

"GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL"

ISAIAH 46:1-13

INTRO: We are living in some very interesting and exciting times in the world today. And, without a doubt, these times call for **CHRISTIANS TO BE FOCUSED ON BIBLICAL TRUTH, SHINING AS LIGHTS IN THE WORLD OF DARKNESS, SEEKING GOD'S DIRECTION AND GROWING IN UNDERSTANDING OF BIBLE PROPHECY**. What is taking place in Israel, even as I speak, has a lot of people concerned, and rightly so. **BUT IT IS ALL BUILDING UP TO THE FACT THAT THE RAPTURE COULD OCCUR AT ANY MOMENT, AND GOD'S ETERNAL PLAN FOR ISRAEL WILL SOON COME INTO COMPLETE FRUITION.**

A SAD NOTE: **MANY CHRISTIANS, WHO HAVE ATTENDED CHURCH FOR YEARS, DO NOT HAVE A GRASP ON BIBLE PROPHECY AND GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL. THIS IS SAD, WHEN YOU TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THAT ABOUT 1/3 OF THE BIBLE IS DEDICATED TO PROPHECY.** (Recent discussion with a Christian lady).

TODAY'S OBJECTIVE: What I want to do today is to lay out a very basic outline from scripture: **GOD'S PLAN FOR ISRAEL that you will probably not hear from the news.**

OBSERVATION: The **BEST DAYS** for ISRAEL are yet to come. Yes, she will go through MORE TROUBLE than she is experiencing now, but ultimately, **she will live in perfect peace under the rule and reign of JESUS CHRIST THE TRUE MESSIAH.**

THE BIBLICAL CHAIN OF EVENTS FOR ISRAEL

GOD'S PROVIDENTIAL PLAN

I. THE PROMISE OF A NATION OF ISRAEL

THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT – GIVEN TO ABRAHAM IN 2126 BC

-Genesis 12:1-3

- A. A Great Nation - Israel
- B. A Great Name – Father of many nations
- C. A Great Blessing – To many people
- D. A Great Warning – A Blessing and a Cursing

II. THE PROMISE OF A LAND FOR ISRAEL

ISRAEL'S PHYSICAL HERITAGE

-Genesis 15:18-21; Joshua 1:1-4; Amos 9:15

(The Fertile Crescent – From the Mediterranean Sea to the Euphrates River, from Egypt and the Red Sea to Turkey)

- A. A Land not yet Fully Occupied – Greatest occupation in the time of Solomon
- B. A Land to be Fully Occupied – To be occupied in the Millennium.

III. THE PROMISE OF A KING FOR ISRAEL

ISRAEL'S POLITICAL ANTICIPATION

-2 Samuel 7:4-17

- A. Promised through the Seed of King David – 2 Samuel 7:12,13
- B. Performed through the Reign of Jesus Christ - Isaiah 9:6,7; Luke 1:30-33

IV. THE PROBLEM OF SIN WITHIN ISRAEL

ISRAEL'S WARNING

-Deuteronomy 28:1-68

NOTE: For 120 years under the reigns of Saul, David and Solomon, the nation of Israel was UNITED. After the death of Solomon, the nation of Israel was DIVIDED between the **NORTHERN KINGDOM** (Israel) and the **SOUTHERN KINGDOM** (Judah). This took place in 931 BC.

- A. Israel's Sin and Dispersion into the Assyrian Captivity – 722 BC
 - Note the description of Israel's sin – Hosea 4:1-5
- B. Judah's Sin and Dispersion into the Babylonian Captivity – 586 BC
 - Note the description of Judah's Sin – Isaiah 1:1-18

V. THE PRESENT STATE OF SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS FOR ISRAEL

ISRAEL'S REJECTION OF THE MESSIAHSHIP OF JESUS CHRIST

-Romans 11:25

A. The Jews Rejected the Messiah and are now Spiritually Blind

B. The Jews Spiritual Blindness will continue until **"THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES BE COME IN"** which speaks of the completion of the purpose of God in this dispensation to call out a people for Christ's name – **THE CHURCH!**

VI. THE PROSPECT OF RESTORATION FOR ISRAEL

ALL ISRAEL WILL BE SAVED

NOTE: This will take place after the **GREAT TRIBULATION** during the **MILLENNIUM**

-Romans 11:26,27

A. The Purpose of the Great Tribulation is to prepare Israel for the Return of Christ. It will be a time of **GREAT TROUBLE** – Jeremiah 30:7

B. The Plan for the Millennium will be for Israel to occupy the **FULL LAND OF PROMISE** and submit to the **KINGSHIP OF THE MESSIAH JESUS CHRIST.**

-Jeremiah 23:5,6; 24:5-7

OUR RESPONSIBILITY TOWARD ISRAEL NOW

1) To Pray for Israel Consistently

-For their Salvation – Romans 10:1

-For their Peace – Psalm 122:6

2) To Stand with Israel Politically

-Genesis 12:1-3

THE ULTIMATE PROSPERITY FOR ISRAEL

ISAIAH 46:13

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