

The Regathering Of Israel

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I. Background

A. Jewish calendar

1. Anniversary of Jerusalem Day
 - a. May 1948 – State of Israel
 - b. June 1967 – Control of Jerusalem
2. Is. 66:8 – Israel born in a day
650,000 Jews defeated 14 million Arabs

B. Situation in the Middle East

1. The earth is the Lord's (Ps. 24:1)
2. God has a plan (Deut. 32:8–9)
 - a. The Middle East is at the center
 - b. It is His inheritance
3. Preappointed times and boundaries of nations (Acts 17:26)

II. Significance Of Regathering Of Israel

A. First scattering and regathering (Isaiah 11:11)

B. Second scattering and regathering (Isaiah 40ff) – not from Babylonian captivity

C. Significance of this event

1. A banner for the nations (Gentiles) Is. 11:12—*the banner is the regathering*
2. A banner is *lifted up* – A banner contains a *brief message*

D. What God is saying on the banner

1. The Bible is a true, relevant, up-to-date book
2. God keeps His covenants
3. God's counsel stands—what He says, will happen
4. The stage is set for the close of the age

III. Predictions Of The Regathering Of Israel

A. Permanent record of prophecy (Jer. 30:1–7)

1. God will bring it to pass
2. What land? Israel
3. No peace
4. All men as women in labor
5. Unique period in history
6. But Jacob (Israel) will be saved out of it

B. Jeremiah 32:37–42

1. Gathered from all countries: God drove out; God brings back
2. To this place: Jerusalem/Israel
3. They'll never depart from God—an everlasting covenant
4. God brought all calamity—God will bring all good also

C. Ezekiel 36:22–28

1. Not because they deserve it
2. For God's holy name's sake
3. Specific promises
 - a. v. 24 – take from among nations
Bring to *your* land

- b. v. 25 – first, brought back; second, cleansed and purified
 - c. v. 26 – A new heart, new spirit
 - d. v. 27 – God’s Spirit within them
 - e. v. 27 – Dwell in the land
 - f. v. 27 – Be God’s people
- D.** God keeps His covenants
- 1. Descendants of Abraham
 - 2. Jacob called Israel
 - 3. Psalm 105:7–8
- E.** God’s counsel stands (Ps. 33:8)
- F.** God Has set the stage for the close of this age
- 1. 1948 set the stage for the fulfilment of prophecies
 - 2. Luke 21:24—Destruction of Jerusalem (A.D. 70)
 - a. Jerusalem trampled by Gentiles
 - b. Until the times of Gentiles come to an end
 - c. Moslem temple still stands
 - d. v. 25 – Heaven shaken, *then the coming of Jesus*

IV. If True, What Is My Response?

Jer. 31:7–10 – He who scattered will gather them
 From the “north country” = Russia
 From the “isles” = coastlands

- A. Praise!
- B. Proclaim! Sing, shout
- C. Pray! “Save Your people”