

# 3,500 Year Old Prophecy Coming True

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Our text is Deuteronomy chapter 33. That is the fifth book of the Bible, Deuteronomy chapter 33 and verse 13.

And last Sunday night pastor Loman preached and he made a reference to me having a doctorate and him having a master's degree and said that that made me preach longer than he does. And he preached 65 minutes on the internet and that is with it compressed and cut down, some of it cut out, 65 minutes. My sermon last week it was 31 minutes. He doubled me. I am scared to death if that guy gets a doctorate. So I just thought I would point that out for historical reasons.

Ok. Deuteronomy chapter 33 and verse 13.

And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land, for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of him that dwelt in the bush: let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head of him that was separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh.

And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents. They shall call the people unto the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand.<sup>1</sup>

Now shall we pray?

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<sup>1</sup> Deuteronomy 33:13-19.

*Father, I pray that you would help us to rightly divide the Word of God this morning and that each person would understand it, Lord. And I pray that thy Holy Spirit would open that understanding to each person. And then I pray that if there is one that is not saved today would be the day of salvation. If there is one that has wandered far from you, I pray that today would be the day they come to thee. And we ask this in Jesus Christ's precious and holy name. Amen.*

Our text is what someone might call Moses' swan song, ok? This is pretty well near the end of his life. His death is soon. And so he is pronouncing God's blessings on each of the tribes of Israel.

Now you might think, well, that is not very significant for us today. Yet it might be of utmost importance.

Now keep it in mind that our text is looking back nearly 3500 years ago. It is set in the first five books of the Bible which the Jews call the book of the law, the book of Moses. It is also referred to as the Pentateuch. Yes, Israel is preparing to enter the land that God has promised them and yet that land they entered they will not fully occupy all the land God promised them. They never have. One day they will.

Now presently in our text Israel is actually a people without a land. She will soon be born a new nation. She is like a fetus being carried inside the mother, a true life, but not yet born. And soon she will be born. And so this is a prophetic portion that looks ahead.

And we want to see what was said then, but I want you to see also how it affects the day in which you and I live today.

Now to understand the text, you have got to see the context. You will remember back in Genesis chapter 49, 4000 years ago, Jacob was pronouncing these blessings on his children and these prophecies on his children. And when he got to Judah he let us know that Messiah would come by the line of Judah. And that is exactly what happened 200 years after that prophecy. But exactly as God said it would happen.

So we take a look today then, with that thought in mind, at verses one through three of our text. He says here in Deuteronomy 33 verse one:

And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. And he said, The LORD came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shined forth from mount Paran, and he came with ten thousands of saints: from his right hand went a fiery law for them. Yea, he loved the people; all his saints are in thy hand: and they sat down at thy feet; every one shall receive of thy words.<sup>2</sup>

Now understand. We are told here in verse one that Moses is a man of God who is being used to pronounce these blessings and these prophecies upon the children of Israel before

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<sup>2</sup> Deuteronomy 33:1-3.

his death. And, by the way, that is what a man of God is to do. He is to communicate God's message to man. That is why the Bible, God's message, I am to preach Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday night. It is God's message to man and if I am going to be God's messenger, then I am to pronounce this Word to God's people.

Now one notices in verse two that he spoke of the Lord coming "with ten thousands of [his] saints."<sup>3</sup>

That hasn't happened yet. And yet here we see in Deuteronomy 33 talking about the Lord coming "with ten thousands of [his] saints."<sup>4</sup> It reminds us of the tribulation period that is yet to come upon this earth.

You see, God in the person of Jesus Christ is going to return to this earth at the end of the Tribulation period. Before the Tribulation started he raptured all of those that believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. They were raptured and now he is coming back with ten thousands of his saints.

We are reminded of Jude 14 where it says, "And Enoch..."

And, by the way, let me say this about Enoch. Enoch lived even before the flood.

But it says, "Enoch also, the seventh from Adam, prophesied of these, saying, Behold, the Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints."<sup>5</sup>

So Enoch said this way back in Genesis before the flood. And then here we are 3500 years ago saying "The Lord cometh with ten thousands of his saints."<sup>6</sup>

So in this blessing that he is pronouncing upon Israel, we are also seeing the coming of the Lord.

Now right now you and I see through a glass darkly the Bible tells us. One day we will see it very clearly, but understand he is laying out for us some conditions upon his return. And that is why we read verse three where he is telling of the millennial kingdom to come. You see, this is a prophecy that is unfolding that is leading up to the millennium to come on this earth, a 1000 years when Jesus Christ will sit on this earth and rule a perfect reign in peace and righteousness.

