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Jesus Christ Second Coming – Lesson 15

Tribulation 09

Israel will go through Tribulation

First this tribulation is called as Jacob's trouble.

Jeremiah 30:7, *Alas! For that day is great, So that none is like it; **And it is the time of Jacob's trouble**, But he shall be saved out of it.*

The above verse shows us two things

1. Its Jacobs trouble
2. They will be saved

For those who we are the house of Jacob,

Luke 1:31-33, ³¹ *And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call **His name Jesus**.* ³² *He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David.* ³³ *And **He will reign over the house of Jacob forever**, and of **His kingdom there will be no end.***"

Introduction

The books of the Old Testament prophets are filled with tribulation messages, including Isaiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Joel, Zephaniah, Zechariah, and many others. Jesus Christ spoke, Peter spoke of it in early Acts, and Paul wrote about it in his two letters to the Thessalonians. There is far more written about the tribulation outside of the book of Revelation than there is inside the book of Revelation.

The Scattering and Regathering of Israel

In the Old Testament, God foretold that He would remove the nation of Israel from their land which He had given them and would scatter them into all nations where they would be greatly persecuted.

Deuteronomy 28:63-67, ⁶³ *And it shall be, that just as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.* ⁶⁴ *“Then the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods, which neither you nor your fathers have known—wood and stone.* ⁶⁵ *And among those nations you shall find no rest, nor shall the sole of your foot have a resting place; but*

there the Lord will give you a trembling heart, failing eyes, and anguish of soul. ⁶⁶Your life shall hang in doubt before you; you shall fear day and night, and have no assurance of life. ⁶⁷In the morning you shall say, 'Oh, that it were evening!' And at evening you shall say, 'Oh, that it were morning!' because of the fear which terrifies your heart, and because of the sight which your eyes see.

The history has shown us how the nation of Israel had been scattered through the centuries before they started to have their own land back in 1967.

Deuteronomy 30:1-3, *"Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, ²and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, ³that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you.*

Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, conquered Israel more than 2500 years before. From that time till 1967 they have been scattered, though a small fragment have returned still a large number is outside.

God spoke through Prophet Hosea about the same scattering and regathering them.

Hosea 3:4-5, ⁴ *For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or sacred pillar, without ephod or teraphim.* ⁵ *Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God and David their king. They shall fear the Lord and His goodness in the latter days.*

God spoke through prophet Hosea, saying that,

- No king
- No prince
- No sacrifice
- No ephod
- No teraphim

They will turn to Lord in latter days they will return and seek the Lord and David as their king, this is very clear indication of the last days.

Jeremiah 16:14-15, ¹⁴ *“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’* ¹⁵ *but, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from*

all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

Amos 9:9, *“For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.*

They will be scattered among the all nations, if we look at the dispersed people of Israel we can see the hand of God in dispersing them.

Isaiah 11:11-12, *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*

God speaks through prophet Isaiah that He will bring them second time, and also, they are the remnant. From all the nations, when they were thrown away from their land they did not move to these above mentioned many nations but they have eventually moved away.

Ezekiel 34:12-13, ¹²*As a shepherd seeks out his flock on the day he is among his scattered sheep, so will I seek out*

My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day.¹³ And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land; I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, in the valleys and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Ezekiel 37, Dry bones prophesy is for the house of Israel. If you read the whole passage you will find that God is raising up an army for Israel.

Ezekiel 37:11-14, *¹¹ Then He said to me, “Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They indeed say, ‘Our bones are dry, our hope is lost, and we ourselves are cut off!’¹² Therefore prophesy and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Behold, O My people, I will open your graves and cause you to come up from your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.¹³ Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves, O My people, and brought you up from your graves.¹⁴ I will put My Spirit in you, and you shall live, and I will place you in your own land. Then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken it and performed it,” says the Lord.”*

God will raise up the dead army both physically as well as spiritually so that God’s name will be glorified among the nations.

Zephaniah 1:14-15, *The great day of the Lord is near; It is near and hastens quickly. The noise of the day of the Lord is bitter; There the mighty men shall cry out. ¹⁵ That day is a day of wrath, A day of trouble and distress, A day of devastation and desolation, A day of darkness and gloominess, A day of clouds and thick darkness,*

So, we can understand that God is going to bring the people Israel back into their home country and they are going to face the tribulation for rejecting the Lord Jesus Christ.

Zechariah 13:8-9, *And it shall come to pass in all the land,” Says the Lord, “That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it: ⁹ I will bring the one-third through the fire, Will refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them. I will say, ‘This is My people’; And each one will say, ‘The Lord is my God.’”*

2/3 of the people will die and only 1/3 of the people will be saved through fire.

