

MAGH - 25th June 2026

Message: A cry for help

Text: Zech. 14:1–3

“Behold, the day of the Lord is coming and your spoil [or your plunder] will be divided in your midst. For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem...”

*“For I will gather all the nations to battle against Jerusalem; the city shall be taken, the houses plundered, and the women raped. Half of the city shall go into captivity, but the remnant of the people shall not be cut off from the city. **Then the Lord will go forth and fight against those nations, as He fights in the day of battle.** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...”*

A. The Lord waits to hear from Israel a prayer of total desperation (Zech. 14:1–3)

- No other hope—no other source of help except God
- This applies also to individual salvation

B. The Lord waits—to show grace and mercy (Is. 30:18).

“Therefore the Lord will wait that He may be gracious to you; and therefore He will be exalted that He may have mercy on you.”

Note: The Lord is waiting till He can have mercy on you, till we meet the conditions.

“For the Lord is a God of justice. Blessed are all those who wait for Him! For the people [Israel] shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem, you shall weep no more. He will be very gracious to you at the sound of your cry! When He hears it, He will answer.”

- We also must wait. This intensifies longing and dependence.

C. The Lord allows His people to come to the verge of utter destruction (Deut. 32:23–27) then intervenes to silence the boasting of the adversary

D. The utter helplessness of God’s people provokes His compassion—also exposes the total ineffectiveness of all false gods (Deut. 32:36–38)

“For the Lord will judge His people and have compassion on His servants when He sees that their power is gone and there is no one remaining, bond or free.”

“Then He will say, ‘Where are their gods, the rock in which they sought refuge, which ate the fat of their sacrifices and drank the wine of their drink offerings! Let them rise and help you and be your refuge!’” (Deut. 32:36-38)

E. The Lord alone has the power of life or death—salvation or destruction—our prayer must be based on this realization (Deut. 32:39–40)

Then He says:

“Now see that I, even I am He, and there is no god besides me. I kill and I make alive, I wound and I heal. Nor is there anyone who can deliver from my hand.”

F. Ultimately the Lord will avenge all injustice to His people (Deut. 32:43)

“Rejoice, O nations [or Gentiles], with His people [that’s Israel], for He will avenge the blood of His servants; and render vengeance to His adversaries. He will provide an atonement for His land and His people.” (Deuteronomy 32:43)

*‘Though I do fear God nor regard man, **yet** because this widow troubles me I will avenge her lest, by her continual coming she weary me’ (Luke 18:4,5)*

‘Then the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge said. And shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though He bears long with them? I tell you that He will.’” (Luke 18:6-8)

G. God through the Holy Spirit grants grace, supplication, revelation—we cannot produce these by our own carnal or religious efforts (Zech. 12:10)

“I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication. Then they will look on me, whom they have pierced, and will mourn for him as one mourns for an his only son and grieve for him as one grieves for a firstborn.”

The Moment and Place Of Desperation—The Moment Of Truth—God Waits Till We Come To This Place.

A. Individual

1. Deliverance from sin and its consequences
2. Crisis in marriage, family or personal situation—ask God to show you if there is a specific barrier

B. National

1. Judgment according to light received (Matt. 11:20–24)
2. Greater privilege carries greater responsibility (Luke 12:4–8)

Prayer

“Father, we stand in awe in your presence. We thank you for the challenge of your Word that came to us and we first of all acknowledge the sin of this nation. Lord, we’re ashamed of the immorality, the idolatry, the materialism, the compromise of this nation. We cry to you for mercy. Oh God, have mercy on us! Lord, in judgment remember mercy. We pray, Lord, that every one that stands before you now will be enabled by the grace of God and by the Holy Spirit to know the breakthrough in prayer, will know the Spirit of God enabling them to pray in desperation, for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for what we call revival, that the outcome of that will see this nation turn back to God. Father, I pray that everyone standing will be given a clear vision of what you want for our Nation. Lord, that they’ll be stirred on, they’ll be encouraged because they will see a vision, a vision for our land, a vision that can motivate in prayer until they’re

desperate and you move. Lord, as they stand to make this commitment, they'll only make it through if you enable them to. They're not capable on their own and we pray sincerely and honestly, Lord, that you will work in their lives that their prayer will be so effective that you will answer. Lord, I pray that we'll see it in our day. Lord, we believe you're coming soon but we want to finish the job that you've given us to do. We want to be the people, we want to be the people of God on earth that see the climax of time. We pray that you'll help us. Lord, we need you. We endeavor to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God that you may exalt us. In Jesus' name, amen."