

Episode 70 - Unveiling Zion and the Holy Spirit: A Journey Through Isaiah 33

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Join Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries as he delves into the profound and insightful exploration of God's truth through the lens of Isaiah 33. In this episode, discover the symbolic significance of Zion and Jerusalem as he elucidates the biblical representation of divine truths revealed through the Holy Spirit.

Traversing through scriptural references, from Isaiah to Revelation, Scott unveils the intricate details of God's plan for humanity, emphasizing the role of the Holy Spirit and the transformative power of understanding Christ's sacrifice.

Gain clarity on church doctrines, the fall of Babylon, and the importance of spiritual discernment in these set times. Scott passionately shares his revelations, encouraging believers to embrace the truth and find stability in faith amidst the unfolding prophetic events.

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Scriptures are directly transcribed with notations. See KJV for verbatim wording.

Hi. This is Scott Stanley with DTG Ministries, continuing to explore the deep things of God in our Revelation podcast. I want to begin today in Isaiah 33, and there are many things to cover in this podcast. Looking at Isaiah 33, verse 20, he says,

Isa 33:20 Look upon Zion, the city of our solemnities: your eyes will see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tabernacle that shall not be taken down; not one of the stakes of it shall ever be removed, neither shall any of the cords of it be broken.

Zion will see and understand Jerusalem, a tabernacle. That goes back to Revelation 21:3. We're talking about a symbol, a similitude of the Holy Spirit, Jerusalem, the mother of us all (Gal 4:26). Zion is the one who will see it. Zion is the one who will understand it. I feel impressed to read again the definition of Zion in Hebrews, chapter 12, verse 22,

Heb 12:22 You are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company, to myriads of messengers (which I look at as the truths, not people, but the truths),

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in the heavens, and you've come to the Divine One, the Judge of all, to the spirits of innocent men who are made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the one who mediates the new covenant, and to the blood, the death of Christ, the blood of sprinkling, of teaching us, it speaks better things than that of Abel...

There is the biblical expression of Zion. It is Zion, according to Isaiah 33, that will see Jerusalem, the tabernacle of God. When I read this, looking at Jerusalem in Isaiah 33:21,

Isa 33:21 There the glorious Jehovah will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams; ...

So, we know the <u>Holy Spirit is truth</u>, and it's the understanding of the Father concerning <u>humanity</u>, what the problem is, and how to correct it; and this was given to Christ, the <u>Messiah</u>, the Anointed One. This was given to him, and he will pour out that truth on us (Act 2:33). So, Jerusalem, which we know Christ is now that spirit (2Co 3:17), is a place of broad rivers and streams. Now, in this water, looking at it in Isaiah 33:21,

Isa 33:21 ... wherein shall go no galley ... (The word "galley" is a ship. Now get this...) In the water of the Holy Spirit, wherein shall go no ship with oars.

Now, consider with me. See, a ship with oars, they're rowing the boat themselves. Compare that to the ark. You get in the ark. You are immersed into the truth of Jesus' death, and you get into the ark to float above the iniquity of the world. That ark had no oars. It didn't have a helm. It was simply led by the wind or the Spirit of God. *In this Holy Spirit, there will be no ship with oars, neither shall there be a wide ship.* They've put "gallant ship", a wide ship. That word "ship" is "to travel in the wilderness." Think about it. The churches, the universal church, literally travel in the wilderness of the sea. But when you say a "gallant ship," that word gallant means "wide." I think of a church with a wide reach, like a denomination.

So, looking at this, there will be no ship with oars, whether you're nondenominational or whatever you are. Anybody who doesn't understand the Holy Spirit of God in the cross will not be in this water. There will be no ship with oars, and neither is there going to be anyone with a wide reach, a wide influence that's traveling in the wilderness. (There are all your denominations.) There's only one church. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism (Eph 4:5).

See, there's only one way of understanding, and we read it in Hebrews 12: Zion, the city of the living God, New Jerusalem, the general assembly and church of the firstborn, where Christ himself is mediating the truth of the cross (Heb 12:22-23).

Isa 33:22 For Jehovah is our judge, Jehovah is our lawgiver, Jehovah is our king; he will rescue us.

This verse means a lot to me because in the last denomination that I was in, I wrote a letter to them asking them to take my name off their books. I used this verse to close the letter.

Isa 33:22 Jehovah is our judge, Jehovah is our lawgiver (The law he has given us is the law of love), Jehovah is our king; He is going to rescue us from iniquity.

Isa 33:23 Your tacklings are loosed; they could not well strengthen their mast (speaking of the universal church, their ships), they could not spread the sail: then is the prey of a great spoil divided; and the lame take the prey.

Now, I want to say something about the person in verse 23 who has come out of one of these churches that deny the truth of the Son of God and the Holy Spirit. Now that they understand the truth, they can look back at that denomination or that church that they've come out of, and to them now, that church cannot strengthen their mast. They can't spread the sail.

There is no air blowing in the sails. There is no spirit in that church, and now they see it. When they see it, he says, the prey, then, is the prey of a great spoil divided. Well, I'm looking at that as wheat and tares, the wheat and tares being truth versus iniquity. Once you see the truth and what is happening in your church, you can take the part of it that is right, and separate the wheat from the tares.

That prey of truth, you're after the truth, will be divided, and those who are lame will take what was right about it. I know that in the last denomination I was with, I believe they had a true understanding of what happens in death. Well, I retained that, but I had to separate and cast out so much of what they teach because it's in error. But the lame, that was me, lame because I didn't know what the truth was, but I was beginning to see. The lame will take those spoils, verse 24,

Isa 33:24 And the inhabitant will not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall have their iniquity lifted up.

If you want to know how God looks at health, wellness, and sickness, he looks on the inner man first. Those who were inhabiting those churches are no longer going to say I'm sick. My iniquity has been lifted up. Do you want physical healing? Why would he do that when you reject the truth and refuse spiritual healing? Remember when Jesus would heal somebody: *Do you believe in the Son of God? Well, I do. Then let it be done unto you as you've believed.*

These people are denying the Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit. They need help, spiritual help. Their ships, their churches they are in cannot float in the spirit of God. These

people are lost, and they desperately need help, if they would not refuse it. We're in chapter 33. Let's just back up to verse 2.

Isa 33:2 O Jehovah, be gracious unto us; we have waited for you: be thou their arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble.

Isa 33:3 At the noise of the tumult the people fled; at the lifting up of yourself the nations were scattered (where God lifts up the information concerning himself).

Isa 33:4 And your spoil shall be gathered like the gathering of the caterpillar: as the running to and fro of locusts shall he run upon them.

Isa 33:5 Jehovah is exalted; because he is dwelling on high: he has filled Zion (the true church), with judgment and righteousness.

Isa 33:6 And wisdom (the cross, the meaning of the cross, and the knowledge of it), will be the stability of your times. It will be the strength of salvation: the fear of Jehovah is his treasure.

What does he mean by "the stability of your times"? Well, turn with me to Daniel. This is where I put my notes about times. I'm in Daniel chapter 12, looking at verse 4, where it is stated,

Dan 12:4 But you, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased. (Look at verse 7.) Dan 12:7 I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and he swore by him that lives forever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; ...

Now I know that word "time" is different than the word "time" in verse 4. But, again, look at verse 9.

Dan 12:9 Go your way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

I started looking at this word "time." If you look at Hosea 2:9, there's an interesting thing that happens here.

Hos 2:9 Therefore will I return, and take away my corn in the time [6256] of it, and my wine in the season [4150] of it, ...

That's [6256] "time," and "my wine in the season if it" is [4150]. In Daniel 12 [4150] is the time, times, and then a half. The other word, "time," is used in verses 4 and 9 about the time of the end. Once I saw that a time [6256] equated in a way to season or time, [4150] ... see, [4150] is a set time. It is a set time, a precise time that this is going to happen. So, when I look at the other word time, [6256], we've already seen in Daniel 12:4 that there's the time of the end. Well, the time of the end is a set time also. Not only is it a [6256], but the time of the end is a [4150]. There is a set time for the time of the end. Let me show you another one. Look at Haggai 1:2.

