

## ***Israel In Bible Prophecy (cont.)***

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**Reading:** Isaiah Chapter 66

**Summary:**

**Part 1: We've talked about why Christians should support Israel.**

Because God loves Israel!

- We've talked about anti-Semitism, and our need recognize it and to reject it.

**Part 2: we looked at Zionism, defining it as the right of the Jewish people to live in their ancestral homeland, the land of Israel, as a sovereign nation.**

- We looked at "Christian" or "Biblical Zionism" which is simply believing what the Bible says about Israel's right to the land.

**Part 3: We examined the un-biblical distinction between "spiritual Israel" and "political Israel" and the reasons why there is no such distinction in God's eyes.**

**Ezekiel 37:22** "And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again."

- For the most part people want to make this distinction because they dislike what they see in modern day "political Israel." The modern state of Israel is very polarized between the conservative and various liberal factions. This would appear to be a coordinated effort by the media in and out of Israel, and various political elements that want to demonize and de-legitimize Israel just in general.
- There are those who say that they love the Jewish people, they just don't like / reject / hate the Israeli government because they are corrupt or bad.
- So, if Israel had a different government, would you support them?
- When, if ever has the Israeli government been righteous or deserving? Under David? High water mark. Solomon? Manasseh? - none have been righteous. In 1948 Israel was established as a nation under a Parliamentary Democracy composed and led primarily by socialists. The cooperative movement, the kibbutzim, is still in effect in various parts of Israel today.
- Where would Israel be today without their government? Who would have ensured the physical existence of the nation through the various attempts to wipe them out? From the first day of their existence in 1948 all the way to October 7, 2023. Had not the Israeli government taken action to defend the nation, they as a nation would cease to exist and the Jewish people would be hunted down and murdered.

- There is only one country in the world where anti-semitism is not an issue - Israel, which by the way is also the only democratic government in the region.
- The enemies of Israel don't just want to eradicate the Israeli government, they want to eradicate the Jewish people.
- To not support the Israeli government is tantamount to removing any protection for the Jewish people and place them at the mercy of a murderous and anti-Semitic world.
- It is a "soft-porn" type step, a "soft anti-semitism" that leads to the full on version.



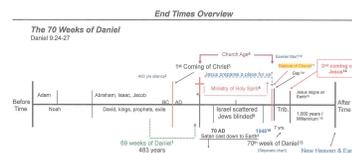
**Isaiah 11:12-13** “<sup>12</sup>He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. <sup>13</sup>Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not harass Ephraim.”

**Jeremiah 3:18** “In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.”

**Jeremiah 32:37-39** “<sup>37</sup>Behold, I will gather them out of all countries where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely. <sup>38</sup>They shall be My people, and I will be their God; <sup>39</sup>then I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear Me forever, for the good of them and their children after them.”

**Part 4 / 5 cont:** Tonight we enter into but not finish what I think will be our final study on Israel, specifically Israel's place in Bible prophecy and end time events.

Part 5, Israel In Bible Prophecy (continued):



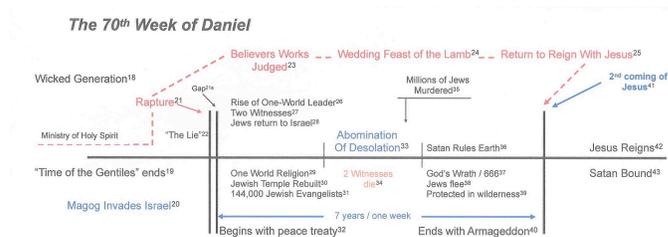
**12. Ezekiel war: Ezekiel 38-39** Currently building up to that. Rise of Anti-Semitism.

Who is being attacked? Israel!

- Possibly taking place in during the post rapture pre-tribulational gap of time.
- Gog, Magog, Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, Togarmah.

