



2500 YEAR-OLD PROPHECY FULFILLED IN THE LAST 100 YEARS!

The forthcoming 70th anniversary of the State of Israel is an important witness to an astonishing Bible prophecy given to the prophet Ezekiel 2500 years ago. The prophecy was given at the time when Jerusalem and its magnificent Temple were being destroyed by the Babylonians and many Jewish people forced into exile. The future of the nation looked bleak - especially since the prophets had told them that God was punishing them for their neglect of His ways. Yet in Ezekiel chapter 36 some remarkable prophecies were made:

1. The land of Israel would become desolate and the Jews would be scattered into many countries while her enemies rejoiced, but God would punish those nations.
Ezekiel 36:1-6

2. A time would come when God would restore the Jews to the land of Israel, bringing them back from all the countries where they were exiles.
Ezekiel 36:8-12 and 24

3. The ruined cities of Israel would be rebuilt, the fields replanted and the country would become extremely prosperous.
Ezekiel 36:34-38

4. The returning Jews would turn back to God and finally accept God's King, the Lord Jesus Christ, to rule over them, with Jerusalem the centre of God's kingdom on earth.
Ezekiel 36:24-28
Zechariah 12:10, Isaiah 2:1-4

Three of these four prophecies have been largely fulfilled in the last 170 years Despite a partial return under the Persians, the kingdom of Israel has never been restored and in 72 and 135 AD rebellions led to further destruction and more Jews being scattered across the world. They repeatedly faced persecution and attempts to wipe them out. The land of Israel was occupied by their enemies and for centuries lay desolate as prophesied.

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In 1848 it was ruled by Turks, had a population of only 300000, of whom only a small number were Jews, and was reported by Christian pilgrims to be poorly cultivated.

Yet in 1898 a group of non-religious Jews set out to find a refuge in their ancient land and in 1917 the British Government promised to help them (*to find out more come to our presentation 'The Dubious Declaration of Mr Balfour' - details below*). After decades of strife and many setbacks, including the horrors of 6 million Jews being killed during WW2, the State of Israel was set up in 1948, the cities rebuilt, the land became fruitful and many Jews returned, exactly as God had said through Ezekiel.

But there is more to come

The Jews have returned for the most part without believing in God or the Lord Jesus; the time of their full restoration and acceptance of Jesus is yet to come. Before this the Bible prophecies suggest they will face a major crisis. Only then will some of them turn back to God. Then God's long promised Kingdom will come.

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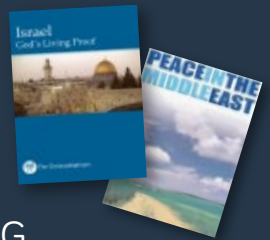
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'The Dubious Declaration of Mr Balfour'

Dorridge Village Hall - 10am, Sunday 29th April

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