

Israel Regathered, Bible Prophecy Fulfilled (Part 2)

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Vic: Our topic for today will be that of the regathering of the nation of Israel. We are so excited because we are talking about such an incredible topic and it's that of the regathering of the nation of Israel and Nathan last week you introduced us to this very important miracle that God has done and of course we talked about this last week that the regathering of the Jewish People is the most important prophetic development in the 20th century. And you were taking us through a wonderful journey in various passages in the Bible that talk to us about this miracle of the regathering of the nation of Israel and of course one of the greatest passages, Nathan, you would agree would be that in Ezekiel chapter 37 and 38. Can you talk to us a little about that?

Nathan: Ezekiel chapter 37 is about a valley of dry bones. The prophet Ezekiel has shown this image of dry bones...dead, as if a mighty empire had been there, but had then turned to dust. And then all the sudden bones rise up out, they join together, the skin and the bones all combine and it's a life it's a people group again. And the Bible prophesied that the nation of Israel become out of death and come back to life again and actually pastor Vic, that goes all the way back to Deuteronomy 30, before Israel even was a nation, they had been wondering around the desert for 40 years and God says to Moses, "I know the hearts of your people, Israel people, the Hebrew people and over the centuries their love for me will grow cold, they'll distant, they will follow other gods and they'll brake the covenant I made with them so I will not defend them anymore. And they will be taken out into exile and captivity. "And that happened with the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC and then later with Judah and the capital of Israel in 586 BC and they were scattered to up north, but the Lord, 70 or so years later gathered them back into a nation once more and for a few hundred years Israel was a nation again, although under occupation, first the Greeks and then the Romans and then the Romans destroyed Jerusalem and the temple in 70 AD and by about 130 with the Bar Kokhba rebellion they Jews were scattered to the four corners of the wind. And that was prophesied well over a thousand years before this even happened. As a matter of fact Deuteronomy 30:3 says, "The Lord your God will bring you back from captivity and have compassion on you and gather you again from the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you. " So even before Israel was a nation God was telling them, "You are going to disobey me, you're gonna be exiled, but I'm gonna bring you back." Because God is always faithful to His covenant and we, Pastor Vic, saw, well you and I weren't alive brother, back in 1948.

Vic: We're not that old.

Nathan: Not that old, but in 1948 Israel became a nation again. You know the Ottoman Empire will not arise again, the Mayan's and Incan's will not rise again, but Israel as a nation is back in the land again just as God foretold that and many other verses. We can go through them if you

want. There's many verses that said that Israel would be exiled and twice and then a second time brought back when Israel becomes a nation again in our modern era, that's the time to start looking for Jesus to return.

Vic: Amazing. And you know Nathan that is a beautiful picture of grace, right? And people have a hard time understanding grace, but here is God's grace poured out upon these people, much like us as believers as Christians, sometimes we mess up, right, Nathan? And the Lord corrects us, He brings us back, but He always loves us and that's what you're saying to us in terms of Israel, right?

Nathan: That's it. You know God is characterized by grace. He's not characterized by justice, He will always do what's right. He will always follow His own rules and laws and when we disobey those laws, He sends punishment in the hopes that we will repent and turn back to Him. If we don't then the final judgment, the destruction does come to us. But when we repent and turn our lives to Him, by God's grace He keeps His covenant, He keeps His promise. We are unfaithful, but He always remains faithful and He promises to restore us and bring us back to a right relationship with Him through salvation which Jesus paid for by dying on the cross for our sins.

Vic: Excellent point. You know and I know that Dr. Reagan has a great love for the nation of Israel and he wants to also communicate to anyone tuned in that God is not through with Israel. God still has a plan for them and Nathan, you and I and others, we need to pray for Israel, right?

Nathan: Yea Dr. Reagan is our founder and director of our ministry, he started the ministry in 1980 and he is our main host in our television show "Christ in Prophecy" and I have never met a man who is so passionate about the Jewish People. You know he has been to Israel, leading tours over 45 times.

Vic: Amazing.

