



Imagine Israel Bible Study

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With each Bible study and each week passing you will be able to imagine yourself standing on the ground of the Holy Land. I will provide as many pictures as I can with the study so when we get there you can say, "I know that place!"

Enjoy the study but most of all enjoy the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ in the process. He is returning to this land we will walk on.

Why did He write about His land and Himself?
Let's find out and apply it to our lives.

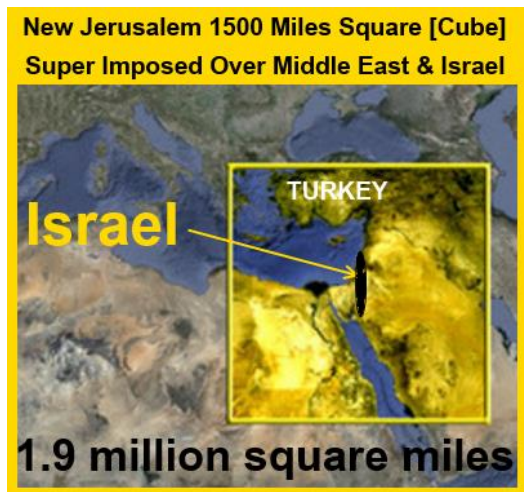
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Our first study will concentrate on Israel and its Geographical and people History. Not all of the information is included but it is a good start for us. If you want to know more please do more research. The dates will vary from person to person but on the whole, they are accurate enough for us to get a picture of what has happened in Israel since God sent Abraham to its door step, then called Canaan.

Why would God spend so much time in the Bible giving us the History of Israel? It is the Promised Land for the Jews and His Son made it our promise too. In this first study, we need to know ***we have a promise from God regarding Israel for Christians*** but more specifically the Holy city of Jerusalem. It is our home, too. *When we visit this place next fall it will be like going home.* I did not feel this way until I left but I want you to feel this way when you touch down in Tel-Aviv. The places we visit and the people we talk about are our family and our homeland because we all have the same Father.

We will learn more about Jerusalem in future studies but for right now I want you to know first the New Jerusalem promise from Revelation 21 for all of us, will cover the old Jerusalem, all of Israel and then some (see picture below). This land is not only promised to the Jews but by the Blood of Jesus Christ it has been promised to us as well. We are graphed together with the Messianic Jews in this promise. This promise can never be taken from us by man. If you have confessed Jesus as your Lord and Saviour as Romans 10:9-10 says this promise is yours. This is not all there is for us though.



Confessing “Jesus is Lord” means little if we are not applying His Words into our lives to glorify God and act out the Gospel. The application of the Word of God will determine a lot in our life when it comes to the promises of God. It not only effects our eternity but it affects our life on this old Earth. Israel was a promise to Abraham (Genesis 15:18-21) and we were a promise to Abraham as well (Genesis 18). We are as the stars (Genesis 15:5; 22:17; 26:4). Each study will have an exciting thing for us to know about the place and people who lived there and why the Lord wants us to know this

information. Then we will discuss how we can apply this knowledge to our everyday life to enhance our Biblical Life Skills. We are tapping into the Life Skills Encyclopedia (Holy Bible, NKJV unless otherwise noted) to learn how to live the abundant life (John 10:10) and to be able to Imagine Israel as our home.

Israel, The Land of the Free

Jesus will return to this land that makes it significant to us. We are the disciples of Jesus Christ so where He goes we will follow. As disciples, we are set free (John 8:32) to adore and pray for the rest of the disciples of Jesus Christ. Our tasks while we are away from our eternal homeland is to pray for the people who live there especially the Saints (Ephesians 6:18). We are going there in one year's time and we will spend that time falling in love with the people who live in our eternal homeland. Along with falling in love with the people we should know about the history of the land. The coming prophecies about the land are also a great way to help us fall in love. The Bible tells us what is to come as well as what has been. Every promise found in the Bible from page 1 to page 2000 something is for us to enjoy as the Saints. Spread the news and spread the joy!

The History of our Homeland

I have created a simple chart to tell us the history of the World and Israel. It is enough information for us to know right now unless you are a history nut and want to know more. Then read below to fall in love with what is going on today and what will happen in the future to our beloved land.

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Archeological Period	Time Period	Approximate Year of Event	Event	Supporting Verse	Significance to Israel the Land	Prophecy Yes/No	Fulfilled Yes/no
Neolithic (New Stone Age)	8300-4500 B.C.				Questionable period of time.		
Chalcolithic (Copper Age)		4500-3200 B.C.					
	Bishop James Ussher/ Date Not proven	10/23/4004 B.C.	Creation	Genesis 5:3	It was created as a lush garden with greenery and self sufficient		
Early Bronze Age (EB)		3200-2200 B.C.					
		2348 B.C.	The Flood	Genesis 11:10	Dead		
Middle Bronze Age (MB)		2200-1550 B.C.					
		2200 B.C.	Tower of Babel				
		1996 B.C.	Birth of Abram	Genesis 11:32; 12:4			
		1921 BC	Abraham enters Canaan	Genesis 12:4	Land Covenant with God		
		1896 B.C.	Birth of Isaac	Genesis 25:26			
		1836 B.C.	Birth of Jacob	Genesis 47:9			
		1711 B.C.	Jacob with 70 family members enter Egypt	Genesis 47:28	Israel leaves promise land for 430 years	Yes	Yes
Late Bronze Age (LB)		1550-1200 B.C.					
		1451 B.C.	Moses dies; Joshua crosses the Jordan	Joshua	Israel comes back to promised land	Yes	Yes

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Iron I & II	1200-586 B.C.						
		1095 B.C.	Time of the Kings	1&2 Samuel; 1&2 Kings; Chronicles			
		587 B.C.	Destruction of the first temple by the Babyolonians	2 Chronicles 36:19	Land ownership removed from the Jews		
Babylonian/Exile Period	586-539 B.C.				Jews lived in Judah but did not thrive.	Yes	Yes
Persian Period	539-332 B.C.				Persians allowed Jews to return to their homeland.	Yes	Yes
		538 B.C.	Migration back to Jerusalem after 70 years in Captivity	Ezra 1:1-4, 2 Chron 36:22-23	Jerusalem occupied by Jews of all income levels again	Yes	Yes
		516 B.C.	Second Temple Built by Zurababbel (Herod's Temple)	Ezra 4	Worship and Knowledge of God returns to Israel		
Hellenistic Period	332-141 B.C.						
		167 B.C.	Antiochus IV "Epiphanes" took over temple and sacrificed a pig to Zeus		Abomination of Desolation		
		164 B.C.	Maccabean revolt creating the Hasmonean Dynasty				
		150 B.C.	Johnathon Maccabee becomes High Priest instituting the Pharisee and Sadducee factions		Jews become oppressed by the laws of man.		
Hasmonean Period	141-37 B.C.						

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Roman Period		37 B.C. - A.D. 133					Yes	Yes
	Approximate dates	6 B.C.	Birth of Jesus Christ	Matthew 2:1, 15		Yes	Yes	
		32 A.D.	Christ's crucifixion	Luke 23:32-49		Yes	Yes	
		70 AD	Destruction of the second temple and the city of Jerusalem	Luke 21:5-6	Jersalum renamed Aeolia Capitolina	Yes	Yes	
Byzantine Period		A.D. 324-638						
		401 A.D.	Midevil Times Begins (for 1000 years)		Church begins fighting over the Holy Land.			
Arab Period		A.D. 636-1516						
		610 A.D.	Islam begins		Arabs already have the land.			
		688-691 A.D.	Dome of the Rock built on the Temple Mount		Rivalry over Jerusalem begins between Muslims, Jews and Christians			
Crusader Period		A.D. 1099-1291						
		1200 A.D.	Jewish Rabbi's called Ba'alei Tosefotsettle relocate to the land of Israel	Isaiah, Jeremiah, and Ezekiel	Jews begin returning to their Promised Land			
Ottoman Period (Turkish Empire)		A.D. 1517-1917						
		1715 A.D.	Hurva Synagogue built 3 times		Jews returning from Europe because of Crusader persecution.			
British Mandate		A.D. 1917-1948						
Modern Israel		A.D. 1948- Present Day						

The following information was extracted from *Lamb & Lion Ministries* March 18, 2017
<http://christinprophecy.org/articles/the-jews-in-end-time-bible-prophecy/>

Prophecies Currently Being Fulfilled

- The Jewish people will be regathered in unbelief from the four corners of the earth (Isaiah 11:11-12). Fulfillment: 20th Century and continuing.
- The state of Israel will be re-established (Isaiah 66:7-8 & Ezekiel 37:21-22). Fulfillment: May 14, 1948.
- The Jews will once again re-occupy the city of Jerusalem (Zechariah 8:4-8), Fulfillment: June 7, 1967.
- The land of Israel will be reclaimed from its desolation, becoming once again a land of agricultural abundance (Ezekiel 36:34-35). Fulfillment: 20th Century and continuing.
- The Hebrew language will be revived from the dead (Zephaniah 3:9). Fulfillment: 19th & 20th Centuries.
- All the nations of the world will come together against Israel over the issue of the control of Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:1-3). Fulfillment: Currently occurring.

Prophecies Yet To Be Fulfilled

- The Arab nations of the world will attack Israel in a coordinated effort to annihilate the state (Psalm 83).
- Israel will soundly defeat the Arab alliance (Zechariah 12:6).
- Israel will dwell in security and prosperity (Ezekiel 38:11).
- A Russian coalition consisting mainly of Muslim nations will invade Israel (Ezekiel 38:1-17).
- The Russian coalition will be destroyed supernaturally by God (Ezekiel 38:18-23 & 39:1-8).
- The Antichrist will intervene and guarantee the security of Israel, enabling the Jews to rebuild their Temple (Daniel 9:27).
- At the end of three and a half years, the Antichrist will enter the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem and declare himself to be God (Daniel 9:27, Matthew 24:15-18, & 2 Thessalonians 2:3-4).
- The Jews will reject the Antichrist, and he will respond with an attempt to annihilate them, killing two-thirds of them in the process (Revelation 12:13-17 & Zechariah 13:8-9).
- At the end of the Tribulation, when the Jews have come to the end of themselves, they will turn to God and receive Yeshua as their Messiah (Zechariah 12:10, Romans 9:27-28, & Romans 11:25-27).
- Jesus will return and regather all believing Jews to Israel (Deuteronomy 30:1-9).
- Israel will be established as the prime nation in the world (Isaiah 2:1-4 & Micah 4:1-7).
- The Lord will bless the Jewish remnant by fulfilling all the promises He has made to Israel (Isaiah 60:1-62:7).

- The blessings of God will flow out to all the nations through the Jewish people during the Millennial rule of Jesus (Zechariah 8:22-23).

This Weeks Biblical Life Skills Application

This week go over the information provided, do research if you feel you need to know more and pray for the land of Israel especially the Saints who live there. They include the Palestinian Saints, the Jewish Saints and all the graphed in Saints from all over the world who have come to Israel to live.

Praying is a way to discuss things with God. He, over time, directs our prayer to what we really need to pray for. Praying His will is our goal. Then, and only then, will we see answer to prayer. What does He want you to pray for when it comes to Israel? Ask and He will answer.