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Israel - There's Tribulation, and Then Salvation



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Israel – there's tribulation, and then there's salvation. The shocking savagery and brutality now taking place in Israel is horrific, pure evil, godless. We shouldn't be surprised, for atrocities similar to this have been happening in Israel for 1000's of years, and they won't stop until Jesus Christ returns to earth to save a large number of Jewish people – which takes place at the end of Daniel's 70th week. Daniel 9:24

But you must first see the big picture, illustrated by three covenants. 1) God promised to Abraham that his descendants, the Jews, would be blessed by receiving their own land and becoming a great nation, the nation of Israel (Gen. 12:1-2, 13:14-16, 15:18). 2) God promised to David that One of his descendants would be the King over this nation and over the entire world, and that He would reign forever (2 Sam.

7:12-13, Ps. 89:27-29). 3) God promised to Jeremiah that a great number of Jewish people would be spiritually saved (Jer. 32:31-34, Rom. 11:25-26). These promises, that Israel would receive land, would be given a King, and would be saved, have not yet been fulfilled, but there's no question that they will be. *"Let God be found true".* Rom. 34, Ezek. 37:21-23

God also promised to David that One of his descendants would be the Messiah and the Savior, that He would save people from their sins. And it was at Christ's first coming that He died for people's sins and was raised from their dead, showing God's supreme love and satisfying His perfect justice for all those who would repent of their sins and believe in Him. (Rom. 3:21-26, 5:8, 6:23). But back in the 1st century, most Jews rejected Christ as their Lord and Messiah. In 70 AD, because of their rejection of Christ and continued unbelief, God scattered them all over the world. Luke 19:41-44, 21:20-24

God promised that descendants of these Jewish people would return to their homeland, and that began to happen in the late 1800's. Since that time, it has been anything but easy. You know about Hitler's utter hatred for the Jews, killing over 6 million Jews during WW2. That resulted in some sympathy for the Jews, and in 1948, they once again became a nation. But devilish-inspired hatred and persecution of the Jews has not stopped – there was the Six Day War in 1967, the Yom Kippur War in 1973, two intifadas (an Arabic word defined as a civil uprising of Palestinians against Jews), and now this present war in Israel. Yet, God has truly protected and wonderfully blessed them over all these years – and He has not and will not renege on His promises.

The most faithful ally of the Jews for these past 75 years has been the United States, but in recent years, their support for them has been weakening. It's quite evident that rabid antisemitism is alive and well on most U.S. college campuses and among an increasing number of leaders. Recent government decisions clearly show that the United States has been openly accommodating and supporting the Jew's

archenemy, the Iranians. There is evidence that these Iranians are largely responsible for this most recent inhumane aggression against Israel. Here is one of Iran's favorite slogans – *"Allah is the greatest, death to America, death to Israel, curse on the Jews, Victory to Islam."*

So here we are, another terrible war in Israel, and who knows how long this one will last. What we do know is that Israel will not be wiped out as a nation. This nation will continue on, and that's because God told us He would keep her going. He will not break the promises He made to her, but will, sooner or later, completely fulfill them.

What's next for Israel? Sometime in the future, this present war will come to an end. But global antisemitism will not lessen but increase. We will witness the United State's waning support for Israel, either because of her unwillingness or inability, or both (Note Gen. 12:3). And most nations in the world, evidenced by their numerous anti-Israel votes in the United Nations, will continue to oppose and oppress Israel. There may even be more wars.

Israel is not a godly country – as a nation, they are not presently trusting in God but are sadly and openly sinning against Him. With their backs against the wall, and the United States decreasing in their support for her, these Jews are looking for reliable allies – she is becoming more desperate for any kind of help.

In the near future, the coming Antichrist, the devil's man on earth, will sign a covenant, a 7-year treaty with Israel. On the one hand, this will be a terrible mistake, but on the other hand, it will be part of God's plan, what He planned and predicted would happen a long time ago. This treaty will result in a temporary *"peace".* And the Jews will build a temple and, once again, offer sacrifices as prescribed in the Old Testament. But at the midpoint of Daniel's 70th week, the Antichrist will reveal his true colors, for he will openly betray the Jews.

