

Why Every Christian should Support Israel and the Jews

- I. The Jew: God's Specially Chosen and Beloved People (Gen. 12:1-3)
 - A. Abraham, through the line beginning with Isaac, was the father of the Jewish race. While Abraham was the father of many nations (Arab peoples through Ishmael, for example), he is chiefly identified as the patriarch of the Jewish people.
 - B. The promise "in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" found its ultimate fulfillment in Christ. According to Galatians 3:8-9, God's promise to Abraham was gospel preaching!
 - C. The Old Testament is in large part a record of God's dealing with His chosen people, the Jews. Israel was a Jewish state. Jehovah was and is the God of the Jews.
- II. Israel: God's Specially Chosen and Beloved Land
 - A. Israel's legitimate land extends far beyond her current borders (Gen. 15:18).
 - 1. The "river of Egypt" is the Nile.
 - 2. The "river Euphrates" lies over 1,000 miles east of the Mediterranean.
 - 3. The length of the land is about 600 miles from north to south.
 - 4. The current size of Israel is approximately 12,000 square miles. The true extent of God's Promised Land encompasses about 300,000 square miles, considerably *more* than Israel's current land mass.
 - B. God granted Abraham the first "title deed" to an extensive piece of real estate. The grant has never been revoked, and even national Israel does not have the right to surrender her territory.
 - C. Genesis 17:3-8 grants Canaan to Abraham's descendents for "an everlasting possession." While Abraham had many descendents, the Bible indicates that the promised inheritance was passed through Isaac—the son of promise—, Jacob, and the twelve tribes (Gen. 21:12, 26:23, 24).
- III. Israel: God's Disobedient People Face Consequences
 - A. God promised His people that their obedience would bring both blessing and national security (Deut. 28:1). They prospered as long as they walked in obedience to God.
 - B. Disobedience would result, however, in multiple curses to the Israelite people (Deut. 28:15). Several of these are noteworthy:
 - 1. The Jew would be mocked and hated among the nations of the world (Deut. 28:37, Ezek. 5:14, 15, Jer. 24:9).
 - 2. The Jews would be scattered among the nations of the world (Deut. 28:64) and yet maintain a separate identity (Num. 23:9).
 - 3. The Jew would find no peace living among the nations of the world (Deut. 28:65-67).

- IV. Israel: Rebirth of a Nation
 - A. The Jews would eventually be gathered from among the nations of the earth and would return to Palestine, the land belonging to Israel (Ezek. 36:24).
 - B. The Prophet Ezekiel described scattered Israel as “dry bones” (Ezek. 37:1-10). In verses 11-14, Ezekiel describes how God will bring the Jews out of their “graves,” gentile lands, and return them to Israel. (See also Isa. 11:10-12.)
 - C. By the close of World War I, Britain had committed to work toward the establishing of a Jewish homeland in Palestine. In 1919 the League of Nations approved of resettlement plans for Israel.
 - D. Jews began to purchase land and settle Palestine as early as 1921. In fact, many German Jews, fearing intensifying persecution in Germany, immigrated to Palestine in the early 1930’s. However, it was not until 1948 that Israel was declared and recognized as an independent nation state.
- V. Israel: Her Glorious Future
 - A. Though not the centerpiece of God’s program in the current dispensation, Israel will one day take center stage again (Rom. 11:1, 2).
 - B. Israel as a nation will never be destroyed again. The Israeli state is indestructible (Amos 9:15).
 - 1. Prophecy predicted the return of the Jew to Israel, and also predicts the presence of the Jewish people in Israel at the beginning of Daniel’s 70th Week (the Tribulation Period)—Dan. 9:27
 - 2. According to Daniel 9:27, Israel will sign a peace treaty with the antichrist, enjoy temporary protection because of the treaty, and ultimately experience another terrible holocaust.
 - C. Israel will experience a miraculous deliverance.
 - 1. All nations will gather in battle against Jerusalem (Zech. 14:2).
 - 2. Israel will ultimately acknowledge Christ as Messiah, and a nation shall be saved in a day (Zech. 12:10; 13:1).
- VI. Israel: Contemporary Issues Answered
 - A. The Palestinian Question: Should Israel sacrifice her territory for a Palestinian homeland?
 - 1. NO—The land of Palestine and beyond *belongs to the Jew by divine mandate*. The Palestinians have no legitimate, historic claim to one square inch of Palestine.
 - 2. No government—neither Israeli nor the US—has the right to broker “land for peace” deals with the Palestinians. Leviticus 25:23 forbids the sale of Jewish real estate: God states, “...the land is mine.”
 - B. America’s Attitude Toward the Jew and Israel (Gen. 12:1-3)
 - 1. Bless them—God will bless those who bless the Jew
 - 2. Support them—stand firmly pro-Israel politically and oppose the partitioning of her lands to the carpet-bagging Palestinians.

