

THE RESURRECTION OF THE NATION OF ISRAEL

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We are going to start our study on the resurrection/restoration of the nation of Israel by reading the longest, uninterrupted passage of Scripture in the Bible that specifically addresses the miraculous resurrection of the nation of Israel from the graveyard of nations. That passage of Scripture is *Ezekiel 36:16 through Ezekiel 37:28*:

Ezekiel 36:16–37:28

¹⁶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying, ¹⁷ Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman. ¹⁸ Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols *wherewith* they had polluted it: ¹⁹ And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them. ²⁰ And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These *are* the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land. ²¹ But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went. ²² Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not *this* for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. ²³ And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I *am* the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes. ²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. ²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do *them*. ²⁸ And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. ²⁹ I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you. ³⁰ And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen. ³¹ Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that *were* not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations. ³² Not for your sakes do I *this*, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel. ³³ Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause *you* to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded. ³⁴ And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay

desolate in the sight of all that passed by. ³⁵ And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities *are become* fenced, *and* are inhabited. ³⁶ Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined *places, and* plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken *it, and* I will do *it*. ³⁷ Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet *for* this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do *it* for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. ³⁸ As the holy flock, as the flock of Jerusalem in her solemn feasts; so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men: and they shall know that I *am* the LORD.

Chapter 37: ¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and carried me out in the spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley which *was* full of bones, ² And caused me to pass by them round about: and, behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and, lo, *they were* very dry. ³ And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I answered, O Lord GOD, thou knowest. ⁴ Again he said unto me, Prophecy upon these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD. ⁵ Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones; Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live: ⁶ And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I *am* the LORD. ⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a shaking, and the bones came together, bone to his bone. ⁸ And when I beheld, lo, the sinews and the flesh came up upon them, and the skin covered them above: but *there was* no breath in them. ⁹ Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophecy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army. ¹¹ Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. ¹² Therefore prophecy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel. ¹³ And ye shall know that I *am* the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves, ¹⁴ And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken *it, and* performed *it, saith* the LORD.

¹⁵ The word of the LORD came again unto me, saying, ¹⁶ Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and *for* all the house of Israel his companions: ¹⁷ And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand. ¹⁸ And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou *meanest* by these? ¹⁹ Say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which *is* in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows,

and will put them with him, *even* with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand. ²⁰ And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes. ²¹ And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: ²² And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all. ²³ Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. ²⁴ And David my servant *shall be* king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them. ²⁵ And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, *even* they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David *shall be* their prince for ever. ²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. ²⁷ My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ²⁸ And the heathen shall know that I the LORD do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore. *Ezekiel 36:16–Ezekiel 37:28*

We are not going to do a verse by verse study on *Ezekiel 36:16–Ezekiel 37:28*. The verses speak for themselves. A careful study of *Ezekiel 36:16–Ezekiel 37:28* will reveal that it is a restoration that is a process of time. In other words, it is not instantaneous. I would encourage you to reread, study, and meditate upon *Ezekiel 36:16–Ezekiel 37:28*. Then you will see God working in it.

Both the scattering of Israel and the Jewish people into the nations and the re-gathering of Israel and the Jewish people from the nations were prophesied of in *Deuteronomy 28:63–64* and *Deuteronomy 30:1–3* which declare:

⁶³ And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

⁶⁴ And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone. *Deuteronomy 28:63–64*

¹ And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call *them* to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee, ² And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul; ³ That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will

return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee. *Deuteronomy 30:1–3*

The greatest scattering of Israel and the Jewish people into the nations probably took place in the first 100 years following their rejection of and the Roman crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ in A.D. 29(33). Prior to that they were scattered mostly into Persia, Babylon, Assyria, Egypt, Ethiopia, and Libya. The official process of the resurrection and restoration of the nation of Israel was birthed in one day on May 14, 1948. The prophet Isaiah had this to say about the astounding import of that day in *Isaiah 66:8–12*:

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. ⁹ Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith the LORD: shall I cause to bring forth, and shut *the womb*? saith thy God. ¹⁰ Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn for her: ¹¹ That ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. ¹² For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon *her* sides, and be dandled upon *her* knees. *Isaiah 66:8–12*

