

Two-state solution or God's solution?

Historical and current background

We are living in truly astonishing times, where God is bringing ancient prophetic predictions to fulfillment before our very eyes, something that *hardly anyone* would have expected for a long time: The restoration of a Jewish state in Israel, but also the increasing unification of the world community against it.

Strangely enough, the United Nations do not primarily denounce the Islamist terror groups and regimes, which openly pursue *the complete destruction of Israel* and have been promoting hatred and violence for decades; practicing corruption, torture and murder, even against their own population.

The world accepts these regimes relatively tacitly and even continues to *support* them indirectly financially (UNRWA/ Palestinian Authority) or trades actively with them (Iran), while it is *the tiny Jewish state* in the midst of an overwhelming, hostile, Islamist superiority surrounding it, which the nations put on trial for every alleged offense and which they increasingly portray as *the real culprit*.

Even official foundations of international law such as the Balfour Declaration (1917) or the League of Nations Mandate of 1920, in which the forerunner of the United Nations (UN) officially approved the establishment of a Jewish state on the entire territory that makes up Israel today, are tacitly ignored and completely swept under the carpet.

Contrary to these previous agreements, in its partition plan of 1947 the UN, under pressure from the Arabs, simply reduced the territory of the Jewish state *once again* as it saw fit, drawing a relatively arbitrary line on the map. - Although the Arabs *did not even accept this* and instead chose *war* against the Jewish state.

Since then, as far as the settlement of *Judea and Samaria* (the so-called *West Bank*) is concerned, Israel has been mantra-like declared an “illegal occupier”, by simply setting *the 1949 ceasefire line* as the *measure of all things* with regard to Israel's borders.

However, it is a little-illuminated fact, especially with regard to the subsequent events of the Six-Day War:

Jerusalem, like *Judea and Samaria*, was regained by Israel in 1967 in an act of self-defense, which the Jordanians had previously occupied *illegally(!)*, *without any basis in international law*, for almost 19 years, not “*the Palestinians*”.

Indeed, there was never actually a state of “Palestine”, just as there was never an independent Palestinian ethnic group, as already *all the centuries before* always *both Arabs and Jews* have lived in the territory of present-day (and former) Israel.

The name “Palestine” merely still comes from the fact that the Romans *in the 1st century AD* simply wanted to eradicate any connection between the *land of Israel* and the Jews out of revenge against the numerous rebels among the people and named the land of *Israel or Judah* with a derisive name after their historically greatest enemy, the “Philistines”, who lived in what is now Gaza.

“God's land” (cf. Ezek 38:16; Joel 4:2; Jer 2:7;...) has been under occupation *for all the centuries* since then (among others by the Romans, Byzantines, Crusaders, Ottomans and finally the British) until it finally came back into Jewish hands in the last century, thus fulfilling Jesus' promise:

“Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” (Luke 21:24 NIV, also in the following)

Although the Jews have an undeniable right to live in their historical homeland - *including the West Bank, the biblical heartland, which is in fact called “Judea and Samaria”* - not only according to *the word and providence of God*, but also quite obviously, *historically and under international law (according to the aforementioned Balfour Declaration and the League of Nations Mandate of 1920)*, the world community repeatedly denies them *precisely this* with frightening vehemence.

It is not *the Islamist hatred, murder and willingness to annihilate* that are primarily accused, but the simple fact that Jews *build houses in Judea*, an area that has been named after them for thousands of years and is deeply connected to them as a people.

While it is *completely normal* for Arabs to live in *Israel* (usually better than in any of the surrounding countries), to have well-paid jobs and full civil rights, it is usually impossible for Jews to live in the *Muslim-Arab countries and territories*.

According to the world is *absolutely fine* for Arabs to move to Europe by the millions, acquire property and build mosques there, but it is portrayed as evil when Jews live and prosper in the territories deeply connected to them, which were officially granted to them *by God* and (in 1917 and 1920) *even by the world community itself*.

Despite the enormous injustice, terror and murder prevailing there, the world community is defending *precisely these Islamist structures in the West Bank and Gaza* by wanting to create a Palestinian state there in which Jews have virtually no place.

