

I. Review

Last week we started the first section of Psalms chapter 35. As you know we are in a verse-by-verse study of the book of Psalms. Remember that I showed you how Psalms 35 is what we call a Messianic psalm. What that means is that there are some psalms that deal not only with David as he is going through his trials and ours too inspirationally, but you are going to see that it deals with Christ at the first coming of Christ dealing with his crucifixion as Israel's Messiah. Basically, this will be about how God will deliver Israel as He delivered His own Son through His time on Calvary's cross. How Christ was attacked without cause and the false witnesses that were against Him which are clearly recorded in the gospel account for you. God then confounded them and confused them and ultimately destroyed them. I showed you last week how that is what the antichrist does when he comes down to attack Jerusalem. We laid out and defined for you out of Psalms 35:13, the New Testament Bible definition of prayer and fasting. Two definitive verses on this really lay out and show us what fasting and prayer should be about. Psalms 35:13 and then we were in Psalms 69:10.

But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I humbled my soul with fasting; and my prayer returned into mine own bosom. Psalms 35:13

When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, that was to my reproach. Psalms 69:10

He talks about how fasting humbles the soul, chastens the soul and puts us in a better position, showing us how weak our flesh really is over some of the most basic things in life, like eating. We laid out for you one of the most important doctrines in all of the Bible which is completely misunderstood today and misapplied.

II. Psalms 35:14-28

Today we are going to finish chapter 35, and we will look at our second section. We will pick it up in verse 14-28. This is David speaking, but as a Messianic psalm. It is also Christ speaking and laying out what He is going through as He faces his accusers.

14. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

15. But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:

16. With hypocritical mockers in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.

17. Lord, how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their destructions, my darling from the lions.

18. *I will give thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise thee among much people.*
19. *Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.*
20. *For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.*
21. *Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.*
22. *This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.*
23. *Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.*
24. *Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.*
25. *Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.*
26. *Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together that rejoice at mine hurt: let them be clothed with shame and dishonour that magnify themselves against me.*
27. *Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*
28. *And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.*

➤ Like Judas, People Will Betray You (Verse 14)

As we start to come through this section, you can really see the Messianic application. If you look at verse 14, it is talking about a reference to Judas.

14. I behaved myself as though he had been my friend or brother: I bowed down heavily, as one that mourneth for his mother.

If you remember back in Matthew chapter 26, when Judas came to betray Him, Jesus called him "friend." The application here is that Jesus is saying he was thought to be my friend, but found out that he was not. You find the reference to that here. **Historically and doctrinally, it is going to deal with the nation of Israel, but it is also going to deal with Christ at that time of His crucifixion.**

But you will find something else here, and how it applies to you and me. Judas was one of the twelve. He went out and did everything the other twelve did, but he was not Jesus' friend. When the time came, he betrayed the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the reference that he is making here. You will find the same exact thing in your own Christian life. Most of you work with me in ministry with people. We disciple them in Discipleship One, Discipleship Two, all the way up, dealing with the kids, dealing with all the issues in people's lives. We really try to help people, and you invest your life into people. That is really what the ministry is. It is not about just having

a church service on Sunday morning or going through all of the things that you do in churches. It is about understanding the greatest commodity of any church, but certainly in this one, is the people God gives us.

They will come in with all kinds of issues. They will come in with all kinds of problems. Most of you here this morning came in with some issue in your life that this church, through the people in it, took you in, worked with you. They helped you, got you focused on the right things in the Word of God, and here you are today doing what God wants you to do. That is the ministry. But I want you to also understand that just as there are the blessings of God doing things in people's lives in the ministry. The downside of ministry, if we want to call it a downside, will be people that you think are your friends, people that you will invest your life in, people that you will give everything of yourself to help them, and at some point, they will turn on you. At some point, they will get a better deal. At some point, they will get tired of whatever God is doing in their life, if that is even reasonable, and they will want to go back to the world. They will always be looking for a reason for them to go back, and many times that reason will be you, even though you have done everything you could for them.

I want you to understand, just as the Lord Jesus thought that Judas was His friend, you are going to find in your ministry that the people that you are going to think are your friends, at some point in your life, you are going to find out that they are not. This is a great principle here, and yet along with that principle you need to understand they may turn on you, but you never turn on them. You hold them accountable, absolutely! But you never return evil for their evil. Romans 12:17 talks about dealing with people and people are going to turn and give you evil but you never give evil back. You deal evil with good.

*17. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.
Romans 12:17*

You pray for them, you understand you do not take it personally, you realize why they are doing what they are doing, take yourself out of it, and then you try to help them whenever you can, as much as you can. That is really the key to this, and it is a great principle.

