

AN EMBLEM OF TIME

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Yesterday our family was having breakfast and of course we've all been looking at Israel since October 7th. We know how Brother Jackson mentioned that there would be a Miracle War or a *miraculous era*. I probably shouldn't use the word *mentioned* because that makes it sound like it was just lightly touched. But really over a span of about ten years he preached and brought out how that *miraculous era* would come about.

We know that since October 7th Israel has been in a war. They're fighting against Hamas and their primary objective is to eliminate them. At the same time, we know there is a *spirit* behind that. They can destroy the organization but it takes God to – I'm not going to say: *destroy the spirit*, eventually He *will* – but it takes God to put that spirit to rest.

We really don't hear much about Al-Qaeda anymore. Basically the United States along with the help of other countries have for the most part destroyed that organization. But about the time it seemed to be dwindling off, another organization came on the scene: ISIS. There has been great work to disable and to put *that* organization to rest. A lot of progress has been made. I'm not saying they've been completely eliminated but basically for the most part, they have also been – how can I say this? – *dominated*.

Of course Hamas has been around. I don't know how long but I remember that they were a problem when I was in college, so at least thirty years. But what we saw on October 7th was on a level that we had never seen.

It was interesting as Benjamin Netanyahu was speaking on this, he said: this is ISIS. It seemed interesting to me because everybody and even he himself *knows* it's Hamas. But I believe as he saw the atrocities, the beheadings and things like that, he saw the connection there. And really it's *the same spirit*.

Today Israel says: we need to get rid of Hamas but our war is not with the Palestinian people. And yes, in a certain reserved sense that's very true. But I can guarantee you if you were to speak to 100 Palestinians that are not part of Hamas and you asked them: does Israel have a right to exist? 99 or 100 of them would tell you: *no*.

So again, at the end of the day, God has to destroy this. He has to put that spirit to sleep or I could say: put that spirit *in prison*. As long as that spirit is free, it will find minds to use.

I think it was yesterday I was listening to Mr. Netanyahu speak. He made a statement that this is the worst the Jews have ever experienced. We know there was the Holocaust, right? And *he* knows that. As far as the number we see in the Holocaust, yes it was far worse: six million Jews. Even then, many of them were shot or they were put in gas chambers. Of course, that was still a great atrocity and massacre.

But when we hear what Hamas did, it's on a level, I would say: it's *beyond* what we could imagine. We have to know: devils themselves are the only ones who could think these things up.

The Hamas terrorists captured people and they made them hand over their phone. Then they would put FaceTime with their families who were somewhere else while they would do whatever they wished with them. They beheaded some of them *right there* while their families watched on FaceTime. And so many other things.

I can understand why Netanyahu spoke the way he did. And even though the world is aware of all of this, it's so interesting how the world has now begun to turn and to tell Israel: you need to show restraint, you need to hold back.

I have to say: who in their right mind would be able to hold back if that happened to their family? Who could do that? Amen.

We know how Hamas works, it's the nature of their strategy: they get in among the people and they make it basically impossible. I mean: if Israel is going to kill a Hamas member, there are going to be civilians die as well. And then the world gets all upset.

Well let's remember a couple of things. First of all: this is *war*. We don't like it and the Jews themselves don't want to be at war, but they're *not* the ones who started this. I like how Netanyahu says: we are going to finish it.

On Wednesday I mentioned how some are curious and asking: is this the Miracle War? Well as far as what we would identify as the Miracle War, we are not there yet. When that time comes, we *won't* have to ask.

It's written that the magnitude of the miracles will be *according to the days when God called them out of Egypt*. [Micah 7:15] You read about the *plagues* [Exodus 7-11] and the *crossing of the Red Sea*. [Exodus 14] I have to say: that Red Sea, don't think it's just a lake, it is *huge*.

The people of Jericho said: *when we heard what God had done, our hearts melted within us*. [Joshua 2:10-11] In other words, *they were completely without any strength or courage*.

When we read in Isaiah, and this is a very key scripture to look at, it says: *I looked and there was none to help.* [Isaiah 63:5]

We're really looking to see: *how* is that scripture going to be fulfilled?

