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Isra'el's National Wickedness

58:1 to 59:21

In the days before the fall of Jerusalem (**Ezeki'el 8; Jeremiah 52**), **Isra'el** was full of sin. But more than anything, **they** were hypocrites, clinging to rituals of the letter of the Torah, yet being spiritually dead so they were separated from **God** by **their** sin. Like the prodigal son (**Luke 15:11-32**), **she** would have to come to the end of **her** rope to be willing to submit to **God**. Pride had kept **her** from doing so, and will keep **her** from doing so for a long time. It is pride that says: **I will ascend to heaven; I will raise my throne above the stars of God; I will sit enthroned on the mount of assembly, on the utmost heights of the sacred mountain. I will ascend above the tops of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High (14:13b-14).** It is the pride of self-sufficiency. It is the pride that says, "No thanks, **God**, I can handle it." It is the pride from the pit of hell that spiritually blinds people and anesthetizes them to the truth that they need **God**. We all need to give up the steering wheel of our lives to **Him**.



Alcoholics have talked about a "moment of clarity" where they see themselves as they really are - drunks. The alibi system is stripped away. "Everybody is picking on me," will not do anymore. It is then that they say, "I need to do something about this." **Isra'el** will go through the same process at the end of the Great Tribulation. As the armies of the antichrist are closing in on **those Jews** at Bozrah, **those** who are still alive at the end of the Great Tribulation, **her** life flashes before **her** eyes and **she** has a "moment of spiritual clarity." **Those Jews** will see **themselves** as they really are - sinners in need of a **Savior** (see the commentary on **Revelation**, to see link click [Ev](#) - **The Basis of the Second Coming of**

Jesus Chrst). At that moment they will confess their national sin, and invite **Jesus Christ** to come back and save them. **And so all Isra'el will be saved** (see [Kg](#) - **The Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Bozrah**). At that time, **she** will go from *groan* to *glory*.

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