

# **Israel in Jerusalem**

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## **I. Introduction.**

- A. The primary meaning of Jerusalem is “peace.”
- B. It is an ancient city dating to at least 2100 B.C. during the time of Abraham.
- C. David took the city of Jerusalem through a brilliant military maneuver.
- D. The Babylonians took the city in 597 B.C. Ever since that time, Jerusalem has been under foreign rule until 1967 A.D. with the exception of the brief rule of the Maccabaeus.
- E. That Jews have filled Jerusalem has great significance.

## **II. The possibility of a rebuilt temple.**

- A. The Antichrist will take over the Western world. (Daniel 7:7-8)
- B. His first obstacle will be to build a super church. (Revelation 17)
- C. The super church will be smashed by the Antichrist. He will ultimately be the dictator of the world.
- D. The Antichrist will set himself up as God in the temple in Jerusalem. (II Thessalonians 2)
- E. This means that a temple will be rebuilt in Jerusalem.
- F. Something may happen to destroy the Muslim temple that rests on the temple mount to provide for the reconstruction of the temple.

## **III. The possibility of the end of the time of the Gentiles.**

- A. Jerusalem will be destroyed again at the end marking the fullness of the time of the Gentiles. (Luke 21:24, Romans 11:25)
- B. The time of the Gentiles refers to the time of Gentile dominion.
- C. We will only come to the end of the time of the Gentiles when Jerusalem is taken. (Zechariah 14)
- D. The fact that the Jews are in Jerusalem makes it possible that Zechariah 14 could be fulfilled quickly.

## **IV. Application.**

- A. When the end times come, it will happen radically. (Luke 21:29)

B. We need a right sense of priorities.

C. Right priorities always begin with a relationship with Jesus Christ.

**Application questions:**

1. Why is 1967 so important with regard to a Christian understanding of end times?

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2. What is the significance of Zechariah 14 regarding the end times?

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3. How should believer respond in light of the immanent onset of the end? Explain.

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