

Israel & The End Times

Part 4: The MIRACLE of the Modern State of Israel

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Please turn to Isaiah 31:4-5, Leviticus 25:10-13,

LAST WEEK:

- We reviewed the church's dark history of anti-Jewish hatred that spanned over 1000 years, beginning with some of the early Church fathers all the way up to some of the reformers.
- Said hatred is the branch that bore the fruit called "Replacement Theology" or its more recent rebranding "Supersessionism."
- Things took a darker turn in the latter half of the 4th century when Rome converted to Christianity and it became the official religion of the empire.
- Church and State merged like a marriage, and the Church went from evangelism to making laws, discipleship to conformity, and outreach to Inquisition. We went from worshipping God to worshipping government.
- The only husband for the Church is Jesus, not government.
- Christian Nationalism will never work, because it means us marrying the State.
- The hearts of SOME within the Church changed in 1948 when the nation of Israel reformed after nearly 2000 years of being in exile!
- Our hearts began to soften as we saw God's prophecies in both OT and NT come true, partially, when Israel reemerged in the 20th century via the Zionist movement.
- Here in the 2020's the Jewish Israeli people all the way to the highest levels of their government, including Benjamin Netanyahu, know that it's the evangelical Church who is their #1 ally!
- Truly it's a miracle of the Lord that, after 1900 years of the Church persecuting, killing, and exiling the Jewish people that our hearts have changed.
- I believe that by standing with them, we're participating in God's end times promise to pour His Spirit out upon them so that they will see Jesus as Lord!
- *Replacement Theology is not just false, but inspires the same seeds of hatred and Satan himself has been planting and harvesting for millennia.*
- The same applies to those who refer to themselves as "Postmillennial," "Dominionists," and "Preterists." While their doctrines differ from each other, all believe that the Church has replaced Israel therefore the modern state that magically appeared in 1948 was not created by God.

TODAY we'll go into the history of the formation of modern Israel and the astounding miracles that took place, showing God's will and plan to fulfill ancient Biblical prophecy.

After their final defeat in 136 AD by the Romans, the many Jews were carried to Europe as slaves and many others fled into other Gentile nations. For the next 1900 years they would be killed, enslaved, and driven out of every place they tried to settle in.

They got blamed for hoarding and controlling money, banks, and businesses. They were accused of bringing in sickness and disease, including the Black Plague that wiped out 1/3rd of the population of Europe in the 14th century. It was said that they worshipped the devil, drank blood, and sacrificed children. Everywhere they went they were strangers in a strange land: unwanted, hated, and loathed.

After Rome fell in the 5th century there was a long period known as “The Dark Ages” and then another empire rose to power in 1299 called the Ottoman Empire and lasted around 600 years. Based in Turkey, the Ottoman Empire was the Muslim version of Rome and had a similar idea as them: dominate the world for Islam (instead of Christianity). It almost succeeded. At its peak, it controlled 850,000 square miles from the Middle East all the way to Eastern Europe.

It began a rapid decline in power after WW1 however, and is now reduced to the modern nation of **TURKEY**...which would greatly love *to regain its former glory*. I personally believe Turkey is the mysterious “Gog” in *Ezekiel 38-39* that leads a coalition of nations against Israel in the end of days, but I digress.

In the early 20th century, just before their fall, **the Ottoman Turks controlled all the land that is now known as Israel**. Then an interesting thing happened. WW1 was raging and the British decided to wrest control of the Holy Land from the Turks in what they called “The Palestine Campaign.” After several failed and costly attempts, they turned things over to *General Edmund Allenby* who led his forces to land on, of all places, the Gaza Strip...where all the fighting is right now here in the 2020’s.

The **previous general had tried frontal assaults which failed miserably**—remember WW1 was Trench Warfare. Much like the city of Jericho in the time of Joshua, the Turks were well entrenched, embedded, well-armed, and familiar with the territory. Allenby needed a different strategy to win. Through some clever maneuvering, they were able to outflank the Turkish troops and took over the Gaza Strip.

The big goal was Jerusalem...the city that’s been fought over for 5000 years. Indeed, God Himself said of Jerusalem:

[Zec 12:2-3 ESV] 2 "Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah. 3 On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.

“PRAY!” Allenby was told to expect the heaviest resistance there, the strongest and most entrenched of the Turkish army. BUT...he was also ordered to take the city w/o killing anyone! When he demanded how he was to do that, the response was “pray.”

He expected heavy fighting and terrible losses but when his troops poured through the southern gates of the Holy City...it was mostly abandoned. ***The few Turkish troops who remained were demoralized and surrendered with only a little resistance.*** The Muslim Turks considered Jerusalem and specifically the Temple Mount to be their 3rd holiest site in the world and had vigorously maintained and defended it for 400 years. That's 150 years older than the USA! Why did they just leave? Why were they so demoralized?

Just days before Allenby ordered hundreds of thousands of **LEAFLETS** to be dropped into Jerusalem for the Turkish soldiers to read, and the leaflets stated: ***“surrender the city! --Allenby.”***

Allenby had previously read a book called “The Fullness of the Nations” written in 1898—19 years before he attacked Jerusalem—by Biblical Scholar Dr. H. Aldersmith. After his own Biblical research, Aldersmith studied *Isaiah 31:4-5* and boldly predicted that in the end of days Jerusalem would be retaken FROM THE SKY. Keep in mind planes didn't exist until the Wright Brothers in 1903.... *Isaiah 31:4-5* reads as follows:

[Isa 31:4-5 ESV] 4 For thus the LORD said to me, "As a lion or a young lion growls over his prey, and when a band of shepherds is called out against him he is not terrified by their shouting or daunted at their noise, so the **LORD of hosts will come down to fight** on Mount Zion and on its hill. 5 **Like birds hovering**, so the LORD of hosts will protect Jerusalem; he will ***protect and deliver it; he will spare and rescue it.***"

Aldersmith also prophesied that Britain would be Jerusalem's liberator. Ironically, ***Allenby attacked from the south: he CAME DOWN the mountains of Judea!***

What Allenby did NOT know was there was an **old Turkish prophecy** the Ottoman's believed as coming from Allah himself, which stated “*The Turks will not leave Jerusalem until the River Nile flows in Palestine and the prophet expels them from the city.*”

Unaware of this prophecy, **the British had been constructing a water pipeline** from the Nile River into Palestine to supply fresh water for their troops. The pipeline was finished by the time Allenby took the Gaza Strip and marched on Jerusalem...and the Turks defending the Holy City knew it.

When Allenby had the leaflets made, **he didn't print them in English but in Arabic** so that the Ottoman soldiers could read them. The rough translation of his name (Allenby) printed on the leaflets into the Arabic language was "Allah."

Thus as the Muslim soldiers prepared to defend the Holy City as they'd successfully done for 400 years, leaflets fell from the sky that THEY interpreted as **Allah telling them to leave** and fulfilling one of their own prophecies.

General Allenby entered into Jerusalem on December 8th through Jaffa Gate on foot and became the 34th conqueror of Jerusalem.

December 8th happens to be Kislev 24th on the Jewish calendar, a day that God had told the *Prophet Haggai centuries before would always be "a day I will bless you."*

Daniel 12:12 states that, after 1335 days, the Lord will specifically bless Jerusalem. Even though that was referring to another event, a **British officer was amazed to discover the December 8th, 1917 was the Islamic Year of 1335.**

Interestingly, only a short time before this the British Empire had declared its intentions to establish a home for the Jewish people in Palestine, and wrote said intentions down in what's known today as **"THE BALFOUR DECLARATION"** which was published November 1917, 1 month before Allenby liberated the land of Israel and Jerusalem from the Ottoman Empire. And yes: a Rothschild was involved.

Let's learn about the Year of Jubilee:

[Lev 25:10-13 ESV] 10 And you shall consecrate the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land to all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when each of you shall return to his property and each of you shall return to his clan. 11 That fiftieth year shall be a jubilee for you; in it you shall neither sow nor reap what grows of itself nor gather the grapes from the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jubilee. It shall be holy to you. You may eat the produce of the field. 13 "In this year of jubilee each of you shall return to his property.