➤ But in Mine Adversity They Rejoiced.... (Verse 15)

Let's look at verse 15. We are going to come down through these verses here and look at these, and we are going to make some comments on each one. He says: "*But in mine adversity they rejoiced...*".

15. *But in mine adversity they rejoiced*, and gathered themselves together: yea, the abjects gathered themselves together against me, and **I knew it not; they did tear me, and ceased not:**

This will be the scribes and the Pharisees and the Sadducees at the first coming of Christ, rejoicing in Christ's adversity as they are crucifying Him and trying to destroy Him. This will be the devil's crowd gathering together to stop the Son of God. He says, "*I knew it not.*" All the time that He is in His public ministry, He is healing the sick, giving eyesight to the blind, unstopping deaf ears. Doing all the things that He, as we saw in Matthew when we laid it out a couple of

weeks ago, as coming to them as their Messiah with the signs and wonders, while they were conspiring behind His back because this crowd is the devil's crowd. The devil knew at the first coming of Christ what was at stake. So he throws all of his resources into stopping the Lord Jesus Christ. This is what we are reading here as we come down through this Psalm, with the scribes, the Pharisees, the Sadducees, the Roman government. The devil is rejoicing because the Son of God, who came down to be the Savior of the world and bring Israel to the glory that it once had, has now been stopped in their minds and they conspired against Him. The Bible says that they tore at Him and ceased not. Of course, they will do the same thing and are doing the same thing to the nation of Israel in a **historical application** as David. **Inspirationally**, when they turn on you, they will do the same to you.

➤ Hypocritical Mockers (Verse 16)

*16. With **hypocritical mockers** in feasts, they gnashed upon me with their teeth.*

In verse 16 he says, "hypocritical mockers." Let us see what that means. These are the leaders of the nation of Israel that are still holding the Jewish feasts that God commanded them in the Old Testament. They are holding the feast and keeping the feast to God, but they are now rejecting the Son of God, which God Himself sent down as a deliverer to the nation of Israel. In that, they are the hypocritical mockers.

➤ From the Lions (Verse 17)

*17. Lord, how long wilt thou look on? **rescue my soul** from their destructions, my darling **from the lions.***

This will be a reference in 1 Peter 5:8, where the Bible says that the devil going about as a roaring lion seeking whom he may devour. Tearing the Lord apart like a lion will tear apart his prey. As Christ is on that cross, going through this adversity, going through all of the things that He is experiencing, His prayer is "rescue my soul." Of course, this will be Israel too. Where Christ went through His time on the cross, which makes this a Messianic Psalm. Israel will go through their time in the Tribulation, and you will see that is the prayer of Israel to God. Last week in Psalms 35:1, we saw the verse that said, "Plead my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me."

➤ The Great Congregation (Verse 18)

Look at verse 18:

*18. I will give thee thanks in **the great congregation**: I will praise thee among much people.*

This will be a future reference. If you know anything about your Bible, you know that in Hebrews chapter 2, verse 11, the Bible says that at some time in the future, Christ is going to confess us before the Father.

For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, Hebrews 2:11

Most likely this will be at the Marriage of the Lamb. You will find that at the Marriage of the Lamb, all of the family members of God are present. There are seven family members of God that make up the dispensational breakdown through the Bible. You will find them in Song of Solomon chapter 6, verses 8 and 9, and they are all gathered together. Most likely that is this great congregation at the Marriage Supper of the Lamb Christ is proclaiming His bride. What an incredible day that will be.

➤ **Your Adversaries will Falsely Accuse You & Rejoice Over it**
(Verse 19)

Look at verse 19:

19. Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me:

Here again, this is an incredible concept to see. **Doctrinally**, it will be Christ and the nation of Israel. **Inspirationally**, it will be you and me. **Historically**, it is going to be David. What you want to take away from this verse is that your adversaries will falsely accuse you. They will turn on you. They will do everything that we have looked at so far to bring you down. They will rejoice over your downfall. They do that because your life, in this case, Christ or the nation of Israel, represents God. When you have a worldly situation or person that does not want to do what God wants them to do, they are going to look to get out from under that conviction that they are under. The way that they will do that is by trying to get you to fall through false accusations or lying about you, to bring you down so they can feel better about themselves. That is exactly what you find here. They hate you like they did Christ, like the world does Israel, without a cause. That is Christ, but that also will be you. Trust me, as it will be the nation of Israel.