Nathan: I know he has a passion for the people because he knows that even though the valley of the dry bones, Ezekiel 37, has the Jewish People back as a people group once more, the hearts of them are not yet with the Lord yet. They exist as a person, but the spirit isn't there and so while we pray for the peace of Israel, what we're praying for is the return of Jesus Christ and how a remnant of the Jewish People, we know a third actually, a third of the Jews will give their hearts back to the Lord Jesus. Zachariah 12:10 says, "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and the supplications so they will look on me whom they have pierced," this is Jesus and this is a prophecy written hundreds of years before the crucifixion, "and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only son and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn." So when Jesus comes back, when He returns, the Jewish People will be like, "Theirs the Messiah, what did we do?" and they will turn back to the Lord and we can read about that in Isaiah 10:20-23 and even in the New Testament in Romans 9:27. Isaiah cries out concerning Israel, "Though the number of the sons of Israel be like the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that will be saved." And so the Jewish People are still waiting for the Messiah and boy are they going to be surprised when they see that it is Jesus. It always gets me excited.

Vic: Excellent point. And you know Nathan, also talk to us a little bit about the migration that is happening of the Jewish People back to the land. This is not by coincidence, right?

Nathan: No, no, no, no back in the late 1800's and France, similar to what we're seeing today, I mean turn on the news and you can see that the large Muslim population are rioting against the Jews, are holding protests, they want Israel destroyed and the same thing was happening in the late 1800's there was a young Jewish police officer named, Dreyfus and Dreyfus was falsely accused of a crime and immediately, not only France, but all of Europe erupted into just anti-Semitic hatred of the Jews and that's when a young Austrian, also Jew and he was a reporter there and his name was Theodore Herzl and Herzl was there and he saw the hatred of the Jewish People and realized, he said, "You know what, there is no way that the Jews will ever be able to integrate into any society, we need our own country again it's the only way will be safe. " So in the late 1800's he started the first Zionist congress to talk about that and over the years he got lots of people excited about moving back to the Holy Land and that's what they did, they moved back and it's not like they took the land, as the Islamic lie goes out today, they bought the land. The land had been decimated by the Romans and for two thousand years left empty, nobody was really in it, they could even count the trees because the Ottomans taxed people because of how many trees they had and there were very few trees in the land. It was utterly a waste land. So the people who were living there, who happened to be Syrians, not Palestinians there's no such thing as a Palestinian, the Syrians were there and they were laughing their heads off they're like, "Look at these crazy Jews they're coming back and buying this dessert and these swamps and all that. " But you know the Jews are very ingenuitive people and they came in and they figured out ways to drain the swamps and they brought the country of Israel back to life again. And man, I've been there 3 times and I'm always amazed at what a bounty it is there, I mean the flowers and the fruit and the vegetables, the Jews took what was like going out into the Mohave dessert and all the sudden turn it into New Jersey, the garden state, that's what they did with it. And over the years the Jews were able to buy up a lot of the land, but there still wasn't a lot of Jews there so of course the Holocaust happened 6 million Jews killed by Hitler during World War II and after that the UN agreed that the Jews needed a people so in 1947 they made a resolution about the Jews returning to their homeland and unfortunately they cut a lot of the land they promised originally was all of Israel and Jordan, but they cut it back to half of what Israel is today. In 1948 May 16th 1948 Israel declared itself a nation and instantly, every Islamic country around them started attacking them.

Vic: And you know, Nathan that is a great point instantly we see this hatred, we see this spirit of antichrist suddenly, right? Come against God's people. That was a good point that you made.

Nathan: Well you know you could tell that Satan is in the world. Because there is a hatred of the Jewish People unlike any people group in the world. It's crazy the Jews can like for instance this Gaza conflict that's going on now, Hamas can take their own people and use them as human shields and put them in buildings they know are going to be blown up. You know even when Israel isn't attacking them they're still persecuting their own people, but the world will instantly condemn Israel for defending itself against all the rockets Hamas has sent in there and side with Hamas. There is something supernatural about the hatred of the Jewish People and I think it's because Satan knows that through the Jewish People God brought us the Bible, God brought

us the Messiah and God will bring us Jesus' Second Coming and if he can destroy the Jews, he thinks he can way lay God's plan. But man, you know, nobody can waylay God's plan.

Vic: That's right. And also Nathan because of the Jewish People, you and I Gentiles, right? Have come to also know this incredible relationship that we have with Jesus.