That this will *never* bring the *longed-for peace* most of all proves the prime example of *the Gaza Strip*:

In 2005, Israel - under *pressure from the world community* - forced all Jews living in Gaza (some of them already for a very long time) to give up their painstakingly built-up homes and businesses and leave Gaza completely, effectively under the motto “land for peace”.

However, this has *not brought any peace*, but *the complete opposite!* The radical Islamic Hamas took control and for decades used the billions in financial support from abroad *not* to build a flourishing society living in peace with neighboring Israel, but almost exclusively for weapons, rockets, terror tunnels and vile hate indoctrination in kindergartens, schools and mosques, culminating in the massacre of October 7, 2023 and the subsequent Gaza War.

Hamas, which was democratically elected by the inhabitants of Gaza in 2006, already in its [preamble](#) names *the destruction of Israel* as the *main purpose of its existence*, quoting the (so-called) Prophet Muhammad from the Hadith:

“The Day of Judgment will not come about until Moslems fight Jews and kill them. Then, the Jews will hide behind rocks and trees, and the rocks and trees will cry out: ‘O Moslem, there is a Jew hiding behind me, come and kill him.’”

(Art. 7 of the Hamas Charter)

But far beyond that, many Muslim-Palestinian leaders say quite openly that their goal is not *a little more land* or *an independent state of Palestine*, but solely *the complete annihilation of Israel!* Many politicians in the West simply refuse to hear, acknowledge and name this. It simply does not fit into their theoretical, unrealistic, *seemingly just*, but ultimately *deeply unjust* agenda to divide the land of Israel once again.

Biblical consideration

Only from a *spiritual perspective* do we understand that the whole issue is not just about a *political, ethnic or religious* conflict, but about *much more!*

Ultimately, it is a battle between God and satan, who hates everything and desperately seeks to fight and prevent anything that is connected with *God and the establishment of His kingdom*, in which he himself will one day be abruptly cast out and no longer have a place.

And he obviously knows far better than the vast majority of Christians *how closely these divine purposes of salvation for this earth* are linked with His chosen *people and land of Israel*.

How urgent it is therefore for us as the body of the Messiah to wake up and understand what our King actually has in mind when He returns.

Even if it is not often preached, the Bible clearly says that God still has *great plans* for this planet, that Jesus will return as Judge and King and reign on this earth for 1000 years (quasi as a “Shabbat” for this earth after 6000 years of biblical history since Adam); before everything will be made new *after this time*, when heaven and earth will be, so to say, united forever in the “New Jerusalem”. (Cf. Rev 20f.)

However, in the *first, now imminent age of the millennial kingdom, Israel and Jerusalem* play a very crucial role!

May we understand that *the election of Israel* was and is *merely a foreshadowing* of what God has always intended in the Messianic Kingdom; where Jesus will return to the city of the great King and reign *particularly from there*:

For: ***“In the last days the mountain of the Lord’s temple will be established as the highest of the mountains; it will be exalted above the hills, and all nations will stream to it.***

Many peoples will come and say, ‘Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the temple of the God of Jacob.

He will teach us his ways, so that we may walk in his paths.’

The law will go out from Zion, the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.” (Isa 2: 2-4)

At the end of days, God has promised a unique grace for His people, so that even *a large Jewish remnant* will finally recognize Jesus and be saved collectively.

According to the Bible, however, this will go *hand in hand* with a *great gathering* of them *in the land of Israel*, which we already see *to some extent* in the significant “*aliyah*” (immigration), first especially from Europe, then mainly from Russia and Ukraine:

“‘The days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, a King who will reign wisely and do what is just and right in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. This is the name by which he will be called: The Lord Our Righteous Saviour.

‘So then, the days are coming,’ declares the Lord, ‘when people will no longer say, “As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the Israelites up out of Egypt,” but they will say, “As surely as the Lord lives, who brought the descendants of Israel up out of the land of the north and out of all the countries where he had banished them.” Then they will live in their own land.’” (Jer 23:5-8)

For ***“Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written: ‘The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.’”*** (Rom 11:25f.)