Hag 1:2 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, This people say, The time [6256] is not come, the time that Jehovah's house should be built.

See, there is a time for that. I'm realizing that there was a "set time" for that. I'll show you why as we go on. Look at Zechariah 10:1.

Zec 10:1 Ask Jehovah rain in the time of the latter rain; so Jehovah will make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.

So there is a time for the latter rain, and it is a set time. For those of you who haven't realized it yet, we are in the latter rain. The Lord is pouring upon us showers of truth, showers of rain for those who can believe it, for those who can receive it. This is the time of the latter rain. Let's look at another one. Look at Daniel 12:11.

Dan 12:11 From the time that the daily is taken away, and the abomination that makes desolate set up, ...

See, there was a time when the daily, the truth of the cross and the Holy Spirit was taken away, and the Trinity replaced it. Daniel 12:1, "There is a time of trouble." So, I want to just kind of put this together for you. The times that we're talking about, let's say the time that the Trinity comes into play and replaces the truth of the Holy Spirit and what happened at the cross, that was a specific time that occurred, a set time.

And because that time happened, you have to have Haggai 1:2. You have to have Zerubbabel lay the foundation of the temple and build the temple. There is a set time for that. You have to have a certain time for the latter rain to take place. The latter rain happens right before the trumpets are sounded. So there is a time, because the abomination of desolation is put in place, and there is a time the temple has to be rebuilt. There is a time that God is going to send the latter rain right before he sounds the trumpets, and there is a time of the end.

So what does he mean by "a time, times, and dividing of time"? The last time or the dividing of time- this time of trouble happens when Zion delivers the truth. A tribulation will happen to them, and Jacob receives the truth and becomes Israel. Michael stands up to help give them an explanation of what it all means, and here is a time of trouble. The time of trouble will come on the Gentile church and on the Jews who receive the truth. That's why it's divided.

You see, there is a time... there are times in the dividing of the last time. Half of it goes on the Gentile church, half of it on the Jews coming into the truth. When you say a time and times, plural, the times, plural, don't have to mean two. It's just more; it's multiple times. There is a time when the abomination of desolation is put in place. There are times when the foundation of the temple needs to be laid, when the temple needs to be finished, when the latter rain needs to happen, causing a tribulation on the Gentile church, or Zion now, and Jacob receiving the truth, becoming Israel. So why even bring this up? Because of what we just read in Isaiah 33:6.

Isa 33:6 Wisdom (or the meaning of the cross) and knowledge will be the stability of your times, and the strength of salvation, the fear of Jehovah is his treasure.

So we are going through set times. The cross, the understanding of the cross, and the knowledge that brings us of ourselves and of God will be the stability of the set times that we live through as the last generation church. Looking at Revelation 18, we see Babylon, and we know that Babylon for us today is not a geographical place on the map. Babylon is a spiritual city. It's a mindset. It's a way of understanding. At the end of the world, you've got two cities: Babylon and New Jerusalem. You're going to be in one or the other. Look at Revelation 18:1.

Rev 18:1 And after these things I saw another messenger come down from the heavens, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory.

Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a strong voice, and he said, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, a cage or a prison of every foul spirit, and a prison of every unclean and hateful bird.

The minds of those who are still in confusion about God are in a cage of unbelief. They are bound by iniquity. Why would he say "Babylon has fallen, has fallen"? Why say that twice? Because in my Christian life, when I realized Jesus was really the Son of God born in eternity, that confusion about God fell away. But I also came to realize Christ has a new name, the Holy Spirit. Babylon fell again. Understanding what the Holy Spirit is, who the Holy Spirit is, and the Son of God, is our stability through these times.

Rev 18:3 All nations, if you want to say all denominations, all imaginations, everybody has drunk of the doctrine of the wrath of God, the wrath of her fornication. Remember that the harlot commits fornication with the kings of the earth.

