

What on Earth is Going to Happen to Israel?

Scripture Reading:

Daniel 9:24-27 Matthew 24:15-31

INTRODUCTION: The Bible's Microscope of the History and the Telescope of Israel's Future



- The nation of Israel came into existence by God's gracious and sovereign selection of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.
- God also graciously and sovereignly promised them their own land

The nation of Israel has experienced 3 dispersions from their land:

1. Egypt - Gen 15:13-16

2. About 700 years later the Northern 10 tribes went into captivity in Assyria. 100 years after that, the southern 2 tribes were taken captive into Babylon, returning after prophesied duration of 70 yrs

3. Dispersed into all the nations in AD 70 by Rome - *Matt 27:25, I Kings 21:20-24*

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> Now, with the telescope of Scripture, we can see what the future holds for Israel.

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Daniel 9:24-27 The meaning of "weeks" = 7-year segments *Cf Gen 29:27-28*

The 7-week period: the decree to return and to rebuild Jerusalem = 49 years

The 62-week period = 434 yrs from the rebuilding to the "cutting off" of Messiah, the Prince" *note: He is ONE of TWO princes mention in this passage. In the Near-Future, Israel Will Enter into a False Covenant of Protection

After Messiah's death, Jerusalem and the Temple would be destroyed by the people belonging to (associated with) the <u>coming</u> prince: Rome's destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD

Dan 9:26b – "wars and desolations" until the 7-yr false covenant of peace is established (2000 yrs and counting)

The "coming" prince = "the man of sin" (II Thess 2) will guarantee Israel's security for one "week" (7 yrs)

The Covenant Will be Broken by This Prince and Israel Will Flee One More Time

Dan 9:27, Matt 24:15-16 *A prepared place of protection: Petra?* Rev 12:13-16



The Scattered Nation Will Be Regathered

Isa 11:11-12

Matt 24:29-31

CONCLUSION

Despite Israel's historic and persistent disobedience toward God and their conditional covenant with Him

Despite the failure to return to the land completely and in obedience to God

Despite the future failure of the 7-year security covenant with the Man of Sin

GOD WILL FULFILL ALL HIS PROMISES TO ISRAEL!

CONCLUSION

Despite our failures as the Body of Christ, The Church, God will continue to child-train us unto maturity, and ultimately glorify us unto perfection at the Rapture!

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