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Welcome! We're glad you are here!

Sunday - November 12, 2023

Israel, Jerusalem, the 1000 Year Kingdom (Pt 2)

by Troy Spradlin

Continuing our discussion from last week concerning all the controversy surrounding the current conflict in Israel, we highlighted that many are saying, "We must protect Israel." Nevertheless, their motivation for saying such isn't necessarily for humanitarian or political reasons. They are speaking out because they believe protecting Israel has to do with the "end of times" and the "coming 1000-year reign of Jesus." So, once again, what are Christians to make of all that? Can we discern the truth of the matter? Fortunately, the truth is easily attainable in Scripture.

God Has Already Fulfilled His Promises to Israel

The false doctrine of Premillennialism claims that God has promised to restore the land of Israel back to the Jews. This is partially based on taking verses out of context like Jeremiah 30:3, "*the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the Lord. 'And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.'*" Yet, this promise was fulfilled when King Cyrus decreed that the Jews could return to their land, "*that the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah might be fulfilled*" (2 Chron 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1-8).



After that promise was completed, God had no further prophecy of special plans for the land of Israel.

In fact, Jesus taught that the kingdom would be taken from the Jews and given to another "nation" (Matt 21:43) which had nothing to do with the land in which they lived. He also said that God would destroy Israel (Matt 21:41), along with Jerusalem (Luke 21:20-24). From a cursory glance at history, we see that, indeed, Jerusalem was destroyed in AD 70 by Rome, which ultimately wiped out true Judaism. Thus, it is now impossible for Jews to trace their tribal lineage, which is essential for temple worship and discerning the lineage of their still awaited Messiah.

The Kingdom Has Already Been Established!

Today, God's kingdom is a "spiritual house," a "holy nation" - it is no longer a physical nation. Christians are the "Spiritual Israel" (1 Peter 2:5,9; Rom 2:29, 11:23; Gal 3:28; Col 3:11). Jesus' kingdom was established on the Day of Pentecost with the church - they are one and the same (Matt 16:18-19; Col 1:13; Rev 1:9) Therefore, God has no further, special role for physical Israel. They have already fulfilled their role in the scheme of redemption. No longer are the Jews God's only people. Now, all of humanity has the opportunity to be part of His holy nation (Acts 17:30; Gal 3:24-29; Eph 2:11-17; 1 Tim 2:4). Thus, His spiritual kingdom/nation has no special land, nor physical boundaries (John 18:36; Luke 17:20-21). There is absolutely no spiritual need for a physical land on this earth.

While it is extremely sad and terrible that this conflict has killed thousands of innocent people and destroyed countless lives, we must be careful not to allow some false, religious doctrine to be justification for the war. Our hearts certainly hurt for the souls lost due to the violence, terrorism, and misguided zeal. But, just as Jesus told His disciples, "*Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. ... I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also*" (John 14:1-3), that is most important for the Christian! It is not some future "rapture, tribulation, Armageddon, or 1000-year reign." Those are all false doctrines.

When Jesus returns to bring His saved home, that will be the true "end of the age," and no one knows when that Day will come (1 Thess 4:13-18; 2 Peter 3:10). This war in Israel certainly isn't the sign for it (even if the world did end during the conflict). So, let us pray for all those affected by the war, but more importantly, let's make sure we are ready for the return of Jesus, today! Today is the day of salvation (2 Cor 6:2)! Instead of waiting for some fictitious, "second chance" event like Premillennialism teaches, why not get your heart right with God today?

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MSYG EVENTS & INFO

SNAC
SUNDAY NIGHT
AFTER CHURCH
 November 19
 Hosted by Jared & Chiara Lee

MSYG
Parent Meeting
 November 19 | 4:30 pm | Room 303

OWLS
BANQUET
18 NOVEMBER
 2-7 PM | BUSINESS
 CASUAL ATTIRE
 AGE 60+ | SIGN UP BY NOVEMBER 8

UNSTOPPABLE
 GULF COAST
 AREAWIDE 2023-2024
 SCHEDULE

AUG 13 / AZALEA CITY COC
SEPT 17 / GULF SHORES COC
OCT 15 / SCENIC HILLS COC
NOV 10-12 / FUEL RETREAT
JAN 7 / SPANISH PORT COC
FEB 18 / EASTERN SHORE COC
MAR 10 / UNIVERSITY COC
APR 21 / MARGARET ST. COC

