

## “Israel- The Key to End-time Prophecy” 3/29/09

*"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. <sup>2</sup> I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> 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." (Gen 12:1-3)*

**It's important to understand the full plan of the nation of Israel. Beginning to end.**

**POINT 1-** To understand prophecy we must understand the WHAT of Israel's role

- A. Israel was prophesied to be CAST OUT of their land.  
(Deuteronomy 4:26-27; 28:62-68; Ezekiel 12:15; Hos 3:4; Luke 21:24)
- B. Israel was prophesied to be RESTORED to their land.  
(Isaiah 11:11; 43:5-7; Jer 16:14-15; 23:7-8; Ezek 11:16-17; 36:19-25)

**POINT 2-** To understand prophecy we must understand the WHEN of Israel's role

- A. Israel will be brought back in the land in the LATTER YEARS  
(Ezekiel 38:8; Hosea 3:4-5; Daniel 10:14-12:13; Ezekiel 38:16)

*" In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell confidently." (Ezekiel 38:8)*

**POINT 3-** To understand prophecy we must understand the HOW of Israel's role

70 A.D. Vespasian destroyed Jerusalem scattered Jews. 1,000,000 killed; 97,000 captive.  
135 A.D. Hadrian razed Jerusalem, created Aelia Capitolina; 580K killed; completely scattered Jews (Mic 3:12)  
312 A.D. Constantine converted; Jews lost imperial favor and became persecuted.  
1020 A.D. Canute the Great of England banished all Jews from England.  
1096 A.D. "Holy War" of crusades; murder of Jews who wouldn't be baptized all over Europe.  
1189-90 A.D. Murderous riots in London; Tragedy of York Castle (500 Jews commit suicide).  
1275 A.D. Edward I drove all 16,500 Jews from England.  
1306 A.D. Jews of France stripped of possessions (100,000 men, women, children).  
1348-1350 A.D. "Black Death" plague blamed on Jews. In return, Jews were tortured.  
1492 A.D. All Jews banished from Spain.  
1560 A.D. banished from Prague.  
1800s A.D. Pogroms in Russia and Europe  
1900s A.D. Arab persecution; Holocaust; Wars against the new state of Israel; 1948- Present.

- A. Israel will be brought back to the Land in major TRIBULATION  
(Ezekiel 22:19-22; 20:34-38; 36:24-27; Dan 12:1; Matt 24:21)
- B. Israel will endure tribulation in order to be SAVED  
(Matthew 23:39; Zechariah 13:8-9; Jeremiah 30:1-7; Rom 11:25-26)

**POINT 4-** To understand prophecy we must understand the WHY of Israel's role

- A. Israel will be brought back to the land to fulfill its DESTINY  
(Jer 30:7; Daniel 9:24-27; Matt 23:39; Rom 11:26; Deut 28:13; Ps 2)

**Going Deeper** *God wants you to be amazed at His hand in the life of Israel and to realize that He is with you in your life as well!*

**Quote from Clarence Larkin- 1918, *The Greatest Book on Dispensational Truth in the World*, page 63.**

*“If it were suggested that we discuss the future of any other nation than the Jewish nation, I for one, would not attempt it, for the task would be simply a speculative one, based on probabilities that would be likely to be upset by unforeseen circumstances. But the Jewish nation has the unique distinction of having for its historian the “Holy Spirit,” who has not simply recorded the past history of that nation, but has outlined its future.*

*We indulge then in no idle and profitless speculations when we attempt to forecast the future of the Jewish People. All we have to do is to gather together and place in their logical order what the Holy Spirit through the Prophets, has foretold of their future. The method is as simple as the result is sure.”*