**Zechariah 12:2-3** “<sup>2</sup>Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup>And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy / burdensome stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”

**1 Peter 2:7-8** “7Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, “The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone, 8and a stone of stumbling and a rock of offense.”



- Leading up to the 70th week of Daniel, the time of “Jacob’s trouble” - “The great tribulation” are a few different events or conditions at that time:

### 18. Wicked generation:

**Matthew 24:32, 37-39** “32Now learn this parable from the fig tree: when its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near.” - “37But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be. For as in the days before the flood, they were eating and drinking marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, 39and did not know until the flood came and took them all away, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be.”

- It will be a sudden and dramatic change characterized by certain sociological signs:

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** “1But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: 2For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, 4traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, 5having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”

**2 Peter 3:3-4** “3Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, 4and saying, where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of creation.”

### 21. The Rapture of the Church: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

Gap - between the Rapture and the Tribulation, undetermined time.

### 19. Time of the Gentiles ends:

- The rapture of the church signals the end of the church age and the time of the Gentiles.

**Luke 21:24** “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.”

- June 1967 – Six day war, Israel conquers takes Jerusalem from Jordan, unifying their capitol

**Romans 11:25** “For I would not, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles is come in.”

- If the time of the Gentiles ends, that’s not the end of time, it means that the time of the Jews begins, or picks back up. God’s focus turns again to the nation of Israel and the Jewish people, which is the focus of the tribulation time period.

**Daniel 9:24** “Seventy weeks are determined for your people (Jews) and for your holy city, (Jerusalem) to finish the transgression, to make an end of sins, to make reconciliation for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint the Most Holy.”

## 20. Russia invades Israel / Magog invasion: Ezekiel Ch’s 38-39

## 22. The “lie”:

**2 Thessalonians 2:11** “And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie.”

**Mark 13:22** “For false Christs and false prophets will rise and show signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.” (context, tribulation, Jews)

- Presently we live in a world of lies and deceit fostered by the media, the government, and corporate interests, the Bible is the only truth that we can trust.
- Many think, and I agree with them that the mythological alien UFO lies that we’ve been groomed to accept will play a significant part in this deception.
- When you reject the truth, all that is left is lies.

While these things are happening on earth there are events taking place at the same time in heaven:

## 23. Believers works judged:

**2 Corinthians 5:10** “For we must all appear before the judgment seat (Bema seat) of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to what he has done, whether it be good or bad.”

**1 Corinthians 3:11-15** (turn to / read)

#### 24. Wedding Feast of the Lamb:

**Revelation 19:9** “And He said unto Me, write, blessed are they which are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb...”

**Luke 14:15, Matthew 26:29**

#### 25. Return to reign with Jesus:

**Revelation 19:11-14 & 20:6** (turn to / read)

- Meanwhile, back on the ranch...

#### 26. Rise of the one-world leader:

**2 Thessalonians 2:3** “Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition.”

**Daniel 11:21, 36-38** “<sup>21</sup>And in his place shall arise a vile person, to whom they will not give the honor of royalty; but he shall come in peaceably, and seize the kingdom by intrigue.” - <sup>36</sup>Then the king shall do according to his own will: he shall exalt and magnify himself above every god, shall speak blasphemies against the God of gods, and shall prosper till the wrath has been accomplished; for what has been determined shall be done. <sup>37</sup>He shall regard neither the God of his fathers nor the desire of women, nor regard any god; for he shall exalt himself above them all. <sup>38</sup>But in their place he shall honor a god of fortresses; and a god which his fathers did not know he shall honor with gold and silver, with precious stones and pleasant things.”

**Zechariah 11:16-17** “<sup>16</sup>For indeed I will raise up a shepherd in the land who will not care for those who are cut off, nor seek the young, nor heal those that are broken, nor feed those that still stand. But he will eat the flesh of the fat and tear their hooves in pieces. <sup>17</sup>Woe to the worthless shepherd, who leaves the flock! A sword shall be against his arm and against his right eye; his arm shall completely wither, and his right eye shall be totally blinded.”

