

THE FINAL FOCUS

3. ON THE RESTORATION OF THE NATION When God Fulfils His Prophetic Plan for Israel

Reading: Jeremiah 31:1-14 31-37

In 1897 a new voice was heard in European Jewry. It was that of Theodore Hertzl, an Austrian Jew. His remarks about the future of the Jewish people were bold and received with some skepticism by even the most avid of Zionist, but his predictions turned to be both momentous and prophetic. Over one hundred years ago Hertzl declared, “**There is a land without a people. There is a people without a land. Give the land without a people to the people without a land.**” Hertzl was the first audible cry by the Jews in modern times for a national home of their home. On Friday 14th May 1948 the British High Commissioner for Palestine left the Palestine Mandate and on the same day the Zionist Council in Tel Avid proclaimed the establishment of the Jewish state to be called Israel. Chaim Weizman was appointed the first President of the new born state and Russian born David Ben Gurion became its first Prime Minister.

The founding of the State was headline news around the world in 1948 and almost every day since the Jew and the State of Israel have been thrust to the forefront of global news networks. The land of Israel is small about the size of Wales, and the Jewish people are one

one-thousandth of the world’s population and yet the eyes of the world focus on this small Middle Eastern State. Contrary to what politicians and pundits may say, Israel, not the United States, not Russia, *but Israel, is the most important nation on earth.* Jerusalem, not Washington, not Moscow, not Peking, not Paris, not London, is the most important city on earth. **Why ?** You cannot understand the future, you cannot understand Bible prophecy, you cannot even understand the ways and the workings of God, if you don’t understand Israel. Israel is the major topic of Biblical prophecy, just as it is of the daily news. Dave Hunt says that the word ‘**Israel,**’ is found 2,565 times in 2,293 verses in the King James translation of the Bible, while ‘**Jerusalem,**’ is found 811 times in 764 verses. *The Jew is God's yardstick, God's measuring rod, God's blueprint, God's outline, God's plan for the future.*

1. Israel is the Geographical centre of the world:

Ezekiel tells us, “*Thus saith the Lord God: 'This is Jerusalem; I have set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her.'*” (5:5) It is here at this tiny nation that three great continents, Europe, Asia, and Africa, meet together.

2. Israel is the Spiritual centre of the world:

It is here that Jesus Christ was born, lived, died, was raised, ascended, and one day the Lord Jesus will return to rule and reign over this earth. Three movements in the world, Islam, Judaism, and

Christianity claim Jerusalem as a spiritual capital.

3. Israel is the Prophetical centre of the world:

If you want to know what time it is on God's clock, look at Israel. If you want to know what day it is on God's calendar, look at Israel. If you want to know what degree it is on God's thermometer, look at Israel. You can summarize biblical prophecy in three words, *Jews, Jerusalem, and Jesus*. All are inextricably interwoven.

4. Israel is the Political centre of the world:

It is here that Armageddon, the last battle of the last war, will be fought. When we speak of Israel we justly confess, amazing race, amazing place, amazing grace. Israel is a remarkable nation. What God has done to that nation, for that nation, and through that nation is remarkable. The Jew is remarkable. ***Is it not remarkable that,***

*As a race he was old when Rome was young ?
That he has outlived every nation and empire that has persecuted him ?
That in every field of endeavour to which he has turned his hand he has known astonishing success ?
That he has defied the laws of history and preserved his racial identity though scattered in a hundred countries for hundreds upon hundreds of years ?*

Frederick the Great of Prussia once challenged Count Nikolaus von Zinzendorf, a Moravian Christian at his

infidel court, to defend the Bible. The Count replied in two words ' **The Jew.**' My Israel is one of the greatest phenomena that history has witnessed. Even though her neighbours outnumber her fifty to one she has proved too strong militarily for them. Even though more than sixty thousand individual votes have been cast in the United Nations against Israel, she is the nation that will not go away. It was Dr. Hyman Appleman who said ' ***if you want to know about the coming of the Lord, keep one eye on heaven and the other eye on the Jew.***' I will want to summarize what we want to say about Israel this by looking simply at ***its past: its present: and its future.***

