

SECOND STUDY; IN THE SERIES OF 'JESUS RETURN TO EARTH' ~ WHAT ~ WHY ~ HOW ~ WHEN ~ ' EVENTS IN JEWISH ISRAEL AND THE M.E. WILL CHANGE THE WORLD~ SOON!

INTRODUCTION.

Firstly: "Jewish Israel" is a name Leaders in Israel are using, and the Muslim Nations do not like it!
Secondly, (and very sadly from my point of view) even Christians have sent me messages, to question if the people called 'Jews' now-adays, are real Jews? (Part of the Jews in the Bible?)
There is one main answer to this. ***If God could not keep an ethnic, racial group of descendants of the Jews of the Bible 'till now, there is no visible proof of God's Love, power, and great faithfulness!*** Psalm 147 - 149!
> But 'Jewish Israel' ~ IS factual miracle; on top of many miracles that God is doing in our lifetime!
Even bigger ones will happen in the future ~ so start expecting them in the next few years!

JEWISH PEOPLE WROTE THE BIBLE.

> Here are some background notes to think about, in connection with 'Jewish Israel'.
> Most of you will know that the Bible was written BY about 40 Jewish people, [except for Dr Luke who showed great respect for them] in 66 separate books /letters. [Jewish leaders translated it into Greek 250BC]
> So we could say we Christian Believers owe the Jews a debt of gratitude for keeping God's Word in the Tanakh (O.T.) safe and accurate for us, by making many very, very careful copies, especially of the Tanakh.
> In fact if even a tiny mistake was noticed, the whole book was put aside, and the Scribe had to start again. For damaged or condemned Scrolls, even a small 'funeral service' was held and the scrolls were buried very carefully. In a time of danger - Good, completed scrolls were preserved carefully in the desert.
> An almost complete set of these scrolls were found in dry caves in the mountains of Judea, near the "Dead Sea" in 1947 - meaning that those accurate copies had been preserved for 2,500 years, unchanged!
> That is just a tiny indication of the respect Jews had for Leaders and Prophets and the WORD OF GOD.

Here's what the Apostles wrote:

Reading: 2 Peter 1: 19 & 20. Romans 16: 25 ***"Now unto Him who is able to establish you by my ~ [new, but old,] Gospel...hidden for long ages past ~ [vs 26] "But now revealed and made known through all the Prophetic writings, by the command of the Eternal God, so that ALL nations might believe and obey Him!"***
[Jewish NT, By Dr David H Stern]

Question: Did God Himself actually write any chapters of the Bible?

Answer. The answer is exciting, and in the case of Genesis One, especially. You see no-one else was there before Creation started, except God the Father, the Son (Jesus/ Hb: Yeshua) and the Holy Spirit, so thinking people thought it must have been written a long time after it happened ~ perhaps by Moses?
However there was a man, Dr Ivan PANIN, who discovered that in the Hebrew, Genesis chapter 1 is absolutely accurate numerically, and accurate in every way! [Look up search engines about him, please.]
That is: God used the number of 'seven' (in letters or words) ~ at least 30 times, in 31 verses
'Seven' is a way of summarising the fact that God is Perfect, and so are all His words and actions.
No university professors could copy the idea, it is too hard, only the Hebrew GOD could do it.

> So **GOD'S MESSAGES** in the O.T. [Hb. **TANAKH**] were especially written **FOR JEWS**, often given to an individual, with the intention of being for **ALL the People of the Nation**, (even before they became a nation).
> We can learn so much of the History of the world ~ in the Hebrew Bible. **IT IS LIKE A PATTERN.**
> We learn about our own times ~ after thousands of years of Man's rebellion and unbelief in God!
> Yet also God's absolute Holy Justice - sending punishment, even on His own People, at times.
> Therefore we see God's patient **MERCY**, and great, wonderful plans, though Jesus for **BLESSING** people.
> It will be like that right up to the **DAY**, when Jesus / Yeshua comes back to be King of the World!

THE LANGUAGE AND THE MESSAGE OF THE BIBLE ~ NOW ~ ALREADY FIT WITH EVENTS IN OUR TIME!

