

Psalm 12

We've been looking at Psalm 12, and how at that time there was oppression going on in Israel. There were vile and wicked men who were attempting to exalt themselves above the people. And the people were going along with it. They were despairing of God ever bringing them his promise of total deliverance, and they were beginning to adopt the manner of their wicked oppressors, in an attempt to deliver themselves. They were double in heart, and flatterers in speech, and they were trying to prevail with their own words.

And as a result of this, the godly and faithful were failing from among men. The godly seed, and the seed of the Messiah, the foundations of salvation, were in danger of being destroyed. But David cried out to God, and God provided the solution to the problem, by giving David his pure words of the Psalms. And so instead of speaking vanity every one with his neighbor, the people could take up those pure words into their lips, and cry out to God with a perfect heart for salvation.

Last time we considered how these same things were at work at the time of Christ. How that generation had many of the same problems that David has talked about here. And how because they refused to be purified by the words of God alone, and instead polluted themselves with a mixture of man's words, they ended up destroying the Messiah.

Well, this week we're going to look at the second coming of Christ. Because there is going to come a time when all these things are fulfilled, and Israel is brought perfect salvation. When their hearts all prepared, and they cry out with one voice to God for salvation. And then he will bring their deliverance.

We've actually already talked about that, when we went through Psalms 7, 8, and 9. We've already seen how God would one day pour out his wrath on the wicked, and bring judgement, and usher in his kingdom. But now we can look at it from a little bit different angle. That was an overview, but this time we can see in more detail how the righteous, those that are saved, are brought into that kingdom. We'll see how Israel is brought to that place of preparation for receiving the LORD's salvation.

Now, the first thing that's going to have to happen, is for Israel to be purified.

Israel right now is not upright. They don't serve God alone, or trust in his word with all their heart.

And so, they need their hearts purified. And the word of God can do that, it can try and purify them. But they need to be brought to a place where they're willing to let that happen. Where they will take heed to the pure words of the LORD.

And that is something that will happen during the tribulation, the time of Jacob's trouble.

Let's take a look at Numbers chapter 19.

There are a lot of passages in the OT, in the law specifically, that talk about purification. The law could purify the flesh remember, and so there is much talk of that in the law.

And many of the passages about that are prophetic of various things. And this is one of those.

Numbers 19:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,
2 This is the ordinance of the law which the LORD hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke:

So they're supposed to take this red heifer, this red cow, and they're going to be told to kill it.

Now, when you start to look at other places in the Bible that it talks about red animals, you don't find too many. Because most animals aren't naturally red.

But in Revelation it does talk about red horses, and a red dragon, and another red creature that it doesn't tell us exactly what it is:

Revelation 17:1 And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a **scarlet coloured** beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

Now that is very strange beast. And it is representative of the church of the Antichrist, the Roman Catholic institution.

But I think that this red heifer here in this verse is a foreshadowing of the scarlet colored beast. And you'll see why, as we go on.

First, it said that this was to be a heifer that had never borne the yoke.

Revelation 18:7 How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

So the woman who sat upon that beast lived deliciously.

That beast had never borne a yoke.

And just as that red heifer was a heifer, and had never birthed a calf, so the woman who rode that beast had never borne a child, but was a whore.

3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, that he may bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face:

4 And Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood directly before the tabernacle of the congregation **seven times**:

What this is ultimately going to result in is a purifying. And so this is done seven times, to signify that it will be complete cleansing, perfect purification.

5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn:

Revelation 17:16 And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and **burn her with fire**.

And so, before the tribulation is over, the Antichrist is going to destroy and burn the whore.

6 And the priest shall take cedar wood, and hyssop, and scarlet, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the heifer.

You know, these are symbols of Christ's suffering. He died on a cross of wood. He was offered a sponge of vinegar upon a stalk of hyssop. And he was clothed in a scarlet robe and mocked.

And so the priest is to throw these symbols of the Messiah's sufferings in the fire as the red heifer is burnt, and burn them up.

