

MOVING TOWARD THE MIRACULOUS ERA

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This morning I'd like to talk a little bit about what's happening in Israel and also what's just ahead for Israel. I know some may think: why have that focus?

We have to remember: one day the Lord Jesus Christ is going to come back to this earth to rule and reign.

Throughout the Old Testament we read about the kingdom of David. In that kingdom of David, it's not going to be David himself who will be sitting on the throne. He already sat on the throne but it's going to be *the Lord Jesus Christ* who will be ruling this world throughout the Millennium. And the Bride of Christ will be, if I can say this figuratively, *reigning at his side*.

Of course at that point we will no longer be the Bride of Christ, we will be the *Wife of Christ*. And the church will be, we can say, scattered throughout the world.

When we come back with him, we're going to have a certain place to go and to *govern*. We can't say: well I want this place or that place. But we have to always remember that we are the happiest in the perfect will of God.

Throughout the Millennium, the Bride will be positioned in different places around the world and she's going to be governing under the rulership of the Lord Jesus Christ. That's how he will be *King of kings and Lord of lords*. [Revelation 19:16] Praise the Lord.

And Israel is the nation of people where He said He would put His Name. [2Chronicles 6:6] He called them out to be *a special people*. [Deuteronomy 7:6] Praise the Lord. They will be *redeemed* back to their original purpose. They will once again be *the people of God*.

They have not been fully redeemed yet but I have a slide here.



This is a map of Israel basically as it is today.

Even what we see here is a great miracle because as Israel was overtaken by Titus back in 70 AD, they had completely lost their national identity.

The ten Northern Tribes had already been scattered but the two Southern Tribes, Judah and Benjamin were also scattered basically in Europe and in the area of Turkey in the year 70 AD.

Many of them were sold into slavery. As a nation, they had lost their identity and for almost 2000 years there was no nation of Israel.

As we came into the 1800s God began to put a desire once again for certain ones to return to the Homeland, which at this point had been overrun by the different Arab peoples. They began to have a feeling: we'll start buying up land.

The Lord could see that this wasn't really happening with the fervour and the speed at which it needed to, so we came into the Second World War.

We all know about the Holocaust, how at the end of the Second World War there were all these Jews who had been displaced and the question was: what can we do for them?

Basically the conclusion became: we're going to take this land, which I believe at that time was under England's colonization rule. They had not actually colonized that region but they were the ones who had, we could say, the power to make a decision about that land. The consensus was: let's take this land that had been theirs, a portion of it, and let's give it to them.

As I said, after almost 2000 years, *in one day the nation of Israel was reborn*. [Isaiah 66:8] That's why I say: what we see on this map, it's not the complete territory but even *this* is a miracle, that the country was reborn. Praise the Lord.

Now we've mentioned it many times, Israel is a very small country. As far as its size, it does not dominate. It's not even as big as the State of Arizona. In fact, I believe Maricopa County is bigger than the state of Israel.

If we look at the narrow parts of Israel on the map and we look at the scale, it's less than 30 miles from the West Bank to the Mediterranean Sea. It may be about 10 miles at the narrowest point. The distance north-south is longer but still the overall area is small.

We know the region that we call the West Bank was given to Israel by God. The world in general says that should be part of a Palestinian State. We have to realize: the devil is doing everything he can to hold back the plan of God. He's even pitting Jew against Jew, much as it is here in this country: the left against the right.

Now the West Bank, that name might be a little confusing because that area is on the *east side* of Israel but the thing is: it's the *West Bank* of the Jordan River, it's to the *west* of the Jordan River.

Also the Gaza Strip, they also want *that* to be for the Palestinians. And although modern man would want us to think that there is a Palestinian people, if we look in the Bible, we don't see a Palestinian people mentioned. I used to think when I saw the word *Philistine* that was it, but that's not it either.

The Palestinians are basically a conglomeration of Edomites, Moabites and Ammonites. In other words, they have come from Jordan and the southern region of Jordan. There are probably also some who are naturally from the Syrian and Lebanese region.

They have moved into the land as it became available over the years but they are *not* really Palestinians. Probably the majority of them are what today we would call Jordanians.

But again, there is a spirit in the world today: well we've got to have peace, and everything seems to be anti-Israel.

There could be peace very quickly if the world would just recognize Israel for what it is and support Israel. I have to say: there would be peace and it would happen practically overnight. Israel would deal with that terroristic element and take back what was given to them by God. Praise the Lord.

Then they could continue on because actually their land includes going beyond the Jordan River. That's what we're going to see a little bit in the future.

