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TURN AGAIN

ZECHARIAH 10

The nation of Israel are still in darkness and in spite of the fact that there has been a tremendous Aliya - return to the Land - since the early 1900's they seem to take this almost for granted. The present war on Ukraine has awakened some Jews and recently over 20,000 of the 165,000 living in Russia have moved to Israel but perhaps 6,000 from Ukraine

Israel have their own Bible in Hebrew but they are still afraid to say the Name of the Lord and it is printed as G-d; they also refer to God as Hashem and the commentaries in their book are pathetically small. This is because they are afraid of offending (Deut5v11). Another explanation for this is given by Paul in 2 Cor 3/13-15 that God has put a veil upon their face until they turn to the Lord. Yet we can see from the internet that some are planning for a third Temple, so they still regard themselves as God's people.

We know that the shepherds of Israel have given them false hopes, but those leaders were fit for the people, Jeremiah 5v31. Yet He has not cast away His people, see Rom 11 and this is shown in Zechariah 10 showing the Aliya - emigration to Israel and in v8 their conversion and acceptance.

We know that v4 refers to the Lord Jesus but here in His future role with the redeemed, after their judgment, at the head of this mixed army. Though v3 is seemingly in the past tense it is still to happen (v3 the Revised Version has future tense). Nevertheless we expect it to be a dreadful time

In v6 the house of Joseph is mentioned and to be noted is that they are not mentioned in the battle. Thus, as Joseph was away from his people in the land of Egypt, so it would seem that here the dispersion is referred to and they will also be protected (kept safe) by God to be brought back to the land after this battle.

Then there will be a great regathering of the Jews from all corners of the earth, to be placed in Israel with its enlarged borders as promised to Abraham (expressions in the press already concerned at the swelling numbers in Israel but not aware of the enlarged borders, nor that the land will be all fertile).

The remaining verses relate to Israel's conversion under the hand of Elijah and the northern invader to be brought low.

V12 seems to relate to the complete conversion of Israel and a change in attitude toward them of the nations. That will be the time when Moses' words of over 4000 years ago will be fulfilled – Deut. 32 & 33 and the curses in Deut. 28 removed.

Love to all in Christ and best wishes to all other readers

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