Why? Because that scarlet beast is filled with symbols of the sufferings of Christ. Crucifixes, and so on. And they perform the ceremony of Christ's sufferings over and over again, millions of times each day. And God hates it, because Christ died once for all. And so he's going to burn them up. Because that's the only way that the earth can be purified, that his people can be purified, and redeemed from the earth. Because that beast never cleanses them through that ministry, which is signified by the fact that it must be performed over and over again. And so the only way to purge the earth is to destroy such wickedness, and burn it up.

7 Then the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp, and the priest shall be unclean until the even.

8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even.

And by participating in this ceremony of the burning of the red heifer, they are made unclean. This red heifer is an unclean thing. Because all the sin of innocent blood is placed upon it. And that's why it is red, as a picture of that.

And you'll see that better as we go forward.

9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place, and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water of separation: it is a **purification** for sin.

And so the end result of all this is, that there is going to be provided a way for Israel to be purified. They are going to be purified from sin.

And that's exactly what will happen during the tribulation. Israel will end up being purified, and cleansed from sin.

And that's what they need, remember, in order to receive the LORD's deliverance from all oppression. They need to be made pure.

10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 He that toucheth the dead body of any man shall be unclean seven days.

Now Israel, as a people, touched the dead body of a man. Upon their hands is the blood of their dead Messiah.

But in the end God isn't going to require that of them. The blood of Christ isn't going to condemn Israel and it be destroyed, but it will instead cleanse them, and they will be saved.

And that's going to happen when they go through the seven years of the tribulation, represented here, by seven days. The seven days of Daniel's seventieth week.

You see, instead of destroying them, God is going to destroy this red heifer, this scarlet colored beast.

They'll be washed in the ashes of that burning, and God will count them clean.

Why?

Revelation 18:24 And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth.

You see, Israel killed the Messiah. But the blood of the saints and prophets is not going to be imputed to Israel. It is Babylon that did that.

And so God will pour out his wrath upon the whore, and Israel will be sprinkled with the memorial of that, with those ashes of her burning. And God will remember that wrath, and he will be pacified. And so they will be purified from the shedding of the blood of his Son.

In a sense, you could say that Israel's sin was imputed to Babylon. Our sin is imputed to Christ, and he paid for it, and rose again. Their sin will be, as it were, imputed to the antichrist as well, and he will pay for it, and never rise again.

And so they'll be sprinkled and cleansed, not just by the blood of Christ, but by the ashes of the burning of Babylon.

12 He shall purify himself with it on the third day, and on the seventh day he shall be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, then the seventh day he shall not be clean.

And this is exactly what is going to happen to the people of Israel.

In the midst of the seven years, in the midst of the week, on the third day, the antichrist will commit the abomination of desolation.

And those of Israel who don't separate themselves from the antichrist on the third day, are going to be deceived and end up being destroyed with his kingdom.

If they take the mark of that beast, they cannot be saved.

But those who are cleansed on the third day will not follow the beast, or receive his mark, and they will be pure on the seventh day, and be clean.

13 Whosoever toucheth the dead body of any man that is dead, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of the LORD; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water of separation was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

And so those Jews who are not purified during the tribulation will not come into the house of the LORD, to defile it, to dwell with his name and his Son in Jerusalem.

14 This is the law, when a man dieth in a tent: all that come into the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days.

Just as Israel put Christ to death, and the whole nation became unclean.

15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean.

16 And whosoever toucheth one that is slain with a sword in the open fields, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days.

17 And for an unclean person they shall take of the ashes of the burnt heifer of purification for sin, and running water shall be put thereto in a vessel:

So now we see that it isn't these ashes alone, that bring purification. Running water must be put into a vessel with them.

We know that water is used as a figure of the word of God in the NT.

And so, it isn't just going through the tribulation that will purify Israel, but the mingling of that trial with the words of the LORD.

And so it is ultimately through the words of the LORD, that they will be tried and purified.

Just as we said before, the time of trouble alone cannot purify you. It is only able to refine you if the word of God is there to purge away the dross when it is brought to the surface. And so that's exactly what will happen to Israel.

