

Israel and Peace

With Israel and peace in the news, what do the Scriptures say about Israel and peace?

1. Israel's Peace Comes Before Judgment. *“by peace shall destroy many”*

A covenant that allows Israel a temple for sacrificing and worshipping God in peace for the first 3½ years, ushers in the final 7 years of extreme trouble coming upon human history. The sudden destruction of this world is preceded by a time when people will proclaim peace and safety. The opening of the first judgment seal and the first horseman of Revelation 6 brings peace – but the second seal and horseman takes away that peace. The coming world leader destroys many by peace which produces a false security. This peacemaker will not turn out to be a Savior but a destroyer who catches Israel off guard.

Expect political peace plans with Israel that will unite the area in acceptance of her existence before the covenant that allows religious sacrificial worship in peace – which will be broken

2. Israel's Present Spiritual State *“blindness in part is happened to Israel”*

Israel has a judicial covering over the mind since Messiah's crucifixion. She is unable to understand God's revealed plan in His resurrected Son (with the exception of those Jewish people who repent and believe on the Lord Jesus and are part of His church).

Israel's present national unbelief in Christ Jesus is fulfilling biblical prophecy

3. Israel's Jesus Attitude *“Let him be crucified”*

Israel continues rejecting Jesus as Messiah, the Son of God and risen Lord of all. Their attitude toward God's saving gospel in Christ Jesus persists: *“Who both killed the Lord Jesus, and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they please not God, and are contrary to all men: Forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they might be saved, to fill up their sins alway: for the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost”*, 1Thess. 2:15,16.

It is settling the Christ Crisis that brings Israel lasting peace, not treaties with nations

4. Israel's Political Claim to the Land *“the LORD spake ... the land is mine”*

God gave all nations land, but Israel's land is God's land. God chose to give Israel that land as His own earthly heritage. He also chose Jerusalem as the city for His Name. Dividing God's land to other nations is sin against God and brings His judgment, Joel 3:2. Israel's promised land claim is not based on who occupied it first or won a war. Their claim is by God's unconditional covenant to Abraham and His seed via Isaac and Jacob (Israel). Their ultimate permanent possession of that land is when they believe on Abraham's seed, Jesus the Lord. Before then however, their blessings and cursings *in or out* of that land are conditional according to the terms of their law by Moses, Deut. 28.

To touch Israel's claim to the land is to touch God's claim – that is why Satan wants it

5. Israel's Imminent Political Future *“then shall be great tribulation”*

Because she is unrepentant concerning the Lord Jesus Christ, she is headed for her darkest hour in history. She is back in the land in unbelief (as prophesied): a deadly combination. She will lose access to the 7-year covenant's rebuilt temple and suffer severe persecution. The nations will unite and be poised to finally destroy her.

Rain before the rainbow. Night before the dawn. Punishment before peace.

6. Israel's Final Political Future *“all Israel shall be saved”*

On the verge of Israel's destruction, King Jesus will come in punitive judgment destroying the invading nations along with their demonic leadership. This fulfills God's promises by her prophets. The Lord Jesus Christ will set up the kingdom of God on earth in God's land of Israel with Jerusalem as its capital. Only then will be *“on earth peace, good will toward man.”* The defunding and disarmament of the military follows when Christ judges. *“And the LORD shall be king over all the earth,”* Zech. 14:9.

No Christ, no peace. Know Christ, know peace.

7. Israel's Spiritual Future *“they shall look upon me whom they have pierced”*

Also, on the verge of destruction, her national Christless self-confidence will be broken. Her reliance on other nations to help save her vanishes and in utter brokenness her survivors realize Jesus is their Savior and His name is the Lord – as they see the marks of the cross on Him when He descends from heaven with His angelic and saintly armies. The Lord Jesus in His *mercy* will take away all their sins – for He died for them as He did for all. Then all nations shall come to the Lord Jesus in Jerusalem to learn God's laws, ways and word. Jerusalem will be the “star” of the world for God is with her, Zech. 8:23.

They truly shall be one nation under God – Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of lords

So, concerning present Israel and the church, *“as concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sake”* – but as to their God appointed future – *“they are beloved for the father's sake.”* Yes, be an equal opportunity gospel ambassador to all nations and so don't despise Israel because God doesn't. Israel is key to the proof of biblical prophecy.

Now to the church of the Lord Jesus Christ, lift up your eyes, for He is coming to take you home before the final 7 years of judgment for Israel and the world. You're appointed to salvation, not wrath – because you believe on Him who died for your sins. Glory unto God!

{Some Scriptures. **1. Peace before judgment** – Daniel 9:27, 8:25 / 1Thess. 5:2-3 / Rev. 6:1-4. **2. Her blindness** – Romans 11:25 / 2Cor. 3:12-16 / Acts 28:26,27. **3. Her Jesus rejection** – Matt. 27:22 / Acts 13:42-47 / Romans 10:1-4. **4. Her land claim** – Lev. 25:1, 23 / Gen. 15 / Gal. 3:16 / Deut. 32:7-9 / 1Kings 11:36 / Joel 3:1-2 / Deut. 28. **5. Her imminent future** – Jer. 30:7 / Matt. 24:15-22 / Dan. 9:27 / Zech. 14:2 / Rev. 12:12-17 & 16:12-16. **6. Her final political future** – Romans 11:26 / Zech. 14:2-9 / Rev. 19:11-21 / Isa. 2 & 11 / Luke 2:14. **7. Her spiritual future** – Zech. 12:9-14 & 13:1 / Rom. 11:26-32 / Isa. 2, 53. *Last Paragraph* – Rom. 11:28 / Luke 24:47 / Col. 3:11 / Rom. 10:1 / 1Thess. 1:10, 4:16-17, 5:9-10 / Rev. 3:10. }

PS As I write this, the historic ‘Abraham Accord’ is unfolding before our eyes. This is a *political* treaty recognizing Israel, a prerequisite to peace between Israel and Arab nations (all the children of Abraham). More Arab nations are expected to join. As momentous as this is, it is not the “big one” of Daniel 9. The Daniel 9 Covenant is religious in nature (initiating the final 7 years) and allows Israel to have a temple and resume sacrifice. (See Daniel 9:27, Matt. 24:15, 2Thess. 2:4, Rev. 11:1,2). While many Jewish people are back in their land, they have no temple. The political accord that first establishes diplomatic relations may be the precursor to the gigantic step of allowing Israel to sacrifice to God. It seems political treaties recognizing Israel's existence with Jerusalem as its capital are necessary before a treaty allowing her the temple. (The church is removed before this treaty comes). Covid has already introduced governmental mandates that restrict our ability to buy or sell unless we obey. We are in amazing and unprecedented times.

If you pray for the lasting “peace of Jerusalem” keep in mind that her great time of trouble must happen first before she receives the Lord Jesus Messiah and that lasting peace occurs, Zch. 14:1-11.