



INTRODUCTION

Tonight, we conclude our “Israel Today” study. For the last three weeks, we have examined:

- ✓ The NT Mystery of the Restoration of the Nation of Israel
- ✓ The Olive Tree and the Church Age privilege
- ✓ Why “Replacement Theology” is not biblically correct

This study is important. We will conclude with not merely “Does Israel still matter?” but “What does all this lead to?” And the answer is – it leads to the King!

The issue is not really about politics, headlines, or theological arguments. It is about the truth.

Question:

**If the prophecies concerning Christ’s FIRST coming were fulfilled literally...
Why would the prophecies about His SECOND coming be symbolic?**

The Bible literally predicted: *Bethlehem, the virgin birth, His rejection, His betrayal, the piercing of His hands and feet, His resurrection.* Every one came to pass exactly as God said it would.

So why would we decide to spiritualize Jerusalem, Israel’s restoration, the throne, the kingdom, and Christ reigning on earth for 1000 years?

God means what He says, and says what He means. And the King is still coming!

1. THE KING WAS PROMISED

Isaiah 9:6-7 – “For unto us a child is born... and the government shall be upon his shoulder... Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.”

NOTE The same passage that predicts His birth also predicts His throne and kingdom.
The **first time** He came as a LAMB: a baby, a manger, rejected and crucified.
The **next time** He comes as a LION: crowned in glory, reigning in power, seated on David’s throne and ruling the nations.

Jeremiah 23:5-6 – “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.”

NOTE King... reign... prosper... judgment... justice... earth. (Symbolic??? _____!)
It is a literal reign on planet **earth!** Amen.

2 Samuel 7:16 – “*And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.*”

NOTE God promised David: a **throne**, a **kingdom**, a seed, for ever.
Where? Not Rome. Not heaven. Not the Church. In **JERUSALEM!** Amen.

Luke 1:31-33 – “*... Jesus... He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.*”

NOTE Same promise confirmed. Jesus will sit on a literal **throne** of His father David.
The prophets were not wrong.
The covenants were not canceled.
The throne was not transferred.
The King is still coming! Amen.

APPLICATION:

If God keeps His promises to Israel, He will keep His promises to you. When God says salvation is eternal, sins are forgiven, Christ will return... He means it!

2. THE KING WAS REJECTED, BUT NOT DEFEATED

John 1:11 – “*He came unto his own, and his own received him not.*” Israel rejected their Messiah.

Romans 11:1 – “*...Hath God cast away he people? God forbid.*” That settles the question.

Romans 11:11 – “*...through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles...*” Church Age

Acts 1:6-7 – “*...wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?*” Postponed only!

Acts 1:11 – “*...this same Jesus... shall so come in like manner...*” The same One! Amen.

Zechariah 14:4 – “*...his feet shall stand in that day... upon the mount of Olives...*”

The _____ mountain. The _____ Jesus. The _____ promise! Amen.

APPLICATION:

The world looks chaotic... wars... violence... confusion... the heathen and nations raging...
But history is not spinning out of control. It is moving towards a throne! Amen.

3. THE KING IS RETURNING

Psalm 2 – “**Why do the heathen rage...**” The heathen rage. The world rebels. God laughs.

Isaiah 2 – “**...the last days... all nations shall flow unto it.**” Kings bowing. War ending. Jerusalem!

Revelation 19:11-16 – “**And I saw heaven opened...**” 2nd Coming: A conquering King! Glorified!

Philippians 2:10-11 – “**... Jesus ever knee should bow...**” Kings, nations, atheists... every knee!

One day the King of all kings will reign from David’s throne in Jerusalem.

Israel will be restored. Satan will be defeated. And Jesus Christ will reign before all the world!

4. CONCLUSION

After hearing this truth and believing God’s promises, how then should we live?

1. Live _____ for Christ’s return.

Titus 2:13 *Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing ... Jesus Christ*

2. Live _____ as you wait. If the King is coming, we should live like it.

1 John 3:3 *And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he...*

3. Live _____. The King is also the coming Judge. People need the Gospel!

Mark 16:15 *... Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.*

Something to think about...

Empires have risen and fallen throughout history...

Babylon is gone.

Assyria is gone.

Rome collapsed.

But Israel still exists. Why? **Because God keeps His word.**

Saved? Are you living for the coming Kingdom? Or passing time in the world.

Lost? The coming King will either be your Savior or your Judge?

Come to Christ tonight before it is too late.