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Is your heart heavy, Beloved? Are you biting your lip? Are you fighting crying? Are you trying to hold back the tears because you're so afflicted? You are so tormented inside. Things are not good; they're not going right. How are you going to survive? Well listen to me carefully, "...**Weeping may endure for a night, but joy [comes] in the morning,**" if you know where to turn. (**Psalms 30:5, KJV**)

**PART ONE**

Welcome, Beloved, I am so thrilled that you are studying God's Word with me. And if you've downloaded the free study guide, and you've been looking at our topic this week, which is Isaiah 14:28 all the way through Isaiah 18, you know that if you've looked at that, it is not easy to be understood. And if you've looked at it, you've thought, "Oh my goodness, this is, in a sense, ho hum." And it is, in a sense, "ho hum" until you get below the surface. Until you stop and see that one of the key words in this

group of scriptures is “weeping,” it is “wailing.” And what you see as you look at that, it is man weeping and man wailing because of the judgment of God, because of the conflict of the nations. But it is also man wailing and in the process, God cries. God cries because God looks at the sorrow of man. And so you can know this: that if you are weeping, if there are tears that you are fighting, if you are trying to keep it all together when you’re in public; you can know this: that your sorrow causes God sorrow. But the other thing you need to know is this: It not only causes God sorrow, but God has a cure. And we see that as we go through each of these chapters, because in every single one of these chapters, there is a reference that takes the eyes of the reader, the mind of the reader, and focuses it on God. And this is what we see in Isaiah chapter 14, in that last verse as he gives this oracle to Philistia. Now remember the Philistines are the people that live to the west of Israel. They’re in the Gaza strip, is what we call it today. And we looked at it yesterday, but we’re going to look at it more today. But what I want to do, just to encourage you, start off with an encouraging note, and a note of hope is, I want to take you again to that last verse of chapter 14, and this is what it says. **“How then will one answer the messengers of the nation...?”**

**(Isaiah 14:32)** In other words, here is a nation coming against Philistia—uh against the Philistines. God is going to judge them. They are going to wail, the gate’s gonna wail, the city’s going to wail because when the gate goes, the city goes. They are going to be hit by famine. They think the problems are over. It would be like the United States of America all of a sudden finding every terrorist, and we get rid of them, and we go, “Ah! We got everyone that we were looking for.” But now what they find out is there is an underground and another serpent surfaces. And out of that serpent comes a flying serpent that just attacks them again. (See Isaiah 14:29) So the message is, **“How then will one answer the messengers of the nation...?”** And this is the answer. **“...That the LORD has founded Zion, and the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it.” (Isaiah 14:32)** In other words, if you are afflicted, there is a place for you to run. That place is to

God. Now that place is pictured for them as Zion the city of the great king. So let's look at Zion, and what I want to do is, I want to run you through some scriptures, okay? **"...The Lord has founded Zion...." (Isaiah 14:32)** So let's understand this, and this is very important, especially in this passage. And I want you to go to Leviticus chapter 23. Now Leviticus chapter 23 is when God has His people. He's taken them out of Egypt. He's brought them to Mt. Sinai. They're sitting around the mountain, and there He is talking to them. And as He talks to them, He wants them to remember that this land that He has given them (and I said Leviticus chapter 23, and I meant Leviticus chapter 25), that this land that He has given them is His land. Look at it in Leviticus chapter 25, verse 2. **"Speak to the sons of Israel and say to them, 'When you come into the land [that] I shall give you, then the land shall have a sabbath to the LORD.'"** (Leviticus 25:2) He's saying, "I'm going to take you to a land that I promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob as an everlasting possession. When you get there, I want you to know: I've given you the land." It's not a choice of who wants the land. It's a choice of who God has given the land. And then he says in verse 23: **"The land, moreover, shall not be sold permanently, for the land is Mine...but [you are] aliens and sojourners with Me."** (Leviticus 25:23) So you and I need to know that in this debate that we have going between the PLO and the surrounding Arab countries that are saying, "Listen, you give us the West Bank, you give us Jerusalem, you give us this, you give us that." God is saying, "Hey! I'm the One that's found in Zion. The afflicted are to come into it, and know this: It is My city. Zion is My city. This is My land and I, God, gave it to Israel." Now the next scripture I want you to look at is 2 Samuel chapter 5, verse 9; 2 Samuel chapter 5, verse 9. And you just get out your notes and make sure that you get down these verses. In 2 Samuel chapter 5, it's talking about David taking the stronghold of Zion. And this is what it says. In verse 7, it says: **"Nevertheless, David captured the stronghold of Zion...."** It was a Jebusite city. **"...[And] that is the city of David."** (2 Samuel 5:7) David took it. David is a Jew. He is from the

