

The Prophetic Impact of This Year's Teshuvah Season—Part 2

As reviewed in Part 1 of this series, we are entering into the season of Teshuvah. It is the season of turning unto the Lord to seek His perfect will for our lives. It also has a powerful prophetic meaning!

One of the signs of the end times is the return of Israel and Judah to the promised land. “For surely the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will restore the fortunes of My people Israel and Judah. The Lord says, I also will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, *and they shall possess it*” (Jer. 30:3, emphasis mine).

The season of Teshuvah prophetically corresponds to the rest of God's people returning back to the land! The Hebrew word translated as “return” in Jeremiah 30:3 (above) is *shuv*. This *shuv* began in the late 1940s with the establishment of the state of Israel. This past week, the chief rabbi of Barcelona declared that Europe was lost! He is calling for Jewish people in Europe to return to Israel. This current event is a reminder of God's promise.

The return or *teshuvah* of God's people to the promised land will come to completion just before Jesus returns. Our Messiah left earth, but He is going to *shuv* or return to win the battle of Armageddon. Teshuvah has a prophetic meaning that we cannot overlook. Jesus is going to gather all the children of Israel and Judah, wherever they may be scattered on the face of the earth.

“At that time will I bring you again, even in the time that I gather you: for I will make you a name and a praise among all people of the earth, when I turn back (*shuv*) your captivity before your eyes, saith the Lord” (Zeph. 3:20, KJV).

“Thus saith the Lord; Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears: for thy work shall be rewarded, saith the Lord; and they shall come again (*shuv*) from the land of the enemy.” (Jer. 31:16)

“Thus saith the Lord; I am returned (*shuv*) unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called a city of truth; and the mountain of the Lord of hosts the holy mountain.” (Zech. 8:3)

As we honor the season of Teshuvah, let us also look forward to God’s people returning back to the land promised to Abraham! {eoa}

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