

Who Is the Apple of God's Eye?

It seems as if God has been conducting a monumental chess game throughout the ages, waiting for the strategic moment in history to make His move. Yes, the playing board has been set and the pieces have been chosen. The call for watchmen is the strategic positioning of His intercessory knights and prophetic bishops being brought together for a sweeping move—one that all the world will observe closely. No eye will miss this mysterious and fascinating time. We must pray, therefore, for our eyes to be opened with spiritual understanding.

Seeing through God's Eyes

After our move from Kansas City to "Music City," the first conference that my wife, Michal Ann, and I hosted in Nashville was on "The Mystery of the Church and Israel." Our friends Avner and Rachel Boskey of Final Frontier Ministries in the Beersheva region of Israel led the worship. During one of the worship times, I saw an open vision of an eye staring right at me. In the middle of this eye, I saw the Star of David. As I gazed more intently upon the vision, I saw a Scripture reference written in the middle of the Star of David. The Scripture I saw was Zechariah 2:8.

At that time, I did not have the foggiest idea what Zechariah 2:8 (NASB) was, so I found it in my Bible: "The one who touches you [Israel], touches the apple of His eye."

Some other translations render the phrase apple of God's eye as the pupil of God's eye. The pupil is the opening that allows light into the eye, beginning the process of sight. So he who touches Israel touches the center of God's eye—the center of God's sight.

If you want an accurate prophetic perception of life, Scripture and God's purposes on earth, especially in the days before Christ returns, you must have God's vision, seeing through God's eyes and then holding dear to your heart the things that are closest to His heart. Since Israel is at the center of God's vision, we need to see through the lens of Israel's destiny if we are to see correctly and clearly.

Confirmation through the Words of Moses

Moses tells us in Deuteronomy 32:9-11, "For the Lord's portion is His people; Jacob is the allotment of His inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the howling waste of a wilderness; He encircled him, He cared for him, He guarded him as the pupil of His eye. Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that hovers over its young, He spread His wings and caught them, He carried them on His pinions."

Please understand that this is not an ethnic issue. It is about a promise-keeping God who is faithful to fulfill His plan for a people, a city and a nation through whom He has chosen to display His splendor. We cannot afford to poke at God's eye with prejudice and wrong concepts, such as replacement theology, cessationism and other false teachings. This is about God's faithful character being on lavish display for all to observe and know.

A phrase in a famous hymn says, "His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me." Well, because God's eye is on the sparrow, we know His gaze has never lifted from the center of His attention. That center is Israel and His eye is ever gazing on them. His plans and His purposes will yet be fulfilled!

The Eye of the Lord

His eye is upon all the descendants of Abraham. Why? "Because God so loved the world that He gave His only Son." God's eye is upon every people, every tribe and every nation! God's eye

is upon every city, every neighborhood and every family! God's eye is upon you right now! Why?

God loves you with an everlasting love. God has you in His sight right now! He really does! Amen and Amen! {eoa}

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