



I. ISRAEL IS A TREASURE SOVEREIGNLY CHOSEN (MATTHEW 13:44)

Exodus 19:5, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:"

Deuteronomy 14:2, "For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth."

Psalm 135:4, "For the LORD hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure."

God calls Israel His chosen, peculiar treasure. Nowhere in the Scriptures do we find the church being referred to as God's treasure. Nowhere can I find where Israel is called a pearl. Israel is the treasure and the church is the pearl.

II. ISRAEL IS A TREASURE SADLY COVERED (MATTHEW 13:44)

When Jesus came into this world, Israel at that time had lost all sense of their original plan and purpose. Israel was under the iron boot of Rome, and had gone for 400 years as a little obscure, insignificant nation. The temple that was once great in all its splendor was now overrun with money changers.

III. ISRAEL IS A TREASURE SOVEREIGNLY CLAIMED (MATTHEW 13:44)

A. HE REVEALED THE TREASURE

He came for the lost sheep of the house of Israel (Matthew 15:24). He revealed the treasure (Matthew 12:24, 27-28). Yet they refused Him. They were blind to spiritual reality and said He had a demon. His response: Matthew 13:13-14.

B. HE REDEEMED THE TREASURE

I Peter 1:18-19, "18 Forasmuch as ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"

Jesus purchased the field with His own blood and in doing so, He got Israel with it.

C. HE RECLAIMED THE TREASURE (MATTHEW 23:37-39)

In Matthew 23:38 the treasure is covered until he comes back to reclaim it in 39.

Romans 11:25-29, "25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery (Mystery of Buried Treasure), lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel (The treasure covered), until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. 26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob (not "spiritual Israel"; but rather "carnal Jacob," fleshly Jews): 27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. 28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes (Their hatred of the Gospel is a benefit for the Gentiles): but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes. 29 For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. (God never changed His mind when He makes a promise)"

Psalm 89:27-37, "27 Also I will make him (David) my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. 28 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. 29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. 30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; 31 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; 32 Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. 33 Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. 34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. 35 Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. 36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. 37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah."

Jeremiah 31:35-37, "35 Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: 36 If those ordinances (the sun, moon, stars and mighty waves of the seas) depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. 37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD."

CONCLUSION: There is coming a time when God's beloved treasure, Israel, will recognize their King.

Zechariah 13:1, "In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness."

Zechariah 13:9, "And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people: and they shall say, The LORD is my God."

- 1) Everything is right on schedule.
- 2) The same God who kept His word to Abraham will keep His word to us.
- 3) The signs of the times are telling us that our Lord is just about ready to step out of glory to uncover the treasure that He has bought.