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Art Katz's sermon addresses the tragic role of Israel in God's plan and the church's vital responsibility during the coming tribulation.

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Scripture: Jeremiah 16

Topics: "End Times"

Description

In this sermon, the speaker begins by acknowledging the insufficiency of both himself and the audience in understanding and carrying out God's judgment. He emphasizes the need for a realistic and biblical expectation of the devastation and suffering that will precede the glory of God. The speaker then turns to Jeremiah chapter 16 to provide an overview of the last days for Israel and the Church. He addresses the rejection and resistance he has faced, particularly from messianic congregations, who do not want to consider the possibility of another expulsion from the nation of Israel. The speaker asserts that God's apocalyptic intention is to communicate the true knowledge of Himself to both Israel and the nations, and that judgment is the great teacher in achieving this.

Transcript

Good morning, Saints. I'm required to bring you into my mood. A little different from your own, as you have expressed it so far.

But the mood appropriate to the word. Which is quite sober. If not mournful.

Because I am required to put before you a perspective this morning. Which is tragic before it becomes joyous. The last days dealings of God with the people of Israel.

Not just the nation per se, but the Jacob people that are in the earth everywhere. A final uprooting and a sifting throughout all nations. A calamity that will exceed the Nazi time.

That will be an astonishment merely to report, let alone to live through. So this will make a requirement of you. Just to have the mental stature to hear this.

The moral stature to bear it. The spiritual stature to participate in it. For the church will not be absent from the earth during this time of tribulation.

Despite our fondest hope for escape. If there will be no church in the earth. There will be no Jewish survival.

For your destiny is to be God's salvific agency toward them. It's a frightening perspective. That compels the church to be the church.

So that Jacob can become Israel. And fill the earth with their fruit. So blessing all the nations.

When they shall know the Lord. Who has spoken and will perform this. This is called an apocalyptic scenario.

Last days judgment. The uprooting through the nations. Who will have a last opportunity to perceive in God's dealing with Israel.

God himself. Because in the prophets it speaks. I will set a standard before the nations.

I will put a sign before them. It will be the display of himself. Invisible judgment against Israel.

As well as the supernatural mercy that will restore and return them. So when you encompass God from judgment to mercy. You have God in his totality.

So when you can follow God from his judgment to mercy. Then you have the total God before you. And it has always been the destiny for Israel.

That they represent such a God. My witness nation. Not so much by our virtue.

So much as our fall. For how else shall God's mercy be exhibited. Except as the alternative and remedy for judgment.

Except as the alternative and remedy for judgment. No judgment, no mercy. And mercy is for the undeserving.

Not something that we merit because of our virtue. But all the more desperately need. Because we have no virtue.

I'm sorry to disappoint you in all of this. Because you thought that we Jews had special virtue. The mystique of Israel.

You have missed the point entirely. It's not that we exceed what is human. But we are all the more human.

Only human. And full of the presumption of what is in man. That we unaided without the necessity for God.

Can establish our own state. God is making a final statement to all mankind through Israel. You need to see Israel in the cosmic context of God's purposes for creation.

You need to see Israel in the cosmic context of God's purposes for creation. That in man is no good thing at all. If God were to mark iniquity, who can stand? If God were to mark iniquity, who can stand? And Israel is such a statement.

So that all mankind would be built up. For the millennial kingdom and for eternity. And then for themselves.

The city of God's righteousness. God our righteousness. And not our own Jewish virtue.

Which at its best piety. Most superb religious form. Crucified the Lord of Glory.

This is the statement of the crucifixion. The best of Roman law. The best of secular civilization.

Lexus Romanus, the Roman law. And Jewish piety. The exquisite Judaism of God.

Conspired together. To crucify the Lord of Glory. For neither in Rome nor in Israel.

Is there any virtue. But in God alone. So Lord.

As we prayed last night for mercy. And you gave it. Gave it remarkably.

And no one knows it better than I. So depleted. So physically crunched. So much overweighted.

By the oppression that prevails in this city and nation. That is so anti-Christ in its essential spirit. And despises the prophetic man and his message.

In all of that. And the weariness of yesterday. And all of our muddled thought.