18 And a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the persons that were there, and upon him that touched a bone, or one slain, or one dead, or a grave:

And so a clean person has to perform the ministry of purification. That's why God has to send his two witnesses, two clean men, to perform that ministry. As it talks about in Revelation 11.

19 And the clean person shall sprinkle upon the unclean on the third day, and on the seventh day: and on the seventh day he shall purify himself, and wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at even.

And so the ministry of the two witnesses will go from the middle to the end of the tribulation. So they will be able to purify the people on the third day, and on the seventh day. Then it says that on the seventh day the man to be cleansed has to wash himself again, this time with just pure water, no ashes mixed in. And then at evening he will be clean. And so in the end the word of God performs one final washing on them, and they are cleansed from the trial of the tribulation itself, and the ashes of judgement. And at evening, when the sky darkens, and then Christ appears in his glory, they will be clean.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of the LORD: the water of separation hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean.

And so any Jews who don't have the water of separation sprinkled on them, the word of God, they won't enter into the kingdom of heaven.

21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them, that he that sprinkleth the water of separation shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of separation shall be unclean until even.
22 And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

And so this water of separation cleanses, but it is also an unclean thing itself. If a clean person touches the water of separation, he will become unclean. So this isn't a purification that you desire to have. It is something only for the unclean by a dead body. And this signifies that the church, those that are saved, those that are clean, that have been purified with the word of the LORD, will not have to go through the tribulation, and have the ashes of the whore sprinkled upon them. They won't touch that water of separation, because it would make them unclean.

So, even today, Israel is still waiting for perfect salvation to come. They are still waiting for the purification. And God is going to purify them during the tribulation, just as he purified Israel in the days of David, with his word. Except that in this case that purification is also going to involve a trial, that the word will work through to prepare their hearts for salvation.

And there are other passages that talk about that purification.
Another one from the law that is a picture of that:

Leviticus 12:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a man child: then she shall be unclean seven days; according to the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean.

Revelation 12:1 And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:
2 And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And that represents Israel, bringing forth the Christ.
It says here that a woman who brings forth a man child must go through seven days purification. Well, Israel has not yet been through the seven days purification for that. But in the tribulation, when those seven years are complete, she'll be cleansed.

3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Israel today is uncircumcised. Uncircumcised in heart. But at the end of the tribulation, they will be cleansed. Their hearts will turn to the LORD, the veil will be taken away, and they will be saved.

4 And she shall then continue in the blood of her **purifying** three and thirty days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled.

So you have seven days, and then you have thirty-three days, so you have forty days total. And then the woman can come into the sanctuary.

1 Kings 2:11 And the days that David reigned over Israel were forty years: seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty and three years reigned he in Jerusalem.

I thought that was interesting.

So this is also kind of a picture of the history of Israel.

Israel wasn't purified by the Psalms until the time of David, when he reigned seven years, and then thirty-three more years. That's when God began giving them the word that would purify their hearts.

And at the end of that reign, Solomon took the throne, and built the temple.

And so Israel was purified seven days, and three and thirty days, and then came into the sanctuary of the LORD, and made sacrifice, just as the woman who had born a man child was to do in the day of her purifying.

So that law perfectly captures that time in the history of Israel.

Now, that law said that this is the purification that needed to be performed on a woman when she had brought forth a man child.

But you see, it happened in the days of David, because that was when God declared the seed of the Savior, the line through which he would come.

So that's when that seed was first brought to light.

God did that, and delivered Israel from their enemies, purified them, and brought them into his sanctuary.

Now, that's also exactly what he'll do at the time of the tribulation. He'll purify Israel, deliver them, and bring them into his sanctuary.

And this thirty-three days may also be significant in regard to the tribulation.

I had some interesting notes on that, from the book of Daniel, but it just wasn't quite coming together, so I'll have to do some more study there.

But it does talk about how the people will be purified in the last chapters of the book of Daniel:

Daniel 11:31 And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.

32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he corrupt by **flatteries**: but the people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits.

So the antichrist is going to corrupt many people by flatteries.

