

Now Is the Time for Israel to Be Restored, Receive Jesus as Messiah

One of the most significant prayers for the coming of Messiah is:

ברוך הוא בשם אדוני' , *Baruch ha-ba b'shem Adonai*—blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

It is found twice in the Gospel of Matthew. The first is the cheering welcome of the crowds at the time of the “triumphal entry” into Jerusalem. As Yeshua rode into the city on a donkey, the people laid their clothing on the street, waved palm branches and shouted:

“Hoshia-na to Ben-David! Baruch ha-ba b'shem Adonai! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Hoshia-na in the highest!” (Matt. 21:9, TLV).

The second time is found a few days later, while Yeshua is preaching in Jerusalem, teaching about the end times and rebuking the religious leaders for their hypocrisy:

“O Jerusalem, Jerusalem who kills the prophets and stones those sent to her! ... Look, your house is left to you desolate! For I tell you, you will never see Me again until you say, ‘*Baruch ha-ba b'shem Adonai*. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!’” (Matt. 23:37-39).

Conditional Dual Entry

So, we have one “triumphal entry” in the past (Matt. 21) and one in the future (Matt. 23). The future one refers to the Second Coming. It will be similar to the first, but much more glorious and “triumphant.” Yeshua will return on a white horse, and will be received by a great multitude, gathered

from every nation.

Yeshua said, "You will not see Me until ..." This may be seen as both negative and positive, a punishment and a promise. First of all, the city will be destroyed. Then at some time in the future, it must be restored.

After it is restored, there will come a time when the people in Jerusalem will receive Him with shouts of "*Baruch ha-ba!*" He will not come back until this happens. He will come back when it happens. It will happen. This is both a prophecy and a prerequisite.

Why must these events happen first? For the same reason that there must be two comings of the Messiah, one to suffer as atoning sacrifice and one to rule and reign as king.

After Yeshua was crucified, the city had to be destroyed. At that time the message of salvation began to be spread around the world. Now, after many years, every nation has had the opportunity to receive salvation. The international *ekklesia* has grown, comprised of true Christians from every ethnic group.

Now is the time for Israel to be restored, to be ready to receive Messiah Yeshua back again. This time not only will Israel welcome Him back, but the remnant of people from every tribe and tongue. {eoa}

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