Every 50th year in ancient Israel was a major celebration because **all debts were cancelled, especially concerning PROPERTY...LAND**. If a person had too much debt he had to sell his land, home, and possessions...and became homeless. An exile. A stranger in a strange land.

But on the 50th year, the Jubilee, the same person **COULD RETURN TO HIS LAND AND HOME AND OWN IT AGAIN**. All debts were cancelled, *the exile was over...he would gather his family and go back*.

The time between the Balfour Declaration/Allenby's taking Jerusalem and the formation of modern Israel is 50 years...Jubilee.

50 years before the BD, famous American author Mark Twain went to Jerusalem. An atheist who hated religion, Twain wasn't impressed. He called the Holy Land lifeless, desolate, empty, and devoid of hope. He rebuked western Christians for taking "trinkets" from the HL and then claiming to have faith...that if they really cared, they would try and give TO the people and land there.

Even though he was an unbeliever, the **Lord God confirmed an ancient prophecy through the most famous American author of that day!** The Lord prophesied in His Bible that, just before He reformed His last days Israel it would be a land that was dead, lifeless, and empty. God allowed it to become that way on purpose, to show the whole world that He can resurrect anything from the dead. So that the world would know it was Him!

Twain published his musings in 1867 and it was read by the Western world, both Europe and America, and catapulted the Holy Land to the forefront of the world's attention. It was Twain's writings that 1) confirmed the ancient prophecies of the Lord, 2) inspired the Balfour Declaration in 1917 and 3) inspired America to confirm Israel in 1948.

Each of these events is 50 years apart...JUBILEE.

Despite the Balfour Declaration at the end of 1917, **the British remained in Palestine all the way through WW2**. The UN had already declared a 2-state solution for the Jews and Palestinians, *but the latter rejected it—just as they do now*.

The Palestinian leaders want all of the land and vowed to drive the Jews into the sea—just as they do now.

Here in 2023, pro-Palestinian people are chanting “*from the [Jordan] River to the [Mediterranean] sea, Palestine will be free!*” and the meaning is no land for the Jews: drive them into the sea. **They do not and never wanted a 2 state solution: then or now.**

THE 2-STATE IDEA IS NOT A SOLUTION and was invented by the unbelieving Gentile nations of the world and will never work. God is the One Who gave Israel that land, and He has no desire to see it subdivided.

After WW2 in May 1948, the British declared they were pulling out of Palestine. The Jews in the land, led by David Ben Gurion and the Zionist movement, declared Israel to be the first Jewish state since they were disbanded in 136 AD.

This declaration took place in the 50th year after the Balfour Declaration (declaring the intention for the Jews to return to their ancient homeland) and Allenby taking Jerusalem. It took place 100 years after Mark Twain brought Israel to the world’s attention. The 50th year is a year of Jubilee—**WHEN THE HEBREW WHO HAD HIS LAND AND HOME TAKEN FROM HIM GETS IT BACK.**

David Ben Gurion broadcast over the radio that Israel was the Jewish nation and immediately the **Muslim nations surrounded them prepared to attack.** Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, and Egypt formed a 7-nation alliance to destroy the fledgling Jewish State before it had barely begun. Their declaration mirrors the one chanted today all across the world: “*push Israel into the sea.*” It’s an exact quote from *Psalms* 83 where the Lord prophesies an alliance of nations who invade Israel.

Israel had next to nothing: no planes, no tanks, no artillery, and only a few rifles...and I mean a few. They had no training and their “army” was 35,000 strong. In contrast, the Egyptian army alone sent 40,000 well-armed and well-trained troops against them. In desperation, they made mock soldiers out of wood and cardboard that they moved around in trenches to try and make it look like they had more.

Even though the US had agreed in word to the formation of the Jewish State, we offered them no military help as the 7-nation alliance advanced from not 1, not 2, but 3 fronts. Said alliance had military training, weapons, artillery, and tanks. They also vastly outnumbered the Jewish army who wrapped tape around broomsticks to make them look like rifles.