The nation of Israel will be established before the tribulation by God and they will be scattered again during the time of Tribulation.

Revelation 7:4, *⁴And I heard the number of those who were sealed. One hundred and forty-four thousand of all the tribes of the children of Israel were sealed:*

We could see the preaching of the Gospel is changed again to the Jews. They are not gentiles. This shows that the church will be raptured back to be with Jesus before the Tribulation begins on the earth. Next lesson we will see clearly who are these 144,000.

Revelation 11:8 & 13, *⁸And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.*

¹³In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Revelation 12:13-14, *¹³Now when the dragon saw that he had been cast to the earth, he persecuted the woman who gave birth to the male Child. ¹⁴But the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness to her place, where she is nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.*

We see the series of events taking place. Gospel is preached by the 144,000 people.

Great earthquake and people are getting killed.

At this time Israel was given wings to fly.

Fly to where?

To the wilderness, here we can see again that they will be chased away from their city for 3 ½ years.

Then the Lord returns and the millennium starts.

The nation should have the Land.

For Israel to go through the Great Tribulation they should possess their own land. So we will look at two covenant, one happened between God and Israel another one will be with Antichrist and World leader.

God and Israel

Let us look once again the covenant God made with Abraham.

Genesis 12:1-3, *Now the Lord had said to Abram: "Get out of your country, From your family And from your father's house, To a land that I will show you. ²I will make you a great nation; I will bless you And make your name*

*great; And you shall be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And **in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.**"*

When God called Abraham, he was living in Ur, which belongs to Chaldeans.

V2, God makes this covenant with Abraham in a personal level.

In V3, God extends this covenant to all the families of the earth. From the seed of Abraham nation's will rise.

V7, God confirms that the land will be given to Abraham's descendent

God promise that He will give this land. The land is described in **Genesis 13:14 - 16**, ¹⁴*And the Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him: "Lift your eyes now and look from the place where you are—northward, southward, eastward, and westward; ¹⁵for all the land which you see **I give to you and your descendants forever.** ¹⁶And I will make your descendants as the dust of the earth; so that if a man could number the dust of the earth, then your descendants also could be numbered.*

God said to Abraham I will give this land to your descendants forever.

The dimension of the land is in **Genesis 15:18-20**, ¹⁸ *On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying: “To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates—* ¹⁹ *the Kenites, the Kenezites, the Kadmonites,* ²⁰ *the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Rephaim,* ²¹ *the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites.”*

So, the land between the river of Nile and Euphrates.

Genesis 17:1-8, *When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. ²And I will make My covenant between Me and you, and will multiply you exceedingly.” ³Then Abram fell on his face, and God talked with him, saying: ⁴“As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations. ⁵No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you a father of many nations. ⁶I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you. ⁸Also I give to you and your descendants after you*

the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

- God makes a covenant with Abraham saying I will make a nation from you.
- Through Abraham all the families of the nations will be blessed.
- God will give Abraham the land between Nile and Euphrates.
- The land will be given to Abraham's descendant.
- God promised this land will be an everlasting possession to Israel.
- God had in His mind for eternity that the descendant of Abraham would be in the land possessing them.

The promise of God was that "I have made a promise with myself". God swore with Himself. Therefore, nothing to violate it.

Why?

Abraham's obedience had sealed the unconditional character of the covenant for all time it cannot be violated. So, Scripture tells us that God has a future for Israel. The nation of Israel.

Psalm 89:34, *My covenant I will not break, Nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.*

God will fulfil His words without any problem.

Therefore, you will find in the Great Tribulation that the Jews have been asked to flee from their land.

Matthew 24:16, *“then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

Bible also says that the Israelites will have Kingdom. Now the kingdom will be after the tribulation.

If Israel is going to be around to get the land and the kingdom, then surely, they have got to be around during the tribulation.

So, the first covenant confirms that the nation of Israel will go through Tribulation.

Satanic Covenant

Daniel 9:27, *Then he shall confirm a covenant with many for one week; But in the middle of the week He shall bring an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall be one who makes desolate, Even until the consummation, which is determined, Is poured out on the desolate.”*

Treaty for 7 years with the nation of Israel with the world leader, namely Antichrist.

But for Israel to do the worship and sacrifice there is only one problem which is the temple, the Mosque of Omar is standing there.

Satan, the world leader is going to give power to Jews to worship and sacrifice God. By doing this he may sign a treaty with Israel.

