

# IT MIGHT BE TODAY

## *"Homecoming"*

We focus on prophecy each week for about five-minutes. It's more than a curiosity; it's extremely practical. The apostle Paul said: "[know] the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep; for now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed" (Romans 13:11).

After discussing the last days, the apostle Peter said, "what manner *of persons* ought you to be in holy conduct and godliness, looking for and hastening the coming of the day of God" (Second Peter 3:11-12).

Many of the prophecies of the last days involve the Jewish people, the city of Jerusalem, and the nation of Israel.

The rebirth of Israel as a modern nation inhabiting her ancient land is nothing short of miraculous. It is the direct fulfillment of many Bible prophecies.

Related to Israel becoming a nation again are prophecies that Jews from all over the world would return:

Deu 30:3 that 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.

Isa 43:6 I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' And to the south, 'Do not keep them back!' Bring My sons from afar, And My daughters from the ends of the earth

Eze 34:11 'For thus says the Lord GOD: "Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out.

Eze 34:12 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.

Eze 34:13 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.

Eze 36:24 For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land.

A population milestone was recently surpassed. According to the Immigration Minister, Israel is now home to the world's largest Jewish community, surpassing the US.

Here are a few excerpts from the article:

Since World War II, the United States has been home to the world's largest Jewish community. Numbering some four million people at the outbreak of the Second World War, the American Jewish community grew rapidly in the immediate post-war era, rising to five-and-a-half million by 1970.

The Jewish population of Israel has increased steadily since the establishment of the state in 1948, rising from some 650,000 in 1948 to 1.8 million a decade later. By 1980, there were 3.2 million Jews living in Israel, rising to 5.8 million by 2010.

According to official numbers collected by the Israeli government and provided by Immigration Minister Sofa Landver, some 5.7 million Jews now live in the US, compared to 6.6 million in Israel.

The existence of Israel, with Jews from all over the world returning to her, is prophecy being fulfilled before our very eyes.

We are not looking for any particular sign, or prophecy, to be fulfilled. Jesus promised He'd return to rapture His church - which entails the resurrection of the dead in Christ of the Church Age, then the translation from earth to Heaven of all living believers. It is presented in the Bible as an imminent event.

Are you ready for the rapture? If not, get ready, stay ready, and keep looking up. *Ready or not, Jesus is coming!*