

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Week 6 – The Miracle of Israel

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THE MIRACLE OF ISRAEL – DVD

The Miracle of Israel" tells the story of the only nation in the history of the world that has maintained a national identity for centuries without a homeland. The documentary explores four ancient prophecies in light of modern events, including:

- The establishment of the modern nation state of Israel in 1948
- The re-gathering of the Jewish people from the nations
- The rebuilding of the Temple in Jerusalem
- The rise of Messianic expectation

The four miracles highlighted in the film are not only distinct threads woven into the fabric and seams of the Jewish people's survival and restoration, but some say they are proof of prophetic fulfillment that has and will continue to impact the world as it moves toward the last days.

The Establishment of the Modern Nation of Israel

The birth of Israel as a modern nation in 1948 was more than just the fulfillment of a dream held across 1,900 years - it was the modern fulfillment of ancient Bible prophecy. According to the Scriptures, God promised that, although He would banish the Jewish People from their land because of disobedience, He would in the "latter days" bring them back and re-establish them in their land. For the Jewish people, a quest for a homeland that took almost 2,000 years was ended by a vote that took just three minutes. Although miraculous, it did not come without struggle, a struggle that continues to this day.

Re-gathering of Jewish People from the Nations

The history of Israel cannot be told apart from the modern miracle of God's re-gathering of His people, scattered to the four corners of the earth. This re-gathering began back in the 19th century as Jewish settlers, fueled by their faith and conviction, came back to the Land of their Fathers. They cleared the swamps and revived the language of Hebrew. Before, during and immediately following the Holocaust, many European Jews tried to immigrate to Israel to escape death. Sadly the British, who ruled Palestine until 1948, turned them away. Many went back to Europe where they were killed while others ended up in internment camps, never making it to the Promised Land. After 1948, however, the floodgates opened and millions of Jews have returned to their land. Jewish communities, have made aliyah (the Hebrew word meaning "returning to Israel") from such faraway places as China, India and Ethiopia. A new phenomenon is the sudden interest among many Latinos to recover their Jewish identity. Many believe they are descendants of Jews forced to leave Spain and later Portugal during the Spanish Inquisition in the late 15th century. Recent advances in state-of-the-art DNA research can now confirm if, in fact, a person comes from Jewish descent.

The Rebuilding the of the Temple in Jerusalem

The first Temple was built by David's son Solomon circa 950 B.C.E. It was constructed according to the pattern of the tabernacle in the wilderness given to Moses to house the Ark of the Covenant. According to archaeologists, scholars and historians, it was built on Mt. Moriah, the site where Abraham offered Isaac to be sacrificed. It was later destroyed by the Babylonians in 586 B.C.E. and eventually rebuilt by the remnant that returned from captivity 70 years later. Known as the Second Temple, it was later enlarged and beautified by Herod the Great. It was built on such a magnificent scale it became one of the great wonders of the ancient world. The Temple was again destroyed by the Romans in 70 AD when they ransacked Jerusalem and burned the city to the ground. All that remains of the Temple today is a part of the western protection wall, known as the "Western Wall" or "Wailing Wall." It is the holiest site in Judaism. During the seventh century, when Jerusalem was under the control of the Muslims, a mosque was built over what was thought to be the Holy of Holies. It remains there to this day.

The Temple Mount is hotly disputed. A movement has now emerged to rebuild the Temple again and that movement is quickly gaining momentum.

The Rise of Messianic Expectation

Particularly among the Orthodox Jews living in Israel, the fourth and final sign that speaks to the last days/end of days is the rise of Messianic expectation. The prophets of Israel predicted not only the restoration of the Jewish People to their promised homeland, but also a restoration to their God, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

They spoke of a Redeemer who would come to establish the "age to come" on the earth. This would be marked by an era of universal peace, when *The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them* (Isa. 11:6). The Anointed One, from the root of Jesse (see Isaiah 11:1) would usher in this age. Who will this promised Messiah be? Was he Rabbi Mendel Schneerson, known as the Lubavitcher Rebbe, as some still believe? Could Yeshua (Jesus) of Nazareth be the Messiah, as many Messianic Jews claim? Or is He yet to be revealed?

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QUESTIONS:

What was new to you?

Why do you think some of this information is new to you?

What is your response? How did this DVD impact you?

What questions do YOU have regarding what you viewed?

Are you interested in understanding more regarding Israel? Why?