

Prophecy Continued: Focus Israel !!!

The Permanence of the Jewish Nation: God's Eternal Promise to Israel!

My heart is stirred! Perhaps like Paul's heart was stirred at Athens when he observed the idolatry in the city (Acts 17:16).

Why is my heart stirred? I happened to come across a video from a Pastor Chuck Baldwin. I do not know anything about this man, but in the few moments that I listened to him he made these five emphatic points regarding Israel.

1. Israel is an ANTICHRIST nation.
2. Zionism is ANTICHRIST.
3. Israel is "forever" under the judgment of God.
4. America is under the judgment of God because of America's continued support of Israel.
5. America's decline began on May 14th, 1948 when we subscribed to the Founding of the Israeli Nation under President Truman.

This Pastor's message was vile and filled with "Antisemitic Venom."

I was shocked.

This man must be called out to repentance for his false teaching regarding Israel. With his vitriolic preaching against the Jew, he is invoking God's curses upon himself. (Genesis 12:3, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curse thee.")

Let us set the record straight regarding this Israel issue by looking at what the Bible has to say about Israel and her future relationship with her God.

Israel Under Judgment

Is Israel currently under God's judgment? YES - because of her rejection of her Messiah, Jesus Christ.

The Jews were driven into the DIASPORA in A.D. 70 by Titus, and they had been dispersed among approx 165 Nations around the globe.

And, the Jews are under spiritual blindness during this time. Romans 11:25 KJV
"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in."

Please notice, it says "Blindness In Part is happened to Israel" until....!!!

There is an end to this spiritual blindness, which is when the last person is saved and brought into the church followed by the Rapture. Then, during the Tribulation Period, God will remove this spiritual blindness and so - "All Israel shall be saved" (Romans 11:26.)

Please, mark this statement. God placed a judgment over Israel because of her rebellion and rejection of Jesus Christ. This judgment was the dispersion and judicial spiritual blindness. But, this judgment was PARTIAL & TEMPORARY. Again, I repeat, it was PARTIAL & TEMPORARY!!!.

I will make a few remarks about the PARTIAL aspect of this judgment.

We know it was and still is PARTIAL because all the Apostles were Jews and were saved (born again, except Judas).

Paul was an Jewish Apostle, and he was saved. There have been many individual Jews who received Christ as Lord and Savior during the last 2000 years. I know several myself, today, who are members of churches along with Gentiles. But, at a national level they are still suffering from this broad judicial blindness until the Rapture of the Church when God will reconvene His Redemptive Plan for the Nation.

As a matter of fact, God's Word makes specific provision for both Jews and Gentiles in the Church. In the Epistle to the Ephesians it is written

Ephesians 2:14-15 KJV

"For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us; [15] Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, so making peace;"

This Scripture make it clear that during this church age, both Jews and Gentiles are equal members of the church IN CHRIST. Galatians 3:28 is another affirmation of this truth.

Five Promises

Next, let us examine FIVE very emphatic promises God made to His Chosen People.

1. God gave to them an "Unconditional Promise " namely a New Covenant, unlike the Conditional Mosaic Covenant, which they could not keep.

Jeremiah 31:31-33 KJV

"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: [32] 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: [33] 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."

This is strictly God's promise to Israel, not conditioned on any actions or law abiding by the Nation Israel.

2. Ezekiel 36:24-28. This is a complementary passage to the New Covenant described in Jeremiah 31, and it gives broader reaffirmation that God will bring them back into the land of their Fathers (v.24 & 28). Emphatic is the new spiritual awakening by the Holy Spirit of God (sprinkle clean water - v. 25, new spirit - v.26, my spirit within you - v. 27) all these are references to the removal of the temporary judicial blindness and constitutes a national expression of faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ by the Jewish Nation.

3. God's expression of the Permanence of the Jewish Nation.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 KJV

“Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: [36] If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. [37] Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.”

God draws on the permanence of seasons, sun, moon and equates those to the permanence of the Jewish Nation. Currently, they are under judgment, but this time period will end, and Israel will indeed have an exalted position among all nations during the Millennial Reign of Christ (Isaiah 60:3.)

4. The prophecy about the Dry Bones. In Ezekiel 37 we read about a valley full of dry bones which eventually came together but without breath.

Ezekiel 37:7 - 8 KJV

“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.
"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.”

This passage predicted the regathering of Israel out of all the nations to which they had been driven back into their own land.

This has been taking place since the Holocaust. Jews have returned to their land for the past 76 years. Currently there are 9 million Jews living in Israel. They have re-assimilated their own age-old culture. They are speaking and writing Hebrew as of old, and some are practicing their old religion, albeit without the Temple. The country has advanced

technology, a rich and productive economy, an advanced agriculture and water conservation system. Their agriculture technology and water treatment systems have been exported to many of the Northern African Muslim Nation.

Mark Twain visited Palestine 150 years ago, and made these uncomplimentary remarks. "Of all the lands there are for dismal scenery, I think Palestine must be the prince... Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land? "Palestine sits in sackcloth and ashes. Over it broods the spell of a curse that has withered its fields and fettered its energies."

Yet, in Ezekiel 36:8-11 we read about a lush country side with fruit trees and rich vegetation.

Ezekiel 36:8-11 KJV

"But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people of Israel; for they are at hand to come. [9] For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown: [10] And I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes shall be builded: [11] And I will multiply upon you man and beast; and they shall increase and bring fruit: and I will settle you after your old estates, and will do better unto you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

Any visitor to Israel today will frankly attest to the rejuvenated panoramic views of Israel's countryside.

My question to Pastor Chuck Baldwin is: How do you explain this Israeli phenomenon? After having been dispersed for 2000 years and mingled among various cultures, and languages, the Jews come back, re-establish their culture, language, art, and customs, and become the only democratic thriving economy among 25 Muslim Nations?

Is this just a coincidence? I think NOT.

The Biblical prophecies regarding the dispersion and regathering of the Jewish people is taking place in front of our eyes just as God told us it will happen. It is called God's Sovereign Providence.

5. Lastly, we see in the Book of Romans God's dealing with His chosen people.

Chapter 9 reveals God's past dealing with Israel. Chapter 10 deals with God's current dealing with them, and Chapter 11 reveals God's future treatment of Israel.

In the beginning of Chapter 11 the Apostle Paul makes a very emphatic statement. Remember that all Scripture is inspired by the Holy Spirit of God.

Romans 11:1 KJV

"I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. The phrase "God Forbid" in Greek is "Me Genoita," which is the strongest negative in the Greek language. God says NO, may it never be!!! Don't even think about it.

Ps. Baldwin, how do you respond to this comment from the Bible?

Conclusion

I will finish this article with this.

Romans 11:26-27 KJV

"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: [27] For this is my **covenant unto them**, when I shall take away their sins." This refers to the **Unconditional Covenant** we read about in Jeremiah 31.

Glory to God in the highest. He has kept His promises to Israel thus far, and He will keep the rest of His promises.

Selah!

All you Reformed Theologians: Consider your ways!

If you are Antisemitic you are on the wrong side of GOD.

Christians: Please mark these passages in your heart, and be able to defend you PRO ISRAEL POSTION with SCRIPTURE.