

Israel, Prophecy & War

Sermon Info

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Scripture References

- Daniel 2 - used to show how the imagery of kingdoms in Daniel aligns with Revelation and modern groupings of nations.
- Daniel 9 - main focus for the series; speaker argues the chapter belongs to earlier history (Second Jewish Revolt) and must be understood in its own place.
- Revelation 11 & 19 - cited as the climactic scenes when Christ returns and judges the nations; tied to the final rescue of Jerusalem.
- Deuteronomy (Moses) - quoted (promise to gather Israel back to their land) to explain the modern return and formation of Israel in 1948.
- Zechariah (Zech./Zachariah) - quoted at length about Jerusalem as a "cup" and the horrific effects on attacking nations; used to justify the possibility of catastrophic (nuclear-like) devastation.

Central Message

- God's promises to Israel are unfolding through modern history: the formation of the nation, recurring wars, and geopolitical moves point toward prophetic fulfillment. Believers are called to watch, pray, trust Scripture, and take comfort that God will ultimately intervene and save Jerusalem.

Key Points

- 1. The formation of modern Israel (1948) and UN involvement (Resolution 181, 1947) are portrayed as fulfillment of Scripture (Deuteronomy) and as groundwork for later end-time events.
- 2. A survey of historical conflicts shows a pattern: 1948, 1956, 1967 (Six-Day War), 1973 (Yom Kippur/Warsa), the buildup of Israeli deterrence, and later tensions—each shaping Israel's posture.
- 3. Israel developed a nuclear deterrent (early deliverable devices by 1967, later 200+ weapons and delivery systems) as a survival measure — the so-called "Samson" option or nuclear deterrence to prevent annihilation.
- 4. The speaker connects modern events (settlements, Gaza disengagement 2005, tunnel networks, continuing anti-Semitism in Europe) to prophetic indicators rather than simple politics.

- 5. The prophecy arc: Israel threatened → possible catastrophic retaliatory strike(s) (regional/nuclear) → culmination in Armageddon where Christ returns (Revelation 19) to judge and rescue Jerusalem.

Notable Quotes

- > "Never again" — welded onto the exterior casing of an early Israeli deliverable weapon (Hebrew & English)
- > "Tell Bill I'm off to war." — an eyewitness moment showing how wars call ordinary people into conflict immediately.
- > "Israel will not unilaterally disarm... not for seven years, seven months, or seven minutes." — on the unwillingness to rely solely on others for national security.
- > "When Israel is in the throes of perishing, she's saved by her Messiah." — assurance of divine rescue.

Application

- Be watchful and prayerful: remain spiritually alert to world events and pray for wisdom and discernment.
- Ground convictions in Scripture: study the cited passages (Daniel, Zechariah, Revelation, Deuteronomy) to shape a sober, biblical understanding of prophecy.
- Pray for leaders and nations: intercede for decision-makers whose choices affect many people.
- Respond in compassion and truth: support humanitarian and faithful responses without abandoning a biblical witness about God's purposes.
- Take comfort: trust God's sovereignty and the promised deliverance of Jerusalem.

Prayer Points

- For God to bless and guide the leaders who make decisions affecting nations and peoples.
- For protection over Israel and wisdom for its leaders in dangerous times.
- For the Spirit to give believers understanding and alertness as they read prophetic Scripture.
- For comfort for those living amid conflict and for those who grieve the human cost of war.

Reflection Questions

- 1. How does the speaker's reading of Daniel, Zechariah, and Revelation affect the way I watch modern events?
- 2. In what practical ways can I be prayerfully engaged for leaders, for Israel, and for victims of conflict?
- 3. Do I find my hope and security ultimately in God's promises (Scripture) or in human alliances and strategies?

Transcript

August at near the end of that period of time when Jesus is maybe just weeks away, but in that time there is going to be a lot of stuff that's going to go on, and the biggest part will be the wars of Israel. So we're going to take a look at those, since Israel was formed by the United Nations back in 1948. So that will be the last week, and next week we will do the Star of Bethlehem.

Excuse me, next week we're going to be doing the return of Jesus, and then the week after that, which is the 12th, we'll do the Star of Bethlehem, which is not really a star. Okay, so briefly, last week we looked at the Ten Horns, and I believe that those Ten are the ones that make up the Security Council, and they're the groupings of these countries, and that's what it is today. That can always change according to their rules. And we also looked at that little image of Daniel's statue of chapter 2, and we showed that the Book of Revelation actually meshes in with that. We went through each one.