As of May 12, 2026 that process of re-gathering Israel and the Jewish people from the nations is well underway though not near complete. As of May 12, 2026 there are at least 98 countries worldwide that have at least 100 Jewish residents in their populations. That proves that they were scattered into the nations just as the LORD said they would be. Countries with Jewish populations of 16,000 or more include Uruguay with 16,200, Switzerland with 20,500, Italy with 26,900, Belgium with 29,000, Netherlands with 29,700, Ukraine with 33,000, Mexico with 40,000, Hungary with 46,000, South Africa with 50,000, Brazil with 90,500, Australia with 117,000, Germany with 125,000, Russia with 132,000, Argentina with 171,000, the United Kingdom with 312,000, Canada with 398,000, France with 440,000, Israel with 7,427,000, and the United States with 7,460,600 [Sourced from: <https://worldpopulationreview.com/country-rankings/jewish-population-by-country>] Does it surprise you that the Jewish population in the United States exceeds that of every nation including Israel?!? That is not by accident. That is by God's design until the re-gathering process is completed according to God's timetable. People who harangue and rail against modern Israel and the Jewish people are resisting, haranguing, and railing against the express will and stated intent of God to restore Israel and the Jewish people to the Promised Land. The Jew hating (euphemistically called antisemitic), unbelieving, undereducated, and ill-taught Bible students of the apostate and heretical churches of 2026 violently attack the idea of modern Israel and the Jew as being the fulfillment of God's promised restoration of Israel and the Jew because their Satanically deceived teachers and preachers teach them that the church has replaced Israel. That is a doctrine that is straight out of the pits of hell and is in fact set on fire of hell. If you have ought in your heart against the Jew, then you

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have a serious problem because the Lord Jesus Christ is a perfect Jew made under the law. If you have ought in your heart against the Jew, then you need a refresher Bible course from *Genesis 12:3*. *Genesis 12:3* puts it this way: “And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed”. In *Matthew 25:31-46*, one of the strongest condemnations delivered by the Lord Jesus Christ in the New Testament was given to those who persecuted his brethren, the Jews. The pronounced punishment for those who mistreated his brethren, the Jews, was the everlasting fires of hell (*Matthew 25:41*).

Israel is mentioned 2,576 times in the Bible. Judah as a people is mentioned 789 times in the Bible. Jerusalem is mentioned 814 times in the Bible. Zion, also called Sion, is mentioned 162 times in the Bible. Jehovah God of the Bible refers to Himself as the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob at least eight different times. What all this proves is that Israel and its people are a dominant theme of the Old Testament. God never refers to himself as the God of the United States, the God of Egypt, the God of Iran, the God of Russia, the God of Saudi Arabia, or the God of China, and so forth. For you Jew and Israel hating Islamic devils, he never refers to himself as the God of Ishmael. In *Genesis 16:12*, God referred to Ishmael and his people as wild men whose hands would be against every man and every man’s hand against him. Even today, those Islamic Devils hate every man that does not believe like they do. They are more than willing for you to die for your religion. God said in *Jeremiah 31:3* that he loves Israel with an everlasting love. God says numerous times in the Old Testament that Israel is a chosen nation. Some examples would be *Deuteronomy 7:6*, *Deuteronomy 14:2*, and *Isaiah 44:1*. These Scriptures state:

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. *Deuteronomy 7:6*

² For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth. *Deuteronomy 14:2*

¹ Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: *Isaiah 44:1*

I believe that a major reason that the Jews and the nation of Israel are so mistreated by the nations of the world is that because they have been chosen by God above the other nations. I also believe that one of the major reasons that the Jewish people have been so persecuted is because God has given them an almost supernatural ability to handle money. The proof of that statement is in the following Scriptures:

¹ And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: *Deuteronomy 28:1*

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¹²The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. ¹³And the LORD shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the LORD thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them: *Deuteronomy 28:12-13*

How many of you have heard degrading remarks about the ability of the Jew to make money? Or, how many of you have actually made degrading remarks about the Jew? If you have prejudices against the Jew concerning his ability to make money, then I read Deuteronomy chapter 28 verse 13 and get your heart right with God.