That's the same thing that it talked about in Psalm 12 in regard to the speech of the people and their oppressors. They were speaking with flattering lips and a double heart.

And that's what the antichrist will be like, and those that follow him.

But there will also be those who do know their God. And it talks about them some more:

33 And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall fall by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, many days.

34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be holpen with a little help: but many shall cleave to them with **flatteries**.

35 And some of them of understanding shall fall, to **try** them, and to purge, and to make them white, even to the time of the end: because it is yet for a time appointed.

And so there will be those that will be tried during this tribulation.

They will know their God, and be instructed by those of understanding. So they will have the word of God, and they will take heed to it because of their trouble, and will be tried and purified.

And so it says:

Daniel 12:9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the **words** are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be **purified**, and made white, and **tried**; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

So there were some words which Daniel couldn't understand, because they were sealed. But they would be revealed before the time of the end, and the wise who understood them would be tried and purified.

And so, in the tribulation, Israel will be purified by the word of God, just as they were in the days of David.

And just as in the days of David, there will also be that vile man exalted among the people, who will speak flatteries.

Now what are those words that will try them?
Well, the words of the Psalms, the prophets, and of the apostles.
But perhaps there will be some other words as well:

Revelation 10:1 And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud: and a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire:

2 And he had in his hand a little book open: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth,

3 And cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth: and when he had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

4 And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write: and I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

So there are some things that will be revealed at that time which are still sealed up. And note that there are seven thunders here. Just as the word is purified seven times. So these seven thunders will perform a seven times purification of the tribulation saints, and they will be perfectly cleansed by them. They will understand, and won't cleave unto them with flatteries. And so it says of the 144,000:

Revelation 14:5 And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

And so the first fruits of the redeemed of Israel will be pure in their speech. They will speak no guile. But they will be godly and faithful.

And isn't that the very same contrast that we've been seeing in Psalm 12? Those with wicked speech, and those with pure tongues, who have been purified by the words of the LORD. That's exactly what it will be like at the time of the end.

And there are other passages that talk about this:

Zephaniah 3:1 Woe to her that is filthy and polluted, to the oppressing city!

2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in the LORD; she drew not near to her God.

3 Her princes within her are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves; they gnaw not the bones till the morrow.

4 Her prophets are light and treacherous persons: her priests have polluted the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law.

5 The just LORD is in the midst thereof; he will not do iniquity: every morning doth he bring his judgment to light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

6 I have cut off the nations: their towers are desolate; I made their streets waste, that none passeth by: their cities are destroyed, so that there is no man, that there is none inhabitant.

7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt receive instruction; so their dwelling should not be cut off, howsoever I punished them: but they rose early, and corrupted all their doings.

8 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them

mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

And so God decided that Israel would not be purged from iniquity until the end, when he would pour out his wrath upon the nations.

They were wicked and treacherous and oppressors, and God punished them for it, but they wouldn't be reformed.

But at the end they will:

9 For then will I turn to the people a **pure** language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent.

“Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear.”

God will purify the language of his people, and they will call on him with one consent, in faithfulness, with a perfect heart. And then they will be saved.

10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering.

11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.

Did it not also speak in Psalm 12 of their pride?

Psalms 12:3 The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things.

And that's exactly what he says here that he's going to do. He's going to take away all this who rejoice in their pride.

He's going to cut them off. But there will also be those that are saved:

12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.

Psalms 12:5 For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

And so the poor of Israel will finally put their trust wholly in the LORD, and they will all cry out with a perfect heart for salvation.

13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

And so there will be no more flattering lips or proud tongues in Israel. No more unfaithful or ungodly.

But the remnant will be pure in language, and faithful in heart, and they will be delivered.

14 Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem.

And don't you know they're going to sing a psalm like this one in Psalm 12?

15 The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.

16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack.

17 The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing.

And God will sing one back to them.

18 I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden.

19 Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame.

20 At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD.

And so at that time, God will bring them perfect salvation. It will come.

