


Week 42

Joel 2 Lifestyle



*The Zeal of God
manifesting through
His Sovereignty*



*Then the Lord will be
zealous for His
land, and pity His
people.*

Joel 2:18

God describes Himself as being zealous for His land, specifically for the land of Israel. God's zeal for the land of Israel is a profound Biblical idea found throughout the Word of God (Zech. 1:14; 8:2). We must understand that neither the land nor its people are special or holy in and of itself. It is only because God has chosen them that they are special. This zeal is about God's own glory and sovereignty.

In choosing Israel, God is declaring His sovereign leadership over the earth and over all history.

He personally chose where He would be born, where He will make His grand entrance during His Second Coming, and from where He will administer the Millennial Kingdom. Jerusalem is the very center of the world (Ezek. 5:5).

*This is the city of the great King, the
place where Jesus will return and the
place from which He will reign in His
Kingdom over the earth*

(Zech. 14:4, 8-10, 16-17; Ps. 48).



God's zeal for Israel stirs Him to come against nations that come against her. God will judge those who treat the land of Israel with injustice.

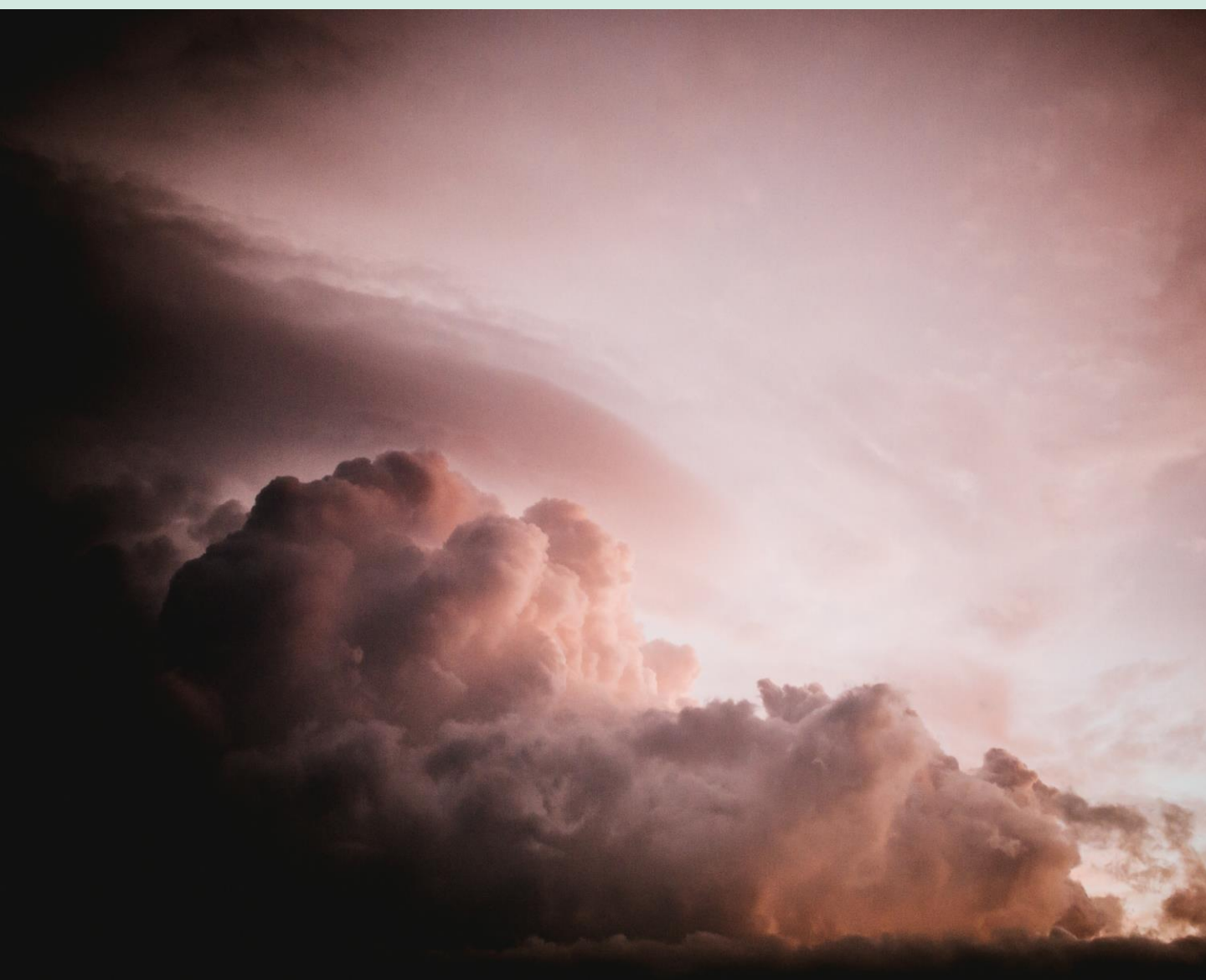
A dramatic reversal of history through supernatural intervention is coming to the nation of Israel.

Throughout history, Israel has been weak, traumatized, mocked and hated by nations on the earth. For most of the four thousand years of her existence, she has continually been on the brink of extinction. Seasons of prosperity have been few and far between.

Though God Himself has judged this nation severely and Satan's rage has come against her, the Lord is going to cause a *supernatural reversal of all of these events*. God is going to transform her trials into supernatural blessings. He will take this weak nation that has been judged by God and severely treated by men, and cause her to prosper.

God will reveal Himself as a covenant-keeping God. Israel will go from global persecution to global favor! We will see her arise to lead all the nations in the Millennium Kingdom.

The zeal of God will be
manifested through His
compassionate healing of the land
(Joel 2:19).



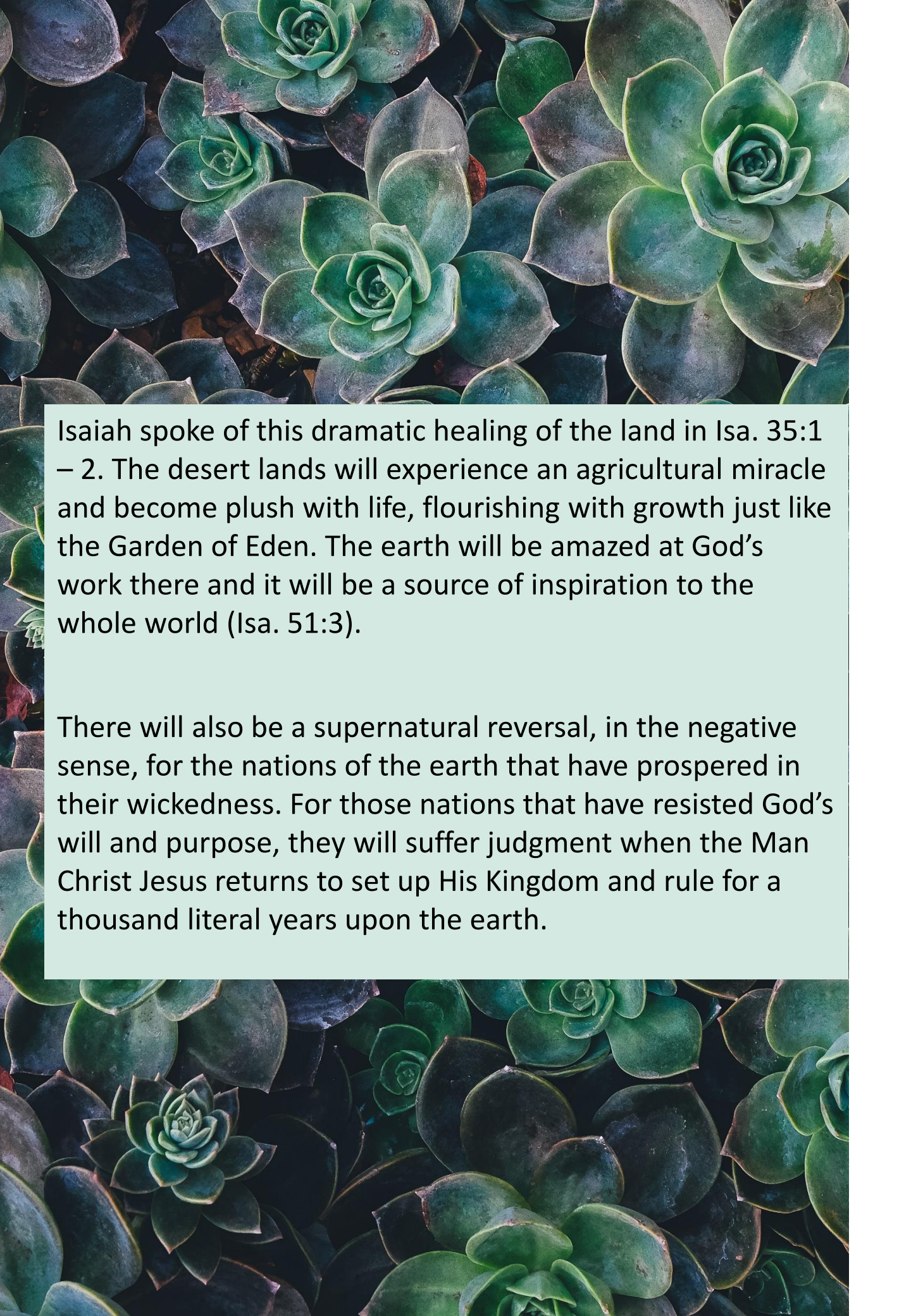
From God's point of view, the land of Israel stretches from the River of Egypt to the Euphrates River (Gen. 15:18). The vast majority of this land that God had promised Abraham is currently a barren desert area but it is going to be supernaturally healed by God.