Political ruler will work with Israel for 3 ½ years of peace. He will gain full control of the Worldly system.

After 3 ½ years he will force Israel to stop their worship and sacrifice and he will command them to worship him.

2 Thessalonians 2:4, *who opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.*

Revelation 13:8, *All who dwell on the earth will worship him, whose names have not been written in the Book of Life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*

Revelation 13:12, *And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those*

who dwell in it **to worship the first beast**, whose deadly wound was healed.

This is the abomination! Setting himself as God.

Daniel 9:27 until the full term of 7 years.

Matthew 24 Jesus ask the Jews to take off and run away from Judea ...

Daniel 7:25, he will wear out the saints of Most High

Daniel 12:1, *“At that time Michael shall stand up, The great prince who stands watch over the sons of **your people**; And there shall be a time of trouble, Such as never was since there was a nation, Even to that time. And at that time your people shall be delivered, Every one who is found written in the book.*

Archangel Michael explained to Daniel this is the trouble of ‘your’ people, not gentiles.

Israel will be saved through the tribulation:

Jeremiah 31:8-10, *Behold, I will bring them from the north country, And gather them from the ends of the earth, Among them the blind and the lame, The woman with child And the one who labors with child, together; A great throng shall return there. ⁹They shall come with weeping, And with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, In a straight way in which they shall not stumble; For I am a Father to Israel, And Ephraim is My firstborn. ¹⁰“Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, And declare it in the isles afar off, and say, ‘He who scattered Israel will gather him, And keep him as a shepherd does his flock.’*

God is gathering and He will gather the entire population from all over the world.

As of 2016, the total number of Jews people in the World is 17.3 million. Of which 7 million people reside in Israel and 6 million people in USA. UK has 300,000 people and India has 5,000 living there. For the last 20 years there are about 550,000 people have moved into Israel from different parts of the world. This is just a fraction of the population staying outside their home land.

God spoke through the Prophet Ezekiel saying how HE is going to make them as one nation and prepare them for being one in Hand of God.

Ezekiel 37: 15-28 there is a symbolic acts God was asking Prophet Ezekiel to do.

V15-16, ¹⁶ *“As for you, son of man, take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.’ Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.’ ¹⁷ Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.*

First God told the prophet to do symbolically then afterwards here He says that He will do it! Physically and spiritually.

V19, ¹⁹ *say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.”’*

So, this ‘aliyah’ back to Jerusalem is just the beginning but they will be chased away again.

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Isaiah 43:5, Fear not, for I am with you; I will bring your descendants **from the east**, And **gather you from the west**;

Jeremiah 32:37, Behold, I will gather them **out of all countries** where I have driven them in My anger, in My fury, and in great wrath; I will bring them back to this place, and **I will cause them to dwell safely**.

Glorious promise for Israel for restoration.

Isaiah 1:24-28, Therefore the Lord says, The Lord of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, "Ah, I will rid Myself of My adversaries, And take vengeance on My enemies. ²⁵ I will turn My hand against you, **And thoroughly purge away your dross**, And **take away all your alloy**. ²⁶ I will restore your judges as at the first, And your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you shall be called the city of righteousness, the faithful city." ²⁷ **Zion shall be redeemed with justice**, And her penitents with righteousness. ²⁸ The destruction of transgressors and of sinners shall

be together, And those who forsake the Lord shall be consumed.

Here we see that God will have

- vengeance upon His enemies,
- purify the nation of Israel,
- restore Israel's judges, and
- destroy the transgressors and sinners.

All of this is leading up to yet another purpose which follows in the early verses of the very next chapter

Isaiah 2:1-4, *The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. ² Now it shall come to pass in the latter days That the mountain of the Lord's house Shall be established on the top of the mountains, And shall be exalted above the hills; And all nations shall flow to it. ³ Many people shall come and say, "Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, To the house of the God of Jacob; He will teach us His ways, And we shall walk in His paths." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, And the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. ⁴ He shall judge between the nations, And rebuke many people; They shall beat their swords into plowshares, And their spears into pruning hooks; Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, Neither shall they learn war anymore.*

When the Great Tribulation takes place once again the nation of Israel will run for their life and they will be finally established in the millennium, in the Kingdom.

Finally look at **Zechariah 12:10**, “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.

Zechariah 13:1 “*In that day a fountain shall be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness.*”

Blood of Jesus will wash away every sin!

From this lesson we can clearly identify that the nation of Israel will go through Great Tribulation and those who repent will be saved by God’s mercy.