In not knowing how to speak. And having no ability in ourselves. Or strength or wisdom.

You prevailed. Because we prophetic men. Are called not only to pronounce.

But to demonstrate the truth of our word. If we received anything last night. And I believe we received much.

More than you can even estimate. We received it because of the faithfulness. Of the covenant making and keeping God.

Which covenant I daily renew and celebrate. Even this morning. While you were yet sleeping.

I was enjoying the covenant. I was enjoying this federal meal. The sacrament of bread and wine.

To feed the inner man. From the whole substance of his body and blood. And from that strength.

Through the covenant. I am speaking to you this morning. And spoke to you yesterday.

And will speak in Nuremberg tomorrow. And Munich after that. Frankfurt area.

Zurich Switzerland. Israel itself. Day after day.

Night after night. Not just to perform. But to bring the word of God.

The appointed word. Beyond any ability in man to himself form or comprehend. Out of his indestructible life.

That the same means by which the word has come to you. Will be the means whereby you fulfill it. So that we can all say together with the Apostle Paul.

Who is sufficient for these things? You have not yet made that cry. Because the apostolic requirement has not yet been made clear for you. In the day that it will.

In your mandate to the Jew. In all the historic enmity against the gospel. Where they are in the whole history of their people.

Always in hostility. Have been to the gospel. Where the whole story.

The gospel has always been poisoned for them. And that you are still called. To bring it to them.

Is beyond any possibility. In your personal power. You know what you're going to have to say with me? For us to live is Christ.

So don't be impressed with the man. What a pitiful shamble. What a pitiful figure.

Weakness in itself. Simply dust. The least of all saints.

To whom this grace is given. To make known the inestimable riches in Christ. And the mysteries of the faith.

Israel and the church. Not as we have romantically and idealistically thought it. But as it has been given apostolically to understand and to fulfill it.

Only on the basis of covenant faithfulness. For the circumcised of God. Obtained at the cross.

Through baptism. That he might be baptized. That he might be God to us.

That in his strength. In his moral stature. We can fulfill our call and our destiny.

To the everlasting praise of his glory. For as the apostle himself tells us. Because as the apostle presents it at the end of this mystery.

Because from him, through him and to him are all things. What you are going to hear today. This end time scenario.

Does not come from me. And his only fulfillment will be through him. That to him.

And to him alone. The all glory. Now and forever.

Mamma mia. We are called. To the fulfillment of his glory.

In time and history. But the magnitude of it is so great. That it will become his glory forever.

Your participants in his eternal glory. And who is sufficient for these things. This Germany that failed so tragically.

Whose Christianity was so inept. So formalistic even in its piety. So thin.

So thin. I can not grasp the word. So Lutheran.

That one could not foresee this evil that would come. One has even contributed to the evil to fill. The spiritual vacuum in Germany to fill.

What would have to be filled in an apostolic way. And not through a Christianity that became a Sunday addendum. A bourgeois requirement.

Compatible with the nation's commercial interest. And its imperial ambition. You can not make Jesus an accessory to your ambition.

And your bourgeois lifestyle. Without inviting the spirit of evil. To fulfill such a vacuum.

And to fulfill its passion. To destroy the Jew in your midst. Whom you did not save.

Whom you did not save. And could not save. By your antiseptic Christianity.

Which was the Sunday equivalent of their Saturday Judaism. You both conspired against God. And both, Shabbat and Sunday, conspired against God.

And the Holocaust was God's judgment on us both. And will come again. If the conditions are not altered.

And the spiritual vacuum remains. Because the dark powers that fill the invisible spaces on earth are still there. And they are waiting for their next opportunity.

To complete what has been left incomplete by their failure in the war. Their only deterrent is the church. But a church of what kind? Ultimate kind.

Apostolic kind. In the house that is the house of sacrifice. And not enjoyment.

I had not planned to say any of these things. But what have my plans to do with anything? I am beside myself. For your sake and for his sake.

And I naively trust that whatever issues from me. Has its origin from the throne. Pray for me.

Pray for me. I naively believe that. In every place.

Uganda, Kenya. Ten cities of the Ukraine. Or in London.