Here is the sobering thought in all this. Sometimes our enemy can rejoice over us in the things that we mess up on. You know, as well as I do, the devil and the devil's crowd will always be looking for you to mess up someplace along the line. It will be the same reason. Your life is a contrast to their life. They get convicted about that. So what makes them feel better is to see you mess up and then they take the position and say, "You see, I am not so bad. They are really not the Christian that they said they were." They take comfort in that. The Bible says in Ephesians 5 verses 15-20 that we are to walk circumspectly.

See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Ephesians 5:15

What does that mean? That means that we always are aware of the circumstances around us. We always understand that the world, the flesh, and the devil are always trying to capitalize on any weakness that we may have. I am telling you, if they know you are a Christian wherever you work. In your neighborhood, if they know you are a Christian, if wherever you hang out, they know you are a Christian, they are watching and waiting for you to fall. They are watching you, they are doing to you what they did with Christ. Time and time again, they came to Him asking Him questions that were against the very Bible itself, trying to get Him to give a wrong answer so they could take it then and use it against Him. I am telling you, when we mess up, they are waiting and watching to use our mistakes against us.

This is why the Bible says in Romans 14:16:

16. Let not then your good be evil spoken of: Romans 14:16

You always have to look at your circumstances. Make sure that what you do and how you handle it does not bring a reproach to Christ or your Christian life. It is wrongfully rejoicing that he is condemning here. So many times we give our enemies the very ammunition they need to shoot us with, we deliver it to them by what we do. You will see this with David in his life. How many times David as the king must have been criticized for the times that he messed up? I am thinking this time with Bathsheba. I am thinking when he numbered the people, the things that he did that brought a reproach onto God and him. Don't you think for a moment David did not have enemies? He did. Just like today, when David screwed up, they were all over it.

You see the same thing with the nation of Israel. The nation of Israel rejected Christ, the Messiah. What happened? For the next 2,500 years, that is held against them. The Roman Catholic Church all down through the Dark Ages and all down through even the modern times called them "Christ Killers". They were persecuted because of that fact. You know, when they are standing there before Pilate and before Christ, Pilate says, "Shall I crucify your king?" They said, "We have no king but Caesar." Then they said, "Let his blood be upon us and our people." From that point on, the enemies of Israel, which are plenty, used those things against them to hate them. It is just like you and me. I know none of us are perfect. I know that we all make mistakes and we all do dumb things. But I am telling you, you ought to try to limit those dumb things to as small a circle as possible because people are always watching your life. The Bible says in Romans:

7. For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself: Romans 14:7

Somebody is always watching our lives. Sometimes when we give them a reason to rejoice because of our failures, it brings a reproach upon the name of Christ and your testimony for the Lord.

➤ Winketh with the Eye (Verse 19)

Verse 19 says, "*winketh with the eye.*"

19. Let not them that are mine enemies wrongfully rejoice over me: neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without a cause.

Back in Proverbs 10:10 The wink is associated with the antichrist and the wicked as kind of a secret confirmation.

*10. He that **winketh with the eye** causeth sorrow: but a prating fool shall fall. Proverbs 10:10*

You will wink at somebody like, "Okay, we are on now. This is what we are going to do." I am telling you, this is one of the great areas that we all need to look out for and watch out for in our lives.

➤ World at War Against God's People (Verse 20)

Now look at verse 20:

20. For they speak not peace: but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land.

Obviously you can see the Messianic application here, Christ. I have told you before Christ is the only man in the world that when He came to this earth, He never did anything bad to anybody. He helped everybody, and yet nobody wanted anything to do with Him. They spoke against Him. But also this will be the history of the nation of Israel and the Jew. All the Jews have wanted since the time that God took Abraham and showed him the stars of heaven and then on through Isaac, Jacob, Joseph, the twelve boys become the twelve tribes of the nation of Israel. God sends them down into Egypt for 430 years and then brings them out to send them to the promised land. That is all they have ever wanted. All they have ever wanted was just to have their own land and live peaceably. You will find down through history, not one time has the Jew started a war or an act of aggression against any other nation.

In the Old Testament, as they come out of Egypt and go to the promised land, that was their land. Joshua led the wars in the battle. But the goal of the nation of Israel was to get where it got under Solomon for just a short 40 years. That was a peaceful, quiet land with no wars. David wipes out the last of the enemies of Israel, and for 40 years Solomon on the throne, we see what God has intended for the nation of Israel and what the nation of Israel wanted to have. To be in their land, quiet, and to have what God wanted for them. Not one time has the Jew triggered an act of aggression against anybody. But history will be a record of verse 20, the world at war against God's people.

During the time of the Old Testament, you will find that there are always nations that are run by the devil that attack the nation of Israel while they are in the land after Solomon. When they go into captivity, you will find Nebuchadnezzar, then you will find Sennacherib, then you will find Persia, Greece, right up to Rome. Before that you found Egypt. There has never been a time in history that the nation of Israel, who just wanted to live in the land that God promised them, was not attacked by some Gentile nation because the devil wanted to destroy them.

During the time of Christ, Israel was under the iron heel of the Roman Empire. Rome killed John the Baptist. Rome killed the apostles. Rome killed Peter and Paul. James was killed with a sword. Exiled John, the writer of Revelation, to the Isle of Patmos. Rome killed the Lord Jesus Christ. Rome killed all the Jews and tried to wipe them out. Titus in 70 AD, the final act of the Roman Empire on the pagan side, comes down to Jerusalem. Titus destroys Jerusalem, butchers the Jews, throws the babies up in the air, catches them on spears, throws them over the walls.

Later on, during the Dark Ages, after we see the pagan Roman Empire, around 300 or 400, switch over to the Papal Roman Empire, the Roman Catholic Church under Constantine, we see that the persecution continues. Later during the Dark Ages, you see the nations in Europe, who the devil has complete control over through the Roman Catholic Church, persecute the Jews.

This is where the term "Christ-killer" begins to be used by the Roman Catholic Church. The god of this world and his nations, verse 20, has devised deceitful matters against them.

➤ Remember History Will Always be the Key to the Present

Remember, history will always be the key to the present. Understanding the present will always be the key to the future. When God began His final phase of time on planet Earth. If you know anything about the history of man and God's movement down through history and the history of the world and the history of God in the Bible, you know that things started to change by the time you got to the 1860s. You had the beginning of God rekindling in a world arena, that Jew going back to the land. For 2,500 years, she went without a nation. She was persecuted. She was run out of every country on the planet. With no nation, no homeland, the Jew is scattered throughout the world, mostly in Europe. Around the 1880s, you find the Zionist movement. You find sympathy in the world for the Jews that do not have a homeland. Through the course of events that take place in the next 30, 40 years, you begin to see the final phase of what God is doing.

They sang the song this morning, "The Camel Train." That song is about Rebecca coming to see Isaac and being the bride, which is the picture of Christ and the church. The picture of the camel train is a picture of the Church Age, till the bride gets to Christ. I am going to tell you something. If you know anything about history, if you know anything about the Bible, we are right there. We are right there! It all started in the final phase of God's plan on planet Earth. So it will end with Jesus Christ coming back, the establishment of God's kingdom, and the nation of Israel, God's wife, back in the proper place with you and me in the great congregation as the bride of Christ.

➤ God's Hand Moving through History

After the 1880s, there is a sympathy now for the Jews beginning to develop. The Jews' capital is Jerusalem, but they do not have the capital. The capital of Jerusalem is now under the Ottoman Turks. The Ottoman Turks came into being after the end of the Byzantine Empire around 1000-1100. They are the organized Muslim groups that control the Middle East, and they have control of Jerusalem. By 1914-15, World War I breaks out. When World War I breaks out, you have Europe, which I have told you this before, is consigned to dynasties. These dynasties, the Russian Empire, the British Empire, the German Austrian Empire, the Italian Empire, they have been in power over these countries for centuries. It is through this that the Catholic Church has dominated everything in Europe. That is about to change. In World War I, all those dynasties except one were destroyed. The one that was not destroyed was England. If that was not enough, you will find that Lord Allenby goes into Jerusalem and kicks out the Ottoman Turks, and now England, who gave you your King James 1611 Authorized Version, has Jerusalem. England says, "We need to give this land back to God's people." God's hand was moving through history. I have told you many, many times. **Any time God moves, the devil moves.**

England was poised to give that land back, and then the Grand Mufti of Arabia shows up in England about 1920, 1923. He says, basically, "You are an island nation with no oil. You give that land back to the Jew, and you will never see another drop of oil." So they took a vote. Lord Balfour had put forth what is called the Balfour Declaration. The Balfour Declaration was given

to England that said the land belongs to them based on a King James 1611 Authorized Version, and we need to give the land back to them now that we have control. That is when the Grand Mufti showed up. That Grand Mufti of Arabia shows up, threatens them, they take a vote, and the Balfour Declaration is defeated. A man in British Parliament, he was born-again, stood up and read out of a King James Bible in Parliament how that they had just violated God's principle to send the Jew back to that land, and God would judge them for it. In World War II, God judged them for it.

