WHY ALL THE WEEPING?



He Was Wounded for Our Transgressions Cindy MacDonald

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born.

Zechariah 12

Zechariah is giving us a glimpse of the spiritual awakening that will visit Jerusalem before the Day of the Lord.

A spirit of repentance and supplication will envelope the people like a cloud.

The Spirit of the Lord will cover Jerusalem with unspeakable love.

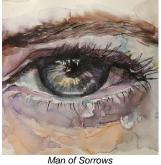
And Jerusalem will weep.

The weeping will turn to joy, as repentance is answered by the Lord's unspeakable forgiveness.

Presently Jerusalem is under the shadow which fell over the city as Jesus approached it for the last time--- and wept.

And when he drew near and saw the city he wept over it, saying, "Would that even today you knew the things that make for peace! But now they are hid from your eyes. For the days shall come upon you, when your enemies will cast up a bank about you and surround you, and hem you in on every side, and dash you to the ground, you and your children within you, and they will not leave one stone upon another in you; because you did not know the time of your visitation."

Jesus wept over Jerusalem.



Man of Sorrows Cindy MacDonald

And now Jesus weeps over his Body on earth.

Again and again his church has missed its "time of visitation" stumbling through the centuries bewildered and confused.

But this is about to change.

When they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a first-born.

When God awakens his people, and opens our eyes to Truth, what else can we do but weep?

We will look upon "him whom we have pierced" with our hard hearts, and we will mourn.



Crown of Thorns Cindy MacDonald

The spirit of weeping which will one day sweep over Jerusalem has already begun to visit the Body of Christ.

We are weeping in repentance.

We are weeping in awe before the glory of God.

Our weeping will be swallowed up by joy as the Spirit raises the church from its long slumber.

If we find ourselves weeping when we are alone at prayer...

If weeping takes us by surprise as we worship the Lord with sisters and brothers...

Don't be alarmed.

The Spirit of the Lord is leading us to repentance.

And he will turn our repentance into joy....



....as he sends us out into the waiting harvest.

Psalm 126 Christa Rosier

He that goeth forth and weepeth, Bearing precious seed, Shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, Bringing his sheaves with him.

Psalm 126

Prayer- Lord grant that when we look at you our hearts are truly pierced. May we see the truth and truly weep over our hard hearts. May we be truly repentant and covered with a spirit of compassion. May we indeed feel covered by your unspeakable love and unspeakable forgiveness. Turn our repentance, our weeping into joy. May our weeping bear precious seed and may we rejoice in the sheaves you place into our arms.

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