Egypt, Indonesia, Singapore. No matter where or when. I see myself as a sent one.

Out of a sending body. Bringing the sent word. Which I trust you will receive.

And become the very reality corporately. That the Lord is setting before you. Not only by word but by example.

That we might all together be the children of the covenant. The sons and daughters of Zion. Out of which Israel's deliverance comes alone.

The children of Zion. Which is much more than respectable German Christianity. Even with its charismatic dimensions.

In fact, ironically. Our charismatic dimensions might be the greatest blessing. And an obstacle to the attainment of the apostolic reality.

Think on what that means. And what kind of death at the cross that will require. As I listened to the youthful announcements this morning.

Of the kind that I myself once expressed. And felt melancholy. Maybe the Lord allowing the excitement and anticipation.

That precedes the death of it and the resurrection. But I don't know. I'm just speaking like the fool.

Beyond my own comprehension. Mysteries. For you to consider.

All that is introduction. What then of the message? So turn with us to Jeremiah chapter 16. And we'll begin our little scriptural overview.

Of the last days for Israel and the church. For which message I am persona non grata. Unwelcomed.

Rejected. Perhaps even despised. Not so much from the nation Israel.

As the messianic congregations within it. Who don't want to consider. A devastation and ruin.

And an expulsion out from the nation again. As they have said to me. If that's true.

What about our ministries? Oh yes. For your ministry. God is going to alter his apocalyptic intention.

Along by which Israel shall learn its God. And the nations also. For nothing less will suffice.

To communicate the knowledge of God as God. As he in fact is. And not as men think him to be.

Either Talmudically. Or charismatically. We are all of us falling short of the glory of God.

And we don't know as we ought to know. And judgment is the great teacher. Whether at the crucifixion of Jesus.

Or the crucifixion of Israel. As we are at that threshold. A nation established not to succeed.

But to perish. That the Lord might say to us as he said to his disciples. In our terrible disappointment.

For what we had romantically and idealistically hoped. Israel's success. On the same basis as our success.

By what is in man in himself. That the Lord will say to us as before. O fools and slow of heart to believe.

All that the prophets have spoken. Would not Israel to suffer and to die. Before it rises to its glory.

Haven't you understood what is central and intrinsic to the faith from the beginning. That there is a suffering that proceeds a glory. Your problem was unlike Paul.

Was to only believe for success. While Paul believed for the glory of God forever. That glory for Israel.

For Jesus. For the church. Must necessarily be preceded by a success.

This glory must precede a suffering and a death. If the Lord of Glory himself was not excluded from this requirement. Shall then the nation itself be excluded? The community of Jesus even? So in Jeremiah chapter 16.

And we have to go quickly through these scriptures. Omitting whole sections and verses that you should be studying. But for our purposes this morning.

Where the Lord says in verse 12. You have done worse than your fathers. Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that you don't know.

In verse 13. Which raises the question. Where did you do worse than your fathers? In the land from which I will cast you out.

Because you shall be witness unto me. And not to your Zionist power or ability. Which the church wants so much to see succeed.

Because it does not have the apostolic criterion. But shares the world's model. Satisfied only with success.

Rather than glory. I will cast you out of the land. Which I believe is future.

And require an establishment in the land. Or else how shall there be a casting out? And in verse 15. That the Lord himself then.

Will bring them back from all the lands where he has driven them. Implying expulsion through force and violence. Where I have driven them.

I will bring them back. Not that they will bring themselves back. That's a Jacob activity.

Of stretching forth your own hand to grasp and to obtain. I will bring them back. And I will bring them back so visibly before the face of all nations.

From the remotest places where I will have driven them. That the nations will observe my judgment in their expulsion. And my mercy in their return.

That they might know that I alone am God. Will he go that far? For the nation's sake. As well as his own? Yes.

Yes. He who did not withhold his only begotten son. In such devastation and brutality as you will see in this film.

Will equally not withhold his nation. Also his first born son. For the devastation that must befall them.

And if you do not realistically and biblically expect this. Having put iron in your soul. That underlies all of your worshipful and joyous activity.

Or it makes a mock of God. As if you are rejoicing for that which is already accomplished. But you have no consciousness.

