

# **Israel Today**



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**Christianity** is a global religion centered on faith in Jesus Christ's death, burial, and resurrection.

**Christian Nationalism** claims the U.S. was founded as a Christian nation and seeks to merge national identity with Christianity. Christian Nationalists believe that it is God's plan for the U.S. to be a successful nation based in Christian ideals.

**Zionism** is a political and nationalist movement founded in the late 19th century by Theodor Herzl to establish and support a Jewish national state in Palestine. He is considered the "spiritual father" of the State of Israel and is the only person mentioned by name in Israel's Declaration of Independence.

A large majority of Jews, roughly 95%, identify as Zionist. The movement also receives significant support from the U.S. The movement achieved its primary goal with the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

**Christian Zionists** are Christians who support a Jewish national state in Palestine.

We are going to take a look at these groups, from a dispensational point of view, to see if they are “on target.”

Time Past:

In a dispensation from God to Abram, God promised Abram, later called Abraham, that he would be the father of a great nation. He would be blessed and protected by God and, through him, all of the families of the earth would be blessed.

### Genesis 12:1-3

Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: **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.**

God showed Abram the land that he would be given. It was as far as he could see, and told Abram to walk the length and breadth of it.

Genesis 13:14-18

And the LORD said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and **look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever.** And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee. Then Abram removed his tent, and came and dwelt in the plain of Mamre, which is in Hebron, and built there an altar unto the LORD.

God's promise to Abraham went through his son Isaac, then his son Jacob, and then his 12 sons.

### Acts 7:7-8

And the nation to whom they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place. And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: **and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat the twelve patriarchs.**

God had told Abraham to walk all of the land. We find out that God told Moses, and then Joshua—that every place they walked would be Israel's

### Joshua 1:1-4

Now after the death of Moses the servant of the LORD it came to pass, that the **LORD spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister**, saying, Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. **Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said unto Moses. From the wilderness and this Lebanon even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the**

**Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your coast.**

The Lord had told Moses, before Israel had even entered the Promised Land, Israel would not obey God and would turn to other gods. God knew that they would not be able to stay in the land He gave them.

Deuteronomy 31:16-18

And the LORD said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and **this people will rise up, and go a whoring after the gods of the strangers of the land, whither they go to be among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have made with them.** Then my anger shall be kindled against them in that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall befall them; so that they will say in that day, Are not these evils come upon us, because our God is not among us? And **I will surely hide my face in that day for all the evils which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods.**

Of course, God was right. They did not obey God. As punishment, God first split Israel into 2 kingdoms. The northern kingdom (which kept the name Israel and is also known as Ephraim) was punished first. The southern kingdom was called Judah.

2 Kings 17:18, 23

**Therefore the LORD was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.**

**<sup>23</sup>So was Israel carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.**

Later, the southern kingdom, Judah, was taken into captivity in Babylon. Notice, it was the Lord who took them into captivity by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar

1 Chronicles 6:15

**And Jehozadak went into captivity, when the LORD carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.**

After 70 years, Judah was allowed to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the wall, the temple, and

the city, but they did not get their kingdom back. In fact, God had told Judah that no person from the line of kings over Judah (Solomon's line) would ever rule Judah again.

### Jeremiah 22:30

Thus saith the LORD, **Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.**

Jeremiah prophesied that in the future, the 2 kingdoms will be reunited as one again. Reunited Israel will follow God's Law because God's Law will literally be written in their hearts. God will forgive them, and live with them and they will be able to obey Him.

### Jeremiah 31:31-34

**Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband

unto them, saith the LORD: **But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.** And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Many people want to believe that Jeremiah's prophesied reunion of Israel happened in 1948. Dispensational study tells us that the reunion of Israel, is still future.

Micah was one of the prophets who prophesied about the next ruler of the reunited Israel. He would be born in Bethlehem.

Micah 5:2

But thou, **Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be**

**ruler in Israel;** whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Matthew quotes this scripture to remind the people in Israel that Jesus came to be that ruler.

### Matthew 2:6

And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Juda, art not the least among the princes of Juda: **for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.**

Jesus Christ came to earth as a baby born in Bethlehem about 2,000 years ago. He tried to set up the kingdom of heaven on the earth that would reunite Israel. He was rejected on Palm Sunday by the Jewish leadership.

### Luke 19:37-40

And when he was come nigh, even now at the descent of the mount of Olives, **the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen; Saying, Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord: peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. And some of**

**the Pharisees from among the multitude said unto him, Master, rebuke thy disciples.** And he answered and said unto them, I tell you that, if these should hold their peace, the stones would immediately cry out.