God said in *Genesis 12:3* that he would bless those that blessed Abraham and his seed and curse those that cursed Abraham and his seed. Time and again, we see that the blessings for nations rest upon how they treat the nation of Israel. In what we commonly refer to as the Abrahamic Covenant, God gave Israel the land that is erroneously called Palestine for an everlasting possession. It is more correct to call the land either Canaan Land or the Promised Land. The Abrahamic Covenant had four major provisions. The Abrahamic Covenant contained a promise of a seed, a promise of a land, a promise of a throne, and the promise of a new heart. The promise of the seed dealt both with a spiritual seed and a physical seed. The spiritual seed was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ. For a New Testament exposition of the promise of the seed, read Galatians chapter 3. The promise of the land is fulfilled in the Promised Land or Canaan Land. The promise of the throne is to be ultimately fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ upon the throne of David in a literal city of Jerusalem. The promise of a new heart is to be fulfilled in the salvation of Gentiles and Jews. We must note that the promises of this covenant were repeated again to Abraham, to Isaac, Jacob, and to the nation as a whole throughout the Old Testament. This covenant is also stated to be an everlasting covenant in numerous Scriptures throughout the Old Testament. Our focus here today will be upon the promise of the land and the battles to keep it. God refers to the nation of Israel as the apple of his eye in *Deuteronomy 32:8-10* and in *Zechariah 2:8-9*. God also says in *Deuteronomy 32:8* that he has set the boundaries of the nations according to the number of the children of Israel. These verses say:

⁸When the most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. ⁹For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. ¹⁰He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. *Deuteronomy 32:8-10*

⁸For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. ⁹For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. *Zechariah 2:8-9*

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God refers to the everlasting nature of the covenants numerous times in the Old Testament. He states at least ten times that the Canaan Land, or Promised Land, covenant is everlasting in nature. That is, God has promised the land of Israel to the Jew as an everlasting possession. God says in *Joel 2:18* that he is jealous for his land. Not only is he jealous for the land of Israel he is also jealous for the city of Jerusalem and Mount Zion.

¹⁸ Then will the LORD be jealous for his land, and pity his people. *Joel 2:18*

¹⁴ So the angel that communed with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. *Zechariah 1:14*

² Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. *Zechariah 8:2*

In fact, of all the books in the Bible, the book of Zechariah is probably the strongest on the city of Jerusalem. On average, one in every five verses in Zechariah mention Jerusalem. Of Zion, God said this of Zion in *Isaiah 49:16*:

¹⁶ Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. *Isaiah 49:16*

God loves the great city of Jerusalem because that is where his Son, the Lord Jesus Christ will rule and reign from on the literal throne of David during the Millennium. The Bible refers to Jerusalem a total of 1,026 times. It is referred to as Jerusalem 814 times, as Zion 153 times, as the City of David 46 times, as Sion 9 times, and as Salem 4 times. Jerusalem is first called Salem where it is identified as the kingdom of that great priest-king Melchizedek, who is the only perfect type Christ in the Bible. I believe that Melchizedek is a pre-incarnate appearance of the God-Man, the Lord Jesus Christ who is God manifest in the flesh. Next up, we will talk about the enemies of the Jewish people and the enemies of the nation of Israel.

Israel is a nation that is surrounded by her enemies and at best her friends are fickle and in many cases treacherous. Israel has been double crossed many times by her so-called friends including the United States. Turn in your Bibles to *Zechariah 12:1-6*:

¹ The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him. ² Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah *and* against Jerusalem. ³ And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. ⁴ In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon

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the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.⁵ And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem *shall be* my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.⁶ In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, *even* in Jerusalem. *Zechariah 12:1-6*

