

We Shall Rejoice Together in Him

by C.H. Spurgeon

God's patience with Israel will ultimately lead to their restoration and blessing, and all believers will rejoice together in Christ.

Scripture: Psalm 126:1-3, Isaiah 53:3, Jeremiah 31:31-34, Zechariah 12:10, Matthew 2:2, John 19:37, Romans 11:25-26, Galatians 3:28, Ephesians 2:14-16, Revelation 1:7

Topics: "Unity in Christ", "The Role of Israel"

Description

C.H. Spurgeon emphasizes the enduring identity and suffering of Israel, reflecting on their rejection of Jesus as their true King and the patience of God towards them. He laments the historical persecution faced by the Jewish people, often at the hands of those who claim to follow Christ, and highlights their unique role in God's plan. Spurgeon assures that despite their trials, Israel will ultimately be restored, and all believers, Jew and Gentile alike, will rejoice together in Christ, who unites us all. He calls for recognition of the Jewish people's significance and the hope of their future redemption.

Transcript

Looking to him whom they pierced, the whole house of Israel will weep bitterly. And now, dear brethren, it will tend to increase the blessed sorrows which will then sweep over Israel, to think how the Lord has had patience with them, and still has never cast them away. To this day they are as distinct a people as ever they were. They dwell alone; they are not numbered among the people. Persecuted almost beyond conception, poor Israel, for many a century, has been the butt and jest of those - I shame to say it - who called themselves Christians, and yet despised the chosen people of the Lord. Alas! the precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, have been esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! "How hath the Lord covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger, and cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel!" They have for centuries endured a terrible chastening; they have been turned upside down, and wiped as when a man wipeth a dish, but still they stand waiting for a vainly expected King. They would not have their true King, Jesus the Son of David, and they have no other - where is there any king of the Jews? The scepter hath departed from Jacob, and the lawgiver from between his feet, for Shiloh has come, even he who, as he did hang upon the cross, was thrice named, "King of the Jews."

Jesus is the sole and only King of the Jews, and they are preserved and kept alive notwithstanding a thousand influences which threatened to make them lose their nationality; they shall yet be gathered

again, and their restoration shall be the fullness of the Gentiles, and we and they shall rejoice together in him who hath made both one, and broken down the middle wall or partition, so that there is now neither Jew nor Gentile, barbarous Scythian, bond nor free, but we are all one in Christ Jesus.

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