(1) ITS PAST HISTORY

Look if you will at (31:1-3) " *At the same time,*" what time ? Well, the whole theme of (Ch 30-33) is God restoring the whole nation to their own land. It was God Himself who loved this nation, called this nation and blessed this nation from all the peoples of the earth. Did you know that the history of Israel is unique ? The history of any other nation was written after it happened. Hebrew history however, was largely written before it happened. When I think of their history I think of,

(a) **THE SELECTION OF THIS NATION:**

1. Their Selection Relates to a Race:

Some may agree with the old maxim, " *how odd of God to choose the Jews.*" Odd or not, God has

certainly done so. You see, when God called Abraham, he gave the patriarch a promise, “ *And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great, and thou shalt be a blessing, and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee, and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*” (Gen 12:1-3) Do you see the promise God gave to Abraham ? Notice that it enshrined:

1. **Personal Blessings:** “ *I will bless thee.*”
2. **Universal Blessings:** “ *In thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*”
3. **National Blessings:** “ *I will make of thee a great nation.*”

Now Abraham was blessed personally and Abraham was a channel of universal blessings for through his seed we have the Scriptures and the Saviour. But the fulfillment of the national blessings promised to Abraham still have to be realized. So God promised Abraham seed. Did God keep His promise ? Look at (Gen 17:15-21) *Islam claims that as the firstborn Ishmael had the right of the inheritance of inheritance to the Promised Land.* Ordinarily that would have been true, but God had promised Abraham that his wife, Sarah would bear him a son who would be his heir. Now at the time God promised Abraham this he was the president of **H.A.R.P.** the Hebrew Association of Retired People. My Abraham was 100 years old. He had been drawing social security for 35 years. His wife Sarah was no spring chicken. She was 90 years of age. All of their reproductive powers were dead and God asked a fair question that called for a simple answer.

“ *Is any thing too hard for the Lord ?*” (Gen 18:14) The answer is no. Well Abraham believed God. (Rom 4:20) You see, Ishmael was not the son of God’s promise but of Abraham’s and Sarah’s unbelief. ***Are you beginning to see who holds the title deeds to Israel ?*** Now in due course Isaac was born and the promise that was given to Abraham was confirmed to Isaac. (Gen 26:2-4) Now we know that Isaac had two sons, Jacob and Esau. (Gen 25:26) And the promise that was made to Abraham, confirmed to Isaac was not reiterated to Jacob. (Gen 28:10-15) Now Jacob was renamed and called Israel. (Gen 32:28) and Israel had twelve sons. The Bible says, “ *All these are the twelve tribes of Israel.*” (Gen 49:28) Do you recall that seventy went down to Egypt (Ex 1:5) and something like 2.5 million came up out of Egypt. My this race was not chosen because of any distinctive qualities they possessed. They were not chosen because they were a choice people. They are a choice people because they were chosen. (Rom 11:28) So their 1. But note,

(b) Their Selection Relates to a Place:

For linked with God’s choice of the Jewish race is also the gift of one particular place. Israel is the name of both, the people and the land and both still have a very prominent part to play in God’s prophetic plan. What a land this is. Do you know how the Bible describes it ? ‘ *A land which the Lord thy God careth for, the eyes of the Lord thy God are always upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year.*’ (Deut 11:12) Now,

1. In (Gen 12:1-3) we have the Donation of the Land:

“ Now the Lord had said unto Abram, get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will show thee.”

2. In (Gen 15:18-21) we have the Dimensions of the Land:

Which go far beyond the present boundaries of Israel.

“ In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates.” That would embrace an area two and a half times the size of Great Britain and Ireland.

3. In (Ex 3:8) we have the Description of the Land:

‘ And I am come to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey.’

4. In (Gen 13:15) we have the Duration of Israel’s Tenure in the Land:

“ For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it and to thy seed for ever.” My God has put a reservation mark on the land and has preserved the land for Israel. Their title deed was signed by God four thousand years ago. Indeed the Jews are continually identified as the chosen people belonging to the God of

the Bible. He is called “ *the God of Israel,*” 203 times and never is He called the God of any other people. What blessings the Lord has bestowed on this nation.

(Rom 3:1-2) My what about you ? Has God not enriched your life with His mercies ? All of us have known His temporal mercies, and His spiritual mercies. How blessed we are. (a)

(b) THE DEFECTION OF THIS NATION:

It was Dr. James Merritt who said that when God founded the nation of Israel He gave Israel four things. *He gave Israel a land, He gave Israel a law, He gave Israel a language, He gave Israel a Lord. But Israel defiled the land. Israel defied the law, Israel deserted the language, and Israel denied the Lord.* Because of their rebellion against God, God allowed them to be taken from the land He promised them, as a discipline and as a chastisement. The Lord even predicted that this would happen. *“ But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of thy Lord thy God the Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies, thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them, and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth ...and the Lord shall scatter thee among all people from the one end of the earth even unto the other.... And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest....”* (Deut 28:15, 25, 37, 63-64)

What God predicted is exactly what happened. Israel rebelled, they rejected God, and they were overwhelmed by pagan nations and deported from the

land. In 722 BC the *Northern Kingdom* was taken into Assyrian Captivity (2 Kings 18:9-11) In 606 BC 598 BC and 586 BC the *Southern Kingdom* was taken into Babylon. After seventy years they returned home where they remained for the next six hundred years until 70 AD when the national scattering was completed. Do you recall the words of the Lord Jesus ? “ *And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*” (Lk 21:24) For two thousand years the Jews have been dispersed, dispelled, displaced, and despised by the nations. Jerusalem has been trampled by the Gentiles. But does this mean that God was through with the Jew ? No, for in His providence, we see not only (a) (b) but,

(c) THE CORRECTION OF THIS NATION:

God punishes his covenant people, God chastises them, but God never completely rejects them. Let's look at (Psalm 89:28-37) Now if you listened carefully, you heard a great principle there. Discipline is not denial, and discipline is not desertion. My God made a promise to the nation of Israel. Do you see (Jer 31:10) ? That promise was repeated again in Ezekiel (11:17) “ *Thus saith the Lord God, I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel.*” (Ezek 36:24 Hosea 3:4-5) ***Someone has said that the Jew in history is rather like Jonah in the belly of the whale.*** He may be swallowed but not incorporated. The Jew

cannot be assimilated or eliminated. Where are the Babylonians, the Hittites, the Amalekites, the Philistines, the Assyrians? *They are no more, but the Jew still stands.* Oh, the world and the devil have tried, but I am sure to the amazement of both, the most important date in the twentieth century, 14th May 1948, finally came to pass, and the most important event of the twentieth century finally took place, a nation was born in a day. A nation that was dormant and dead for 2,000 years was raised to life. How do you explain that ? By thinking not only of (a) (b) (c) but of,

(d) THE PROTECTION OF THIS NATION:

When this nation was born and recognized by the United Nations, there were approximately 650,000 Jews living in the land. Do you know what they were surrounded with ? *They were surrounded by forty million Arabs.* Forty million people who vowed and declared the moment they came into existence that they would be driven into the sea and destroyed. Dr. James Merritt gives us some interesting details of those days. This tiny nation was outnumbered in soldiers, out-equipped in arms, outclassed in vehicles. *They were outnumbered forty to one in troops, one hundred to one in population, one thousand to one in military equipment.* The entire world thought, “ *Israel's birthday would be short lived.*” But the Jews went to work.

They began to pass guns around. They bought ammunition wherever they could. They took boiler plates and welded to the side of school buses to make

tanks and you can still see today some of those old broken down homemade tanks. They took hoe handles, broomsticks, anything that looked like a rifle barrel, and pretended it was a gun, so they could at least frighten the enemy, even if they could not shoot them. They used firecrackers instead of bullets to make it sound like the battle was even stronger and more fierce than it was. My the Jews fought and won against such heavy odds. *In just one battle 20,000 Arabs were captured by 400 Israelis.* Now you think about that. By the time the United Nations stepped in and called for an armistice, that little nation that was supposed to be exterminated within just a few hours, was 150 miles into Egyptian territory, and taking more ground every moment. “ ***You say, how do you explain that ? I tell you how I explain it, the fight was fixed, the providence of God.***” In 1967, in that famous war now called The Sixth Day War, Israel, this time outnumbered eighty to one, in just six days, defeated Egypt, Syria, and Jordan, and when the war was finished they had amassed three times the land mass of their original territory. ***I tell you there is an invisible hand on these people, and it is the hand of God.***

Today, Israel takes its place among the nations of the world, militarily strong, economically robust, and religiously active. Now you may think all of this is pure coincidence. *I think it is sheer providence.* She is an indestructible people. Do you know what it would take to destroy Israel ? Well, look at (31:35-37) If the sun quits rising, and the moon quits shining, and the waves of the sea roll no more, then Israel will cease to exist.

(2) ISRAEL'S PRESENT REALITY

For there is no doubt that God is working out His plan for the Jew today. (1 Cor 10:32) You see, there is,

(a) ***THE SIGN OF A REVIVED NATION:***

Three different trees in Scripture are used as symbols of Israel. The *Vine* symbolizes ***Israel's Past:*** (Ps 80:8-11) The *Olive Tree* symbolizes ***Israel's Future:*** (Rom 11: 17, 24) But the *Fig Tree* is symbolic of ***Israel's Present:*** Do you recall the words of the Lord Jesus ? “ *Behold the fig tree, and all the trees, when they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand. So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand. Verily I say unto you, this generation shall not pass away till all be fulfilled.*” (Lk 21:29-32) My the fig tree symbolizing Israel's present is blossoming.

1. The Land has been Revived:

The Lord promised this would happen. “ *Israel shall blossom and bud and fill the face of the world with fruit.*” (Is 27:1 Eze 36:34 Amos 9:14) Fifty plus years ago, sixty percent of the land was barren desert. Yet you go there today, and you can see rocks turned into diamonds, dry desert turned into farmland.

2. The Law has been Reinstated:

Even though God fearing orthodox Jews only make up

5% of the population of Israel, the foundation and cornerstone of their law, the Sabbath has been established. It is now the law of the land, and from sunup to sundown on the Sabbath, restaurants are closed, buses do not run, there is no television. But what has even been more amazing,

3. The Language had been Resurrected:

The entire Old Testament, thirty nine books of the Bible, was written in Hebrew. When the Lord Jesus spoke to the apostle Paul, Paul testified that He spoke to Him in Hebrew. (Acts 26:14) Yet Hebrew was a dead language even in the time of Christ. But a man by the name of Eliezer Ben Yehuda had a vision to revive that Hebrew tongue. He took a vow never to speak any other language, and reared his children in Hebrew, and fought until on 23rd September 1922 the League of Nations officially recognized Hebrew as a spoken language of the world. I say again, there is an invisible hand on these people and it is the hand of God. You see, the Jew not only survives, the Jew succeeds. ***The indestructible Jew has left its indelible mark on history.*** The Jews are not a great people in number. Only one fourth of one percent of the world's population is Jewish. Yet they have won twelve percent or more of all of the honours in medicine, health, music, public life and science.

James Merritt reminds us that practically every day we are affected in some way or another by a Jew. *Have you ever taken an aspirin for a headache ?* Bayer, who developed the aspirin was a Jew. Have you been

vaccinated for polio ? Jonas Salk was a Jew. *Have you ever gone to the dentist and had him deaden your gums before he started to drill away ?* Well, Sticher, who developed Novocain, was a Jew. If you ever been to a psychiatrist and had psychoanalyst, you know that Sigmund Freud, the father of psychoanalysis was a Jew. Have you ever taken vitamins ? Funk, the man who developed and discovered vitamins was a Jew. Have you ever give money to the Salvation Army or been helped by the Salvation Army ? William Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army had a Jewish mother, which according to the Jewish law, made William Booth a Jew. Are you a student of philosophy ? Spinoza, the great father of philosophy was a Jew. Karl Marx, the founder of Communism was a Jew. The greatest scientist who ever lived, Albert Einstein, who discovered the theory of relativity was a Jew. (a)

(b) THE SIGN OF A RESTORED CITY:

Each year at Passover, Jews in exile pledge to each other “ *Next year in Jerusalem.*” (Ps 137:5) This aspiration from the heart of every Jew reflects the sentiments spoken of by the Psalmist, “ *If I forget thee O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget her cunning. If I do not remember thee let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth, if I prefer not Jerusalem above my chief joy.*” (Ps 137:5) Today, the whole city of Jerusalem is in the hands of Israelis and has been declared to be their “ ***Eternal Capital,***” much to the consternation of the Palestinians. After the Six Day War of 1967 Jews were able to visit the Western Wall of the Temple for the first time in almost two thousand years. All this

reminds us of the words of Christ, “ *Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.*” (Lk 21:24) “ *The times of the Gentiles,*” began in 586 BC when Nebuchadnezzar not only conquered Judah, but his forces sacked the city, the times of the Gentiles will end when Christ returns to establish His kingdom. On the 5th June 1967, something very significant happened in Jerusalem. It was on that day the Six Day War began. There followed one of the most brilliant campaigns in the annals of war when Israel defeated her Arab adversaries in less than a week. On the morning of the 7th June troops advanced on the Old City of Jerusalem. The battle began at 8.30am and it was all over in six hours. At 10.15pm the blue and white star of David on the Israeli flag floated over the weathered walls of the Old City after a lapse of two thousand five hundred years. No wonder tough Israeli soldiers wept as their Chaplain blew a blast on his Shofar (the ram’s horn) to mark the great Jubilee. Moshe Dyan, the brilliant Israeli Commander, placed a small paper scroll containing a scribbled prayer into a crevice of the Western Wall with the remark, “ ***We have reached the holiest of our holy places never to go back.***”

My today the Jew is back in the land. The Holy City belongs to Israel again. Tonight Jews gather to worship at the Wailing Wall the only remaining part of Herod’s Temple. Surely “ *the signs all seem to say, His coming is not far away.*” (a) (b)

(c) THE SIGN OF A REBUILT TEMPLE:

The aspirations of the Jews all over the world are expressed in the prayer prescribed for the use of Orthodox Jews every morning, “ *Save us O God of our salvation and gather us together and deliver us from the nations. May it be acceptable to Thee our God and the God of our Fathers that the sanctuary be rebuilt speedily in our days and our portion assigned us in Thy law. There will we serve Thee in reverence as of old in bygone days.*” Now think of what has happened in the last 70 odd years. The Jew is back in the land. The Holy City belongs to Israel again. Today Jews gather to worship at the Western Wall, which is the only remaining part of Herod’s Temple. Moreover, Bible prophecy anticipates a rebuilt Temple. (2 Thes 2:4) Now do these three signs not indicate the present reality of this nation ? (1) (2)

(3) ITS PROPHETIC DESTINY

Is God through with the Jew ? Paul asked, “ *Hath God cast away his people ?*” (Rom 11:1) His immediate reply was “ *God forbid.*” In Greek Paul’s answer carries the meaning “ *May it never be.*” This is the strongest negative declaration in the Bible. Is God through with the Jew ? Well, do you see what the Lord says here ? (31:31-34) Now you go to Israel and you know that this has not happened. But if you believe the Word of God you know that it is going to happen. Now the question is, how is it going to happen ? Well, according to the Bible,

(a) Israel will be RESTORED to the Land:

John Owen wrote in the 17th century “ *The Jews shall be gathered from all parts of the earth and brought home into their homeland.*” Are we not witnessing the beginning of that future restoration ? In 1882 there were approximately 25,000 Jews in Palestine. Today, there are millions of Jews there. Jeremiah prophesied, “ *For lo the days come, saith the Lord, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the Lord, and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.*” (30:3) Ezekiel also confirmed, “ *For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.*” (36:24 Hosea 3:4-5) Is Israel to be restored to the land ? Yes. Today, Israel has a population of over six million Jews and they are still coming. (a)

(b) Israel will be REASSURED by the Antichrist:

