

R U Ready? **Part 6: "What About Israel?"**

Current Events Series... Things are going to continue to get more complex and confusing... People will need help understanding the true issues and a God style approach...Doing our best to dig out answers in the Word that people can live on!

Three basic answers to people asking for help and assurance in crazy times... Do not be afraid of the future! No matter what happens, God is still bigger! He will make a way for people who belong to Him to shine brightly in dark times!

Current Events... Upcoming Elections, The Economy, Israel/Islam, Disproportionate Homosexual presence, Abortion, Demise of the Church,

So, what should we do for the elections? Prepare, pray and get out and vote!

So, what should we do about the economy? Prepare ourselves with the best information! Prepare our faith, for God's miracle economy!

And about Islam? We live our faith for all to see/difference!

And no matter what happens, we carry on His work!

Many did homework on the Islam factor... www.americanthinker.com/2011/08/imposing_shariah_law_in_london.html

Wake up to find "You are living in a Sharia Law Zone" posted by Islam4UK: "No drinking, drugs, gambling, prostitution, concerts." (Choudary)

Forcing retaliation/revolution!

Hard issues to talk thru w/o fear, hurting someone's feelings or making them angry... But these are real life issues facing us all... Or issues that all of us will be facing... America is not immune... in fact, ripe... Behind the scenes activity! Must be equipped or will fall short.

Our conclusions for meeting the rise of Islam... We live our faith for all to see! *If anything is going to make a difference in the coming world order... living like Jesus!* And we do not stand back and allow an agenda by anyone to wipe Israel off the map!

Israel! Like with Islam/economy/politics no interest in making you an expert... in this case of Jewish/Hebrew/Israel! Rather have you become an expert at your faith! If you want to know more about Israel then you will need to do your homework!

Israel! Chosen because they were special? ***Or special because they were chosen?*** Chosen for reasons that don't have to be explained... but... Chosen to bear the law... (measure/world) Chosen to be separated... (no idols/sin) Chosen to bear the Savior...

Exodus 19.3 Tell the house of Israel, "you have seen what I did to the Egyptians and how I bare you on eagles wings and brought you to Myself. Now therefore, it you will obey my voice and keep My covenant then you will be a *peculiar treasure* to me above all people and kingdom of priests and a holy nation!"

Deut 7.6-11 For you are a holy people to the Lord, He has chosen you to be a *special people* to Himself, above all the people of the earth. He didn't set His love on you because you were many, but because He loved you and would keep the oath He made to your fathers... keep His commandments!

Deut 14.2, 26.18,19 Psalm 135.4 Segullah: A shut up treasure or jewel. And the affection God has for Israel, has been transferred to the Church of His Son! **Eph5.25** We are now His peculiar, special, set apart people... **1Pet2.9**

And we are different than Jews... Arabs know Jews/Christians different... Jews know they are not Christians... Non-American Christians know they are not Jews... Only American-Christians are confused about who they are!

Jews are the children of the law, works, servants at a distance... ^{1st} *Covenant/ceremonies/veils/high priests*. We are children of liberty, faith, grace, Spirit, sons and daughters in the house... ^{2nd} *covenant/open access/One Priest*. ^{1st}

Covenant all types and shadows pointing to what was coming! *Only temporary fix!* 2nd Covenant all substance and fulfillment of what was promised! *Complete eternal work!*

“Move” toward being Jewish... Worshipping on Sabbath (Friday 6:00 p.m. to Saturday 6:00 p.m.). Jesus made everyday a worship/prayer day! Wearing prayer shawls and blowing shofars and celebrating the feasts and the dances... E.C. wasn't confused about the day or the emptiness of men's traditions! **A20.7 1Cor16.2**

“This is my only question: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law or the hearing of faith? Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit are you now made perfect (complete, mature) by the flesh? Have you suffered so many things in vain?” **Gal 3.2,3**

“After you have known God, how is it that you are turned to weak and beggarly elements that you desire to be in bondage again? You observe days and months and times and years; I am afraid for you, that I have labored for you in vain!” **Gal 4.9ff**

“Stand fast in the liberty of Christ and don't be entangled again with the yoke of bondage. If you are “circumcised” Christ profits you nothing! If you are “circumcised” you are a debtors to the whole law. In Christ it's not Jew or Gentile but faith which works by love!” **Gal 5.1ff**

“They constrain you to be “circumcised” to be like them so that they don't have to suffer the persecution of the Cross; they don't keep the law themselves but they want you to be Judaized that they may glory in your flesh, but God forbid that I glory in anything other than the Cross of Christ **Gal 6.12ff**

For Paul, being Judaized was the exact opposite of Christianity! But Israel still has significant importance and value to us!

We join the pilgrims song: “Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! They will prosper who love you!” **Ps122.6** Pre-Cross hope: restoration/peace/prosperity! Post Cross: not trying to stave off scriptural record, but peace, confidence, establishment

Specifically warned against forsaking them, “exalting ourselves” above them... R11 God has something in store for them of His own doing! **R11.1,8,25,26** And their “receiving Him not” **J1.11** made the way open for us to come into salvation! **R11.12**

And they are the “Timer!” “And when you see Jerusalem surrounded with armies and you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by Daniel standing in the holy place, then flee from the city for there will be tribulation like the world has never seen and unless the days had been “shortened, *no flesh would be saved*, but for the sake of the elect they will be shortened. After that tribulation the heavens will be shaken and you will see the Son of man coming in the clouds with great power and glory.” **Luke 21.20, Matt 24.15ff, Mk 13.24ff**

So what do we say to others about the American Christian stand/love for Israel? God chose and loves Israel and He's not done! Thru them He brought salvation to us! They are a timeline indicator to us!