

# **Israel, the Key to Prophecy**

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## I. Introduction.

- A. Israel is very small, but it has had a major impact on the world.
- B. Nevertheless, the world has marked the Jews as fugitives for ages.
- C. Israel is the keystone of prophesy.

## II. The promises of the Old Testament.

- A. It was prophesied that Abraham and his seed would be given the land. (Genesis 13:14-15, 15:18, 17:8, 28, 35)
  - 1. No king of Israel ever occupied all of the Promised Land.
  - 2. The promise would have been fulfilled in Christ. (Galatians 3:16)
- B. God promised that Israel would receive a king. (II Samuel 7, Psalm 89:3, Isaiah 9:6-7)
- C. God promised prosperity in the land. (Amos 9:6-7)
- D. God promised that warfare would end. (Isaiah 4)
- E. God promised that nature would be released from the curse. (Isaiah 11, 35)
- F. God promised spiritual renewal. (Isaiah 11:9)

## III. The fateful point in history when Jesus came and was rejected.

- A. If the Jews had accepted Jesus as Messiah, they would have received the promises.
- B. Their rejection opened up the way for the Gentles and postponed the fulfillment of the promises. (Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17, 10:5-7, 11:21, 21:33-43)
- C. There is still a future for Israel, but in the current time, the Jews have been blinded because they have rejected Messiah. (Romans 11:25)

## IV. The prospect of the Jews.

- A. God will fulfill all the promises to the Jews because He is no liar and He swore on His holiness. (Deuteronomy 24)
- B. The Jews will see a great national revival when they return to Jesus. (Zechariah 12:10, Isaiah 53)

## V. Application.

A. Although the Jews have rejected Jesus, there is no room for Anti-Semitism among God's people.

B. The church will participate in all the blessings of Christ. (I Corinthians 6)

C. We are in a late time in history marked by the return of Israel to the land as a nation.

**Application questions:**

1. Which promise to Israel stood out to you the most? What struck you?

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2. Why did the Jews fail to receive the promises? Will they ever receive their promises?

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3. How will the church participate in promises of Israel in the future? Explain.

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