YG BIRTHDAY
NIGHT
 Wed. December 6
 5 pm in the FH



KEYNOTES
 ANDREW ITSON
 RALPH GILMORE
 CHUCK MONAN

exposure
 YOUTH CAMP

INTO REALITY

DECEMBER
 27-30
 2023

OTHER YOUTH & FAMILY EVENTS

Margaret Street
Turkey Trot
 November 21st
 9:00 AM
 All members are invited
 More details to come

Library Service Project
 Looking for a way to serve?
 Card Ministry available in the Library!
 See Lisa for more details!

IT'S THE HOLIDAY SEASON AGAIN!
Kingdom Kids
Christmas Party
 December 10th
 3:30 - 5:30 PM
 Pajamas welcomed!
 More details to come!

2023 - 2024

Lads to Leaders
 L2L
 BISHOP GRAY LEADERS

Workshops & Info
 November 15: Bible Bowl Pre-test
 December 3: Workshop
 January 21: Workshop, Speech
 Dress Rehearsal, Registration fees
 due, & Pre-convention event
 deadline

Family Enrichment Workshop
 December 1 - 3
 Friday, 6-8 pm | Saturday, 2-5 pm
 Sunday, 9-11:30 am & 6-7 pm

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER:
 JORDAN MOORE

JANUARY 12 - 14
 MARGARET STREET
 MARRIAGE RETREAT

Wardrobe Change

by Logan Summers

Have you ever voyaged into the deep recesses of your closet only to discover clothing that is well past its time? The style is out, they no longer fit, and the holes are no longer justifiable in polite society. We'd be embarrassed to be caught wearing some such things we find in there. Some clothes have so much wear and tear that salvaging them even for rags may be questionable! Time for them to go into the trash and time for a wardrobe change.

All Christians experience a wardrobe change! In fact, when we are baptized, we put on Christ (Gal. 3:27). Part of our charge is to put on the "armor of light" and "put on the Lord Jesus Christ" (Rom. 13:12-14). We even have access to God's armor (Eph. 6:10-20).

Colossians 3 gives a frightening list of those old clothes that aren't worth salvaging. Things from our old lives that not only need to be put off, but put to death! Fornication, impurity, evil desires, greed, anger, wrath, malice, slander, abusive speech, lies, etc., all must be trashed (Col. 3:5-9).

Our new wardrobe as God's children is completely different! Colossians 3:12-14 gives us the replacement for all that we must put off. Our new selves are clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forbearance, and forgiveness.

Finally, love unites all our clothing together as a beautiful outfit. Love completes the ensemble of Christian character and ties everything together.

May we resolve to have a wardrobe full of the adornments of God!

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER LIST

Recent/Urgent Requests

- Pat Ann* - No more cancer! Praise God!
- Connie Bartell* - prayers, encouragement
- Sherry Davis* - compression fracture, PT
- Renee Decker - hospice (Lester*)
- Terry Jennings* - home PT/recovery
- Josie Locklin* - fractured vertebrae
- John King family - passing (Susan St. CoC)
- Dan Mense - heart surgery (Pat's brother)
- Ashley Ray* - ACL surgery, recovery
- Damiyah Scott - surgery, recovery (J.Carter)
- Troy Spradlin* - prayers, encouragement
- Caden Thompson - premature baby (J.Carter)
- Roxanne Pierce - surgery, recovery
- Louie Vaughn - knee surgery, recovery

Grieving a Loss

- Terry Baxley* - passing of Darlene
- Brooklyn Bostwick* - loss of mom, Kandi
- Sarah Davis & family* - loss of Gigi, Norma
- John Hart Ellis* - loss of wife
- Gary Good* - loss of sister
- Hatcher family* - loss of mom, Rachel Sullins
- Doug Lee & family* - loss of mom, Betty
- Linda Loftin* and family - loss of Jim*
- Elsa Nunes* - loss of brother, Guillermo Deir
- Scott Shanahan - loss of Scott's father, Kevin
- Gloria Vonada & family - loss of Troy*

