



I. INTRO/REVIEW

- A. God's a lot bigger than we give him credit for
- Job 38:1-5 (NLT)
 - Job 38:8-11 (NLT)
 - Job 38:16-20 (NLT)
 - Job 38:21-22 (NLT)
 - Job 38:31-34 (NLT)
- B. Don't panic, it's all a part of the plan!

Matthew 24:3-6 (NLT) Later, Jesus sat on the Mount of Olives. His disciples came to him privately and said, "Tell us, when will all this happen? What sign will signal your return and the end of the world? Jesus told them, "Don't let anyone mislead you, for many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah.' They will deceive many. And you will hear of wars and threats of wars, but don't panic. Yes, these things must take place, but the end won't follow immediately.

- C. Why Israel?
- There is no nation on the face of this earth like Israel

1 Chronicles 17:21 (NKJV) And who *is* like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people—to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

- D. God keeps His promises

Genesis 12:1-3 (NLT) The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you. (promised land) I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

- God has the power to predict the future AND the power to bring it to pass, so don't panic, it's all a part of His plan

II. ISRAEL'S HISTORY HAS BEEN FORETOLD

- A. Prophecy is pre-written history
- The whole history of Israel was pre-written:
 - Their enslavement in Egypt
 - Their deliverance with wealth from Egypt
 - Their possession of the land of Canaan
 - That they would turn to idolatry in the Promised Land
 - That God would establish a center of worship in Jerusalem



- Northern kingdom would be taken into captivity in Assyria
- Southern kingdom would be taken into captivity in Babylon
- The first temple built by Solomon would be destroyed
- Return of a remnant from Babylon
- The second temple would be destroyed
- They would be scattered amongst the Gentile nations
- Endure persecution and oppression among the Gentiles
- Re-gathered from all nations

B. God's Covenant with Abraham and his descendants

Genesis 15:18-21 (NLT) So the Lord made a covenant with Abram that day and said, "I have given this land to your descendants, all the way from the border of Egypt to the great Euphrates River—the land now occupied by the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites, and Jebusites."

Genesis 15:13-14 (NLT) Then the Lord said to Abram, "You can be sure that your descendants will be strangers in a foreign land, where they will be oppressed as slaves for 400 years. But I will punish the nation that enslaves them, and in the end they will come away with great wealth."

Exodus 12:35-36 (NLT) And the people of Israel did as Moses had instructed; they asked the Egyptians for clothing and articles of silver and gold. The Lord caused the Egyptians to look favorably on the Israelites, and they gave the Israelites whatever they asked for. So they stripped the Egyptians of their wealth!

Psalms 105:37-38 (NLT) The Lord brought his people out of Egypt, loaded with silver and gold; and not one among the tribes of Israel even stumbled. Egypt was glad when they were gone, for they feared them greatly.

C. Joseph was sure of the promise of God

Genesis 50:24-25 (NLT) "Soon I will die," Joseph told his brothers, "but God will surely come to help you and lead you out of this land of Egypt. He will bring you back to the land he solemnly promised to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob." Then Joseph made the sons of Israel swear an oath, and he said, "When God comes to help you and lead you back, you must take my bones with you."

D. These remain

- The gathering of all nations against Jerusalem in war
- The supernatural revelation of Messiah to His people
- The coming of Messiah in glory and power (2nd coming)



III. WHAT ABOUT ME?

- A. It's all a part of the plan

Matthew 24:7-14 (NLT) Nation will go to war against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in many parts of the world. But all this is only the first of the birth pains, with more to come. “Then you will be arrested, persecuted, and killed. You will be hated all over the world because you are my followers. And many will turn away from me and betray and hate each other. And many false prophets will appear and will deceive many people. Sin will be rampant everywhere, and the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. And the Good News about the Kingdom will be preached throughout the whole world, so that all nations will hear it; and then the end will come.

- B. Then the end will come
- Bible prophecy deals with different people groups
 - We must be careful not to mix them up

- C. What about us?

Romans 12:11 & 13:11 (NLT) Never be lazy, but work hard and serve the Lord enthusiastically... This is all the more urgent, for you know how late it is; time is running out. Wake up, for our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

- D. Five stones