



WHY ISRAEL AND THE JEWS MATTER

GENESIS 12:1-3; 17:7-8

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Sermon "Why Israel and the Jews Matter"

Day 1: God's Unbreakable Covenant

Reading: Genesis 12:1-3; Genesis 17:7-8

Devotional: God's covenant with Abraham was not a negotiated agreement between two equal parties. It was a sovereign declaration made by God to Himself on behalf of His people. When God put Abraham into a deep sleep before walking between the divided sacrifice, He was making a promise no human failure could ever nullify. This same God has made promises to you through Jesus Christ that are equally unbreakable. Your salvation, your calling, your eternal inheritance -- none of it rests on your ability to hold on. It rests entirely on His faithfulness to Himself. Rest in that today.

Reflection: What promise from God have you been tempted to doubt because of your own weakness or failure? Bring that doubt before Him today and ask Him to anchor your faith in His unchanging character rather than your own performance.

Day 2: Knowing the Season You Are In

Reading: Matthew 24:32-36; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

Devotional: Jesus used the budding of a fig tree to illustrate a critical truth -- those who know the Word of God should be able to recognize the season they are living in. Just as the Allied commanders on D-Day synchronized every watch to a single accurate clock, believers are called to align their understanding of current events to the prophetic Word of God. We may not know the day or the hour, but we are not left in the dark about the season. The signs around us are not meant to produce fear. They are meant to produce urgency, readiness, and focused faith.

Reflection: How aware are you of the prophetic season you are living in? Set aside time this week to read Matthew 24 in its entirety and ask God to give you eyes to see what He is doing in the earth right now.

Day 3: The Blessing of Standing With Israel

Reading: Genesis 12:3; Romans 15:26-27; Psalm 122:6

Reflection: The foreign policy of heaven has never changed. Those who bless Israel will be blessed, and those who curse Israel will be cursed. This is not a political position. It is a biblical one, rooted in the very first covenant God made with Abraham. The Apostle Paul understood this when he reminded the Gentile believers in Rome that they had received their spiritual inheritance through the Jewish people. The Bible, the Messiah, the covenants of promise -- all came through Israel. Our response to that debt of spiritual blessing is to pray for the peace of Jerusalem and to stand firmly on the side of what God has declared to be His own.

Reflection: When did you last specifically pray for the peace of Jerusalem and for the Jewish people? Make that prayer a daily practice beginning today, and ask God to give you a genuine love for the people He calls the apple of His eye, as described in Zechariah 2:8.

Day 4: You Were Born for This Moment

Reading: Esther 4:14; Jeremiah 1:5; Ephesians 2:10

Devotional: You did not arrive on this earth by accident. God placed you in this precise moment of history with full knowledge of what these days would hold. Just as Esther was positioned in the palace for a specific purpose at a critical hour, you have been placed where you are to reflect the glory of God in the most consequential generation in human history. The enemy wants you to feel small, insignificant, and unqualified. But God made you the head and not the tail. You were not born too late. You were born exactly on time, for exactly this season, to do exactly what He prepared for you before the foundation of the world.

Reflection: What has the enemy been whispering to you about your identity or your worth? Write down three specific truths from Scripture that directly contradict those lies and speak them aloud over yourself today.

Day 5: The Cross as the Ultimate Blood Covenant

Reading: Hebrews 9:15-22; John 19:30; Romans 5:8-11

Devotional: The ancient blood covenant required two parties to walk together between a divided sacrifice, binding themselves to one another under the penalty of death. But at Calvary, God did something far greater. He sent His only Son to walk that path alone. We did not have to go. We could not have gone. Jesus went in our place, fulfilled every requirement of the covenant, and declared it finished. The same God who put Abraham to sleep so that no human weakness could compromise the covenant with Israel sent His Son to the cross so that no human weakness could compromise the covenant of salvation. You are not saved by your effort. You are saved by His finished work.

Reflection: Take time today to meditate on what it cost God to make you His own. Thank Him specifically for the ways His grace has covered your failures, and ask Him to deepen your understanding of what it means to live as someone who has been purchased by the blood of the everlasting covenant.