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The Father Knows Best

School of the Bible Class

Isaiah

Isaiah 45-48 Pt 2

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Detectives looking for Eschatological Evidences in Isaiah

Tribulation and Kingdom Truth



Continuing



Cyrus King of Persia Record of his rule found 1879



- Last week we visited about the prophecy of Cyrus the Great and the role he played in the first **restoration of Israel to the Land**.
- **When Harry Truman recognized the Jewish nation in 1948. He wrote in his own hand the nation's name —“Israel”—for which act he claimed— “I am Cyrus!” This launched the unencumbered second return to the Land.**
- Isaiah's prophecy was c. 100 years before the conquest of Babylon led by Nebuchadnezzar and c. 170+ before Cyrus.
- In keeping with his style Cyrus returned “captive people to their own land” allowing them their own worship—information on the cylinder!

Cyrus the Great in History



**“I will give you the treasures of
darkness And hidden wealth of secret
places, So that you may know that it is I,
The Lord, the God of Israel, who calls
you by your name.
Isaiah 45:3**



- **“It was first identified as Cyrus' tomb in modern times by James Justinian Morier, who compared the monument to that described in the writings of Greek historian Arrian.**
- **“The mausoleum is a significant historical example of earthquake engineering as it is said to be the oldest base-isolated structure in the world, allowing it great resilience against seismic hazards. It is one of the key Iranian cultural heritage sites.” Wiki**

Fulfilled Prophecy

- Israel greatly benefited from this policy—it insured their national survival.
- In the larger picture the captivity was God extracting 70 years of the jubilee sabbaths (every 49 years) Israel had failed to observe for 490 years.



Cyrus and Any Other?

- The prophecy of Cyrus was explicit for Israel and for the nations surrounding them. Perhaps a more striking event was the Exodus from Egypt. But that was an example of a short term prophecy. Many Jewish young people saw their beginning in Egypt and their ending in the Land.
- The Cyrus prophecy took over two centuries to complete (700- 444).
- One question out of the Cyrus event is—**What are the outstanding prophecies that could/are be fulfilled in our day?**
- Are there any open warning prophecies for us the church or is all we have is to wait for the fulfillment of the rescue? Rapture?—in other words are there any prophecies for the church that we should look for? The answer is NO ! But there are events not related to the church that can be looked at!

Cyrus and Any Other?

- Today we will attempt to answer that question without making an eschatological blunder!
- We have said that there are no signs for the Churches expectation of the rescue—we will not tamper with that truth—knowing that this knowledge comes to us by deduction rather than direct statements—still true!

Cyrus and Any Other?

- When we talk about prophecy we know that only the God of Creation and Israel can make the future happen as predicted. To wit, **the theme in our recent Isaiah chapters —there is only one! There is no other that can tell the end from the beginning!**
- Remember our visit about the Bible as a Contract? We said the first 11 chapters of Genesis sets the beginning of all things and the problem of Man not being able to deliver himself from the tentacle's of sin?

The Contract

- We said these 11 chapters were the preamble of the Contract. In Genesis chapter 12 God takes the responsibility and gives the solution using Man. Therefore—
- What Man could not do, God would do, working through Abraham (and his wife Sarah). This is prophetic!
- The Abrahamic Covenant is the back bone of the rest of Scripture. The promise made to Abraham is a prophetic contract that is still being worked out in our time. The sign is the survival of the Jewish people.

The Contract

- We will not recount the history that brought the family to Egypt and then by deliverance to the Land of Promise circa 1409 b. c.
- Here then before they enter the Land, Moses sets the legal table for the nation that will be the map for national Israel and by association the rest of the world.
- So if we want to know what God is doing in history and prophecy WATCH ISRAEL—we have repeated that many times.

The War in the Ukraine

- For example while the war with Russia is raging in the Ukraine, the world is focused on the subject and few are asking how it affects Israel.
- Of course, the war will be a prelude to the exact the end time events of the C. Magog war and the rise of the antichrist.

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Are there signs for these times?

Precursor?

- **I certainly will not say that the Prime Minister of Ukraine (Volodymyr Zelenskyy) is the antichrist however he is an example of how one can come out of obscurity, to head a very minor nation with a very corrupt government and garner incredible international support, with a war mostly funded by the USA. The conflict has become a proxy war using the Ukrainians to effect a regime change in Russia. The Left made Putin an enemy colluding with Trump, now they beleive their own propaganda and they cannot let go of their first lie!**
- **Almost as a hook in the jaw, Russia invaded Ukraine who thought that taking it would be as easy as the conquest of the Crimea in 2014.**

Precursor?

