

Modern State of Israel in Bible Prophecy

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Introduction





Three Perspectives

The First Perspective



Replacement Theology

- Present Jewish State: An accident of history
- Lost their privileges when they rejected Yeshua as Messiah
- The Church has replaced Israel in its standing
- No unfulfilled prophecy or future restoration

The Second Perspective



A Future Final Restoration of Israel

- Present Jewish State: An accident of history
- Modern State does not fulfill Bible prophecy because they are regathered in unbelief
- Based on prophecies where Israel are regathered as a believing nation
- Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:1-5; Isaiah 27:12-13; Ezekiel 39:25-29

The Third Perspective



Beginning of the Final Restoration

- They will undergo a national regeneration and salvation
- Tribulation prophecies were fulfilled in the Holocaust
- Mandatory for all Jews to return to Israel



Two Worldwide Regatherings

Another Perspective

- First: A worldwide regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment of the Tribulation
- Second: A worldwide regathering in faith in preparation for the blessing of the Messianic Kingdom

Regathering in
Unbelief in
Preparation for
Judgment





Ezekiel

20:33-38

To the Land

- Background: The Exodus under Moses
- Israel will be regathered from all parts of the world
- In unbelief out of wrath (Holocaust) for wrath (Tribulation)
- Rebels will be purged from among them
- Result: National salvation and final restoration



Ezekiel

22:17-22

To Jerusalem (1/2)

- Jerusalem becomes a furnace of affliction
- Common figure pointing to Israel's need for refining – Isaiah 1:22, 25; 48:10; Jeremiah 6:27-30; 9:7; Zechariah 13:9; Malachi 3:2-3

To Jerusalem (2/2)

- Regathered in unbelief – Filled with the impurities of ‘brass and iron and lead and tin’
- Purpose of regathering – A future time of wrath for the purpose of their national salvation



Regathering Before the Tribulation

Zephaniah 2:1-2

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Timing

- 1:14-18 – Describes the Tribulation
- 2:1-2 – Regathering takes place before the Tribulation
- Regathering is in unbelief



Number of Worldwide Regatherings

The Fourth Perspective

- Recognizes the two types of regathering
- It is possible to have several regatherings in unbelief
- Isaiah shows there cannot be several regatherings from 'the four corners of the earth.'

Two Regatherings – Isaiah 11:11-12

- Speaks of the worldwide regathering in faith
- It is called the 'second' one
- Only allows for two worldwide regatherings
- Makes the first regathering the present one

Three Corollary Evidence






The Start of the Tribulation

Daniel 9:27

- Tribulation begins with the signing of a seven-year covenant
- This is between the leaders of Israel and the Antichrist
- Presupposes a Jewish leadership of a Jewish State
- Demands the existence of a Jewish State before the Tribulation

Presuppositions

- Antichrist is already in high political power before the Tribulation
- There is a Jewish State in place – True since 1948



The Third Temple

Scriptures

- Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15;
II Thessalonians 2:3-4;
Revelation 11:1-2:
- Describes events that occur in relation to the Jewish Temple in the middle of the Tribulation
- These Scriptures make it clear that the Temple is built and functioning by the middle of the Tribulation

Relevance of the Prophecy

- Israel is in control of the Temple Compound
- The Old City of Jerusalem had to fall under Jewish control
- Fulfilled in the Six Day War in 1967

Preparations for the Third Temple

- Temple Institute – They have many various tools and items
- *Ateret Hakohanim* – Training priests to do sacrifices

Questions Asked About the Temple

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What About The Ark of the Covenant?

- The Ark is not essential for the Temple to function as seen in the Second Temple
- It is likely that the Ark of the Covenant doesn't exist anymore, destroyed by the Babylonians – Jeremiah 52:17-23

What About The Ashes of the Red Heifer?

- The concern – Producing a perfect red heifer to use
- Not the concern – The ashes of the previous red heifer



The Russian Invasion

Ezekiel 38-39

The Israel of Ezekiel 38-39



Ezekiel 38:8, 12 (1/2)

- Regathered from the nations around the world after escaping the sword
- Rebuilding waste cities that have been desolate for many centuries

Ezekiel 38:8, 12
(2/2)

- Regathered out of wrath in unbelief
- Only true since 1948
- This invasion could only happen after 1948

The Place of the Destruction of the Invading Armies



Ezekiel 39:2, 4 (1/2)

- The place is the Mountains of Israel
- Central mountain range
- Includes the cities of Dothan, Shechem, Samaria, Shiloh, Bethel, Ai, Ramah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Debir and Jerusalem

Ezekiel 39:2, 4
(2/2)

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Conclusion



The Present Jewish State

- Not a fulfillment of those prophecies that speak of worldwide regathering in faith in preparation for blessing
- It is a fulfillment of those prophecies that speak of worldwide regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment