



**The Future for the Fool
Global Conditions When Jesus Christ Returns in Power!
Psalm 53**

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We began to look at Psalm 53 last week, let's pick up there.

Again, Psalm 53 is part of the grouping of psalms written by David that tell us detail about the antichrist provided to us over 2000 years in advance. This is what we see in Psalm 52 – 55.



Psalm 53:title-6

“For the music director; according to Mahalath. A Maskil of David. **The fool has said in his heart, “There is no God.” They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; There is no one who does good. God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of mankind To see if there is anyone who understands, Who seeks after God. Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one.** Have the workers of injustice no knowledge, Who eat up My people like they ate bread, And have not called upon God? They were in great fear there, where no fear had been; For God scattered the bones of him who encamped against you; You put them to shame, because God had rejected them. Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! **When God restores the fortunes of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad.**” (NASB 2020)

The ultimate fool is the antichrist. In the wisdom literature of the Bible, the fool is one who has rejected the Lord and will never seek Him at all. The natural fool here is the low hanging fruit of the antichrist.

He is the ultimate atheist and not only rejects God but will seek to have the world worship him as part of the substitute trinity foisted upon the world by Satan in the Great Tribulation. He hates God and everything made by God.

Deuteronomy 7:9-10

“Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face.” (ESV)

Daniel 11:36-39

“The king will do as he pleases. **He will exalt himself and consider himself greater than any god, and he will utter monstrous blasphemies against the God of gods. He will prosper only until the period of wrath is over, for what has been determined must take place. He will show no respect for the gods his ancestors worshipped, or for the god women worship—he won’t show respect for any god, because he will consider himself greater than all of them.** But instead, he will honor the god of strongholds; with gold, silver, precious stones and other costly things he will honor a god unknown to his ancestors. He will deal with the strongest fortresses with the help of a foreign god. He will confer honor on those he acknowledges, causing them to rule over many and distributing land as a reward.” (CJB)

This is an individual who will personify evil and provides “the” definition for us of one who has suppressed the truth in unrighteousness.

Romans 1:18-20

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of people who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because **that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, that is, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, being understood by what has been made, so that they are without excuse.**” (NASB 2020)

Rule one for someone who wants to believe the myth of no god; you have to come up with a way to explain away natural revelation and the existence of, well, the universe. Evolution is one of those options.

The issue of those who reject God also rejecting that God created everything is not going unnoticed in this psalm. David must have been writing this to our current generation since the seven times he uses the name of God in this psalm, he uses the word Elohim. “That is significant. Elohim is God’s name as Creator. Now notice at what point atheism breaks through. It is relative to creation. The Bible, which is



God's revelation, is denied and is no longer considered trustworthy, infallible, and inerrant." (McGee 1997, 768)

Those who go this direction, are fools. The spirit of Antichrist is alive and well in the world and virtually running our culture today. The key we are seeing everywhere, deception.

1 John 2:22–23

"Who is the liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? **This is the antichrist, he who denies the Father and the Son.** No one who denies the Son has the Father. Whoever confesses the Son has the Father also." (ESV)

1 John 4:2–3

"By this you know the Spirit of God: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God, and **every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the spirit of the antichrist, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already.**" (ESV)

When someone comes out and says there is no God, yes, they are a fool and worse, they are reflecting the spirit of antichrist. Atheism is a primary characteristic of Antichrist. They are liars.

2 Thessalonians 2:4

"who opposes and exalts himself against every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God." (ESV)

The spirit of antichrist is to have others become a fool. They are not seeking the Lord and instead have come up with their own god to worship, and as we discover here from David, the one who goes that path is corrupt and has committed abominable injustice.

The word translated corrupt that David uses is הִשְׁחִיתוּ (hishitu) from the the root sahat.

This word has various meanings all around the same topic. It means "to destroy, to ruin, either by laying waste, as a country, a region, a field...or by pulling down, as walls, a city, or by wounding, or by killing, both individuals and whole peoples...to act wickedly...to destroy, either by laying waste and destroying, as a land, a kingdom, or by killing, as a man, enemies, or by harming in any manner whatever." (Genesius and Tregelles 2003, 816)

The fool, the antichrist, says there is no God. Whenever we do that, we make our self to be god. Corrupt is mild compared to the other definitions. This is a person, the unsaved denier of God, who is dedicated to destroying anything and everything. They are not just corrupt themselves but are the corrupter of others as well.