The kings of the earth in Daniel 7 are the lion, the bear, and the leopard. Literalism and pride- the God of this world, is leading them. They teach the wine, the doctrine of God's wrath: He is going to burn you alive. You cannot survive if you break the Ten Commandments. They've got their things that they tell you ... you have got to pray this prayer, and he'll spare you.

Well, they have drunk that doctrine, the wine of her fornication. So, in verse 4, there is another voice from heaven, and it says, "Come out of her, my people." I believe in Revelation 18:1, that messenger is the church stating, Babylon has fallen in me twice: I see the Son of God. I see the Holy Spirit. I understand the cross. When you speak that, in their conscience, they will hear another voice from the heavens, from God's understanding. It is going to be saying, "Come out of her, my people, that you be not partakers of her sins and that you receive not of her plagues. Her sins have now reached unto the heavens, and God has remembered her iniquities."

So here you have a call. The church is giving a message to come out of that confusion, and then they hear the voice of God in their conscience also telling them to come out. When this happens, if you look at verse 9,

Rev 18:9 And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, will bewail her, and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning,

Rev 18:10 Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, they're going to say, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is your judgment come.

Rev 18:11 The merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her; those people who were making money off that Babylonian message, because no man now is buying their merchandise.

I look at the merchants of the earth- these preachers getting rich. They have millions of dollars from the lies that they're telling you and the people on their radio or television shows. They're making millions of dollars off a false gospel. They will mourn when you decide to leave because you're not going to buy their merchandise anymore. You're not buying that stuff anymore. You're seeing the truth that the Trinity is a lie. Well, it's interesting, go on down to verse 15,

Rev 18:15 The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her (rich in lies), will stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,

Rev 18:16 They'll say, Alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!

Rev 18:17 In one hour so great riches are come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by the wilderness of the sea, all of the churches stood afar off,

Rev 18:18 And they cried when they saw that you're leaving the church. You're getting out of the lies. You're getting out of the confusion. When they see that city burning up in you, a message has been given to you, and you believe it. When they see that, "What city is like this great city?"

Rev 18:19 They cast dust on their heads. They cry. They weep. They wail, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich, all that had ships in the sea... We just read that in Isaiah 33. In one hour, she's made desolate.

Rev 18:20 Rejoice over her, you heavens and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her. (The last verse of Revelation 18.)

Rev 18:24 In Babylon was found the blood of the prophets, of the saints, and of everyone who was slain upon the earth.

It is that mindset... It's the natural way we think, carrying our iniquity and being taught by the people in the world, who are in the apostasy. It is this mindset that has found the blood of the prophets and saints and everyone slain on the earth. You want to be immersed in the death of Jesus Christ; find yourself in the ark. Again, there are no oars. There is no helm. Being led by the spirit of God, the message to Zerubbabel: "Not by might or by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord," and live through the set times that have already begun.

We see the Trinity replacing the daily. We see the time of the abomination of desolation. We see Zerubbabel building the temple after having laid the foundation. We see that there is a time of the latter rain as God is preparing his church to sound the trumpets to the world. There is the time of the end where persecution will come on the Jew and the Gentile who believe and receive the truth of the gospel.

These are our times. The stability of our time is the truth. When you see the abomination that makes you desolate, flee to the mountains. Pray that you're not unskilled in the words of righteousness. Pray that you can receive the truth. Believe it, be a workman who needs not be ashamed (2Tm 2:15). Be a workman who can take the word of God and prove what it is you believe (1Pe 3:15). There is no other church that will be in this water of truth. Only Zion- Zion, the general assembly and church of the firstborn (Heb 12:22-23), where Jesus Christ, because of his death on the cross, is mediating to us our salvation, our faith.

He is the author and finisher of our faith. He is the only begotten Son of God. He is the Holy Spirit. He has been raised from the dead and sent back to turn us from our iniquity. May God be forever glorified in the truth he is giving us. (Heb 12:2; Jhn 3:18; 2Co 3:17; Act 2:33, 3:15; Tit 2:14)

Father, we worship you. We pray to glorify you. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.