And we also saw that these Ten Horns—and how well it fits is that the Ten Horns that you saw are Ten Kings who have not yet received a kingdom, which they don't, because they represent those countries. So they don't have the leadership of those countries, but they'll be the ones that will be officiating in the workings of the UN. But who, for one hour, will receive authority as kings, along with the beast, who's going to be ruling for that 42 months?

Now, when we look at Daniel on the 19th, we'll be looking at that chapter 9 where we see this period that is consistently placed in the wrong place. A lot of your dispensationalists will take chapter 9 of Daniel and take the 70th week of that and put it in the end times. It has its own place. Not in the end times, but back at the Second Jewish Revolt in 132 AD, which is when Israel lost the nation. They have one purpose, and we'll give their power and authority to the beast. And in parallel with this, you've got the woman on the beast, which will, I believe, be all of the religions of the world that will come together and try to pray their way out of the predicament that they're in.

And we also looked at what had happened to the Jews during the Second World War and what happened ended up pushing for the establishment of a Jewish homeland, not a state, but a Jewish homeland in Palestine. And as the day got close, the Jews got even closer and declared independence as the State of Israel, not the homeland of Israel, but the State of Israel, which is there today. Then we looked at a counterpart to this first beast, the second beast, and it was the woman on the beast.

The beast had Ten Horns that you saw, and it will hate the prostitute who sits on the beast, and it will bring her to ruin and leave her naked. And they will eat her flesh and burn her with fire. And we see that as the secular world just wanting to get rid of religions altogether. Because remember, when we said at the very beginning, the very powerful, the very wealthy, the very political top, when they see this period of the big rock coming, their main concern will be how to rule the rebel afterwards.

Most people will be concerned, "How do I survive this?" But they will look forward to, "How do we rule the rebel?" And one of the things they're going to want to get rid of are religions. And that they will do.

And they'll have a case to present to the people. All the religious activities before the impact will fail to save the earth, and billions will perish.

And therefore, it will be easy after the impact to convince the inhabitants of the earth that there are no gods except for the one who can maximize their chances of survival. So that whole era in their minds will be one where it's all secular.

However, what's been going on for almost 2,000 years has been a theology, this replacement theology, that the church had now become the new people of God. The Jews, by rejecting and killing their king, all right, had forfeited everything, and all of the promises were transferred to the church, which is not true.

It's not true in the scriptures. And for the people that came up with that, they're going to have a special place because what they did was they said that God is a liar.

God had promised to Abraham that they would have a kingdom that would have a king, and he's going to make that happen. And there's no pope or theologian or church father that can change that.

But that replacement theology led to a whole bunch of persecutions of the Jews. They were chased out of countries.

And then during World War I, Balfour, who was a minister of the British government, along with, I think it was the US and France, got together and said, "Hey, let's make a homeland for the Jews," in recognition that the scriptures said that. And they proposed this large area, which had now become controlled by the French and the British as part of their victory in World War I. And this was big. It was about the size of Pennsylvania or Ohio. And that was the plan.

However, National Socialism stepped in. In the early '20s, it was a local thing. It was basically at the city level. And they wanted to make sure that this is not the Communism-Socialism, this is not International Communism. They wanted to have their own, hence the name National. And in German, they took the first two letters and the third and fourth letters of Socialism and gave themselves a name called Nazis.

So it's amazing that you can watch TV and see these people charging with their Socialism as part of the Democrat Party and not realizing Socialism doesn't work. You're just going to look at the world and see where it flops all the time.

But yet, what does it flop into? It flops into a dictatorship, which is what the Hitlers and the Mussolinis were. So it's ironic, yet nobody talks about it. It's like it's a taboo to talk about it.

Well, I'm not big on taboos. All right, so we saw how the Canadian Labour Party really pushed to force the Jews to have their destiny determined by that National Socialist Party in Germany.

If they have a problem in Europe with the Jews, let them take care of it internally, which they did. This became the agenda of Jews to be liquidated by country in Europe.

And by the time World War II was going, more Jews were trying to escape Germany, trying to make it into various countries. And not to mention, they wanted to go back to Palestine.

And the British were in control, and they ended up trying to stop the Jews from coming. There were several movies made of that, about that theme of that time.

And so pretty soon, the British, who had come up with the Balfour Declaration, were there openly, openly hostile to the Jews trying to get in. So after the war ended, people were very, I think, were guilt-ridden with what had happened to the Jews. And so the UN took up the cause to come up with a solution. And the solution was Resolution 181. And this is in 1947. The General Assembly, having met in special session, to constitute and construct a special committee to prepare for the consideration of the question of the future government of Palestine. And this was like watching scripture take place. At that time, I wasn't doing any of the watching.

