

Yom Ha-atzma'ut

Celebrating the **Miracle** of Israel

Israel's Continued **Preservation**

Behold, **He** who keeps Israel will *neither* slumber nor sleep.
(Psalm 121:4)

Thus says **the LORD**, who gives the **sun** for light by **day**
and the **fixed order** of the **moon** and the **stars** for light by **night**,
who stirs up the **sea** so that its waves roar:
the **LORD of hosts** is **His name**:

"If this **fixed order** departs from Me," declares **the LORD**,
"then the **offspring of Israel** also shall cease
from being a **nation** before **Me forever**."
(Jeremiah 31:35-36)

For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this *mystery*—
so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—
that a *partial hardening* has happened to **Israel**
until the **fullness** of the **Gentiles** has come in;
and so **all Israel** will be saved;..(Romans 11:25-26a)

Israel's Miraculous **Resurrection**

The hand of **the LORD** was upon me (**Ezekiel**),
and **He** brought me out by the **Spirit of the LORD** and set me
down in the middle of the **valley**; and it was **full of bones**.

He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, *there were* very
many on the **surface** of the valley, and lo, *they were* **very dry**.
He said to me, "**Son of man**, can **these bones live**?
And I answered, "**O Lord GOD, You know**."...

Then **He** said to me,
"**Son of man**, these **bones** are the **whole house of Israel**; behold,
they say, 'Our **bones** are **dried up** and our hope has **perished**.
We are **completely cut off**.'

Therefore **prophecy** and say to them,
'Thus says the **Lord GOD**, "Behold I will **open your graves** and cause you to
come up out of your **graves**, **My people**; and I will **bring you** to the land of **Israel**..

I will put **My Spirit** *within you* and you will **come to life**,

and I will **place you** on your **own land**.
Then you will know that **I, the LORD**, have spoken and **done it**,”
declares **the LORD**.” (Ezekiel 37:1-3, 11-12, 14)

Israel's Future **Reconciliation**

“A Redeemer will come to **Zion**, and to those who
turn from transgression in Jacob,” declares **the LORD**.
(Isaiah 59:20)

“And it will come about in **that day** that I will set about to **destroy**
all the **nations** that come against **Jerusalem**.

I will pour out on the **house of David** and on the inhabitants of **Jerusalem**,
the **Spirit of grace** and **supplication**, so that they will **look upon Me** whom
they **have pierced**; and they will **mourn for Him**, as one **mourns** for an **only son**,...
In **that day** there will be **great mourning** in **Jerusalem**...

“In **that day** a **fountain** will be opened for the **house of David** and for the
inhabitants of **Jerusalem**, for **sin** and for **impurity**.” (Zechariah 12:9-11a, 13:1)

Now if their (**Israel's**) **transgression** is **riches** for the **world** and their **failure**
is **riches** for the **Gentiles**, how much **more** will their **fulfillment be!**...

For if their (**Israel's**) **rejection** is the **reconciliation** of the **world**,
what will **their acceptance** be but **life from the dead**?
(Romans 11:12, 15)

Israel's Final **Restoration & Jubilation**

‘For behold, the **days** are coming,’ declares **the LORD**,
‘when I will **restore** the **fortunes** of **My people Israel** and **Judah**.’

The LORD says, ‘I will also **bring them back** to the **land** that I gave
to their **forefathers** and they shall **possess it**.’” ...
(Jeremiah 30:3)

“Shout for **joy, O Daughter of Zion!** Shout in **triumph O Israel!**
Rejoice and exult with all your heart **O daughter of Jerusalem!**

The LORD has **taken away** His **judgments** against you,
He has **cleared away** your **enemies**. **The King of Israel, the LORD**,
is in your **midst**; you will fear disaster **no more**...”

“At **that time** I will bring you in, even at **that time** I will **gather you** together,
indeed I will give you **renown** and **praise** among **all peoples** of the earth,
when **I restore your fortunes** before your eyes, says **the LORD**.
(Zephaniah 3:14-15, 20)

The “Rebirth” of Israel...

What does it mean to *us*?

