

# Israel— God's Plan for the World

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**Zech 13:8** *Two-thirds of the people will be*  
**John 4:22** *for salvation is from the Jews*  
**Joel 3:2** *I will gather the armies of the world*  
**Rev 7:13** *who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes in the blood of*

**1** Israel is the nation that fulfilled God's promise and is the heart of the ancient hope of the Messiah's return.

**2** Israel is not only the "Promised Land" for the Jewish people, but the only country where Jews are a majority—7.2 million. The total number of Jews worldwide is 15 million and 45.5% of them reside in Israel.

**3** On Independence Day 2017, Israel's population was a record 8,680,000—a ten-fold increase since 1948. The reason for the population growth is the immigration of over one million Jews from the Soviet Union.

**4** God selected the Jewish people to be the center of His plan—even before He called Abraham to leave Ur **Genesis 15** and go to a land he had not seen before. The Jewish people had the Bible before the Gentiles even knew about the scrolls.

**5** From Israel came our Messiah—the Lord Jesus. And His presence in the world is the reason

the nation is so *important* and must *remain* in the world.

**6** When the Church began on the Day of Pentecost, 100% of the assembled people were Jewish.

**7** Israel is an integral part of God's eternal plan—Israel is a super-sign concerning the End Times—which began the countdown on May 14, 1948. Seeing all that is happening in and around Israel today tells us we are close to the return of Jesus.

**8** Any story on the End Times would be incomplete without Israel—in fact, there would not be a story without Israel.

**9** God chose Israel when they were freed from Egyptian slavery. Moses said: **AV Deuteronomy 7:6** "For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."

**10** God selected the Jewish people to be a witness of His plan for creation—and to give the example of His mercy and grace to the world on who God is and what He will do for those who trust Him.

**11** A tour guide in Egypt was asked whom Joseph served—and were told that it was the Pharaoh who was killed by his own priest because he changed gods and chose Joseph's God.

**12** Joseph was so remarkable in the way God enabled him to conduct the affairs of the household, that the Pharaoh wanted Joseph's God to be *his* God.

**13** The divine plan is for the *people of Israel* to be such a witness for the *God of Israel* that all other nations would give up their false gods and choose the true God. And that is *our purpose* on earth as well.

**14** God wants us to *live* and *do* and *decide* in such a way that everyone will see *Jesus* in us and choose the same God we serve.

**15** The End Times countdown began in 1948 when Jewish people from all over the world started returning to Israel.

**16** **AV Isaiah 66:8** "Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth in one day? or shall a nation be born at once?"

**17** When Israel declared herself a nation, the US President first recognized them and with other nations following.

**18** **NLT Isaiah 11:11** "In that day the Lord will bring back a remnant of his people for the second time, returning them to the land of Israel from Assyria, Lower Egypt, Upper Egypt, Ethiopia, Elam, Babylonia, Hamath, and all the distant coastlands."

**19** We are told **NKJV Psalm 122:6** "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: 'May they prosper who love you.'" We should pray that they be spared from the horrors that are coming—only one-third of the Jews will survive the Tribulation.

**20** **NLT Zechariah 13:8** "Two-thirds of the people in the land will be cut off and die, says the Lord. But a third will be left in the land."

**21** Our prayers should be that the Jews will receive Jesus as their Messiah and be spared the horrible events of the Tribulation. If they are trusting Jesus when He returns, they will be raptured *with* the Church since they are part *of* the Church.

**22** We should stay informed about Israel—what life is like living in Israel today. Jesus was talking with a Gentile woman and said to her **NIV John 4:22** "You Samaritans worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know, for **salvation is from the Jews.**"

**23** Israel began when God said to Abram **NLT Genesis 12:1** "Leave your country, your relatives, and your father's house, and go to the land that I will show you.

*I will cause you to become the father of a great nation. I will bless you and make [your*

*name great], and I will make you a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the families of the earth will be blessed through you.”*

**24** Those who harm Israel pay a steep price. After Egypt held the Jews in slavery for many years, Egypt ceased to be a world power.

**25** Babylon enslaved the Jews and soon disappeared as a nation. Germany is still trying to recover after persecuting the Jews for many years.

**26** Every nation that mistreated God’s people ceased being influential and many no longer exist.

**27** A book written about dividing up Israel’s land [*Eye to Eye: Facing the Consequences for Dividing Israel*, by William Koenig]; documents 124 specific instances when the United States tried to pressure Israel to divide up their land and the natural disasters that took place as a result.

**28** God said **NLT Joel 3:1** “*At that time, when I restore the prosperity of Judah and Jerusalem,*” says the Lord, **2** “*I will gather the armies of the world into the valley of Jehoshaphat.*

**29** *There I will judge them for harming my people, for scattering my inheritance among the nations, and for dividing up my land.”*

**30** That speaks of today. God has brought back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, and He is preparing to gather all nations at Armageddon to judge them for how they have treated the Jews and divided up their land.

**31** **AV 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.”*

**32** The “*times of the Gentiles*” refers to when non-Jews ruled the city of Jerusalem. That ended after the Six-Day War in 1967.

**33** The Jews ruled just the western party of Jerusalem in 1948, but Israel took full control of Jerusalem in 1967—all except the Temple Mount.

**34** The Jews controlling the city of Jerusalem after 1967 is a fulfillment of **AV Romans 11:25** “*For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.”*

**35** The majority of Jews rejected Jesus, so God used Gentiles to proclaim the Gospel to the world.

**36** Even though Israel has had a partial hardening of their heart, God can still restore and inspire the nation to have faith in Him—a remnant will be saved.

**37** From a pre-Tribulation standpoint, believers will be in Heaven for the seven years that the Tribulation is taking place on earth.

**38** Jews and Gentiles who do not accept the Mark of the Beast during the Tribulation will be seriously persecuted or lose their life. It is reasonable to think that many, both Jews and Gentiles, will turn to God during the Tribulation.

**39** **NKJV Revelation 7:9** “*After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, 10 and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”*

**40** One of the elders **Revelation 7:13** says that those in white robes, “*are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.*

**41** **15** *Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve Him day and night in His temple. And He who sits on the throne will dwell among them.”*

**42** The “*great multitude*” **verse 9** would be those who have come through the Great Tribulation and be from every tribe, nation, tongue, and people.

**43** These are not saved before the Rapture, but turn to God after the Rapture. God in His mercy and grace still wants people to be saved—therefore, both Jews and Gentiles will have the opportunity to be saved during the seven years of the Tribulation.

**44** When the rapture takes place—“*In a moment*” in the blink of an eye **1 Corinthians 15:52**, those left on earth will know something happened and many will surely turn to God in repentance and faith.

**45** After those people who were ready because they believed in Jesus and trusted in God are raptured, 144,000 Jews and two Jewish witnesses proclaim the gospel to the world.

**46** No one can harm them or stop them as God divinely protects them all during the time they are proclaiming the Gospel.

**47** **AV Revelation 11:5** “*If any man will hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth, and devoureth their enemies: and if any man will hurt them, he must in this manner be killed.”*

**48** It says **AV Revelation 8:13** “*And I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice, Woe, woe, woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound!”*

**49** It is the last opportunity to repent and be saved from the wrath that is approaching. Salvation came from the Jews—they began it and through faith in Jesus it will be completed for many.

**50** That is God’s plan for Israel and for everyone else in the world.

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