

*** Awakened at 3:20 AM on Friday 7/29 with the phrase, “you did not know the hour of your visitation.”**

I. Jesus Laments Spiritual Blindness (41-42)

“And when he drew near and saw the city, he wept over it, [42] saying, “Would that you, even you, had known on this day the things that make for peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes.”

Isaiah 48:18 - Oh that you had paid attention to my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea.”

II. Jesus Warns of Unavoidable Consequences (43-44a)

“For the days will come upon you, when your enemies will set up a barricade around you and surround you and hem you in on every side [44a] and tear you down to the ground, you and your children within you. And they will not leave one stone upon another in you...”

Isaiah 65:1-2 – “I was ready to be sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was ready to be found by those who did not seek Me. I said, “Here I am, here I am,” to a nation that was not called by My name. [2] I spread out My hands all the day to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices.”

III. Jesus Explains the Root Problem (44b)

“...because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

Isaiah 55:6 – “Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near.”

Psalms 32:6 – “Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer to You at a time when You may be found; surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach Him.”

IV. Jesus Overthrows Empty Religion (45-46)

“And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, [46] saying to them, “It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.”

Zechariah 7:11-13 - “But they refused to pay attention and turned a stubborn shoulder and stopped their ears that they might not hear. [12] They made their hearts diamond-hard lest they should hear the law and the words that the LORD of hosts had sent by his Spirit through the former prophets. Therefore great anger came from the LORD of hosts. [13] “As I called, and they would not hear, so they called, and I would not hear,” says the LORD of hosts.”

V. Jesus Invests in the Willing Remnant (47-48)

“And he was teaching daily in the temple. The chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people were seeking to destroy him, [48] but they did not find anything they could do, for all the people were hanging on his words.”

Psalms 81:13 – “Oh, that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!”