"The old atheists maintained that belief in God is not true. The new atheists maintain that belief in God is not good. The atheists' problem, though, is that however much they attack belief in God, their own worldview lacks all appeal. They get hung up on the last remaining absolute: Atheism is not beautiful. It is so depressing. If there is no God and this physical realm is all there is, life is pretty much pointless." (Veith 2008, 82)

And they have committed abominable injustice. What it is, the injustice, is itself abominable. The word is הִתְעִיבוּ (hitiev) and means "to cause to be abhorred, to occasion horror to any one...who is held in abomination by the people...to make abominable." (Genesius and Tregelles 2003, 870) Remember, we are talking about the antichrist here.



Matthew 24:15–22

“So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. Let the one who is on the housetop not go down to take what is in his house, and let the one who is in the field not turn back to take his cloak. And alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! Pray that your flight may not be in winter or on a Sabbath. For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be. And if those days had not been cut short, no human being would be saved. But for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.” (ESV)

Injustice is bad enough, but it is made abominable by the deeds and the fact that the one who is behind it will do so in his own name as he insists on being worshipped. An abomination is a horrible thing which defiles where it is and all connected to it.

Daniel 12:11

“And from the time that the regular burnt offering is taken away and the abomination that makes desolate is set up, there shall be 1,290 days.” (ESV)

Jesus refers to what Daniel said was to take place, and an example of it showed up as a type of the antichrist in the person of Antiochus Epiphanes IV. We see that detail given in Maccabees.

1 Maccabees 1:54–64

“Now on the fifteenth day of Chisleu, in the one hundred forty-fifth year, they erected a desolating sacrilege on the altar of burnt offering. They also built altars in the surrounding towns of Judah and offered incense at the doors of the houses and in the streets. The books of the law that they found they tore to pieces and burned with fire. Anyone found possessing the book of the covenant or anyone who adhered to the law was condemned to death by decree of the king. They kept using violence against Israel, against those who were found month after month in the towns. On the twenty-fifth day of the month they offered sacrifice on the altar that was on top of the altar of burnt offering. According to the decree, they put to death the women who had their children circumcised and their families and those who circumcised them, and they hung the infants from their mothers’ necks. But many in Israel stood firm and were resolved in their hearts not to eat unclean food. They chose to die rather than to be defiled by food or to profane the holy covenant, and they did die. Very great wrath came upon Israel.” (NRSVue)

The repugnant and detestable acts that Antiochus performed, as a type of the future defilement at the hands of antichrist, was not only placing a pagan altar to Zeus in the Temple, he had the statue of Zeus placed in the Holy of Holies and it just happened to have his face on it. He also sacrificed a pig on the altar and as we could tell from the record in 1 Maccabees, had a regular sacrifice done until the Maccabees revolted. And then there is the murder and oppression.

The word David uses here for injustice is אַוֵּל (avel). Leviticus 19:16 tells us that “injustice comes about in judgment through false accusation, preceded by slander and followed by bloodletting and execution (Ezk. 22:9), and through false witness (cf. Dt. 19:16–21).” (Schreiner 1999, 525)

The word means perversity, injustice; dishonesty. evil, morally objectionable behavior...injustice, an unjust act. (Lexham Press 2017)

Taking all of this into account, we now see from the word selection a picture of the one who is yet to come, the antichrist and why David has selected these specific words here up front in this psalm.



We have identified for us here by David, some of the traits, characteristics of the antichrist and of course those who would emulate him over the centuries. No wonder many of the despots of history have been misidentified as the antichrist in the past.

They are corruptors, destroyers of all that is good and they will in turn lie about it and try to get others to do the same. A specific note is the antigod actions they take and the murder and killing connected.

