



## Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

**Title: Israel, The Promised Land**

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

### Prayer

*"Heavenly Father, thank you for a grace that looks past my mistakes. The moment I ask for forgiveness, my sins have been forgotten. I thank you for teaching us about your plans for the end times and letting us be a part of the story. I know that what you have placed inside of me is important and I thank you for blessing me with gifts from you. God, continue to teach me and walk with me. Amen."*

### Message Theme

The Christian Perspective On Israel

### Key Truths

**To understand God's end time plan we have to go back to the beginning.**

**Genesis 12** points out that Israel has a prophetic future. Jesus tells us that when he returns, he will restore the kingdom to Jerusalem and rule from there. The section of scripture also points out that those who bless Israel will be blessed and those who curse Israel will be cursed.

**Genesis 15** shares the promise made between God and Abraham. This promise was made not only to Abraham but also to all of his offspring. Ezekiel 38 starts talking about the latter days when God has brought Israel back into their land, which is the fulfillment of that promise made between God and Abraham.

It is good for us to be aware there has been a hatred for the Jewish people for a few thousand years, and it's not because they are in Israel now. This hatred is demonic and motivated by a demon spirit that has been around since the Bible. Also, we can't forget that Jesus is Jewish and all of his disciples were too. Most if not all of our heroes from the Bible were Jewish and when Jesus comes back he will restore the kingdom to Jerusalem and rule from there. This region and people group is very important to the story and the Kingdom of God.

## Practical Application

### Jerusalem and Israel have a prophetic future.

So as Christians our posture towards the Jewish people is to bless them, to stand with them, and to pray for them. This week, take some time to specifically pray for them with a friend, a small group, or even on your own. What a great honor and joy to be able to bless our brothers and sisters across the world.

## Reference Verses

- Genesis 12:1-3, 15:7-9 & 17-20
- Zechariah 2:8, 14:4
- Romans 11:1, 11, 25-29
- Luke 21:24
- Ezekiel 36:24, 33-37, 38:3-4, 35:5
- Psalms 83:1-11, 48:1-2
- Judges 8:26
- Acts 1:6
- Matthew 19:28
- Joel 3:1-2

## Declarations

- I get the honor of standing up in prayer for the church body in Israel.
- I get to stand in faith that things will happen just as God described them in the Bible and I have no reason to worry.
- “For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.”  
Ephesians 6:12

## What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

## **Scripture References**

### **Israel, The Promised Land**

**Genesis 12:1-2 NKJV** Now the Lord had said to Abram: “Get out of your country, From your family And from your father’s house, To a land that I will show you. I will make you a great nation...

**Genesis 12:2 NKJV** I will bless you And make your name great...

**Genesis 12:2-3 NKJV** And make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

**Zechariah 2:8 NKJV** ...for he who touches you touches the apple of His eye.

**Genesis 15:7-9 NKJV** Then He said to him, “I am the Lord, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it.” And he said, “Lord God, how shall I know that I will inherit it?” So He said to him, “Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon.”

**Genesis 15:17-20 NKJV** And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch that passed between those pieces. On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim...

**Galatians 3:16 NKJV** Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, “And to seeds,” as of many, but as of one, “And to your Seed,” who is Christ.

**Acts 1:6-7 NKJV** “Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” And He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has put in His own authority.

**Luke 21:24 NKJV** And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.

**Romans 11:1 NKJV** I say then, has God cast away His people? Certainly not! For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

**Romans 11:11 NKJV** I say then, have they stumbled that they should fall? Certainly not! But through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.

**Romans 11:25-26 NKJV** ...has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved...

**1 Corinthians 10:32 KJV** Give none offense, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God...

**Ezekiel 36:24 NKJV** For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

**Ezekiel 36:33-35 NKJV** 'Thus says the Lord God: "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will also enable you to dwell in the cities, and the ruins shall be rebuilt. The desolate land shall be tilled instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass by. So they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden; and the wasted, desolate, and ruined cities are now fortified and inhabited.'

**Ezekiel 38:3-4 NKJV** 'Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal. I will turn you around...

**Ezekiel 38:8 NKJV** After many days you will be visited. In the latter years you will come into the land of those brought back from the sword and gathered from many people on the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate; they were brought out of the nations, and now all of them dwell safely.

**Ezekiel 37:1-10 NKJV REF** The hand of the LORD came upon me and brought me out in the Spirit of the LORD, and set me down in the midst of the valley; and it *was* full of bones. Then He caused me to pass by them all around, and behold, *there were* very many in the open valley; and indeed *they were* very dry. And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: "Surely I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live. I will put sinews on you and bring flesh upon you, cover you with skin and put breath in you; and you shall live. Then you shall know that I *am* the LORD." ' ' "So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and suddenly a rattling; and the bones came together, bone to bone. Indeed, as I looked, the sinews and the flesh came upon them, and the skin covered them over; but *there was* no breath in them. Also He said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, son of man, and say to the [a]breath, 'Thus says the Lord GOD: "Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe on these slain, that they may live." ' ' " So I prophesied as He commanded me, and [b]breath came into them, and they lived, and stood upon their feet, an exceedingly great army.

**Ezekiel 35:5 NKJV** "Because you have had an ancient hatred, and have shed the blood of the children of Israel by the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, when their iniquity came to an end...

**Psalm 83:1-11 ESV** O God, do not keep silence; do not hold your peace or be still, O God! For behold, your enemies make an uproar; those who hate you have raised their heads. They lay crafty plans against your people; they consult together against your treasured ones. They say, "Come, let us wipe them out as a nation; let the name of Israel be remembered no more!" For they conspire with one accord; against you they make a covenant—the tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites, Moab and the Hagrites, Gebal and Ammon and Amalek, Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre; Asshur also has joined them; they are the strong arm of the children of Lot. Selah Do to them as you did to Midian, as to Sisera and Jabin at the river Kishon, who were destroyed at En-dor, who became dung for the ground. Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna...

**Judges 8:26 NKJV** Now the weight of the gold earrings that he requested was one thousand seven hundred shekels of gold, besides the crescent ornaments, pendants, and purple robes which were on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were around their camels' necks.

**Joel 3:1-2 NKJV** "For behold, in those days and at that time, When I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, I will also gather all nations, And bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat; And I will enter into judgment with them there On account of My people, My heritage Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; They have also divided up My land.

**Zechariah 14:4 NKJV** And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives...

**Zechariah 14:4 NKJV** ...His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, Which faces Jerusalem on the east. And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two, From east to west, Making a very large valley...

**Zechariah 12:3 NKJV** And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples...