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“Is Modern Israel The Real Israel?”

Introduction

*In Abraham’s day, God promised to bring a nation thru him, to bring a specific Man thru him for the blessing of everyone – Jesus Christ

*Read Gen 12:2-3 – 2 directional blessing & cursing regarding the nation coming from him

*How is it that Israel will bless us (Read) Gen 22:18 – by the Messiah that comes from them

*God gave the land of Israel to the nation of Israel forever (Read Gen 13:14-15)

*The only times Israel hasn’t been in the land are times of specific punishments listed in the Scripture

*Now, if you thought I say that Israel is perfect & godly, you’re mistaken – they’ve had a sorted past

***Today, we look at the reasons to know the Modern State of Israel is the long-prophesied Israeli Nation that was supposed to return in the Last Days**

*Let’s look at 3 questions that direct us to agreeing that the Modern State of Israel is the real Israel that God specifically, divinely placed there

1st Question – Is the ancient Israeli nation prophesied to return in the Last Days?

*Israel was a nation since time of Moses (1400BC), they'd been a nation w/ a land since Joshua (1350BC), but in 6th century BC they were removed by Babylon

*While in Babylon both Dan & Ezekiel prophesied they would return, but does that affect OUR lifetime or were they to be restored just shortly thereafter?

Turn to Ezekiel 36-37 - Read Eze 36:8-10

1. God will prepare a desolate land for Israel to come back into it

Read Eze 36:11-12

1. When returned, they'll never again be removed
2. Not necessarily in last days, but it's the last time

Read Eze 37:22

1. They'll be a single undivided nation

Turn to Daniel 9 - Read Dan 9:24a

1. *Seventy Weeks*
 - a. Weeks simply means a period of 7s & can be days, weeks, years, etc.

- b. In God's mind judgement is often modeled in days, & meted out in years
 - i. Read Num 14:33-34 – Spied land for 40
 - c. Additionally, Jesus referred to these things as yet future in (Read) Matt 24:15
2. We must give Sir Robert Anderson credit for detailing these things out in 1909

Read Vs 25

- 1. When was the decree given to *rebuild the city*?
 - a. As recorded in Neh 2, it was 445 BC
 - b. Previous decrees were given to rebuild the temple, but the city wasn't until 445 BC
 - c. Certainly, Nehemiah recorded how this all happened *during times of distress*
- 2. 69 weeks of years (483 years) til Messiah comes
 - a. 7 weeks (49 years) of rebuilding Jerusalem in troubling times
 - b. Then another 62 weeks of years (434 years) until Jesus comes
 - c. 173,880 days is from the decree on Mar 14, 445 BC until April 6, 32 AD – Triumphal Entry
 - d. Jesus verified this (Read Luke 19:41-42)

Read Vs 26

1. After 483 years total *Messiah would be cut off*
2. The *people of the prince* are the Romans
 - a. The *prince that shall come* is Anti-Christ

Read Vs 27

1. Anti-Christ will strengthen a covenant w/ Israel for 7 years
2. Finally in the middle of the 7-year Trib A/C desecrates the Temple by stopping sacrifices
 - a. Read II Thes 2:3-4 – Declares he's God
3. Now, there's a gap in time between Messiah / Temple destruction (vs 26) & this 7-year covenant
 - a. B/c Jesus referred to this Abomination in Matt 24 as yet future to His time
 - b. 7-year Tribulation is a time when God will once again be focused on Israel, not the church

So ancient nation Israel IS to come back in last days

Also see Jeremiah 31 and Isaiah 66 for more info

2nd Question – When is the ancient nation of Israel prophesied to return in the Last Days?