Nathan: It's incredible what we take for granted when it comes to the Jewish People. Because really God picked them out of all people to show His grace. He picked the most stiff necked stubborn. Talk to any Jewish person and it'll tell you, the most stiff necked stubborn group of people and you know they're always breaking these covenants with God and He'd show them love and they'd just spit in His face in return and they got exiled and He brought them back and they turned on Him again and so they got exiled, but He's bringing them back. They're like a giant object lesson where God shows the Jewish People might be like that as a nation, but you and I, our hearts are like that. We are constantly rejecting God, we always want to do it our way and our way usually hurts ourselves and if we do it Gods way and accept His love and His sacrifice we can have eternal life. And so God gave us the Jewish People as a giant object lesson. Now another part of the object lesson is that only a part of the Jewish People will accept Jesus as Savior. We know that during the Tribulation there is a terrible time period that two thirds of the Jews will be killed and that's about 9 million of them today, if that was in today's numbers, but only a third of them will still turn and we see that in people today, you can give the gospel, the good news of Jesus Christ, hey, you can tell someone Jesus loves you, He died for you and they'll say, "So what? Or I don't care," or as far as, "I hate Him." And you wonder, "What?" But it's true, in our lives, in our hearts a very few remnant accepts Jesus as Savior and so we too, the Gentiles gets salvation through the work that Jesus did through the Jews and like the Jews only a remnant of us accept Jesus as Savior.

Vic: Yes and that's a very good point and you know Nathan, our prayer is that the Holy Spirit will continue to open up the eyes of more individuals to recognize what Jesus means to us and this is why we're so excited about His soon return and also this incredible miracle of the regathering of the nation of Israel. And of course Nathan, we believe this regathering is going to continue, right?

Nathan: Yes we know that just after you read Ezekiel chapter 37 you read chapters 38 and 39 talk about a tremendous battle, as a matter a fact there's no battle in the Bible more explained in detail and it's called the Gog and Magog battle, we know that Israel through Psalm 83, will subjugate the nations around it, it's going to have to, it's been in so many wars since its created as the nations around it try to destroy it that Israel will have to put down the rebellions around it and were talking about Gaza, Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Jordan all those nations will have to be dealt with, but we read in Ezekiel 38 and 39, how an outer ring of Islamic nations and it names them, along with Russia who is the leader of it, makes a coalition with Iran and Turkey and Libya and all those "stan" nations like Kazakhstan and all that, they all combine and get together and try to destroy Israel. I mean, it's amazing when you think, we're talking about millions of soldiers marching on Israel, just to destroy tiny little Israel which is only the size of New Jersey and it says that God steps into history again and He destroys those armies through fire and destruction, but also the armies turning on each other and earthquakes and things like that and then he sends fire on those countries so the idea that Iran is going to be a threat to the world

anymore, it won't be, Russia won't be a threat to the world anymore. It's going to totally change the political landscape of the world, but the world will hate the Jews even more for it and Ezekiel 38 and 39 tell us that then the rest of the Jews from around the world will go back to Israel. So man, I know your Calvary Chapel Aventura will clear out of all the Jews, they're going to leave. I'm serious, the Bible says that all the Jews of the world will leave the countries that they're in where they're scattered all over the world and go back to Israel and the second greatest gathering of Jews is in the United States. Man, I lived in Philadelphia, every third person was a Jew, my wife New York and down in Florida, very strong Jewish. But there will be a time after that war were the Jews will be forced to pack, they'll wanna go back, but I think too the anti - Semitism will get so bad that they'll end up going back to Israel.

Vic: Wow that is amazing. Thank you Nathan. Of course you're tuned in to the Truth Will Set You Free Bible Prophecy Edition, Vic Batista, Nathan Jones as were talking about the regathering of Israel and our lines will remain open, our local number is (305) 992 - 9537, feel free to call in with your question or comment for Nathan. And Nathan this is really, really an incredible subject that we'll have to tackle on the next half of the program, but the regathering is one of the greatest miracles and people cannot ignore it, right Nathan? No matter what anybody tries to say or do, it's there, it's in history and if you want to see it it's all around you right?

Nathan: Well Satan certainly is not ignoring it. As soon as it happened he's trying everything he can. I mean war after war after war the Jews should have been annihilated by armies that are united against them. In 1948 they were just a bunch of kibbutz workers and they were farmers with cheap guns and a few borrowed planes and yet through them God stopped the armies from attacking them. And again in 1967 and in 1973 and to this day, Israel wins wars miraculously against all odds, against all there military strength, the people know God's hand is in it. So Satan is trying to thwart Gods plan and if we can see this giant spiritual war that is going on today that we know that we're getting so close to the Lord's soon return. And that's happening and it's something we can't ignore because it's going to happen, I believe man, within our lifetime.

Vic: That's right. And I agree with you Nathan, I believe that we could be that generation that's alive and remaining, right? When the Lord comes back.

Nathan: Well Matthew 24 Jesus said exactly that, he said that when the fig tree re-blossoms another name for Israel, when Israel becomes a nation again that will be the generation that will see His return and when it says generation, people say, "Well is that 20 years, is that 7 years, is that 120 years?" And it's not talking about years per say, its genea, it's the people, the race of people that see that happen and we are that group, that time period that has seen Israel come back and continues to come back. And you know it's not just the Jews from Russia and the Jews from Europe, but there are Jews coming back from Africa and now they're coming back from China you know Jews that are half Chinese and all these where they've integrated into all the races they will come back to Israel and we're seeing that today and that is an amazing miracle and people need to take that really seriously because it means if Jesus is coming back, how will He find you when He comes back? Will He find you, your heat ready to accept Him as Savior or will you continue in rejection of Him? And unfortunately have to continue to pay for your sins, which is hell.

Vic: Absolutely, Nathan. Of course I pray that anyone listening to this program will catch the idea that this program that we're doing is to encourage, to educate, but also to excite anyone tuned into the program to know, we don't have a lot of time and especially someone that is tuned in that doesn't have a relationship with the Lord, this is the opportunity for you while you're still listening to this program listening to our voices, the Lord is calling you out He has a plan for your life and it starts with a relationship with Jesus Christ and we always like to encourage people to come to the Lord and also give them a word of encouragement and Nathan, I'm sure you know individuals that I'm sure are still on the sidelines, right? Indecisive. What would you say to them?

Nathan: I would say that the signs of the times, in other words the Bible gives us these different signs that says that Jesus is returning and one of them, probably I'd say is the most important is that Israel is a nation again. And that means something, that's super important, you gotta take that seriously because it means that the whole world is about to change. And the Bible says in Peter that the end times there will be lots of people scoffing at the idea of Jesus return that everything's the same, but everything hasn't been the same. We've seen an increase in wars, we've seen an increase in false teachers and many other signs that Jesus says that when these happen I'm coming back soon. So the question is, "How will He find you?" John 3:36 says, "Do you remain under the grace of God or do you remain under the wrath of God?" The grace of God means that you're forgiven, you've accepted Jesus as your Savior, sins are forgiven and you can hold onto that eternal promises that Jesus has of living with Him forever. But when Jesus comes back, He's not coming back as the cuddly teddy bear or the suffering lamb like He did in the first coming. He's coming back we read in Revelation, "Like a wrathful lion, angry at sin, ready to judge." And will you be there to be judged? You don't wanna live in the Tribulation as Vic and I've talked before, it is a terrible, terrible time period coming. And after that's even worse because if you're dead there's no chance of salvation and hell - the lake of fire, is the eternal punishment for rebellion against God, so now is the time, now is the day to accept Jesus as your Savior.

Vic: That's right. And you know the Bible clearly says in John 3:16 that He gave His one and only son that whoever believes in Him would not perish, but have eternal life and that includes you, who are tuned into this program, including the whole world and of course if you haven't turned to Christ, we would love to pray with you and also share with you resources regarding this relationship, but of course one of the easiest way is through a simple prayer that, if you tuned into the program, you can pray and mean it from your heart and God will transform your life. And maybe Nathan, you can lead someone in a very quick prayer for this segment in case they don't have a relationship with the Lord?

Nathan: Certainly. I mean from your heart pray, "Dear Jesus, please forgive me of my sins and be my Savior." You know with that heart transformation the Lord promises to change your life, to forgive you, to give you a new life, a new hope, an eternal life with Him.

Vic: Amen. Praise the Lord. And of course it's all by faith and right where you are if you prayed that prayer, you can know beyond a shadow of a doubt that God transforms your life. He comes to be inside of you. The Bible tells us that Jesus is with us that when we open up our heart He moves inside of us, so we pray that if you pray that prayer, know that God is going to do

something awesome in your life. And of course Nathan, thank you so much for being part of this first segment of our program, it's always a pleasure to have you on.

Nathan: What a blessing to be on. Thank you so much for letting me share about this great news.

