



# Is War in Israel a Sign of the End of the Age?

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War in Israel, and particularly the battle for Jerusalem, sends those who know their Bibles to key Bible verses. The re-establishment of Israel in 1948 was a pivotal event in the fulfillment of biblical prophecy.

The prophet Ezekiel, writing over 2,500 years ago, spoke of a future restoration of Israel:

“ Thus says the Lord GOD: “Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land.” (Ezekiel 37:21)

In 70 AD, Israel was scattered among the nations. The Jews had no homeland for 2,000 years, until 1948, when they became a nation in one day. The prophet Isaiah said:

“ Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day?  
Or shall a nation be born at once? (Isaiah 66:8)

This is what Jesus said of that event:

“ 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. (Luke 21:24)

Since that time, there has been continual conflict between Muslims and Jews for Jerusalem, and none of the nations know how to handle what is commonly called the ongoing “Middle East crisis.” Look at this prophetic passage from Zechariah, written thousands of years ago, as it addresses the crisis of Jerusalem:

“ Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples, when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem. And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it. (Zechariah 12:2-3)

In the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus spoke of wars being a sign of the end of the age:

“ And you will hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not troubled; for all these things must come to pass, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. (Matthew 24:6-7)

All this will climax with the Battle of Armageddon. Revelation 16:16 speaks of the gathering of nations at a place called Armageddon, a term synonymous with a final, cataclysmic battle. Jesus said, “Now when these things begin to happen, look up and lift up your heads, because your redemption draws near” (Luke 21:28).

So, what should we do? Firstly, we should make sure that we are right with God by trusting in the Savior. Secondly, we must pray for the peace of Jerusalem and, at the same time, take the gospel to the unsaved.

The Scriptures tells us how the apostle Paul did just that: “So when they had appointed him a day, many came to him at his lodging, to whom he explained and solemnly testified of the kingdom of God, persuading them concerning Jesus from both the Law of Moses and the Prophets, from morning till evening” (Acts 28:23).

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Notice how the apostle Paul persuaded men concerning Jesus. His approach was twofold. Firstly, he spoke to them out of the Law of Moses. Nothing persuades a sinner that he’s in great danger more than the realization that he has broken the moral Law (the Ten Commandments) and is justly on his way to Hell. Secondly, Paul spoke to them from prophets. Bible prophecy shows the hand of God in Scripture because only He knows the future, and He has declared it from the beginning until the end. An often overlooked sign of the end times is that the gospel will be preached to all nations. Here are the words of Jesus:

“ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come. (Matthew 24:14)

Let’s do that. With the help of God, let’s use every moment of our time to reach out to the lost.

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**Kristen Blakens** | 8 months ago  
I understand that all people involved in this current war in Israel must just be going through a hard time...and I understand the need and desire to help and pray for Israel as the Word tells us to. But I feel led to say that some people are still hateful and bitter and angry at some of their close brothers and sisters in Christ...in their own small worlds...and they’re going on and on about what’s happening over there. Like, take a chill pill and start loving your neighbour first, your church family first...then you can think about the crisis overseas. God is in control, these things have to happen as the Bible says, but we are not to be anxious about anything. Don’t forget your own small worlds at a time like this- it’s important to God just as much.

**Tdubb** | 2 months ago | edited  
Those who say they are but are not and are the children of the devil will be wiped out. Fake Js will be removed and the lost tribes will come back together and live on peacefully. We’ve seen a movie for hundreds of years and the real characters are soon to be exposed and eliminated. They are bringing it on themselves.

**Jim** | 8 months ago  
Israel today? Physical Israel is the country, Spiritual Israel is the Church universal.

**Phillip** | 8 months ago | edited  
Biblical Prophecy makes it very clear that Israel is a nation state in the End Times. Psalms 83, for example, makes it very clear that a confederacy of Nations will conspire to destroy Israel. It is impossible that they will hunt and track down Christians from all places on Earth. They don’t have the capacity, and they don’t hate Christians in the same way they hate the existence of the Nation of Israel.

But the entire situation is Spiritual, as their aim is to make the World forget about Israel, and his covenant to the entire World, making God a liar.

**Web Watchers** | 8 months ago  
Is War in Israel a Sign of the End of the Age? Even the Apostles thought they were in the end times and Christ would return before their deaths.

**pZak** | 7 months ago  
He did. In 70 AD. He returned in judgement. He used the same images used in the Old Testament to denote judgement. His audience would have understood exactly what He was saying. You are correct in using the phrase ‘end of the age’. The translation in Matthew 24 should be ‘end of the age’ not ‘end of the world’ as the KJV has it. The Greek word is aion, from which we get our word eon. You are wrong in thinking the apostles thought they were in the end times. They use the term ‘last days’ referring to the Jewish nation, that is why they only sold their property in Jerusalem, nowhere else, they knew its days were numbered. Just like Christ said. The Jewish age ended with the destruction of the temple.

**The Source** | 8 months ago  
So who then is ‘Israel’ today? Is it the Christ deniers? wherever they may live on Earth or even in the boundaries of the present day nation of Israel?

**NoParties** | 8 months ago  
Romans Chapters 9 through 11 will answer that.

**Douglas magill** | 7 months ago  
Not all Jewish people have rejected Adonai Yehoshua HaMashiach (The Lord Jesus The Messiah), have you never heard of a Messianic Jew or Messianic Jewish Synagogues. You are an anti-Semite. The State of Israel is in fulfillment of prophecy in the Holy Scriptures.

Matthew 25:40 KJV And the King [Adonai Yehoshua HaMashiach (The Lord Jesus The Messiah)] shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren [the Jewish People], ye have done it unto me.

**ARedeemedProdigal** | 8 months ago  
G-d always keeps His promises. See Jeremiah 31:35,36 for proof. G-d never lies. And looking out my window, yep, the sun still shines by day, and the moon and stars still shine by night. His chosen are back in the land and Yeshua Ha Mashiach will return soon as He promised. Even so, Lord Jesus, come quickly. Amen.

**pZak** | 7 months ago  
Jeremiah was written during the Babylonian dispersion. They came back to the land in Nehemiah and Ezra, within the 70 years as promised. Jeremiah has nothing to do with today, other than an example to us of God’s faithfulness.

**Douglas magill** | 7 months ago | edited  
pZak you are just one more anti-Semite that seem to abound in these last days! You are very wrong and very ignorant about Jeremiah 31. Jeremiah 31 is about the Jewish people and the State of Israel today. Get a clue!

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“Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you (the Jewish people, ie 70AD) and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.” Matthew 21:43  
In other words, those who actually believe what He said.

“But it is not that the word of God has taken no effect. For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but, ‘In Isaac your seed shall be called.’ That is, those who are the children of the flesh, these are NOT the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.” Romans 9:6-8

“For there is NO distinction between Jew and Greek, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him.” Romans 10:12  
It is not antisemitic to believe ‘Adonai Yehoshua HaMashiach (The Lord Jesus The Messiah)’ and those He inspired. All my clues are from the Word of God, not newspaper preachers who have yet to be right.

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