

“GOD’S WORK THROUGH AND FOR THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL”

ROMANS 11:25-36

INTRO: In recent days we have been hearing a lot in the news about the Nation of Israel that is in conflict with Iran. Hearing about Israel’s battles is not really new because ever since they became a Bonafide nation in 1948, when Harry S. Truman was the US president, other nations have been trying to destroy them. Those wars that many of us can remember include:

- 1) The War for Independence – 1948-49
- 2) The Suez Crisis – 1956
- 3) The Six Day War – 1967
- 4) The Yom Kippur War - 1973
- 5) The War with Lebanon – 1982
- 6) The 2nd War with Lebanon – 2006
- 7) The War with Hamas and Iran – 2023 to the present

In all of the past wars, God gave Israel a clear and decisive victory and I believe He will do the same in the present war. The question is: **WHY HAS ISRAEL HAD TO FACE SO MANY WARS IN THEIR SHORT EXISTENCE? IT IS BECAUSE ISRAEL IS GOD’S CHOSEN NATION AND SATAN WILL DO ALL HE CAN TO DESTROY THEM.... BUT HE WILL NEVER DO SO!** Today, for a few minutes, let’s consider **GOD’S WORK THROUGH AND FOR THE**

PEOPLE OF ISRAEL so that we might have a more biblical perspective as to what is now going on with them and what God’s plan has been for them since the Abrahamic Covenant was given in 2126 BC as recorded in Genesis 12:1-3. In that **COVENANT** God promised Abraham 1) A great Nation (Israel), 2) A great Blessing, 3) A great Name, 4) A great blessing to others, 5) A blessing to those who bless Abraham (Israel), 6) A cursing to those who curse Abraham (Israel) 7) A blessing to all the families of the Earth (Through the Messiah Jesus Christ). Because of **GOD’S GREAT BLESSINGS ON ISRAEL SATAN WANTS TO DESTROY THEM. BUT ULTIMATELY, ISRAEL WILL BE VICTORIOUS AND SATAN WILL BE DESTROYED.**

NOTE: IN ROMANS CHAPTERS 9-11 WE SEE THE SOVEREIGN WORKING OF GOD WITH ISRAEL. Observe 9:1-5, 10:1-3,21, 11:1-5.

I. ISRAEL’S PURPOSEFUL EXISTENCE

QUESTION: WHAT IS GOD’S REVEALED PURPOSE FOR ISRAEL? ISRAEL IS UNIQUE LIKE NO OTHER NATION IN THE HISTORY OF THE WORLD.

- A. Israel exists to Witness to the Unity of God – Deuteronomy 6:4
- B. Israel exists to Illustrate the Blessing of Serving God
–Deuteronomy 33:26-29
- C. Israel exists to Receive, Preserve and Communicate the Scriptures
-Romans 3:1,2
- D. Israel exists to Produce the Messiah for the Whole World
-Matthew 1:1; Romans 1:3

II. ISRAEL’S PRESENT EXISTENCE – ROMANS 11:25

ISRAEL IS PRESENTLY IN SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

- A. Israel’s Spiritual Blindness is Partial – **“BLINDNESS IN PART”**
 1. Most Jews still Reject Jesus Christ as the Messiah – John 1:11
 2. Some Jews have Received Christ as the Messiah – John 1:12
-From the time of the Apostles (All Jewish) until today.
- B. Israel’s Spiritual Blindness is Temporary – **“UNTIL THE FULNESS OF THE GENTILES BE COME IN.”**
 1. The **FULNESS OF THE GENTILES**” is the **COMPLETION OF THE PURPOSE OF GOD** in calling out from the Gentiles a **PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME, WHICH IS THE CHURCH**, during this **DISPENSATION OF GRACE**. - Acts 15:14
 2. The **FULNESS OF THE GENTILES** will be complete at the **RAPTURE** when Jesus Christ comes to take the church home with Him into Heaven.
-I Thessalonians 4:13-18

III. ISRAEL'S PROSPECTIVE EXISTENCE – ROMANS 11:26

“ALL ISRAEL SHALL BE SAVED”

A. What Does this Mean? **Not that every single Jew will be saved, but that the NATION OF ISRAEL will recognize Christ as the Messiah.**

B. When Will this Occur?

1. At the Beginning of the Great Tribulation Period – Revelation 7:4-8
2. To be Fulfilled during the Millennium – Jeremiah 31:31-34

LESSON AND APPLICATION

OUR CURRENT RESPONSE TO ISRAEL

- 1) To do all we can to support them personally and publicly.
- 2) To pray for them – Psalm 122:6

ALL TRUE, BIBLICALLY-MINDED CHRISTIANS, WILL PRAY FOR, STAND FOR AND SPEAK FOR ISRAEL, FOR ISRAEL IS GOD'S SPECIAL NATION FOR ALL ETERNITY. THOSE NATIONS AND PEOPLE WHO STAND WITH ISRAEL WILL BE BLESSED BY GOD IN IMMEASURABLE WAYS – GENESIS 12:3