Part 2

Vic: You know Nathan, when I often open up I ask you to share a little bit about your ministry also website and that kind of information. I would love for you to give that information out once again, but maybe also share some of the book resources by Dr. Reagan.

Nathan: Certainly. Our website is lamblion.com the ministry is lamb & lion ministries because Jesus first came as a suffering lamb to die for our sins, but is returning as a conquering lion to setup His kingdom on this earth, so we named our ministry Lamb & Lion Ministries. It was founded in 1980 by Dr. David Reagan who was a law professor, a political science professor as well for many years and he had a real heart for the Lord and wanted to see people get excited about Jesus soon return. Because he was so involved in the politics of the world, he knew the time that Jesus gave us was pointing to the Lord's soon return, so he gave that up and started the ministry and now I've been here for the last seven years, can't believe it, I've been here seven years now and it's been an exciting time of sharing the gospel. Folks can come to our website at lamblion.com and watch our television show "Christ in Prophecy" which is now in its 12th season, they can read our articles and join our Facebook group and other social networks and we do have like you said an online store. The online store has many of our DVDs and books and resources and things and you can get them there. We also have a few Spanish books, for instance, like the book Wrath and Glory and also the children's book Jesus is Coming Again!

Vic: I love it. And you know Nathan, thank you for sharing because I got that copy of the book in Spanish, Wrath and Glory, excellent resource for anyone tuned in to make sure that you guys have all these in your libraries, it's just a wealth of knowledge here at Lamb & Lion Ministries. Nathan, thank you so much for sharing that information with our listeners. Of course our lines will remain open the local lines are 305-992-9537. You can call in or text in with your question or comment. Of course our subject matter of today is that of the regathering of Israel. The Bible says in Jeremiah 31:8, "Behold, I am bringing them from the north country and I will gather them from the remote parts of the earth. Among them the blind and the lame, the women with child and she who is in labor with child together, a great company they will return here." Nathan, you were talking to us about this incredible miracle that God has done and can you continue to talk to us a little bit more about the regathering of the nation of Israel and the significance that that has for us today?

Nathan: Certainly. I'd be happy to because it is an exciting topic. I mean it is what most Bible Prophecy teachers call the "super sign". Jesus gave us many signs, especially if you read Matthew 24 and its parallels in Luke 21 and Mark 13. In Luke 21, Jesus gives us 10 signs to look out for that says that Jesus is returning soon and one of them, the most important, the,

"super sign" is that Israel would become a nation again, that the people who were scattered, not just exiled one time, foretold hundreds of years before the first exile, but they'd be exiled a second time around the world and that's what we seen that the Jewish People for centuries roamed the world as vagabonds basically. You know without a home without a nation of their own, persecuted wherever they went, but Jesus said that Israel would be regathered again. They'd become a nation once more and when that nation formed again that we knew that the end times were upon us and Jesus is coming back soon.

Vic: Excellent point and I of course the regathering we actually looking at, we were playing one of your videos, Nathan, that you did on a small clip there on the regathering of Israel, we were showing that on Twave.tv and of course Nathan, it's also for individuals to know some people are visual out there and I really love that video that you guys put together to show the regathering of the nation of Israel, but these were dead dry bones, right, Nathan? Something representing the nation of Israel and all the sudden we see it all come together, you know?

Nathan: Yea. Hundreds of years, about 6-7 hundred years before Jesus came God gave the prophet Ezekiel a vision, you can read that in Ezekiel in chapter 37 and the idea was that the nation of Israel is dead. Now this was a surprise to Ezekiel because at that time period Israel was still a nation, but at some point Israel would be destroyed as a nation and the Romans did that in 70 AD. They tired of the Jews rebelling against them, they sent Titus Vespasian the general and he absolutely obliterated Jerusalem, he destroyed the temple just as Jesus said when he was crying at the temple. He said not one stone will left upon another and its true, the Romans were so anxious to get the gold that had melted from the fires that they broke between the stones to try and get the gold out and so the temple was utterly destroyed. And so the Jewish People were scattered to the four corners of the wind and that was in 70 AD. So for 19 hundred years the Jews have been scattered across the nations, but in 1948 through a series of events, we discussed earlier, they are now a nation once more. And that is really important to take seriously.

Vic: Nathan, and what a great point you just made, here we see this event happening during our time and I know we joked about in our last program how you and I are not that old, right?