➤ WWI got the Land Ready for the Jew, WWII got the Jew Ready for the Land

In World War II, **I have told you this before, World War I got the land ready for the Jew, World War II got the Jew ready for the land.** We see before World War II there were 12 million Jews throughout Europe. At the end of World War II, after the Holocaust, two and a half million Jews left. The rest of them died in the concentration camps, died in the East. You know what happened on May 14th, 1948, Israel became a nation. God used two World Wars to get the land and the Jew ready, and then sends them back in 1948. This was the beginning of the end. You will find this detailed out for you in Matthew chapter 24. If you have the time to look it up, it clearly shows you the time element of where we are at. When Israel became a nation back in the homeland on May 14th, the next day started four major wars of the nations against Israel, verse 20, that lasted for the next 30 years. She became a nation on the 14th, on the 15th, the seven nations of the Arab League attacked Jerusalem to wipe her out. She defeated them. Eight years later, October 25, 1956, again, Egypt, Syria, Jordan, unite to attack and wipe out the Jew. This is called the Sinai Campaign with CBS and NBC. It was during this second battle that you really got some underneath influence. This is where you began to see, like the book of Revelation lays out, that there is a connection between the Muslims and the Roman Catholic Church.

Adolf Hitler was a Roman Catholic. The Roman Catholic Church put him in power with the German businessmen in 1933. Here we are where the Nazis began to wipe out the Jews. The same Grand Mufti that came to England in the 20s is included into the German military, and they form to wipe out the Jews. They form the SS battalions that are Muslim. Handschar Division, if you want to look it up. The Grand Mufti of Arabia that came was the same guy who headed up these Muslim nations who became part of the SS, who by the way was Saddam Hussein's grandfather. In this war, you know what they found? On the Muslim soldiers in their own language copies of Adolf Hitler's *Mein Kampf*, all about destroying the Jew. You cannot beat history.

I am telling you, when that Zionist movement began and you start to see verse 20 be fulfilled, God, if He is driving a four-speed Camaro, when He got to 1918, He is in third gear, He hit fourth gear and stepped on the gas. We are almost across the finish line. **The camel train is coming in.** It is coming in. Eleven years after that, without any provocation, May 15, 1967, Egypt again, what we now call the Six-Day War, President Nasser of Egypt announced worldwide that he was now going to wipe out and destroy the nation of Israel. It did not happen. Then on October 6, 1973, Egypt and Syria, the War on Yom Kippur. Again, to wipe out the nation of Israel. But it did not happen. You are going to find from that point on, when verse 20

says, "*they speak not peace, but they devise deceitful matters against them that are quiet in the land,*" you see the world through the devil going after to wipe out the nation of Israel because he knows what is coming.

Today, Israel, that little nation over there has just got a fingerhold on the promised land. I mean, God's promise to Abraham ran from Egypt to Ur of the Chaldees all the way up to Turkey. She's just got a fingerhold. She does not even have all of Jerusalem. She is surrounded. The devil made sure that all the nations that are around her, surrounding her, are there to wipe her out. What you are seeing today in the Middle East is the final phase of life on planet Earth that is hurtling us toward the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ.

I have to look at some things and marvel at them. America, without a doubt, if you know the book of Daniel chapter 7 and chapter 8, you are going to see how this is put together. America today is the greatest military power in the world. Russia was. But then, as the Bible proclaimed, she is not. We are. No nation on this planet could stand up to America's war powers. You look at the F-15 that was shot down a couple of weeks ago and the pilots punched out. The one guy they got, but the other guy it took them two or three days to get to him. What an amazing thing that was. I mean, we can bomb targets. We have guys and gals sitting over here out in Montana someplace that are taking drones off someplace in Pakistan. Flying them from here, to over there, and blowing everything up with laser beam precision. It is incredible.

➤ We Have a Front Row Seat to the End of the World

Yet I look and see. What a great contrast that is to what the Bible says. Because you have Israel, that little nation about the size of Delaware, and nobody can defeat them. America may have the most powerful military on the planet, but she has that because of her military might that she has invested in and built on. Israel without a doubt is the greatest military on the planet, not because of their size, not because of everything they have, but because the hand of God is on that nation. Every time she got in one of those four wars and she was kicking the fire out of that and was going to take all the land back, the United Nations stepped in and called a ceasefire. You know what ceasefires do, don't you? It just prolongs the war until it will pick up another day. As the Germans used to say, "In case of rain, the war will be held in the auditorium." It is a thing where all it does is prolong it and they stop them from ever finishing the war. That is where you are at today. You are on the brink today of watching the worldwide event. You have a front row seat to the end of the world based on verse 20 where it is going to continue. It is like a powder keg over there.

