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Christian Zionism, is it Correct?

A groundswell of criticism regarding Israel is slowly rising amongst Christians, especially young people, who are questioning the validity of supporting Israel. And asking, is modern-day Israel biblical? Answer: YES

First, I am a biblical Zionist, as opposed to being a Christian Zionist. Christian Zionism can take various paths, including a political one. Biblical Zionism is rooted in one thing; God's promises to the Jewish people.

BASIC BIBLICAL PROMISES TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE:

Genesis 17:7-8 "And 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. Also, 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."

If everlasting doesn't mean everlasting, then the promise Christians have of everlasting life could be in jeopardy. If He changed His mind about Israel, He may change His mind about eternal life for Christians.

> **BUT GOD'S PROMISES OF "EVERLASTING" ARE SURE NOT ONLY TO YOU BUT TO ISRAEL AS WELL.**

BIBLICAL ZIONISTS ARE IN GOOD COMPANY:

God is a Zionist. He said Himself: "I am zealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with great zeal. I am exceedingly angry with the nations at ease; for I was a little angry, and they helped—but with evil intent." Therefore, thus says the LORD: I am returning to Jerusalem with mercy; My house shall be built in it," says the LORD of hosts." (Zechariah 1:14-15)

2 PRINCIPLES TO UNDERSTAND PROPHETIC FULFILLMENT

1. To understand modern-day Israel, there is a biblical principle:
ALL PROPHECY IS FULFILLED IN PRACTICAL WAYS.
When God made promises about Israel being restored, it came about in a natural way in 1948.

God uses men to accomplish His promises. Yes, Israel is filled with natural people, some good, some bad, but it does not annul God's promise that Israel would exist in the last days.

2. Biblical Prophecy regarding Israel is a PROCESS, not an EVENT.

God is an agriculturist. He does everything in times and seasons. Seasons are a process, not an event.
"To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

EVEN JESUS SAID ISRAEL'S RESTORATION WILL BE A PROCESS AND WILL HAPPEN IN ITS SEASON:

Therefore, when they had come together, they asked Him, saying, "Lord, will You at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" And He said to them, "It is not for you to know TIMES OR SEASONS which the Father has put in His own authority." (Acts 1:6-7)

Jesus didn't say Israel would not be restored; in fact, He was saying it will be restored, but in its season...

That season is now. The restoration of Israel is in process.



After 1900 years of being scattered in the nations, the DESCENDANTS of Abram, the Jews, miraculously survived. The LAND God promised was controlled by Gentiles who changed the name to Palestine. In 1948, Israel was restored by the United Nations, in one vote, fulfilling the prophetic promise:

> "Before she was in labor, she gave birth; before her pain came, she delivered a male child. Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall the earth be made to give birth in one day? Or shall a nation boom at once? For as soon as Zion was in labor, she gave birth to her children." (Isaiah 66:7-9)

The Jews, PEOPLE OF PROMISE, scattered in the nations, have been coming back to the PROMISED LAND, even before 1948. In that year, there were roughly 700,000 Jews living here. Today, over 8 million!

SO YES, THE MODERN-DAY ISRAEL THAT EXISTS TODAY IS GOD'S PROPHETIC ISRAEL OF THE LATTER DAYS!

Ezekiel explains the process of Israel's restoration in chronological order:
God says to Israel: "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you into your own land."

THEN, I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Then: I will put My Spirit within you." (Ezekiel 36:24-27)
God is bringing them home. He will sprinkle clean water on Israel, He will cleanse them. Then He will put His Spirit in them.

STAY TUNED... AND DON'T DOUBT GOD'S PROMISES TO ISRAEL STILL STAND



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UPDATE

Ukraine War



Logistics Dilemma- As we are all aware the war in Ukraine carries on relentlessly. Praise God our team are safe and continue to do their work as best they can under the very difficult circumstances. It is increasingly difficult to plan travel – whether that's taking Jewish people to consular checks or to West Ukraine from where they travel to Moldova for their flight to Israel. In certain areas trains are not running, big buses are now also being targeted on the roads. Currently, we have passengers in Zaporizhia which is only about 20km from the front line and is a city constantly under attack and it is difficult to know how best to get them out safely. As well as that prices for fuel are constantly rising and many fuel stations have also been targeted.