tribe of Judah. He took it and that is now called “the city of David.” Now remember this is what the end of Isaiah 14 tells us. It’s that last verse: **“...The Lord...,”** this is the messenger from the nation comes. What is the message? **“...The Lord has founded Zion....” (Isaiah 14:32)** How did He found it? He took the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt down to Mt Sinai. He told them that they were to go into the land and that that land was His, that it was never to be sold permanently. He puts David in the land. He has David go up, and He has David conquer, and when David conquers, it becomes their land. All right now, I want to take you also to Deuteronomy, okay? And let’s go to Deuteronomy chapter 12. When God tells them that He’s gonna take them into the land, and this verse, actually, you want to put down before you put down the Samuel verse. But it says this in verse 5 of Deuteronomy chapter 12. **“But you shall seek the LORD at the place which the LORD your God will choose from all your tribes, to establish His name there for His dwelling, and there you shall come.” (Deuteronomy 12:5)** So God is going to establish His name someplace. Where’s He going to establish His name? Listen very carefully, in the city of David. He’s going to establish His name in Zion. He is going to found Zion for a purpose. He gonna put His name there, and He’s gonna put His temple there. So the next verse I want you to go to is 2 Chronicles chapter 6. And when you get to 2 Chronicles chapter 6, Solomon is in the process of building the Temple. As a matter of fact he’s got it built. In 2 Chronicles chapter 6, and we wanna look at verse 5. It says this: **“Since the day that I brought My people from the land of Egypt...,”** God is speaking. **“...I did not choose a city out of all the tribes of Israel in which to build a house that My name might be there, nor did I choose any man for a leader over My people Israel; but I have chosen Jerusalem that My name might be there...,”** now watch. **“...And I have chosen David to be over My people Israel.” (2 Chronicles 6:5-6)** And then it comes down and Solomon is speaking. And he says in verse 10: **“Now the LORD has fulfilled His word which He spoke; for I have risen in the place of my**

**father David and [I] sit on the throne of Israel, as the LORD promised, and [I've] built the house for the name of the LORD...,” there. (2 Chronicles 6:10)** Now what is his message at the end of this oracle to the Philistines that teaches the demise of Philistia, the judgment of God, the people coming from the north? It's this: [“I have founded Zion. Let the afflicted of the Lord come there.”] (PARAPHRASE, Isaiah 14:32) Now watch what He's saying. He's saying, “I built My temple there. I put My name there. I sat My king there: David. I made a covenant with David that he would never lack for a man to sit on the throne. David sits on the throne. Solomon sits on the throne. And then you have Rehoboam sitting on the throne, and you go right on down to the time of Ahaz. They are sitting on the throne of David, but there is One coming who is yet to reign, and when He comes to reign, and we're going to see it in just a few minutes, when He comes to reign all the nations of the earth need to kiss the Son, because it is the Son of God who was born of the tribe of Judah of the house of David. We'll talk about it in just a minute.

## **PART TWO**

Stop and think about it. Here's an oracle about the Philistines; about Philistia. He's saying that you are going to be dealt with. Your city is going to collapse. You're going to be weeping. You're going to be crying. But listen, there's a messenger, and that messenger says this: “**...The LORD has founded Zion, [let] the afflicted of His people [come to] it.” (Isaiah 14:32)** In other words, God has made provision and that provision is God. And you, whether you are a Jew or Gentile, you need to come to Him because He is the King of all the earth. So we were looking at the fact that the Lord has founded Zion. I left you in 2 Chronicles chapter 6 where Solomon has built the Temple, where he has talked about this moment and how God had this moment planned, and how God had this place in mind. (See 2 Chronicles 6:10) In 2 Chronicles chapter 6, he now tells them what to

do when they sin. He says in verse 24, **“If Your people Israel are defeated before an enemy because they have sinned against You [against God] and they return to You and confess Your name, and pray and make supplication [prayers] before You in this house, then hear from heaven...forgive the sin[s] of Your people...and bring them back to the land which You have given to them and to their fathers.” (2 Chronicles 6:24-25)** In other words, “All right, You put Your name in Zion, in this place that you told us in Deuteronomy You were going to lead us to. We are now here, we have now built Your temple. You have put Your name here in Jerusalem—here in Zion.” **“...The LORD has founded Zion, [now let] the afflicted of His people [come]....” (Isaiah 14:32)** So then it comes down and this is what it says. It’s talking about all these incidences. It says if there’s a plague, if there’s blight, if there’s famine.] (PARAPHRASE, 2 Chronicles 6:28) Well this is what the Philistines were going to endure. They were going to endure famine. He goes on to say this, he says, verse 29. **“Whatever prayer or supplication is made by any man [any man] or by...Your people Israel....” (2 Chronicles 6:29)** In other words, Zion is not there just for the Jews, it’s there for “any man.” He says **“...each knowing his own affliction....” (2 Chronicles 6:29)** Now remember, Isaiah 14, this is the message: **“...The LORD has founded Zion, [let] the afflicted of [the Lord come there]....” (Isaiah 14:32)** And it says, **“...Each knowing his own affliction and his own pain, and spreading his hands toward this house, then hear from heaven [from] Your dwelling place ...forgive, and render to each according to...his ways, whose heart You know for You alone know the hearts of the sons of men, that they may fear You ...walk in Your ways...,”** and it says, **“...as long as they live in the land which You have given [them]....” (2 Chronicles 6:29-31)** Now this is not just an invitation to the Jews, it is an invitation to the Philistines, and as he says this, you continue reading on, and just write this down, we’re not going to go there. To 2 Chronicles chapter 7, and you wanna write down verse 12 to 16 and read them after the program. That contains the famous

