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Parallel Restoration of Israel and the Church

There are many signs that point to the end of the world. Jesus spoke of wars, earthquakes, famines and plagues, but these have been troubling humanity throughout history. The sign that is new is the restoration of Israel. Her rebirth and international progress is the most significant indicator of God's prophetic time clock. International threats continue to mount against Israel. Eventually, all nations will march against her in war. The Bible calls that the battle of Armageddon. That battle may still be some time off, but today, as I write, President Obama meets with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu to pressure Israel to give the Palestinian people land that God promised Israel. America, who has been Israel's ally is becoming more antagonistic. Regardless of these pressures, the Bible teaches that Israel and the Church will have a season of restoration and revival before the Lord returns. Here is a brief study of the parallel restoration of Israel and the Church.

Without understanding from the Bible, it is hard to imagine an increase of land and a national revival for Israel. It is equally difficult to see that the greatest revival in history is still coming to the Church. The Bible says that these revivals will come when gross darkness covers the people of the earth (Isa. 60:1-2, Rev. 7:4-13.) Believers see the increase of godlessness all around them but few understand that history's greatest revivals are also coming. Some call this time of revivals, "the one new man anointing." Jesus paid for many things when He died on the cross. He took our sin, judgment, curses and sickness. He gave us eternal life, His Holy Spirit and a promise that we would be like Him. What Jesus did was amazing and every benefit will come to us in time. One thing that Jesus paid for on the cross was the removal of the wall of hostility between Jews and Gentiles (Eph.2:13-18.) This has never been fleshed out in practical terms but we will see Messiah-embracing-Jews partner with the Church in the greatest revivals ever. We will see more anointing, miracles and salvations than history has ever known. The one new man anointing will be a resurrection from the dead for both Jews and Gentiles.

The parallel restoration of Israel and the Church has already begun. It started more than 100 years ago.

1. About 125 years ago there was a coming together of prominent Jews who talked of a Jewish homeland. The movement was called Zionism. God used it to bring about the rebirth of the Jewish nation. At the same time God released an outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the Church. People were baptized in the Holy Spirit and began speaking in tongues and the Pentecostal movement was born.
2. Then in 1917, WWI came to an end. The British army, led by General Allenby, drove the Ottoman Muslim Turks out of the holy land. As the Jews returned to their homeland they faced strong opposition. At the same time the Pentecostal movement was branded a cult. Those who experienced the move of God were called names like Holy Rollers. They were ostracized and persecuted by the traditional Church.
3. In 1948, Israel became a nation; her rebirth as, promised in scripture, became a reality. At the same

time, the “Latter Rain Movement,” was emerging. Powerful evangelists led many to Christ as they performed miraculous signs and wonders. Amazing healings were happening through the ministry of Oral Roberts, T.L. Osborn, A. A. Allen, William Branham, Kathryn Kuhlman and hundreds of others.

4. Then in 1967, Israel fought the Six Days War. Five Arab nations attacked and Israel overpowered all of them. This resulted in Israel’s greatest military victory of all time. She gained the Golan Heights, the Sinai Peninsula, the West bank and all of Jerusalem. At the same time, The Jesus People Movement broke loose as thousands of hippies came to Christ. New churches sprung up around the world and mainline churches embraced the Charismatic Movement as many of their people were filled with the Holy Spirit.

5. Since the 70’s, Israel has been accosted. Suicide bombers have terrorized her and border wars have increased. The world has shifted in favor of the Palestinians and more nations now stand against Israel. The Church has been attacked as well. Since the 80s, many churches have closed. In-house fighting and church politics have wounded ministers and workers and many have stepped away from the church. The Charismatic movement has come into disfavor with the mainline churches, much of the Church has slid into immorality and many have

initiated politically correct gatherings rather than rise to the standard of New Testament church life. Mature believers know that the Church is fighting for her life. This is where we are today but the greatest move of God in history is coming, both for Israel and the Church.

Let’s look to the future. In Revelation 7 we find 2 end-time revivals. The 1st is in vs. 4 - 8. It includes a symbolic 144,000 Israelites. That is unmistakably, a Jewish revival. Following the Jewish revival, the largest revival in history comes (see Rev. 7:9-13.) It comes to every nation and is so large that no one can count the numbers. I think a billion people will be saved.

Then comes the most powerful time in all of history for Israel and the Church. In Revelation 11 the prophetic remnant of the Church and the prophetic leaders of Messiah-receiving-Israel step forward as the 2 end-time witnesses (the one new man anointing). They are identified, not once, but in 3 different ways, so it is hard to misunderstand who they are. The 2 witnesses are the Church and saved Israel. Here are the 3 ways the Bible identifies them. They are the 2 witnesses, the 2 olive trees and the 2 lampstands. First, the people of the Church are called witnesses in Acts 1:8 and the Jews are called witnesses in Jeremiah 44:8. The second identifying clue is that these witnesses are called the two olive trees (Rev. 11:4.) The olive trees in scripture always refer to Israel, (the natural olive tree) and the Gentile Church (the wild olive tree.) See Romans 11:17-24. The

third way the Bible identifies the 2 witnesses is by calling them the 2 lampstands (Rev. 11:4.) We know from Revelation 1:20 that the lampstands are churches. The Bible tells us of 2 different churches. We know that the church of the nations was born on the day of Pentecost, but God tells us that Israel was also His church (see Acts 7:38, Mt.18:17.)

So we ask ourselves, who are God’s 2 witnesses, 2 olive trees and 2 lampstands. There is one consistent answer in the Bible - Israel and the Church. Both are saved in Christ and together they have a parallel restoration at the end of the age.

If you recognize Israel and the Church as God’s end-time witnesses then Revelation 11 and 12 tells you further things about their future. Israel and the Church will rule the world with a rod of iron; prophesy the testimony of God’s powerful plan for His people, have supernatural power and during their brief rule, will end abortion, political corruption, pornography and other outward demonstrations of harmful vice. For details on this Biblical teaching read, “Unexpected Fire” and “Israel’s Coming Revival.”

If you embrace the Biblical view of a parallel restoration of Israel and the Church, you will gain wisdom and amazing faith for the future. You will understand how to pray and how to partner with heaven for the end-time purposes of God. **AΩ**



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