

Israel: Past Present & Future

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How I Became Involved With Israel

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I. Saved Is Called (2 Tim 1:9)

- A. Personally to Israel
- B. Encountered the “angel” (Gen. 32:24–30; 48:15–16)
 - 1. Interpretation: “I am the God . . .” (Ex. 3:15)
 - 2. In my mind “Palestine”
 - 3. To Middle East—2 years in deserts
- C. 1942: First visit to Jerusalem
 - 1. Miss Ratcliffe
 - 2. Stones and dust (Ps. 102:14)
- D. In North Africa
 - 1. One year in hospital (Prov. 4:20–22)
 - 2. One year in the Sudan—developed a love for the Sudanese people
- E. Then to Palestine
 - 1. Kiriath Motzkin
 - a. Visited home in Ramallah
 - b. Two interpretations
 - 2. To Jerusalem
 - a. Augusta Victoria
 - b. Impact of Holocaust (Jer. 3:14)
 - 3. 1946: Marriage, discharge from army
 - 4. 90 Hebron Road
 - a. Partition
 - b. Flight by night
 - c. Refugees
 - 5. War of Independence (Is. 66:8)
- F. From Israel to Britain
- G. Then to Kenya (Jesika), Canada, USA—then worldwide
- H. 1975: Lydia died—family spread worldwide

- I. 1977: Jerusalem
 - 1. Met Ruth
 - 2. Prayed for her back
- J. 1980: Built Home in Jerusalem
 - 1. 1981–1989: Base for worldwide ministry (Is. 2:3b)
 - 2. Three round-the-world journeys (Rom. 11:25–26)
 - 3. Radio, etc.
- K. 1990–1991: Sabbatical
 - 1. Intercession primary
 - 2. Go only where sent (Moscow 1993)

Israel And The Church: Parallel Restoration 4362

I. God's Central Purpose Today: Restoration

- A. The period of restoration of all things (Acts 3:21 [compare Matt. 17:11])
To restore: to put back in the right place and condition
- B. The set time to favor Zion (God's people on earth): (Ps. 102:13–16) Immediately before Christ's return in glory

II. Theme Of Joel: Desolation — Restoration — Judgment

- A. In the forefront: two trees
 - 1. Fig tree: Israel
 - 2. Vine: Church
- B. Desolation (Joel 1:6–12)
 - 1. Especially corn, wine, oil
 - 2. Compare Luke 21:29—the fig tree and all the trees
- C. Restoration (Joel 2:21–25) including corn, wine, oil
- D. Judgment (Joel 3:14)—the valley of decision
- E. At the trumpet of Jubilee (Lev. 25:8–10)
 - 1. Every man returns to his possession
 - 2. The house of Jacob shall possess their possessions (Obad. 17)

III. Parallel Features For Israel And The Church

- A. Cause of desolation:
In both cases—disobedience, rejection of God's Word
- B. Instrument of desolation: In both cases—an invading army
 - 1. Compared to insects (see Joel 1:4; 2:25)
 - 2. For Israel, these are literal armies
 - 3. For the Church, they are demons
- C. Motive of restoration (Ezek. 36:22–23)
 - 1. *Not* for our deserts
 - 2. *But* by God's grace and for God's glory
- D. A sovereign intervention of God (Ezek. 36:24–30)
 - 1. "I Will" 18 times

2. Compare Acts 2:17
- E. God requires a response from His people (Ezek. 36:37)
- F. Compared to the reuniting of a body (Ezek. 37:7–10 [compare Eph. 4:11–16])
 - Three successive phases:
 1. Bones
 2. Complete bodies
 3. A great army
- G. Compared to the rejoining of two divided peoples (Ezek. 37:15–19)
 1. The two kingdoms of Judah and Israel become one nation
 2. Compare Protestants and Catholics/true and false church
- H. The cost of restoration (Hos. 2:15)
 1. The valley of *trouble* for a door of *hope*
 2. Giving up familiar places and associations—returning to swamps, deserts, hard labor, war
 3. Honor the “pioneers”
- I. The result of restoration (Ezek. 37:21–23)
 1. A single people, with one king, one language, similar customs, clothing, practices, interests
 2. Each returning group makes its special contribution
- J. Restoration also implies judgment
 1. The valley of decision (Joel 3:14)
 2. The fishers (Zionists) and the hunters (Nazis) (Jer. 16:14–18)
 3. In Hitler’s day many European Jews left it too late (Ezek. 20:33–38); many Christians are in danger of doing the same
 4. Those who refuse the truth of God clearly revealed will be handed over to the deceptions of antichrist (2 Thess. 2:8–12)

