

# 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!*