From the beginning of time, the Lord had set up rain cycles. He even set up droughts to cause Israel to be anxious for rain. From this place of desperation, He wants them to turn and cry out to Him to transform the barrenness into fruitfulness, in the form of abundant food provision and supernatural rain cycles.

By His grace, God will pour out rain upon this land in a way that Israel has not known for four thousand years.

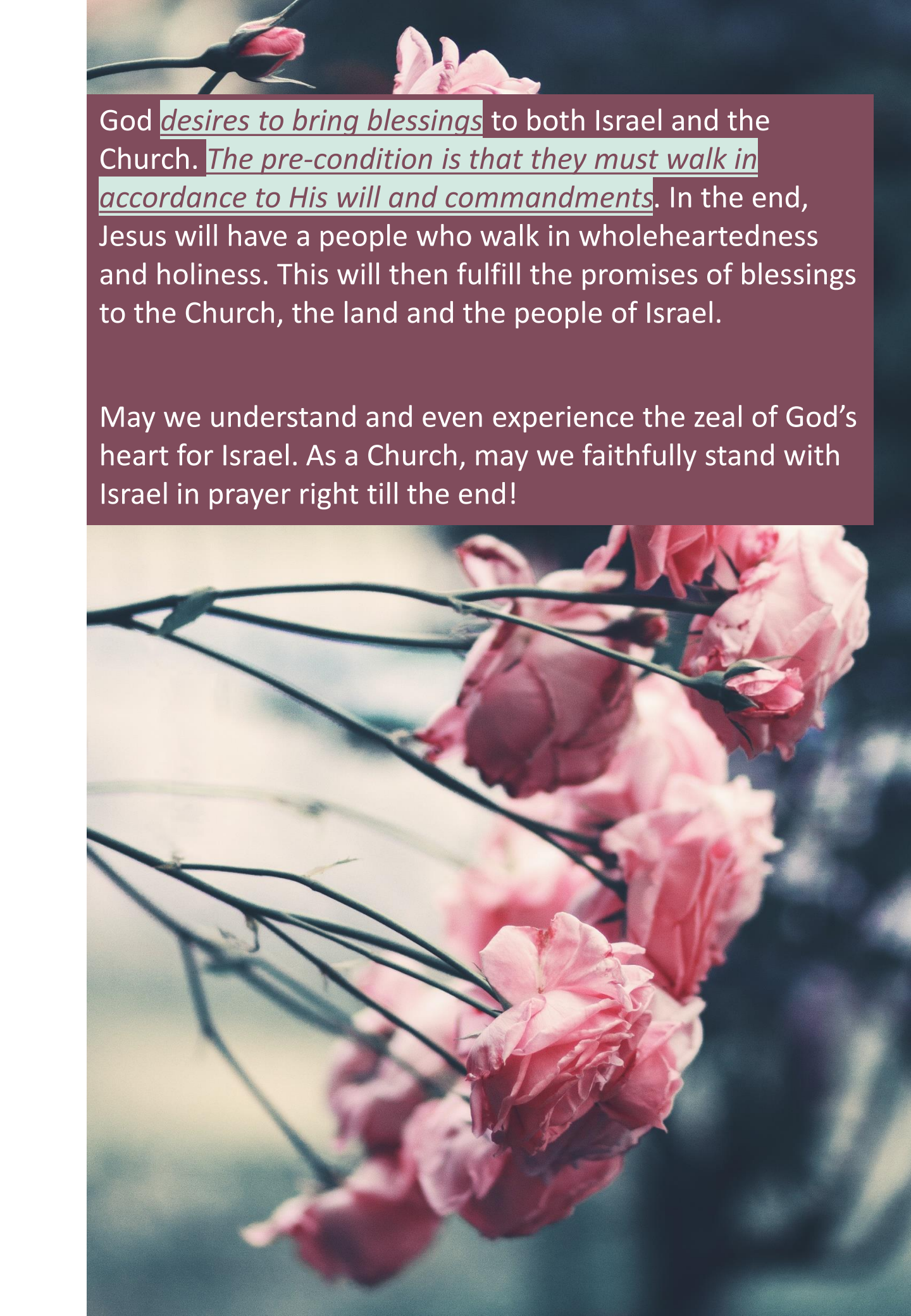


God is going to heal the physical land of Israel and supernaturally cause agriculture to flourish.



Isaiah spoke of this dramatic healing of the land in Isa. 35:1 – 2. The desert lands will experience an agricultural miracle and become lush with life, flourishing with growth just like the Garden of Eden. The earth will be amazed at God's work there and it will be a source of inspiration to the whole world (Isa. 51:3).

There will also be a supernatural reversal, in the negative sense, for the nations of the earth that have prospered in their wickedness. For those nations that have resisted God's will and purpose, they will suffer judgment when the Man Christ Jesus returns to set up His Kingdom and rule for a thousand literal years upon the earth.

A close-up photograph of several pink roses in various stages of bloom. The roses are the central focus, with some fully open and others as buds. The background is a soft, out-of-focus green and blue, suggesting an outdoor garden setting. The lighting is natural, highlighting the delicate texture of the petals.

God desires to bring blessings to both Israel and the Church. The pre-condition is that they must walk in accordance to His will and commandments. In the end, Jesus will have a people who walk in wholeheartedness and holiness. This will then fulfill the promises of blessings to the Church, the land and the people of Israel.

May we understand and even experience the zeal of God's heart for Israel. As a Church, may we faithfully stand with Israel in prayer right till the end!



Readings and Prayers for the week

Readings for Week 42

Search for Scriptures that show us that God has specifically chosen Jerusalem as His city (Zech. 14:8-10, 16-17; Ps. 2:6, Ps. 48). Ask God to give you a heart for His people and for His land, so you can stand with her even in the greatest crisis that is to come.

Do we understand why God sometimes holds back blessings and even allows drought in our lives? What does He want? Are there areas in our lives that we have to deal with? Let us also remember to press in to cry out for His blessings. Isa. 30:18–19 tells us He waits to hear our cry, and that He will be very gracious to answer at the sound of our cry.

Prayers for Week 42

Using Eph.1:17, ask the Lord to reveal His zeal for Israel (Zech. 1:14) to His Church so that we will stand with Israel even in the worst of crisis.