God will send his word, and purify his people. They will all call out to him in faithfulness with all their heart, with one consent. And he will judge their oppressors, and bring them deliverance.

This passage in Zephaniah focused on the deliverance aspect of that. But the flip side of that coin is the judgment of the wicked, the destruction of the oppressors.

And we find that in passages like Isaiah 13:

Isaiah 13:1 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

2 Lift ye up a banner upon the high mountain, exalt the voice unto them, shake the hand, that they may go into the gates of the nobles.

3 I have commanded my sanctified ones, I have also called my mighty ones for mine anger, even them that rejoice in my highness.

4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together: the LORD of hosts mustereth the host of the battle.

5 They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the LORD, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Howl ye; for the day of the LORD is at hand; it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty.

7 Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt:

8 And they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.

9 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it.

10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not cause her light to shine.

11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.

12 I will make a man more precious than fine **gold**; even a man than the golden wedge of Ophir.

13 Therefore I will shake the heavens, and the earth shall remove out of her place, in the wrath of the LORD of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger.

14 And it shall be as the chased roe, and as a sheep that no man taketh up: they shall every man turn to his own people, and flee every one into his own land.

15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is joined unto them shall fall by the sword.

And so the oppressors, and all that join themselves to them, will be destroyed and slain. But there will be some that will escape. And they will be more precious than fine gold. They will have the gold of faith in their hearts. And of course that means that they've been tried by the words of LORD, purified, and made faithful.

And so the LORD will judge every oppressor, and cut off all flattering lips. But he will save the godly and faithful.

They will be crying out to him with their whole heart, in one consent, with pure tongues. And he will deliver them.

Isaiah 26:1 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah; We have a strong city; salvation will God appoint for walls and bulwarks.

2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which **keepeth** the truth may enter in.

They are going to be keeping the truth, the words of the LORD. And what happens in return?

3 Thou wilt **keep** him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee.

Psalms 12:7 Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

As we said, those who keep the word of God are kept by God, through his word.

And so Israel at that time will once again put their trust in the LORD, and keep his word. And it will keep them, and they will receive the LORD's salvation.

And they will be preserved, for ever:

4 Trust ye in the LORD for ever: for in the LORD JEHOVAH is everlasting strength:

5 For he bringeth down them that dwell on high; the lofty city, he layeth it low; he layeth it low, even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust.

6 The foot shall tread it down, even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy.

And so God will set the poor and needy in safety, as he said in Psalm 12:5.

7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou, most upright, dost weigh the path of the just.

8 Yea, in the way of thy judgments, O LORD, have we waited for thee; the desire of our soul is to thy name, and to the remembrance of thee.

Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in his law doth he meditate, day and night.

9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness.

And so there is going to come a time, when Israel isn't going to walk in the counsel of the ungodly, they aren't going to follow the antichrist. But they will put their trust in God, and meditate on it day and night, seeking his salvation with all their heart. They will keep his word, and he will keep them, because they trust in him.

God says in Psalm 12:5 he will arise for the oppression of the poor, and for the sighing of the needy.

Well, in Isaiah 35:10 it says that when God brings them salvation:

Isaiah 35:10 And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and **sighing** shall flee away.

And so God will hear the sighing and crying of the oppressed, and will prepare their hearts, and deliver them.

In Psalm 12:4 it tells us that the people said, "With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?"

Well, in Isaiah 47 it tells us that Babylon will also attempt to prevail with their words and counsels:

Isaiah 47:12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest **prevail**.

13 Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it.

15 Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

So they'll attempt to prevail with their enchantments and counsels. But they won't.

Isaiah 42:13 The LORD shall go forth as a mighty man, he shall stir up jealousy like a man of war: he shall cry, yea, roar; he shall **prevail** against his enemies.

And so man will not prevail. The wicked will not prevail with their wicked words. God will send his word, and it will purify the hearts of his people. In their trial they will turn to him, and trust in him with all their heart. They will cry out to him with one consent, and he will cause his ear to hear, and he will deliver the poor and needy, the oppressed of Israel, and bring the godly and faithful nation perfect salvation.