Nathan: Yea we weren't there in 1948. My father was, but the Bible when you translate from the Greek it means the people the group that have seen Israel become a nation again and we are living in that generation that has seen Israel become a nation again.

Vic: And of course and this is why were so excited to hopefully encourage those that are tuned into the program to recognize this incredible miracle and this privilege that we have, Nathan, because it is a privilege for us to be alive, right, right now?

Nathan: You know as a kid I used to think, "Awe man we live in boring times everything is you know...but then as I got older I was like wait a minute, look at the changes that have happened in the world in just a hundred years." I mean a hundred years ago people were mostly still on horses and buggies. Planes weren't available to anybody you know they were basically just made out of blocks of wood. And we weren't going to the moon we didn't have cell phones and television and all the amazing things we have today and for thousands of years life was pretty much the same. There were some technological developments, but overall we have seen in the

last couple years an incredible skyrocket in technology and advances and the Lord was in part saying, "Hey, I'm making it possible for the end times to happen." And then Israel became a nation in 1949 and Jesus said that there'd be other signs that would be increase in frequency and intensity the closer He got. So sure there's always been earthquakes and storms, but they get more frequent and more intense the closer we got to Jesus' return. And so I realized, "You know, wow, we are living in really exciting times. We could be actually living in the time where the church will be raptured out of here and off this earth to meet Jesus in the clouds and be with the Lord forever as He promised," in 1 Thessalonians 4 and 1 Corinthians 15. So Pastor Vic, I agree man, we are living in very exciting times.

Vic: And you know, Nathan, you mentioned something, the advance in technology, right? I mean we see so many other prophecies being fulfilled right before our eyes.

Nathan: Yea I mean you go to Daniel, for instance, Daniel 12:4 he talked about how in the end times knowledge would increase exponentially and travel would increase exponentially. You know, all the way up to about a hundred years ago, most people never left their town. They grew up, they lived, they died in their own town, but now a days we can hop on plane and go anywhere in the world within 24 hours. You know, it takes 13 hours and if the headwind is really good, 11 hours to get to the other side of the world, to Israel, to Tel Aviv. And to think that Mark Twain, in the 1800's, it took him 3 months by boat to get to Israel and you know if they had they concord jets there, you're zipping across the pond so to speak in just a few hours. Technology has just skyrocketed incredibly and it's all leading up to a point where the antichrist, this one world ruler that's coming on the world, will control the world through commerce. He'll have this mark which he'll put on the peoples forehead or right hand and they can't buy or sell without it and it needs a lot of technology to make that happen. Or the number of events that will happen which the whole world will witness, like these two witnesses that'll be in Jerusalem and for 3 ½ years they will witness on God's behalf and the antichrist will come and finally kill them and they will sit in the streets for 3 ½ days, but they'll be resurrected and it says the whole world watches that. Now how can the whole world watch two witnesses being resurrected out of Jerusalem, unless we have the technology like cellphones and TV's and satellites and internet and all that to be able to see that happen? And there are other technologies the Bible talks about, but that's just one of the many signs that say were in the end times. But the "super sign" is Israel becoming a nation again.

Vic: And I like that, Nathan, because you mentioned the "super sign". You know, today we are into super, right now we are talking about a super moon, right?

Nathan: Yea a lot of people say, "Does the super moon have any significance or importance?" And the Bible says that as we get to the end times, especially the Tribulation there will be signs in the heavens to look at, "Signs in the sun, moon and stars," but super moons are just rotational, it happens pretty regularly so it's not a sign. But people say, "What about these blood moons, is that what they mean because the moon looks kind of blood red because of its position in the atmosphere and because of the lunar eclipse and it'll happen in tetrads, which means four parts, does that have any meaning?" And I don't know, I really, if that's a sign, it might be if not we might just have to wait and see. But we know during this Tribulation that's coming on the world, this seven years of judgment of God's wrath upon the world, there will be definite signs in

the sky with the moon turning like blood, I guess because the atmosphere blocking it, a lot of the wars will cause a lot of particle particulates in the atmosphere and so a lot of the life from the sun, a third of the day will be darkened and the stars won't be visible during that time. There will be signs in the sky, but the sign for us today, for the church, those of us living here now, is that Israel is a nation again and that is extremely important.