Right after the Jewish leadership's rejection of the kingdom on Palm Sunday, Jesus prophesied the destruction of the Temple and Jerusalem. It is not in the Bible, but history books record that Rome destroyed Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 A.D. Jeremiah's prophecy for reunification was pushed further into the future for Israel.

Luke 19:41-44

**And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it, Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes. For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one**

**stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.**

In one last attempt to have the Jewish leadership repent and call for Christ to return to set up His kingdom, Stephen was speaking to the leadership by the power of the Holy Ghost. The leaders stoned Stephen.

Christ had warned Israel, during His earthly ministry, that if they blasphemed against the Holy Ghost, there would be no forgiveness for them.

### Mark 3:28-29

Verily I say unto you, All sins shall be forgiven unto the sons of men, and blasphemies wherewith soever they shall blaspheme: **But he that shall blaspheme against the Holy Ghost hath never forgiveness, but is in danger of eternal damnation:**

Israel had now committed the unforgiveable sin. God stopped working with the nation Israel, and took His message of salvation straight to the Gentiles.

### Acts 28:26-28

Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: **For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them. Be it known therefore unto you, that the salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles, and that they will hear it.**

Paul confirmed the diminishing of Israel and God now working with the Gentiles. Paul was the apostle to the Gentiles, but also wanted to save as many Jews as possible, under his new gospel. He was not preaching that the kingdom was near like John the Baptist did at the beginning of his ministry.

### Romans 11:11-15

I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? **God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.** Now if the fall of

them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? For **I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as I am the apostle of the Gentiles, I magnify mine office: If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them. For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?**

Everyone was now saved in the same way, by grace through faith alone.

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast

Romans 10:4

**For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to every one that believeth.**

Paul explained. God told Abraham that through him all of the nations shall be blessed, because Abraham's descendent, the Lord Jesus Christ

redeemed everyone, Jews and Gentiles. All believers are one in Christ. The Gentiles are also recipients of God's promise to Abraham.

Galatians 3:8-9, 14, 26-29

And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, **In thee shall all nations be blessed. So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.**

**<sup>14</sup>That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.**

**<sup>26</sup>For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.**

This current dispensation, where we obtain salvation simply by believing in Christ's death, burial, and resurrection for our sins, will end with an event known as the Adoption, or the Rapture.

All believers will meet the Lord Jesus Christ in the air and forever be with Him.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But I would not have you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning them which are asleep, that ye sorrow not, even as others which have no hope. **For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also which sleep in Jesus will God bring with him.** For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we which are alive and remain unto the coming of the Lord shall not prevent them which are asleep. **For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord.** Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

We will be taken off the earth in the Rapture because we are told by Paul, that believers today, because of their faith in Jesus Christ, will not be on earth for the wrath of God.

Romans 5:8-9

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, **Christ died for us.** Much more then, being now **justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.**

1 Thessalonians 1:10

And to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, **even Jesus, which delivered us from the wrath to come.**

1 Thessalonians 5:9

**For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ,**

Our eternal future is not in the kingdom of heaven on the earth, with Jesus Christ as our king. We are not waiting for Christ's Second Coming. We are God's heavenly people.

1 Corinthians 15:49

And as **we have borne the image of the earthy, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.**

Ephesians 1:3

Blessed be the God and Father of **our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:**

Ephesians 2:6

And hath raised us up together, and **made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

Ephesians 3:10

To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in **heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God,**

2 Timothy 4:18

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and **will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom:** to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.



This is where we are dispensationally today. We are looking for the Rapture. Many Christians do not know that the future for Israel (God's earthly people) does not include

us in the Church, the Body of Christ (His heavenly people.)

Tucker Carlson says that he thinks the Iran war exists so that Israel can rebuild the Third Temple of Solomon and destroy the Al-Aqsa Mosque in Jerusalem to bring the messiah back.

Those people who understand dispensational Bible teaching know that the Temple for Israel was for people under the Law. No one is (or can be) under the Law today. There will not be a Temple built while the Church, the Body of Christ is still on this earth.

Ages to come:

Here's what the Bible says about the future. No one but God knows when the Rapture will take us to be with Jesus Christ. We do know that when it does, the Holy Ghost who indwells all believers is "taken out of the way" because we are gone from the earth. Then the antichrist will be revealed.

## 2 Thessalonians 2:5-8

Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. For **the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed,** whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming:

The antichrist will be revealed and then after 3 ½ years, will make his move when he commits the “abomination of desolation.” Jesus warned the Jews to look for it.