Please pray for the ongoing safety of our teams, especially our drivers. Pray for wisdom in making decisions on transport during these difficult times. Pray too that the Jewish people will not leave it too late to make their decision to leave for Israel!

Stay informed. Stand with hope.

COMMUNITY STORY

Aliyah Spotlight



During July and August Ezra International has helped over 850 Jewish people make Aliyah from France. Most are leaving due to rising anti-semitism in France and concern for their own safety and that of their children.

"We came for a home, and found a purpose."

Every Aliyah story inspires us all.

INSPIRATION

Olim Quote of the month



"A huge thank you to Ezra for the help provided! I thought I was being assisted by Jewish philanthropists, but it turns out the aid comes from donations made by believing Christians. The Christian God is kind!"

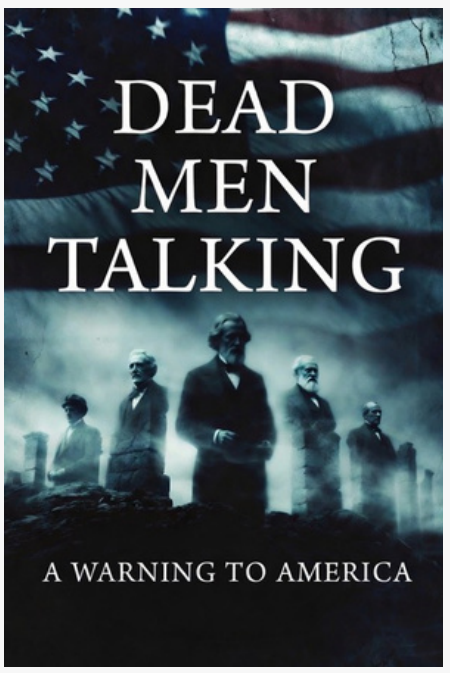
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- read his full story on the Ezra website

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One Urgent Message
In Homes in Time for Christmas





This Christmas, as you think about gifts that actually matter, we want to share something close to our hearts.

Dead Men Talking: A Warning to America is already reaching readers with a message our culture desperately needs to hear — hard truths, wrapped in stories, delivered with hope. And we're thrilled to share that the second book in the series, Dead Men Talking: The Lost Art of Manhood, is releasing this month.

Books One and Two availble on Amazon.

These books make a gift with real weight — the kind that gets talked about at the table, not just unwrapped and set aside.

Every purchase also helps support the ongoing work of Ezra International — bringing persecuted and impoverished Jewish people home to Israel. Your gift this Christmas does double duty: it blesses someone on your list, and it helps bring someone home.



*talmid - disciple

Tidbits from the Bible

Repairing the Nets

This comes to us from the Gospel of Luke, chapter 6, verse 40, from the CJB version of the Bible.

"A talmid* is not above his rabbi, but each one, when he is fully trained, will be like his rabbi." Now, this term "fully trained" was used of fishermen who fixed their broken nets.
So, right before the Master calls His disciples in Matthew, chapter 4, verse 21, we have this scene:

James, son of Zebedee and John his brother, were in the boat with Zebedee their father, fixing their broken nets. And he called them, that being the Master. Matthew 4:21

You see, the connection is this: the fishermen were in the process of fixing broken nets, while the Master was in the process of fixing the fishermen.

You could paraphrase Luke as saying, "Everyone who has his net fixed will be like his rabbi." So, each one of us has come to our rabbi with broken nets, lives that had become twisted and tangled, hearts that were frayed like the ropes that are cut in order to free them from their hopeless entanglements.

Each of us has come to the Master to have our hearts restrung and repaired.

So today, let's allow the rabbi to fix our broken hearts, to fix our broken lives, and to fix our broken nets.

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