



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Israel's Chosen Destiny

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

"God when this world gets scary I know I can turn to you. This week will you continue to teach me about your peace and pull me under your wings? I know that I can rely on you no matter what and I desire for that to come more and more naturally to me."

Message Theme

Understanding God's End Time Plan

Key Truths

When it comes to conversations about the end times, if we are right with God, we should be encouraged. The more we look into the history and the promises, the more we can understand just what this means for us and the church.

In Genesis 12 God tells Abraham that he will bless those who have blessed him and curse those who have cursed him. Then in Genesis 15, God and Abraham enter into a covenant where God promises Abraham and his descendants all the land of Israel. As we read, we learn from the story that we are Abraham's descendants. As Israel disobeyed God, he dispersed them in 70 AD. In 1948 God brought them back to their own land. We can look forward to when Jesus comes back, for he will rule and reign for a thousand years. So even if we were to be living in the end times, we still have the 1000 year reign of Jesus to look forward to. When Jesus comes to rule there will be no more human government, just his kingdom.

Another key to understanding the end times is knowing and recognizing that Jesus comes 3 times. First, he was born in Bethlehem. Second, he comes back for the church. The third time is with the saints to execute judgment. The key prophecy to understanding end times is found in Matthew 24. It is about the antichrist going into the temple. This prophecy begins when the call goes out to rebuild Jerusalem. It is very easy to see what is happening in the middle east and see bible prophecies falling into place.

Practical Application

Will the antichrist rule the whole world?

- No, just the area around Jerusalem.

Rather than spending our time worrying, we can focus on why we are here right now. We each were placed here for such a time as this. We can dig deeper into our purpose, gifts, and community. The harvest is plentiful and we have a job to do. Let's bring as many people to heaven with us as we can.

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?” Matthew 6:25-26

Reference Verses

- Genesis 12:1-3
- Ezekiel 38:3-4, 35:5
- Zechariah 12:3
- Isaiah 9:6-7
- Revelation 20:4-6, 17:9-11
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-10
- Zechariah 14:5
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- Matthew 24:15, 1:17
- Daniel 9:24-27
- 1 Corinthians 10:32
- Luke 4:18-20

Declarations (Speak Out Loud)

“As I learn more about the end times, I will focus on God’s provision and the promises that apply to me. As a believer I know that I can look forward to the end and know it is another beginning of a life spent with the King. While I am on the Earth I have a job to do and a community that needs to hear about Christ”.

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's Chosen Destiny

Luke 21:28 KJV ...lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh...

Genesis 12:1-3 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; I will bless you 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."

Genesis 15 NKJV REF

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, put hooks into your jaws, and lead you out, with all your army, horses, and horsemen, all splendidly clothed, a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords.

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 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...

Zechariah 12:3 NKJV And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.

Isaiah 9:6-7 NKJV For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder...Of the increase of His government and peace There will be no end, Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom...

Revelation 20:4-6 NKJV REF And I saw thrones, and they sat on them, and judgment was committed to them. Then *I* saw the souls of those who had been beheaded for their witness to Jesus and for the word of God, who had not worshiped the beast or his image, and had not received *his* mark on their foreheads or on their hands. And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years. But the rest of the dead did not live again until the thousand years were finished. This *is* the first resurrection. Blessed and holy *is* he who has part in the first resurrection. Over such the second

death has no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years.

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5 NKJV Now, brethren, concerning the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, we ask you, not to be soon shaken in mind or troubled, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as if from us, as though the day of Christ had come. Let no one deceive you by any means; for that Day will not come unless the falling away comes first, and the man of sin is revealed, the son of perdition, who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God. Do you not remember that when I was still with you I told you these things?

Revelation 17:9-11 NKJV “Here is the mind which has wisdom: The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits. There are also seven kings. Five have fallen, one is, and the other has not yet come. And when he comes, he must continue a short time. The beast that was, and is not, is himself also the eighth, and is of the seven, and is going to perdition.

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

Isaiah 2:3 NKJV For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-17 NKJV But I do not want you to be ignorant, brethren, concerning those who have fallen [a]sleep, lest you sorrow as others who have no hope. For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so God will bring with Him those who sleep in Jesus. For this we say to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive and remain until the coming of the Lord will by no means precede those who are asleep. For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of an archangel, and with the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord.

Zechariah 14:5 NKJV Thus the Lord my God will come, And all the saints with You.

Matthew 24:15 NKJV “Therefore when you see the ‘abomination of desolation,’ spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place” (whoever reads, let him understand)...

Daniel 9:24 NKJV “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city...”

1 Corinthians 10:32 NKJV Give no offense, either to the Jews or to the Greeks or to the church of God...

Matthew 1:17 NKJV So all the generations from Abraham to David are fourteen generations, from David until the captivity in Babylon are fourteen generations, and from the captivity in Babylon until the Christ are fourteen generations.

Daniel 9:24 NKJV “Seventy weeks are determined For your people and for your holy city

Daniel 9:25 NKJV “Know therefore and understand, That from the going forth of the command To restore and build Jerusalem Until Messiah the Prince, There shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; The street shall be built again, and the wall, Even in troublesome times.

Daniel 9:26 NKJV “And after the sixty-two weeks Messiah shall be cut off, but not for Himself...

Daniel 9:26 NKJV...and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.

Daniel 9:27 NKJV Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week...