For Daniel speaking of the Antichrist says, “ *And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall made it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate.*” (9:27) A peace settlement in the Middle East to end the Arab, Israeli conflict, and thereby guarantee security for Israel. The Jews encouraged to rebuild their Temple. Now orthodox Rabbis teach that the Temple cannot be rebuilt until Messiah comes and that He will initiate the Temple project. Because Antichrist makes possible the rebuilding of the Temple, Jews will be deceived into

thinking that this is their Messiah and will worship him. But “ *in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease.*” (Dan 9:27) That is Antichrist, will turn against Israel in the middle of the seven year covenant and this will mark the beginning of the Great Tribulation for,

(c) Israel will be REFINED through the Tribulation:

For God, is not finished refining Israel and that is why the Jewish people continue to suffer. Do you know that one of the purposes of the Great Tribulation is to purify Israel ? That’s why its called “ *the time of Jacob’s trouble.*” (Jer 30:7) The great tribulation will be a time of unprecedented trouble for Israel, but through it, rebelliousness will be purged away, and the nation will be prepared to received her Messiah. (Ezekiel 20:33-38 Zechariah 13:8) Then,

(d) Israel will be REDEEMED by the Lord:

God says, “ *For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle, and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled and the women ravished Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations as when He fought in the day of battle.*” (Zech: 14:2) Just like the cavalry in the old cowboy movies, the Lord Jesus is going to come at the last minute and deliver Israel from certain destruction. When that happens, notice carefully Israel’s response, “ *And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication; and they shall look on Me whom they*

have pierced.” (Zech. 12:10) Now literally translated, the phrase “ *look on Me,*” should read, “ *look unto Me.*” Scales of blindness will finally fall from Israel’s eyes. Her heart will be softened toward the Lord Jesus Christ, and in an instant, an entire nation will not only be saved physically, but will be saved spiritually. Paul tells us in (Rom 11:26) “ *So all Israel shall be saved.*” My God’s program for this age is connected with two outstanding mysteries.

The Mystery of Israel’s Blindness:

Paul says, “ *For I would not brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits, that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles come in.*” (Rom 11:25)

The Mystery of the Church:

That Paul speaks of in Ephesians. (3:4-6) Now the blindness of Israel is not permanent. Israel at present is laid aside but this is only until “ *the fullness of the Gentiles comes in.*” When the church is completed and the Lord comes to rapture His church, then the fullness of the Gentiles will be realized. At that point God will resume His dealings with Israel and the veil of blindness will be taken away from their minds, and Israel shall be redeemed by the Lord. J.C. Hoover was a missionary to the Jews in Denver, Colorado. One day he was traveling in a car with a Jewish Rabbi. As they drove up to the synagogue the Rabbi said to his friend, “ *Mr. Hoover you Gentile Christians are looking for the second coming of your Saviour, Jesus Christ, and we Jews are looking for the first coming of our*

Messiah. Who knows but He might be the same person.” The Rabbi paused for a moment and then he said, “ *Mr. Hoover, how do you think we will recognise our Messiah ?*” Quietly and reverently, the missionary read the words of the prophet Zechariah, “ ***And they shall look on Me whom they have pierced.***” (12:10) The Rabbi was silent as he got out of the car and slowly walked into the synagogue.

My the day is coming, when Israel, although blind at present, will recognise the Lord Jesus as the Messiah, and He who was crucified by them, will then be received by them. (Zech 13:1) “ *So all Israel shall be saved.*” (Rom 11:26) I love this land. I love these people. *But I tell you the only hope for Israel is not in a land, its in a Lord.* It’s not in missiles, might, money, or manpower, its in a Master. Her only hope is not in a politician, it’s in a person and His name is Jesus Christ. My **the King is Coming.** Are you ready ? Can you joyfully say “ *Amen,*” to the last prayer of the Bible ? “ *Even so come Lord Jesus.*”

**If He should come today
And find my hands so full
Of future plans, however fair
In which my Saviour has no share
What would He say ?**

**If He should come today
And find my love so cold
My faith so very weak and dim
I had not looked for Him
What would He say ?**

**If He should come today
And find that I had not told
One soul about my Heavenly Friend
Whose blessings all my way attend
What would He say**

**If He should come today
Would I be glad, quite glad ?
Remembering that He died for all
And none through me had heard His call
What would He say ?**