➤ Israel is as Far from God as She has Ever Been

Make no mistake, just so we are all clear on this. Israel today is as far from God as she has ever been. I want you to understand that. We talked last week about the balance the church needs to have in everything that the world offers up as "Christianity". I am all for the New Testament church, us as believers, should support the nation of Israel. I think if I was president, thank God I am not, but if I was president, I would give them everything they need. There would not be any debate on, "Well, we are going to give them this, but I do not know if we have to give them this

real stuff." You see, we just give them enough that they do not get defeated. I would give them enough so they could actually win the battle. Because you give them what they need, they will wipe everybody out. You know why? God's hand is on them. It is where I believe we need to give them everything they need. They are God's people. God said, "*I will bless those that bless thee and curse those that curse thee*" (Genesis 12:3). I believe that. I believe that this country ought to give them everything that they need to defeat the enemies that want to destroy them. I said, the New Testament church should be supportive of the nation of Israel. We are, and we should give everything that we need to wipe out the persecutors of Psalms chapter 35. But there is a balance in everything.

➤ The Star of David a Pagan False god Called Remphan

You will notice over here that we have an American flag. That is because we are Americans. I am proud to be an American. I fought for my country at one point, and I would fight for it again. I think America, in a lot of ways, God used her in a great way, even though she has got the problems that she has today. But I also want you to notice we do not have a Jewish flag over here. There are a lot of churches today, you will see that white and blue flag with a Star of David in the middle of it. Most churches will have that to show their support of the nation of Israel. Here again, your Bible definitions. First off, why do we not have a flag with a Star of David in this church representing the nation of Israel? The answer is simple. There is no such thing as a Star of David. The Star of David is defined for you in Acts 7:43:

*43. Yea, ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and **the star of your god Remphan**, figures which ye made to worship them: and I will carry you away beyond Babylon. Acts 7:43*

And again, Amos 5:26:

26. But ye have borne the tabernacle of your Moloch and Chiun your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. Amos 5:26

It is the star of Remphan, the pagan false god that Israel worshipped and fellowshipped when they left God. Now here we are today, they are so far away from God, but on their national flag, it is not the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the star of Remphan, their pagan god.

As a New Testament Christian, I will defend Israel and support her based on, not the flag, but Romans chapter 9 and Romans chapter 11. Those are the two definitive chapters in your New Testament by Paul in the book of Romans that lays out everything the church should believe and what it should do. I know from Romans chapter 9 and Romans chapter 11, those are my two defining chapters. In Romans chapter 9, it shows me exactly how the Jew in Israel got in the mess today and put that star on their flag. Everything I need in Romans chapter 9 shows me how Israel got in the mess they are in. Romans chapter 10 shows me how because of the mess, it went to the Gentiles. So when we win somebody to Christ, it is Romans chapter 10. But then Romans chapter 11, after the Church Age, Paul showed us that God is going to restore the nation of Israel. That is how I support them. I do not support them because they have a demon-possessed flag over there in their demon-possessed country who have rejected Christ and everything that He has for them, but they are still His people. In the Bible Paul tells us that Israel may be our enemies

for the gospel's sake, but we are never to be their enemy. We are to understand Romans 9, Romans 10, and Romans 11. **We stand with Israel because the Bible says that the gifts and calling of God to Israel are without repentance** (Romans 11:29).

You know, most people do not know what the word "repentance" means. They think it means getting saved. It never means getting saved. The word "repentance" means you stop going this way and you go another way. When the Bible says that the gifts and calling of God to Israel are without repentance, it is not Israel repenting. It is God saying, "I made you some promises back in Genesis. I am going to stay with those promises, and I am not going to deviate from those promises by repenting and going another way against My people." The same God that called them out of Egypt, the same God that gave Abraham the promise, no matter where they are at, God is going to restore them.

The greatest book in the Bible, the Christian doctrine for you and for me, was written by Paul in the book of Romans. He shows us in chapter 1 how the Gentiles are in a mess. He shows us in chapter 2 how the Jews got in a mess. Then he shows you how God's righteousness is the answer to the mess. Then chapter by chapter by chapter, he brings you up showing the New Testament doctrine that the church is to believe. Then in chapter 9, he goes to Israel and he shows you and me, the church, why you do not have a flag with a demonic star on it. Why you understand that Israel has that star on their flag and how they walked away from God. When they walked away from God, God brought in the Church Age. When God brought in the Church Age, that is Romans chapter 10.

13. For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. Romans 10:13

10. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10

After the Church Age, Romans chapter 11. God restores His people because the gifts and calling of God to Israel are without repentance. This is what people get so caught up in Gentile history. They do not understand that the God of the Bible is the God of history. The whole history of man, it is not about the Greeks or the Romans or the Persians or the Carthaginians or whoever you want it to be. All history is God moving to establish a government with His people that He called out of the world through Abraham. Even though they rejected Him, He made them some promises that He is going to keep. All history, is nothing more than God moving to keep that and fulfill those promises to the nation of Israel.

