

THE GET READY SERIES

*A SPECIAL MESSAGE ADDRESSING CURRENT EVENTS
IN LIGHT OF BIBLICAL ESCHATOLOGY AND THE HISTORY RECORD*

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

ISRAEL AMONG THE NATIONS

A BIBLICAL REVIEW OF ISRAEL THROUGH THE LENS OF BIBLICAL PROPHECY

Amos 9:14-15

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.

What do topics like capitalism or communism, homosexuality or abortion do to you when you hear them?

What about controversial issues like evolution vs. creationism or the existence of God vs. atheism?

**- just the mention of these words
make for an exciting day?**

I can reduce the arguments down to one word - [Israel](#)

**Don't make the mistake in thinking "Israel"
is a political topic or issue.**

Israel is a Promise.

Israel is Gods "show-and-tell" example to the world.

why you must stand with and for Israel ultimately effects your life.

Because the LORD has set His name upon the Jewish people and Israel is His land. He has determined its future, not the UN, not the EU and certainly Mr. Barak Hussein Obama, the U.S.

The Book of Genesis contains 50 chapters. 11 of those chapters deal with the creation of heavens and the earth, the creation of man, the fall of man, the flood, the Tower of Babel and the development and spread of the nations. Just 11 chapters while the other 39 chapters deal with the creation of Israel, its experiences and encounters, its history, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the LORD promising a "Given Land" to the descendants of Isaac.

no other nation in the history of man

has been given more promises, more favor, more status or more attention than the people of Israel – the Jew.

* There is no nation that has had its chronology (time-line) written about it like Israel. * There's no other nation that has had its future foretold in perfect detail than Israel. And * There has been no other nation that, from history has been the most debated, argued, attacked people in all of human history – why?

Israel Among The Nations

**1.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who has created Israel for His own glory**

The Name "Israel" Appears 2,566 times in the Bible

(btw - never does it appear in any other religious book including Islam's Koran)

Is Gen. 12:1-3

The LORD had said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. :2 "I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. :3 I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

Gen. 15:18

On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: ¶ “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—

Deut. 7:6-8

For you are a people **holy to the LORD** your God. The **LORD** your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be his people, his treasured possession. :7 The **LORD** did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. :8 But it was because the **LORD** loved you and kept the oath he swore to your forefathers that he brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the land of slavery, from the power of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Israel Among The Nations

2.) **The Bible says God is the One:
Who is jealousy for Israel**

Ezekiel’s Vision of a Land full of Dry Bones

Ezek. 37:11-28

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... :21 “Thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Surely **I will take the children of Israel from among the nations,** wherever they have gone, and **I will gather them** from every side and bring them **into their own land;**... :25 Then they shall **dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob** My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever...

...:26 Moreover **I will make** a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; **I will establish** them and multiply them, and **I will set My sanctuary** in their midst forevermore. :27 **My tabernacle** also shall be with them; indeed **I will be their God**, and they shall be **My people**. :28 The nations also will know that **I, the LORD, sanctify Israel**, when **My sanctuary** is in Israel's midst forevermore." ' ' "

Ex. 34:14

(for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name *is Jealous*, is a jealous God)

Jer. 31:1-4

"At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people." :2 Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword Found grace in the wilderness— Israel, when I went to give him rest." :3 The LORD has appeared of old to me, *saying*: "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love; Therefore with lovingkindness I have drawn you. :4 Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel!

Israel Among The Nations

**3.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who would re-established Israel and the Jews before He returns**

Amos 9:14-15

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.

Israel enemies (the enemies of God) will seek to destroy by division the people and land of Israel.

Psa. 83:1-5

Do not keep silent, O God! Do not hold Your peace, And do not be still, O God!
:2 For behold, Your enemies make a tumult; And those who hate You have
lifted up their head. :3 They have taken crafty counsel against Your people,
And consulted together against Your sheltered ones. :4 They have said, "Come,
and let us cut them off from *being* a nation, That the name of Israel may be
remembered no more." :5 For they have consulted together with one consent;
They form a confederacy against You:

Is. 43:1-7

But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed
you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called *you* by your
name; You *are* Mine. :2 When you pass through the waters, I *will be* with you;
And through the rivers, they shall not overflow you. When you walk through the
fire, you shall not be burned, Nor shall the flame scorch you. :3 For I *am* the
LORD your God, The Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I gave Egypt for your
ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in your place. :4 Since you were precious in My
sight, You have been honored, And I have loved you; Therefore I will give men
for you, And people for your life. :5 Fear not, for I *am* with you; I will bring your
descendants from the east, And gather you from the west; :6 I will say to the
north, "Give them up!" And to the south, "Do not keep them back!" Bring My sons
from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth :7 Everyone who is
called by My name, Whom I have created for My glory; I have formed him, yes, I
have made him."

Ezek. 37:21-22

"Then say to them, "Thus says the Lord GOD: '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

Ezek. 34:13-16

And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries,
and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel,
in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country. :14 I will feed them
in good pasture, and their fold shall be on the high mountains of Israel. There
they shall lie down in a good fold and feed in rich pasture
on the mountains of Israel...

...:15 I will feed My flock, and I will make them lie down," says the Lord GOD.
:16 "I will seek what was lost and bring back what was driven away, bind up the broken and strengthen what was sick; but I will destroy the fat and the strong, and feed them in judgment."

TEHRAN TIMES June 2, 2011

"Israel is a cancerous tumor that will metastasize if even a small part of it remains on Palestinian soil."

Said Iranian President *Mahmoud Ahmadinejad*

"The Muslims can fight and lose, then come back and fight again. But Israel can only lose once." - *Golda Meir Former Prime Minister of Israel*

Israel Among The Nations

4.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who would cause Israel to be among the nations in one day

Is. 66:8

Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, She gave birth to her children.

Israel Among The Nations

5.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who will judges the nations regarding Israel

Joel 3:1-2

"For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, :2 I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

Israel Among The Nations

**6.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who will preserve Israel at the coming of Jesus Christ**

Zech. 12:10

“And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for *his* only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.

Zech. 13:6

And *one* will say to him, “What are these wounds between your arms?” Then he will answer, ‘*Those* with which I was wounded in the house of my friends.’

Israel Among The Nations

**7.) The Bible says God is the One :
Who will destroy all of Israel's enemies**

Ezek. 39:21-22,28

“I will set My glory among the nations; **all the nations shall see My judgment** which I have executed, and My hand which I have laid on them. :22 So the house of Israel shall know that I *am* the LORD their God from that day forward... :28 then they shall know that I *am* the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their land, and left none of them captive any longer.

Israel Among The Nations

**8.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who would prosper the Jews and Israel**

Even through the **Holocausts** of Israel (Deuteronomy 32)

Psa. 102:13-15

You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favor to her; the appointed time has come...

...:14 For her stones are dear to your servants; her very dust moves them to pity. :15 The nations will fear the name of the LORD, all the kings of the earth will revere your glory. :16 **For the LORD will rebuild Zion and appear in His glory.**

Is Israel Prospering?

The Jewish People and Nation
(the largest number of Nobel prize winners have been Jews)

Israel Among The Nations

9.) **The Bible says God is the One:
Who will make Jerusalem / Israel an international crisis**

Zech. 12:2-3

“Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. :3 And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

What About the Israeli – Palestinian Issue

A Palestinian is:

a person who has lived in the land of Israel since the second century a.d. when the roman emperor (Hadrian) changed the name of the land of Israel to palestina after rome's invasion of the middle east.

The roman emperor Hadrian did this intentionally to offend the Jews who had revolted against him by naming the land after their Israel's ancient enemy – the philistines!

Since the 2nd century ad, the term “Palestinian” refers to both Jews and Arabs who lived in the ancient land of Israel.

You cannot refer to yourself as a Palestinian unless you were born in Israel prior to may 14 1948. There is no “Palestinian dna”

as long as the united states stands with Israel,

will America be blessed by god. If she begins to turn her back on Israel – amerce can forget about His blessing on our crops, weather, military, government, economy, peace, education...

Israel Among The Nations

**10.) The Bible says God is the One:
Who will pour out His Holy Spirit upon Israel**

Joel 2:25-28

“So I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, The crawling locust, The consuming locust, And the chewing locust My great army which I sent among you. :26 You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, And praise the name of the LORD your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; And My people shall never be put to shame. :27 Then you shall know that I *am* in the midst of Israel: I *am* the LORD your God And there is no other. My people shall never be put to shame. :28 “And it shall come to pass afterward That I will pour out My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your old men shall dream dreams, Your young men shall see visions.

Rom. 11:25-27

For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in. :26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: :27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

>>>>>> The Gospel Goes Here <<<<<<<

If there is no Israel – there is no salvation for the world.

If there is **no Israel** – there is **no return of Jesus Christ**
If there is **no Israel** – there is **no throne of David**
If there is **no Israel** – there is **no messianic kingdom**
If there is **no Israel** – there is **no promise from God**

Ah' But There is an Israel

So what does this mean to us as Christians?

- Israel is a test that examines our faith
- Israel is an indicator that reveals our spirit
- Israel is proof that we love what God loves.

(I am convinced from scripture that a true, real, saved believer will supernaturally love Israel and the Jewish people)

2Cor. 1:19-20

For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us—by me, Silvanus, and Timothy—was not Yes and No, but in Him was Yes. **:20** For all the promises of God in Him *are* Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

Eph. 2:11-14

Therefore remember that you, once Gentiles in the flesh—who are called Uncircumcision by what is called the Circumcision made in the flesh by hands - **:12** that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. **:13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. **:14** For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation,

Christian, The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob

Has kept and will Keep His promises to Israel. That fact is my gaurentee that He will keep His promises to me, a gentile – who had no god. I had no savoir, I was in this world lost and without hope. Until a Jewish rabbi walked into my life, but not just any rabbi – he was Jesus of Nazareth. The Jesus of the Old and New Testaments – the Jesus of the Bible.

The end

Newsmax Service:

The Muslim Brotherhood, with the complicity of the Obama administration, has infiltrated the U.S. government at the highest levels and is influencing American policy that leaves the world's Christians in grave danger, warns internationally known evangelist Franklin Graham

"The Muslim Brotherhood is very strong and active here in our country," Graham tells Newsmax. "We have these people advising our military and State Department. We've brought in Muslims to tell us how to make policy toward Muslim countries. "It's like a farmer asking a fox, 'How do I protect my hen house?'"

That same Muslim Brotherhood is fomenting much of the rebellion and the deteriorating social order in the Middle East, forcing millions of Christians to flee for their lives, says Graham.

"Under [Egypt's Hosni] Mubarek and [Jordan's] King Hussein and other moderate leaders, Christians had been protected," Graham says. 11 million Christians live in Egypt and I fear for them, because if the Muslim Brotherhood comes to power, you're going to see a great slaughter of Christians. Same thing in Tunisia and Lebanon. I fear for the church because the Muslim Brotherhood is going has and will do very terrible thing."