

## Israel's Messiah - a correction - Tony Pearce

Finally, one point about Israel. There's a lot of talk about the 'Coming of the Messiah' amongst Jewish people, amongst orthodox Jews. And as I think we mentioned here on Sunday, there was a prayer call on the 21st of February (that was last Sunday) by a group of Jews within Judaism calling for a worldwide prayer by all Jewish people for the coming of the Messiah.

Quote: *"This unique event in Jewish history has been impelled by motivated Jewish people with the help and blessings of rabbis around the world of all affiliations, Ashkenazim Safari with a strong desire that all Jews should be united at the same instant, observant or not, whatever beliefs, affiliation, age, nationality, to end all suffering and to welcome the revelation of HaShem (that's God's name) with blessings of great Sadikim (that's righteous men), Rabbi Khaim Kanyevsky, Rabbi Shalom Arush and so on."*

It also says: *"Time is of the essence. Please share this event. All Jews are expected to stop what they're doing at 1800 hours Jerusalem time, put a coin in the charity box, and recite aloud the special prayer shown below:*

*Master of the Universe, we, the children of Israel all united around the world at this moment, are crying out to you. Please accept our prayer with grace and kindness we sincerely thank you for all your daily blessings but we also thank you for sending Meshiach to redeem us now and with mercy from this too long exile and all suffering and bring peace to the world. Wwe can't wait any more. We also desire your great and holy name to be revealed at your presence back to rebuild Basar Migdash (that's the holy temple) is Israel the Lord our God. The Lord is one."*

That's the prayer. Now, is that a good thing they're praying that? Or not? Suddenly, a lot of Christians became quite excited when they saw this, especially Christians with an end time view.

Calling *"we want Messiah now!"*, basically, has been a cry from the Hasidic Jews for a long time. Unfortunately, it is based upon some errors of theology. An understanding of the Messiah which God wants to put right in the last days.

You can cry out and call for Messiah to come but He's going to come at His time and in His way not when we demand Him to come.

And, most importantly, He has already been! Now, until the Jewish people recognize that the Messiah has already been in the person of Yeshua the Messiah, He's not going to come again to deliver them.

When I did a talk the other day about **Jeremiah**, I said that one of the purposes of the 'time of trouble' which is coming in the last days (for Israel, the time of Jacob's trouble) is that God wants to correct something which Israel has got wrong.

What Israel's got wrong is actually the identity of the Messiah. So, as we see these troubles coming and as we see the potential for all kinds of disasters coming and Israel cries out for the Messiah to come, what are they going to get?

First of all, they're actually going to get the false Messiah. The Antichrist is going to come and bring in the time of Jacob's trouble. Then, it says, according to **Zechariah**, as the time comes, God is going to pour out His Spirit upon the remnant of the House of Israel: **"They will look upon Him whom they have pierced, and mourn for Him as for an only son."**

Who's 'the one who's been pierced'? It's Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah. In the end time program God actually wants to open the eyes of the Jewish people to the fact that the Messiah has come and His name is Jesus or Yeshua Hamashiach. And that He's going to be the one who's going to deliver them from their trouble and, until they're looking for Jesus as the Messiah, they're going to get the wrong messiah and the wrong answer.



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That's why I'm not terribly pleased about this prayer. It's not okay. You might say it's good they're looking for the Messiah but, if they're looking for the wrong messiah, they're going to get the wrong answer and until Jewish people recognize that Yeshua is the Messiah, then there's going to be continual trouble and difficulty for Israel.

God's going to deliver them out of the trouble because He's going to cause Israel to remain a nation until the Second Coming of Jesus. But, at that time, they will go through a time of trouble before He returns and, as we see some of these things (I've just been describing what's taking place in the Middle East), you can see that they're shaping up for the time of trouble which God says is going to come at the end of days which will concentrate on that area of the world, on Israel, Jerusalem and the Middle East. And it's a sign that Jesus is coming.

Saying that we're in the last days is a sign also that we should look for the coming of the Lord and ourselves be ready for the true Messiah to come: Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah, who died first time to save us, paid the price for the sin of the world, and fulfil the prophecies of Isaiah 53 in the scriptures, 'be the one upon whom the Lord would lay the iniquity of us all', the suffering servant who bore our sins at the cross, rose from the dead, and ever lives to make intercession for us.

That same Messiah is going to come back and judge the world in righteousness as Zechariah says. He's going to stand on the Mount of Olives at the time of the last battle and declare an end to war and begin to set up the Messianic Kingdom in which He'll reign on the earth during the Messianic Age for a thousand years.

So, it's all about Jesus in the end. And as we look at the Middle East and we look at all these other things in the world, there's only one solution to it all. That is Yeshua, Jesus the Messiah. The Messiah who has come, the Messiah who's coming again.

If you believe in Him, you've got a future and a hope. Unless we believe in Him, actually, there's no future and there's no hope which is why He's calling for all people, Jewish and gentile, to seek Him and to find Him, and to believe on the Lord Jesus the Messiah for salvation.

Praise the Lord. Jesus is coming. He's the Messiah.  
God bless you, and, believe on the Lord Jesus Christ for salvation.  
Amen

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