Because of its election, Israel was and is to this day a “witness” that God exists and that His kingdom will come. (Cf. Isa 43:10: ***“You are my witnesses,’ declares the Lord, ‘and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor will there be one after me.’***”; cf. also Isa 43:12; 44:8)

The name “Israel” *itself* literally means something like: ***“God will be prince”***, meaning *reign as king* one day.

Israel is a reminder to the whole world and above all to the enemy that this long announced kingdom-reign of God *will come* and *with it* the time of God's enemies *will come to an end*.

Satan listened very carefully when Jesus once said *to the Jews of Jerusalem*:

“For I tell you, you will not see me again until you say, ‘Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.’” (Mt 23:39)

He knows that as soon as *the Jews* will enter into their destiny, will recognize Jesus and He will return, he will loose all his power, be taken captive and finally be judged in the lake of fire after 1000 years.

This is precisely why he *hates* Israel and the Jewish people with a passion and tries with all his might to take action against them in every conceivable way:

With *accusation* (his most intrinsic nature, since he is literally called ***“the accuser”***, cf. Rev 12:10), but also *murder* and *destruction*.

- Yes, even ***a division of the land of Israel*** falls within these intentions!

Cutting off the most decisive places in the world?

As previously seen, *the land of Israel* and especially *Jerusalem* play a very *central* role with regard to *Jesus' second coming as King*, Who will return to His beloved city and announces to her:
“Shout and be glad, Daughter Zion. For I am coming, and I will live among you,” declares the Lord.
‘Many nations will be joined with the Lord in that day and will become my people. I will live among you and you will know that the Lord Almighty has sent me to you.
The Lord will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem.” (Zech 2: 10-12)

Specifically, Jesus is predicted to return to the **Mount of Olives**, which lies to the east of Jerusalem.

(Cf. Zech 14:4: ***“On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem...”***);

Acts 1:6-12: ***“Then they gathered round him and asked him, ‘Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He said to them: ‘It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. (...)***

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight. (...) suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. ‘Men of Galilee,’ they said, ‘why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.’

Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day’s walk from the city.”)

Subsequently He will descend to the **Temple Mount**, directly below the Mount of Olives, about which God speaks:

“Son of man, this is the place of my throne and the place for the soles of my feet.

This is where I will live among the Israelites for ever.”

(Eze 43:7)

It is **the holiest place on earth**, which God has always chosen for Himself; on which, according to Jewish tradition, Abraham was

already prepared to sacrifice Isaac (cf. Gen 22:2), on which two temples once stood (which even *Jesus Himself* calls '*the house or property of His Father*'! - cf. Lk 2:49), near which He completed His perfect sacrifice on the cross and to which He will finally *return* and make it *the holy center of His reign* and “***the praise of the earth***” (cf. Isa 62:7).

It is this *most holy*, by *God* most longed for place on earth, which the enemy is again incredibly jealous of, when it is said of him:
***“For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God:
I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north*** (seen from the original *Jerusalem*, the city of David which is located right south of the Temple Mount):” (Isa 14:13 KJV)

The same envy is also expressed in the *current* Islamist hatred, which is always centered on *Jerusalem*. For example, in hate speeches by *various Islamist groups worldwide*, there is *almost every time* a picture of the *Temple Mount and the Al-Aqsa Mosque* in the background! Even the name of the Hamas massacre on October 7, 2023 was: “*Al-Aqsa Storm*”.

By which we see what *everything* is ultimately about.

This jealousy will finally culminate in the *Antichrist* claiming this place for himself one day, “***so that he sets himself up in God’s temple, proclaiming himself to be God.***” (2Thess 2:4)
“He will pitch his royal tents between the seas at the beautiful holy mountain. Yet he will come to his end, and no-one will help him.”
(Dan 11:45)

Precisely these **two most important places** of the *Temple Mount* and the *Mount of Olives*, which are so decisive for *Jesus' return*, which we saw is also linked to the *Jews of Jerusalem welcoming Him there*, the enemy and ultimately influenced by him many of our world rulers currently want to make them part of a *Palestinian state that is quasi “judenrein”*. (Nazi-phrase for “free of Jews”)
- This is *wrong before God* and ultimately *absolutely evil!!!*
Even if it is done with supposedly pious and righteous intentions.