- Another irony behind the war is the “cause of it” which can be traced to the wish of the USA, against Russia, to make the Ukraine part of the NATO alliance removing the buffer nation between Russia and western Europe. The USA poked a stick in the eye of Putin and insisted that Ukraine ought to join NATO.
- Russia thought of her own interest and sought to maintain a buffer nation—to keep that—they invaded the whole nation?
- Then when Ukraine and Russian were working for a peace agreement (March 22) the United States said no and the war become hotter and hotter.
- Report: “Russia renewed calls for peace talks. Ukrainian leaders refused to reopen dialogue, claiming that the Russian government was not truly committed to peace and was simply stalling for time while its forces regrouped.” Wiki.

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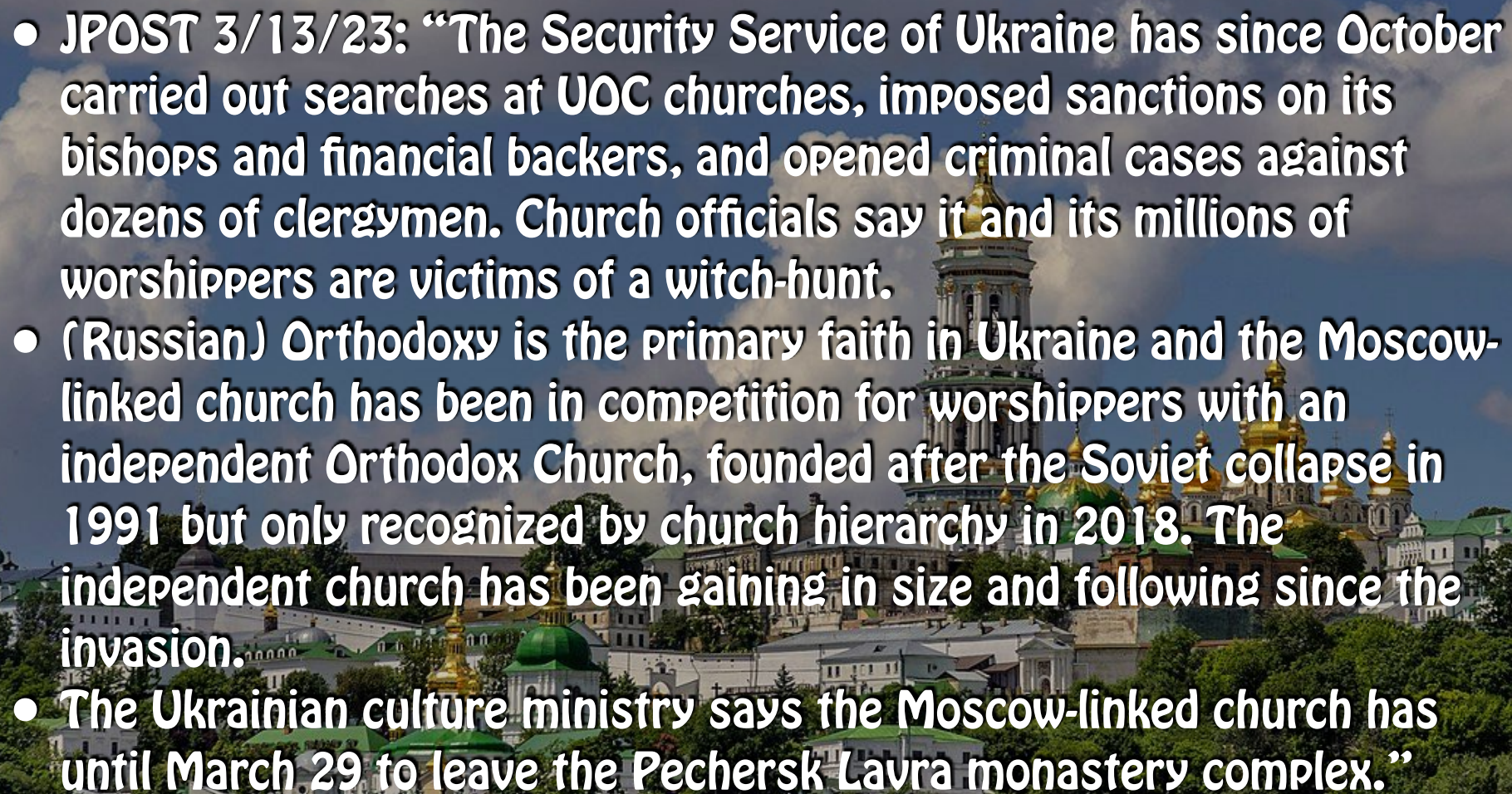
- To push the parallels further. Anticipated—
- The United States is becoming arms poor having send billions of aid in the form of military machinery—notice how the class of weaponry has escalated. Planes were at first forbidden but now is now a given—there will be more to come—
- With a weakened economy, the USA is in no position to take on WW III—with Russia and China and their stock piles of nukes.
- But no one in power is calling for a pull back—the citizens who do are attacked as unpatriotic.
- Such inevitables are expected in the lead up to the Tribulation.