I told you the other night in your Gentile Bible, your King James Bible, 2 Chronicles chapter 36 is the end of the nation of Israel historically. Then starts the times of the Gentiles. When you come to 2 Chronicles chapter 36, that is what you have. But Second Chronicles is not the last book in your Bible. The last book in your Bible is Malachi. If you had a Jewish Old Testament, the last book in their Bible is 2 Chronicles. You know the last thing that God told that Jew in Second Chronicles chapter 36 before He ended it all with them? He told them to get back to the land. You know what God's whole plan for history is? Get that Jew back to the land. You and I are in front row seats at the greatest event in the history of man. God restoring the nation of Israel, probably in your lifetime. It might not be mine, but probably in yours. It is right there.

All history, all human history will be laid out in your Bible in Proverbs 22 and 23 around two landmarks.

Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set. Proverbs 22:28

The ancient landmark will be the nation of Israel. The old landmark will be the New Testament body of Christ, the church.

Remove not the old landmark; and enter not into the fields of the fatherless: Proverbs 23:10

All history will be around those two landmarks and what God is doing. It is an incredible thing.

So we see in verse 21:

*21. **Yea, they opened their mouth wide against me, and said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it.***

Look in Verse 25: Let them not say... We have swallowed him up.

*25. **Let them not say in their hearts, Ah, so would we have it: let them not say, We have swallowed him up.***

Verse 26:

*Let them be ashamed and brought to confusion together **that rejoice at mine hurt:**
let them be clothed with shame and dishonour **that magnify themselves against me***

Obviously, this is Christ, but it is also the nation of Israel. David historically, me inspirationally.

Then he says back in verse 22: be not far from me.

*22. **This thou hast seen, O LORD: keep not silence: O Lord, be not far from me.***

He says in verse 23: stir up thyself in my cause

*23. **Stir up thyself, and awake to my judgment, even unto my cause, my God and my Lord.***

He says in verse 23, "Awake to my judgment."

Then verse 24, "Judge me". That is the Tribulation.

*24. **Judge me, O LORD my God, according to thy righteousness; and let them not rejoice over me.***

➤ God's Timetable

In the Song of Solomon chapter 8, verse 4, the writer is talking to Jerusalem. It says the daughters of Jerusalem. The daughters are told to stir not up nor awake my love till he please.

*I charge you, O daughters of Jerusalem, that ye stir not up, nor awake my love, until he please.
Song of Solomon 8:4*

You have to understand that this whole thing in history is a time frame for God, not man. Oh, I know we record history, World Series is tomorrow, this or that tomorrow, the World Cup here, the Super Bowl here. The whole history of man is on God's time frame.

Did you ever notice at the first coming of Christ, He will heal somebody and He will tell that person, "Don't go tell anybody what I did." Then He will heal somebody else a little later and He says, "Go tell everybody." Do you ever wonder why that was? It is because His crucifixion is called His hour. That is the crucifixion. "Mine hour has not yet come." Everything at the first coming of Christ, He is orchestrating up against that hour. There are places in there that tell you that if He would have told them what He did, that the people would have come and made Him king. Right then, wrong time frame. God always operates on a solid time frame. Your job and my job is to understand that time frame. All history is that time frame, everything. Right now He is waiting for the right time, the right events to shape His coming back. Then He is going to awake to Israel's judgment and He is going to bring them back. **The camel train is almost here.**

➤ Greatest Joke God ever Played on Mankind

You know the greatest joke God ever played on mankind, and men don't even get it. You know with the world today, all the things that are happening and going on in the world, everybody feels like something is about to happen. The world is in the most torn up state it has ever been in. Man does not even understand that the reason for all the apprehension, we are in the final phase, final seconds of the phase of God's timetable. You want to know the greatest joke God ever played on man? It is in Chicago, Illinois of all places, the murder capital of the world. In 1947, right around the same time that Israel became a nation, we had the introduction of the atomic bomb on Nagasaki and Hiroshima and the nuclear war began. A group of atomic scientists saw that and they got together and said this is going to be the beginning of the end of mankind in the world. Little did they know it had nothing to do with Hiroshima or Nagasaki. It had to do with that little nation becoming a nation and God hitting fourth gear and stepping on the gas.

