over every nation that is not Israel.

Even if there is support for Israel in the government, it is always temporary. The end goal of each of these spiritual powers is the same thing—Israel's destruction.

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PSALM 83:3–5 (NIV)

3 With cunning **they conspire against your people;** they plot against those you cherish.

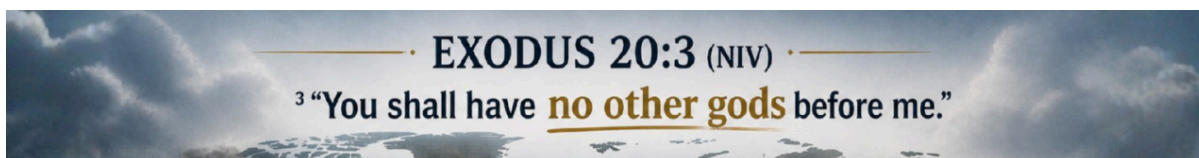
4 “Come,” they say, “let us **destroy them as a nation,** so that **Israel’s name is remembered no more.**”

5 With one mind **they plot together;** they form an **alliance against you—**

HAM
SHEM
JAPHETH
ISRAEL

This is where America will eventually land. Thus, you cannot be a Christian Nationalist (meaning, you believe that America is God's Christian Nation)—or be "America First" and also claim to follow the God of Israel.

Prioritizing America's interest above those of Israel is in fact worshipping another God that is not Adonai.





○ **Exodus 20:3 (NIV)**

³ “You shall have no other gods before me.

We as Gentile believers who have converted away from the gods we used to serve have come up under the God of Israel. Gentiles convert to the God of Israel and come along side Israel through Christ. Jews do not convert to Christianity, though they must be saved through Yeshua, they continue to have no other God besides the God of Israel.

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**GENTILE CONVERSION
JEW/GENTILE-SALVATION**

“O LORD, OUR GOD, OTHER LORDS BESIDES YOU HAVE RULED OVER US, BUT YOUR NAME ALONE DO WE HONOR.” ISAIAH 26:13 NIV 1984

MANY PEOPLES AND STRONG NATIONS SHALL COME TO SEEK THE LORD OF HOSTS IN JERUSALEM AND TO ENTREAT THE FAVOR OF THE LORD . **23** THUS SAYS THE LORD OF HOSTS: IN THOSE DAYS TEN MEN FROM THE NATIONS OF EVERY TONGUE SHALL TAKE HOLD OF THE ROBE OF A JEW, SAYING, ‘LET US GO WITH YOU, FOR WE HAVE HEARD THAT GOD IS WITH YOU.’” ZECH.8:22-23

“SO, BEING SENT ON THEIR WAY BY THE CHURCH, THEY PASSED THROUGH BOTH PHOENICIA AND SAMARIA, DESCRIBING IN DETAIL THE CONVERSION OF THE GENTILES, AND BROUGHT GREAT JOY TO ALL THE BROTHERS.

11 BUT WE BELIEVE THAT WE WILL BE SAVED THROUGH THE GRACE OF THE LORD JESUS, JUST AS THEY WILL.” ACTS 15:3, 11 ESV

The truth of Deuteronomy 32 is plain: Israel is GOD's nation—forever. Even today Adonai is the God over the Nation of Israel. Now, as we just learned, generations and peoples can choose to worship another god, but that does not remove Adonai's ownership/care/promises for Israel as a Nation.

10 In a desert land he found him, in a barren and howling waste. He shielded him and cared for him; he guarded him as the apple of his eye, 11 like an eagle that stirs up its nest and hovers over its young, that spreads its wings to catch them and carries them on its pinions. 12 The Lord alone led him; no foreign god was with him.

13 He made him ride on the heights of the land and fed him with the fruit of the fields. He nourished him with honey from the rock, and with oil from the flinty crag, 14 with curds and milk from herd and flock and with fattened lambs and goats, with choice rams of Bashan and the finest kernels of wheat. You drank the foaming blood of the grape.