Vic: And Nathan, that's why we want hopefully anyone tuned in to recognize that there is so much here than meets the eye. We want to encourage people to keep their eyes on the Lord and the word of God, not to get side tracked from the everyday distractions because that's what the enemy wants.

Nathan: It's so easy to be distracted. You know, we live our lives and there's a lot of stuff that concerns us and distracts us, but when you read Bible Prophecy, you get the big picture, the overall view of God's plan and when you see God's plan you get what's called an eternal perspective. All the sudden, you know how the world's gonna end, you know that Jesus is coming to rule and reign and peace and justice and righteousness and how important salvation is, it's the most important decision you'll ever make because it's an eternal decision and so all the things about our life come in focus when we have an eternal perspective.

Vic: Excellent point, excellent point. You know, Nathan, talking about the regathering Israel, of course that is our theme and Zachariah 12:10 says, "I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the spirit of grace and supplication so that they will look on me whom they have pierced and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only son and they will weep bitterly over him." Can you expand a little more on that, Nathan, in regards to also the regathering of the nation here?

Nathan: Sure, not only will the Jews be gathered a second time from around the world, but once the Jews are back in Israel again and we see many there's about six million now and about the other half of the population is primarily in the United States. But as we discussed earlier this giant war called the Gog Magog war of Ezekiel 38 and 39 will cause the remaining Jews of the world to regather back into Israel so that the regathering of the Jews in Israel will be complete. And during that time that's when the seven year Tribulation falls on the earth and it's a time period God uses to judge the world for its wickedness, it's also a time to bring many people to salvation, it's also a time to get the Jewish People to finally have a heart for Him where they have to depend on Him and know Him. They'll rebuild the temple and the Temple Institute has already got everything ready to build the temple and the Jews will give their heart to God, but not necessarily to His son Jesus Christ. They will do that when Jesus returns at the very end of those seven years and when they see Him, a third of the Jewish People will turn their hearts to Jesus and accept Him as Savior. You know, you can go back to Jeremiah chapter 16 versus 14 and 15 and it says there, "That therefore behold the days are coming says the Lord that it shall no more be said the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, but the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them and I will bring them back into the land which I had gave to their fathers. " Think about it, up to today the Jewish People had been saying, "Yea the greatest thing that God ever did for us is rescue us from slavery in Egypt, four hundred years of slavery." But going forward the Jews will look back to the Israel being

regathered from the nations of the world and they'll say that's the greatest thing God ever did for them. And Pastor Vic, we are living in that time.

Vic: Amen. Wow that is super exciting. And you know, Nathan, that's why we hope that again anyone that is tuned into the program of course we still have the lines open if they have any questions they can actually call us live or text in their question or their comments to us because I'm sure that maybe there's people out there that have more questions and we'll leave our lines open. The local number is 305-992-9537. You can actually text in your questions for us as well, Facebook, you can go there to the messenger box you can send in your question via Facebook at Twave radio and Nathan, its super exciting and that's why I wish we had a lot more time to expound on all the different things that are going to come to show individuals that are living in that time. Nathan also, well the regathering of Israel happens, we are starting to see it, we know also that following there regathering we see another event called the rapture that that event can happen at any moment, right, Nathan? And after the rapture we get into the Tribulation and God continues to do a work, right, with the Jewish People?

Nathan: Yes, once the Jews are back in the land the Tribulation starts where the antichrist - this one world ruler that'll rise out of Europe will make a peace treaty with Israel. Daniel 9:26 -27 tells us that that is the very beginning of the Tribulation. So the Jews will then after all these wars with Russia and Iran attacking them and being defeated and all will look for this time of peace. So for 3 ½ years of the seven year treaty, Israel will not be attacked, they'll be under the protection of not only God, but the antichrist basically says, "I won't mess with you, you don't mess with me." And he goes and conquers the rest of the world, but when he's done that he turns his attention back to Israel and half way through it he marches into Israel, he breaks his treaty with them, he goes into the newly rebuilt Jewish temple and he declares himself to be God, he wants the world to worship him, Satan's possessing the antichrist, Satan has always wanted the world to worship him and so the Jews will flee, they'll be a mass exodus of Jews. It says they go to southern Jordan which they must control by then and they flee out into the wilderness of southern Jordan and there, God supernaturally protects them, the antichrist can't kill them. Now there are some Jews that still remain behind because we know the antichrist attacks Jerusalem all the way up to the end at Armageddon and so the Jewish People will suffer tremendously under the antichrist. Two thirds of them will be killed during that time period, that's about 9 million people today. Another holocaust is coming and I hate to say it, but it's what the Bible says will happen. And it takes that kind of pressure to get them to turn their hearts back to him and man, sometimes in our lives we need that kind of terrible disasters to shake us and to turn our eyes back to Jesus Christ.