But in Deuteronomy, Moses had written, "Then the Lord our God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, gather you again from all the nations where you are scattered, even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens. From there, the Lord your God will gather you and bring you back. And he will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it, and he will make you more prosperous and more numerous than your fathers." So there were Jews that for decades had been organized to make this happen someday, and now it was close. The General Assembly finally passed it. And in there, they had the whole layout, how they were going to basically put together a constitution and have people work their way through until they got to the point where they would become the Jews, and basically the Muslims would have their own countries and become nations in the UN also. That was the plan.

Then they had the ruling and then what they were going to do with the boundaries. And that was interesting because now what had been planned as this is now this, a whole lot smaller. And the gray part was going to be the Arabs or the Palestinians. And this white part here in the middle was going to be Jerusalem, which was going to be an international city.

It was going to be ruled by a committee of the UN. And these pinch points here were going to be overpasses where Muslims and Jews could go back and forth to their various areas without having any ground interference.

They would have in one place, Jews would be passing at ground level, and the Muslims would

pass over on the elevated. And at the other point, it's the other way around. So they had a nice plan. But we know about plans. So off they go, right? So they end up with this regime, and all of the plans in place, and then they bring it up. And they have the plan for the overall two nations plus the city. And what it was, is that for 10 years, they'd work under this committee, and then after that, they would have a public site and decide how they want to run their countries or their city and how they would attach it or divide it or whatever. And then came the votes. These are those that voted for, those that voted against, and those that abstained. And it's interesting when you look at places where the US and the USSR were in total agreement with that. Then you look at against, and in there, you have Cuba, which is curious because that was one of the places where they had that meeting in France that Roosevelt had called. And the Cubans were friendly to saying, "Yeah, you can have some come to us." But when the boat got there, they wouldn't let him off the boat. And then Roosevelt made sure that they wouldn't land in the US either.

So the boat went back to Germany, where most of them lost their lives. So I guess Cuba was going to be consistent. And then you've got this pillar of jelly here. They were really afraid because at that time, they did not have North Sea oil.

All of their oil came from the Middle East. And they figured if they went along with the Jews, the Arabs wouldn't sell them any of their oil. So the Brits just abstained. That'll show up again.

However, the day before, the UN resolution was to be adopted. The Jews went out and declared their independence. And with that declaration, the Arab world around them declared war the next day. And the Arab pry was to push them, the Jews, into the sea.

So now the Balfour Declaration, which had come out with about a 45,000-square-mile country, are now down to 7,500 square miles, which is about the size of New Hampshire. So then after the war and things finally stopped, Ernest Bergman made a declaration.

He says, "We shall never again be led as lambs to the slaughter." So Israel decided to go nuclear. Now, things were quiet for a few years, but in 1956, the Egyptian government wanted to nationalize the Suez Canal.

So the British and the French, who get all of their oil from the Arab countries, get it through the Suez Canal. Plus, the British had a lot of dealings with their former colonies, India, and the French, French Indochina and the like. And they didn't want to travel all the way around Africa to get back to the countries. So they were really hard to talk on not letting that happen.

So they enlisted the help of Israel and asked Israel, "You bring your troops up to the east side of the canal and hold on to that. And we'll use our troops and paratroopers, and we'll capture the west side of the canal, and we'll make a new canal zone that we will administer together." Sounds like what they tend to do, right? And the Jews said, "Hey, we want something out of this." So France was the supplier of war material for the Jews from '48 on almost 20 years.

So in the '56 war, they agreed that France would provide nuclear capabilities to Israel. And so the war goes on. England and France tried taking the canal, and the French committed the help to build a nuclear power plant for the Jews in the Negev Desert. And these are the places where they were going to do this.

The nuclear power plant would be over here at the Yon Divan, and the canal is where they would build this canal zone, kind of patterned after the US canal zone that existed at the time in Panama. And the US would guarantee to keep this straight open because the Muslims wouldn't let Jewish trade come through the canal, but it would come up here to the Port of Yemot. But there was a pinch point down here where just a few cannons could stop all of the trade from going into the Gulf to Yemot. So President Eisenhower said, "Hey, you guys, we'll guarantee the port and to keep that open." So, taking a look here, you can see that, "Hey, this is going to be okay. We'll just open this up." Well, I want you to know the French and the British failed to capture the west side of the canal.