Now as we have said earlier, Israel has never fully occupied the land the Lord said that he would give unto her. They will in this millennium.

A blessing is pronounced upon the sons of Jacob here, or the sons of Israel. One of those sons is a man by the name of Joseph. Joseph is made up of two tribes, Manasseh and

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<sup>3</sup> Deuteronomy 33:2.

<sup>4</sup> Ibid.

<sup>5</sup> Jude 14.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid.

Ephraim because Joseph was the one that prepared the way for Israel into Egypt and he was able to save their country although he suffered great suffering.

Now we see addressed the chief things of the mountains. This speaks of the importance of locality and this blessing is being conferred on Joseph's tribe for that faithfulness.

We see in verse 15, the last part of that verse, "For the precious things of the lasting hills."<sup>7</sup>

Now that word "precious" has the idea of something that is valuable and yet rare. When something is a precious stone, it is a valuable stone and yet it is a rare stone. And he mentions the precious things of the lasting hills.

But what is meant by the lasting hills? Now, one time I thought, well, the lasting hills would mean they are never destroyed. And that is what you would think just reading that passage, the lasting hills.

But as I have checked with some Hebrew scholars which I am not and I have read their works, they tell us that the lasting hills is referring to that which is hidden. Something precious hidden in the hills.

Now notice in verses 18 and 19 you have two other tribes, Zebulun and Issachar. There is great rejoicing in the abundance of the seas and the treasures. And notice it says "treasures hid in the sand,"<sup>8</sup> in verse 19.

Both of these are speaking of wealth. The old writers, as they would write about this passage, they would say verses 13 through 19 is poetry and the abundance is speaking of both fish in the sea and agriculture on land. And those that have been over there know that the land is quite fertile, especially there in the valley that we call the valley of Armageddon. And that land is quite fertile.

But how often do we think of agriculture and fish as rare and of great wealth? Well, we don't. I mean, we want it, but it is not thought of as great wealth.

Again, this is speaking of treasures hidden.

So what is the effect for us today? What is that effect? It is telling us 3500 years ago of this day. There are things happening today that it is fulfilling this prophecy from back then. And when you see these things begin to come to pass, look up. Redemption draws nigh.

You say, "What do you mean?"

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<sup>7</sup> Deuteronomy 33:15.

<sup>8</sup> Deuteronomy 33:19.

Gas, natural gas has been discovered in the Israeli portion of the Mediterranean Sea near Haifa. It is enough not only to support Israel when it is at full capacity, but also to export to other countries because of the abundance.

Lebanon was to claim this find as well as Gaza, but it is not in their waters. They would like it and they want to take it from Israel, but it is not theirs. But it is a reason Iran and Turkey as well as Syria are trying to supply Hezbollah in Lebanon and Hamas in Gaza with weapons or whatever they can to try to take this from Israel, because it will help them. They don't want Israel to have this power to gain and make others less dependent upon these Arab states.

So that is what they are after.

Russia currently sells natural gas to Germany as well as some other common market nations. However, if they are able to open this natural gas and sell it to these European nations, then Russia loses a great source of power in dealing with the European alliance.

As of August the 17<sup>th</sup>, 2010 oil was discovered in Rosh HaAyin and we are told that there are literally about 1.5, at least 1.5 billion barrels of oil, black gold in that place alone besides much more that is being found off shore. Right now they are not real sure how much off shore.

I just want to read an excerpt from a longer article that I have here that I just received on August the 29<sup>th</sup>.

“More optimistic reports continue to flow from the giant [Leviathan energy field](#) off the Haifa coast. Following previous higher estimates of gas and signs of oil, the latest report points to a potential of four billion barrels of black gold.”

Now the other one was 1.5. This is four billion.

“The announcement of the new estimates states that there is a 17 percent chance of finding reserves equal to 3 billion barrels of oil at a depth of slightly more than a mile undersea. The oil field is slightly beneath the mammoth gas reserves that already have been estimated to contain 13 trillion cubic feet of gas.

“Yitzchak Teshuva, head of the Delek Group that is part of the consortium probing the Leviathan field, has jubilantly exclaimed that the gas reserves will turn Israel into an energy exporter,” which is what Russia, Turkey and Iran do not want to happen.