15 Jeshurun grew fat and kicked; filled with food, he became heavy and sleek. He abandoned the God who made him and rejected the Rock his Savior. 16 They made him jealous with their foreign gods and angered him with their detestable idols. 17 They sacrificed to demons, which are not God — gods they had not known, gods that recently appeared, gods your fathers did not fear. 18 You deserted the Rock, who fathered you; you forgot the God who gave you birth.

Recognize the kindness of God shown towards Israel as a son.

- He cares for them as His own eye
- He carries and guides them - Adonai alone and not other gods with Him
- He feeds and supplies all that they need
- He blesses them with abundance

And yet despite this, the people deserted their Father and treated Him with wicked foolishness. Worshiping strange gods and sacrificing to demons. They neglected the Rock who was a father to them.

Yet, Adonai calls them "*Jeshurun*" — which means Upright or Righteous. As God is addressing the sin of the nation, He at the same time is calling them by who He made them to be!

In our context today we hear many things said about Israel. Rather than having this same faith-filled perspective that Adonai takes, it is popular to speak faithless words that Israel is too far gone to be the *upright and righteous son of God*.

If the position in Israel described in Deuteronomy 32 was **not** enough to remove their identity in God's eyes, then we must forge the conviction in ourselves to have the same kind of faith-filled speech towards Israel that they will become *Jeshurun*!

19 The Lord saw this and rejected them because he was angered by his sons and daughters. 20 "I will hide my face from them," he said, "and see what their end will be; for they are a perverse generation, children who are unfaithful. 21 They made me jealous by what is no god and angered me with their worthless idols. I will make them envious by those who are not a people; I will make them angry by a nation that has no understanding.

We have already explained how this language works with rejecting generations so we will pause on that and explain it shortly. For now let's focus on the clear relationship between two groups we see in this passage in addition to Israel.

(READ AND EXPLAIN)

Cause & Response

Deuteronomy 32:21 NIV 84

"They made me jealous by what is no god

→ so I will make them jealous by those who are not a people

Rom.10:19 I will make you envious by those who are not a nation..."

Rom.11:11 ..Because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious

they angered me with their worthless idols

→ so I will anger them with a nation that has no understanding"

Rom.11:25 my brothers I do not want you to be IGNORANT!...

Deut.32:28-29 they are a nation without sense/discernment...if only they were wise and would understand

God is explaining that His people have made Him jealous with something that is illegitimate. So He is going to make them jealous by what they see as illegitimate. Paul understands this in his letter to the Romans and quotes this exact scripture. Paul understands that the people God will use to make Israel jealous or envious are the gentiles who have come into salvation. Now there is an important distinction to mark as we look at Paul's practical application of the unforgettable song.

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it's like this...

Those who understand His plan
know their function
& Take their place

We already know that God will use the gentiles to make Israel envious, but Paul does not mention making Israel angry. Clearly this is going to happen but Paul leaves it out. But he does say "I do not want you to be ignorant". The link between the united nazi voice and the growing hatred for Israel is ignorance about the scriptures and God's plan for the Jews and Gentiles.

And what does the ignorance produce?



NABALS

Foolish Gentiles



NAME MEANS:
"Fool"



HEBREW:
בְּגוֹי נָבָל



SCRIPTURE:
Deut. 32:21

Read and walk through

Shining Like Stars

Phil. 2:1-18 NIV

1 Therefore if you have any encouragement from **being united** with Christ... have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a **servant**
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—
even death on a cross! (falsely accused)

12 Therefore...

14 Do everything without grumbling or arguing, 15 so that you may become blameless and pure, "children of God without fault **in a warped and crooked generation.**"
Then **you will shine among them like stars in the sky.**

Deut. 32:5 (ESV) "a crooked and twisted generation"	Deut. 32:20 (ESV) "a very crooked generation"	Phil. 2:15 (ESV) "a crooked and twisted generation"
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We are not just filling your head with knowledge, we are driving out Nabal with insight into God's plan. This will cause you to shine LIKE STARS AMONG THEM!