Just a week or two ago, I heard President Biden say: we fully support Israel. We support their right to defend themselves, *full stop*. Well that sounds like we are there to help, right? We even sent aircraft carriers to the Middle East.

But over the past few days there has been a resolution by the General Assembly of the United Nations that is *not* in Israel's favour.

And now, even the United States has made a statement that they're *not* going to draw a line and say: if this is crossed, we're going to go over and back up Israel. From the beginning, the United States has said: we want to work *with* Israel about what *they* should do. So right there we see a *different tone*.

There are also certain representatives of the Muslim Community who are now warning Biden: be careful what you say because you may not get our vote. Well, in an age when presidential elections are decided by like half-a-percent, and especially when we consider how the Electoral College works, *politically* this can be a very real concern. So we are still watching that.

Again, the General Assembly of the United Nations has resolved a statement that both sides need to immediately come to an agreement on a humanitarian truce that is going to very quickly bring a cessation of innocent deaths. Well, basically what they're telling Israel is: you need to hold back.

They did *not* condemn Hamas. Just think how it would feel to have Israel there, knowing how evil this massacre was, and they're not even condemning them! Basically, in a feigned way, they're telling Israel: you need to hold back.

Everything I've said so far, I really just wanted to touch on before I get into the message. Here I have a response that Israel gave and if I have time when I'm done, I will read it.

But certainly we need to keep *watching*. And one way or another, this will be leading into the Miracle War. That's not something ten years in the future but I would say: we're looking at *months*. Things are changing very rapidly in this world.

So let's go ahead. As I said: we were eating breakfast and Isaac asked me if I had heard the national anthem of Israel. He mentioned that it has some nice words and I thought: well, I'll look it up!

And first thing: I was very surprised to see that it's not like our national anthem. The Israeli anthem is actually very short.

Our national anthem has a chorus and there are at least two or maybe three verses. I think the second verse is absolutely beautiful and hardly anybody even knows it. We always hear the first one: *O! Say can you see.*

But the Israeli anthem is quite short, yet it's very powerful.

I have it right here. It says:

As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart,
With eyes turned toward the East, looking toward Zion,
Then our hope
– **the two-thousand-year-old hope –**
will not be lost:
To be a free people in our land,
The land of Zion and Jerusalem.

As long as the Jewish spirit is yearning deep in the heart, with eyes turned toward the East. This was actually written *before* they came back to the land. It was written in the late 1800s when we know God began to deal with certain rabbis and they began to have a longing in their heart: we need to get back to our land. Praise the Lord.

They began with a feeling: we will buy up land. But we know that was not enough. We know how God had to work and really push them as a *nation*. How He had to send *the hunters and the fishers* [Jeremiah 16:16] to pull them back and really inspire them to be willing to go back to their land.

It's one thing to have a hope: yes we would love to see ourselves back in the land. But it's another thing: I live here in Germany. I have a business. Everybody likes me and I make good money. My family is here. My extended family is here. Yes I think it would be great for us as a *nation* to get back to Israel, but I, *myself*, I'm all right now.

So God had to change that. And we see how He brought about *conditions* to change their outlook.

This was written toward the end of the 19th century. I think it was in 1880 something.

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Now why would they have a hope? I actually ministered last Wednesday on *faith*. In fact, let's go back there quickly to Hebrews 11.

The very first sentence says:

Hebrews 11:1

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for,

Praise the Lord.

So what we see is that in the big picture, our human hope is really worthless. But when God gives a Word, that's something in which we can have *real hope*.

And we get down to verse 3:

Hebrews 11:3

Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God,

Now if we look at the universe, yes we know God is the One who created the universe. However, why does Paul go from our *spiritual walk*, then to the *universe*, and then he goes back to our *spiritual walk*?

As it turns out: if we look at that word *worlds*, it has another meaning and that is: ages. And if we read it like this, we can really understand it better. *Through faith we understand that the ages were framed by the word of God.* [Hebrews 11:3] Praise the Lord.

We read that and when we come back to the Israeli anthem, it says that *they have a hope*.

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Throughout Scripture, there are promises to the Jews that they are going to be brought back. And it's so interesting, here it says: *the two-thousand-year-old hope*.

