WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR US TODAY?

Shalom, beloved of God. Let us reflect on the Word of the Lord together. Scripture tells us:

> “Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” *(Psalm 119:105)*

God’s Word lights the way for our lives, guiding us through a dark world. That’s why it’s vital that we meditate on it daily, so we can live uprightly before Him.

> “How can a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed according to Your word.” *(Psalm 119:9)*

We Are Living at the End of the Last Days

We’re not just in the “last days”—we’re at the very edge of them. The “last days” began at Pentecost (see Acts 2:17), but we now live in the final stretch before the return of Christ. One of the

most powerful prophetic signs of this final hour is the restoration of the nation of Israel—a fulfillment of multiple Old Testament prophecies.

> “He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.” *(Isaiah 11:12)*

Despite being a small nation, Israel is constantly at the center of world attention. This isn’t coincidence—it’s prophetic fulfillment. The world’s increasing focus on Israel signals that God’s redemptive plan is moving forward rapidly.

Israel’s Long Exile and Prophetic Restoration

Many of us were born when Israel was already a nation, but historically, Israel ceased to exist as a sovereign state for nearly 2,500 years after the Babylonian exile and the Roman destruction of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. It wasn’t until May 14, 1948, that Israel was reestablished as a nation—fulfilling Ezekiel’s vision of dry bones coming to life:

> “I will bring you into your own land. Then you shall know that I am the Lord.” *(Ezekiel 37:12–13)*

The scattering of the Jews was part of God’s plan to open the door of salvation to Gentiles (non-Jews):

> “…Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.”
> *(Luke 21:24)*

This period—“the times of the Gentiles”—refers to the era where God’s focus shifted toward the salvation of the nations.

The Fall of the Jews Brought Salvation to the World

When the Jewish people rejected Jesus as their Messiah (John 1:11), it wasn’t the end of their story—it was the beginning of God’s plan to extend grace to the Gentiles. As painful as their

rejection was, it opened a doorway for the rest of the world:

> “Through their fall, to provoke them to jealousy, salvation has come to the Gentiles.” *(Romans 11:11)*
> “For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?” *(Romans 11:15)*

This doesn’t mean the Jewish people were permanently rejected. Paul makes it clear: God has not cast away His people (Romans 11:1). Rather, their partial blindness is temporary, and their full restoration is coming (Romans 11:25–26).

God Used Their Scattering for His Glory

Even in exile, God used the Jewish people to bless the nations they were sent to:

- Joseph in Egypt preserved a whole region from famine (Genesis 41).
- Daniel in Babylon interpreted dreams and brought wisdom to Gentile kings (Daniel 2).
- Esther and Mordecai in Persia saved the Jewish people and influenced the king’s

decisions (Esther 8–10).

This is consistent with God’s promise to Abraham:

> “In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed.” *(Genesis 22:18)*

Wherever Jews were exiled, those nations prospered—both materially and spiritually. This includes modern examples like Europe and the United States, where many Jews fled during persecution and contributed greatly to science, finance, education, and spiritual understanding. But above all, the greatest blessing the Jews gave the world is Jesus Christ, the Messiah:

> “Salvation is of the Jews.” *(John 4:22)*

What does it mean now that Jews are returning to Israel in great numbers?

Their return is not just political—it's prophetic. It signals that the time of the Gentiles is almost over, and God's focus is shifting back to Israel, just as foretold:

> "I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced..." *(Zechariah 12:10)*

As more Jews return to Israel and open their hearts to repentance, we are seeing the early stages of this prophecy unfolding. Eventually, all Israel will recognize Jesus as Messiah:

> "And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion.'"
> *(Romans 11:26)*

At that moment, the church—the body of Christ composed mostly of Gentiles—will have already been raptured, and God's focus will return to completing His covenant with Israel.

The Window of Grace for the Nations Is Closing

After Israel left Egypt, Egypt faced plagues and judgment. Similarly, when the Jews returned from Babylon, God stopped dealing with Babylon and redirected His work toward Israel. These examples show us a biblical pattern: when God regathers His people, judgment follows those left behind.

Right now, grace is available to the nations—but that window is closing. The return of the Jews signals that the rapture is near, and the Great Tribulation is coming:

> "For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven... and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up..." *(1 Thessalonians 4:16–17)*

After this event, the Holy Spirit's restraining influence will be

removed (2 Thessalonians 2:7), and God’s wrath will be poured out on the world.

Now Is the Time to Wake Up

Jesus warned that we would be accountable for the truth we’ve heard:

> “He who has ears to hear, let him hear!” *(Matthew 11:15)*

Today, the gospel is being proclaimed everywhere—through media, the internet, churches, and daily life. No one can say they haven’t heard. If anyone misses salvation now, it’s not due to ignorance, but deliberate neglect.

> “Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation.” *(2 Corinthians 6:2)*

If you’re treating this grace casually, be warned—it may soon be

gone forever. Examine yourself today. Which side are you standing on?

The Lord is Coming!

Jesus is returning soon. His clock is not based on global politics, but on Israel. As God’s prophetic timepiece, Israel’s restoration is the clearest sign that the end is near. Let us be found ready.

> “Watch therefore, for you do not know what hour your Lord is coming.” *(Matthew 24:42)*

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