The Jews took the east side of it. But after the whole thing was settled, the canal stayed with Egypt. The French and the British were humiliated, and Israel committed to turn the Sinai back to Egypt. So by the time 1967 comes around, this is about 10 years later, another movement starts to take place. All of a sudden, NASA starts to move tanks into the Sinai Peninsula, which was supposed to be neutral, but Muslims were still in there. And Egypt still had influences in there. And the UN was the peacekeeper. They had two major countries keeping the peace at the border with Israel along here. And the two countries doing that were Canada and Poland. And when NASA started to move its tanks in there and told the UN to get out, the Canadians left so fast, they even forgot their flag.

They only noticed it as the planes were flying out. The flag was still flying over their compounds down there. Then NASA had some of its air force fly over Dimona, which was where the nuclear reactor was. And then NASA blockaded the Straits of Tiran.

Well, Eisenhower had committed to keep that open. But now President Johnson, again, we're washing our hands of Tiran, of the Straits. So the Muslims ended up plugging it up. The UN left, and now you had all of these troops on the side of Lebanon, Syria, Saudi Arabia, Egypt.

Now had Israel bundled up. Now, 1967, we were living in Vermont, and I was working at IBM. And I had an office mate. Name was Zev. Zev had come to the country from Israel, gone to university in New York, got an engineering degree. And there we were, young engineers, sitting there. One day, the phone rings. Zev picks up the phone, and all of a sudden, he had this real serious look on his face. And he kept nodding his head and saying, "Yes, yes, yeah. Yeah, I understand. Yeah." And then he hung up, reached into his pocket, gave me the key to his desk. He said, "Tell Bill I'm off to war." Now, Zev was in the Israeli Reserves as a paratrooper.

So he had been called to battle, and now he just left just like that. So Zev was on his way when the war breaks out. And the Egyptians and the other Muslims kept repeating their refrain. The objective is the destruction of Israel. We want to take them off the map. So the friends of 1967,

like the United States, say they cannot meet the '57 commitment to keep the Straits of Tiran open.

The French call an arms embargo against Israel. So he was the prime supplier of the Mirage jets at the time and all of their missiles and artillery. Now they call it quits. So Israel is on its own, with all of these threats coming over the radios every day.

So now all Egypt is now prepared to plunge into total war, which will put an end to Israel. So one of the reporters asked the PMO chairman.

He says, "On the fate of Israelis following the war," and the PMO says, "Those who survive will remain in Palestine. I estimate that none of them will survive." So that will prompt people to take chances that probably otherwise they wouldn't if they just face it.

If we lose this, we're gone. Well, the Jews started to take the first act.

Already, they were preparing places for mass cemeteries. And their take was, "We're going to shoot first." And if you remember what they did, is that they sent their air force out flying just feet above the Mediterranean Sea and came in to wipe out the Egyptian Air Force on the ground. And in one of the office buildings over there was a bunch of guys having breakfast at the Emmacolumne Boiler facilities. And one of the guys sitting in that meeting was a fellow named Reagan Dees.

Some of you knew Reagan. 50 years later, Reagan would be in my Bible study over at First Baptist.

So I got some firsthand information as to what went on. He said, "All of a sudden, we could hear explosions, but nobody knew what it was. And a few moments later, these guys came in screaming, 'Death to America! Death to Israel!'" So the company took all of their American guys and relocated them. And Reagan got relocated to Tiran, Iran. So between Zev and Reagan, I was able to get a lot of first witness things as to what all went on over there.

Now, with this, obviously, the others responded. But by June of 1967, Israel had already made two deliverable nuclear bombs. The first of those bombs, the belief goes, has this phrase welded onto the exterior casing. It says, "Never again," in both Hebrew and English. Not Hebrew and Arabic, but Hebrew and English. So, you get this, America? It was the nope. So now what they had was that if we're ever at the point of going under, they're coming with us.

Not only that, the implications were worse than that.

That's a Samson resolution, isn't it?

Huh?

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That's the Samson. The Six-Day War started on Louisa's birthday.

I tried to find a reason why, but I couldn't come up with anything. But Israel won.

So now Israel had gone from having this proposed to having this settled to ending up with the whole ball of wax. So for a lot of people, it was, "Gee, is this going to keep on going for the next round?" But it didn't. And we probably still see that we have to deal with is this little section in here called Gaza. So a few years later, in 1973, I'm in a plane flying to Washington, and there's this colonel from the US Army sitting next to me. And this had just hit the news that now the Arab nations had attacked Israel. And the concern at that time was the fact that the Jews didn't get any warning, except for the King of Jordan had told Golda Meir, who was the president of Israel at the time, that they're getting ready to get you guys. And she didn't believe him. Well, they did. This time, there was no bragging ahead of time. So, this led to the second nuclear alert.