verse: **“If my people, [who] are called by my name, [will] humble themselves, and pray, and...turn from their wicked ways...,”** etc., **“...then I will hear from heaven ...and [I] will heal their land.”** (2 Chronicles 7:14, KJV) So He’s saying, “Are you afflicted? Are you weeping? Are you burdened? Are you heartbroken? Where do you go? Don’t go to the arm of flesh like the Philistines did. Don’t try and make it on your own, the Lord has founded Zion; go there.” Now when you look at Zion, I want you to go to Psalm 2 because this is a very, very important psalm. And the Psalms talk a lot about Zion. In fact, Zion is mentioned 170 times in the Old Testament, and that’s just Zion. You put Jerusalem with it, I mean, it’s all over the map. In Psalms 2 it says, **“Why are the nations in an uproar and the [people] devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers take counsel together against the LORD and against His Anointed....”** (Psalms 2:1-2) Who is His Anointed? His Anointed is His Son. His Anointed is His people saying: **“Let us tear their fetters apart [let us] cast...their cords from us!”** (Psalms 2:3) “We don’t need them, they’re trying to bind us. Leave us alone.” It’s like what’s happening in society today, Beloved. When we say, “I don’t wanna hear those commandments. I don’t wanna hear what God says. Go back in your churches. Shut your mouth. Talk in there. Sing in there. Worship in there. But don’t bring it out here, we’re not interested.” And this is what it says: **“He who sits in the heavens laughs, the Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger and terrify them in His fury, saying, ‘But as for Me, I have installed My King upon Zion, My holy mountain.’”** (Psalms 2:4-6) “You can laugh, you can scoff, you can try and take off the fetters, but you’ve got to know this, ‘I am God and I have put My King in Zion. I have put it in My holy mountain.’”] (PARAPHRASE, Psalms 2:3-6) And then it talks about Jesus. But then you drop down to verse 10, then it says, **“Now therefore, O kings, show discernment; take warning, O judges of the earth. Worship the LORD with reverence and rejoice with trembling. Do homage to the Son...,”**

the Son of God. (Psalms 2:10-12) His name is “Yeshua.” “God saves,” or “God our Savior.” **“Do homage to the Son, that He [may] not become angry, and you perish in the way, for His wrath may soon be kindled. How blessed are all you who take refuge in Him!” (Psalms 2:12)** Now let me read again to you, Isaiah chapter 14, the last two lines: **“...That the LORD has founded Zion, and the afflicted of His people will seek refuge in it.” (Isaiah 14:32)** When you look at the Philistines, when you look at those people you can know that they become the PLO. And when you study what happened, and you study their history, you find out that they have been continuous enemies of Israel. They had main cities. Those main cities were Ashdod and Gaza and Ashkelon and Gath and Ekron. Each was ruled by a lord and all those lords came against Israel. This was a people that were experts in metallurgy, and because of that they had great weapons. And yet you know what? They were no match for God nor for the people of God. And this is what he’s telling them in this oracle. They worshiped three gods: Dagon; and they worshipped the Ashtoreth and Beelzebub. And yet, those gods could not save them. What is God’s word to you today? God’s word is, “Listen, whatever you’re trusting in, if it’s not God, it cannot save you.” You are weeping and you never turn to God, joy is not going to come in the morning, your weeping is going to endure forever. (See Psalms 30:5) Why? Because the Lord has founded Zion and that’s where the afflicted are to take refuge. You’re to take refuge in Him, Beloved. [He is your rock. He is your shield. He is your fortress.] (PARAPHRASE, Psalms 18:2) **“...[He is your] very present help in [the time of] trouble.” (Psalms 46:1) “The name of the Lord is a strong tower; [and] the righteous [run] into it and [they’re saved].” (Proverbs 18:10)** Run.