

02. HE FIGHTS FOR HER

YOUR SOUL & THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING

“FOR THUS THE LORD HAS SPOKEN TO ME: ‘AS A LION ROARS, AND A YOUNG LION OVER HIS PREY (WHEN A MULTITUDE OF SHEPHERDS IS SUMMONED AGAINST HIM, HE WILL NOT BE AFRAID OF THEIR VOICE NOR BE DISTURBED BY THEIR NOISE), SO THE LORD OF HOSTS WILL COME DOWN TO FIGHT FOR MOUNT ZION AND FOR ITS HILL. LIKE BIRDS FLYING ABOUT, SO WILL THE LORD OF HOSTS DEFEND JERUSALEM. DEFENDING, HE WILL ALSO DELIVER IT; PASSING OVER, HE WILL PRESERVE IT.’ ISAIAH 31:4-5

I. THE JEALOUSY OF JESUS

“YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF A CARVED IMAGE...FOR I, THE LORD YOUR GOD, AM A JEALOUS GOD.” (EXODUS 20:4-6)

- A. “Jealous” Strong’s h7067 ‘kanna’ קנא “a jealousy unique to the Lord.” It is only used in reference to Him.
- 1) Exodus 34:14; Deuteronomy 4:24; Deuteronomy 5:9; Deuteronomy 6:15; Deuteronomy 32:16; Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Kings 14:22; Psalm 78:58
 - 2) Joshua 24:19-23
 - a) warns them of covenantal jeopardy for covenantal infidelity
 - 3) Nahum 1:2; Proverbs 6:34; Isaiah 34:8; Isaiah 61:1-3; Song of Solomon 8:5-6

II. HIS JEALOUSY, OUR JOURNEY

- A. There is a need for covenantal fidelity to the Lord; He opposes everything that hinders love. He is gentle yet serious.
- 1) 1 Corinthians 10:22
 - a) if we put ourselves in the path of God’s wrath, He will wrestle us and win
 - 2) 2 Corinthians 11:2
 - a) this is for and towards the maturing of Christ’s bride
 - 3) Revelation 19:7
 - a) she is ready because God is a jealous God and jealous for her

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4) James 4:4-8; James 1:5-6

III. MOURNING FOR A FIRSTBORN SON

- A. There is an unfolding story which began in Eden and will end with the Son of Man standing on the Mount of Olives; and God is fully committed to her.
- 1) Ezekiel 16:1-15
 - 2) Matthew 23:37-39
 - a) Even though Israel is the one who stones the prophets and rejects the very embrace of the Lord, there will be a day when she will say, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.” (Psalm 118:26)
- B. The nations, Satan, and the Lord each have controversy with Jerusalem; but the Lord will settle His controversy with her.
- 1) Zechariah 12:1-14
 - a) vs 8 God will fight *for*, not against, Jerusalem
 - b) Jesus *ascended* from the Mount of Olives on the clouds to the right hand of the Father, and He will *return* on the clouds in power and glory, land on the Mount of Olives, and deliver Jerusalem (Acts 1:11; Daniel 7:13)
 - c) vs 10 Pesach (Passover) is an annual feast memorializing when death passed over the nation of Israel and their firstborn sons were spared because they were covered by the blood of a lamb. So when they see Jesus and realize He was the Lamb that was slain, they will weep as for a firstborn son.
 - 2) Zechariah 14:3-4
 - a) He split the Red Sea in the first exodus, and He will split the Mount of Olives in the second exodus.
- C. Jesus is jealous for Jerusalem and has prophetic promises that He WILL keep to her. He will not come back to fight with Jacob; rather, He will come back to fight *for* Jacob. He will return to prove Himself to Jerusalem.
- D. Jesus is jealous to bring us into the maturity of wholehearted love, and He is gentle with us in that process. We see this in His relationship with Jerusalem. And if He is jealous for Jerusalem, we are to share in and support that zeal. There is no anti-Zionism in the kingdom of Zion.