

Revelation 20—part 2 From Sermon 2.24.19 Various Scriptures

Read Romans 11:25-28

Questions, Answers, and Review from Sunday's sermon: We are now studying a 1000-year period of time, where Revelation contains few details. Other portions of Scripture tell us about the Millennium. When Jesus returns, all the promises to Israel will be fulfilled. She will be physically and spiritually saved. Although the Jews are lost today, the Godhead saves them through the same process by which we were saved: resurrects the spirit. Grants faith through grace.

What are the components of our (anyone's) Salvation? Awareness of our Total Depravity: See *Ephesians 2:1* 

God's Sovereign Unconditional Election: See Romans 9:11 & Ephesians 1:3-6

Christ's Atonement to fully Pay for our Sin: See Romans 5:8

The Irresistible Grace and Call: See John 6:37 & 6:44, & Acts 13:48

True Believers are Secure: See John 10:28-30

What is the one controversial step that must take place for the Salvation process to begin? Regeneration. God must first spiritually resurrect a person before they can believe/have faith

What is the "Lazarus Illustration" and how does it also apply to Israel? <u>In John's Gospel, Jesus' close friend, Lazarus, becomes terminally ill. After getting news of this, Jesus purposely waits 3 days to go to him. Lazarus dies and is buried. He does not need healing. Lazarus cannot respond to Christ in his current condition. Jesus must (and does) first resurrect Lazarus, then he can respond to Christ's call to come out. Israel is also currently dead and cannot respond to Christ.

Read *Ezekiel 37:1-9*</u>

As God's elect people, what was Israel always meant to be to the world? <u>Various answers. A witness to the true God. A light to non-Jews. Those who were given the Law to God to proclaim it. A city on a hill to draw men to God. Temple = a place where God dwelt</u>

Instead, what did they do with their election and privilege? <u>Became conceited and exclusive.</u> Formed a national "holy huddle" and isolated from the world.

How can/does the Church do the very same thing? Discuss. Also, how do we avoid that?

Read how God promises Israel's salvation, restoration, and witness in the Kingdom. Discuss.

Zechariah 8:1-5—

Zechariah 8:6-11—

Zechariah 8:12-17—

Zechariah 8:18-23—

On Sunday, what was mentioned as possibly being the "final nail in America's coffin"? <u>Turning on Israel. Labeling her as an aggressor/occupying nation.</u> Cutting ties and aid to the Jewish State. Why would we believe that? <u>God's Covenant with Israel those who bless you, I will bless. Those who curse you, I will curse.</u> And, looking historically at the fate of those nations that persecuted her.