**John 5:43** “I have come in My Father’s name, and you do not receive Me; if another comes in his own name, him you will receive.”

- Meaning that the A/C will initially be received as the Messiah, but that will change.

### 32. Begins with a (peace?) treaty:

**Daniel 9:27** “Then he <sup>(AC)</sup> shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...”

**1 Thessalonians 5:3** “For when they say, “peace and safety!” then sudden destruction comes upon them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape.”

### 31. 144,000 Jewish evangelists: **Revelation 7:4-8** (turn to / read)

### 30. Jewish Temple Rebuilt:

**Daniel 9:27** “Then he <sup>(AC)</sup> shall confirm a covenant with many for one week... but in the middle of the week he shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, even until the consummation, which is determined, is poured out on the desolate.”

- For there to have been sacrifices there would have to be a temple...

**Revelation 11:1** Describes the Millennial Temple.

### 27. Two witnesses testify: (Inside or outside the temple? At lampstand?)

**Revelation 11:1-12** (turn to / read)

**Malachi 4:5-6** “<sup>5</sup>Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD. <sup>6</sup>And he will turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the hearts of the children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.”

- Who is the 2<sup>nd</sup> witness? Speculation abounds. Enoch? Moses? Elijah? Joshua? John the Baptist, perhaps some NT figure? Zerubbabel?
- We know from Haggai Ch. 2 that Zechariah is a chosen vessel he’s going to be a witness.

**Haggai 2:23** ““In that day,” says the LORD of hosts, I will take you, Zerubbabel My servant, the son of Shealtiel, says the LORD, and will make you a signet ring; for I have chosen you says the LORD of hosts.”

- It is possible that Zerubbabel would be a candidate to be the other witness, because as it describes the two witnesses in the book of Revelation, it says, these are the two olive trees, referring to the prophecy of Zechariah.
- Zechariah Ch.’s 3 & 4 seems to describe Joshua and Zerubbabel as the two olive trees who’s oil flows into the lamp stand of the Lord, but it’s a little ambiguous.

**Zechariah 4:14** “These are the two anointed ones, who stand beside the LORD of the whole earth.”

- I guess we’re going to have to wait and see! Another reason to look forward to being in heaven.

### 34.2 Witnesses are killed:

**Revelation 11:7-8** “<sup>7</sup>When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them. <sup>8</sup>And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.”

### 33. Abomination of Desolation:

**Matthew 24:15-22** ([turn to / read](#))

**Daniel 11:31** “And forces shall be mustered by him, and they shall defile the sanctuary fortress; then they shall take away the daily sacrifices, and place there the abomination of desolation.”

**Daniel 12:11** (30 days past 3 ½ years based on 360 calendar.)

**Daniel 9:27**

**2 Thessalonians 2:3-4** “<sup>3</sup>Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, <sup>4</sup>who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.”

### 29. One world religion:

**Revelation 13:8-18** ([turn to / read](#))

**Revelation Ch. 17:1-6** ([turn to / read](#))

### 38. Jews flee:

**Matthew 24:15-22** ([turn to / read](#))

### 39. Jews protected in the wilderness:

**Isaiah 16:1-4** “<sup>1</sup>Send the lamb to the ruler of the land, from Sela / Petra to the wilderness, to the mount of the daughter of Zion. <sup>2</sup>For it shall be as a wandering bird thrown out of the nest; so shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of the

Arnon. <sup>3</sup>Take counsel, execute judgment; make your shadow like the night in the middle of the day; hide the outcasts, do not betray him who escapes. <sup>4</sup>Let My outcasts dwell with you, O Moab; be a shelter to them from the face or the spoiler (AC) for the extortioner is at an end, devastation ceases, the oppressors are consumed out of the land.”

**Revelation 12:6, 14** “<sup>6</sup>Then the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, that they should feed her there one thousand two hundred and sixty days.” (3 ½ yrs.)