> I believe God spoke to Adam and Eve in perfect Hebrew, explaining and teaching them many useful things, (even how to write?)
> In fact every one of their descendants spoke Hebrew for many years, and kept family records, on clay 'tablets' marked when the clay was wet, then dried, and preserved safely for hundreds of years.
> **NOTE:** Everyone could have understood Noah's message to escape the judgement of the great Flood, by joining him in the Ark, but though they heard still said 'No', just as people today say 'no' to any idea of Hell.
> Sadly after the **GREAT FLOOD**, wickedness and rebellion against God just got steadily worse again!
> Therefore God punished Noah's great-grandchildren for building the 'Tower of **BABEL**' - in unbelief in the True "The Most High God" and in defiance of God's instructions.
> **SO** God confused them with many **DIFFERENT** languages causing many sad problems, and **WARS** ever since. Reading: Genesis 11: 1 - 9.

GOD INTRODUCES A 'NEW' IDEA ~ A GODLY NATION TO REPRESENT HIM!

- > So, it was very soon after this that [Genesis 12 tells us], **God chose Abraham** to start a Special new Nation, through his miraculously conceived son, Isaac and later, Jacob, and Jacob's 12 sons.
 - > At that time they were all called **HEBREWS**, and they had no Land of their own except burial places.
 - > THEREFORE a part of God's **CHOICE** of them ~ meant **having a LAND** ~ where God could bless them!
 - > You can read Stephens speech in Acts ch 7, which is a very good summary of Hebrew/ Jewish History!
- Also Psalm 107. □ Reading: Deuteronomy 7: 6 - 9, & 10: 12 - 15.

QUESTION: Are the Jews and people living in Israel today ~ the actual descendants of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and the 12 Tribes? In other words are they a separate ETHNIC Race of People?

Answer: Yes we believe they are. This is very important because it shows the great Power of God.... This is another study I've done ~ but you can do too, proving God's power and love ~ to preserve a separate racial, ethnic group of people as *He promised many times...* [Books of Chronicles are a guide.]

ANOTHER SPECIAL EVENT FOR THIS BIG FAMILY CLAN ~ WAS BEING GIVEN A NAME!

- > This event was very important, but many Christians haven't thought much about it.
 - > One night, Abraham's grandson, Jacob had a very special encounter ('wrestling match') with 'a Man' [we believe it was really YESHUA/ Jesus, sent by God]. Reading: Genesis 32: 24 - 30
 - > It was like an 'Ordination' or '**Commissioning**', of a new **NATION!** *A very, very special Historical Event!*
 - > The wrestle ended with Jacob being given the name ~ '**ISRA -EI**', '**People of GOD**' ['EL' means God.]
 - > So they were a new Ethnic - Racial Group of people. Reading: Deuteronomy 7: 6 - 9! & 32: 8 & 9.
- > So all the people were called '**ISRAEL-ITES**' ~ after being given **The LAND** ~ to the time of the two 'exiles'.
 - > It was when many were 'Captives' in **BABYLON** much later on, they got the **nickname 'JEWS'** from '**Judah**'.
 - > This name stuck, even when they went back to their **OWN LAND** - and through the N.T. **until NOW!**
 - > Remember Jesus / Yeshua was crucified as '**The King of the Jews**', in 33 AD/CE - 'Common Era' [Hebrew.]

THE MORE YOU READ THE PROPHECIES, THE MORE YOU SEE THAT GOD STILL HAS PLANS FOR ISRAEL! GOD ALONE is in charge of ALL events! He has written His Word for Israel, **to last forever.**

Reading: Isaiah 40: 1 -5, & 7 and 8.

- > IT TOOK Just under 1,000 years for God's Messages, History and stories for the first Hebrew People to be written in 5 scrolls, the '**TORAH**' which were collectively treasured as **God's WORD**, by the Jewish people.
- > Actually Moses collected and 'edited' all the Family lists and notes Jacob's family brought to Egypt.
- > Moses *edited them* into the first book of the 'Tanakh'/Bible: Genesis, *then he wrote* the next four books.
- > The Five books are called '**The Torah**' by Jewish people; for Christians they are 'Pentateuch' [meaning 5.]
- > Careful Historians have written about these important details, so it can be checked out as totally reliable.

