



“For the nation and Kingdom that will not serve you shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted.” Isaiah 60:12

There are many standards or measurements from which judgments are made. Every government has a Bureau of Standards – an agency that holds the standard of measurements for length, weight, and even time. Companies and advocacy groups require standards for purity of pharmaceuticals, of foods, or manufactured products and care of employees or consumers. Companies and schools hold standards to those who would be employed by them. The Scriptures also give us standards of judgment on many topics. There are specific standards for living, for thinking, for living with other people. The Bible tells us of coming judgments for both individuals as well as for nations!

Jerusalem and Israel are two major plumb-lines whereby the Lord will judge the nations of the world! Every nation will be divided into one of two categories – the sheep nations or the goat nations. These designations will be determined by each nation’s response and treatment of Yahweh’s city, Jerusalem, and His covenant people, Israel. “I will bless those that bless you and I will curse those that curse you.” (Genesis 12:3). It is a serious matter to touch the people of God in injustice and slander – what of those who would declare war upon her? History is replete with people like Haman, Antiochus Epiphane, and Hilter who would have annihilated the Jewish people. Even today there are various demigods and despots such as Iran’s Mahmoud Ahmadinejad who would boast of such horror – but God sits in the heavens and laughs! (Psalm 2:4). For sure, God and the Jewish people will have the last word!

Herein is the call of Jesus for His people to have mercy upon and pray for those who have hurt them. We become daysmen or intercessors on some level, as we ask God to forgive and extend mercy to those who have wounded and offended us, lest the judgment of God hang over their heads. “Whosoever shall offend one of these little ones who believe in Me...” (Matthew 18:6).

Jesus said, “Pray for those who spitefully use you...”

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