Very simply summarized, it is about nothing other than *this*: God has a plan for this world and satan (and those who are consciously or unconsciously influenced by him) are trying to prevent it.

This plan has to do with what the angel Gabriel already promised Mary about Jesus even before His conception:

“The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants for ever...”

(Luke 1:32f.)

However, this “*throne of David*” is not *in heaven*, but *here on earth* - *in Jerusalem!*

(Cf. Jer 3:17: ***“At that time they will call Jerusalem The Throne of the Lord, and all nations will gather in Jerusalem to honour the name of the Lord. No longer will they follow the stubbornness of their evil hearts.”***

Ps 122, 5-9: ***“There stand the thrones for judgment, the thrones of the house of David. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: (...) For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, I will seek your prosperity (or good).”***)

And God holds fast to His perfect plan of salvation, with which He will ultimately triumph in a glorious way - *no matter what will come!* For ***“the plans of the Lord stand firm for ever, the purposes of his heart through all generations.”*** (Ps 33:11)

“He remembers his covenant for ever, the promise he made, for a thousand generations, the covenant he made with Abraham, the oath he swore to Isaac. He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree, to Israel as an everlasting covenant: ‘To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit.’” (Ps 105:8-11)

And it was not just a *usual promise* that God made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Israel) regarding the land of Israel, but *the highest possible form of covenant at all* known in Abraham’s time:

It consisted of cutting a living animal in half, whereupon the parties involved walked right through the bloody puddle between the pieces, thereby expressing, “*should I ever break this covenant, may I suffer the same fate as this animal*”.

Yet it was *just such a covenant* the living God chose to make with Abraham when He instructed him to divide several large animals. Then it says:

“When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking brazier with a blazing torch (ultimately representing *God Himself*, Who later revealed Himself again in fire and smoke at Sinai) ***appeared and passed between the pieces.***

On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram and said, ‘To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates –’ (Gen 15:17f.).

Our God YHWH had a plan from the very beginning that had to do with *this land*. He knew from the beginning *how contested* this land would one day again be – *especially towards the end*.

This is also why He chose *this highest form of a blood covenant to unilaterally, unconditionally, eternally* assure Abraham to grant this to His descendants, who are later clearly defined as the children of Isaac and Jacob (Israel). (Cf. Gen 21:12; 35:12)

Indeed, God is *extremely passionate* about fulfilling His salvation purposes for this earth and will never turn back from them!

“For the LORD has chosen Zion, he has chosen her as his dwelling place: ‘This is my resting place forever, here I will dwell, for I have chosen her.’ (Ps 132:14)

And at the end of time, He will bring to fulfillment *exactly* what He has *always* announced *from the beginning* through His prophets!

For Jesus will *only* remain in heaven ***“until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.”*** (Acts 3:21 KJV)

These *promises of the prophets*, however, have a great deal to do with *His thousand-year reign on this earth*, specifically first of all

in the *earthly Jerusalem*, which yet will already be powerfully overshadowed by the *heavenly one*.

(Cf. Isa 4:3-5 KJV: “***And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning. And the LORD will create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence.***”)

As well as, of course, *afterwards* for all eternity in the “*New Jerusalem*”, where the *heavenly* and *earthly* will finally, in a way, come together completely. (Cf. Rev 21f.)

A coming confrontation

At the dawn of the *first-mentioned, now coming age*, however, there will be a *mighty confrontation of the powers*.

God will reveal Himself ever more clearly at the end of days as the One Who stands by His Word and will fulfill His ancient promises for His own glory!

Yes, He will prove Himself as *existing and holy* with great power through His *worldwide church*, but also - *as promised in the following word* - very concretely through His actions towards Israel (*as His witness, whom He has permanently chosen and on whom He has placed His name, that means has permanently bound Himself with him!*) before all the world, so that many people will recognize Him and turn to Him:

In the following word HE promises *with real fervor and zeal* about the *mountains of Israel*, i.e. specifically *Judea and Samaria*, meaning the so-called “*West Bank*”, about which the world is currently debating non-stop, judging from above, wanting to cut it off from Israel through a “*two-state solution*” and thereby quasi ethnically “*cleanse*” it of the Jews living there:

“Son of man, prophesy to the mountains of Israel and say, ‘Mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord. This is what the Sovereign Lord says: the enemy said of you, ‘Aha! The ancient heights have become our possession.’” Therefore prophesy and say, “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: because they ravaged and crushed you from every side so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations and the object of people’s malicious talk and slander, therefore, mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Sovereign Lord: this is what the Sovereign Lord says to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys, to the desolate ruins and the deserted towns that have been plundered and ridiculed by the rest of the nations around you – this is what the Sovereign Lord says: in my burning zeal I have spoken against the rest of the nations, and against Edom (present-day Jordan, which illegally occupied the West Bank from 1948 to 1967!), for with glee and with malice in their hearts they made my land their own possession so that they might plunder its pasture-land.”

Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys: “This is what the Sovereign Lord says: I speak in my jealous wrath because you have suffered the scorn of the nations.

Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord says: I swear with uplifted hand that the nations around you will also suffer scorn. “But you, mountains of Israel, will produce branches and fruit for my people Israel, for they will soon come home.

I am concerned for you and will look on you with favour; you will be ploughed and sown, and I will cause many people to live on you – yes, all of Israel. The towns will be inhabited and the ruins rebuilt. I will increase the number of people and animals living on you, and they will be fruitful and become numerous. I will settle people on you as in the past and will make you prosper more than before. Then you will know that I am the Lord. (...)

No longer will I make you hear the taunts of the nations, and no longer will you suffer the scorn of the peoples or cause your nation to fall, declares the Sovereign Lord.”” (Ezek 36: 1-15)

In direct consequence, He makes it clear that all this (as we also pray in the *Lord's Prayer*!) is about **His holy name**, which - according to His own statement here - is sanctified very concretely in Him making His ancient, biblical promise a reality before all the world and bringing the descendants of Israel back to the land He has always allotted to them! In order to ultimately purify and cleanse them also spiritually there:

“I will show the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, the name you have profaned among them. Then the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Sovereign Lord, when I am proved holy through you (Israel) before their eyes.

“For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land.

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols.

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God. (...)

The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. (like it was in deed for many centuries before the Jews came back!) They will say, ‘This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited.’ (Which we are seeing in many places already today!)

Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the Lord have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.” (...)

Then they (the house of Israel) will know that I am the Lord.”
(Ezek 36: 23-38)

However, the more these *kingdom intentions of God* progress and the enemy sees his end approaching, he will go against *precisely these salvation intentions* and thus first and foremost against *God's people*.

The Lord will *allow* or even *bring it about* that the nations will be intoxicated by the thought of taking action against Israel and will ultimately even agree to take military steps against the Jewish state. By no means, of course, because it is God's *heart intention* that His people are thus hated, oppressed and delivered to death (which He can nevertheless still allow to work for their purging and cleansing), but on the contrary, because the perversion, wickedness and rebellion of the nations against the true God and His people will have reached a level where He can finally no longer remain silent and must pour out judgment on *them*. HE declares:

“A prophecy: the word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the human spirit within a person, declares: ‘I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. (Literally: “cup of drunkenness”, i.e. something to be intoxicated by, but also having to do with judgment) Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.

On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. (Literally “a load stone”, that is a very heavy stone on which young men used to compete to see who could lift it the highest, but which could also cause serious injury when it fell) All who try to move it will injure themselves. (...)

On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

‘And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication.

They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.”

(Zech 12: 1-10)

After this military victory and the accompanying “revival”, where the Spirit of God is powerfully poured out on Israel and they will heartbreakingly recognize Yeshua as their own Messiah and Lord, we are yet told of a further, final tribulation before His final return to the Mount of Olives:

“A day of the Lord is coming, Jerusalem, when your possessions will be plundered and divided up within your very walls. I will gather all the nations to Jerusalem to fight against it; the city will be captured, the houses ransacked, and the women raped. Half of the city (possibly East Jerusalem?) will go into exile, but the rest of the people will not be taken from the city. Then the Lord will go out and fight against those nations, as he fights on a day of battle. On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south. (...) Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him. On that day there will be neither sunlight nor cold, frosty darkness. It will be a unique day – a day known only to the Lord – with no distinction between day and night. When evening comes, there will be light. On that day living water will flow out from Jerusalem, half of it east to the Dead Sea and half of it west to the Mediterranean Sea, in summer and in winter. The Lord will be king over the whole earth. On that day there will be one Lord, and his name the only name.” (Zech 14: 1-9)

This will be the glorious end.

