

## SERMON NOTES

**Series:** Signs of Jesus' Soon Return

**Title:** "The Israel Connection"

**Text:** Genesis 12:1-3

**Theme:** Prophecy

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Israel's **rebirth as a nation** sets in motion the rest of the end-time prophecies.

God's promise to Abram

1. He promised to **ble**ss Abram.
2. God promised to make out of Abram a **great nation** and to multiply Abram's seed. (Genesis 13:16; Genesis 15:5)
3. God promised to make Abraham a **ble**ssing to many.
4. God promised to **ble**ss those who blessed Israel and **cur**se those who curse Israel.
5. God promised to give Abram **the land of Canaan**.

Why did God bless Israel? **Just because**.

God's Covenant was an **Exact** Covenant - Genesis 15:18

God's Covenant was an **Eternal** Covenant - Genesis 18:7-8

The **Scattering** of the Jewish People Foretold - Deuteronomy 4:27; Ezekiel 12:15; Hosea 9:17

The **Suffering** of the Jewish People Foretold - Deuteronomy 28:65

The **Rebirth** of the Nation of Israel Foretold - Isaiah 11:11-12

*"What an incredible act of God this is. You cannot find the ancient neighbors of the Jews anywhere. Have you ever met a Moabite? Do*

*you know any Hittites? Are there any tours to visit the Ammonites? Can you find the postal code of a single Edomite? No! These ancient peoples disappeared from history and from the face of the earth. Yet the Jews, just as God promised, returned to their land."* Gary Frazier, Signs Of The Coming Of Christ

### The **Return** to the God of Israel Foretold- Ezekiel 36:24-28

A future leader will broker a seven-year peace deal, fulfilling Israel's longing for peace. But this peace plan will be broken, and countless armies will amass against her with no human hope of victory. Only **Christ's return, judgment and reign** will finally bring true peace to Israel.

When the Jewish state was founded in 1948, there were **650,000** Jews living in Israel. Today there are over 15.7 million.

Israel's return to her ancient homeland had **to occur** in order to set the stage for the final fulfillment of other Biblical prophecies about the future.

What are the implications of this for us today?

1. This should **instill confidence** in Gods Word.
2. Christians should feel an **urgency** to share Christ with loved ones and the world.
3. The time for **un-believers** to come to faith in Christ is short.

Jesus is coming. *Is he coming for you?*