➤ Oh, get Ready, the Evening Shadows Fall, Can't You Hear the Eliezer Call

So you know what they did? It is right now in Chicago, look it up on the internet, do not take my word for it. In 1947 they created the Doomsday Clock. The Doomsday Clock has one hand on it and it has, I think, the last 2-3 numbers 10, 11, and 12. 12 o'clock on the Doomsday Clock is the end of the world for mankind. All down since 1947 with world events getting worse and worse and worse and worse. These guys would reset that clock that we are coming down to the end of the world. You bet we are, pal. You just do not know who is going to initiate it. In 2019 the Doomsday Clock said that we are two minutes from the end of mankind. In 2026, an unsaved man knows some impending disaster is coming, but knows nothing about the Bible, nothing about God, but you can smell the air and know what is coming. In 2026, 85 seconds to the end of man. Greatest joke God ever played on the world. They know something is coming. They are trying to figure it all out. They are so scared they can see all the events and they put it into their computers and say, "Okay, what is going to come out?" **85 seconds today! Till the camel train comes in.** *Oh, get ready, the evening shadows fall can't you hear the Eliezer call.* He is the type of the Holy Spirit of God. I hear Him calling.

The last 2,500 years, ever since they went into captivity from 606 B.C., God has been orchestrating this very moment. The world sees it, but cannot understand it. Most of God's people are oblivious to it. We are on the brink. God has a timetable He is working with. The unsaved man sees all carnage around him and he says, "Something is going to happen." They project it through his atomic reactors and this and that. Now in 2019, it was two minutes, but today. 85 seconds till midnight.

You know in Exodus, when the death angel came through, they put the blood on the door. He says the death angel came through at midnight. You can go over to Matthew chapter 20 and he lays out God's timetable on God's doomsday clock. Wait till you see on His doomsday clock what happens at the 11th hour and the 12th.

➤ God's Final Deliverance (Verse 27-28)

From verse 27 and 28, we finally see God's final deliverance that Israel is waiting for. We are waiting for Romans chapters 8, 9, and 10 that says that the animals are waiting for this. God's deliverance! All down through history, He has protected the nation of Israel to get them to this point.

Verse 27 says, when that final deliverance comes, these are millennial verses now:

27. *Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.*

That is when God puts Israel back in the land.

Verse 28:

28. *And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness and of thy praise all the day long.*

You see, Israel is not there right now. They are still with the six-pointed Remphan star. But oh, when they go through that judgment, when God brings them to their knees in the Tribulation period and God restores His wife, this is what will come out of their mouth.

You remember last week's message, the first part of this chapter. He said, "*Bless the Lord at all times.*" We are told to boast in the Lord that our defense was the angel of the Lord. That we taste the good Word of God, that there is no want with God. I gave you four ways that you understand the fear of the Lord. God never takes His eye off of you. Now the desolation is over. The Jew is back in the land. Life on planet Earth, as we know it, has passed into the darkness and the new day, the Morning Star, rising in your hearts, shineth throughout not just the world, but through all eternity.

III. Summary

Psalm 35 is an incredible Psalm showing you how the world hated Christ, how the world hates the Jew, and how the world will hate you. But in spite of that, God's timetable to restore Israel to Himself, to give you and me to the church in that great congregational marriage. Right now, as all history begins to wind down, you look back and you can see God's hand in everything. Forget about the Egyptians, the Persians, all those groups. Watch the two landmarks.

This morning as we sit here, opening up that great Book. 85 seconds. Not according to the Bible, according to the world who hates the Bible. But they can figure it out mathematically and they know something is going to happen very soon. To them, it is the end of the world. It is the end of mankind. It is total destruction. It is going to be this fire and brimstone, nuclear holocaust. It is going to be terrible, terrible! That is how they look at it. To me, **when the camel train comes in. He is coming for you and for me.** You live in the most exciting time in the history of the world. All because we have a front row seat from the greatest Book the world has ever seen to show you the plan of God, not only through the Bible, but through the history of man that we are right there ready for Him to come back.

I will tell you, **if there ever was a time that God's people need to look inside themselves and see what we are doing for the Lord or not doing for the Lord, that ought to be today.** I promise you, when the Rapture takes place and we all stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ, there will be some of God's people that will beg God to go back in time, just 15 minutes to serve the Lord. There is an old song we sing, "Must I Go in Empty Handed?" The indication is the crowns that we receive for what we do, and there are seven of them in the Bible. At some point, we all just lay them at the feet of the Lord Jesus because it is because of Him that we had them in the first place. The song says on that day, as we enter into that throne room, "Must I go in empty handed?" You may only have 85 seconds left on the Doomsday Clock. How that translates into God's time? It is close. But you still have time to turn it around, repent in the way you are going to the other way you need to go. A lot of people will tell you a lot of things. Some of it, not very good and probably not very true. You are going to find at the Judgment Seat of Christ that the greatest friend you ever had is the person who told you the truth. That is the key!