So on October 8, 1973, Golda Meir held an important meeting, which resulted in the first thing is rallying her forces for a counterattack and then informing Washington of the situation and demanding a US, again, an emergency airlift to resupply Israel. Well, at that time, the US didn't have this extensive refueling capability, and they didn't have planes that could make the whole flight from the US to Israel. They'd have to land in Spain, or they'd have to land in France or Italy. And none of those countries would let us land because the Arabs told them, "If you let the Americans use your bases or use their bases in your countries, we're shutting your oil down." So Nixon spoke to Portugal, and he told Portugal, "We will supply you your oil as if nothing had happened. We'll supply you oil at our own expense if you let us use the Azores." So that's what they did. We were able to use the Azores, and we supplied Portugal with our own oil from our own oil supplies.

So telling Washington that Israel had armed and targeted 13 of the nuclear weapons, which is what they were up to now, and in case of total collapse in the conventional forces. So again, Israel wants the US of the Samson option, which John just mentioned. And what that was, was remember what Samson did at the temple where he pushed the columns apart and everything came tumbling down on him. He died in it. And so Israel was getting ready to be able to do the same thing. So as a result, the US did supply huge, the largest military airlift ever. And sure enough, the Arabs turned off the oil spigot. Now, he had family.

He's got a brother that lived in Massachusetts. And at the time of 1973, we were living in Canada. And so I had a trip to Burlington in northern Vermont. And when I came to gas up, nobody would sell me gas. I'd go station to station. They'd see my Canadian plates. We're not selling it. What had happened is that the US was supplying some of our own oil to take care of Portugal. We wanted some oil from Canada, and they wouldn't sell it to us. So one of the Americans got hurt.

So now I have this 1971 Buick with a 455 cubic inch V8 in it. But it did have one thing. It had a 25-and-a-half-gallon gas tank. Now, if I really was careful, I could get that thing up to around 20 miles to the gallon. So we were able to keep visiting in Massachusetts, and it was always coasting down the long hills. So on one of the trips back from the plant in Virginia, the fellow that's sitting next to me, this military guy, he says, "I think not the Jews have got it this time." I said, "No, it won't be easy, but there's no way they're going to lose this." He says, "How can you be so sure?" And I had this little pocket Bible. It was only about this big with fine print that I could read back then. I says, "The answer's in here. It says that they're not going to lose it." So a third alert that, again, made everything come to a halt. The Russians said, "Hey, we're going to get involved in this with the Egyptians." And then the UN and the US and whoever got in, and they finally called a ceasefire. And Israel had won again.

But it learned a big lesson. With friends like these, the British Balfour Declaration that ended up getting walked back, the German persecution of its Jewish citizens, the Event Conference that said, "Hey, let them take care of their own problems." Germany's once a protocol, which was, "This is the list of countries and how many Jews are in there.

Let's build a system to execute them all." The French-Israeli cooperation, which ended in the middle of the war. They canceled all of their shipments for material.

Then the UN cooperation, which ended up with basically nothing. And then the American-Israeli cooperation that says, "Oh, by the way, hey, we're not going to keep the little straits open." So Israel needs nukes to survive, at least for a while.

Now, Israel returns the Sinai to Egypt and land for peace again. And that's what they ended up with, pretty much what they had started with.

Now, during the '80s and '90s, there was constant tension. There were a lot of flare-ups with Lebanon and Syria.

But during the '80s, Sharon, he was the defense minister, and he's reported to have said, "We can take the Middle East with us whenever we go. And Arabs may have the oil, but we have the matches." So that put everything in a different view.

Now, when the Desert Storm battle came out, again, the Jews prepared their aircraft and everything, prepared their nukes, and told Saddam and company, "If anybody launches chemical weapons against us, we're going to nuke them." So there were a few rockets that were sent, which just conventional bombs, but no nukes, no chemical warfare. So now Israel's got over 200 weapons, and they've got delivery systems, aircraft, missiles. They even have four submarines that, ironically, were built in Germany. So this is the picture today. You've got Gaza here, and then you've got the West Bank, which is militarily controlled by Israel. And then you've got Israel proper. And you've got these distances, 9 miles, 22 miles, 13 miles. And with distances like that, you can easily bomb any of these places with simple pieces of equipment like that cannon or this portable missile launcher. So with that in mind, the Jews want to keep

the West Bank to where they control what goes in and out, to make sure there's none of this stuff being accumulated. And likewise, they want to keep Gaza here from moving anything in to attack the rest of Israel. Now, meanwhile, the anti-Semitism that kept growing in Europe, where Italians, the majority of the population, say that the Jews that are in Italy are really not Italians, which is what they ended up saying in Germany in the 1920s and '30s, which led to the Jews losing their citizenship and having these plans to exterminate them being put together. And so today, and even 15 years ago, The Guardian, the British newspaper, says that Israel has no right to exist.