But before God's kingdom will be established in its fullness on this earth, He must bring judgment on “***the many nations***” that have gathered against Israel, saying,

“Let her be defiled, let our eyes gloat over Zion!”

But they do not know the thoughts of the Lord; they do not understand his plan, that he has gathered them like sheaves to the threshing-floor.”

(Mic 4:11f.)

Subject of God's judgment on the nations

Jesus, *as Judge and King*, will pronounce *justice* among the nations at His coming. The subject of this judgment, however, will be **how the nations of the earth have treated Israel!**

(This, of course, also includes *us Christians*, who are grafted into this people (cf. Rom 11), are co-heirs (cf. Eph 3:6; 2:12) and share in their calling; whereby the Jewish people will continue to be of lasting importance, especially also towards the end, when many Jews will again ***“be grafted into their own olive tree”*** all the more easily! (Rom 11:24))

He will judge the nations according to *how* they have stood towards *God's witnesses, inheritance, people and land(!) Israel* and thus inseparably connected towards *Himself and His kingdom intentions for this earth*.

God promises:

“In those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes (or literally “the captivity” or “scattering”) of Judah and Jerusalem (as we see it today, after 2000 years!),

I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat (“The Lord judges”).

There I will put them on trial for what they did to my inheritance, my people Israel,

because they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land.

They cast lots for my people and traded boys for prostitutes; they sold girls for wine to drink.” (Joel 3: 1-3)

God's **first point of judgment** on the nations of the world is - *as clearly stated here by Himself* - **the scattering of His people**, who have been cruelly persecuted, expelled and murdered again and again throughout the past centuries - *especially in Europe* - , finally culminating in the Holocaust. But hundreds of thousands of Jews were also expelled (and robbed of their possessions) from *the Arab-Muslim countries of the Middle East and North Africa* after the Second World War as a result of the founding of the state of Israel.

The **2nd judgment point** is literally that they **DIVIDED UP HIS LAND**. - Exactly what many of our nations - *by their proud meddling, in their deep moral twistedness* - are trying to accomplish at this moment!

The **third point**, finally, has to do with the **contempt and disdain for Jewish life**, which we can likewise observe *throughout history* and ultimately *until now*; where the peoples *now in turn* relatively calmly ignore *Islamist terror and open intention to annihilate Israel* and with the division of Israel specifically want to bring about a condition where the country would only be *a few kilometers wide* at its narrowest point, Tel Aviv could be shot at with the simplest rockets from the West Bank and the state would thus be *almost undefendable*.

May we be warned by what *the Creator of heaven and earth, Who calls Himself "the God of Israel"*, mentions here as a criterion for how He will one day judge our peoples and deal with them accordingly.

The Jew Jesus actually also speaks about *His brothers according to the flesh*, God's "firstborn son Israel" (cf. Ex 4:22), when He promises that "***all the nations will be gathered before him***" at His coming judgment, "***he will separate the people one from another***" (Mt 25:32) and say to them: "***whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.***" (Mt 25:40)

May we take it to heart and stand up for our country in prayer; "***For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against (...) the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms.***" (Eph 6:12)

And in fact, all this *striving and action, the hatred and stubbornness of the peoples to take action against Israel* cannot nearly be explained rationally; neither *Hitler's demonic hatred of Jews, who even accepted immense military disadvantages just to kill as many Jews as possible*, nor that of the *Ayatollahs in Iran, who are still obsessed with wiping out distant Israel*, and many others.

Unfortunately, *many of our governments* do not tire of calling for a two-state solution and, *in their know-it-all arrogance*, pushing for the *division of the land of Israel* with all their might. Although this *neither* holds out the prospect of *real peace* (even according to the statements of most Islamist leaders!) nor is *easily achievable*.

It basically means nothing other than forcibly uprooting the Jews from *the land* into which *God* is in the process of *replanting* them presently for the glory of His name.

