

Some people mistakenly believe that Israel is part of Europe. However, Israel is located on the continent of Asia, specifically in the region called Western Asia, also known as the Middle East.

Asia is the largest continent in the world, and it is divided into six major regions:

1. Northern Asia - e.g., Siberia
2. Southern Asia - e.g., India, Pakistan, Sri Lanka
3. Eastern Asia - e.g., China, Japan, North Korea, Taiwan
4. Western Asia (Middle East) - e.g., Israel, Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Palestine, Saudi Arabia
5. Central Asia - e.g., Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan
6. Southeast Asia - e.g., Vietnam, Thailand, Indonesia

So, geographically and politically, Israel belongs to Western Asia, grouped with Middle Eastern countries like Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Palestine, and Saudi Arabia.

Why Is Israel Spiritually Important?

While Israel is a small country geographically, it holds great importance in God's plan for humanity. It is the land where Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, was born (Luke 2:4-11), lived,

ministered, died, and rose again for the salvation of mankind.

“For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.”

— Luke 2:11

Through Jesus, we receive the gift of eternal life by faith, not by works (Ephesians 2:8-9). It was in Israel that God fulfilled many of His promises through the birth, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

— John 3:16

Jesus Will Return to Israel

According to biblical prophecy, Jesus will return to earth, and His first physical point of contact will be the Mount of Olives in Israel:

“And in that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which faces Jerusalem on the east.”

— Zechariah 14:4

He will come not as a suffering servant, but as King of kings and Lord of lords (Revelation 19:16), and He will establish His kingdom and reign from Jerusalem, the capital of His restored earthly government.

“And the Lord shall be King over all the earth. In that day it shall be—‘The Lord is one,’ and His name one.”

— Zechariah 14:9

The 1,000-Year Reign and Eternity

When Jesus returns, He will set up a Millennial Kingdom—a period of 1,000 years in which He will rule the earth with justice and peace. During this time, believers (the saints) will reign with Him:

“And they lived and reigned with Christ for a thousand years.”
— Revelation 20:4

After the 1,000 years, Satan will be finally defeated, and a new heaven and new earth will be revealed (Revelation 21:1-4). Those who are saved will enter into eternity with God, where there will be no more pain, death, or sorrow.

“And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes; there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying.”
— Revelation 21:4

Why This Matters

Understanding the location of Israel is not just a matter of geography—it connects directly to God’s redemptive plan and end-time prophecy. Jesus came to the world through Israel and will return there again. His second coming will mark the beginning of a new era where He will reign forever and ever.

So when we talk about Israel, we're also talking about the center of God's covenant, prophecy, and the future reign of Christ. This truth calls us to be ready, watchful, and faithful.

"Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

— Matthew 24:44

Shalom (Peace to you in Christ).

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