

ISRAEL: THE KEY TO THE END TIMES

EZEKIEL 37 & ROMANS 11

MAIN TAKEAWAY

Israel holds great significance as the historical and prophetic epicenter of the Bible. It is the land given by God to the Jewish people and the focal point of biblical events and promises. Many prophecies in the Bible center around Israel and the Jews, foretelling God's redemptive plan for His chosen people.

INTRODUCTION

As your group time begins, use this section to introduce the topic of discussion.

Regarding current events and the End Times, Pastor Greg said, "Things are not falling apart; they are falling *into place*." In contrast to bad news or fearful news, how do you focus on the *good news* of Jesus, knowing His promise is true and return is sure?

UNDERSTANDING

Unpack the biblical text to discover what the Scripture says or means about a particular topic.

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EZEKIEL 37:1-6, 11-14

The nation Israel is the key to the End Times, and the city of Jerusalem will be a focal point of the End Times. How has this been evident in history? How might this explain why there is hatred for the Jews and hostility toward Jerusalem (Zechariah 12:2-3)?

A sign of the End Times is the regathering of the Jews in Israel. Why is the miraculous forming of Israel's nation on May 14, 1948, a "super sign" in biblical prophecy?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ EZEKIEL 38:2-6, 10-11

After being regathered in their land, Israel will be attacked. What is the common

denominator of the nations mentioned in this passage?

God will intervene on Israel's behalf (v.18). Why is God's hot anger aroused? What happens as a result of God's intervention (Ezekiel 39:25-29)?

HAVE A VOLUNTEER READ ROMANS 11:25-26

A spiritual awakening will happen to the Jewish people. How is spiritual blindness replaced with faith in Christ? How have you experienced this, and how are you seeing this in the Jewish people?

God wants to use us to bless the people who have blessed us (Genesis 12:2-3; Romans 11:14). How have the Jewish people blessed us, and how can we bless them? How can our faith in Jesus make others spiritually "jealous"?

God is waiting for the complete number of Gentiles to come to Christ. God is a promise-keeper, and every soul matters to God. How do these truths compel you to share the gospel with those who need to hear it?

APPLICATION

Help your group identify how the truths from the Scripture passage apply directly to their lives.

How do others notice the way you walk with God? Are you a *bridge* or a *barrier* to people coming to Christ? How can you be more mindful of the way you represent Jesus to a watching world?

God keeps His promises with the Jewish people and with you. How do God's promises give you comfort and hope (Psalm 119:49-50; John 14:1-4)? Which of God's promises is especially important to you right now?

This Week's Assignment: Intentionally pray for Israel this week. Reach out to Jewish friends and tell them that, as Christians, we love them and are praying for them.

PRAYER

Give thanks to God for His promises, to the Jewish people and to you. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Psalm 122:6). Pray for perspective and passion as we live in the End Times—that others may see your walk with God and desire to know Jesus.