Do we see elements of this spirit around us today? Absolutely. Right now on full display with the IRGC in Iran. But there are also elements of it showing up in Canada where the House of Commons just passed Bill C-9 that would, if it becomes law, actually criminalize reading the Bible as hate speech. (Murdoch 2026)

That is not the only place the spirit of antichrist is now appearing. This is rather global.

On January 21, 2026, in Strasbourg, the European Parliament adopted an annual resolution on human rights and democracy in the world for 2025, in which it declared that Christianity remains the most persecuted religion in the world. (News 2026)

But that didn't stop a member nation, Finland, from trying to convict someone who simply tweeted God's word. "While I am happy that the Court unanimously confirmed my acquittal regarding the Bible-tweet, I am deeply concerned that it has nonetheless found me guilty in relation to the church booklet I authored twenty years ago," Dr. Räsänen said.

The booklet she wrote, was one that provided the historic Christian perspective of sexuality. The decision is the latest twist in Finland's infamous "Bible Trial," which has seen Dr. Räsänen (Finland's former Minister of the Interior) and Bishop Pohjola of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission Diocese of Finland (ELMDF) endure almost seven years of investigation and prosecution for their articulation of historic Christian teaching on human sexuality. (Block 2026)

There are many in this nation who would love to destroy our ability to share the gospel, under the guise of tolerance.

1 John 4:2-4

"By this you know the Spirit of God: **every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God; and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God; this is the spirit of the antichrist, which you have heard is coming, and now it is already in the world.** You are from God, little children, and have overcome them; because greater is He who is in you than he who is in the world." (NASB 2020)

David concludes verse one with an indictment of the antichrist as well as all who have, over the centuries, fallen in line with playing the fool, thinking they know truth while rejecting THE TRUTH.

Psalms 53:1

"The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." They are corrupt, and have committed abominable injustice; **There is no one who does good.**" (NASB 2020)

Since the fool says God does not exist, they live that way becoming malicious perverse thugs. The fool נָבִיל (nabal) is literally "someone who, within a particular sphere of influence, counts for nothing, has nothing to offer, gives no help, commands no respect, is nothing." (Koehler, et al. 1994-2000, 663)

And as a fool, the antichrist engenders foolish abominable actions.



He will indeed set up an image in the Temple for others to worship as God.

Daniel 9:27

“And he will confirm a covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week **he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come the one who makes desolate**, until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, gushes forth on the one who makes desolate.” (NASB 2020)

John confirmed this and provided more detail in Revelation 13. This is about the counterfeit Holy Spirit, the false prophet.

Revelation 13:11–18

“Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. **It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. And it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name.** This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.” (ESV)

David is writing about this monster and the impact it has had on the world at the time that Jesus Christ will return in the second coming.

As a result of its actions at the midpoint of the Tribulation, the remnant is in hiding in the south of Jordan. Most of the Tribulation saints, those who come to Christ after the pretribulation rapture of the church, have been martyred or gone underground. When this monster, not my words, John’s since he refers to it as an it in Revelation 13 in the Greek. Some translations state “he” but in the Greek, this creature is an it. By this point in the Tribulation, it is no longer fully human. The Fool has become the ultimate fool and is following and possessed by Satan.

Back to what David is saying the condition of the planet is at the end.

There is no one who does good. There is still a remnant, but it is seriously dark for the planet, shades of Genesis 6.

Genesis 6:5–8

“But the LORD saw that the wickedness of humankind had become great on the earth. Every inclination of the thoughts of their minds was only evil all the time. **The LORD regretted that he had made humankind on the earth, and he was highly offended. So the LORD said, “I will wipe humankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth—everything from humankind to animals, including creatures that move on the ground and birds of the air, for I regret that I have made them.” But Noah found favor in the sight of the LORD.**” (NET 2nd ed.)

The indictment echoed by David is similar. Jesus also echoed the situation that would exist on the planet at the time of His second coming. Do not overlook what it is the Lord is telegraphing here to us and started with a picture in Genesis with a remnant of 8 people out of the billions on the planet at the time of the flood. There was faith, just a few, but it was there.



