

ISRAEL AND THE END TIMES

Genesis 12:1-3

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Why is Israel so important in Bible prophecy?

1. God chose Israel to be His people and His nation.

A. The Jews descend from Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

... in order that He may establish you today as His people and that He may be your God, just as He spoke to you and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Deuteronomy 29:13

B. The Jews were chosen because God wanted to choose them.

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for His own possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. "The LORD did not set His love on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples, but because the LORD loved you and kept the oath which He swore to your forefathers, the LORD brought you out by a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

C. The Jews were chosen to be God's light to the world.

2. God made promises to Israel that He will keep.

"And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you. And I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

Deuteronomy 17:7-8

A. God established Israel in the land of promise.

B. God reestablished Israel on May 14, 1948.

*Has anyone ever seen or heard of such a thing? Has a nation
ever been born in a day? Zion will not have to suffer long,
before the nation is born. Isaiah 66:8 GNB*

*"For I will take you from the nations, gather you from all the
lands, and bring you into your own land." Ezekiel 36:24*

C. God defended and defends Israel in the land.

3. End times prophecy is centered on Israel.

*"Seventy weeks [sevens] have been decreed for your people and your holy
city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement
for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision
and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy place." Daniel 9:24*

A. The church began after week sixty-nine.

B. The seventieth week is called the time of Jacob's trouble.

*"For thus says the LORD, 'I have heard a sound of terror, Of dread, and there is
no peace. 'Ask now, and see, If a male can give birth. Why do I see every man
With his hands on his loins, as a woman in childbirth? And why have all faces
turned pale? 'Alas! for that day is great, There is none like it; And it is the time
of Jacob's distress, But he will be saved from it. Jeremiah 30:5-7*

C. Jesus is coming to rule and reign from Jerusalem.

*And I saw heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and He who
sat upon it is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness He
judges and wages war. And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so
that with it He may smite the nations; and He will rule them with a rod
of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the
Almighty. And on His robe and on His thigh He has a name written,
"KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS." Revelation 19:11, 15-16*

Are you ready to meet the King of Kings?