



The Sign Of The Restoration Of Israel

In Matthew 24 Jesus was asked by his disciples what will be signs of your coming and the end of the age.

- The beginning of sorrows(verses 1-8)
- The signs of the end(verses 9-14)
- The great tribulation(verse 15-28)

Are there others signs in the bible of the second coming of Jesus and the end of the age?

The Restoration of Israel!

At the beginning of Matthew 24 Jesus predicted the destruction of Jerusalem and Israel as a nation. That happened in 70AD. In 70AD the Jewish control of government of Israel ceased to exist. It was conquered by the Romans. All elements of civil and religious rule by the Jews were eliminated. The land was sold to Gentiles. Israel was renamed Palestine. Jews were not even allowed to enter Jerusalem.

This was not the first time that the Jews had experienced this. It occurred in 586BC. The Babylonians destroyed Jerusalem and Israel and removed the Jews from their land. Most of them were taken captive and relocated to the city of Babylon. This included the prophet Daniel.

Based on the prophesies of the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 25:12 and Jeremiah 29:10 the prophet Daniel predicted the desolation of Babylon and the restoration of Israel to its land. He predicted it would begin 70 years from the time of the beginning of their captivity in Babylon.

[Daniel 9:1-2](#)

[In the first year of Darius the son of Ahasuerus, of the lineage of the Medes, who was made king over the realm of the Chaldeans — 2 in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of the years specified by the word of the Lord through Jeremiah the prophet, that He would accomplish seventy years in the desolations of Jerusalem.](#)

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Daniel also predicted when the messiah of the Jews would appear. (Daniel 9:25). This also occurred with the first coming of Jesus.

Is there a prophecy that said when the Jews would be restored to their land after they were removed from the land by the Romans in 70AD?

In Luke 21 Jesus predicted that Israel and specifically Jerusalem would be occupied by the gentiles until the times of the gentiles are fulfilled.

Luke 21:24

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.

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Instead of giving a specific number of years in this prophecy, Jesus gave a specific event that would be fulfilled; the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled?

Is the times of the Gentiles near fulfillment?

One of the signs that this sign is near fulfillment is what has occurred in Israel in the last 135 years.

After 70AD, for over 1800 years, Israel was trampled by gentiles. In the years following 1880 thousands of Jews began to return to the land of Palestine due to persecution in various places.

With the collapse of the Turkish Ottoman Empire during World War I, Britain took over Palestine. In 1917, Britain issued the "Balfour Declaration," which declared its intent to establish a Jewish homeland in Palestine. Although protested by the Arab states, the Balfour Declaration was included in the British mandate over Palestine, which was authorized by the League of Nations in 1922.

Finally, on May 14, 1948, the first prime minister of the new Israel declared Israel to be a Jewish state. At midnight British rule ended and the new Jewish state was born. The gentile's occupation of Israel and at least part of Jerusalem came to end.

The apostle Paul added to the prophecy of Jesus when he predicted that after the times of the gentiles are fulfilled, all Israel would be saved.

Rom. 11:25-29

25 For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written:

"The Deliverer will come out of Zion,
And He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob;
27 For this is My covenant with them,
When I take away their sins."

28 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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Paul was quoting the prophet of Isaiah in Isaiah 59:20-21.

This final restoration of the land to the Jews and the conversion of the Jews was predicted by a number of prophets in the Old Testament.

Isa 11:10-12

10 "And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse,
Who shall stand as a banner to the people;
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,
And His resting place shall be glorious."

11 It shall come to pass in that day
That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time
To recover the remnant of His people who are left,
From Assyria and Egypt,
From Pathros and Cush,
From Elam and Shinar,
From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations,
And will assemble the outcasts of Israel,
And gather together the dispersed of Judah
From the four corners of the earth.
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Zech. 12:8-10

8 In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the Lord before them. 9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 "And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn.
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This second outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jews will occur on the feast of tabernacles.

According to the law God gave to Moses, the Jews had three grand original festivals, which characterized different epoch events in their history. (Exodus 23:14-17).

Each one of these feasts also foreshadowed three epoch events in their future as a nation.

1. **The feast of the Passover.**

The commemoration of their departure from Egypt. The Jews were delivered from Egypt by the sacrifice of a lamb.

Jesus the messiah died for the sins of Israel on the day of the Passover.