There has never been a time, even in ancient Biblical history, when Israel has been surrounded by so many enemies that seek her destruction. Israel has literally become a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone to all the nations of the world. The United Nations uses much of its time in the condemnation of the nation of Israel while allowing and condoning Muslim genocide against the nation of Israel. The United Nations has spent one-third of its time either deliberating and arguing about or denouncing Israel because of its hold upon Jerusalem. More than 60,000 individual votes have been cast in the UN against Israel. From 1967 through 1989, out of 865 resolutions in the Security Council and General Assembly of the UN, 526 were against Israel. That is 61% of the resolutions. So, has Jerusalem in Israel become a burdensome stone in a cup of trembling for the nations? Little do the nations know that God is using their hatred of the Jew and the nation of Israel to draw them to their own destruction. Israel and Jerusalem have become a cup of trembling and a burdensome stone to those in the UN and the world that trouble themselves with it! It is like they cannot put it down. It will be the so-called "Palestinian" problem that will lead to the destruction of the nations at Armageddon. Armageddon is the final battle in a series of battles that takes place during the tribulation. We see war in Revelation chapters 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19, and 20. So, it is obvious that the battle of Armageddon is not the final battle on the face of this earth.

It is no coincidence that the only time that the word spelled exactly as "Palestine" occurs in our Bibles is in *Joel 3:4* where the nations are being drawn to Armageddon. The word "Palestina" is used three times in our Bibles and it is in relation to judgment of Israel's enemies. In *Exodus 15:14*, the entry of God's chosen people into the Promised Land brings great fear and trembling upon the inhabitants of Palestina. In *Isaiah 14:24-32* it is used twice in connection with the destruction of the Assyrian who is the Antichrist. *Isaiah 14:24-32* says:

²⁴ The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, *so* shall it stand: ²⁵ That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. ²⁶ This *is* the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this *is* the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations. ²⁷ For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul *it*? and his hand *is* stretched out, and who shall turn it back? ²⁸ In the year that king Ahaz died was this burden. ²⁹ Rejoice not thou, whole Palestina, because the rod of him that smote thee is broken: for out of the serpent's root shall come forth a cockatrice, and his fruit *shall be* a fiery flying serpent. ³⁰ And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety: and I will kill thy root with famine, and he shall

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slay thy remnant. ³¹ Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou, whole Palestina, *art* dissolved: for there shall come from the north a smoke, and none *shall be* alone in his appointed times. ³² What shall *one* then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it. *Isaiah 14:24-32*

So, what does the Bible say about the so-called “Palestinians”. The bidding of the Bible is that the nations of the world will come into Palestine for their destruction. Even so, come, Lord Jesus. Since the nation of Israel was reconstituted on May 14, 1948, she has constantly been at war with those warmongering, “peace loving” Muslims. Since the official proclamation reestablishing the nation of Israel, she has been involved in 13 (thirteen) major wars and/or conflicts. These wars and conflicts included the 1948 War Of Independence, the 1956 Egyptian Suez War, the 1967 Six Day War, the 1967-1970 War Of Attrition, the 1973 Yom Kippur War, the 1982-1985 Lebanon War, the 1988-1992 Palestinian Intifada, the 2000-2005 Palestinian War, the 2006 Lebanon War, the 2008-2009 Operation Cast Lead War, and the 2012 Operation Pillar Of Defense War, the 2014 Operation Protective Edge, the 2021 Operation Guardian of the Walls, the 2022 Operation Breaking Dawn, the 2023 Operation Shield and Arrow, and the 2023 War in Gaza, the Twelve Day War of June 2025, and Operation Roaring Lion of 2026. None of these wars was started by any act of war by the nation of Israel.

For a secular review of the history of the Arab-Israeli conflict we recommend the book “From Time Immemorial” by Joan Peters that was first published in 1984. For a Biblical perspective and broad overview in light of fairly recent events we recommend Dave Hunt’s book “Judgment Day” published in 2005. One of the best and most extensive sites on the internet dealing with the so-called Arab-Israeli conflict is the site www.jewishvirtuallibrary.org. This site also has an in depth review of the ancient and modern history of the nation of Israel. The site has what is probably the most extensive point by point rebuttals of the myths promoted by the left wing Anti-Semitic media concerning the Arab-Israeli conflict. For some amazing facts concerning the miracles that have taken place in Israel and in her wars since the early 1900s we recommend the video series “Against All Odds: Israel Survives” from American Trademark Pictures.

