

## The Hope of Israel

### Introduction:

- A. Premillennialists take the position that Old Testament national Israel will be restored and that modern Israel is the beginning of that restoration.

*From the time of the promise to Abraham to the present hour, the prophecies about Israel's total possession and blessing in the land have not yet been fulfilled. The pulse of history, with three successive departures and three returns, has been a dramatic one. The most dramatic events, however, are still ahead. Is the present return of Israel the beginning of the last and ultimate regathering of Israel? Is this one more in a series of current events preparing the way for the end of the Time of the Gentiles? As non-Jewish nations jockey into position for their last moments of glory and judgment, it is important to realize that after the Time of the Gentiles ends Israel will finally experience all that has been promised and hoped for since the time of Abraham (Dr. John H. Walvoord, [Chancellor, Dallas Theological Seminary], **Armageddon, Oil, and the Middle East Crisis**, [Zondervan, 1990]. 79).*

- B. It is certainly true that God promised that Israel would inherit the land of Canaan. - Genesis 12:1-3,7

- C. Has God promised to again restore national Israel to the land of Canaan?

- I. The land promise to Abraham was fulfilled. - Joshua 21:43-45

- II. Retaining the land was conditional. - Deuteronomy 5:33; 28:15,64

- A. Israel was disobedient. - 2 Kings 17:7-22; 21:1-16

- B. Thus, they were destroyed from off the land. - 2 Kings 17:5-6,23; 25:1-21

- III. Restoration to the land was conditioned upon repentance. - Deuteronomy 30:1-3

- A. Restoration was prophesied. - Jeremiah 25:11; 27:22,

- B. The restoration promises were fulfilled. - Ezra 1:1-4; 2:70; Nehemiah 7:73

- IV. God finally cast off Israel for their disobedience.

- A. God's covenant with Israel was conditional. - Exodus 19:5-6; Deuteronomy 8:19-20

- B. The covenant was broken.

1. The promise of the everlasting covenant to the seed of Abraham was the land of Canaan. - Genesis 17:7-8

2. But the seed of Abraham broke the everlasting covenant. - Isaiah 24:5

3. When Israel rejected the Son of God, God rejected Israel. - Matthew 21:33-43

- V. Old Testament national Israel cannot be restored. - Jeremiah 19:11

- A. Law of Moses - Deuteronomy 30:1-3,10; Galatians 5:1-4

- B. Levitical Priesthood - Nehemiah 12:44; Hebrews 7:11-17

- C. King in Jerusalem - Jeremiah 22:24,29-30; Matthew 1:12

“The purpose of Christ's return to the Mount of Olives will be to establish Jerusalem as the capital of His new world kingdom.” (Walvoord, p. 195)

- D. Genealogies - Nehemiah 7:5; Titus 3:9

- E. Temple Worship - 2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Hebrews 10:1-4

- VI. The only hope for Israel from God is salvation in Christ by the gospel. - Acts 26:6-7,22-23

- VII. Those in Christ are now God's Israel. - Galatians 3:26-29; Romans 2:28-29; 1 Peter 2:4-5,9

### Conclusion:

- A. God has no further place for national Israel in His plan. - Matthew 21:43

- B. The hope of both Jew and Gentile is salvation through the gospel. - Acts 26:22-23

- C. Are you God's Jew?