

ISRAEL: God's Chosen People

Genesis 12:1-3

- I. What's the problem?
 - A. The enemies of God
 - 1. Biblical - Gen 16-25. Sarah & Hagar
 - 2. Historical - Multiple events throughout history
 - 3. Cultural - The god of this world hates Israel
- II. Israel: Chosen by God, Called for His purpose
 - A. Gen. 12:1-3; Deut. 7:6-9
 - B. God chose Israel because of His love & covenant
 - C. The Abrahamic Covenant still stands
- III. Israel in Prophecy: God's plan in motion
 - A. Ezek. 36:24-28; Rom. 11:25-29
 - B. Israel's rebirth in 1948 is more prophetic than political
 - C. Rom 11: God is not done with Israel, including their salvation
- IV. Israel & The End Times: The stage is being set
 - A. Zech. 12:2,3; Rev. 7:4-8; Matt. 24:32-34
 - B. So goes Israel, so goes biblical prophecy
 - C. When the world is against Israel, get ready
- V. Takeaway:
 - A. God's covenant with Israel is unbroken
 - B. His Word is being fulfilled in our lifetime
 - C. Israel's story is a preview of Christ's return and a call for the Church to remain faithful and alert