

## WEEK 9 – The Middle East Crisis continued...

There must be an explanation for the continuous series of ominous events that unfold in the region called the \_\_\_\_\_. No other location on this planet receives as much attention and controversy as does this geographic region. This series has sought to explain, in an overview process, why the land in the Middle East is so troublesome. This series has sought to demonstrate the \_\_\_\_\_ connection of this area to the plans and purposes of God as expounded in the Bible.

Although this has certainly not been an exhaustive study, we have spent much time laying a foundation.

As we conclude our series, it is important to review some key points of that foundation:

- The theme of the Bible:
  - “The \_\_\_\_\_” sometimes referred to as...
  - “The Battle Over the \_\_\_\_\_” also known as...
  - “The Second Coming of Christ”

The Bible is the story of a \_\_\_\_\_ over the Kingdom, not just a book written about the salvation of mankind. The Bible is the revelation of God’s plan, its temporary interruption because of sin, and the final and complete fulfillment of God’s plan as He intended from the very beginning. The Bible records for us the battle over the throne, and who will sit on that throne to rule and reign throughout all eternity.

In the previous weeks, we have seen many aspects of the scriptures that demonstrate the validity of this as the theme:

- The Bible’s repeated use of the terms King(s), Kingdom(s), and Throne(s)
- 253 times in the Bible are direct and indirect references to this theme...The day of the Lord, The day of the LORD, and That day
- This theme is clearly demonstrated from Genesis to Revelation
- It is the theme of \_\_\_\_\_ - Mt. 6:9-13; Lk. 11:1-4
- It is the theme of Bible preaching - Acts 3:19-21
- It is the theme of Bible prophecy - Jude 14-15; See all Prophetic books in the O.T.
- It is the spiritual theme of our salvation - Ro. 14:17; 1 Co. 4:20; 15:50; Lk. 17:20-21

### Now we will also see how ultimately it is the theme of someone else...

- The theme of Satan’s purpose
  - Isaiah 14:12-15; Matthew 4:8-9; Luke. 4:6; 2 Co. 4:4

**NOTE:** Satan’s desire, from eternity past, is to be \_\_\_\_\_ the most High God (Is. 14:14). He will ultimately set himself up to be God come in the flesh (the \_\_\_\_\_). He will do this by establishing his throne in the newly reconstructed temple in Jerusalem on Mount Zion. He will be appointed the leader of the world after working many incredible lying signs and wonders (2 Thess. 2:2-10; Mt. 24:15; Dan. 9:27; 11:31; 12:11). He has been at work all through human \_\_\_\_\_ persecuting the Jews and attempting to possess the land of \_\_\_\_\_. All along the way he has been countering, counterfeiting, and confounding the Words and promises of God.

Although he has temporarily interrupted God's Kingdom, since the fall of man in the garden until present day, his plans and purposes for an enduring throne will fail...

- The promise of God from the very beginning
  - Genesis 3:14-15
    - There are 2 victories that come from that promise:
      - The \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment - Col. 2:13-15
      - The \_\_\_\_\_ fulfillment - 2 Thess. 1:6-10; Revelation 11:15; 19:11-21; 20:10 -

**KEY POINT:** The conflicts throughout history past leading up to the current Middle East Crisis are a manifestation of the Battle for the throne and the establishment of God's righteous Kingdom. The Middle East conflict between the Nation of Islam and the Nation of Israel is actually the revealing of the forces of \_\_\_\_\_ against the plans and purposes of the one true God.

The root core of the Middle East Crisis is \_\_\_\_\_, yet the end result will be physically seen.

From a very practical standpoint, EVERY Bible believer that is confronted with the current Middle East conflict, whether it be in the form of a political or economic issue, can rest assured that any activity that seeks to return \_\_\_\_\_ of the land of Palestine to the Jew, is an action that is perfectly lined up with the Word of God - Is. 49:12-23; 60:1-22; Ezk. 36:24-28; 37:1-3, 11; Zech. 12:9-11; Ro. 11:25-33; Heb. 8:9-13; Rev. 1:7

- **A WARNING RE: "REPLACEMENT THEOLOGY"**
  - There are false teachers and religions who say, "*The church has replaced Israel.*"
    - **Romans 9-11**
      - Israel's restoration is 1 of the 7 NT \_\_\_\_\_!
      - Israel current rejection of Christ is the \_\_\_\_\_ olive tree branches "*broken off*".
      - The Church is "\_\_\_\_\_" olive tree branches "*grafted in*."
  - These false teachers and religions are rebuked in Rev 2 & 3 – church history!
    - **Revelation 2:9**      "*...say they are Jews, and are not*"
      - It is called, "\_\_\_\_\_" by God!
      - They are really the "**synagogue of \_\_\_\_\_**."
    - **Revelation 3:9**      "*...say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie...*"
      - They are really the "**synagogue of \_\_\_\_\_**."

## CONCLUSION

\_\_\_\_\_ for our leaders that they will make the right decisions regarding Israel (**Gen. 12:3**).

Be sober about this, \_\_\_\_\_ your Bible daily, pay close attention to what is going on around you and in the world today, remain scripturally focused.

History is going to end up exactly where it started... in the "*Fertile Crescent*" (from the river of Egypt to the great river Euphrates; Gen. 15:18-21).

Every day we get closer and closer to the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. Christian, keep your eye on the \_\_\_\_\_.

Bible believer, Keep your eye on Israel...

If you do, the theme of the Bible concerning the plans and purposes of God will become the theme of your LIFE.

When this happens...it answers ALL the issues of life itself.

## YOUR

Attitude

Demeanor

Personal relationships

Marriage

Family

Job

Church

Giving

Material purchases and financial decisions

Purpose in life

How you view the Government

How you see all world problems

Your understanding of "The Middle East Crisis"