But there's a certain scripture in particular that a lot of people today don't want to touch. They say: oh that's going to get people arguing and upset so it's better to leave it alone.

I have to say: I thank God for this scripture.

Hosea 6:1

Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

Hosea 6:2

After two days will he revive us:

Praise the Lord.

We know Scripture itself tells us that *a day with God is as a thousand years with man.* [2Peter 3:8]

Also it says:

Hosea 6:2

in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

Anybody with a basic understanding of Scripture can read that part and know the *Third Day* has to be the Millennium. Praise the Lord.

In Revelation the Word itself says that *Satan will be bound one thousand years* [Revelation 20:3] and that for *a thousand years, we will rule and reign with Christ.* [Revelation 20:6] Praise the Lord.

Here, the *Third Day* is not just as a thousand years but *it is* a thousand years. So we would have to say: why would God make that *a thousand years*, and not make the *Two Days*, 2000 years?

Now I know the Jews aren't looking at this exactly through the same lens as we are but I think it's beautiful how they put *the two-thousand-year-old hope*. They know *something* has happened for 2000 years.

Another thing is: this is their *national anthem*. What if time was to go on another 100, 200, or 300 years? Would they change it to: our two-thousand-three-hundred-year-old hope? They somehow had to have a confidence that the end of this – *to be a free people in our land, the land of Zion and Jerusalem* – is going to happen *at the end of a 2000-year period*.

Their desire in the anthem is *to be free in the land*, but you and I know this will come together with a knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Once they will be liberated from the oppressions of that Islamic Spirit, they will go right into the 70th Week of Daniel.

So there will be: the *Miraculous War*, the *rebuilding of the temple*, the *Ezekiel 38 & 39 War* and then they will enter that 70th Week. At that point they will be *at peace*. Praise the Lord.

They will be *free in their land*. But more importantly: they're going to receive *spiritual freedom*. Jesus said: *when you receive the Holy Ghost, you will know the truth and the truth shall make you free.* [John 8:32] Amen.

As I was looking at that, there was also the *coat of arms*. Another way this is referred to is: *the national emblem*. As I looked at the emblem of Israel, I immediately thought of Romans 11.

Right here on this slide, I wanted to kind of go pictorially.

Good Olive - 7 Church Ages - The Good Olive

Romans 11:16
For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

Romans 11:17
And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou being a wild olive tree, wert grafted in among them, and with them partakest of the root and fatness of the olive tree;

Romans 11:25
For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.
Romans 11:26
And so all Israel shall be saved:

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If we could go in our Bibles to Romans 11, this is the beautiful chapter where Paul really brings out what the *mystery of God* is and he gives us the entire picture from the beginning of the Grace age all the way into the 70th Week of Daniel.

Obviously I'm not going to read the whole chapter but I would recommend that we read it and reread it.

Verse 16 says:

Romans 11:16

For if the firstfruit be holy, the lump is also holy: and if the root be holy, so are the branches.

Now what is the *root* and the *trunk* and the *sap* of this *good olive tree*? Well, we know that God has used the olive tree in the past to represent Israel. But here it speaks of the *root being holy*. So that's not just the physical or the natural nation but this is looking at the *spiritual side*.

We know that God first anointed prophets throughout the Old Testament, right? All those prophets were pointing to one thing, and that was *the Lord Jesus Christ*. Praise the Lord.

So in my mind, I think *spiritually* we can look at the *root* as starting with the prophets. Then it comes to the *trunk* which is the Lord Jesus Christ, and then he says: *and the branches are holy.* [Romans 11:16] The *branches* would be those Jewish people, the *spiritual Jews* who were, we can say, *converted to the gospel.* They received the Lord Jesus Christ.

First they received the Word that they were given by the prophets, but then as such they could see the truth that Jesus Christ was their Messiah.

It was mainly the southern tribes that received the gospel, but there was a representation of some of the others. And that began the Church. It was a *Jewish Church.* Amen.

When Peter preached on the day of Pentecost, he was preaching *to Jews.* [Acts 2:14,22] We know this lasted roughly *twenty years* from 33 AD to about 53 to 56 AD. This is an approximation. We know there was a transition so we can't put an exact time on it. But it was around *twenty years* that the good olive tree was flourishing.

