

“Israel (Past, Present, Future)”

Genesis 12:1-3

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1 Timothy 3:14-15 “¹⁴ These things I write to you, though I hope to come to you shortly; ¹⁵ but if I am delayed, *I write* so that you may know how you ought to conduct yourself in the house of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth.”

- The church **MUST** be a place where doctrine is first and foremost because we are to be a pillar and ground of truth.

For that reason...

Ephesians 4:11-15 “¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ, ¹³ till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; ¹⁴ that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, ¹⁵ but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ.”

Therefore, pastors **MUST** rightly divide the word of truth and parse it out to the body of Christ!

Having just come back from Israel, some things became **VERY** clear to me that really built me up in the faith!

- God fulfills His promises and the nation of Israel is an enormous example!

Israel (Past)

The Promise (1800 B.C.)

Genesis 12:1-3 “Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, from your family and from your father’s house, to a land that I will show you. ² I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing. ³ I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

- *How long?*
 - **Genesis 13:15** “...for all the land which you see I give to you and your descendants *forever.*”
- *The Boundaries of the Land*
 - **Genesis 15:18-21** ““To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—¹⁹ the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, ²⁰ the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim, ²¹ the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Gergashites, and the Jebusites.”
 - **Joshua 1:1-4** “After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, it came to pass that the Lord spoke to Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ assistant, saying: ² “Moses My servant is dead. Now therefore, arise, go over this Jordan, you and all this people, to the land which I am giving to them—the children of Israel. ³ Every place that the sole of your foot will tread upon I have given you, as I said to Moses. ⁴ From the wilderness and this Lebanon as far

as the great river, the River Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and to the Great Sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your territory.”

- “According to Genesis 15:18 and Joshua 1:4, the land God gave to Israel included everything from the Nile River in Egypt to Lebanon (south to north) and everything from the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River (west to east). So, what land has God stated belongs to Israel? All of the land modern Israel currently possesses, plus all of the land of the Palestinians (the West Bank and Gaza), plus some of Egypt and Syria, plus all of Jordan, plus some of Saudi Arabia and Iraq. Israel currently possesses only a fraction of the land God has promised.”
- *“GotQuestions.org is decidedly and unashamedly pro-Israel. We do not claim Israel is entirely guiltless in the conflict with the Palestinians. However, whatever crimes Israel has committed are outweighed by the terrorism, crimes, and military attacks perpetuated against it by the Palestinians and its Arab neighbors. The failure or refusal of the United Nations to recognize this is amazing and distressing. There is no adequate explanation for the sheer blindness of the United Nations toward the reality of the Israel-Palestinian conflict other than satanic deception.”*

- *The Name of the Land (ISRAEL)*

- The name of a man that became the name of a nation.
- **Genesis 32:28** “And He said, “Your name shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel; for you have struggled with God and with men, and have prevailed.”
- *Israel* – Prince with God
 - Mentioned 2,567 times in the NKJV
 - **Matthew 2:19-21** ¹⁹ Now when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, ²⁰ saying, “Arise, take the young Child and His mother, and go to the land of Israel, for those who sought the young Child’s life are dead.” ²¹ Then he arose, took the young Child and His mother, and came into the *land of Israel.*”
 - **Matthew 10:21-23** ²¹ “Now brother will deliver up brother to death, and a father *his* child; and children will rise up against parents and cause them to be put to death. ²² And you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this city, flee to another. For assuredly, I say to you, you will not have gone through the *cities of Israel* before the Son of Man comes.”

- *The Capitol City of the Land (Jerusalem)*

- Mentioned 814 times in the NKJV
 - **Luke 13:34-35** ³⁴ “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen *gathers* her brood under *her* wings, but you were not willing! ³⁵ See! Your house is left to you desolate; and assuredly, I say to you, you shall not see Me until *the time* comes when you say, ‘*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*’”
 - **Luke 19:41-44** ⁴¹ Now as He drew near, He saw the city and wept over it, ⁴² saying, “If you had known, even you, especially in this your day, the things *that make* for your peace! But now they are hidden from your eyes. ⁴³ For days will come upon you when your enemies will build an embankment around you, surround you and close you in on every side, ⁴⁴ and level you, and your children within you, to the ground; and they will not leave in you one stone upon another, because you did not know the time of your visitation.”

- **Luke 21:20-24** ²⁰ “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near. ²¹ Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her. ²² For these are the days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. ²³ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and wrath upon this people. ²⁴ And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and *be led away captive into all nations*. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”
 - In A.D. 70 that prophecy was fulfilled as the Romans sought to put a rebellion asunder.
- During Roman occupation the land was referred to as Judea and Galilee.
 - Jerusalem was destroyed by Titus Vespasian.
 - When Titus destroyed Jerusalem in A.D. 70 he struck a coin with the phrase “Judea Capta,” meaning Judea has been captured.
- *Palestine* –
 - Mentioned 0 times in the Bible

Where did the name come from?

“It was not until the Romans crushed the second Jewish revolt against Rome in 135 A.D. under Bar Kochba, that Emperor Hadrian applied the term Palestine to the Land of Israel. Hadrian, like many dictators since his time, realized the propaganda power of terms and symbols. He replaced the shrines of the Jewish Temple and the Sepulchre of Christ in Jerusalem with temples to pagan deities. He changed the name of Jerusalem to Aelia Capitalina, and changed the name of Israel and Judea to Palestine. Hadrian’s selection of Palestine was purposeful, not accidental. He took the name of the ancient enemies of Israel, the Philistines, Latinized it to Palestine, and applied it to the Land of Israel. He hoped to erase the name Israel from all memory. Thus, the term Palestine as applied to the Land of Israel was invented by the inveterate enemy of the Bible and the Jewish people, Emperor Hadrian. It is interesting to note that the original Philistines were not Middle Eastern at all. They were European peoples from the Adriatic sea next to Greece. It may have pleased Hadrian to utilize this Hellenistic term for the Jewish land. In any case, the original “Palestinians” had nothing to do, whatsoever, with any Arabs.”