TODAY'S JEWISH PEOPLE, ARE GENUINE PROOF OF GOD'S EXISTANCE... THE BIBLE IS ONE PROOF.

- > When we come to the Bible, it is important to always have **Balance**, and keep to what is written, even if we can't understand it all. [In our time we have many carefully compared Translations to ensure it is accurate.]
 - > Even the Prophets wrote prophecies they did not fully understand... In 2 Peter 1: 19 - 21 it is explained.
 - > Yet, because **it was the Holy Spirit of God Who was inspiring them**, it is proof to us that what they wrote 2 to 4 thousand years ago, **is for us today!** We can't just 'pick and choose' parts we like. **God has kept it holy.**
- Reading: Psalm 19: 7 - 11. [But you already know what is in all 175 verses of Psalm 119!!!!]

YET ~ THE JEWISH PEOPLE PROVE THAT GOD IS GOOD!

- > Sadly, nowadays there are some people, who go 'overboard' about Jewish people! [Not sensible to do.]
- > Some even try to be more 'Jewish' than the Jews, but we must never - sort of 'worship' them!
- > But now, other people even say, "there are no real Jews", and **question if 'Jews' are real?**
- > They seem to think, maybe, the people in Israel are just hoping or even pretending to be 'Jews'?
- > Ask the people ~ '**what it cost them to be Jews in Germany and France?**' Also **many Jews living in Israel, lost their entire family in the 'Shoah'**. Jewish Children were either in a death Camp, or sent to England or other places, for safety. Some were able to make it to what was called 'Palestine'. Being Jewish was costly > Now their children and grandchildren, are very glad to be in a Land where they can enjoy being Jewish.
- > **Jewish People living in Israel ARE part of GOD's Plan. God has promised to soon bring all Jews back to the Land of Israel**, [before the time of 'Tribulation' where God will keep them safe from the 'Anti-christ' - Beast.]
- > This is fulfilling **promises God made** in the Bible. **Here is one:** □ Ezekiel 39: 20 - 29. Also Isaiah 60: 1 - 3.
- > Did you notice **God says, "I WILL bring them back to the Land, NOT leaving any behind!"**
- > But it needed to happen gradually, so they would grow well ~ into an organised, modern Nation.

SO, EVEN BEFORE 1948, GOD BROUGHT A NATION OF JEWISH PEOPLE ~ TO A LAND CALLED ISRAEL ~TO START THE EVENTS THAT WOULD PREPARE FOR YESHUA/ JESUS TO COME!

- > Most Christian people did not believe this would ever happen. For hundreds of years, they thought God had finished with the Jewish People, and now it was 'the Church' and Christian people who were God's only People! But this is NOT true!

QUESTION: But **did any * Bible teachers think GOD would still bless and use the Jewish People?**

Answer. I'm glad to say 'YES!' I have 2 books that were written over 100 years ago.

- * One, by a famous Baptist preacher * in Canada, and he believed even then - the opposite idea.
 - * A.J Gordon * believed that God would gather up all the Jewish People and put them in their own Land.
 - * I'd say he was **like a prophet, because no one could even imagine how it would happen!**
 - * But suddenly - after the Second World War, [after the ANZACS, British and Indian Soldiers managed to chase the Arab Turks out of Jerusalem] the regathering of 1.000's of Jewish People started!
 - * **Then a piece of Land** (that was wrongly called 'Palestine') was **voted by the U.N to be partly given to the Jewish people.** It was only a very small part of what God had promised ~ but the Jewish people took it.
 - * This was after the 2nd great World War, [1939 -1945] when millions of Jews died in Europe.
 - * So after 1,947 years the UNO agreed Jewish people were allowed to live in part of that country, officially.
- So God fulfilled a miracle that was prophesied by Isaiah, 2,600 years ago!**

GOD DID ANOTHER MIRACLE ON MAY 1948 IN ISRAEL. Please stop and read Isaiah 66: 7 & 8

> A few months AFTER THE U.N.O. GAVE JEWS SOME OF THEIR LAND , a lot of people got a big surprise because one Day, **a Group of Leaders in Israel had a special meeting in Israel** for all the important Jewish people they could find... [This was after the Arab Muslims started a war against the Jewish people.]