22 For a fire has been kindled by my wrath, one that burns to the realm of death below. It will devour the earth and its harvests and set afire the foundations of the mountains.

23 "I will heap calamities upon them and spend my arrows against them. 24 I will send wasting famine against them, consuming pestilence and deadly plague; I will send against them the fangs of wild beasts, the venom of vipers that glide in the dust. 25 In the street the sword will make them childless; in their homes terror will reign. Young men and young women will perish, infants and gray-haired men. 26 I said I would scatter them and blot out their memory from mankind, 27 but I dreaded the taunt of the enemy, lest the adversary misunderstand and say, 'Our hand has triumphed; the Lord has not done all this.'"

It is the Lords role ALONE to discipline Israel. We are not the judge of *when* or *how* Israel should be disciplined.

- The nations think it is their role, that they are justified in what they are doing.
- The nations are not the judge or arbitrator of judgement towards Israel. The Lord alone is the judge of Israel.

We should see the covenant chastisement of God towards Israel as the chastisement of a father to a son, rather than Adonai giving up on His son.

- Hebrews 12:6 God disciplines those he loves.
- God does not show this type of love to the other nations, but gives them over to sin and other gods.
- A loving father will give specific and tailored discipline to his sons. God does the same for Israel, and will not let his discipline go too far.
- As the song started, "his works are perfect" He is the giver of PERFECT discipline to his son Israel.

God's chastisement always has purpose! His chastisement is unto salvation. Look at how Paul says the same in Romans 11

○ **Romans 11:26-31 (NIV)**

26 and in this way **all Israel will be saved**. As it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion;

he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

27 And this is my covenant with them when I take away their sins."

28 As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, 29 for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. 30 Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience,³¹ so they too have now become disobedient in order that **they too may now receive mercy** as a result of God's mercy to you.

Nabal is present not just in Israel but also in the Goyim, the nations, the *gentiles*.

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God knows exactly how to discipline and how to show mercy. Think about that someone tries to trap you into putting down the government of Israel.

When people single out Israel's government out of LITERALLY ALL OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE WORLD to chastise them, the question becomes, so you don't like their government, what are you willing to do about it? What lengths will you go to, to deal with them, it is satanic. Rather, remember that God knows how to turn godlessness away from Jacob and He knows how to discipline His son for his good.

28 They are a nation without sense, there is no discernment in them. 29 If only they were wise and would understand this and discern what their end will be! 30 How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the Lord had given them up? 31 For their rock is not like our Rock, as even our enemies concede. 32 Their vine comes from the vine of Sodom and from the fields of Gomorrah. Their grapes are filled with poison, and their clusters with bitterness. 33 Their wine is the venom of serpents, the deadly poison of cobras. 34 "Have I not kept this in reserve and sealed it in my vaults? 35 It is mine to avenge; I will repay. In due time their foot will slip; their day of disaster is near and their doom rushes upon them."

Verse 27 shows the nations **misunderstand**, they think their own hand has triumphed against Israel. But God knows their taunt, and TURNS his judgement on the nations here in verse 28.

Lets look at Psalm 83 to see how the nations look to come against Israel to triumph over them.

- **Psalm 83:2–5 (LSB)**

- 2 For behold, Your enemies roar,
And those who **hate You** have lifted up their heads.
- 3 They make shrewd plans against Your people,
And conspire together **against Your treasured ones**.
- 4 They have said, "**Come, and let us wipe them out as a nation,**
That the name of Israel be remembered no more."
- 5 For they have conspired together with one heart;
Against **You** they cut a covenant:

Though God will use wicked nations to chastise Israel, he will not allow them to accomplish their goal of destroying them as a nation. Instead, God will use the nations to actually purify his people, Israel.

And what does all this chastisement ultimately lead to...God's overflowing compassion on His nation Israel, lets continue in verse 36,

36 The Lord will judge his people and have compassion on his servants when he sees their strength is gone and no one is left, slave or free. 37 He will say: "Now where are their gods, the rock they took refuge in, 38 the gods who ate

the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings? Let them rise up to help you! Let them give you shelter!

