We want to take a moment to confirm to you that we are not believers of the replacement doctrine. Scriptures back what we share with you, with prophetic views. We ask you to read with an attitude of prayer, examining the Scriptures.

THE FIFTH SIGN-MIRACLE OF JOHN'S GOSPEL

"Jesus walking on the sea" A sign relating to Israel (John 6:15-21)

This fifth sign presents "Jesus walking on the sea" and coming to the Twelve disciples in their ship during a storm which had arisen "by reason of a great wind that blew". Darkness came on and with it "the sea arose by reason of a great wind that blew. So when they had rowed about five and twenty or thirty furlongs, they see Jesus walking on the sea, and drawing nigh unto the ship: and they were afraid. But He said unto them, It is I; be not afraid. Then they willingly received Him into the ship: immediately the ship was at the land whither they went".

The storm that overtook the twelve disciple, when "the sea arose by reason of a great wind", clearly speaks of the "wars and rumors of wars" which beset mankind in these seven years. At that time this faithful remnant of the Twelve Tribes of Israel will become the object of a diabolical persecution (Revelation 12:13); but at a given point of time their Messiah, our Lord Jesus Christ, will appear for their relief. His "walking on the sea" denotes His dominance over the nations and His power to protect His people of Israel from being overwhelmed by the untold calamities of the Apocalyptic Era.

The link between the two sign-miracles of John six is to be clearly seen in the fact that what is represented typically by the food with which our Lord Jesus fed the Five Thousand, avails first for His Church as a preparation for His Second appearing and then, in the twelve baskets of fragments, as that which sustains the faithful in Israel during the Apocalyptic Era which precedes His Third Appearing, when He comes to save them from destruction and to set up His Kingdom over the whole earth.

It is well to remember that in Matthew's Gospel we are told it is for the sake of this elect remnant that the days of "the great tribulation" are to be shortened (26:21,22). It is, therefore, clear that, however faint the markings, this Fifth Sign-Miracle related to Israel in the near future.

Who knows how near we may be to witnessing the antitypical fulfillment of these Fourth and Fifth Sign-Miracles of John's Gospel? How blessed to recall that these events are not merely history but signs of forthcoming acts of our Lord Jesus Christ prior to His return which evidently is at hand.

From the book The Restored Vision by A.E. Ware.