Now the natural man would say: there's no way we're ever going to get there, there are too many forces against that. But at the same time I have to say: the natural man would have said there was no way Israel would be reborn as a nation after so many centuries. Praise the Lord.

Again, if we're getting to the point that we think: I didn't come to church for geography classes, please let's remember: the Bride of Christ is going to be a *people with knowledge*. I'm not talking about all the science and technology and all of that, but she's going to have *knowledge of the plan of God*. Praise the Lord. It's going to be something that *excites her soul* as she sees the plan of God being fulfilled.

God has a beautiful plan for this land. When the 70th week starts, there is going to be a revival, a *Christian revival* among the Jews. That's something that excites my soul but it's not going to happen in a land divided by all kinds of turmoil.

When the *two prophets* come to bring the gospel to the Jews [Revelation 11:3] praise the Lord, the map of Israel is going to be a different picture. We are not going to see two gray regions anymore [West Bank and Gaza Strip]. We are not going to see terrorist attacks, we are not going to see the whole world against Israel but we're going to see *Israel will have found favour*. Praise the Lord.

Again, what's the purpose? It's so the Spirit of God can come down and reveal to the Jews that *Jesus Christ is their Messiah*. Praise the Lord.

Now, that won't be to every individual citizen of Israel who would call themselves a Jew. Of course we read a lot about Israel in the Bible and as we look at what Israel is to become, we may think every Jew is a spiritual individual. But let's not forget: we also read many times where the Lord said: *you're stubborn, you're stiff-necked*. [Exodus 32:9]

I have to say: there is an element today, they are just as worldly as Los Angeles. You look at Tel Aviv, you look at the young people of Tel Aviv, all they care about is the nightlife. They are living just as free and perverse as anywhere else in the world.

That's why the biggest protest we see right now in Israel is happening in Tel Aviv. And of course that's where all the news agencies are running: oh look at these huge protests. Well we have a saying: birds of a feather flock together. For the most part, it's the same spirit on both of them, the media and the protesters.

We have heard about Benjamin Netanyahu's government, how he wants to change the judicial system, he wants to reform it. Now we might say: why? Well the problem is: every time the Knesset makes a law or a policy change that really recognizes Israel for what it is, when they approve what they call *settlements* which is housing for Jews so they can live in their land in the West Bank, then the Supreme Court comes and says: that's not legal.

Also if an accusation is brought up *against* somebody who is especially taking a biblical view of Israel, again the Supreme Court is ready to just run with that.

A couple months back Netanyahu said: I'm going to *drop the provision* that the Knesset can overrule the Supreme Court. Part of the reform they had been pursuing was that *with a majority vote*, the government *would have been able to overrule a Supreme Court decision*.

He said: okay I'm going to compromise, I'm *not* going to pursue *that* but still the government is going to have more input as far as who actually becomes a judge.

And as he began to pursue this, once again everybody has just been losing their mind: oh we have to protest, we have to protest! They say: it's a threat to the democracy.

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This Generation - Ps 90:10



I have to say one thing: as we get closer to the Miracle War and as we get closer and closer to the Millennium, we have to understand something: the Bible *does not speak* that in the Millennium we're going to have the best democracies.

Today we hear them say: oh this is going to become more like a dictatorship. And if you go to school today or you just read or watch the news: oh that word *dictator*, they have blown that up to be a horrible thing. And God forbid that there be a monarchy or a dictatorship.

Yes I will concede: if it's the *wrong* person, it's a terrible time, that's absolutely right. But if it's the *right* person, society can advance far faster in the right direction than it ever would under a democracy.

When David was king, well by today's terminology he was a dictator. But I have to say: that was a beautiful kingdom to be a part of.

When Solomon was king, especially before, how can I say it? Before he got *off track* because of his wives, I have to say: that was a beautiful kingdom. In fact that was even a *type* of the millennial reign.

When Josiah was king, that was a wonderful time.

You can read in the books of Kings and Chronicles about the times when a certain king would come in. It says: *and he did good in the sight of the Lord*. I have to say: those were very beautiful years. Praise the Lord.

Again, society can advance so much faster because the king just says: this is what we're doing, and people get to work.

In a democracy, now don't get me wrong, I'm happy that we're in a democracy today because one thing it does, it tends to shield against evil but not completely. When we look at evil, we have *the majority rule* but we see how even the devil has gotten into that and we see the problems we have today.

But yes there would come times when it would say: *and there arose another king and he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord*.