Luke 18:6–8

“And the Lord said, “Hear what the unrighteous judge says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. **Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?”**” (ESV)

When Jesus Christ returns at the end of the Great Tribulation, there has been 7 years under the rule and reign of someone who just wants you dead. A good 2/3's or more of the planet is dead. Much of the human race is no longer human having opted for the mark and the transhumanist promise of utopia. There is still a remnant of His people in hiding.

God is looking down on the world of the antichrist and what is left as a result of its rule. Sum it up to say, there is no one who does good.

In fact, the Lord expands upon His view as David will relate to us beginning here in verse 2.

Paul will later pick up on this and use it in Romans 3 as part of his argument to show that just being Jewish will not save you. The reality, we are all sinners. But it is Satan who wants to blind us to that simple fact and keep us in the dark about what Jesus did for us on the cross.

But the view here is at the end of the age.

Psalms 53:2–4

“God has looked down from heaven upon the sons of mankind To see if there is anyone who understands, Who seeks after God. Every one of them has turned aside; together they have become corrupt; There is no one who does good, not even one. Have the workers of injustice no knowledge, Who eat up My people like they ate bread, And have not called upon God?” (NASB 2020)

This is also a picture of all of us before the ministry of the Holy Spirit stepped in and introduced us to Jesus Christ. Most of us were quite happy doing our own thing until something happened to attract our attention to the Lord.

But as a picture of the impact of the antichrist, it is nearly global. Jesus reminded us how much inherent good we have as humans to make good decisions on our own.

Mark 10:17–18

“As He was setting out on a journey, a man ran up to Him and knelt before Him, and asked Him, “Good Teacher, what shall I do so that I may inherit eternal life?” But Jesus said to him, **“Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.”**” (NASB 2020)

The person asking the question did not believe Jesus was the Messiah, this the answer to those who want to butter you up before asking the question.

The thing I find disturbing is how much more of the spirit of antichrist we are seeing today. The line of those who are throwing even the faintest signs of morality away is growing more each day. There are those who will lie and make you feel that what you are doing is ok. Even going as far as affirming the sinful lifestyle you want to stay in. And those who stand for the Lord, well they are the ones deemed evil and to be removed or canceled. Just like the Chicago Bulls did to one of their players in late March 2026, Jaden Ivey who stood up for the Lord.

For all of those who are doing that, deceiving and spreading the lies. You are in the employment of someone you most likely do not want to be working for.



For all who are into canceling or as we saw with Charlie Kirk, martyring those who speak out for Jesus Christ. You are working for Satan. You have been deceived and are doing his work.

2 John 7

“For many deceivers have gone out into the world, **those who do not acknowledge Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist.**” (NASB 2020)

God’s word is very black and white. You either are for or not for the Lord. If you are not, then you are embracing the spirit of antichrist. The ever-increasing number of these liars and charlatans is discouraging and yet at the same time encouraging.

1 John 2:18

“Children, it is the last hour; and just as you heard that antichrist is coming, **even now many antichrists have appeared; from this we know that it is the last hour.**” (NASB 2020)

Prior to the return of Jesus Christ, the view of earth is one of a lack of faith, a loss of anyone doing good. Yes, a remnant is still there, and it is easy to get discouraged. You are in good company by the way when that happens. Elijah spent some time there as he thought he was it there in the northern kingdom of Israel.

He was ready to chuck it all in, but the Lord wouldn’t let him. Instead, he provided the next few assignments. Elijah had gone from the high of defeating the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel killing them all only to be threatened by Jezebel the next day, so he heads for the hills, and God comes calling.

1 Kings 19:13–18

“When Elijah heard it, he covered his face with his robe and went out and stood at the entrance to the cave. Suddenly a voice asked him, **“Why are you here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been absolutely loyal to the LORD God of Heaven’s Armies, even though the Israelites have abandoned the covenant they made with you, torn down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left and now they want to take my life.”** The LORD said to him, **“Go back the way you came and then head for the wilderness of Damascus. Go and anoint Hazael king over Syria. You must anoint Jehu son of Nimshi king over Israel, and Elisha son of Shaphat from Abel Meholah to take your place as prophet. Jehu will kill anyone who escapes Hazael’s sword, and Elisha will kill anyone who escapes Jehu’s sword. I still have left in Israel 7,000 followers who have not bowed their knees to Baal or kissed the images of him.”**” (NET 2nd ed.)