Immediately after the proclamation reforming Israel the nation, Israel was attacked on May 15, 1948 by the combined forces of Egypt, Iraq, Jordan, and Syria with Great Britain playing an active role on behalf of the Arabs throughout the war. We believe that Britain’s actions ultimately led to her downfall as a superpower as a result of judgment from God. Britain’s downfall started on May 23, 1939 when she officially rescinded her commitment to the November 2, 1917 Balfour Declaration by issuing the 1939 MacDonal White Paper. The Balfour Declaration, or Milner Declaration, was a commitment by Britain to establishing a homeland for the Jewish people in so-called “Palestine”. On September 3, 1939, Britain became involved in the most destructive war in her history resulting in the breakup of the British Empire following World War II. During the 1948-1949 War Of Independence, the Israeli forces were outnumbered by 660,000 to 140,000. Yet she survived through the divine intervention of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. During the 1948 war one percent (1%) of the Israeli population was killed. That would be roughly equivalent to 3,162,660 American deaths if America fought a war in December 2012. In the descriptions that follow, I will not be able to provide a lot of detail because of the sheer magnitude of the conflicts involved.

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The 1956 Egyptian-Israeli Suez War officially started on October 29, 1956. What ultimately led up to the Israeli involvement in the Suez War was the extended Egyptian blockade of the Tiran Straits to Israeli shipping and the use of the Gaza Strip by the Egyptians as a training base for terrorists that were attacking Israel. Once again, Israel was vastly outnumbered with the Egyptians having 302,000 troops to Israel's 176,000. Again, a miraculous victory was won through the divine intervention of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. The 1956 Suez War was a whole lot more complicated than what it appeared to be. There was much international intrigue involving the British and French who involved themselves for their own political reasons including the British for the Suez Canal and the French because of Egyptian interference in France's North African colonies. The Soviet Union was also involved in the intrigue because she was supplying weapons to the Egyptians.

The 1967 Six Day War started on June 5, 1967 and ended on June 10, 1967. The war was brought about by Egyptian, Jordanian, and Syrian plans to launch a surprise attack upon Israel. Once again, the closing of the Straits of Tiran and the Suez Canal to Israeli shipping was a factor that led to Israeli preparation for war. This war also saw a tremendous numerical advantage by Arab forces with them having 1,010,000 troops to Israel's 200,000. During the first hours of this war, Israel destroyed 338 Egyptian aircraft and 57 Syrian aircraft. The Arab air forces were aided by pilots from the Pakistan Air Force and by some aircraft from Libya, Algeria, Morocco, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia to make up for the massive Egyptian and Syrian losses during the first hours of the war. The major Arab combatants in the Six Day War were Egypt, Syria, Jordan, and Iraq. By the end of the Six Day War, Israel had taken the Gaza Strip, the Sinai Peninsula, the Golan Heights, and the West Bank of the Jordan River resulting in Israel controlling 3 times as much territory as she did before the war.

The 1973 Yom Kippur War was initiated by a surprise attack upon the nation of Israel by both the Egyptian and Syrian armies on October 6, 1973, the Jewish Day Of Atonement. Kuwaiti, Tunisian, and so-called "Palestinian" troops also were allied with the Egyptians in the south with the Iraqis and Jordanians allied with the Syrians in the north. The Egyptians were also supplied with troops, tanks, and aircraft from Algeria, Tunisia, Morocco, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Lebanon, Sudan, Libya, Cuba, North Korea, and the Soviet Union. Once again the Israelis were outnumbered with 1,210,000 Arabs fighting against 200,000 Israelis. Had it not been for pressure from the United States and the Russians the Israelis would have destroyed the entire Egyptian Third Army which was surrounded and cut off. Had it not been for a massive emergency airlift of military supplies from the United States to Israel during the 1973 Yom Kippur War, Israel would have been in great danger of annihilation. During the nights of October 8-9, Golda Meir and Moshe Dayan discussed the use of nuclear weapons and also later with the Israeli cabinet. The night of October 9, 1973 Golda Meir authorized the assembly of 13 (thirteen) 20 kiloton tactical atomic warheads for mounting on Jericho missiles. The nuclear weapons were never used because the tide of the war started shifting in Israel's favor on October 12, 13, and 14. It is also known that during the early part of the war when it looked like all was lost for Israel that Golda Meir considered suicide. At the height of the Watergate controversy, even though it was known that Richard Nixon was guilty of many Anti-Semitic tirades while he was in the White House, it was his decision to airlift emergency military supplies to Israel that saved the day for Israel. Though the world likes to talk a lot about luck and the fortunes of war,

