

## Israel and the Promises of God

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### Israel: God's prophetic time clock

4 Prophecies fulfilled

1. **Dispersion** – Dt. 28:58-64
2. **Persecution** – Dt. 28:65-67
3. **Desolation** – Dt. 29:22-27
4. **Preservation** – Jer. 30:11; 31:35-37

### The History of Israel and the Land of Canaan

*“The LORD had said to Abram, “Go from your country, your people and your father’s household to the land I will show you. “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. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.”*

*So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he set out from Harran. He took his wife Sarai, his nephew Lot, all the possessions they had accumulated and the people they had acquired in Harran, and they set out for the land of Canaan, and they arrived there.*

*Abram traveled through the land as far as the site of the great tree of Moreh at Shechem. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. The LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built an altar there to the LORD, who had appeared to him.” Genesis 12:1-7*

The descendants of Ishmael were also blessed and became a great nation. They will be and have been a people in conflict with each other and other nations. Gen. 16:11-12

### 2 Types of Covenant

1. Land **Title** Covenant – **Unconditional** (Gen. 12)
2. Land **Use** Covenant – **Conditional** (Dt. 28-30)

### Israel Dispersed

722 BC – 1<sup>st</sup> dispersion of Israel of the divided kingdom – Assyrian conquerors

586 BC – 2<sup>nd</sup> dispersion of Judah of the divided kingdom – Babylonian conquerors

70 AD/135AD – Scattering of the Jews all over the world – Roman conquerors

The Jewish people were dispersed but never dispossessed!

**Israel will be Re-gathered according to the promise of God**

*“Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will now restore the fortunes of Jacob and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for my holy name. They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid. When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will be proved holy through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the people of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.”*  
Ezek. 39:25-29

#### Re-gathering

Re-gathering in **unbelief** – Is. 11:10-12

- Theodore Herzl – Father of Zionist Movement – 1860-1904
- Balfour Declaration – Nov. 2, 1917
- Liberation of Jerusalem – Dec. 11, 1917
- UN partition plan for Israel and Palestine – Nov. 29, 1947
- Declaration of Independent Jewish State – Dec. 10, 1948
- Miraculous preservation of language, national identity, prosperity, government, military,
- The Arab appeasement problem

Re-gathering in **belief** – Dt. 30:2-5 – Post-tribulational return to God and the Messiah

#### Prophecies yet to be fulfilled

1. 2<sup>nd</sup> Holocaust – Zech. 13:8-9
2. Great salvation will come to the Jews – Zech. 12:10; Mt. 23:39
3. Re-gathering in belief – Dt. 30:1-4
4. Primacy among nations/God will reign in Millennial Kingdom. Is. 60-62; Zech. 8:22-23.

*“I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them,”*  
*says the Lord your God.”* Amos 9:15

#### Message for us

1. God’s Word is true
2. God is in control
3. We are on the threshold of tribulation
4. Jesus is coming back soon!

#### Discussion Starters for your GIC

1. How does the re-gathering of Israel affect your faith?
2. What conviction has the Holy Spirit given to you after this teaching?
3. How does this teaching affect your personal evangelism?