

Israel: *Prophecy Being Fulfilled*

Matthew 24:9 (NIV®)

"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me.

Romans 2:9–10 (NIV®)

⁹ There will be trouble and distress for every human being who does evil: **first for the Jew, then for the Gentile;** ¹⁰ but glory, honor and peace for everyone who does good: **first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.**

I. Lessons from the Land, 2024

- 1) Great sense of isolation/the great value of friendship
- 2) Grief over the great cost of freedom/survival
- 3) Generational Leadership
- 4) Hate, evil and destruction present AND can be overcome

Romans 12:21 (NIV®)

Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

- 5) Children pay a disproportionate price for our tolerance of evil . . . Holocaust museum

- 6) Peace . . . laughter in Jewish quarter

John 14:27 (NIV®)

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

- 7) Truth & Freedom

II. A Prophetic Perspective

Ezekiel 37:1–14 (NIV®)

¹ The hand of the LORD was upon me, and he brought me out **by the Spirit** of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³ He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "O Sovereign LORD, you alone know."

⁴ Then he said to me, "Prophesy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD! ⁵ This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: **I will** make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶ **I will** attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; **I will** put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. ⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe into these slain, that they may live.' " ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' " ¹² Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. ' ¹³ Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. ' ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD. ' "

A. By the Spirit

John 14:16–17 (NASB®)

¹⁶ "I will ask the Father, and He will give you **another Helper**, that He may be with you forever; ¹⁷ *that is* the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not see Him or know Him, *but* you know Him because He abides with you and will be in you.

John 14:26 (NASB®)

"But **the Helper, the Holy Spirit**, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you.

John 15:26 (NASB®)

"When **the Helper** comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, *that is* the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify about Me,

John 16:7 (NASB®)

"But I tell you the truth, it is to your advantage that I go away; for if I do not go away, **the Helper** will not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you.

For Example

Acts 16:9–10 (NIV®)

⁹ During the night Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and begging him, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." ¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

Acts 16:16–18 (NIV®)

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a slave girl who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, "These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved." ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so troubled that he turned around and said to the spirit, "In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!" At that moment the spirit left her.