Assisted Living / Shut-Ins / Rehab

- Dennis Brice - hospice (Gary Coleman*)
- Sherryn Canniff* - homebound
- Sherry Davis* - The Blake (Davis/Napier*)
- Donna Dudley-Life Care Center (S. Davis*)
- Annie Favorite - Haven (Mary Lou's mom)
- Bobbie Garcia* - Fort Walton Beach
- Linda Mann* - Shut In
- Larry McDaniel* - Santa Rosa Rehab
- Ina Ruth Miller*
- Ruth Phillips* - Shut In
- Jim Pitts - Daphne, AL
- Lillian Raines* - Victorian Manor
- Mary Salinas* - Victorian Manor
- Faye Smith - Shut in (JEnglish mom)
- Marlene Smith - (Fulton*)

Students in College

- HaeY Bartell
- Savannah Smith
- Seth Crider
- LizAnn Webb
- Stephen English
- Nick Webb
- Caitlyn Frizzell
- Lily Weathersbee
- Jackson Lash
- Reed Wilson
- Caleb Owens
- Lexi Wildes

Other Requests / Health Issues

- Sharon Ates - upcoming surg. (Gallagher*)
- Gerry Baldwin - health (J.Pace sister)
- John & Gale Broadfoot - health
- Robbie Bullard-aneurysm/defect valve (Lee*)
- Janice Carter* - mobility, prayers
- Robert Collins - foot problem (J.Pace cousin)
- Keturah Dickey - MS (K. Longmire*)
- Laura Elliot - (S. Lee* mom)
- Myrna Fuller* - pulmonary fibrosis
- Steve Fulton - pain, health difficulties
- Gary Good* - tests
- Dixie Gorham - heart failure
- Scott Graham* - back pain
- Jackie Hamilton-test results, pray (McGriff*)
- Daphne Hamilton - health
- Edwina Harris - health (J.Pace sister)
- Steve Hartzog - health issues(Alonna's friend)
- Kenna Jackson - (Kristina P's* friend)
- Yvonne Loomis - prayers, health (Nunes*)
- Martin family* - prayers
- Vicente Martinez - kidney transplant
- Donald McGriff* - health, prayers
- Mary McGriff* - recovery, sciatic nerve
- Ron Miller- esophagus infection (Ina Ruth*)
- Jeffery Norman - transplant list (Nunes*)
- Elsa Nunes* - fell/recovery, arthritis
- Patsy Prince - (Burnham*)
- Otis & Eleanor Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Kara Ritchie - blood disorder (M.Scott*)
- Glenn Rose - heart problems (Garcia*)
- Rodger Schwitzerlett - (Gallagher*)
- Donnie Turner- (Helms*)

Military

- Nick Bartell - Ft. Walton Beach
- John Bartell - Washington, DC
- Spencer England - Japan
- Javanta Johnson - NAS Jacksonville Airforce
- Spencer Gable - New London, Groton, CT
- Amya Huey* - Italy
- Ni Mack - Kansas

Mission Works

- Shanahans* - Mission Italy
- Eliezer Perez - San Lorenzo, Paraguay
- Trevor Smoot - Domestic Missions
- Sebastain Garcia - Brazil
- SRC Correctional Institute

Expectant Mothers

- April Estain - January 2024
- Hannah Newcomb - April 2024
- Tara Henry - June 2024

Cancer

- Mike Anderson - (Warrington)
- Darrell Bozeman*
- Misty Bray* - (Bird*)
- Jimmy Calhoun - (Mike Scott*)
- Mark Carlson - (C.Davis*)
- Tish Clark - (Hatcher*)
- Jack Davis*
- Pat Deforest*
- Sheryl Downy - surgery (Burnham*)
- Eddie English - (R.English*)
- Timothy Ezzell - former member
- Chris Hendrix - (Baxley*)
- Ricky Jenning - (McGriff*)
- Lisa (Dixon) Johnson - (McGriff*)
- Tierney Lancaster - rare blood (Baxley*)
- Evergena Larkin - final stages (McGriff*)
- Marie and Jeff Lorentz - (J. Bartell*)
- Peter Machon - (Torpey*)
- Darrel Mason - (D.Hill*)
- Connie Moore - (Fulton*)
- Karen Parker - (Spradlin* friend)
- Ariel Perry - throat (Hatcher)
- Karen Pollit - (Gallagher*)
- Al Sherdan - bladder/prostatic cancer (Coen)
- Brooks Ann Singley* - waiting on results
- Mary Lee Smith - (McGriff*)
- Meg Stojanik - (Hatcher*)
- Reynold Voeltz - (Boughton's friend)
- David Walther - brain (English*)
- Kellie (Wiggins) Ward - (former mem.)
- Daisy Jean Williams - (J.Pace)