> At that meeting, **David Ben Gurion, who became the first Prime Minister, announced that Israel was going to be a new, modern Nation: The 'Nation of ISRAEL'** for any Jewish person to live in ~ if they wanted to!
So on one Day, 14th of May 1948, a Nation was "born in one day"!

**FROM THE BIBLE, WE KNOW ~ ISRAEL WILL HAVE OTHER SPECIAL THINGS TO DO ~
BEFORE JESUS RETURNS BACK TO EARTH!**

QUESTION: How will Israel be part of bringing Jesus back to this Earth, and what will happen?

- > That is a very important question!
 - > To get the answer, we have to go way back to the end of Jesus life, almost 2,000 years ago!
 - > There is a verse that tells us about one special thing that has to happen for Jesus to come back.
 - > It was what He prophesied, right at the end of talking to the Jewish Leaders, and not long before He died.
 - > He was so sad, He was almost crying. This is what He said: **"You will not see Me again ~ UNTIL ~ YOU say, 'Blessed is the One Who comes in the Name of the LORD.'** [In Hebrew 'LORD' is 'ADONAI', or 'YAWEH'.]
- In Hebrew it is: **'Barak [Blessed] ha ba B'Shem ADONAI, Allelujah!'** □ Reading: Matthew 23: 37 - 39.

SO Yeshua was prophesying that He would come back to THEM, when the Jewish Nation called out to Him.
We as Believers in Yeshua/ Jesus should pray every day for this to happen ~ as this is the only way the instruction in Psalm 122: verses 6 - 9 to "PRAY for the peace of Jerusalem" will ever happen!

**HOWEVER THE N. T. TELLS ABOUT ANOTHER TRAGIC EVENT ~ about 2,000 years ago ~
THAT HAPPENED AFTER JESUS LEFT, TO GO BACK TO HEAVEN.**

> You see, ever since Jesus died in Jerusalem, and came alive, His disciple told every Jewish person they could about Jesus. SO, more than 8,000 Jews did turn to Jesus as Savior and God's Son just after He Died.
> **Yet the Jewish People ~ as God's whole Nation ~ of about 3 million people, did not accept that Jesus was from God, or that HE was their Messiah**

> Jesus' friend John wrote about it in the first chapter of his book:

Reading: John 1: 6 - 11. [Use Living Bible or Jewish N.T. if possible.] Also Paul explained it Romans 11: 1- 8.

> That was nearly 2,000 years ago, but about 40 years after Jesus went back to Heaven, a terrible war happened in Jerusalem. Jesus prophesied this would happen. □ Reading: Matthew 24: 1 & 2.

> The Romans killed about a million Jews and sent another million away from Israel **to live all over the world!**

> **It even has a special name called 'the DIASPORA' - scattering Jewish people everywhere.**

> Yet about a million people did hide in Israel ~ though Roman Caesars changed its name to 'Palestina'.

> A Prophet called Zechariah wrote about it in part of 2 chapters in his book. Some people think this will happen in the future - but the bad parts DID happen 2,000 years ago and will never again.

□ Reading: Zechariah. 13: 8 - 9 to the word 'gold'. & ch 14: 1 to 2 [Omit 'ALL']

YET IN THE LAST 2,000 YEARS OF THE 'DISPERSION' MANY JEWS DID BECOME 'BELIEVERS'

> The good part is that when the Jews were scattered all around the world, many of them as individuals DID turn to Yeshua as Saviour and Messiah! Even many that died in the terrible Second World War, in the Nazi Concentration Camps - (a time called 'the Holocaust'.)

