

Summer Series – “Facts for the Future”

Message Summary: Jesus had outlined what the world would be like before His coming. The descriptions Jesus and the prophets give look very much like the world today. As we read through the fulfillments of the prophecies, we notice that the world has never look like this before. Today we start with Israel because so much of Biblical prophecy revolves around them.

The World at Christ’s Second Coming, Part 1

Revelation 16:15

Much of Biblical prophecy revolves around Israel and Jesus Christ.

1. PROPHECY: God would scatter Israel among the nations because of their disobedience. **Deuteronomy 28:62,63**; Jeremiah 9:16
FULFILLMENT: In 70 A.D. the remnant of Israel was dispersed around the world and Israel cease to exist.
2. PROPHECY: Israel would be gathered as a nation at the end of time. **Ezekiel 36:24**
FULFILLMENT: Occurred May 15,1948 Israel became a nation.
3. PROPHECY: Jerusalem would be conquered and trampled by Gentles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. **Luke 21:24**
FULFILLMENT: On June 7, 1967 Israel gain control of Jerusalem after the Six Day War.
4. PROPHECY: In 7th century B.C., Jeremiah said a mass migration of Jewish people from the far north would return to the land. **Jeremiah 3:18**
FULFILLMENT: Suddenly in 1989 the Soviet Union said the Jews could return home.
5. PROPHECY: Jews would return from beyond the rivers of Ethiopia. Zephaniah 3:10
FULFILLMENT: A massive migration back to Israel started in the late 1980’s.
6. PROPHECY: Israel which was nothing but desert up until the 1940’s would become a fertile land. **Isaiah 35:1,2**
FULFILLMENT: Since 1950, Israel began planting trees and invented the drip irrigation system. Joel 2:23 predicted “the former rains” would return.
7. PROPHECY: Israel would provide food for the world. **Isaiah 27:6**
FULFILLMENT: Today, 90% of Europe’s citrus crop comes from Israel.
8. PROPHECY: Nation of Israel would be a massive unwallled village. **Ezekiel 38:11**
FULFILLED: Israel for the first time is a nation with out walls.

9. PROPHECY: There would be a peace treaty among the nations of the Middle East in the final days. Ezekiel 34:25

FULFILLMENT: In 1993, Rabin and Arafat signed a peace treaty with then President Clinton.

10. PROPHECY: People say “peace and safety” then suddenly destruction comes upon them. **1 Thessalonians 5:2,3**

FULFILLMENT: We’re living in a world that is very unstable in terms of terror and fear from military powers.

LifeGroup QUESTIONS:

BEGIN IT – (5 min) Praise the Lord & pray that God leads the study.

OPEN IT- (10 min) What is your most memorable “returning home” experience?

EXPLORE IT- (60 min) Read through the sermon points and make time for any comments people might have and shared notes.

1. What does it mean that “the time is near” and that Christ is “coming soon”?
2. What do we know about the timing of Christ’s return?
3. What are the implications for us that this present earth will pass away?
4. What are some things about earth you won’t miss in heaven?
5. Why do you think God delays His judgment when the world is already filled with evil?

APPLY IT- (15 min) What reminders can you use this week to keep the reality of Christ coming again at the front of your mind?