

#### Otto Von Bismarck

There is a famous story in which the Kaiser asks Bismarck, "Can you prove the existence of God?" Bismarck replies, "The Jews, your majesty. The Jews."

#### Will Durant

"So prominent was the Jewish role in the foreign commerce of Europe that those nations that received the Jews gained and the countries that excluded them lost in the volume of international trade."

#### Eriel Sharon

"There is no Zionism, colonialization, or Jewish State without the eviction of the Arabs and the expropriation of their lands."

#### David Ben-Gurion

"We must use terror, assassination, intimidation, land confiscation, and the cutting of all social services to rid the Galilee of its Arab population."

#### Gary M. Burge

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"It should disturb any patriotic American to think that the most powerful lobby in America's congress is in the service of a foreign nation."

### Why does the USA support Israel?

- It is a friendly democratic and military stronghold in the middle east.
- The Jewish lobby in Washington is very active and powerful.
- The American media has been generally pro-Israel.
- Many American citizens (including evangelical Christians) support Israel for religious reasons.



## CHRISTIAN ZIONISM

Hoping for the fulfillment of end times prophecies.

Anticipating God's blessing through support of Israel.

The belief that the return of the Jews to the Holy Land, and the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948, is in fulfillment of Biblical prophecy.

### Christians in support of Zionism believe -

## 1. Prophecy is being fulfilled.

In Dispensationalism - the nation Israel has a role in God's plan today and tomorrow. *In Covenant theology - the church is the new Israel.*

The Prophets spoke of Israel's future regathering in the land of Palestine.

Isa.11:11-13, Amos 9:15.

### God's covenants with Israel



## A holy mission

Abrahamic  
Gen.12:1-3



A holy heart  
New  
Jer.31:31-34



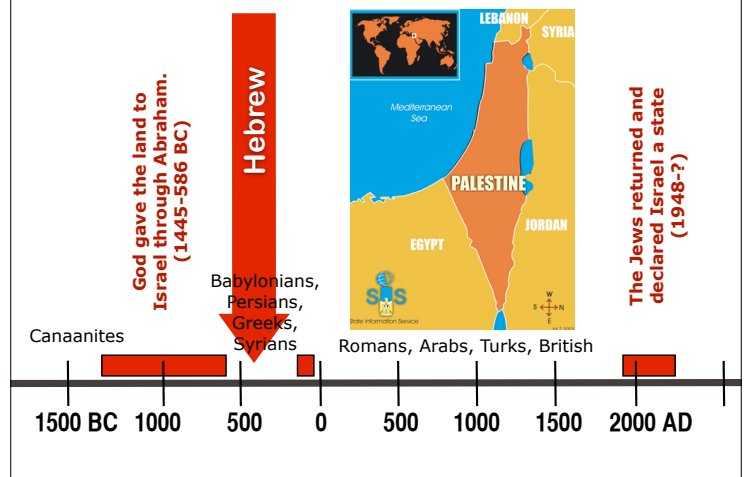
A holy King  
Davidic  
2 Sam.7:12-13



A holy identity  
Mosaic  
Ex.19:5

A holy land  
Palestinian  
Deut.30:1-5

## THE OCCUPATION OF PALESTINE



### Deuteronomy 30:4-5

“If your outcasts are at the ends of the earth, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you back. The Lord your God will bring you into the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it; and He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.”

**It is assumed by some that the UN resolution of 1948 was a part of that restoration.**

### Ezekiel 36:24-

“I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back to your own land... I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you... to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. You will live in the land I gave your forefathers; you will be my people and I will be your God. I will save you from all your uncleanness. ... Then the nations around you that remain will know that I, Jehovah, have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I, Jehovah, have spoken, and I will do it.”

**God promises to restore Israel’s spirit as well as its land.**

### But consider this!

**Jesus claimed to be the fulfillment of the New Covenant prophecies.**

#### 1 Corinthians 11:25

“This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

**The promises to Abraham’s descendants was based on faith not law.**

#### Romans 4:13

“For the promise to Abraham or to his descendants that he would be heir of the world was not through the Law, but through the righteousness of faith.”

**Jesus moved the emphasis from Israel and Palestine to the World and the Kingdom.**

**Jesus pronounced a curse on disbelieving Israel -**

#### Luke 14:35

“Behold, your house is left to you desolate; and I say to you, you will not see Me until the time comes when you say, ‘*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!*’”

**The Kingdom has to do with faith, justice, peace, and grace more than zionism.**

**The return of the Jews has led to the persecution of Jesus’ followers.**

### Palestinian loss of land 1946-2000

**Zionists claim of a divine right to Palestine may mean the displacement of non-Jewish Palestinians and the marginalization of Christians.**

1946 1947 1967 2000



**Is Prophetic fulfillment about righteousness or real-estate?**

“If Israel is making a Biblical, theological claim to the Land, then it must also uphold Biblical standards of nation-building and justice. Both modern Israeli writers and Christians committed to justice see grave shortcomings in this country that was to be a “light to the gentiles.” They recognize that Judaism holds precious ideals of justice and truth within its heritage. But the current political program of Israel’s government is neglecting them.”

*Gary M. Burge*

Prophetic faith and justice precedes prophetic fulfillment of restoration to the promised land.

**Deuteronomy 30:1-3**

“So it shall be **when** ... you return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, **then** the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you.”

**Has Israel returned to her God yet?**

## 2. A blessing is promised to all who support Israel.

**Genesis 12:3**

“And I will bless them that bless you, and curse him that curse you: and in you shall all families of the earth be blessed.”

**Matthew 25:40**

“Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren (**Israel**), you have done it unto me.”

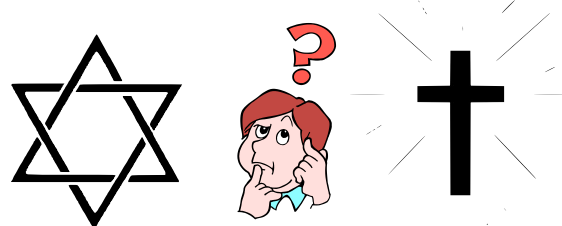
**Romans 11**

“25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery, lest you be wise in your own estimation, that **a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in**; 26 and thus all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, *“The Deliverer will come from Zion, He will remove ungodliness from Jacob.* 27 *And this is My covenant with them, when I take away their sins.”*”

**Who is the “Deliverer” that will save Israel?**

**Has Israel’s response to the Gospel changed yet?**

**Is it possible that the UN resolution of 1948 was not a part of the prophetic restoration of Israel?**



### ***How should Christians respond to present day Israel?***

- Promote Kingdom values (peace, justice, grace, etc.) and a universal Gospel with no national favoritism.
- Recognize that prophetic restoration starts with spiritual renewal not political power.
- Acknowledge and repent of joining the world in discriminating against Jewish people in past history.
- Consider if indeed we are resisting God in His continued blessing (through discipline) of the nation Israel.