Oil exploration continues today in the Dead Sea. They believe that there is very much more oil down there. Some of the samples they have brought already have proven that it is a high grade of crude oil. It has less than 10 percent of water in it and very little sulfur. And the idea is that Israel may not only become self sufficient for their own energy needs, they may become an exporter and very likely and exporter because for themselves

they only use 100 million barrels a year. There is more than enough besides the fields they are working on. There is more than enough.

Now, with that thought in mind, think about who moves against Israel at the beginning of the Tribulation. Back in Ezekiel chapter 38 verses two through six—now I am not going to give you a lot of explanation here. You can go to our website at [SermonAudio.com](http://SermonAudio.com) with a right slash [centralbaptist](http://centralbaptist.com). Look under sermons by Scripture and just click on the Ezekiel 38 and 39 if you want to get more of a detailed explanation, but I am going to read verses two through six here.

Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords: Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.<sup>9</sup>

Now as I said, since we have already explained this back there some time ago, let me just say it now. Magog is Russia. Gomer is Germany. Togarmah is Turkey.

Now one group that you don't see in here will be Syria, Lebanon and Gaza. Later in Ezekiel 38 it will say, "Why is that group coming down against Israel, the place of unwalled villages?"

You who have gone to Israel with me, you have seen those walls up there. They are going to come down in the Tribulation because Israel will trust the peace that is made at that time. By the way, that peace will not be made with our president. It will be made with a European leader. Ok? And that is just what the Bible lets us know.

Persia is modern day Iraq and Iran. Russia would not want Israel to have this. They will help the Arabs take away these fields. Why? Because it is for their own economic good.

As we know today, Germany is quite dependent upon Russia for their natural gas. Germany was very upset with the European Union when they turned to them to bail out Greece. Their mood is less and less with the other common market nations.

The antichrist, the world leader will come out of the common market nations that will set up this peace with Israel.

I do not see the United States in prophecy, but in a fringe way, no more than you would see Brazil, Argentina or any other nation on this side of the hemisphere.

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<sup>9</sup> Ezekiel 38:2-6.

I think that today most nations you see the trouble really exist between the elite and the common people. Whether the common people are poor or whether they are middle class or upper middle class, but you have nearly in the common people.

For example, let me give you an example. The elite do not mind immigration. Why? Cheap labor, less money out of their pocket, takes the jobs of the common people, the cultural differences and that never affects their neighborhood. The problems that come never affect them.

Let me give you an example. Here you have two families and I am not getting on a political thing. I am trying to demonstrate a point to you. Family A is a legal resident. Now it could be our country or some other country. Is a legal resident. Family A earns 52,000 dollars a year for the job that he does. Family B who is illegal does the exact same job for 31,000 a year, the exact same labor.

Family A pays taxes that bring it down to about 32,000 dollars. He pays medical insurance and other insurances that bring him down to about 25,000. Family A also makes too much money for food stamps so you subtract another 6000. Now he is down to about 19,000 or 20,000. Then he has to pay his rent, his payments. So now he is down at about 9000 to 10,000.

Family B, who is illegal, receives 6000 dollars a year for subsidized rent, has full state coverage at local clinics through the state and whereas family A buys their child's lunch at school, family B is subsidized. Family B still has 31,000 dollars and the company that wants to pay family B because they save 20,000 dollars is quite happy.

And they find out that family A for all the benefits that he pays for family B receives them free.

Now my question is this. Will there be a point in which Americans will say, "That is enough"? And if they do, will that lead to a libertarian state?

And you say, "Well, what do you mean?"

Now this is conjecture on my part, but it is conjecture based on the fact that you don't see the United States in a major role in prophecy. So it is conjecture on my part. But we put up with don't drill you own oil. We have put up with all these other things. And so jobs have gone overseas. Money has gone overseas. And now there is a big strong push to say with so many out of work let's bring our jobs home. Let's drill our own oil. Let's let them take care of themselves and we will take care of ourselves, the old Monroe Doctrine from the 1800s.

And so we will take care of ourselves. You take care of yourselves. We will want to increase our gross domestic product here. We want jobs back here.

See, right now we depend too much on the sale of major weapons and aircraft that sell for billions. But I am only speculating here. And in addition to that we are talking about the mosque at ground zero. Islam built a mosque at the temple mount, the tomb of Abraham, Rachel's tomb. And other countries where they have conquered they have built these various mosques. Why do they do that? Because it is to insult the religion and the people in a place that is special to them.

Now that is why they do it. That is just historical. That is just proof. It is there.

Now God blesses those that bless Israel. And, see, that is what scares me about this. We take this libertarian attitude on then we take the hand off of America of God.

