

THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

I. The National restoration of Israel

A. God said in His word that He would bring the Jews back to Palestine. Ezek. 37:21

B. The significance of May 15, 1948, when Israel became a nation for the first time in over 1800 years.

C. The Bible is not so specific about the method God will use to do this.

1. Many think that because the present day Zionist Movement is so ungodly, that God cannot use it to carry out any part of His purpose.

2. But we read that in the O.T. God used the wicked King Cyrus.

D. Nor is the Bible definitely clear as to the exact time of this restoration.

1. There are several phases of God's dealings with Israel in the latter days. Restoration, Judgement, Return of the Messiah, and Repentance and Revival.

2. There seems to be differences of opinion as to which of these things shall occur first, and in what order the others shall follow. Some believe it is absolutely necessary for the Jews to repent of their sin and unbelief, accept Jesus as their Messiah and Savior, and be restored into spiritual fellowship with their Lord before God will allow them to be restored to Palestine. They say that Repentance and Revival must occur before the national restoration to Palestine.

E. God's Covenant to Abraham (Gen. 15:18) is an un-conditional covenant.

F. In many places in the Bible it would seem that God's restoration of the Jews to Palestine is purely a matter of His Grace. He will return the Jews to Palestine simply because he promised to do it, not because they deserve it. Ezek. 36:22

G. There are several passages of scripture that indicate that the return and restoration of the Jews to Palestine will come before the repentance and revival.

36:24-26

H. In verses 28, 29, 30, 31, we have first, the return of the Jew to dwell in the Land, then prosperity and development of the Land, the repentance. See also verses 34, 35

34:29

36:6-11

I. Ezek. 38:11, 12 -- peace & prosperity in land

III. The Spiritual Restoration of Israel.

A. The spiritual restoration of Israel is more important than the national restoration.

B. Read what the Apostle Paul says in the 11th chapter of Romans.

1. God has not cast away his people.

2. All Israel is to be saved.

C. Some day the Jews will see the Christ whom they crucified and will repent for their sin. Zech. 12:10 and 13:1.

III. Where are we living, in our time, in this

A. We have seen the return of the Jew to Palestine and the establishment of the Jewish state in the land.

B. We have seen the marvelous development of the desolate wastelands.

C. We have seen something of the judgments hurled against the persecuted Jew. Ez. 10:33-34

D. Now is the time to work for and pray for and expect a great spiritual revival among the Jews, in the light of these fulfilled prophecies and the probability of the near return of the Messiah.

E. I know of no prophecy concerning the Jews or concerning the nations of the world that has not already been fulfilled, which must come to pass before the coming of Jesus Christ for His saints.

F. The only prophecy in the entire Bible which has not yet been fulfilled, is that the gospel must first be preached among all nations, winning some from each tribe.

Mk. 13:10