For the suffering that must precede the glory. That should be the undertone of your deepest joy. Or your joy is a false note.

And the powers of darkness know it. Who have only one requirement to observe. That which is authentic.

For Jesus they know. The man of sorrows. And of grief.

And Paul they know. In his apostolic suffering and sacrifice. But the church of Berlin who? Who? We are not under obligation to acknowledge you.

For so much is predicated on your own enjoyment. And the success of your programs. And you have not his glory at the apex and center of your being.

So you are not on apostolic ground. And constitute no threat to those powers of darkness. Who mock the church.

And make Berlin a zoo. Populated by zombies. Who love nakedness and flesh and sensuality.

Who wallow in it. And have homosexuals for their mayors. And all that God abhors.

Germany celebrates. All that God abhors. While the church sleeps.

And enjoys its choruses. Do you understand? Do you follow me? That's why I said I could not enter your mood this morning. You are obliged to enter mine.

Because it's not some old man's eccentric disposition. It's the disposition of the Lord. His mood.

Because my continual prayer before him. Is not only give me your word. But give me the disposition of your soul.

Your mood. Your temper. Because the wrong mood can make even the word a lie.

So we read here. If I can find it. That you will no more talk about Egypt.

Who has brought you out of the land of Egypt. In verse 14. It shall no more be said.

The Lord lives that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt. It shall no more be said. This is our defining experience as Israel.

The Lord that brought us out of Egypt. Through Moses. To Sinai.

To the law. To the land of promise. That shall no more be said of God.

Something greater shall come. That shall eclipse even that first exodus. The greatest historic episode of our national history.

That something is yet to come. That will eclipse that exodus. A second exodus.

And of that we will millennially and eternally speak. Not of the God that brought us out of Egypt. But out of all the lands.

Where he has driven them. So you can pray for me. I'm speaking this in every land.

Egypt itself. Where Jews will be driven. As the Lord gave me vision to see while in Cairo.

And a word that the charismatic Egyptian Christians would not receive. And gave me back the cassettes that they should not be circulated. So I sat there at the end of the last night.

Pathetic piece of humanity. Trained. Failed.

They did not believe the word. Because they did not want to believe the word. That God has a destiny for Israel.

That will be fulfilled after their expulsion and return. And gives obligation to the church of every nation. To take them in when they are in flight from persecution.

From relentless Islamic hatred. That will not be satisfied with their defeat. But their degradation and their humiliation.

Their extermination. All over the face of the earth. The same spirit that animated Nazism.

Which was relentless until the last day of the war. And stupefied the military historians to this day. Why did the German authorities continue to send material and manpower for the extermination of the Jews while they are backwards to the wall for their own survival? Why did the National Socialists until the last day of the war have materials and people set aside to destroy the Jews? Because they were driven.

In their hatred against the Jews. That will not be satisfied with anything less than their extermination. Which evil spirit remains.

And will now animate Islam. As it once animated Germany. And perhaps yet will again.

Why is Satan so determined for the eradication of all Jews? So that there will be no return of the redeemed of the Lord to Zion. Because they know better than the church that the Lord is contained in the heavens. Waiting for the restoration of all things spoken by the prophets since the world began.

You will not see me again. Until you shall say. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

The Lord is waiting for something from a restored nation. For that remnant of them that will survive. And constitute the redeemed of the Lord who return to Zion.

Though they did not leave it in that condition. They have returned as the redeemed of the Lord. Because something has happened to them.

From the time of their expulsion to the time of their return. As I will show you in the scriptures today. I will sift you through all nations.

And there I will meet with you face to face. And bring you under the rod of my authority. And into the bond of my covenant.

For I will rule over you. There is an encounter that shall take place in the wilderness of the nations. And that wilderness can be right here in Berlin.

A wilderness within the city, within the nation. Another kind of environment. Where the uttermost reality of God is to be found.

In a people who have allowed themselves to be stripped. And have taken their strippings with joy. How does God form a prophet? I wish I could tell you.

Because it is your destiny also. It is formed in the hidden place that is not visible to others. Within the context of your present life.

Because you have invited and allowed the Lord. He will bring you into the wilderness place. Where you are stripped.

