

ISRAEL IN PROPHECY: PAST & PRESENT

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What about Israel? Is God Through With Them? Does His Covenant Still Apply To Them?

- *God's Covenant With Israel Remains Relevant And Active Today*
- *God tells us in many passages of Scripture that He cares about Israel and has an end-times plan to save them*
- *His covenant is still intact*

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Zechariah 2:8 (NIV) (8) For this is what the LORD Almighty says: "After he has honored me and has sent me against the nations that have plundered you--for whoever touches you touches the apple of his eye—

Zechariah 2:12-13 (NIV) (12) The LORD will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land and will again choose Jerusalem. (13) Be still before the LORD, all mankind, because he has roused himself from his holy dwelling."

Ezekiel 5:5 (NIV) (5) "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: This is **Jerusalem, which I have set in the center of the nations**, with countries all around her.

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God Loves And Honors Israel --

- Yet Israel does not always respond in kind
- Hosea tells us that Israel is like an adulterous wife
- Because of their waywardness-- and because of His love
- God has both wrath and grace prepared for them

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The Time Of Wrath Will Be A Time Of Unparalleled Trouble

- **Jeremiah 30:7 (NIV) (7)** How awful that day will be! None will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but he will be saved out of it.

It Is Also A Time Of Grace

- Jeremiah is speaking about the time of future tribulation of terrible suffering and distress for the Jewish people

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Jacob's (Israel's) trouble will finally end when Christ returns to establish his kingdom on earth and reign over all nations for a thousand years (Rev 19:11-21; 20:4-6;) **Fire Bible.**

- **Zechariah 13:1 (NIV)** (1) "On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.
- *Because of his great mercy and desire to forgive, God will open a spiritual fountain of his grace—his undeserved favor—that will cleanse the Jewish people from their sin.*

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The Prophecies About And Regarding Israel

There Are Three Perspectives To Consider

- 1) *Prophecies That Have Already Been Fulfilled (PAST)*
- 2) *Prophecies That Are Current (PRESENT)*
- 3) *Prophecies That Are Going To Be Fulfilled (FUTURE)*

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Prophecies Already Fulfilled

- 1. DISPERSION** – Israel Will Be Dispersed Around The World (Deut. 28:64-67; Lev. 26:33)
- 2. PERSECUTION** – Israel Will Be Persecuted By The Nations (Deuteronomy 28:65)
- 3. DESOLATION** --The Land Of Israel Will Become Desolate (Lev. 26:33; Deut. 29:22-23
- 4. PRESERVATION** --Israel Will Be Preserved (Isaiah 66:22 ; Jeremiah 30:11; Isaiah 49:13-15)

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In These Last Days Israel Became A Nation (In 1 Day)

- *Many Maneuverings Brought A Destroyed, Persecuted People, Back Together Into Their Desolate Land*
- *The Same Land That Abraham Had Been On When God Said, “This Land Is For You And Your Children”*
- ***Today Israel Remains A Nation***
- ***A Nation Of Covenant With God***

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Prophecies Currently -- That We See In Modern Israel

- *God Remains Faithful To His Word And To His Promises*
- *When He Makes A Covenant With His People He Will Always Be Faithful To That Covenant*
- *Israel Proves Bible Prophecy*

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Prophecy Presently Taking Shape :

- *Dispersed Israel Is Being Regathered*
- *The State Of Israel Has Been Reestablished*
- *The Land Is Blooming Once Again*
- *The Hebrew Language Has Been Revived*
- *The Jews Have Reoccupied Jerusalem*
- *Jerusalem Has Become A Great Area Of Consternation And Strife*

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➤ Israel Has A Strong Military

- *Israel Is And Will Continue To Be The Center Of Attention To The Whole World*
- **Zechariah 12:3 (NIV)** (3) On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

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- ❖ ***God Is Faithful To His Word***
- ❖ ***His Word Is True And Reliable***
- ❖ ***When He Promises -- He Delivers!***

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How Close Are We?

Q. *What Sign Points Most Clearly To Us?*

A. *It is Not One Particular Sign -- It Is The Convergence Of Signs*

- ***The Converging Signs Let Us Know We Are In The Last Days Just Before The Lord Returns***

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God's Covenant Can Be Counted On:

- *When God Says “I Will!” -- He Will!*
- *When He Says “I Am Coming Back Again!” -- He Is Coming Back Again!!*
- *When God Makes A Promise, He Keeps It!*