My point is: don't think that this is always going to be a democracy. The world just acts like that's what everything has to be. Well that's not really the *biblical government*.

Democracy has been, I can say, *refreshing* for a time. We look at the United States getting out from under the King of England's rule. I have to say: that was refreshing and helpful for a time but it's *not* where things are going. In the Millennium it will once again be a *kingdom*.

Now let's go to Micah 7.

We're going to read a few verses that the Lord brought to the attention of Brother Jackson.

Micah 7:11

In the day that thy walls are to be built, in that day shall the decree be far removed.

Again, this is just a little bit in front of us.

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On this chart we see *after* the Miracle War it says Micah 7:11. The temple is going to be rebuilt. There is also going to be *peace* and the military will have been strengthened.

Even now it already is: I read just last week, I forget whether it's the F-18 or the F-22 but one of the most advanced warplanes that we produce in the United States, the Israeli Air Force already had 50 and they just bought another 25. That's 50% more.

Now if we don't know a lot about military build-up, we may say: well 75 planes, that's not much. But the reality is: they have more planes per capita as far as the F-18 or F-22 than the United States, and we are the ones producing them.

Now it's not that they need the planes to be victorious but God is going to, how can I say this? God is going to support them and He can make *one plane* be like *twenty planes*. Praise the Lord.

Now it says:

Micah 7:12
in that day

That day is just ahead of us.

It says:

Micah 7:11

shall the decree be far removed.

Now in this version [King James] also in the American Standard Version and in other versions it says: *the decree*. In the New International Version and in the Spanish Bible it says: *the boundaries will be far removed*. Well the reality is that both of those things go hand-in-hand.

When we look at *the decree that would be removed*, it would have to be what we read in Deuteronomy 28. First it begins: *if you walk in My statutes and My commandments and observe My ways*, it speaks of *all the wonderful blessings*.

But halfway through the chapter it says: *but if you don't and you go after other gods*, which we know they did, then it speaks of the curse: *you're going to be cursed in the countryside, you're going to be cursed in the city*. There's no escape.

They have been under *a curse* ever since they cried out: *crucify the Lord Jesus Christ*. [Luke 23:21]

But the day is coming and it's just in front of us, we already see a government in place that is looking at Israel in the light of the Word of God. Praise the Lord. They are *not* running after this liberal attitude that everything goes and let's please the Palestinians. Those who do that are just playing into the hands of what the devil wants to accomplish.

Now don't get me wrong: I'm *not* calling Palestinian people *the devil*. Every individual in the age of Grace is an *individual*. Everyone has free will and there are good Palestinians. But when they let that anti-Israel spirit get on them and use them, they can go into a city, explode a car bomb and kill 30 Israelis.

We don't hear the United Nations making any kind of a resolution condemning what they call Palestine. But if Israel goes in and kills some terrorists, they say: oh now Israel, you've done wrong. That's a war crime because a few other people got hurt in the process. Well what about the 30 people who were killed in the car bomb?

Israel can go in and kill *three*, and maybe there are a few more injured. And the United Nations says: oh we have to have an emergency meeting. We have to condemn Israel for what they are doing.

Then of course the liberal side of Israel starts screaming: oh look we're an embarrassment. No, Israel is *not* an embarrassment, the *United Nations* is an embarrassment. That's the truth.

It says *the decree will be far removed*. [Micah 7:11]

God is going to *lift that curse*. Praise the Lord. When He does and as Israel goes into that Miracle War, they are not only going to *defend their land* but it says *Michael the archangel is going to stand up*. [Daniel 12:1] They are going to *take back what was given to them in the beginning by God*.

The land area of Israel is going to be expanded. Praise the Lord.

Now let's go ahead to verse 15.

It says here:

Micah 7:15

According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvellous things.

We all know how it was when they came out of the land of Egypt. There was no greater military power than the Egyptian Military. There was no nation that dared to come against Egypt.

The children of Israel came to the edge of the Red Sea and I have to say: that sea was basically like an ocean. It was enormous. But the power of God came down. *He separated the water*. Praise the Lord. *He dried up the land*. Amen. And *they walked across on dry ground*. [Exodus 14:21-22]

The word got out and the world trembled when they heard what God had done. Rahab the harlot said: *when we heard about all this, our hearts melted within us*. [Joshua 2:10-11] In other words, *any courage they had just completely disappeared. They trembled*.