**The Uniqueness Of Israel:
God’s Prophetic Calendar
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I. Biblical Perspective On Israel

- A. A unique people (1 Chron. 17:21)
- B. A kingdom of priests (Ex. 19:5–6)
- C. Stewards of God’s words (Rom. 3:1–2)
- D. Paul’s sense of obligation (Rom. 1:14–15)
- E. Seven distinctive features and Messiah (Rom. 9:4–5)
- F. Lion of Judah (Rev. 5:5)
- G. Salvation is from the Jews (John 4:22)

II. Historical Prophecies

- A. Whole history foretold in prophecy
 1. Enslavement in Egypt (Gen. 15:13)
 2. Deliverance with wealth from Egypt (Gen. 15:14)
 3. Possession of land of Canaan (Gen. 15:18–20)
 4. Turning to idolatry there (Deut. 32:15–21)

5. Center of worship in Jerusalem (Deut. 12:5–6; Ps. 132:13–14)
 6. Assyrian captivity (Amos 5:27; 6:14; 7:17)
 7. Babylonian captivity (Jer. 16:13; 21:10)
 8. Destruction of first temple (2 Chron. 7:19–22)
 9. Return from Babylon (Is. 6:11–13; 48:20)
 10. Destruction of second temple (Matt. 24:2; Luke 19:43–44)
 11. Scattered among all nations (Lev. 26:33–34; Ezek. 12:15)
 12. Persecution and oppression (Lev. 26:36–39)
 13. Regathering from all nations (Is. 11:11–12; Zech. 10:9–10)
- B. Prophecy yet to be fulfilled**
1. All nations against Jerusalem (Zech. 12:2–3; 14:1–2)
 2. Supernatural revelation of Messiah (Zech. 12:10–14)
 3. Messiah comes in glory (Zech. 14:3–5)
- Already 81% fulfilled

III. Restoration Predicted

- A.** To be fulfilled in “latter days” (Jer. 30:1–7, 24b)
- B.** Rejection and acceptance in the same place (Hos. 1:10)
- C.** Ezekiel 36 outlines the process
 1. Sins in their own land (v. 16–18)
 2. Scattered they dishonor God (v. 19–20)
 3. God will intervene for the honor of His name (v. 21–23)
 4. God will regather them (v. 24)
 5. Sprinkle clean water (v. 25)
 6. New heart and spirit—flesh for stone (v. 26)
 7. My spirit—to produce obedience (v. 27)
 8. Climax: Dwell—My people—your God (v. 28)
 9. Further mercies (v. 29–30)
 10. Repentance and contrition (v. 31)
 11. For the sake of God’s name (v. 32)
 12. Full restoration of the land (v. 33–36)
 13. “I will” 18 times (v. 23–30)
 14. Specific prayer required (v. 37–38)
- D.** The remnant appointed for salvation (Rom. 9:27–28)
- E.** First the Gentiles—then Israel (Rom. 11:25–26)

IV. Response: Align With God’s Purpose

- A.** Fate of the nations that refuse (Is. 60:12)

Glimpses Of The Future

– Part 1 –

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I. Introduction

- A.** Biblical prophecy: A light in a dark place (2 Pet. 1:19)
- B.** Secret vs. revealed things (Deut. 29:29)

C. *Parousia*

1. Presence, not just arrival
2. Used 17 times regarding the return of Jesus Christ—but also
 - a. Stephanas (1 Cor. 16:17)
 - b. Titus (2 Cor. 7:6)
 - c. Paul to Philippi (Phil. 1:26)
 - d. Antichrist (2 Thess. 2:9 [see also John 11:28])

II. Future Events

A. Unique tribulation

1. After Israel's regathering (Jer. 30:1–9, esp. v. 7)
2. Antichrist's manifestation followed by persecution and tribulation (Matt. 24:15–22)
3. First Jews, then Gentiles (Rom. 2:9)
4. Universal tribulation (Rev. 7:13–14)

B. 144,000 sealed

1. Sealing of 144,000 young Israeli men (Rev. 7:1–8)
2. Ingathering of vast number from all nations (Rev. 7:9–17)
? Fruit of testimony of 144,000
3. Climax of 144,000 (Rev. 14:1–5)
4. Angels now become proclaimers (Rev. 14:6–13)
5. Two final harvests (Rev. 14:14–20 [compare Is. 63:1–6])

C. Israelites flee into wilderness

1. Jesus commands urgent flight—for believers (Matt. 24:16–20 [compare Luke 21:20–24])
2. Israel flees into the wilderness (Rev. 12:1–6, 13–14)
3. Restoration and revelation in the wilderness (Hos. 2:14–16)
4. God's dealings in the wilderness (Ezek. 20:32–38)

Glimpses Of The Future

– Part 2 –

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II. Future Events (cont'd.)