- As the LORD's chastisement is just, so is His compassion upon Israel.
- But when does the LORD pour out His compassion?...when Israel's power or strength is gone
- In the Lord's perfect chastisement, He will allow His children to come to the end of themselves
- There is No help, No protection, No life, No healing in the gods of the nations
- But there is in the God of Abraham, Issac, and Jacob

- And doesn't the LORD do this with you? With me? Yes the LORD is so perfect in his ways that He allows our power to come to come to end, to be shattered and come to nothing so that His power is magnified in our lives.

39 "See now that I myself am He! There is no god besides me. I put to death and I bring to life, I have wounded and I will heal, and no one can deliver out of my hand.

The LORD declares that He alone is God

He alone has the power to

- Make alive
- To heal
- To deliver
- If this is the LORD's response how should yours be towards Israel?
- If He is quick to show them compassion, as gentile graft-in ought you show compassion on them as well?
- Yours, mine and the rest of the believing world have the power to lead Jewish people to experience life, healing, and deliverance when we show them Godly compassion

40 I lift my hand to heaven and declare: As surely as I live forever, 41 when I sharpen my flashing sword and my hand grasps it in judgment, I will take vengeance on my adversaries and repay those who hate me. 42 I will make my arrows drunk with blood, while my sword devours flesh: the blood of the slain and the captives, the heads of the enemy leaders."

Adonai is concluding this song with a very strong declaration of what the final destiny for all the other nations will be. The Lord will come in judgement against those nations which have made themselves enemies of God, seeking to destroy His people and this is irreversible.

God does not discriminate on who will face His wrath — from the least to the greatest, He will take vengeance on those who hate Him. As we have already seen in Psalm 83:2-4, those who hate Adonai also hate and seek to destroy the people of Adonai.

43 Rejoice, O nations, with his people, for he will avenge the blood of his servants; he will take vengeance on his enemies and make atonement for his land and people.

Rejoice! O nations! O Gentiles! With His people! With Israel! This is the right response and it is commanded. But let's go back to the beginning to catch one more gem.

We started off with this slide:



Here at the end we see the command to nations, but take a look at these other important textual sources.

DO NOT READ

THE HEAVENS

43 “REJOICE WITH HIM, O HEAVENS; BOW DOWN TO HIM, ALL GODS, FOR HE AVENGES THE BLOOD OF HIS CHILDREN AND TAKES VENGEANCE ON HIS ADVERSARIES. HE REPAYS THOSE WHO HATE HIM AND CLEANSSES HIS PEOPLE’S LAND.”

