

“Alert” to the Signs of the End Times

To know and understand events of the world we are wise to watch what God is doing with:

Israel

God's unconditional and guaranteed promise for Israel's future existence:

It all began with God's Covenant with 70yr old Abraham(Abram):

Genesis 12:2-3

2 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; and you shall be a blessing.
3 and I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

Genesis 12:7

Then the LORD appeared to Abram and said, “To your descendants I will give this land.” And there he built an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him.

Deuteronomy 4:30-31

30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the LORD your God and obey His voice 31 (for the LORD your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them.

Israel's Dispersion:

The threat of dispersion (a worldwide scattering of the Jews) which Christ spoke of in Luke 21:24 is still ongoing after 2000+ years. It began with the destruction of Jerusalem in A.D 70.

Luke 21:24

“And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.” (ie the Rapture of the Church)

Note the NT distinguishes the differences between the the three Gentile happenings:

1 “riches of Gentiles”: Rom 11:12 refers to the place of privilege of the church.

#2 “fullness of the Gentiles”: Rom 11:25 the Rapture

#3 “times of the Gentiles” Luke 21:24 began with Babylonian captivity 521 B.C. & will conclude at end of the Tribulation

Israel's worldwide scattering occurred following Israel's rejection of Christ and God's subsequent judgment in AD 70. with the destruction of the Temple in Jerusalem.

Leviticus 26:33

I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

Deuteronomy 4:27

And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.

28:64

Then the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone.

29:28

And the LORD uprooted them from their land in anger, in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as it is this day.’

Nehemiah 1:8

Remember, I pray, the word that You commanded Your servant Moses, saying, ‘If you are unfaithful, I will scatter you among the nations

The Beginning of the Regathering and Conversion of Israel

First Worldwide Gathering in unbelief: 1948 established by the United Nations

Ezekiel 20:34

I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out. (ref: Ezek 22:17-22, 36:22-24 ,38-39; Is 11:11-12; Zph 2:1-2)