But then we go to verse 17 and Paul says:

Romans 11:17

And if some of the branches be broken off, and thou, being a wild olive tree,

What's he looking at now? The Gentiles were grafted in *among them.*

Remember: when we get to the year 53 or 56 AD, it's not that every Jewish Christian turned their back on their faith and went back to Judaism. Those who had come to know the Lord continued in the faith. If they had received the gift of the Holy Ghost, maybe they were twenty years old at the time, they lived out their lives as Christians.

But we see that God began to lift the pull on the Jewish heart. In other words, we're *not* seeing more Jews converted to the gospel of Christ. So *as a people*, God was cutting them off. Or as Paul put it in another place: *He blinded them in part* [Romans 11:25] right?

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So we *partake* of the goodness of Jesus Christ and of the Holy Ghost. Praise the Lord.

We, *being Gentiles*, have been given access to the Lord Jesus Christ and to the Spirit of God. So Grace has come to us *Gentiles*. Praise the Lord.

This has lasted for 2000 years. It's still not up yet, but there's not much time left.

During those 2000 years, there are *Seven Ages*.

There are ministers today who will tell you that *the Ages* started on the day of Pentecost. I have to say: about a month ago I preached a message titled: Know What You Believe. The enemy is coming against the truth in every way he can. If you listen to Brother Branham, if you listen to Brother Jackson, and I'll say: if you listen to the true ministry today, all three agree: these Seven Ages are *for the Gentiles*.

Remember the very *scriptural* point of the Ephesian Church: that was where Paul preached for two to three years and the gospel was spread from that city *to the Gentiles*. [Acts 19:10]

Gentiles came to Ephesus from other cities and there was a great beautiful revival. It says that the Word of God spread in a magnificent manner. [Acts 19:20] That was among *the Gentiles*, that was the start of it.

Don't let anybody tell you that the Gentiles Church Ages include the time all the way back to the day of Pentecost. It does *not*. That is *not* the truth. That is *an error* on the preaching of the Word of God.

Now those 2000 years are about to come to *an end*. Paul told us there's going to be *an end*. It's not just something that's going to go on forever and ever.

When we get to verse 25, Paul says:

Hebrews 11:25

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery,

Look at that word *mystery*. We're not going to read all the instances where he used that word but we're going to look at a couple more places.

He says:

Romans 11:25

of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits;

Now he's going to tell us what this mystery is:

Romans 11:25

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When did that happen?

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Right here in the blue section.

What is that? That is *Grace to the Gentiles*. Amen. That's what it is.

But Paul uses a very important word here. He says:

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So there's going to be a *time* when God is going to bring *this age to a close*. He will have called everybody He's going to call, and He's going to finish His work in their life. That's going to bring this Two-Day-period to a close.

Romans 11:26
And so

In other words: *and then*

Romans 11:26
all Israel shall be saved:

You can go back and read some of the previous verses. Paul says: *God is able to break off those wild olive branches which were grafted in contrary to nature, and then take the good olive branches and graft them in again.* [Romans 11:21-23] Praise the Lord.

When he says: *and so all Israel shall be saved*, we know the revival of Israel will happen in the *first half* of these seven years [70th Week]. That's when it will go back to the *good olive branches*, right? Do we see that?

Now I have a picture here. This is the Israeli coat of arms.



This was on the same page where I was looking at the anthem. I believe this was officially adopted not long after they became a nation in 1948.

In the middle we have what's called *the menorah*, the candlestick. I don't know to what extent we're going to get there this morning but if you read Zechariah 4, basically this is the picture. It's not exact but kind of a summary of the picture of Zechariah 4.

Now I'd like to go to Revelation 1. We know how John had a vision of the seven stars and the seven *candlesticks*. Here in verse 20 he said:

Revelation 1:20

The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches:

That means *the messengers*. These are *not* spirit beings.

Revelation 1:20

and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.

In Revelation chapter 2 and chapter 3, we read about: *write to the angel*. And there's a message for each of those physical churches that were in Asia Minor.

We have to remember: there were more than just seven churches. We read about the Colossians, the Thessalonians, and many others. And believe me: every church had their issue, if I can say that. In other words: they had their problems. The enemy doesn't sleep. I can assure you that every one of those churches had their problems to deal with.

But God is a fair God.

We could say: why did He single out these *seven*? That's not fair! Well *it is* fair because it wasn't that He was dealing with them to criticize them but He saw there was a *spirit* and a *condition* in each of them. And as the Gentile Church would go through time, it would pass through *seven stages of time* where those *specific conditions* would be present. He knew the Church would need a special message from the Word of God to be *prepared to overcome* the spirit of each age.

So yes, there were *seven natural churches* and there are also *Seven Ages of time*.

You say: well Brother, I don't believe God would take something physical like a *church* and let it represent a *period of time*.

Well, we can go back to Genesis – we're not going to read it now – but there was a dream that Joseph interpreted where there were *seven cattle* and he said: *those represent seven years*. [Genesis 41:26]

So if a cow can represent a *year*, then I think we should be able to see how a *church* can represent a *Church Age*.

He says here:

Revelation 1:20
the *candlesticks*

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are the seven churches.



So when we come back to the Israeli coat of arms and if we look across the top of that menorah, we see all *seven candlesticks*. They represent *the seven churches*.

Is it that God would specifically want to look at those seven churches in Asia with this? I would have to say: no. This is looking at the *Seven Ages*.

This was a *mystery* to the Jews. They had the menorah, they had the seven candlesticks, but they did not know that this was actually a *timeline in picture form*.

Even now, they have it on their national emblem but they still really don't know what it's pointing at. All they can see is Zechariah 4. But this is a *mystery*: how in *pictorial form* we have the Grace Age or I should say: *the Gentile Age*. Praise the Lord.

And that's not all: I kind of widened the emblem and if we take the little chart that I had at the bottom and we add this chart here, remember: there's a part on the left and a part on the right.



This is what Paul talked about in Romans 11.

He said: *the good olive tree* [Romans 11:24] right? Amen. So they actually have *two olive branches* or *olive trees*, however you want to view it. I don't know specifically what they call it, but they have one on the left and one on the right.

Again, they get that from Zechariah 4. And yes, we can read in Revelation 11 how it speaks of the *two witnesses* [Revelation 11:3] but we also have what Paul wrote in Romans 11 and that's what I'm looking at here.

It's *not* that the branch on the left is good olive tree and the branch on the right is the wild olive tree, but as we go through *time*, both branches are *the same good olive tree*.

This is looking at *time*. Over on the left side, on the day the day of Pentecost we had the birth of the church. This is *the good olive tree* that Paul spoke of. Then *the branches were broken off* and the Gentiles came in: *the wild olive tree*, right? [Romans 11:17] That's the time of the *Seven Church Ages*.

Not only that but if we read in Zechariah – I'm going to paraphrase this – basically it says that there are *two pipes from the olive trees fueling the flame of these candlesticks. The candlesticks are getting their oil from the good olive tree.* [Zechariah 4:12]

As Gentiles, where do we get our sustenance from? We have this Bible, right? Amen. There is not one word in this Bible written by a Gentile. This is a *Jewish* Bible. Praise the Lord. Jesus Christ is the *Jewish* Messiah. Amen. The prophets that we read were *Jewish* prophets. And the apostles were also *Jewish* apostles. Praise the Lord.