> Another wonderful thing is, that gradually since 1948, more and more Jewish people, have come back to the Land of Israel, and many of them have **accepted that Yeshua/ Jesus is their Saviour and Messiah.**

> They are called 'Messianic' Believers, which is the same as 'Christians'. [But sadly false 'christians' have been very cruel to Jews, sometimes ~ so they prefer to be called 'Messianics'.

NOW, GOD HAS MORE 'SPECIAL' PLANS FOR THE JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE FUTURE [from 2014...]

We believe the Bible shows that God is going to glorify Himself greatly ~ in the years ahead, *through the Jewish Nation*, but also what happens to them at one special time will change the world enormously!

Reading: Jeremiah 29: 11 -14. Plus Ezekiel 36:16 then 1st half of verse 17 only, & 19 - 23.

QUESTION: - These prophecies ~ weren't they just for the Exiles from Israel B.C. ~ Before Jesus came the first time? Are there more fulfillments in the future?

ANSWER: There are prophecies in the Tanakh that were partly fulfilled B.C. [Before Christ or Hb. -Before the Common Era.] But when you read 'the fine print' they have never been truly fulfilled!
So that must mean we can expect them to happen more completely in the future - maybe our future!
This is why understanding the miracle God has done for the Jewish People since the 19th century... is very important.

SPECIAL NOTE: There are many, many books, articles and films on the Internet about the Biblical 'End Times'. Could I suggest you look very carefully to **see if they have a respect for Israel** as a 'KEY' player in GOD'S End or Time / or "Last Days" Plans, as they are called in the New Testament? That means before Jesus Returns.

Just an additional note here. The verse in Jer. 29: 11 has been taken out of context by many Christians, which is only partly honest, I believe. There are very many promises for Christians in the N.T. and although the spiritual truth in this verse **for ISRAEL** is true because GOD is Eternal, **it is important to not lose the original message of what GOD was saying at the time He Spoke**, specifically to the **Jews** through Jeremiah.

TO END THIS STUDY, may I say that we will be explaining a lot more about times and details of HOW and WHEN God is going to change all Jews to make them into a Holy Nation to glorify HIM and to be a blessing to the entire world ~ before Yeshua/ Jesus returns to this Earth. God will not be taking Believers (including Jewish people) in Him anywhere ~ except for a short time into the Air to meet Jesus and come back to Earth with Him. But we will have a separate Study about that later on in this Series.

NEXT STUDY 3.

'THE LAST DAYS SIGNS ~ AND HOW THEY FIT WITH 'BREAKING OF THE SEALS'.

VERY IMPORTANT SCRIPTURES ~ [ON THE ABOVE STUDY] ~ TO CHECK OUT FOR YOURSELF.

About Israel, especially,

Jeremiah 29: 11 - 14

Ezekiel 36: 16. First half of 17,19

2 Peter 1: 19 & 20

Romans 16: 25 [J.N.T.]

Confusion of tongues = Babel! . . . Genesis 11: 1 -9

A special nation with a special Land of their own Deut. 7: 6 -9

Naming of a New NATION! Genesis 32: 24 - 30.

A Special Nation. Deut. 32: 8 & 9.

God still has plans for Israel.Isaiah 40: 1 - 5, 7 & 8.

Prophecies for us today. Daniel 12: 3 & 4 - & 9

God will bring back the Jewish People. Ezekiel 39: 20 - 29.

In their own Land, "born in a Day".Isaiah 66: 7 & 8

Bringing Jesus back... Matthew 23: 37 -39

Diaspora of 1 million Jews.Zechariah 13: 8 & 9 to 'gold'.

[My note. The Prophets wrote as they were inspired by God, but He did not change their personalities, and habits. Zechariah was an impulsive writer and often mixes up two or more prophecies *in one chapter or verse* ~ that in fact have had many years between them.

Example: See Zech 13:

> verse 7, describes the time of the crucifixion of Yeshua.

> Then the first half of verse 8 and half of verse 9 is about A.D. 70 to 1948... (the Diaspora.)

> but the 2nd half of that verse has not happened yet - as an entire Nation. BUT it Will!]