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for Israel it was once again a case of deliverance through the miraculous intervention of the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

Even with all the wars that Israel has had to face since 1948, there is still much tragedy in her future. We know from *Zechariah 13:8-9* that two thirds of her people will be destroyed during the wars leading up to and including the tribulation. Those wars will include those fought in *Isaiah 14:24-32*, *Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39*, *Daniel 11:36-45*, *Joel chapters 2 and 3*, *Zechariah chapters 12 through 14*, *Revelation chapters 6, 9, 12, 16, 17, 19, and 20*. *Revelation 16* is Armageddon. There is a misconception about the battle of Armageddon. The battle of Armageddon is but the final battle in a series of battles. A review of Old Testament and New Testament prophecy will confirm that statement. *Daniel 11:36-45* indicates there will be a series of battles involving the armies of the antichrist. You can also add to this mix of world wide war the events of *Isaiah 34:1-17* and *Isaiah 34:1-7* where the Lord Jesus Christ is pictured as coming from Edom with bloodstained garments. There is also much disagreement over the timing of the war in *Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39*. Some believe the Ezekiel war will take place at or near the beginning of the tribulation while others believe it will take place during the middle or at the end of the tribulation. Another point that enters into the discussion is *Joel 3:1-2*. These verses show that there will be a gathering for judgment around Jerusalem in the Valley of Jehoshaphat. A study of a map will show that Jerusalem is roughly 80 miles due south of the town of Megiddo which is the location of Armageddon. It is also interesting to note that Megiddo is about 36 miles from Masada. If you believe that Armageddon is the final battle, and you believe that the book of Revelation is written in chronological order, then what do you do with the wars that are fought in *Revelation 17:14*, *Revelation 19:14-18*, *Revelation 20:7-9*. The events in *Joel 2:1-11* seem to tie very strongly with the events of *Revelation 9:1-11*. Many tie the *Ezekiel 38 and 39* war to the war in *Joel 2* because both mention a northern confederacy. The event described in *Daniel 11:44* seems to be tied to the events in *Revelation 9:13-21* where we see a huge eastern army composed of 200 million men. What all this indicates is that there will be a major conflagration involving numerous battles throughout the land of Israel during the tribulation. It will be the greatest war the world has ever seen.

Now, another question arises as to what series of events, or war, leads Israel to sign the covenant with death and hell that is talked about in *Isaiah 28:15* and in *Daniel 9:27*. Many Bible prophecy students believe that the covenant with the antichrist will involve the land. The so-called land for peace deals blindly pursued by the United States and other Western powers in the Middle East are under the curse and condemnation of God. God has said in *Joel 3:2* that he will judge the nations that part his land. Every time that land has been swapped for peace, there have come increasingly greater demands from Satan's Islamic devils for more land from Israel. The objective of Satan's Islamic devils is not peace but rather the total destruction and annihilation of Israel and the Jewish people. When they shall say peace and safety then sudden destruction cometh upon them. They say peace, peace when there is no peace. There is much more to the picture that I can document here in these few minutes.