Of all false confidences. And God will bring them through your wilderness. Where they will meet with him face to face.

Through your German faces. And black. And every variety of believer.

They will see the same consistent reality. The love of God. Expressed in mercy.

Unconditionally. No matter how offensive they are. No matter how ungrateful.

No matter how abusive. Your love will be unconditional. At a time when to express it is to invite your own peril.

You will be in danger. Do you think those Muslims will leave you alone? If you are extending mercy to the Jews. To preserve them.

And to save them. Your identification with them. In whose tree you are plucked.

So that will make them your brothers. As they are the brothers of the Lord. When the Lord asks at the end of the day.

What have you done for the least of my brothers? Oh, you will have done a lot. And so he will say. You just come into the kingdom that is prepared for you.

For the issue of the Jews is the issue of the church. Namely a church that does not count its life as dear unto itself. And will expend it for another.

Even his brothers. In their unrescued situation. Where they are terrorized and where they are full of fear.

And that can not touch your German sensitivity at all. You love them unconditionally. Because you have grown beyond all sentimentality.

And this sentimentality. You have loved so much. And you have come to the unconditional love of God.

Because you are bound with him in this new covenant. Where we talked about it last night. This covenant that can only be obtained through circumcision.

And the Jews will then test the truth of this covenant with you. Whether you really came in sincerity. Or whether you were only there once.

Yes, we have only arrived at the first biblical point. So to be continued. And even then to pray.

Can the Lord set forth before us the essential perspective. That deserves the most extensive of seminars. Can the God who will birth a nation in a day.

Birth a church in a night. From charismatic to apostolic. In one hearing of the mystery of Israel.

The one subject. That alone has the potential. In the wisdom of God.

Not only to save the redeemed of the Lord. But to establish the church for his name. For the church that is ignorant of this destiny.

Who does not welcome this mandate. Will not be the apostolic church. More likely the apostate.

For those are the only two options. At the end of days. And the issue of the Jew will decide it.

Let's thank the Lord. For this remarkable statement. I'm overwhelmed.

At the breadth of what God has already breathed into us. And must complete tonight. That the foundation would be laid.

Immovably. That will affect all our future. Let's pray together now.

Lord. Who is sufficient for these things. That the very report of that last days scenario.

Is more than men can bear. It's an astonishment. That we are called not just to understand it.

But to perform it. Lord we are just like your speaker. We are dust.

Full of frailty. Incapable of bringing your judgment even to our own households. Soft and indulgent.

We don't know the sternness of your fatherhood. Or the requirement of your righteousness. And our very motives are corrupt.

Satisfied only with success. And have not the faith to believe for nor desire your glory. But Lord if you cannot succeed with us.

Where will you succeed? We are so representative of the church. And the church at its best. And you have already invested much in us.

Through the remarkable pastor you have given. Who has not spared us with the truth. And has been willing to invite this man.

Where many doors are closed. He welcomes us. And the radical word.

So bless this people Lord. Whom you have prepared for this hearing. That they might even say everything till now has been preparation.

But speak Lord. And let not a word fall to the floor. Give us the full measure of your heart for this time.

For your servants are hearing. Thank you Lord. For the days that have proceeded this morning.

A line upon line. A precept upon precept. And now this morning statement.

So utterly rare. So seldom heard anywhere. You have spoken with such conciseness and gravity.

Such breadth and sweet. We invite you to continue. And ventilate your entire heart.

And we will hold on to your word. We will speak often one to another. In the consideration of it.

We will hear the tape again and again. We will study the texts. Until the word is internalized in us.

That it might be made flesh. Thank you Lord. Speak Lord.

Give us the full measure. Bring us back with expectancy. And physical and moral strength.

To hear and receive the burden of the Lord. Receive our gratitude. Our privilege.

For such speaking. Such visitation. Such a call.

Such a mandate. Which we receive. With rejoicing.

In Jesus name. Amen. Amen.

Lord here we are again. Again and again we come before you. Our hearts are earnest.

We want so much to be real for your sake. And our coming this morning. Is a statement to you.

And an announcement to the powers of the air. We are willing for your stripping. Yes you know how to do it.

