

What Is Israel's Prophetic Place in the End Times?



Dr. Jeffrey Johnson,
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Ministries and author of the book, "Hope Rising: Messianic Promise," recently decried the "growing antisemitism" he said has gone "global."

Johnson, while discussing the important dilemma, said 2023 is an important year for Israel, as it marks the nation's 75th anniversary—something the prophecy scholar believes was predicted in Scripture.

"What is so unprecedented in human history is that a people had been scattered throughout the world for 2 1/2 millennia, and they came back to the exact area that they were birthed," he said. "That's unprecedented. God said that would happen."

Johnson also highlighted how the world today remains very much focused on Israel—something else widely seen as prophetic, with headlines routinely covering the tiny nation and numerous countries fixated on seeking the total destruction of the Jewish state.

"You have Iran that wants to obliterate Israel. You have Syria that wants to obliterate," he said. "You have Hezbollah up in Lebanon, Hamas in Gaza."

Additionally, Johnson lamented "growing antisemitism in Europe" and America, among other locations.

"Why is the world angry over this little piece of real estate, these Jewish people?" he asked. "I just remind people the reason they hate Israel ... is because they hate the God of Israel."

Johnson detailed his belief in the importance of recognizing Israel's significance in Scripture, prophecy—and today. He rejected so-called “replacement theology,” describing it as the idea “all the promises to Israel [detailed in the Bible] are null and void.”

He called the concept “unfortunate,” and said it makes little sense people “are in denial” over the Bible's prophecies concerning Israel.

“When you look at Bible prophecy, you always have to understand that all prophecy points to Israel, and we have to ask ourselves, ‘What is God doing in Israel?’” Johnson said. “Then we can answer the question, ‘Well, what is He doing in terms of the last days?’”

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