2. [The feast of Pentecost.](#)

The commemoration of the giving of the law upon Mount Sinai.

Jesus the messiah sent the Holy Spirit to the Jews on the day of Pentecost.

3. [The feast of tabernacles](#)

The commemoration of their wandering forty years in the wilderness and their entrance into the Promised Land.

Jesus the messiah will send a second outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the Jews. He will save the Jews once and for all time from their long wandering in the wilderness of sin and they will receive what God promised Abraham and his descendants.

The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost was the fulfillment of the promise of the early rain. The outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Jews on Tabernacles will be the fulfillment of the promise of the latter rain.

Just as Jesus died on one day and the Holy Spirit came on one day, the Jews will turn to Jesus on one day.

1. [The feast of Passover-the sacrifice of Jesus Christ](#)
2. [The feast of Pentecost-the early rain of the Holy Spirit](#)
3. [The feast of Tabernacles-the latter rain of the Holy Spirit](#)

The feast of tabernacles begins this year on Sunday evening, September 27. Could this year be the year that the Lord saves the Jews once and for all time from their long wandering in the wilderness of sin?

There are some other significant days for Israel this September. At sun down on September 13, **2015**, it will be the official end of the **Shemitah** year, which is also called the sabbatical year. (Exodus 23:10-11).

[Shemitah Year=The last year of a 7 year cycle in Israel](#)

According to the Law of Moses the Shemitah year was to be honored by the Jews every seven years. The Shemitah year was a year of rest for the land of Israel and release for those who were in debt. And all debts, except those of foreigners, were to be cancelled.

Sun down on September 13 is also believed to be the beginning of the year of Jubilee which occurs they year after every 7 Shemitahs. The year of Jubilee was a year for canceling all debts and returning land to its previous owners. The beginning of the year of Jubilee was announced with the sound of a shofar or a trumpet.

In the United States in this century, our economy and our global economy has been shaken on the last day of the last two shemitahs.

On the last day of the Shemitah in 2001, the United States stock market had the greatest one day point loss in its history. 684.81 points.

This followed 9/11.

On the last day of the Shemitah in 2008, the United States stock market again had its greatest one day point loss in its history. 777.68 points.

This was followed by series of very black days on the stock market.

The two greatest one day stock-market crashes in American history both took place on the exact same Biblical day! Coincidence?

As we approach the last day of the Shemitah in 2015 which is September 13, the stock market has already begun to be erratic.

It appears to that God has chosen to shake our country and the world economically on the Shemitah.

Matthew 24:32-35

32 "Now learn this parable from the fig tree: When its branch has already become tender and puts forth leaves, you know that summer is near. 33 So you also, when you see all these things, know that it is near — at the doors! 34 Assuredly, I say to you, this generation will by no means pass away till all these things take place. 35 Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will by no means pass away.

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Since the church was born the apostles admonished the church to live with an anticipation that their redemption was near and urged them to prepare themselves for the coming of Jesus. They constantly reminded the church that their lives were brief and that they would soon meet the Lord either through death or in the clouds.

Our generation has even more reasons to live our lives in anticipation of the coming of Jesus. We know there is an appointed time for His coming that is approaching with every second that ticks off the clock. There has never been a time in human history that so many signs are converging. We have no idea what day or hour Jesus will come but we can see the signs.

The fig tree has become tender and is sprouting it's leaves. The summer is near. Jesus is at the door. Before this world passes away, the Words of Jesus will come to pass.

How should we change our lives based on this message?

- Prepare for judgment
- Prepare for persecution

Understand the times. As the world gets darker those who love the darkness will hate the light. There will be less and less grey areas. You will either be for Jesus or against Him.

- [Prepare for opportunity](#)

Turn from anything that should not be in your life and turn to everything the Lord has for your life. The Lord will anoint those who are all in. Don't miss the opportunities the Lord has for you.

- [Prepare for deception.](#)

Be even more intentional about learning God's Word. The only way to protect yourself from deception is to be grounded in the truth.

- [Prepare for tribulation](#)

Those people who are wise see evil and hide themselves. You hide yourself in tribulation through prayer and worship in the presence of God. Get more intentional about your relationship with God. Make it a priority to spend time alone with Him and His Word. Make it a priority to spend time with His people.