Right within the context of our present circumstance. In marriage. In job and employment.

In health and body. You know how to deal with us. You know how to fit and prepare us.

You are bringing many sons to glory. Prophetic men and women. Not that will give cheap and glib prophecies that are more human than they are divine.

But they have the prophetic mind. They have the apostolic mindset. They live for one thing only.

Whatever the cost. Shame, humiliation, misunderstanding. Even from other Christians.

Even death itself. Even from Jews. Who misunderstand us.

As they did Stephen. And slew him in their ignorance. As they slew also their Messiah.

May make of us martyrs. Even at their hands. Whatever it is.

Our every hair is numbered. And we stand before you this morning. In the most solemn consecration.

To be your people. Your covenant people. Fulfilling your mandate.

The most difficult that could be given to the church. The restoration of Israel. The salvation of the lost sheep of your house.

By demonstrating to them. Their very God. That they shall see him in us.

Not in the moment of our convenience. But in the moment of our extremity. Instead of exhibiting fear.

For our earthly life. Our material possessions. We will count it all joy.

When we are stripped to suffer. Even and especially for their sake. While they are being hated all the world over.

They are being loved by us. With costly love. In the place where they least expect to find it.

Among Gentiles. Christians. In Germany.

Seal this Lord. Seal this great mystery. Put flame in our hearts.

At this so great calling. Beyond any ability in ourselves to perform. If there is no resurrection.

We of all men are most to be pitied. But we know that there is a resurrection. And you have even exhibited us before us these last few days.

Through a 75 year old man. Who has every reason to be exhausted and spent. And seems to increase in strength.

Even as he fulfills in obedience. His call to us in these days. May we fulfill our call.

On the same basis by which he fulfills his. For there is no other basis. But the power of the risen and ascended life.

The light that lightens the Gentiles. The light of his life. Is the glory of the people Israel.

And you have determined in your wisdom. That they shall see it through our faces. In the very hour of crisis and extremity.

Or they shall not see it at all. Lord this is beyond any one of us individually. We have now requirement to be the church.

This is a corporate glory. Possible only in a body. Of authentically related individuals.

Who have died to their individuality. That they might be the members of a body. A body have you desired.

And a body you will have. Diverse in age and sex. Gender.

Race. Drawn from the whole variety of mankind in Germany. But one as you are one.

Not by magic. By the cross. So Lord I bless them.

As the minister sent unto them. Whatever measure of authority I have in your sight. I bless this people.

I bless this pastor. I bless the elders. Those who are in a place of responsibility.

That they might all come. Into the fullness and stature. Of the perfect man.

The perfect man. The overcoming Christ. In stature, wisdom and love.

Put the love for the Jew in their hearts. Not the schmaltzy sentimental false equivalent. The true love.

Your own. That cannot be offended against. It cannot fail.

Even when it is tested. As only the Jew knows how to test. And which we have failed.

Even Luther has failed. But we must not. In the unconditional love of God.

Which has replaced our shabby substitute. Romantic affinity for Israel. Which we had self interest and investment.

And it was not priestly. Come and bring to death. Here at this altar.

The place of sacrifice. Every substitute. For the real thing.

And have a people for your name. Who know you as you in fact are. And are not ashamed that you are a God of judgment.

For when your judgments are in the earth, the world will learn righteousness. And know that equally. That it is mercy that follows judgment.

Which you will express through them. Or there will be no Jewish survival at all. That by our mercy they will obtain mercy.

And you will be glorified. As their king. When the redeemed of the Lord return to Zion.

Through the sacrifice of the church. That in fact is the church. Bless this people.

For this so high call. Whatever the cost. You are free to wake, bring us out of our bed at any time of night.

Early morning hours. You do not have to gratify our German minds. To give us explanation of why.

But let your spirit have full sway. In groanings that cannot be uttered. That opens the very heavens.

Yes even over this Berlin. Over this Germany. Over this people Israel.

That you might come down. That you might be revealed. Bless these children.

Seal them with divine sealing. In a once and for all way. That needs not again to be repeated.

Sealed. In heaven. By name.

Everyone whom you know. And have called. In these days.

In this hour. For Jesus sake. In whose name we pray.

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