Thousands of years before, the Jewish people stood up against the Red Sea as Pharaoh’s mighty army bore down on them with murderous intent. They were unable to defend themselves, and literally had nowhere to run.

They had to turn to the One and only Helper Who has ever stood beside them: the Lord their God. Yahweh blew upon the waters of the Red Sea, parting them and allowing His people to safely run to the other side. Said waters came crashing down upon Pharaoh's army, decimating them.

Now here they were in the modern world of science and technology, far less "religious" than the one in the days of Moses. **Did their God still exist? If yes, would He help them?**

The weak and pathetic Jewish "army" **CONSISTED OF FARMERS AND HOLOCAUST SURVIVORS WHO'D JUST GOTTEN FREE FROM CONCENTRATION CAMPS.** They'd been delivered from the gas chambers of Auschwitz to find themselves in open war with the surrounding Arab nations.

Please understand *the Zionist movement isn't religious, but political and secular*. Yet even as the Muslim nations were marching upon their ragtag "army" in 1948, they did the same thing the Jewish people have done for millennia: **they got on their knees and cried out to the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.**

The Lord confounds our ideas of might, power, and strength. He says things like this:

[Psa 147:10-11 ESV] 10 His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man, 11 but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.

[Zec 4:6 ESV] 6 Then he said to me, "This is the word of the LORD to Zerubbabel: Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the LORD of hosts.

[1Sa 14:6 ESV] "...It may be that the LORD will work for us, for nothing can hinder the LORD from saving by many or by few."

One Arab army attacked from the north from the top of a mountain, considered an impregnable position. The Jews defending the area only had cheap, **poorly made mortars they named after King David**. Said mortars were mostly ineffective, just making LOTS of noise and not capable of much actual damage. Having nothing else, they set off the David mortars which made a horrendous sound, but nothing else.

At that moment it began to rain and please understand: rain in May-June in Israel is extremely rare. After hearing the loud explosions followed by rain, **the northern Arab army assumed Israel had an atomic bomb...and they fled.**

An Israeli platoon found itself on top of Mount Zion, surrounded by enemy Arab forces from Jordan, with only 25 bullets left. They decided on a “Charge of the Light Brigade” tactic to go out with a bang: run forward into the impossible odds, guns blazing! As they loaded their weapons for the last time and prepared to charge, the Jordanian forces suddenly POINTED and **SCREAMED “ABRAHAM!”, DROPPED THEIR WEAPONS, AND RAN AWAY. EVERY. LAST. ONE. OF. THEM.**

When some were interrogated later, they claimed that **they saw Abraham descending from the sky to defend the Jews.**

Previous to this, the Israeli’s had constructed many **beehives** in the land to harvest the honey, truly fulfilling God’s prophecy that said land would flow with milk and honey. One of Arab armies began advancing and were about to catch the Jews by surprise, who had no idea they were coming...and ran right into the hives, maliciously trampling over them...only to have hundreds of thousands of very angry bees fly out and sting them. The bees drove the Arab army into retreat fulfilling an ancient prophecy by the Lord:

[Exo 23:27-30 ESV] 27 I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you [retreat]. 28 And I will send hornets before you, which shall drive out the Hivites, the Canaanites, and the Hittites from before you. 29 I will not drive them out from before you in one year, lest the land become desolate and the wild beasts multiply against you. 30 Little by little I will drive them out from before you, until you have increased and possess the land.

On the border of Lebanon, some **Israeli trucks with soldiers were on their way to defend a Kibbutz that had been attacked.** They accidentally took a wrong turn and ended up in Lebanon. To make matters worse, they came face to face with armored Syrian supply trucks shipping ammo and artillery to the Arab army. The Israeli truck fired on the first Syrian truck and happened to hit its large gasoline tank. Just like some action movie, it exploded and detonated the one behind it...which set off the one behind it, etc, until every supply truck was destroyed.