Now, is God going to have them cross the Red Sea again? No He's not. It says *according as it was*. We don't know yet exactly *how* God is going to display His power but we know what the end product is going to be. We know the big picture of how He's going to accomplish that and how *Israel is going to be valiant*. [Numbers 24:18]

God has *certain things reserved* at which *the world is going to marvel*. And the world is *not* going to be able to say: well it's because the United States supported them.

In reality, if we look at the United States right now, we do not really have an Israel-friendly government. We currently have a government that is friends with the *liberal side* of Israel. Oh they love *that* side.

But the government that we have today is *not* a supportive ally to Israel as it should be. That gives me the feeling that the Miraculous War may very well take place before this current presidency has ended because it's going to be *God in that nation*. It's *not* going to be the United States and Canada and other countries helping them out.

Micah 7:16

The nations shall see and be confounded at all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deaf.

What does that means?

Have you ever seen a huge catastrophe? You know like 9/11. If people were standing far enough away when those towers began to fall, what was the natural response? They were just *amazed*. Somebody could have been over here saying: hey, the food on the stove is burning! And they *wouldn't even have heard that*, they were just *so amazed*.

That will be the state of the nations when God begins to move for Israel on the battlefield.

Micah 7:17

They shall lick the dust like a serpent,

That shows they will be humiliated.

Micah 7:17

they shall move out of their holes like worms of the earth: they shall be afraid of the LORD our God, and shall fear because of thee.

Now we might say: well what exactly are they going to be fighting? We know that there is a general world sentiment: oh there's got to be a two-state solution and the Palestinians should have their place.

But what exactly is going to be the *initiator* of all of this?

Well we have to look at the events that have happened over the past decades and look at Iran which was originally called *Persia* before they basically became invaded and taken over by the Islamic movement.

When we come into the late 1970s, there began to be a change in the government of Iran and now it is a *fully Islamic government*.

Yes there are *other Islamic Nations* roundabout Israel but for some reason it seems that Islam has burned stronger in the heart of the *Iranian regime*.

We know that officially the Muslim religion does *not* recognize Israel. They view Jews as infidels to their prophet Mohammed and as far as they are concerned Israel has no right to exist. Not every Islamic nation has pursued that so strongly but for some reason, Iran has openly expressed: we believe Israel should be wiped off the map.

Again, it's *not every Iranian*. There are some who have stood up against their government and who have even died because of that. But the *Iranian government* which is led by that *Islamic spirit*, they have openly said: Israel should be taken off the map.

They have had fervour to build nuclear weapons. Now if they're saying: Israel should be wiped off the map and at the same time they are trying to produce nuclear bombs, it doesn't take a genius to put two and two together and figure out what their eventual plan is.

They have already been supporting every kind of Islamic militia. They have been bringing money and weapons to Lebanon and Syria. They back Hezbollah, they back Hamas, they back Islamic jihad, all of these Palestinian, Syrian and Lebanese militias that have been attacking Israel.

Under President Trump, we said: we're cutting off our relations with Iran, we're going to forget this nuclear deal. Then here comes Biden and he wants to start all that back up again. That's why I say: yes officially we are Israel's friend but we are making a lot of moves that are not supportive of Israel.

I have a little map here.

Estimated distribution of Sunni Muslims in the Middle East

5-20% 21-40% 41-60% 61-80% 81-100%



We have Israel on the left side which is the small yellowish region. Not all of it because the top part is Lebanon. On the right side we have Iran.

Now, why would Iran be worried about what's happening over in Israel?

The amazing thing is: as great as Iran is in size, they haven't been able to accomplish what they want. I thank God for that. But we can see this is not a fair fight.

At the same time, Israel sends in their secret intelligence agency called the Mossad and they go into Iran. There will be a nuclear scientist who's in the forefront there in Iran, he gets up one morning, turns the key on his car and his car explodes. He's gone.

Israel has been doing that over and over, especially since 2010. They can *target specific individuals* in Iran and they get them. I haven't heard of Iran doing that even for *one* in Israel.

But what does Iran do? They send money, weapons, and also support in the form of training to the Palestinians, to the Lebanese and to the Syrians.

They have the same feeling as Iran does toward Israel. They send rockets and they perform terrorism, all to try to weaken Israel.

But there is a point, Israel has already said: we have a *red line*.

If Israel's enemies cross that *red line*, there's going to come a point they're *not* going to ask the United States for permission, they're going to say: *our existence depends on this*.

