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How Do We Know We Are Living in the End Times?



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Everything I've talked about so far isn't that relevant if we can't clearly and convincingly answer this one question: *"How do we know we're living in the end times?"* God's Word tells us that the Jews would return to Israel, and that's exactly what has taken place in the past 130 years. The fact that the Jews are back in their own land is the main reason we know we're in the end times, that time period leading up to the 2nd coming of Christ, the rapture of the church and the redemption of the Jews. Let me explain more fully:

From 750BC-490 BC, many Old Testament prophets predicted that the Jews would be gathered back to their land. Isaiah 11:11 – *"In that day the Lord will reach out His hand a second time to reclaim the surviving remnant of His people…"* (Note this is the second time – the first gathering took place between 530BC-440BC). Jeremiah 32:37-38 – *"I will surely gather them from all the lands where I banish them in My*

furious anger and great wrath. I will bring them back to this place and let them live in safety. They will be My people and I will be their God." Zechariah 8:7-8 – *"I will save My people from the countries of the east and the west and bring them back to Jerusalem, and I will be faithful and righteous to them as their God."* Ezekiel 36:26 – *"I will gather you from all the countries, and bring you into your own land… I will give you a new heart and spirit."* Hosea 1:11, Amos 9:14-15, Micah 4:6-7 and Zephaniah 3:14-20 also speak of this great gathering.

It was around 1880 that all these predictions started coming true, for that was the beginning of this gathering of Jews back to Israel. First there were thousands, then tens of thousands, then hundreds of thousands, then millions, and finally 6.5 million strong in May 2017 (Jewish Virtual Library). This is an amazing miracle of God! For a people group to be gone from their land for so long, and then to return with their same identity, same language, same culture, and same religion is absolutely phenomenal. Nothing like this has ever happened before! God's promise about the Jews has been coming true, just like He said, and no one can deny it. Indeed, we are seeing a miraculous and glorious work of God!

But you say, *"This is about the Jews, but what about the church?"* Let me make the connection. Matthew 24:9-26, Mark 13:9-23, Luke 21:12-24, 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10 and Revelation 7:1-17 are all prophecy passages, and in each of them there's a section about the Jews adjacent to a section about the church. By examining these passages, it's obvious that God's work with the Jews in the end times is coinciding with, and in conjunction with, His work with the church. Therefore, we know that God will not do His prophetic work with the Jews apart from His prophetic work with the church. And since the Jews are back in their land, then we know this age is coming to an end – it won't be long before Christ returns to carry out this work, fulfilling God's promises for the church and the Jews.

Do you see this? Over 2500 years ago, God predicted that the Jews

would come back to their land. The fact that God has gathered them back to Israel is a clear and obvious sign that we are now living in the end times. (Daniel 12:4 – *"Seal up the book until the end time."* The book has now been unsealed, for the Jews are back in their land). *"Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations where they have gone, and I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own **land**; and I will make them one nation in the land... and one **King** will be king for all of them... and they will be **My people** and I will be their God."* Ezekiel 37:21-22 (Emphasis mine). The first part of this verse has come true for the Jews, and now the last part about God's three promises for them, will also come true. They will be saved from their sins, will have Jesus as their King, and will then be blessed in their land.

But now that we're in the end times, all the other prophecies with regards to Christ's 2nd coming will soon be taking place – there will be birth pains, a peace treaty, a new Jewish temple, the Antichrist, the mark of the beast, the great persecution, the rapture of the church, the Day of the Lord, the salvation of the Jews, and then Christ will begin His reign over the earth. Hallelujah!!!

It was only 150 years ago that the Jews weren't in their land, but now they are. The prophetic alarm clock is now ringing, and God is telling us to wake up, for Christ's coming is right around the corner. Be encouraged, be excited, learn what you need to learn, do what you need to do, and look forward to seeing your Lord, Savior and King!