The explosions were so loud that, by the time the same Israeli's who caused it got to the Kibbutz there were no enemies. The surviving Jews testified that all was lost until the Arab army assaulting them heard the explosions and falsely believed Israel was launching a major offensive...so they retreated.

THE SYRIAN ARMY ATTACKED ISRAEL'S 2 LARGEST

KIBBUTZ'S in the town of Degania, named A and B, with 200 armored vehicles and 40 tanks! Kibbutz A had only had 70 infantry armed with Molotov cocktails. Having no chance, the Israelis at Kibbutz A decided to go for broke. As the first tank rolled in, they peppered it with Molotov's and it caught fire. The convoy behind it saw this and retreated! When asked later, they falsely believed the Israeli's had anti-tank weapons.

The Israeli's at Kibbutz B had two French cannons...we're talking Civil War type cannons...against tanks. When they fired the cannons, the Arab army believed they'd been fed false intelligence that Israel didn't have artillery and they retreated.

Israel fought another war against a similar Arab coalition in 1967 and here are a few stories:

The Egyptians had advanced and taken an outpost in

Kusseima, a heavily armed and fortified place. As the IDF drew near, they suddenly heard massive explosions coming from within. When they arrived, the Egyptians had destroyed their own equipment and abandoned this important and strategic base. The Egyptian army began abandoning other outposts as well, leaving behind precious supplies and fleeing as fast as they could. Later on when asked why, several Egyptian soldiers testified to seeing the same thing: *a large hand descending from the sky right at them.*

On June 8th 1967 the Jews retook Jerusalem—for themselves—for the first time in 2500 years. The last time they'd controlled Jerusalem was in the days of the Prophet Jeremiah before the Babylonian Invasion, 586 BC fulfilling one of many ancient prophecies such as

[Zec 8:3 ESV] 3 Thus says the LORD: I have returned to Zion and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem, and Jerusalem shall be called the faithful city, and the mountain of the LORD of hosts, the holy mountain.

Israel fought yet another war in 1973, 50 years ago to the exact day and month that Hamas attacked in Oct 2023: JUBILEE. It was called the Yom Kippur War. When the Arab armies attacked in 1973, it was just like now in 2023: Israel was caught off guard.

The Syrians came from the Golan Heights, a place of great military advantage with hundreds of tanks vs. the 3 that Israel had at that time. The Israeli tanks fired all their mortar shells and were out. The Jewish Sergeant in charge ordered his 3 tanks to “hold their ground” despite being sitting ducks, and he did.

Despite having an estimated 150 tanks with plenty of ammo, the Syrian army suddenly turned and fled for no apparent reason. When asked later, the Syrian soldiers all claimed that **an army of angels stood behind the Israeli tanks.** This allowed Israel to capture the Golan Heights, which are one of the most strategic military positions in that area.

Who remembers Saddam Hussein? Who recalls that he launched a bunch of SCUD missiles into Israel in 1990’s? Who remembers that he promised to launch chemical warheads into the Jewish State? Have you ever wondered why he didn’t? Because it was absolutely proven he had them.

When Saddam was ready to launch the chem warheads, **THE WIND MYSTERIOUSLY SHIFTED**...and started blowing to the East, right back at Iraq. The American military theorized that the only reason Saddam didn’t launch was that the chemical clouds would be blown out of Israel and back into the nation that sent them.

Moving forward, I can only imagine *how many more miracles* will be reported of God supernaturally preserving His nation and people from its enemies. Especially since 2023 is the 50th year to the exact day and month to the Yom Kippur War.

I don’t like war or killing! I don’t like it when innocents are enslaved, tortured, or killed! Yet I also know what the Lord says in the end time prophecies about regathering Israel and other nations forming alliances against her. I grieve over what I know will likely be more than one bloody and terrible conflict, even war, as we hurtle forward to the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus.

Yet I say: **my heart remains steadfast and my loyalty remains with God and His plan.**

He will choose to not only defend Israel, but to give them victory in the end when He returns and sets His foot upon the Mount of Olives!

He will conquer all the nations of the world and make them His own! He will rule and reign from Jerusalem forever and ever! AMEN!