D. Final attack on Jerusalem (Zech. 12:1–9)

1. All surrounding peoples = Arabs (Zech. 12:2)
2. Supernatural delusion = Drunkenness or drugs
3. All the nations = e.g. United Nations (Zech. 12:3)
4. Horses and riders maddened—not mechanized (Zech. 12:4)
5. God intervenes to defend Israel and destroy attacking nations—description follows in chapter 14 (Zech. 12:4–9)

E. Supernatural revelation of Messiah (Zech. 12:10–14)

1. Holy Spirit reveals pierced Messiah (Zech. 12:10)
2. Followed by nationwide *shivah* (Zech. 12:11–14)

F. Cleansing of the land (Zech. 13:1–5)

The land purged in one day of idolatry, occult, and false prophets

- G. The wounded shepherd (Zech. 13:6–9)
 1. Messiah and His friends (Zech. 13:6)
 2. Shepherd smitten, sheep scattered (Zech. 13:7)—fulfilled Matt. 26:31, 56
 3. The man who is God’s companion (Zech. 13:7; 6:12–13)
 4. Two-thirds cut off—in 70 AD (Zech. 13:8)
 5. One-third through purging to reconciliation (Zech. 13:9 [Is. 48:9–11])
- H. Consummation of the battle (Zech. 14:1–15)
 1. Inhabitants of Jerusalem on brink of final, irretrievable disaster—consummation of anti-Semitism (Zech. 14:1–2)
 2. God waits for total desperation (Is. 30:18–19 [compare Jer. 30:5–7])
 3. God intervenes directly and in person (Zech. 14:3 [compare Is. 31:4–5])
 4. Christ returns to Mt. of Olives (Zech. 14:4–5 [compare Matt. 26:63–64; Acts 1:9–11])
 - a. With all His saints
 - b. Mt. of Olives split by earthquake
 5. Jerusalem becomes source of living water (Zech. 14:8 [compare Ezek. 47:1–9])
 6. Christ’s kingdom established over whole earth (Zech. 14:9)—fulfillment of Matt. 6:10
 7. Geologic upheaval leaves Jerusalem on highest mountain—and finally secure (Zech. 14:10–11 [compare Is. 2:2])
 8. Supernatural plague on Gentile attackers and their animals (Zech. 14:12–15 [compare Zech. 12:4]) Jews gather the spoil

III. Compare And Contrast Ezekiel Chapters 38 & 39

- A. Not the same as Zech. 12–14, because:
 1. Jerusalem not the focus or scene of battle
 2. Israel at peace and secure
 3. Attackers not all nations, but a coalition of nations from the north
 4. Attackers destroyed by storm of hail and an earthquake—not personal intervention of Christ

Additional points:

 5. Seven months to bury
 6. Weapons provide fuel for seven years—apparently excluding electricity or use of oil

Points of similarity:

 7. Animals—not mechanized warfare
- B. *Not* the situation described in Rev. 20:7–10, because:
 1. Rev. 20 focuses on Jerusalem
 2. Jerusalem is the “camp of the saints”
 3. Attackers destroyed by fire from heaven
 4. Immediately followed by banishment of Satan and final judgment on all the remaining dead

Possible explanation: In early stages of Christ’s kingdom on earth — one further outburst of anti-Semitism — from nations where it has historically been the strongest: Eastern Europe, CIS, some Islamic states.

How To Pray For Israel 4366

1. Stay within the parameters of God's Word, e.g. Matt. 24:20
2. Enter with *thanksgiving* and *praise* (Ps. 100:4, e.g. Jer. 31:7)
3. Jew or Gentile—confess appropriate sins (e.g. Dan. 9:5–15)
4. Identify with God's ultimate purpose:
A people for Himself (Tit. 2:11–14)
Political and military issues are secondary
5. Only by *God's Spirit* (Zech. 4:6)
Only *He* can change men's hearts (2 Cor. 3:3)
6. Plead for *mercy* and *favor* (Ps. 102:13–18)
7. Pray for the *peace of Jerusalem* (Ps. 122:6)
8. Bless—and be blessed! (Num. 24:9)
9. Don't tell God what to do! (Is. 40:13–17 [Shamir, Bush])
10. Pray for harvest of Gentiles (Rom. 11:25–26)
11. Take the sword of the Spirit—*proclaim!* (Eph. 6:17), e.g. Ps. 33:8–12; Jer. 31:10; Ps. 125:3; 129:5–6; 17:7–9