

ISRAEL

Reference: **Misc. Scripture**

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Introduction:

What are some differences between the Old and New Testaments? In the Old Testament

- 1) The Holy Spirit would often come upon and _____ from people—examples King Saul and Samson.
- 2) Interactions between God and humanity played out in a much more _____ way.
- 3) God dealt with humanity more so at the _____ level than at the individual level.

For every significant event in Biblical History, Prophecy and Eschatology there are both physical and spiritual reasons.

What reasons does the Bible give for the downfall of nations?

- 1) Sexual sins
- 2) Shedding much innocent blood
- 3) Hostility toward Israel.

Consider Sodom and Gomorrah, the fall of Jerusalem, and **Joel 3:19**. Egypt is only a shell of its former glory and the _____ is no more.

Trying to wrap your head around the political situation in the Middle East—Its _____!

What is going on?

- 1) Current Fighting in Gaza
 - a) What's reported on the news
 - b) How it is received in the international community
 - i. It's so obvious that Israel has the moral high ground—and it is becoming more difficult for the world to deny this fact.
 - ii. Have you ever met a Palestinian?

- 2) This is part of a larger conflict with Israel surrounded by her enemies
 - a) Show Map with tiny Israel in the midst of the Islamic world
 - i. The current conflict is just a small piece of a larger conflict with tiny Israel surrounded by enemies.
 - ii. Two million Jews in the rest of the world—that's like the population of the larger _____ metropolitan area.
 - b) Very brief description of Iran, Syria, Jordan, Egypt
- 3) Life in the Land
 - a) Jewry in Israel
 - b) Palestinians live in the biblical areas
 - c) Nazareth and Israeli Arabs
 - d) The West Bank and Settlements

How we got to Where we are

- 1) Abraham and Joshua in the land of the Canaanite
 - a) **Genesis 12:6**, The Canaanite in the Land
--Abraham came to a land with bad tenants and Joshua was supposed to evict them.
 - b) **Deuteronomy 7:6-8**, -- Why are the Jews a special people?
 - c) The prophecy that the people would be forever a thorn in the side of Israel **Numbers 33:55**
- 2) The Middle-Eastern Conquest of Islam
 - a) Mohammed
 - b) Islam spread by the sword
--Every so often another religious minority group in Iraq or Syria is on the news.
 - c) The Crusades
-Sadly there are many people in the world who associate us with the crusaders.
- 3) Return of Israel to the land and modern miracles
 - a) Establishment of the Modern State of Israel in 1948
 - b) Wars Between Israel and Muslim nations

What should be our response?

- 1) Support Israel
- 2) Know that this is all part of future prophecy
 - a) Iran and Russia will be allied against Israel
 - b) Antichrist will seemingly bring peace, but only Jesus will bring true peace
 - c) **I Thessalonians 5:3**
- 3) Be cautious not to be hyper-Zionist and have Christian love for all involved
 - a) It is not our place to make prophecy be fulfilled
-The religion of Islam is hostile toward biblical truth but so is Judaism.
 - b) God will again deal with Israel as a nation yet salvation will be on the individual level **Zechariah 12:10-14**
 - c) Both Palestinians and Israelis need Jesus