

Whereas The LORD Was There Ezekiel 23 Verse 10

Eze 35:10 ¶ "Because thou hast said, These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will possess it; whereas the LORD was there:"

God directed the Prophet Ezekiel to prophesy against Mount Seir, which is a portion of the lands possessed and given to the Edomites by God. God has brought great desolation upon the land of promise, in judicial judgments, because Israel and Judah had sinned against God. The Edomites told themselves, of the land of promise, that here is a land desolate and easy for us to take into our possession.

"Whereas the LORD was there:" Although it was true that Israel and Judah had been removed and could not keep the Edomites out, the Edomites forgot one thing: God had given that land of promise to Israel, and though they were suffering under his judicial wrath, the land of promise was the possession of the Lord, given to his own people, not to the Edomites. They were trying to take possession of that which was not theirs. This is why God had Ezekiel to prophesy against the Edomites, and why God hindered the Edomites in their desire to possess the land of promise.

Now, let us consider our own land of promise here in time, the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, and our lives as Christians. Each child of God is a land of promise, because when we are born-again, we become the eternal possession of the Jesus Christ, seen in: **1Th 5:23 "And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."** This means you are the total possession of God.

What has that got to do with "**whereas the LORD was there:**" Understand, the devil has the whole world to play in, except for the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, which is the eternal possession of Jesus Christ, bought and paid for by his shed and atoning blood. Though we do like Israel and forget God, and turn away from him in life, and God brings upon us the desolation of the joy of God's salvation in our lives, and we come under judicial judgments for disobedience to God, we are still the possession of Jesus Christ, and God will not allow the devil to take possession of what is his. "**whereas the LORD was there:**"

We, God's people, are the perpetual target of the devil. However, because we are indwelt with the Holy Spirit of Christ in us, we have a shield of faith that will turn the fiery darts of our enemy aside. This shield of our faith is "**the Lord is there.**" In our attempts to do good works, we find that the devil is always trying to tear them down. However, we have a bulwark of defense that Satan cannot penetrate, and it is "**the Lord is there.**"

Satan targets the virtues and graces given to us by our heavenly Father. Satan desires to vanquish our hope of the eternal resurrection of the body. He desires to cause us to lose our faith, in the finished work of Jesus Christ. He desires to blow out the flame of our love for God and one another. The only reason that he is not successful in his attempts is "**the Lord is there.**" Oh! What a joy it is to feel the Holy Spirit presence in our lives.

Now, if the Lord be with us in life, why do we fear death? Just as surely as we are God's possession, on earth in time; likewise, our bodies in the graves of the earth are still his possession. Remember what Paul told us in: **2Co 5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."** We have victory over death because our Saviour and owner has already conquered that for us.

Remember the scripture in **Ro 8:11 "But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you."** Wherefore, we know that we have the same protection and power of resurrection in our own lives.

Jesus has promised to return and gather his possessions from the earth, and take them to the place he has prepared for them, seen in: **1Th 4:16-17; 16 "For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: 17 Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words."**

Just as God was there to protect Israel, and Judah, and the land of promise; Jesus Christ is here in, the Holy Spirit presence, to protect us. Wherefore, let us take comfort and know we are secure in the truth of "**whereas the LORD was there.**" Hallelujah! Praise ye the Lord!