A poll published in Europe during 2003 showed that 59% of Europeans perceive Israel as the biggest threat to world peace. So with continued anti-Semitism, anti-Zionism, anti-Israeli sentiments prevailing among the world's top tier of nations, Israel will not unilaterally disarm and put its security in the hands of others, not for seven years, seven months, or seven minutes.

Now, that's always a big thing. That's why I decided to cover Daniel chapter 9 as part of this series, because there's a large group of Christian evangelicals that actually believe that there's going to be a seven-year treaty with Israel, and that in the middle of the treaty, the Antichrist will break the treaty and attack Israel. It's nothing like that. And for these reasons, Israel is never going to make a treaty.

"Oh, we'll make a treaty for seven years." Ra, ra, ra. What happens in year seven plus two months? So that's not going to happen. Others, some argued that Israel should negotiate away a nuclear weaponry for a regional agreement on arms control and disarmament. Israel would be better off to engage in this kind of trade now rather than being forced into it later, perhaps even after the use of these weapons. And there's a great world example about that.

Now, here's one from Mr. Clinton. This was back in, all right, 1994. President Clinton, on Monday, announced agreements with Ukraine and Russia to dismantle the Ukraine nuclear arsenal, hailing the long-sought accord as a hopeful and historic breakthrough that enhances the security of all three participants.

Under the agreement, the United States, Russia, and Britain will provide security assurances for the Ukraine when it gives up its weapons. That really worked, right?

The same newspaper. All right. Now, this is 2022. The Times, Middle East Bureau Chief, Nabil Boulos, and photojournalist and foreign correspondent Marcus Yam are covering Russia's invasion of Ukraine. So as Russian troops advance from three sides into the country, Boulos and Yam are commenting, documenting the stories of ordinary Ukrainians facing the destruction of their existence that they had built. So you think that Israel would repeat that kind of a fiasco? So land for peace again. All right. So the big place of concern that kept coming up was Gaza. Now, the Jews had settled in there.

Now, in Gaza, what you see here in blue, all right, were 21 Jewish settlements. And what's in the darker brown were the UN locations for refugees.

So in 2005, they decided to disengage. Israel disengaged from the Gaza Strip by dismantling all 21 Israeli settlements there. A deadline was issued for August 15, 2005, after which the Israeli Defense Forces began evicting all Israeli settlers who were refusing to accept the government compensation packages in exchange for voluntarily vacating their homes in the Gaza Strip. And by September 12th, Israel residential, all Israeli residential buildings in the territory had been demolished, and the 8,000-plus Israeli settlers who inhabited them had been removed. Now, that didn't only exist for the living. They even took out the bodies out of the cemeteries. On the 28th of August, the IDF dismantled Gush Katif's 48 grave cemetery, and they reinterred them in Israel.

So talk about leaving the whole thing. So, the US and the Europeans and everybody sends money to rebuild the schools and everything else.

Well, did the money go really for that or the hundreds of miles of tunnels that got dug? So the land for peace is just another way of piecemeal extinction. So now the Jews know. So now they're in a war again in 2023. And it ends, sort of. So now things are still unsettled as to who's going to disarm, blah, blah, blah. And all of the areas that were attacked, and oftentimes, the way it's presented, you think it's attacking just one camp where they had a concert, but there were attacks all along this front.

How many miles is that Gaza Strip measured?

Oh, yeah. Yeah.

This here, the pinch points about four and a half miles wide. This is about eight miles wide.

This is about 25 miles long. All right.

So it's a small place that ends up creating big problems in a lot of other places. So, they keep talking about, all right, from the river to the sea, they want to get rid of the Jews.

Well, the river they talk about is there, to the sea. But the promised land is given, as you can read just from these bottom ones here. It's from the Euphrates River to the sea. So, there's going to be things that will happen that we're not able to extrapolate to today, but they are indicators. Now, Israel is in a 2026 war. Don't know where that's going to go, but it's going to be okay for Israel.