Especially as a German, I say: How much *we Germans in particular* should be cautious of laying hands on Israel, not only because of our *historical guilt*, but also because of our own *history of separation!* Our own country and our own capital were painfully divided for many years, but God has given us *the immense grace* of being reunited as a country - *miraculously brought about by much prayer*. In view of this, what a *tremendous disgrace and injustice* would it be if we, as a reunited Germany, were now to share in dividing **God's land** and **His beloved city**? What a slap in the face of the Creator, what contempt for His grace towards us?

May we all *guard against this* on behalf of our nations and also speak out personally in a very practical way for *the truth about Israel* - privately, socially and politically.

May we also pray for *truthfulness* and *the right perspective in our media*, which influence the opinion of the people so much; as well as for our *politicians* to stand sincerely with Israel - *even if it costs them something* - and for them to *act* appropriately before God, or many times even much more appropriately *restrain*.

Because there is a lot at stake!

And there is a huge battle raging, in which first and foremost *we as the body of Christ* are now called upon to no longer be indifferent to the fate of Israel - *as we have been for much of Church history* - and to remain inactive when the Jews are wronged, such as during the Second World War.

But to stand up for what is right before our God and coming King!

To resolutely agree with HIM and His purposes (even if it comes at a cost!) and not with the enemy, who unfortunately influences much of the world.

Yes, even if it will cost us *everything* one day, it will *still* be *worth* it! It is extreme, but it is specifically the *martyrs of the last days* who are promised a special grace at their imminent resurrection with regard to their *reign with Jesus in the kingdom*. (Cf. Rev 20:4) And it is real! Our King is truly coming back soon and will reward *all those* who have stood by Him and His ordinances, even in the face of threats, discrimination and persecution from His enemies.

It could not be more up-to-date when God asks:

***“Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?
The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together
against the Lord and against his anointed, saying,
‘Let us break their chains and throw off their shackles.’***

***The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them.
He rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath,
saying, ‘I have installed my king on Zion, my holy mountain.’
I will proclaim the Lord’s decree: He said to me, ‘You are my son;
today I have become your father. Ask me, and I will make the
nations your inheritance, the ends of the earth your possession.
You will break them with a rod of iron; you will dash them to
pieces like pottery.’***

***Therefore, you kings, be wise; be warned, you rulers of the earth.
Serve the Lord with fear and celebrate his rule with trembling.
Kiss his son, or he will be angry and your way will lead to your
destruction, for his wrath can flare up in a moment. Blessed are
all who take refuge in him.”*** (Ps 2)

It is God's answer to ultimately all the current chaos, the sinful apostasy and the rebellion of the nations:

**He has anointed His Son Jesus as King, Who will come again
and take up His earthly reign on David's throne in Jerusalem;
Who will rule over the nations with an iron scepter to rebuke
and correct them appropriately!**

*This is the time for which we are now being tested to see if we are faithful and obedient; if we are learning and keeping God's ways. For Jesus desires to give His faithful servants, who despite manifold sufferings, injustices and unanswered questions nevertheless keep holding on to **Him**, to faith, His hope and love, a share in His royal ministry and He promises - parallel to the Father's promise to Him - likewise to us:*

“And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.” (Rev 2:26f. KJV)

How powerful is God's plan and our high calling in it!
May we grasp and seize it! May we participate and contribute to His work as revealed to us by His Word and Spirit.

May what is important to *HIM* also be important to *us*.
May our foreheads, too, not only bear the name of God and Jesus, but also that of His city, the "**new Jerusalem**" (Rev 3:12), which will overshadow the **earthly Jerusalem** with glory and illuminate it with His divine presence *already in the millennial kingdom* (and later for all eternity, when it comes down from heaven in its entirety).
So that *already in this coming age* Jerusalem will be called ***“the camp of the saints and the beloved city”***. (Rev 20:9 ESV)

For yes, our Father ***“has founded his city on the holy mountain. The Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the other dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are said of you, city of God.*** (Sela.)”
(Ps 87: 1-3)

“Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.” (Mt 6:10)

Hallelujah! ***“Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!”*** (Rev 22:20)