1. The **miraculous *Rebirth* of Israel** means that the **word of God** is **true**, and that the **promises** made both to **Israel**, and to **us** are **trustworthy**. (Genesis 12:1-3) (Joshua 21:45) (Ezekiel 37:1-14) (Romans 11:25-29) (II Peter 1:19-21) (Titus 1:1-2)

Let us **hold fast** the **confession** of **our hope** without **wavering**,
for **He** who **promised** is **faithful**; (Hebrews 10:23)

Faithful is **He** who **calls you**,
and **He** also will **bring it to pass**. (I Thessalonians 5:24)

2. The ***Rebirth* of Israel** is a “**sign**” that we are indeed in **the last** of the “**last days**”. (Deuteronomy 30:1-5) (Micah 4:1-4) (Zephaniah 3:14-20) (Matthew 24:3, 15-35; Luke 21:20-31)

As **He (Jesus)** was sitting on the **Mount of Olives**,
the **disciples** came to **Him** privately, saying,
“Tell us, **when** will these **things** happen,
and what *will be* the **sign** of **Your coming**, and of the **end of the age**?”...

“Now learn the **parable** from the **fig tree**:
when its branch has already become tender and puts forth
its **leaves**, you **know** that **summer is near**;

so, you too, when you see **all these things**,
recognize that **He is near**, *right at the door*...” (Matthew 24:3, 23-33)

3. The ***Rebirth* of Israel** means that we are **nearer** to the time of **tribulation** that was **predicted** for **both the world** and for **Israel**, before the **establishment** of the **Messianic Kingdom**. (Jeremiah 30:3-11) (Daniel 9:26-27) (Joel 1:1-2, 2:28-32, 3:1-2, 18-21) (Zechariah 12:11-14, 13:8-9, 14:1-11) (Matthew 24:3, 15-22)

‘Alas! for **that day** is **great**,
There is **none** like it;
And it is the time of **Jacob’s distress**,
But **he** will be **saved** from it. (Jeremiah 30: 7)

“Therefore when you see the **ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION**
which was spoken of through **Daniel the prophet**,
standing in the **holy place** (*in Israel*) (let the reader understand),
then those who are in **Judea** must flee to the **mountains**...

For **then** there will be a **great tribulation**,
such as has not occurred since the **beginning** of the world
until **now**, nor ever will. (Matthew 24:15-16, 21)

4. The **Rebirth of Israel** means that we are **nearer** to a **spiritual revival** among the **Jewish people predicted** in the **scriptures**.
(Deuteronomy 30:6-8) (Jeremiah 31:31-34) (Zechariah 12:8-14, 13:1)
(Isaiah 59:16-21) (Romans 11:25-26) (Revelation 7:4-8)

For I will **take you** from the **nations**, **gather you**
from all the **lands** and **bring you** into your **own land**...

Moreover, I will give you a **new heart** and put a **new spirit** within you;
and I will **remove the heart of stone** from your **flesh**
and give you a **heart of flesh**.

I will put **My Spirit within you** and cause you to **walk** in **My statutes**,
and you will be careful to **observe My ordinances**.
(Ezekiel 36:24, 26-27)

5. The **Rebirth of Israel** should be exciting to **all believers**, for it
means that **the return** of **Jesus the Messiah** is **closer** than when
we first **believed**. (Isaiah 59:20) (Zechariah 12:10, 14:4-5) (Matthew 24:3,
15-16, 29-35) (Luke 21:20-31)

“But immediately **after the tribulation of those days**
THE **SUN** WILL BE **DARKENED**,
AND THE **MOON** WILL NOT GIVE ITS **LIGHT**,
AND THE **STARS** WILL **FALL** from the **sky**,
and the **powers** of the heavens will be **shaken**.”

And then the **sign** of the **Son of Man** will **appear** in the **sky**,
and then all the **tribes** of the **earth** will **mourn**,
and they will see the **SON OF MAN**
COMING ON THE **CLOUDS** OF THE **SKY**
with **power** and **great glory**. (Matthew 24:29-30)

Closing Comments