

Series: You Asked For It 2023

Title: Israel Today

Text: (Ezekiel 36:6-12)

Time line of Israel in the Bible

- Abram was instructed by God to move from Haran to the land of Canaan. (Gen 12:1-5)
- The LORD made a covenant with **Abram**. Gen 12:1-5; Gen 13:14-17; Gen 15:18-21; Gen 17:1-8
- The LORD narrowed the covenant to include only the descendents of **Isaac**. Gen 17:18-21; Gen 21:12; Gen 25:1-6
- The LORD narrowed the covenant still further to include only the descendents of **Jacob** (Israel). Gen 28:12-15; Gen 35:9-12; Gen 37:1
- The infant nation Israel (70 people) was moved by God into the incubator of Egypt, where they grew to over 600,000 male adults plus women and children. Gen 15:13-14; 46:3-4,27;
- God miraculously led Israel out of Egypt and back to the promised land. Ex 9:13-16; 23:20-31
- Israel was commanded by God to forceably drive out the nations which occupied Canaan. Num 33:50-55
- Repeatedly Israel fell into idolatry and, under the judgement of God, suffered multiple invasions and occupations, culminating in being carried away to Babylon and dispersed among the nations of the world. Ezek 36:16-19
- Before and during the dispersion the prophets of God repeatedly predicted:
- Messiah (Jesus Christ) came but did not meet the expectations of the remnant in Jerusalem so was rejected and crucified.
- Religious opinion in Israel divided into two camps. Some follow Jesus, others continue to await another Messiah.
- Believers in Christ, both Jews and Gentiles, energetically evangelize on every continent.
- In 1948 the political state of Israel was reestablished and regathering began in earnest. Amos 9:14-15; Jer 29:14; Ezek 36:24-27; 37:13-14

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- Christ will abruptly remove all of his believers (both living and dead) from earth to Heaven. This is called the Rapture. After this event, every person remaining on earth, Jew or gentile, will be a non-believer in Christ. Rev 3:10; Jn 14:1-3; 1 Cor 15:51-52; 1 Thes 4:14-17
- The great tribulation (Daniel's 70th week) will begin. Dan 9:24-27; Rev 6:15-17; Rev 7:3-4
- The unholy anti-trinity will rule earth for seven years. Rev 13
Antichrist will make a 7 year covenant : Dan 8
Israel will be permitted to build a new temple
Antichrist's true colors will be revealed. He will demand to be worshipped as God. He will turn against Israel. Rev 13:5-8; 13-17
Under Antichrist's leadership armies of the entire world will gather on the plain of Megiddo to once and for all do away with Israel. This is the famous battle of Armageddon. Rev 16:12-16
- Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Son of God will physically return and fight for Israel, defeating the armies of the world.
- Christ will establish his kingdom and rule earth on the throne of David for one thousand years. Described as ruling with a rod of iron, Christ will require righteous behavior from all. Important note! This is not Heaven, this is Christ ruling on earth in fulfilment of covenant and prophecy. Entry to Heaven is only through faith in Christ.
- At the end of the 1000 yrs Satan will be loosed for a little while and, believe it or not, will convince the nations of the earth to make one more attempt at destroying Israel. This time God will make short work of the armies, destroying them by fire.
- Following this, the final judgement and disposition of all individuals who, throughout the history of the world overtly or by default rejected Jesus Christ, will take place. Rev 20:11-15
- Final reward for the Believer. Rev 21:1-5