

Middle-East Meltdown: Part 2 – All Eyes on Israel

Luke 21:29-31

Sermon Summary

100Years ago you could not even recognize any signs of the second coming because there did not seem to be any around yet that all changed in 1948 and it has been a snowball since. The main objective of this sermon is to inform people of the connection points in modern day culture and the prophecies found in scripture with regard to the second coming of Jesus Christ. We will focus the majority of our time in this message on the nation of Israel because this nation has such a significant role in prophetic scriptures and the fulfillment of these Scriptures. It is not to alarm any person rather to inform, transform, and inspire people to come to a place their faith into a lasting relationship with Christ as Lord and Savior.

Four Major Prophecies to Consider

Big Idea – Prophecies of Israel Signal the Beginning of the End

Prophecy #1 – Israel Becomes a State

- **Isaiah 66:8**
- **Key Point** – The first and most interesting sign that we will look at is that of Israel becoming a state or a nation. This is the sign that places all of the other signs in motion. It all began with this in 1948.

Prophecy #2 – Israel Experiences a Population Boom

- **Isaiah 11:10-12**
- **Ezekiel 37:11-14**
- **Key Point** – The second sign that we examine is that Israel will experience a tremendous population boom near the end times. God has promised that He would gather back His people to Israel and bring the back to the holy city from all corners of the earth. Israel has experienced a tremendous population boom in the last decade.

Prophecy #3 – Israel Experiences an Economic Boom

- **Ezekiel 36:11**
- **Ezekiel 28:8-13**
- **Key Point** – The third sign is that of an economic boom. Israel will experience a time of great prosperity as well as peace in the end of times the suddenly the peace will be over. This would not have been imaginable except for the new findings of oil fields in Israel and new talks a peace treaty between Israel and Palestine that is happening even as we look at our modern day headlines.

Prophecy #4 – Israel Experiences a Great War

- **Ezekiel 38:18-23**

- **Key Point** – The final sign to look for is that of a the great war between Gog and Magog. It is prophesied that Israel will be attacked from a great nation from its north which is believed to be Russia who will gather around it allies such as Iran and Egypt as well as other countries. This new alliance will attack Israel suddenly but will be defeated by God. No other country will come alongside of Israel to help it during this time, only God will be given the glory.

Question to Consider

- *Why is Israel so important to God's plan for the second coming of Christ? Explain.*

Memory Verse

Matthew 24:33 – Even so, when you see all these things, you know that it is near, right at the door.

Challenge

- Through this series begin reading through Revelation and highlight key signs of the coming of Christ and why this is important for us as Christians to ready our hearts and minds.

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