Vic: Yes Nathan and of course we're saying it doesn't have to be that way, right, Nathan? Because God has poured out His grace upon us and hopefully people that are tuned in that maybe don't have a relationship with the Lord or maybe there might be some Christians out there that are sort of like straddling the fence and what would you say to them?

Nathan: Well I say that the signs of the times are out there if you know what you're looking for. If you just need to know basically what the signs of the times are go to Luke chapter 21, read through Luke chapter 21 is just one chapter, but that gives you 10 signs right there that says

that Jesus Christ is coming back soon, He's coming back as a wrathful lion in other words He's coming back to judge the world for its sins.

Vic: Right.

Nathan: You and I know that the world is terrible right now and it's getting worse every day. And God's not gonna let that stand. He has to deal with it, He promised He will, but when He does return, how will He find you? Will He find you rebelling against Him, holding your fist saying, "I don't want you in my life." Or will He find you have surrendered your life to Him, you've given your life to Him, you've accepted His free gift of salvation. And that is the most important decision you will ever make in your entire life.

Vic: Excellent point, Nathan, excellent point. And of course we want to find ourselves on the right side and that is walking with God. Nathan, another thing to that I find is very important is that of living pure, right, Nathan? And living righteous in the last days.

Nathan: Well knowing that Jesus is returning should affect your living as well. I mean think if you're a little kid you know and your down there and you've got your hand in the cookie jar and you know you think, "Ehh my parents aren't gonna show up." And all the sudden there's Mom and she's standing over you and you turn around you look up with the guiltiest look on your face! You know Jesus Christ could come back at any moment, the Bible says that people will just be living daily lives, eating and marrying and working and they won't even expect it. Just bang! He's there and He'll take the church that's everyone who's accepted Him as Savior up to heaven in the Rapture leaving all the rest of the people left behind to have to deal with the Tribulation. And so even if we know we are saved and we know we'll be raptured, how will the Lord find us as believers in Him when He returns? Are we doing the work of Jesus Christ? Are we living holy lives or are we trying to sneak in as much sin as we can get and just wasting our time by just watching TV and not doing anything, I mean how will the Lord find you? Ask yourself that?

Vic: Nathan, what a great word of encouragement. The Bible says there in Titus chapter 2 verse 11, "For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men teaching us that denying ungodliness and worldly lust that we should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present age looking for the blessed hope and the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ." And Nathan of course that's why we want to encourage individuals that as we see the nation of Israel regathered this is a miracle that has happened during our time, that individuals should live soberly that they should take their relationship with God a little more seriously, right, Nathan?

Nathan: Exactly. These are definitely trying times. I would hope as the world seems to be getting more dangerous and more wars and everything that Jesus said would happen the closer we get to His return, you know crazy weather and even the United States falling apart, power and morality and all that it would make us consider, where is our heart, where is relationship with Jesus Christ? Because the only way to weather a storm is when you're on Jesus' boat so to speak. You know, you need Jesus Christ, to survive this world and to survive the afterlife to have eternal life with Him.

Vic: Yes. Excellent point. And Nathan, I was gonna ask you also as we get ready to close in another minute if maybe you would throw up a brief prayer for the nation of Israel?

Nathan: I'd be happy to. Lord Jesus we know that you have great plans for Israel. The purpose of them is to share the gospel with the world and Lord you've passed that on to the church, but your plans aren't done with Israel as you've said you've promised to save a remnant of them who will live on into you 1,000 year millennial kingdom who will be a priestly group for the planet. We pray Lord that will, will be done, we pray for the peace of Jerusalem now, that many Jews will come to know you as Savior. Bless them Lord and bless all those who call you Lord and Savior. Amen.

Vic: Amen. Perfect. Thank you Nathan, what a great way to close the program. Nathan, thank you so much for being part of today's program, it's always a blessing to have you on.

Nathan: Blessing to be on. Thank you Pastor Vic.

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