

~ Beloved for the Sake of the Fathers ~

The rebirth of the nation of Israel has been a rare phenomenon of history. Never before has a nation disappeared and its people dispersed, then, experienced a regathering as a nation. Why and how does this rebirth of an ancient nation interest the Christian Bible student? The following are among the many reasons:

Israel's Rebirth Confirms Bible Prophecy

“As I live, saith the LORD God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you: And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered.” (Ezekiel 20: 33, 34)

“And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards...and I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up.” (Amos 9: 13-15)

If we can see accomplished what God predicted thousands of years ago, our faith in Scripture is verified and made stronger for that which yet remains to be fulfilled.

*God Has Asked Christians to **Comfort** Israel*

“Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem, and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned...” (Isaiah 40: 1, 2)

This commission to *comfort* Israel reveals there would come a time when Israel's period of disfavor with God would come to an end. Christian responsibility then, at this time, is to encourage the Jews with the promises of the Old Testament prophets.

God Will Fight for Israel in the End Time

“For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle...then shall the LORD go forth and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.” (Zechariah 14: 2, 3)

Israel's military successes have led many to believe Israel, by her own strength, misguided many into belief that only with American help can Israel survive. Israel has much to learn; but the Gentile nations have more to learn. "Though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure..." (Jeremiah 30: 11)

When All Israel is "Saved", Jesus and His Bride Will Be the Deliverer
"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins."
(Romans 11: 26, 27)

Although Israel as a nation missed the spiritual invitation to be followers of Christ, Paul assures us that they would only be "blind" until the Christian church is complete. (Romans 11: 25) Then, because "beloved for the fathers' sake" (Romans 11: 28), God would yet bless and save natural Israel.

God Will Make the "New Covenant" with Israel
"Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah...I will put my law in their inward parts...for I will forgive their iniquity..."
(Jeremiah 31: 31)

Clearly, Jeremiah informs us that just as God made the *old covenant* with Israel's fathers, so He will make a *new covenant* with Israel. The purpose will be to take away sins. This time, Christ will be the better mediator. The Christian Church will help because, although not under the "new covenant", Christians are to be "able ministers of the new covenant". (2 Corinthians 3: 6 NAS)

Israel Will Be the Center of the Earthly Government of Christ's Kingdom

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of His ways, and we will walk in His paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem."
(Isaiah 2: 3)

Zion, Christ with his church, will rule invisibly in heaven, while Israel will be the visible capital of the world. The “fathers” of Israel – Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, David, etc. – will be the “children” of the church and “made princes in all the earth”. (Psalm 45: 16)

Realizing that God has *chosen* Israel to play such an important role in His plan vitally interests the Christian. In order to gain an even better appreciation of God’s plans for Israel, we offer the booklet *The Time to Favor Zion Is Come*. A copy is yours for the asking. Click **REPLY**, and send an e-mail asking for the booklet. Include the name of the publication, your name, and your mailing address. ♦