But the next war is Israel's nuclear war. Now, I don't see this as a World War III nuclear exchange between the Russians and the Chinese and the Americans and the Brits and so on. This is going to be an Israeli nuclear launch. It's not the Battle of Armageddon.

When we put this on a big chart that looked at the major events to take place during the time of Revelation, it said this takes place just before Jesus returns. That's what this ribbon line is. And

the first part is going to be a nuclear war in there. Israel is going to end up being totally threatened, and they are going to push the buttons.

All right. And I think after this disaster, the impact, the Arab world will look at the US as a disaster area, and it's going to be basically taken out of foreign affairs, and that the US either could not or would not help Israel.

So the Arabs would see this as the work of Allah striking down the great Satan and providing Islam with their window of opportunity to take Jerusalem. Because in their writings, the taking of Jerusalem is the sign for the Imam to come back, who's going to rule the world.

So with the same old story of wanting the total destruction of Israel, taking them off the map, being repeated decade after decade, all right, Israel will defend itself with the Samson option. Now, this is not just my conjecture. This is the Yerushalayim, a picture taken from the bombing of Yerushalayim. Now, Israel doesn't need super bombs. They're better to have many smaller ones because they have a lot more targets. Plus, you can carry them in the established aircraft of the day, single seat, double seat, jet fighter bombers. They don't need to have a B-29. This was a picture of Yerushalayim, and this was the targeted point right there at the Three Rivers Bridge. And they dropped a bomb, but they missed it by about 1,000 feet. But it took out everything that it needed to take out.

Plus, the psychological effect was horrendous, not to mention the physical effect. Now, why I say I think it's going to be a nuclear war, it's what Zachariah writes. He says, "I'm going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends the surrounding peoples reeling. I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all of the surrounding peoples reeling.

Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 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. On that day, I will make the leaders of Judah like a fire pot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples. But Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.

On that day, I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem." And this is the plague with which the Lord will strike all the nations that fought against Jerusalem. Their flesh will rot while they're standing on their feet.

Now, the Hebrew word that's translated rot can also be translated as consume away or dissolve. Similar to the words used by the witnesses and the victims of the Yerushalayim and the Nagasaki atomic bombings.

A 16-year-old male carrier testified, "My body smelled of burns and rot." A 32-year-old witness at the time recalls, "People were seared by the intense heat of the bomb, their flesh hanging like tattered rags from their arms and legs. A 13-year-old girl that was also severely burned

witnessed many victims whose flesh had been stripped and hung so that you could see bones. And some people died standing upright." Just like Zachariah wrote, "Their eyes will rot in their sockets. Their eyes liquefy from looking at the blast. Their tongues will rot in their mouths." A 26-year-old nursery school teacher looking for missing children saw adults stripped naked with swollen, reddish faces. Their tongues were cut or twisted, and they couldn't utter a word. So Zachariah describes that.

Nothing like that had ever happened in any of Jewish wars with the different people around them. And up to that time, this is something that has only happened in our life, well, some of us's lifetime. So down here, we have the first part. Now, because of that, because of that, that will bring on Armageddon. And that's where we'll have the second part. And again, they are spirits of demons, and they go out to the kings of the whole world. And the UN is the one that brought about the fact that Jews came back to Israel and that they wanted to have a homeland over there. Well, it's going to happen. So all of these countries will come and gather. The Lord will bring them there to gather them for battle on the great day of God Almighty.

Then they gathered the kings together to the place in the Hebrew called Armageddon. All right. And the world is going to look at putting it into this Muslim-Israeli feud. All right. And all of the countries will be there to do that, either by sending or providing support or something to it. And they will gather there.

Now, Europe and Asia together or in opposition will move in with plans to secure the oil and their future by finishing off the finishing off Israel and this Arab-Muslim thing. And we can see that today, that all of the things that are going on just to secure the oil. Because when the world has gone through this big disaster, high-tech energy is not going to be easy to come by. You're going to end up having all of this debris that fell down on all of those solar panels. You're still going to have to make electricity. And the windmills battered by all of that debris coming down, knocking little holes and changing the balance of all of those wind turbines aren't going to work either.

So it'll be back to powering a power plant in that most simple of ways, coal and oil. When you look at the Texas and I have one of these dashboards from ERCOT, and it shows how much energy is being made by what different sources. They have wind, they have solar, they have natural gas, they have oil, they have nuclear, they have hydro, and then batteries. Well, batteries are okay, but you've got to charge them. So, when you look at the whole thing, the nuclear is about 4 to 5 percent. And when I look at it at night, the solar is zero.