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If you are reading a commentary, or have a bible map that contains the name Palestine, cross it out and write Israel!

And whatever you do, do not refer to Israel as Palestine!

Do you want to be PC or BC?

- *PC* – Politically Correct
- *BC* – Biblically Correct

So, for 2,000 years the Jews had been dispersed all over the world, until that is, God moved once again to bring the Jews back to their homeland, Israel!

Israel (Present)

The Prophecy Fulfilled

Ezekiel 37:11-14 ¹¹ Then He said to me, "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, 'Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!' ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves. ¹⁴ I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken *it* and performed *it*," says the Lord."

Ezekiel 37:21-22 "Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land; ²² and I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again."

- *Who has a right to the land?*
- **According to God, the children of Israel, the Jews!**
 - **Amos 9:14-15** ¹⁴ I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; they shall build the waste cities and inhabit *them*; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; they shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. ¹⁵ I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," Says the Lord your God." (760 B.C.)
 - **Isaiah 66:8a** "Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?"
 - Who has ever heard of that?
 - It's only ever happened once!
 - *May 14, 1948* after 2,000 years of diaspora, Israel was re-born!
 - Happy 69th Birthday! (Two weeks ago today)

Israel (Future)

Daniel 9:24 ²⁴ Seventy weeks are determined for your people and for your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy. ²⁵ Know therefore and understand, *that* from the going forth of the command to restore and build Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince, *there shall be* seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; the street shall be built again, and the wall, even in troublesome times. ²⁶ And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself; and the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end of it *shall be* with a flood, and till the end of the war desolations are determined. ²⁷ "Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate."

- *The Command* –
 - **To restore and build Jerusalem:** Artaxerxes started his reign in 465 B.C. The decree to rebuild Jerusalem was given on the first day of Nisan, in the 20th year of Artaxerxes. On our calendar the date is March 14, 445 B.C.
 - **Nehemiah 2:1** was the fulfillment, and starting point of this prophetic time clock.

- There were 4 commands in total given to rebuild Jerusalem, only this command in Nehemiah dealt with the rebuilding of the wall.
- *The Fulfillment –*
 - **Until Messiah the Prince:** Jesus started His earthly ministry in A.D. 29 and died on the cross in 32 A.D.
 - His entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday) was on April 6, 32 A.D.
- *7 weeks and 62 weeks –*
 - 62 (sevens) + 7 (sevens) = 69 (sevens)
 - 69 (sevens) x 7 (sevens) = 483 years
 - In days it equals 173,880
 - So, from March 14, 445 B.C. to April 6, 32 A.D. is 173,880 days.
- I want to emphasize that this 70th week known in the Bible as the Tribulation, involves the nation of Israel and brings God's wrath and judgment upon the unbelieving world.
 - **God isn't finished with Israel;** He brought them back into their land, and has a plan concerning them. The church has NOT replaced Israel!
- *He shall confirm –*
 - The Anti-Christ will make a covenant with the Jews for seven years.
- *Abomination of Desolation –*
 - **Matthew 24:15-22** ¹⁵ “Therefore when you see the ‘*abomination of desolation*,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand), ¹⁶ “then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains. ¹⁷ Let him who is on the housetop not go down to take anything out of his house. ¹⁸ And let him who is in the field not go back to get his clothes. ¹⁹ But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days! ²⁰ And pray that your flight may not be in winter or on the Sabbath. ²¹ For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. ²² And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened.”
 - **Daniel 12:11** “And from the time *that* the daily *sacrifice* is taken away, and the abomination of desolation is set up, *there shall be* one thousand two hundred and ninety days.”
 - 1,290 days or 3.5 years
 - This would mark the second coming of Christ, and the end of the tribulation.
 - **2 Thessalonians 2:1** “Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, ² not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. ³ Let no one deceive you by any means; for *that Day will not come* unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, ⁴ who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

“A man who lived on Long Island was able one day to satisfy a lifelong ambition by purchasing for himself a very fine barometer. When the instrument arrived at his home, he was extremely disappointed to find that the indicating needle appeared to be stuck, pointing to the sector marked “HURRICANE.” After shaking the barometer very vigorously several times, its new owner sat down and wrote a scorching letter to the store from which he had purchased the instrument. The following morning on the way to his office in New York, he mailed the letter.

That evening he returned to Long Island to find not only the barometer missing, but his house also. The barometer's needle had been right--there was a hurricane!”

E. Schuyler English

1 Timothy 4:1-11 “Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and **doctrines of demons**,² speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,³ forbidding to marry, *and commanding* to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and **know the truth**.⁴ For every creature of God *is* good, and nothing is to be refused if it is received with thanksgiving;⁵ for it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer.⁶ If you instruct the brethren in these things, you will be a good minister of Jesus Christ, nourished in the words of faith and of the good doctrine which you have carefully followed.⁷ But reject profane and old wives’ fables, and **exercise yourself toward godliness**.⁸ For bodily exercise profits a little, but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life that now is and of that which is to come.⁹ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance.¹⁰ For to this *end* we both labor and suffer reproach, because we trust in the living God, who is *the* Savior of all men, especially of those who believe.¹¹ These things **command** and **teach**.”