There is still a remnant at the time of Elijah, there will still be a few who follow at the end of the age as well. Jesus tells us that, with His comment about the sheep and goats judgment that there will indeed be those on His right hand who will enter into the Kingdom of God in their human bodies. Not many, but some.

Matthew 7:13–20

“Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thornbushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.” (ESV)

Are there those who are walking away from the church today in favor of the siren song of the culture. Yes, but that isn’t new, it has been going on for a long time. Just as there has also always been the few who



follow Jesus. The problem though that we see is those who have walked away today, just as they have in the past, believe that they have a license to attack those of us who did not go out the door with them. John tells us not only to not be surprised about this, but in these last days, pretty much expect it.

1 John 2:19–23

“These people left our churches, but they never really belonged with us; otherwise they would have stayed with us. When they left, it proved that they did not belong with us. But you are not like that, for the Holy One has given you his Spirit, and all of you know the truth. So I am writing to you not because you don’t know the truth but because you know the difference between truth and lies. And who is a liar? Anyone who says that Jesus is not the Christ. Anyone who denies the Father and the Son is an antichrist. Anyone who denies the Son doesn’t have the Father, either. But anyone who acknowledges the Son has the Father also.” (NLT)

Psalms 53:4–6

“Have the workers of injustice no knowledge, Who eat up My people like they ate bread, And have not called upon God? They were in great fear there, where no fear had been; For God scattered the bones of him who encamped against you; You put them to shame, because God had rejected them. Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad.” (NASB 2020)

One more look at verse 4 tells us what we see all over the globe today. Those who verbally or physically attack His people. That will be job one for the antichrist and as we move closer to the rapture, it will indeed increase.

Those who do this though are indeed arrogant. They brag about how they took down this follower of Jesus Christ online, or in a job, or how they got a believer fired. Literally treating God's people like eating bread.

I worked at a company where one of the managers turned into someone who hated all followers of Jesus and she would, when she found out someone was a Christian, do everything she could to get rid of that individual. She fired several only because of their faith in Christ but would manufacture lies to do so. She eventually was fired herself and died of cancer with 18 months of losing her job.

Those who act this way, including at the end of the age, will be rather fearless until they learn that the God they said did not exist, does. And He means every word that He says about judging those who mess with His kids unless they repent.

The antichrist and the false prophet will seem to be incapable of fear. They oppress with impunity, until Jesus Christ returns. As it says in verse 5, “they were in great fear where no fear had been.” When Jesus Christ returns at the end of the Great Tribulation, He does so as the avenger of blood.

Deuteronomy 32:43

“Cry out, O nations, with his people, for **he will avenge his servants’ blood; he will take vengeance against his enemies, and make atonement for his land and people.**” (NET 2nd ed.)

Zechariah 14:12–13

“But this will be the nature of the plague with which the LORD will strike all the nations that have fought against Jerusalem: Their flesh will decay while they stand on their feet, their eyes will rot away in their sockets, and their tongues will dissolve in their mouths. On that day there will be great confusion from the LORD among them; they will seize each other and attack one another violently.” (NET 2nd ed.)



Revelation 19:11–15

“Then I saw heaven opened and here came a white horse! The one riding it was called “Faithful” and “True,” and with justice he judges and goes to war. His eyes are like a fiery flame and there are many diadem crowns on his head. He has a name written that no one knows except himself. **He is dressed in clothing dipped in blood, and he is called the Word of God. The armies that are in heaven, dressed in white, clean, fine linen, were following him on white horses. From his mouth extends a sharp sword, so that with it he can strike the nations.** He will rule them with an iron rod, and he stomps the winepress of the furious wrath of God, the All-Powerful.” (NET 2nd ed.)

For all of those who are part of the military force standing against God’s people, for all of those who with impunity persecuted, hunted, and killed Tribulation saints as well as members of the nation of Israel. They now know fear.

Psalms 53:5

“They were in great fear there, where no fear had been; **For God scattered the bones of him who encamped against you; You put them to shame, because God had rejected them.**” (NASB 2020)

They will be reduced to the same status that the Assyrian army was reduced to as a picture, a type of what Jesus will do at Armageddon.