You say, "Well, what about Turkey? Because didn't they have a good relationship with Israel?"

Well, they did till about a few years ago. As a matter of fact this past August Mr. Netanyahu visited Greece, set up an alliance that they might use airspace for joint military purposes, because Greece knows that Turkey wants to be the superpower in the Mideast and they want to control the entire Aegean Sea. So they want Israel to help them and, plus, Israel gets gas and oil. That is a blessing to them as well.

Turkish Israeli relations began breaking down in 2008 when Israel intervened militarily in Gaza. That ended the Turkish mediated talks between Israel and Syria. And then, of course, this recent death of the nine Turkish nationals in the flotilla even made that split greater.

Turkey not only wants to be seen as a major power in the Middle East, they have tried for years to become part of the European Union. They want to be a member of the common market. They do participate, but they do not have membership. Now they are building alliances through trade and military agreements with Iran, Russia and even Germany.

Hmm. Ezekiel 38, anyone?

By the way, Iran is planning a third nuclear plant that cannot be targeted as an airstrike, or at least they say it can't be. The former UN ambassador John Bolton about a month ago said, "Iran is going to begin loading fuel in the Bushehr reactor."

It was built by Russia. If the Israelis don't knock it out, it will be too late. They need to blow it up before it is too late. He says if Israel waits and then they blow it up later, then it is going to cause radioactive material to hit the Iranian people, the civilians.

Well, August 21<sup>st</sup> came, the fuel was put in and they were not attacked.

The United States tries to keep a balance of power in the Middle East between Egypt, Israel and Turkey. Why? Because arms and intelligence sales helps us financially.



Usually if I see anything from the Associated Press in the newspaper I just write it off as wrong. I really do. If it says “Associated Press” I normally write it off as wrong. It leans left. It is against Israel. It is very often inaccurate.

But on August the 15<sup>th</sup> they reported Hezbollah firing rockets from a home for handicapped children. The world, you find it through Europe, is getting very disgusted with Hamas, Hezbollah and much of terroristic Islam in their countries.

The Bible does not show us Syria, Lebanon nor Gaza being a problem at this time for Israel. The walls are done. Maybe Lebanon, Gaza and Syria are either eliminated as a problem or that peace brings them to the fact that they can share in the oil and the gas and there is a parting from those in Iran and Turkey that have been giving them this all along.

I don't know. I do know this. The last five out of six presidents have been detrimental to Israel. If you are... this is the point. They don't need the gas of Russia nor the oil of the Islamic people. Then that world leader is ready to confirm a covenant with Israel. Since they can't depend on us, they have this covenant confirmed.

That is all right. We will be out of here by that time. We will be out of here by that time.

I am just saying 3500 years ago our text was telling us about oil and gas and the things hidden in the hills and the one that told it is the one who was from everlasting and to everlasting, almighty God and Jesus Christ. Almighty God came to this earth in the person of Jesus. God came and was born on this earth, lived a sinless life and died for our sins.

And that is why John 14:6 Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”<sup>10</sup>

Two thousand years ahead of time Judah is told, “The Messiah is coming through your line.

Thirty-five hundred years ago we are told about the treasures hid in the sand and in the sea and back in Eden after the fall Eve is promised that the seed of the woman would come to deliver man that would turn to him.

My friend, the Bible is absolutely accurate. It is absolutely accurate. But the question is, are you ready for his return? Because it could be today? There is nothing that has to happen for Christ to just instantly rapture us to be with him. And if you are saved today you would be one of those caught up.

“What manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness?”<sup>11</sup>

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<sup>10</sup> John 14:6.

<sup>11</sup> 2 Peter 3:11.

But if you are not sure that if you died today that heaven is your home, my friend, you will be left behind and you will not have a chance to be saved.

Behold, now is the accepted time. Behold, now is the day of salvation. Won't you come to Jesus Christ?

Let's bow our heads.

*Now, Father, I pray as we get ready to sing Hymn 376, "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus," I pray that that decision would be made. I didn't see any hands go up and say I am not saved, but I pray that if there are those who do now know that if they died today that heaven is their home, I pray that they would come. Lord, I pray for Christians, Lord, that just need to say, "Look, I don't want to be the way I am right now. If the Lord called us up today, boy, I would hate for him to catch me. I would just be saved so as by fire. I want to have something to present before him. I believe that it is soon." And I pray, Lord, that they would just get that burden to be what you want them to be in Jesus' name. Amen.*