It's like a little math story I'll tell you: there are numbers called $R(5,5)$ and $R(6,6)$. They are extremely huge numbers. We don't know what they are but a famous mathematician said: let's assume an alien force tells us that if we don't give them $R(5,5)$ within six months, they're going to attack. He said: I think we should get all the smart people together and work as hard as we can. Let's see if we can find $R(5,5)$. However if they ask us to find $R(6,6)$ we should attack the aliens.

In other words: there's no way we're going to find $R(6,6)$ so *attacking them* is our only hope.

There's going to come a point with Israel, they're going to say: *for us to exist as a nation, we're going to have to go to the battlefield*. And I really don't see any other way.

Could it be another way? Perhaps, but Israel can see how Iran is progressing towards the nuclear bomb they want. So to me everything is getting to a point where they're going to decide: *we have to attack Iran*.

Now if they attack Iran, do you think Syria and Lebanon, maybe even Iraq and some of these other Arab countries, do you think they're going to be *in agreement*? Israel will have stirred up that *whole Islamic neighbourhood*. Their war will not be only with Iran.

They could also go ahead and come against the *proxies*, but then they're still going to be fighting with Iran because that's who's supporting them.

So exactly where this is in front of us, we don't know as far as time. But we do know Iran is going full speed ahead toward their pursuit of a nuclear weapon. And Israel has made it clear: we're not going to let that happen.

If the rest of the world can't keep Iran from it, when they hit that *red line* which I believe they said is 90% enrichment of uranium, they said: we're going to have to put a stop to it. And we know the Middle East is going to blow up. Amen.

But thank the Lord there is a Word: *Israel is going to do valiantly*. [Numbers 24:18]
And this isn't the only scripture.

I'll go real quickly to Zechariah 12 if we can go there. We'll start in verse 1 but I'm going to focus more on verses 3 through 5.

Zechariah 12:1

The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zechariah 12:2

Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about,

First it speaks of *all the ones round about*. Those are the neighbouring nations, the Arab Nations.

Zechariah 12:2

when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

Brother Jackson brought out how that begins as a *political siege*. They found their spots in the United Nations and they've come *against* Israel.

Zechariah 12:3

And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people:

What is the United Nations? It's a council that of course consists of all of these countries that have joined.

Zechariah 12:3

all that burdened themselves with it shall be cut in pieces,

This doesn't mean the nations are going to be torn apart but the point is: as each one tries to propose their solution, in short order that's just going to fall apart on them. They are going to be ashamed that they even proposed it.

It has become an *intellectual puzzle* for them. They try to propose their solution and it all falls apart.

He says here:

Zechariah 12:3

though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Notice it says *all the people*. In Spanish it says *all the nations*, right? *They shall be gathered together*, in other words: *united*.

Well what do we have there? The *United Nations*.

And again, every time Israel tries to do something, here they come *against it*. It's not yet militarily but it is, we can say, politically or administratively.

Zechariah 12:4

In that day, saith the LORD,

Now we're going to something, it's going to go *beyond* just the political realm.

It says:

Zechariah 12:4

In that day, saith the LORD, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness.

We know that wars are no longer fought on horseback but the Lord is using the terminology of what they used *in that day* to give us some *insight*.

Now we can just imagine being on a horse, maybe it's new to the battlefield. It hasn't heard the shouting and the explosions or the swords. It hasn't seen the fires and it just panics. You don't want to be on top of that horse, it's not going to go well for you.

He's giving *an example* of the way wars used to be fought but we know man today: oh they really trust in their technology, oh they've got all kinds of incredible strategies. But just let a communication signal go out, let the computer program get messed up and it doesn't take long, everything is chaos.

At the same time, the Lord can give courage to the Jews and make sure all their communications are working. And He's even going to *intervene supernaturally* on top of all of that.

So he says here:

Zechariah 12:5

And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart,

It doesn't say they're going to come out and make a public statement to the world but *they're going to say in their heart*.

When we look at the government that's there today, I have to say: it's getting very close to this.

Zechariah 12:5

shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the LORD of hosts their God.

Praise the Lord.

There's going to come a time, they're *not* going to look to the West for help but they're going to *look up* for their help *to Jehovah God*.

We're getting very close to that *today*.

I will say: keep watching the news at what is happening in Israel and what is happening in Iran too. Of course we haven't even touched on Russia. That's more for the Ezekiel 37-38 war.

I'm going to go ahead and close with this.

I just thank the Lord that we have this information and we can see what is unfolding before us today.

Again there's a lot we haven't even touched as to Israel's agriculture and technology, and even how they're using artificial intelligence. They are moving very quickly toward the fulfillment of these scriptures.

Let's go ahead and stand.