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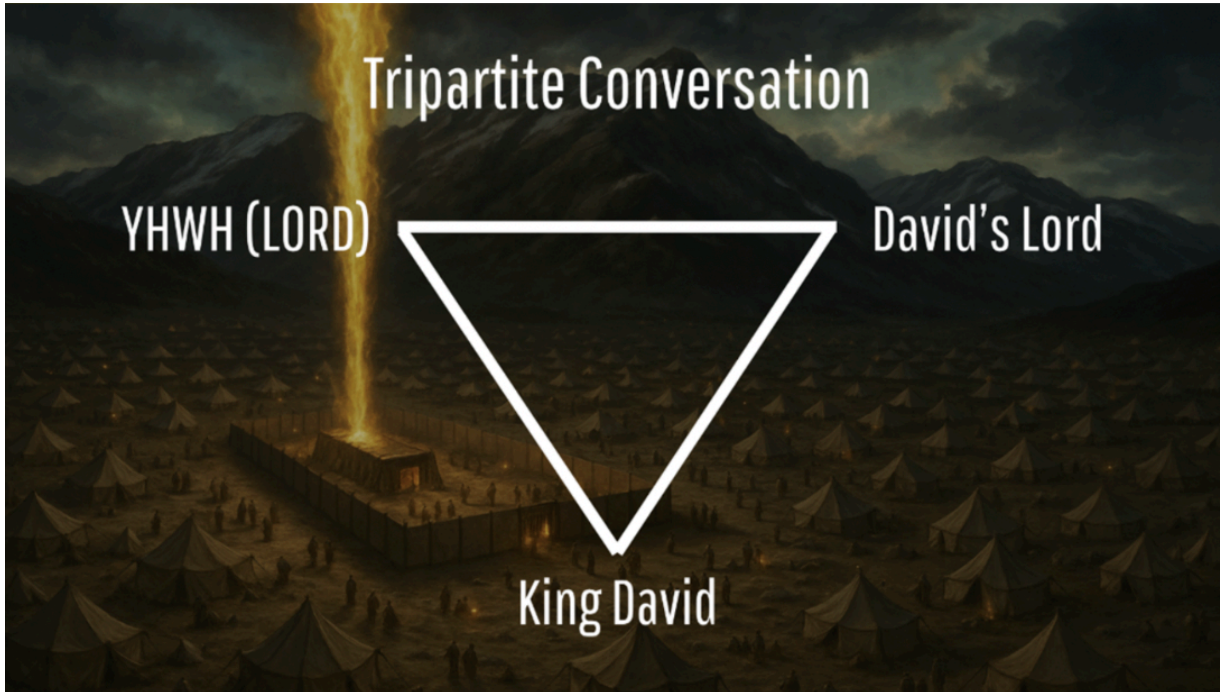
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NIV 84

THE EARTH

Many scholars affirm that because the additional lines referring to the *heavens rejoicing with Adonai and the gods bowing down* are in the Septuagint, the Dead Sea Scrolls, and was quoted by the writer of Hebrews 1:6 and the Psalm 97:7, it is **very** credible that this is the original content of the song.



The Lord says to the Lord sit here...where? At His right hand in the heavens! Until His enemies are made his footstool. Which is on the earth. Now that the heavens are purged, the Lord will come down to the earth in the last days making good on what He said to David, sit here until I make your enemies your footstool. They will be cast down even further to the lowest place and will become a footstool even beneath the earth. The proper response for every being in the heavens is not to fight against His son Jesus because they will be thrown down, but rather to rejoice! The proper response in the same way here on the earth is to rejoice with Israel and delight in God's plan or you will find yourself raging and plotting in vain against the King He has installed on His holy mountain.

PSALM 2 ESV

- 1** Why do the nations rage^a
and the peoples plot in vain?
- 2** The kings of the earth set themselves,
and the rulers take counsel together,
against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying,
- 3** "Let us burst their bonds apart
and cast away their cords from us."
- 4** He who sits in the heavens laughs^b

4 The who sits in the heavens laughs,
 the Lord holds them in derision.
5 Then he will speak to them in his wrath,
 and terrify them in his fury, saying,
6 "As for me, I have set my King
 on Zion, my holy hill."
7 I will tell of the decree:
 The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;
 today I have begotten you.
8 Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
 and the ends of the earth your possession.
9 You shall break them with a rod of iron
 and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."
10 Now therefore, O kings, be wise;
 be warned, O rulers of the earth.
11 Serve the Lord with fear,
 and rejoice with trembling.
12 Kiss the Son,
 lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,
 for his wrath is quickly kindled.
 Blessed are all who take refuge in him.



MAJOR CITIES IN THE NORTHEAST QUADRANT

- CHICAGO (W. RIDGE/DEVON CORRIDOR)*
- SKOKIE*
- LINCOLNWOOD
- MORTON GROVE
- NILES
- EVANSTON
- GLENVIEW
- NORTHBROOK
- DEERFIELD-HIGHLAND PARK
- LIBERTYVILLE*/WAUKEGAN
- DES PLAINES
- NAPERVILLE
- BRIDGEVIEW*
- VILLA PARK
- SCHAUMBURG
- ELGIN*
- ROCKFORD*
- WHEATON*
- BOLINGBROOK
- CRYSTAL LAKE*