*From the 1st moment the sovereign ancient nation of Israel was being conquered (to be ruled over), God prophesied thru Ezekiel how long it would be

Turn to Ezekiel 4 – Eze 4:1-3

1. Thru creating symbols, he's told to portray, ahead of time, what will happen to Jerusalem
2. As w/ toys, he's to act out a siege of the city
3. This iron pan division represents inescapability

Read Vs 4-8

1. Laying down so that each day represents a year of Israel's punishment (430 total days = 430 yrs)
 - a. God uses '1 day=1 yr' pattern for judgement other times (Num 14:34 two spies 40 days=40 yrs)
2. Some explain timing as how long Israel sinned during the Kingdom but it's not now long they sinned but how long they'll bear the punishment

3. Why more punishment for the north (Israel)
 - a. They had more people & tribes (10 tribes)
 - b. They had way more wicked kings
4. Jeremiah's 70 yrs prophecy of Israel's captivity was specifically for the land to have total rest
 - a. Read Jer 25:11, 29:10
 - b. II Chr 36:21 concludes Babylonian Captivity is the fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy
 - c. This was 606BC to 536BC
5. Ezekiel tells of 430 yrs of punishment for Israel
6. At end of Babylonian Captivity, there're 2 compelling remarks that answer the Ezekiel timing
 - a. Read Neh 1:8 – This was foretold in Law
 - b. Turn to Dan 9:1-3, 10-13
7. What is this curse in the Law? It's Lev 26
 - a. Let's outline the chapter of Lev 26
 - i. Vs 1-13 is blessings for obedience
 - ii. Vs 14-39 is the curse for disobedience
 - iii. Vs 40-46 is confession God's looking for
 - b. Let's examine the section on the cursing

- i. Read Lev 26:17-18, 21, 24, 28, 33-34, 38-39
- c. There are 2 things emphasized here
 - i. If Israel continues in disobedience, it's 7x
 - ii. 'They'll be ruled over by foreigners'
- 8. How do we know that Daniel & Nehemiah were right that this prophecy applies?
 - a. Turn to Ezra 9:1-3, 13-14, Read Neh 13:17-18, Read Mal 2:2
- 9. So that leads us to do the math
 - a. Ezekiel's punishment began in 606BC
 - b. At 536BC (end of Jeremiah's 70 yrs) they're still in rebellion so the Lev 7x prophecy applies
 - c. 7 times the remaining 360 yrs is 2520 yrs
 - d. Convert to our calendar is 2483 yrs, 284 days
 - e. Add 1-yr b/c there's no year 0
 - f. That brings you to May 14, 1948
 - g. Chuck Missler did a good job charting this
 - h. Conclusion to 'Those that hate you will reign over you' was 1948!

3rd Question – Why is the ancient nation of Israel prophesied to return in the Last Days?

*Oh it's not b/c of some special godliness in them

*Read Eze 36:22-23 – So all nations know, that He's a God that keeps His promises

*When Daniel was told they'll be back in the last days, the angel gave him the reasons

Read Dan 9:24b

1. 1st, bring Israel back will “make an end to sin, iniquity & transgression by making atonement & bring in eternal righteousness”
 - a. This can only be complete when Christ establishes His new Millennial Kingdom
2. 2nd, finishing this time period will also “*seal up (or end) visions & prophecy*”
 - a. God's methods of revealing Himself has increasingly focused over time (ie Heb 1:1)
3. Finally, finishing this time period will “*anoint the most holy place*”
 - a. The Millennial Temple will be inaugurated

4. All these things are actuated by the blood of Christ & applied when all Israel receives Him in the end of the Tribulation

*Zechariah talks of God regathering them in end

Turn to Zec 10:6-10

1. It's b/c God has compassion on them

*Zec 12 talks of God coming to defend Nation of Israel as all nations come against them in the end

Turn to Zec 12:9-11 & 13:6

1. They'll finally meet & accept Jesus!

*Apostle Paul spoke much of Israel in Rom 9-11 & he culminated his discussion with their salvation to come

Read Rom 11:25-26

1. Ultimate reason for return is their salvation

Conclusion

*Let there be no doubt that the people group that's in the land today is the genetic, ancient people of Israel

The question becomes how do we treat them

1. **We to bless Israel, but what does that mean**
 - a. We recognize that God has a special agenda for them in the near future
 - b. Matthew 25 is a guide for Trib people to treat Israel well (Turn to Matt 25:33-40)
 - i. Seems to be a guide for treating Israel now!
2. **As we seek their good, we accept that many in Israel are ungodly**
 - a. We never fund, support or endorse sin
 - b. Much of modern Judaism is unbiblical & ungodly, just like much of Israel's past was (lots of bad kings)

God is fulfilling His plan in OUR day, b/c He is faithful to ALL that He said to Israel AND to us!!!