**35. Millions of Jews murdered: Matthew 24:16-20** (Luke 21:20-24 & Mark 13:14-17 – both same)

**Zechariah 13:8-9** “<sup>8</sup>And it shall come to pass in all the land, says the LORD, that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: <sup>9</sup>I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, and I will answer them. I will say, this is My people; and each one will say, the LORD is my God.”

**36. Satan rules the Earth:**

**Revelation 13:3-5** “<sup>3</sup>And I saw one of his heads as if it had been mortally wounded, and his deadly wound was healed. And all the world marveled and followed the beast. <sup>4</sup>So they worshipped the dragon who gave authority to the beast; and they worshiped the beast, saying, who is like the beast? Who is able to make war with him? <sup>5</sup>And he was given a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies, and he was given authority to continue for forty two months.”

**Revelation 16-17** “<sup>16</sup>He causes all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and slave, to receive a mark on their right hand or on their foreheads, <sup>17</sup>and that no one may buy or sell except one who has the mark or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.”

**37. God's wrath / 666: Revelation chapters 6-18** on a Christ rejecting rebellious world corporately.

But also personally:

**Revelation 14:9-10** “<sup>9</sup>Then a third angel followed them saying with a loud voice, If anyone worships the beast and his image, and receives his mark on his forehead or on his hand, <sup>10</sup>he himself shall also drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is poured out full strength into the cup of His indignation. He shall be tormented with fire and brimstone in the presence of the holy angles and in the presence of the Lamb.”

**41. 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ:**

**Revelation 19:11-16** (turn to / read)

**Jude 14** “Now Enoch, the seventh from Adam, prophesied about these men also, saying, behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints.”

**2 Thessalonians 2:8** “And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming.”

36. **Ends in Armageddon**: This will culminate in the Battle of Armageddon:

**Revelation 16:12-16** (turn to / read)

**Revelation 19:17-19** (turn to / read)

**Revelation 14:20** “And the winepress was trampled outside the city, and blood came out of the winepress, up to the horses bridles, for one thousand six hundred furlongs.”

42. **Jesus Reigns! / Millennial reign / 1,000 years / Millennium**:

**Isaiah 11:6-9** “<sup>6</sup>The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play by the cobra’s hole, and the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper’s den. <sup>9</sup>They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.”

**Isaiah 65:25** “The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox, and dust shall be the serpent’s food, they shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, says the LORD.”

**Revelation Ch. 20:2-6** (turn to / read)

**Zechariah 8:23** “Thus says the LORD of hosts: In those days ten men from every language of the nations shall grasp the sleeve of a Jewish man, saying, “Let us go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.” (Future, get a jump start.)

43. **Satan Bound & Released: Revelation 20:2-3**

**Revelation 20:7-11** (turn to / read)

**Great White Throne Judgment**:

**Revelation 20:11-15** (turn to / read)

**Old Earth Destroyed**:

**Revelation 21:1** “Now I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away. Also there was no more sea.”

**2 Peter 3:12-13** “<sup>12</sup>Looking for and hasting the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be dissolved, being on fire, and the elements will melt with fervent heat? <sup>13</sup>Nevertheless we, according to His promise, look for new heavens, and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.”

**Colossians 1:16-17** “<sup>16</sup>For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. <sup>17</sup>And He is before all things, and by / in Him all things consist.” (Held together)

- When you see the power of an atom bomb, (splitting an atom / explosive chain reaction) the power that is released is not as great as the power that restrains it.

**Revelation 20:11** “And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them.”

## 17. New Heaven & New Earth: Eternity!

**Isaiah 65:17** “For behold, I create a new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered or come to mind.”

**Isaiah 66:22** “For as the new heavens and the new earth which I will make shall remain before Me, says the LORD, So shall your descendants and your name remain.”

**Revelation 21:1-7** (turn to / read)

**1 Thessalonians 4:17** “Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.”