

“Israel- The Key to End-time Prophecy” 4/15/18

Genesis 12:1-3

Sermon Series- “Study of Prophetic Sign Posts”

ACTS 1:6; 1 THESS 5:1-9

It’s important to grasp the full plan of the nation of Israel. Beginning to end. “ESCHATOLOGY”

LESSON 1- To grasp prophecy we must know 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
(Isa 11:11-12; 43:5-7; Jer 23:7-8; Amos 9:14-15; **Ez 11:16-17**; 36:19-25)

1910- Israel is not around... What do we think? QUOTE from Luther, LARKIN and ANDERSON

LESSON 2- To grasp prophecy we must know 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**)*

1967 – significance of this date

LESSON 3- To grasp prophecy we must know the HOW of Israel’s role

Deuteronomy 28:62-66

- 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
(Ezek 22:19-22; 20:34-38; 36:24-27; **Jer 16:13-16**; Dan 12:1; Matt 24:21)
- B. Israel will endure tribulation in order to be SAVED
(Matt 23:39; Zech 13:8-9; Jer 30:1-7; Rom 11:25-26; Acts 1:6-7; 3:21)

LESSON 4- To grasp prophecy we must know 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)

Head not the tail

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! (**Is 45:21-22**)*

Our Vision- Striving to be Disciples who make Disciples

Martin Luther on the Jews:

“If the Jews are Abraham’s descendants, then we would expect to see them back in their own land. We would expect them to have a state of their own. But what do we see? We see them living scattered and despised.”

As cited in Halvor Ronning, *The Land of Israel: A Christian Zionist View*,” *Immanuel* 22/23 (1989): 132.

“One of the greatest of the English Puritan theologians was Postmillennialist John Owen (1616–1683) who wrote, ‘The Jews shall be gathered from all parts of the earth where they are scattered, and brought home into their homeland.’ Other key figures during this period (many Postmillennialists) who published works (dates are dates of publication) arguing for the restoration of the Jews to the Land of Israel on a biblical basis were Francis Kett (1585), Edmund Bunny (1584, 1588), Thomas Draxe (1608), Thomas Brightman (1609), Joseph Mede (1627), Giles Fletcher /Samuel Lee (1677), Henry Finch (1621) John Milton, John Bunyan, Roger Williams, John Sadler and Oliver Cromwell.”

“Is the Modern State of Israel Prophetically Significant?” article
Dr. J. Randall Price (p.5).

Quote from Clarence Larkin- published 1918,

“The Greatest Book on Dispensational Truth in the World”

“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.” (pg. 63)

Sir Robert Anderson, *The Coming Prince* (published 1894).

On Ezekiel 37:11-12:

What the passage means is that God is going to bring back His people Israel, who are buried in captivity in the “Graveyard of Nations” and place them again in their own land. (pg. 64)