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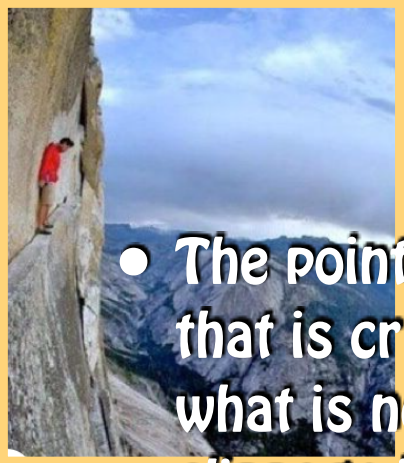
- **One more parallel Zelenskyy has ordered the closing of all churches.**
- **JPost 3/13/23: “Zelensky: Ukraine seeks 'spiritual independence,' acts against church.**
- **“Zelensky and other Ukrainian leaders have accused the long-established Ukrainian Orthodox Church of undermining Ukrainian unity.”**
- **Ed: The church is the Russian Orthodox variety.**

Independent Church

- **"One more step towards strengthening our spiritual independence was taken this week." Volodymyr Zelenskyy**
- **Ed: With the Ukrainian church cut off from "historic Christianity" we can only wonder what it is that he will erect in its place?**
- **Note: As with a national religion it is understandable why a "Russian Orthodox" (UOC) Church in the Ukraine is suspicious to Zelenskyy. The tentacles of Constantine's great blunder continues to wreak havoc on the idea of an independent church—which would have avoided this. AntiChrist opposes all religion but the one world version.**

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- **JPOST 3/13/23:** “The Security Service of Ukraine has since October carried out searches at UOC churches, imposed sanctions on its bishops and financial backers, and opened criminal cases against dozens of clergymen. Church officials say it and its millions of worshippers are victims of a witch-hunt.
 - (Russian) Orthodoxy is the primary faith in Ukraine and the Moscow-linked church has been in competition for worshippers with an independent Orthodox Church, founded after the Soviet collapse in 1991 but only recognized by church hierarchy in 2018. The independent church has been gaining in size and following since the invasion.
 - The Ukrainian culture ministry says the Moscow-linked church has until March 29 to leave the Pechersk Lavra monastery complex.”

Precursor?



- The point of all this is— we seem to be perched on a ledge of disaster that is crumbling before our eyes. This week a rouge bank failure, what is next. Whatever measures are implemented to stop the slippage it will only makes things worse—the waste gates are closed and an imminent explosion seems intentional.
- Behind all this is an attempt to reorder the world by Satanic influences who has used the politics of the left as useful idiots in the destruction of God's given order.
- The “christian culture” we knew is gone—the realignment is preparing for the inevitable world ruler who will be revealed after the Rescue event! These are “soft signs” but real none-the-less.



- The world order as we see it is not a fulfilled sign yet but it is the precursor— can we think of any time in history like this?
- What is missing is the prophetic time clock that has been withheld from Scripture.
- It's like sitting in the dark, on a railway bridge, hearing the roar of a coming train. As it gets louder and louder we are tempted to leap off into the water below but that would be disastrous.
- Since we **are not sure just how loud it can get**—we wait for the rescue!

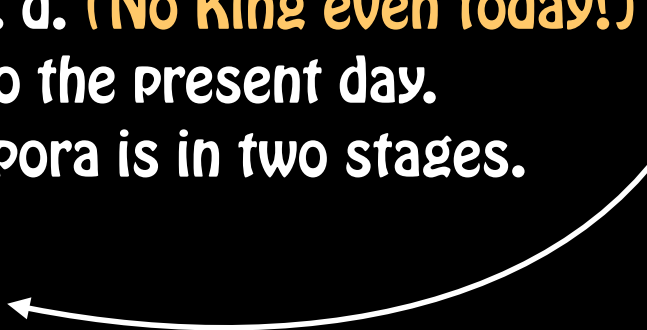
Precursor?

