

## **Section 9: Rejoice, Oh Israel!**

**1) P1:** Let us look up from our situation to the Lord, our Provider<sup>1</sup>

**2) All:**

The Lord is our King and our Saviour.  
He has opened up a fountain of forgiveness  
To the House of David,  
He has cleansed Jerusalem from all of its sin.

He will grant us victory,  
He will grant us triumph,  
He will grant us deliverance  
And remove the harm caused by  
Centuries of hate-filled prejudice

**3) P1:**

Rejoice! Rejoice! Oh Israel!  
Because of the forgiveness granted to you.  
Shout out the Gospel from the rooftops!  
Send it forth over the media networks!  
Publicise it abroad to all the nations  
For the sake of His Holy Name!  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Oh Israel!  
For the Lord has done an astonishing work.  
His enemies are dumbfounded.  
The media commentators are dismayed.  
Unbelievers across the world are aghast  
At what the Lord has done.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Oh Israel!  
Premature obituaries written concerning you  
Are being consigned to *'editorial wastepaper bins.'*  
Those commentators who *'wrote you off'*  
Are being made to look foolish  
Renowned *'Middle Eastern experts'*  
Mumble confused apologies.  
The predictions of men have been confounded  
And the whole of *'Cyberspace'* is astir  
With news of your conversion

Rejoice! Rejoice! Oh Israel,  
Rejoice with thanksgiving.  
Shout aloud your testimony!  
Be bold in your witness!  
Call upon the Lord for further strength  
And speak to the nations concerning His Messiah

**4) All:**

Lord, we rejoice greatly in your salvation  
The work of Your Spirit has enthralled us.  
We are exhilarated by your sense of glory

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<sup>1</sup> This dialogue was written on Friday 25th April 1986, following *'How could we?'* Vividly portrayed is the joy that will be felt when the Jewish remnant discovers that their relationship with God has been restored.

Like a fruitful vine,  
Our witness will spread  
To the ends of the earth  
We will tell all peoples everywhere  
Of the Messiah's goodness to us

Arise and by your great strength  
Deal with those enemies  
Who long to destroy us!  
Continue to display your victorious power and might,  
So that all nations will acknowledge you,  
As we do now

**5) P1:** *"Even so, come Lord Yeshua,"* (Revelation 22:19)

**6) P2:** Come quickly to defeat the powers of evil that rage against us

**7) All:** For we are your chosen people, Israel, *"The apple of [your] eye"*

Begin tenth reading

#### **Zechariah 14:1-4**

1. *Behold, the day of the LORD comes and your spoil shall be divided in the midst of you.*
2. *For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken and the houses rifled and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.*
3. *Then shall the LORD go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.*
4. *And his feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north and half of it toward the south.*

#### **Revelation 19:11f**

11. *And I saw heaven opened and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called 'Faithful and True' and in righteousness he does judge and make war.*
12. *His eyes were as a flame of fire and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but himself.*
13. *And he was clothed with a vesture [royal robe] dipped in blood: and his name is called 'The Word of God.'*
14. *And the armies, which were in Heaven, followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.*
15. *And out of his mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.*
16. *And he has on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS and LORD OF LORDS.*

*17. And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, 'Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;*

*18. That you may eat the flesh of kings and the flesh of captains and the flesh of mighty men and the flesh of horses and of them that sit on them and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.'*

*19. And I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sat on the horse and against his army.*

*20. And the beast was taken and with him the false prophet that wrought miracles before him, with which he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped his image. These both were cast alive into a lake of fire burning with brimstone.*

*21. And the remnant was slain with the sword of him that sat upon the horse, which sword proceeded out of his mouth: and all the fowls were filled with their flesh.*

### **Revelation 20:1-6**

*1. And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand.*

*2. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan and bound him a thousand years,*

*3. And cast him into the bottomless pit and shut him up and set a seal upon him, that he should deceive the nations no more, till the thousand years should be fulfilled: and after that he must be loosed a little season.*

*4. And I saw thrones and they sat upon them and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the word of God and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.*

*5. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.*

*6. Blessed and holy is he that has part in the first resurrection: on such the second death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ and shall reign with him a thousand years.*