

Prophetic Truth and Israel

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Isaiah 11:10 *the Lord shall set His hand again*
Jeremiah 16:14 *Israel from the land of the north*
Isaiah 66:8 *Shall the earth be made to bring forth?*
Matthew 24:32 *“Now learn a parable of the fig tree*
Luke 21:20 *when Jerusalem is surrounded by armies*

The Bible is a marvelous source of important information that God has given to the world. It contains absolute truth with no errors—it is a priceless treasure of knowledge.

- 1 The Christian story of what God has done through His Son to save creation, is unlike any other story the world has ever written or read.
- 2 God created much beauty in the world, but through sin and rebellion it is marred and tarnished. God never intended it to be broken or ruined. He only intended good things for the world and the people living in it.
- 3 Our Creator cared so much for His creation that He became one of us and took all the brokenness and sin upon Himself—to the point of dying for us on a cross.
- 4 But that did not end the story, as He rose from the grave to give us a living hope of living with Him forever.
- 5 God wanted His creation to start over—beginning with those who will love Him, obey Him, and follow His plan of life. God chose to become part of the world story, because of His deep and abiding love for us.
- 6 The Bible is true and our living by the instructions He has given us, is the only way the story will have a happy ending.

7 30% of the Bible contains prophecy and most of them relate to the end times. We must *know* what is going to happen.

8 The only One who can *predict* the future is the One who *controls* it. God’s prediction of the future is the only reliable source of truth about it. His writings are accurate to the very last detail. God gives prophecy to *assure* believers and to *warn* unbelievers.

9 If we are fearful about the future, then we need to make some changes. If we know that God is in control and following His plan results in Heaven, then it will keep us hopeful. Instead of *dreading* the end, we will look *forward* to it. Many things have already happened and those yet to come will be fulfilled as well.

10 The Bible and the Christian faith have no rival. No other *book* or *religion* in the world can predict the future the way the Bible does.

11 There is only one God and His version of future events give us an accurate picture of what *will* take place.

12 The *truth* of the Bible is linked to the *truth* of its prophetic writings. If any Bible prophecy does not come true, then the credibility of the Bible is in Jeopardy—including Jesus’ sacrifice for our sins. But the Bible *is* true to the very last detail.

13 Five prophecies concerning Israel tell of end-time conditions—and these prophecies will occur within a generation.

14 AV Matthew 24:32 *“Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:*

15 33 *So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.*

16 34 *Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.”*

17 Jesus spoke these words while standing on Jerusalem’s Temple Mount—considered the center of Bible prophecy. His disciples had asked Him questions about the end of the world, so Jesus responded.

18 On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit fell upon the Church. The apostle Peter stood to speak AV Acts 2:16 *“This is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel; 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh.”*

19 God is fulfilling what He promised long ago.

Israel Is Regathered Twice—Israel is a super-sign concerning the end times, as this tells of the nation being *regathered* a second time after being scattered.

20 NKJV Isaiah 11:11 *“It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the **second** time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.*

21 12 *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.”*

22 For 70 years, Israel languished in Babylon [Iraq] because of their idolatry and rejection of God.

23 He would not, however, allow them to *stay* in Babylon and promised to bring them back to their land. In 586 BC the return began, and by 516 BC [70 years] the Jerusalem Temple was rebuilt.

24 God fulfilled His promise again in 1948. For almost 2,000 years, the Hebrew people had been scattered around the world, but God enabled them to *survive* and *thrive* through much persecution under the Nazis and others.

25 This persecution began their move back to their homeland for the second time.

26 **Israel Is Born in One Day**—^{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**? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children.*”

27 On May 14, 1948, Great Britain’s colonial mandate for Palestine expired, and they released the territory.

28 On that day, the Jewish Agency under Israeli David Ben-Gurion, announced the establishment of the State of Israel. U.S. President Truman recognized the new nation immediately.

29 Other nations did later, but May 14, 1948, is the birthdate of the State of Israel as a recognized government.

30 **Israel Is Regathered from the North**—Israel began to rebuild—Jews living in Europe and America and Russia returned to Israel by the thousands. Between January 1989 and December 2002, 1.1 million Russian Jews immigrated to Israel.

31 Russian President Mikhail Gorbachev opened the borders and allowed the Jews to leave—not realizing that this fulfilled Jeremiah’s prophecy 2,500 years before.

32 ^{NKJV} Jeremiah 16:14 “*Therefore behold, the days are coming,*” says the Lord, “*that it shall no more be said, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’*”

33 15 “*but, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from **all** the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.*”

34 Many of these Russian Jews who immigrated to Israel were Messianic Jews—who

believe Jesus is the Messiah. This would not have *happened* a few years back.

35 **Israel Is Re-taken by the Jews**—After being controlled by Gentile nations, Jesus said the Jewish people would recapture Israel.

36 ^{NKJV} Luke 21:20 “*When you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation is near.*”

37 21 “*Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, let those who are in the midst of her depart, and let not those who are in the country enter her.*”

38 22 “*For these are the days of **vengeance**, that all things which are written may be fulfilled.*”

39 23 “*But woe to those who are [with child ^{AV}] and to those who are nursing babies in those days! For there will be great distress in the land and **wrath** upon this people.*”

40 24 “*And they will **fall** by the edge of the sword, and be led away **captive** into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*”

41 This prophecy began to be fulfilled in AD 70 when Roman General Titus invaded Israel and destroyed the city of Jerusalem.

42 Thus, the Jewish people were scattered throughout the world [Diaspora], where they would remain for 1,900 years.

43 In 1948 they began to return to Israel; in 1967 they won the Six Day War with the Arabs; and Israel regained control of the city which remains in their hands today.

44 **Israel Is Divided and Worldwide Anti-Semitism**—Under pressure from the United Nations, Israel has been forced to give up portions of the West Bank, the Gaza Strip, and the Sinai Peninsula.

45 They have been under much international pressure to concede East Jerusalem to the Palestinians.

46 All of this was foretold by the prophet. ^{NKJV} Joel 3:1 “*For behold, in those days and at that time, When I **bring back** the captives of Judah and Jerusalem,*

47 *I will also **gather** all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there. On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.*”

48 Bible prophecy is clear and verifiable and undeniably true.

49 There is a saying: *The Bible is more up-to-date than tomorrow’s newspaper.*

50 God said that He would regather Israel from the nations of the world, and He would enter into judgment with the world—all coming true.

51 Bible prophecy is being fulfilled and many yet to *be* fulfilled. Some are now in the process of coming to fruition. Jesus is returning for His Church and our being spiritually ready to meet Him with our sins forgiven, is of paramount importance and urgency.

52 We cannot delay in repenting before God; making things right with anyone we have wronged or had issues with; and through prayer every day—be sure that our heart is right toward *God*, toward His *Word*, and toward anyone we interact with each day.

53 In the blink of an eye, we may find ourselves standing before the Lord! **The future is now!**

1. Assyria—Iraq
2. Pathros—Egypt
3. Cush—Sudan
4. Elam—Iraq
5. Shinar—Iraq
6. Hamath—Syria

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