While we do not hold to the Calvinistic Gnostic heresy of the sovereignty of God, we do believe that God is absolutely sovereign in the affairs of the nations and in the salvation of individuals. God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance. It is a whosoever will salvation for all that come of their own free will including the Jew and the Gentile. According to

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Daniel 2:21 and *Daniel 4:17*, God removeth kings and setteth up kings. God uses nations to judge Israel and the Jewish people and then He punishes those very nations for having the wrong motivations in dealing with Israel and her people. That God chose the nation of Israel above all other nations and the people of Israel above all peoples is a scriptural fact that cannot be denied. Israel is a chosen nation and the Jews are a chosen people. For that, they have paid a terrible price, both nationally and individually, in the blood of jealousy and revenge. The Bible says in *Deuteronomy 7:6-8*:

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. ⁷ The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people: ⁸ But because the LORD loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the LORD brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.
Deuteronomy 7:6-8

Satan hates Israel and he motivates individuals and nations to go after her. There has never been another nation or a people like Israel that has been the brunt of continual hate, continual persecution, and continual violence from the moment of their inception and even unto today. Today, they are the most hated and most reviled nation and people on the face of the earth. They are surrounded on all sides by nations and peoples who seek their total annihilation and the destruction of their nation. Yet, God promises them a great deliverance. God has also stated in numerous places in the Scriptures that the Gentile peoples and nations of the earth will serve and bow at the feet of the Jew and the nation of Israel.

¹⁹ The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the LORD of hosts is his name. ²⁰ Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; *Jeremiah 51:19-20*

² I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land. *Joel 3:2*

As a little aside here, I want to point out that many believe that the Valley of Jehoshaphat is the same as the Kidron Valley which runs between the Mount of Olives and Temple Mount. It is the place of the Brook Kidron which drops 4000 feet on its 20 mile journey to the Dead Sea. Continuing on, let us turn to the book of Isaiah.

²² Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles, and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in their arms, and thy

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daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. ²³ And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me. *Isaiah 49:22-23*

¹⁴ The sons also of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee, The city of the LORD, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel. *Isaiah 60:14*

⁸ Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. *Zephaniah 3:8*

¹⁹ Behold, at that time I will undo all that afflict thee: and I will save her that halteth, and gather her that was driven out; and I will get them praise and fame in every land where they have been put to shame. ²⁰ At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back your captivity before your eyes, saith the LORD. *Zephaniah 3:19-20*

⁹ Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. *Revelation 3:9*

God warns the nations in *Psalms 105:15* not to touch his anointed. While this verse is many times used to warn people not to rebel against pastoral authority, it is clearly warning against the abuse of God's people of which the prophets are but a small part. Its context is the abuse of God's chosen people by the Egyptians. Many Independent Baptist pastors would do well to heed God's warning concerning his people. God's people are not to be lorded over but are to be led as sheep. Need I say, that many independent Baptist church members would do well to submit themselves to the authority that God has established in the New Testament church through his pastors.

The Bible promises in *Isaiah 60:12* that any nation or kingdom that will not serve Israel will be utterly wasted. The Bible also promises in *Zechariah 14:12* that there will be a plague that will smite all the nations that have fought against Jerusalem. This plague will cause their flesh to consume away while they stand upon their feet and their eyes will be consumed away in their holes and their tongue will consume away in their mouth. At the judgment of the nations in *Matthew 25:31-46* God promises the eternal fires of hell for those who have mistreated the nation of Israel. This may well be the judgment in the Valley of Jehoshaphat that is prophesied of in *Joel 3:2*.

In *Luke 4:18*, the Lord Jesus Christ partially quotes *Isaiah 61:1-3* and then sits down and tells His audience: "This day is this Scripture fulfilled in your ears".

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¹ The Spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; ²To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; ³ To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified. *Isaiah 61:1-3*

What a promise! Make no mistake about it, Israel is bound in the heart of God for ever. God said in *Jeremiah 31:1-3*:

¹ At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. ² Thus saith the LORD, The people which were left of the sword found grace in the wilderness; even Israel, when I went to cause him to rest. ³ The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. *Jeremiah 31:1-3*

If you want a blessing from supporting Israel, I would encourage you to read the entire 31st chapter of the book of Jeremiah. Hallelujah! Glory to God for the Jew and the nation of Israel! We have a Saviour that is the perfect Jew who is the Lion of the Tribe of Judah. Hallelujah!