Understandable. So, the rest of the world is even more so, especially in Europe. So, oil will end up being one of the big things that's going to push this. And you can see it. It's happening here in this country right now with the elections coming up, the fact about the price of oil, the price of oil. So Armageddon is going to take place in here. Now, the Scripture always talks about Armageddon as a gathering place. And it's got a lot of flat land. You can gather a lot of stuff there with the intention of using it.

All right. But when it comes time to try to use it, all right, I think when Israel is there in the throes of perishing, she's saved by her Messiah. And that's when the Lord comes back. That's Revelations chapter 19 from 11 on. I saw heaven standing open, and there before me was a white horse whose rider is called faithful and true, with justice he judges and makes war. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with an iron scepter. So yeah, it's symbolic, but it's very easy. You're dead.

That's it. And just like you had the angel in the battle for Jerusalem wipe out hundreds of thousands of troops, the Lord will come down and just say, "War's over, guys." And the people reading that in the Bible, they said, "That can't be true because it would take so long for one angel to kill all those people. It takes that long."

No. Well, the Lord comes along and he ends it right there.

We're just observers, aren't we?

We'll be observers there. Yeah.

Then I saw the beast and the kings of the earth and their armies gathered together to make war against the rider on the horse and his armies. But the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who had performed the miraculous signs on his behalf. And the two of them were thrown alive in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. And we'll end it there for tonight.

Any questions? So I don't think there's going to be a World War III nuclear exchange on a worldwide basis, but I think it is going to happen because what Zachariah has described, I can't see how you can interpret it any other way. And it's something that couldn't be interpreted until the generations, three or four of us generations. John?

Thank you, Richard. I would like for you to consider modifying your presentation to a fascinating thing, just a little addition to whether or not God gets involved with the United States and different things. Just who was the president of the United States in the 1947, 1948 period when it was so critical for Israel, the most unlikely of persons would be president of the United States. He had no background for anything like that, no qualifications.

Oh, yes, he did.

Well, he had two things. He had two things going for him.

He had a direct contact with a Jew business partner for a long period. That's one. And he is the only president of the United States, the second thing, to have actually read the Bible. He actually read the Bible himself, beginning and end, three times. And he's the most unlikely of presidents who have done that. But he did do that.

He read it three times. And that president was Harry Truman.

Harry. And Harry Truman, when he did that, I think he was his chief of staff at the time.

No, his secretary of state.

Secretary of state. His name was George Marshall. And Marshall told him he wouldn't vote for him.

George Marshall had this much popularity in 1947. Harry Truman had this much.

Yeah, but.

And he's telling little Harry Truman, little nobody Truman, who was his boss technically as president of the United States, that you will not vote in favor of Israel because if you do, I'll destroy you. I will destroy you. So they didn't know which way Harry Truman was going to go until the day he made the announcement. And they were absolutely sure that he would cave in to his secretary of state and vote to block Israel.

But he did not. He did just the opposite.

He voted in favor. And that led to all the things that Israel is today. That one decision by one man. Right. Because of that decision. Because God made sure it was in that position. And he made that decision because it was consistent with the Scriptures.

Yes, that he had read.

That he had read. So, a lot of the items in there and a lot of the views that people have, the Scriptures is the only one that we can depart from or end with. We may not be able to articulate all of the steps in between some of these points, but the Scriptures have certainly got it right with regards to what it states. Now, in Catholicism, you have this doctrine of the infallibility of the Pope.

Now, a lot of people end up thinking that a lot of the things that the Catholic teach has been taken through that infallibility thing, but it's not. There are two things that are absolutely identified as statements of infallibility, and they are one is the Immaculate Conception of Mary, and the other one is the Assumption of Mary, bodily and soul into heaven. All of the other stuff is.

I know.

Right? So, when we look at the views that the Catholic Church has, we'll include that next week, right? Because that's where a lot of the ignorance that I had as a Catholic come from. I think the next president of the United States will be a Catholic.

Could be.

I think it's most probable.

But he's at his advantage.

He has an advantage right now. I don't know if he will two years from now, but he does have it now.

Okay. Well, we'll end it here because we're already running over. But we'll pick it up next week.

Oh, Heavenly Father, we thank you for your word. And there are words of comfort, knowing where the boundaries are and where your people stand in it.

And Lord, we pray that you bless and guide those that are involved today in the making of decisions that will have effects on all kinds of people, that they look and make their reference points your word for. Now, we pray that you watch over us and keep us alert and to give us your Spirit to look at these words and take comfort. In Jesus' name, we pray.

Amen.