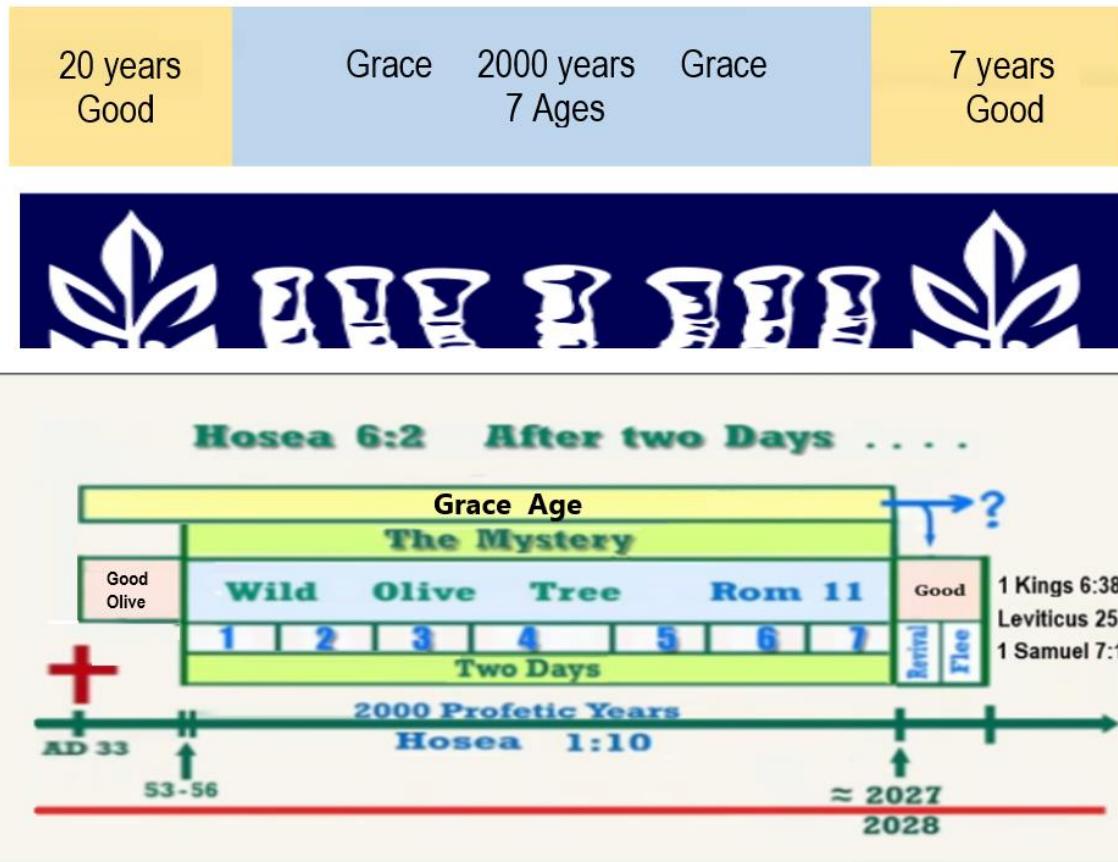
So the oil that causes the light of Revelation to burn comes from that *good olive tree*. Praise the Lord.

Now we had in Romans 11:16 *the branches are holy*. Then in Romans 11:17 *they would be broken off and we were grafted in*. And at the end, in Romans 11:25-26 it says that *we would be taken out*, that this would occur *until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in*, and then it will go *back to the Jews, back to that good olive tree*.



Actually, they don't know it but the *mystery of God* which is the Grace that God has given to the Gentiles over this 2000-year time frame is shown right here in pictorial form. It's sitting right there among them.

This is another confirmation of what we have understood about the Two Days. [Hosea 6:2] In fact, you probably remember this chart, I've used it over the past months. I just put it right over what we were looking at. I didn't change anything about this chart.



On the left it says: *the good olive tree*, and that's what we see on the chart with the emblem. Then *the wild olive tree* – Two Days – the Seven Ages lining up perfectly with the *seven candlesticks*. Then, where do we end up again? *The good olive tree*, that's it on the right side.

I just thought that was beautiful. First of all, looking at the *national anthem*, how it speaks of their *2000-year hope*. And now we look at the *coat of arms* and we actually see a *picture of time* as it is mentioned in Zechariah 4 and Romans 11.

I have to say: this further confirms what we understand about the Two Days because the only place it can fit in a way that makes sense is right there with that *menorah*.

There was more I wanted to say. I wanted to read a little bit in Zechariah 4 and also in Revelation 10:7 about how this will be brought to an end.

There is also a scripture in Ezekiel 11:20. Brother Cormier was reading in Ezekiel 10 and part of Ezekiel 11 last Sunday. As we get toward the end of Ezekiel 11, it mentions how the Jews would be gathered back and they would *once again* be *His people* which undoes or changes back from what has happened throughout the Seven Church Ages.

We may look at that on Thursday but let's go ahead and close for now.