2 Kings 19:35

“Then it happened that night that the angel of the LORD went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians; and when the rest got up early in the morning, behold, all of the 185,000 were dead.” (NASB 2020)

They will be like the slain on a battlefield, brought to shame and abandoned by God. This is the terrible end of all who do not know God. To be rejected by God is what hell is all about. (Eveson 2014-2015, 340)

As David puts it, “God scattered the bones of him who encamped against you.” Isaiah describes what that will look like at the end of the age.

Isaiah 34:1–10

“Come near, you nations, and listen! Pay attention, you people! The earth and everything it contains must listen, the world and everything that lives in it. **For the LORD is angry at all the nations and furious with all their armies. He will annihilate them and slaughter them. Their slain will be left unburied, their corpses will stink; the hills will soak up their blood. All the stars in the sky will fade away, the sky will roll up like a scroll; all its stars will wither, like a leaf withers and falls from a vine or a fig withers and falls from a tree.** He says, “Indeed, my sword has slaughtered heavenly powers. Look, it now descends on Edom, on the people I will annihilate in judgment.” The LORD’s sword is dripping with blood, it is covered with fat; it drips with the blood of young rams and goats and is covered with the fat of rams’ kidneys. **For the LORD is holding a sacrifice in Bozrah, a bloody slaughter in the land of Edom.** Wild oxen will be slaughtered along with them, as well as strong bulls. Their land is drenched with blood, their soil is covered with fat. For the LORD has planned a day of revenge, a time when he will repay Edom for her hostility toward Zion. Edom’s streams will be turned into pitch and her soil into brimstone; her land will become burning pitch. Night and day it will burn; its smoke will ascend continually. Generation after generation it will be a wasteland, and no one will ever pass through it again.” (NET 2nd ed.)

Just as David says, He will put them to shame because God has rejected them. Charles Spurgeon provides some of the after-action view for us.



Mighty were the hosts which besieged Zion, but they were defeated, and their unburied carcasses proved the prowess of the God whose being they dared to deny. "Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath despised them." God's people may well look with derision upon their enemies since they are the objects of divine contempt. (Spurgeon n.d., 435)

At the end of Armageddon, after Jesus and the Jewish nation along with all of the armies of heaven have completed the action, there is a gathering that takes place on Mount Zion.

Psalm 53:6

"Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come from Zion! When God restores the fortunes of His people, Jacob shall rejoice, Israel shall be glad." (NASB 2020)

David is looking forward to it, John provides us the scene there on Mount Zion after the battle is over.

Revelation 14:1–5

"Then I looked, and behold, on Mount Zion stood the Lamb, and with him 144,000 who had his name and his Father's name written on their foreheads. And I heard a voice from heaven like the roar of many waters and like the sound of loud thunder. The voice I heard was like the sound of harpists playing on their harps, and they were singing a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and before the elders. No one could learn that song except the 144,000 who had been redeemed from the earth. It is these who have not defiled themselves with women, for they are virgins. It is these who follow the Lamb wherever he goes. These have been redeemed from mankind as firstfruits for God and the Lamb, and in their mouth no lie was found, for they are blameless." (ESV)

The picture is repeated in Isaiah of the King, now victorious and in Jerusalem on Mount Zion.

Isaiah 24:21–23

"So it will happen on that day, That the LORD will punish the rebellious angels of heaven on high, And the kings of the earth on earth. They will be gathered together Like prisoners in the dungeon, And will be confined in prison; And after many days they will be punished. Then the moon will be ashamed and the sun be put to shame, For the LORD of armies will reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem, And His glory will be before His elders." (NASB 2020)

Yahweh will rule before his council—here called elders—having punished both his human foes ("kings of the earth") and his supernatural enemies ("the host of heaven in heaven"), in order to re-establish his rule in his earthly abode, Mount Zion. (Heiser 2025, 320)

There is no way that God is done with His nation Israel. God will indeed restore the fortunes of His people.

Next time we will look at Psalm 54 which talks about the remnant who are being protected by the Lord.



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