## Matthew 24:15-18

When ye therefore shall see **the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet,** stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) **Then let them which be in Judaea flee into the mountains:** Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house: Neither let him which is in the field return back to take his clothes.

Paul clearly tells us what the abomination of desolation is. The antichrist, the man of sin, will sit in the Temple of God proclaiming himself to be God!

### 2 Thessalonians 2:2-4

Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, **except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed**, the son of perdition; **Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God.**

So, sometime between the Rapture and the abomination of desolation, a Temple will be built. Israel will finally be able to follow the Law that Moses brought down from Mt. Sinai. They will worship God in the old way with animal sacrifices. It will be the third Temple. (The first one was Solomon's Temple. The second one was built when the people of Judah went back to Jerusalem to rebuild the Temple, the city, and the wall. The second temple is also called Herod's Temple. It is the one that Jesus called "My

Father's House." It is the one that was destroyed by Rome in 70 A.D.)

The third Temple is the one that is desecrated by the antichrist when he sits in it to be worshipped as God. He will take away the daily sacrifice (of animals) and everyone will be required to worship him.

### Daniel 11:31

And arms shall stand on his part, and they shall pollute the sanctuary of strength, and **shall take away the daily sacrifice, and they shall place the abomination that maketh desolate.**

Daniel gives us a timeline. After the abomination of desolation will be 1,290 days, and then another 45 days until the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

### Daniel 12:11

And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days. Blessed is he that

waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

The Jews will repent and call for Jesus to return. Hosea prophesied that Jesus Christ would return to His Father in heaven and would not return until the 2 kingdoms of Israel (Ephraim and Judah) were ready to be reunited under His leadership.

Hosea 5:15

**I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.**

Then, Jesus will return in what everyone calls “the Second Coming.” This is what the Bible says it will look like when faithful Israel is gathered by the angels that come with Jesus, and reunited in His kingdom of heaven on the earth.

Matthew 24:29-31

**Immediately after the tribulation of those days shall the sun be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be**

**shaken:** And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and **they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.**

Dispensation Bible students know that there is a judgement of nations by Jesus Christ after His Second Coming (maybe during the 45 additional day wait in Daniel 12.) It is based on how these other nations treated Israel during the terrible persecutions of the antichrist. This will not include the United States as it exists today.

The United States will exist after the Rapture of the Church, and the revelation of the antichrist. It is the leaders of the United States at that time that will need to be concerned about the judgement that will be coming to the United State, based on its treatment of Israel when Jesus Christ returns.

Matthew 25:31-34, 40-41, 45-46

When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: **And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:** And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, **Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:**

<sup>40</sup>And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. **Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:**

<sup>45</sup>Then shall he answer them, saying, **Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.** And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

A fourth Temple will be built to house the throne of Jesus Christ in the kingdom of heaven on the

earth. Ezekiel was given detailed instructions about how to build it. It will take 2300 days, over 6 years, to build

### Daniel 8:11-14

**Yea, he magnified himself even to the prince of the host, and by him the daily sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down.** And an host was given him against the daily sacrifice by reason of transgression, and it cast down the truth to the ground; and it practised, and prospered. Then I heard one saint speaking, and another saint said unto that certain saint which spake, **How long shall be the vision concerning the daily sacrifice, and the transgression of desolation, to give both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under foot? And he said unto me, Unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed.**

Zechariah prophesied about how the kingdom of heaven on the earth, with Jesus Christ as ruler, would look. There will be a lot of people living to very great ages. The streets will be full of

children playing. No one who watches the news thinks that this is how Jerusalem looks today!

Zechariah 8:1-8

Again the word of the LORD of hosts came to me, saying, Thus saith the LORD of hosts; I was jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I was jealous for her with great fury. Thus saith the LORD; I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the LORD of hosts the holy mountain. **Thus saith the LORD of hosts; There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, and every man with his staff in his hand for very age. And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof.** Thus saith the LORD of hosts; If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in these days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith the LORD of hosts. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; And I will bring them, and they shall dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God, in truth and in righteousness.

Jesus Christ will be King of the kingdom of heaven on the earth. Israel will be the most favored nation. Everyone who wants to see Jesus Christ, or worship God, will have to follow Jewish Law.

Zechariah 8:20-23

**20** Thus saith the LORD of hosts; **It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: And the inhabitants of one city shall go to another, saying, Let us go speedily to pray before the LORD, and to seek the LORD of hosts: I will go also.** Yea, many people and strong nations shall come to seek the LORD of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days **it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.**