Jesus tells us what happens at that time, which is the 3½ year mark of that week – *"When you see the Abomination of Desolation which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place… then… flee"* (Matt 24:15, Dan. 9:27, 2 Thess. 2:3-4). After that, the devil-possessed Antichrist pursues the Jewish people in Israel. This is the beginning of the great tribulation (Matt. 24:21-22, Rev. 12:13-16). But by the sovereign and miraculous hand of God, a great number of Jews escaped. The frustrated but angry Antichrist then chases after the Christians – he *"went off to make war with the rest of her children"* (Rev. 12:16). This persecution spirals out and spreads to true believers all over the world. *"They will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name."* Matthew 24:9

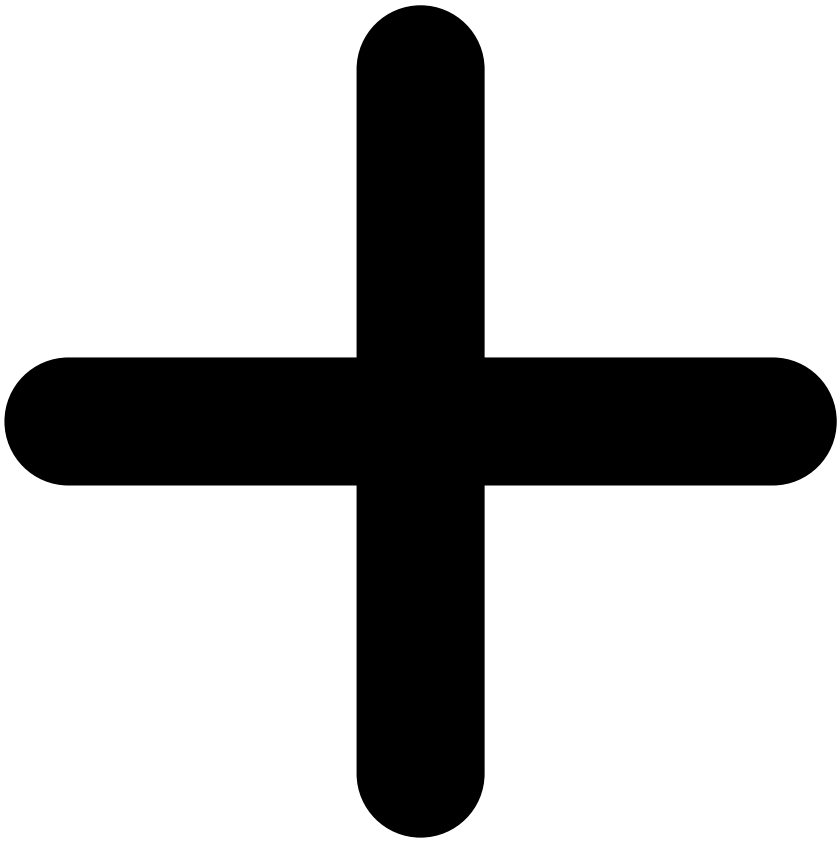
This persecution, this great global tribulation continues until God Himself cuts it short. Matthew 24:9 tells us how we will know – *"Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will fall from the sky."* This is the end of the age. Immediately after that is the rapture of the Christians. Then there is the Day of the Lord. And then, at the end of Daniel's 70th week, a large number of Jewish people will be saved.

Please note the true and prophetic word of God. It tells us what will happen. We see this war in Israel, we look at what's happening in the United States, we observe the world around us, and you must know that God is sovereign over all that's taking place, that He's working in and through the people, the countries, and the leaders of this world – and He is leading everything to the end of this age, the rapture of the church, and the salvation of many, many Jews.

Jesus Christ will then set up His kingdom on earth, a 1000-year kingdom age when Jewish people, working with the Lord Jesus Christ, will play a most dominant and significant role in this world. As believers, we too will be reigning with Christ. (Rev. 5:10). Hallelujah!!! The best is yet to

come!!! *“Sing praises to God; sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises. For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a skillful Psalm. God reigns over the nations, God sits on the holy throne.”* Psalms 47, 67, 72, 96, 98

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