

# Modern State of Israel in Bible Prophecy

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# Introduction

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# Three Perspectives

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# The First Perspective

# Replacement Theology

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- **Present Jewish State: An accident of history**
- **Lost their privileges when they rejected Yeshua as Messiah**
  - **The Church has replaced Israel in its standing**
  - **No unfulfilled prophecy or future restoration**



# The Second Perspective

# A Future Final Restoration of Israel

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- Present Jewish State: An accident of history
- Modern State does not fulfill Bible prophecy because they are regathered in unbelief
- Based on prophecies where Israel are regathered as a believing nation
- Scriptures: Deuteronomy 30:1-5; Isaiah 27:12-13; Ezekiel 39:25-29



# The Third Perspective



# Beginning of the Final Restoration

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- They will undergo a national regeneration and salvation
- Tribulation prophecies were fulfilled in the Holocaust
  - Mandatory for all Jews to return to Israel

# Two Worldwide Regatherings

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# Another Perspective

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- **First: A worldwide regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment of the Tribulation**
- **Second: A worldwide regathering in faith in preparation for the blessing of the Messianic Kingdom**

Regathering in  
Unbelief in  
Preparation for  
Judgment



# Ezekiel 20:33-38

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# To the Land

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- **Background: The Exodus under Moses**
- **Israel will be regathered from all parts of the world**
- **In unbelief out of wrath (Holocaust) for wrath (Tribulation)**
  - **Rebels will be purged from among them**
  - **Result: National salvation and final restoration**

# Ezekiel 22:17-22

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# To Jerusalem (1/2)

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- Jerusalem becomes a furnace of affliction
- Common figure pointing to Israel's need for refining – Isaiah 1:22, 25; 48:10; Jeremiah 6:27-30; 9:7; Zechariah 13:9; Malachi 3:2-3



# To Jerusalem (2/2)

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- Regathered in unbelief – Filled with the impurities of ‘brass and iron and lead and tin’
- Purpose of regathering – A future time of wrath for the purpose of their national salvation

# Regathering Before the Tribulation

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# Zephaniah 2:1-2

# Timing

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- 1:14-18 – Describes the Tribulation
- 2:1-2 – Regathering takes place before the Tribulation
  - Regathering is in unbelief

# Number of Worldwide Regatherings

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# The Fourth Perspective

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- Recognizes the two types of regathering
- It is possible to have several regatherings in unbelief
- Isaiah shows there cannot be several regatherings from ‘the four corners of the earth.’

# Two Regatherings – Isaiah 11:11-12

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- Speaks of the worldwide regathering in faith
  - It is called the ‘second’ one
- Only allows for two worldwide regatherings
- Makes the first regathering the present one

**Three  
Corollary  
Evidence**

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# The Start of the Tribulation

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# Daniel 9:27

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- Tribulation begins with the signing of a seven-year covenant
  - This is between the leaders of Israel and the Antichrist
    - Presupposes a Jewish leadership of a Jewish State
    - Demands the existence of a Jewish State before the Tribulation

# Presuppositions

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- **Antichrist is already in high political power before the Tribulation**
- **There is a Jewish State in place – True since 1948**

# The Third Temple

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# Scriptures

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- **Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; II Thessalonians 2:3-4;  
Revelation 11:1-2:**
- **Describes events that occur in relation to the Jewish Temple  
in the middle of the Tribulation**
- **These Scriptures make it clear that the Temple is built and  
functioning by the middle of the Tribulation**

# Relevance of the Prophecy

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- Israel is in control of the Temple Compound
- The Old City of Jerusalem had to fall under Jewish control
  - Fulfilled in the Six Day War in 1967

# Preparations for the Third Temple

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- Temple Institute – They have many various tools and items
  - *Ateret Hakohanim* – Training priests to do sacrifices



# Questions Asked About the Temple



# What About The Ark of the Covenant?

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- The Ark is not essential for the Temple to function as seen in the Second Temple
- It is likely that the Ark of the Covenant doesn't exist anymore, destroyed by the Babylonians – Jeremiah 52:17-23

# What About The Ashes of the Red Heifer?

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- **The concern – Producing a perfect red heifer to use**
- **Not the concern – The ashes of the previous red heifer**

# The Russian Invasion

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Ezekiel 38-39



# The Israel of Ezekiel 38-39

## **Ezekiel 38:8, 12 (1/2)**

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- **Regathered from the nations around the world after escaping the sword**
- **Rebuilding waste cities that have been desolate for many centuries**

# Ezekiel 38:8, 12 (2/2)

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- Regathered out of wrath in unbelief
  - Only true since 1948
- This invasion could only happen after 1948

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# The Place of the Destruction of the Invading Armies

# Ezekiel 39:2, 4 (1/2)

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- The place is the Mountains of Israel
  - Central mountain range
- Includes the cities of Dothan, Shechem, Samaria, Shiloh, Bethel, Ai, Ramah, Bethlehem, Hebron, Debir and Jerusalem



## **Ezekiel 39:2, 4 (2/2)**

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- **Only true since 1967**
- **This invasion could only happen after 1967**

# Conclusion

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# The Present Jewish State

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- **Not a fulfillment of those prophecies that speak of worldwide regathering in faith in preparation for blessing**
- **It is a fulfillment of those prophecies that speak of worldwide regathering in unbelief in preparation for judgment**