2023 Recently Baptized / Restored / Identified

- Jada Crider* - Baptized
- Brittany Parker* - Baptized
- Dawson Hitchcock* - Baptized
- Matthew & Ashley Gingerich* - Baptized
- Olivia Gingerich* - Baptized
- Lanie Scott* - Baptized
- Ashley Scott Buckley* - Baptized
- Sharon Parker* - Baptized
- Scott Graham* - Baptized
- Gary and Sherian Good* - Identified
- Jan Holmes* - Identified
- Mike and Addie Frahm* - Identified
- Terry & Judy Jennings* - Identified
- Josh & Stephanie Jennings* - Identified
- Jeremy & Amber Dunaway* - Identified
- Allen & Heather Overton family* - Identified
- John & Holley Raley family* - Identified
- Philip and Lanya Lester family* - Identified



SERVING WITH HONOR

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

MORNING

Opening Prayer Parker Godwin
 Song Director Paul Lipford
 Sermon Troy Spradlin
 "Unfiltered Faith (Part 1)"
 Scripture Reading Richard McCool
 Acts 20:20-27
 Closing Prayer Joe Wilson

Serving Communion (Left - Right):

Matthew Henry Allen Overton
 Jeremy Dunaway Jared Lee
 Cooper Jennings (Balcony)
 Comments Joe King

EVENING

Opening Prayer Josh Jennings
 Singing Brody Crider
 Scripture Dawson Hitchcock
 Revelation 5:1-5
 Comments Joe King

Worship Service and Preparation:

Communion Prep ... Stephanie Wilson
 PowerPoint Lori Mense
 Greeters Eddie Longmire
 Secure Building Jak Gallagher

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Song Director Holden Raley
 Opening Prayer Pat Mense

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE REPORT:

Sunday Bible Class 160
 AM Worship 207
 PM Worship
 Wed. Night Bible Class 161
 Contribution \$10,045
 Weekly Budget \$11,280
 2023 Average Contribution \$9,355

TIMES OF SERVICES:

Sunday AM Bible Class 9:00 am
 Sunday AM Worship 10:00 am
 Sunday PM Classes, Worship . 6:00 pm
 Wednesday PM Bible Class 6:30 pm

Visitors:

Thank you for coming!

You are our honored guest!

For more information about the church, spiritual topics, our classes, and activities, there is a tract rack at the entrance of the auditorium for your convenience.

Or, ask any member for assistance.

Please take a moment to fill out a visitors card, or sign our guest book so that we might have a record of your attendance. Thank you!

MINISTRY ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADMINISTRATION

- Deadline for all bulletin items is **Thursday, by noon.**
- If interested in utilizing the library, please reserve with Blisse or Lisa.
- Apologetics Press Study Bibles available for purchase - see Blisse.
- **Reminder:** If you use online giving, please consider covering the processing fees as part of you contribution.

BENEVOLENCE



Margaret Street CHURCH of CHRIST

FOOD PANTRY

Food Pickup : 1/9/24 @ 9:30 AM

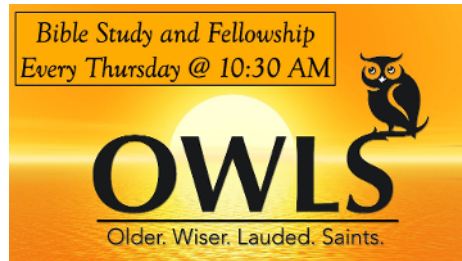
Preparing Boxes:
 1/10/24 @ 5:30 PM
 1/11/24 @ 9:30 AM

Distribution : 1/11/24 @ 2:30 PM

NO PANTRY IN DECEMBER

EDUCATION

- Adult and Children Bible classes available on Sundays @ 9 AM and Wednesdays @ 6:30 PM.
- Willing to teach? See Chris Davis!



Bible Study and Fellowship
 Every Thursday @ 10:30 AM

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 Older. Wiser. Lauded. Saints.

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