P.S. I have just published a new article: Replacement Theology: It's Not True – Part 4. This is a very helpful supplement to today's post. Please check it out and especially note point #3 which talks about the gathering of the Jews to Israel.

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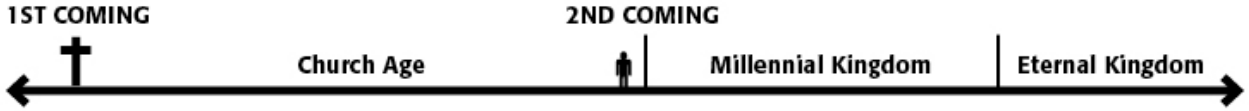


LO, HE COMES WITH CLOUDS DESCENDING - Yea, Amen, let all adore Thee, high on Thine eternal throne. Savior take the power and glory, claim the Kingdom for Thine own. O come quickly. O come quickly. Everlasting God, come down.

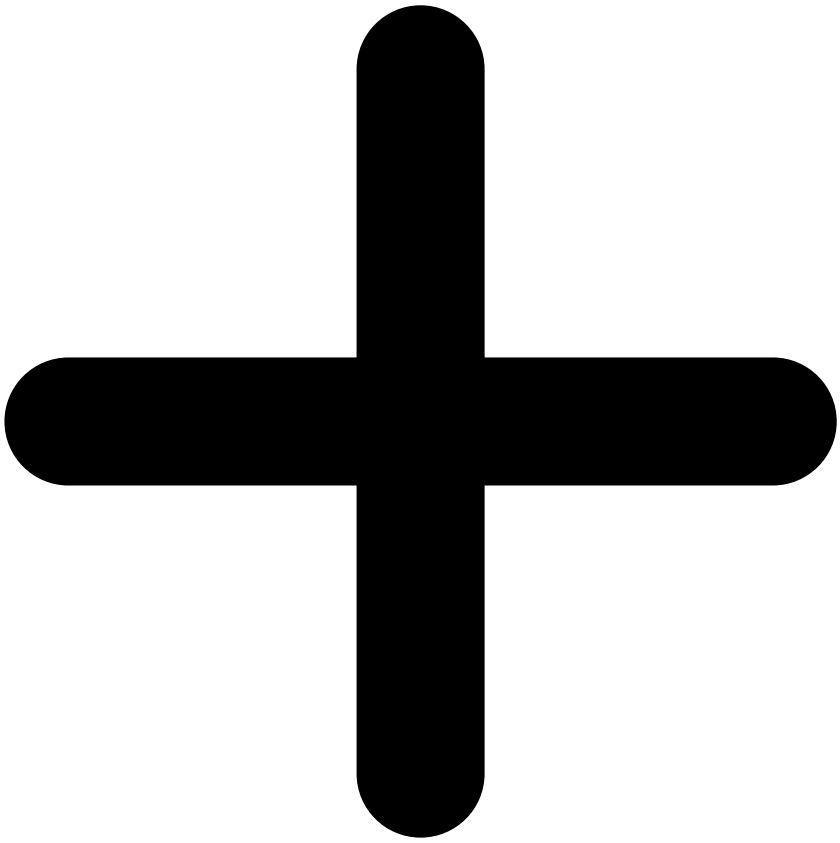
THAT WHERE I AM, THERE YOU MAY BE - If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again. If I go prepare a place for you I will come back again. You know I am the way, the truth, the life - keep my commands, that where I am there you may also be.

WHEN THE ROLL IS CALLED UP YONDER - Let us labor for the Master from the dawn till setting sun, let us talk of all His wondrous love and care; then when all of life is over and our work on earth is done, and the roll is called up yonder, I'll be there. When the roll is called up yonder...

JESUS LOVES ME - Jesus loves me, He will stay close beside me all the way; He's prepared a home for me, and some day His face I'll see. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.



SING FOR JOY IN THE LORD, O YOU RIGHTEOUS ONES.
PSALM 33:1



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