- Bible says that every good sailor knows the weather for the day— by signs in the sky.
- As we have discussing soft prophecies being fulfilled in our time—
- We also believe a “hard prophecy” that is now being fulfilled with Israel back in the Land. This is the prophetic machinery of Ezekiel 38-39 in motion—even now not yet incomplete.
- With these signs we are encouraged to look towards the “sky” for the signs.
- We must conclude that our redemption is drawing nigh.

Back to Historic Prophecies

Fulfilled or Not

History/Future of Israel in the Land

- In the Land from 1406 to 586 b.c. lost national independence (in a captivity 70 years) until the modern era.
 - Israel is subjugated from 539 to 70-135 a. d. **(No King even today!)**
 - Sent into the Diaspora from 70-135 a. d. to the present day.
 - The restoration to the Land from the Diaspora is in two stages.
Ezekiel 38-39.
 - The King is crowned in (New) Jerusalem
 - The Eternal Kingdom commences.
 - There is a 1000 yr. probational period in the Kingdom to dispense with the unrighteous.
 - The Kingdom is delivered to the Father who had given it to the Son
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History Of Israel in the Land

- On top of this “prophetic history” the Lord has imposed a body of believers from all the nations who will participate in the Kingdom but in a glorified (physical) state—the Church.
- The Church the metaphorical body of Christ. was not prophesied nor is its completion (ending) marked—but there is a sign—the Rescue.

Prophecy outside the 70th Week

- We started this mini prophetic series—mean to highlight prophetic fulfillment in our days. This may be risky business in the eyes of some. Remember—
- From last week: “Some old timers may have been caught surprised that the rescue has not occurred yet. Because it was said that all prophecy of Israel must lay within the seventieth year of Daniels prophecy.”
- Therefore there is no prophecy fulfilled “to see” today, they say.

Prophecy outside the 70th Week

- We also said: “The idea (inside 70th week) is falsifiable since when the Anti-Christ emerges, he engages in a contract with Israel, **a nation already formed and formidable!!!**. Therefore the reformation of Israel must be before the signing of the contract, hence outside the 70th week framework.”
- With that possibility let us continue to look at possible prophetic fulfillments in “our day.”

The Prophecy c 1406 b. c.

- ⁶³“It shall come about that as the Lord delighted over you to prosper you, and multiply you, so the Lord will delight over you to make you perish and destroy you; and you will be torn from the land where you are entering to possess it.
- ⁶⁴“Moreover, the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known.
- ⁶⁵“Among those nations you shall find no rest, and there will be no resting place for the sole of your foot; but there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing of eyes, and despair of soul.
- ⁶⁶“So your life shall hang in doubt before you; and you will be in dread night and day, and shall have no assurance of your life. Deuteronomy 28:63–66

The Sign that Keeps on Giving

Counting the Signs

The Diaspora is a Prophetic Sign Being Fulfilled

- Their scattered state is a sign of prophetic fulfillment. **No nation has ever survived without a land.**
- The Jews remain in the Diaspora—they (70 to say, 1920-50) must wait for the prophetic gathering event to happen—remember God controls the future. To be sure, there may be mechanisms that insure a separate identification of the Jews (social/religious).
- As there are diabolical factors to destroy them—the Diaspora has been hard on the people being rejected by all the nations (except USA).

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- **They have in later centuries found refuge in the place of the bouncing borders of Poland, Prussia and Russia—yet always under duress.**
- **One exception is that in the last two centuries the United States has welcomed the Jews—but not as a home land for them—being rejected in WW II as stressed emigres.**

The On-Going Sign Keeps on Giving

Every generation gets a new look

- **That the Jews have survived has not escaped the notice of many people.**
- **Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) “The Egyptian, the Babylonian, and the Persian rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then . . . passed away. The Greek and the Roman followed. The Jew saw them all, beat them all, and is now what he always was, exhibiting no decadence, no infirmities of age, no weakening of his parts. . . . All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?” That he exists is prophetic fulfillment.**

The On-Going Sign Keeps on Giving
Every generation gets a new look

**“They
shall become a sign and a
wonder on you and your
descendants forever.**

Deuteronomy 28:46

The On-Going Sign Keeps on Giving **Every generation gets a new look**

- **The phenomena associated with the Diaspora— liberalism has infected some (cultured) Jews.**
- **For them promises of returning to the land is interpreted as figurative. But the Orthodox usually in the Jewish pales and the 10% of the Jews who live in Jerusalem still believe in a Land restoration by the Messiah. They reject political alliances and will fight for this truth!**
- **After nearly 2000 years of wandering the earth it is no wonder that any idea of returning to the Land would be met with ridicule and derision.**
- **A large historic section of Christianity has joined the chorus of ridicule—the Reformed betray the prophetic Scriptures.**

Thus Far—