

Christ in Prophecy

Israel 40: Myths about Israel, Part 1

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Opening

Dr. Reagan: Is it true that the Jewish people stole the land of Israel from the Palestinians? Is it true that the Jewish people have no historical claim over either the land of Israel, or the city of Jerusalem? The answer to these questions is very simple. The answer is no. The real truth is that these allegations against Israel are myths that are totally false. Stay tuned.

Part 1

Dr. Reagan: Greetings in the name of Jesus, our Blessed Hope, and welcome to Christ in Prophecy. My colleague, Nathan Jones, and I would like to share our thoughts with you about the major myths concerning the nation of Israel and the Jewish people. Myths that have been propagated by both the Palestinians and the mainline press, both our national press and the international press. Nathan recently got so fed up with these myths that he decided to dedicate one of his imaginative and creative Inbox videos to the subject of "Myths about Israel." And I would like to initiate our consideration of these myths by taking a look at this video. Now, Nathan, I want you to introduce this video, and I think you need to do so by explaining the format. There may be some people out there that don't understand the format.

Nathan Jones: You mean they are going to wonder why I'm wearing a beret. Right? Okay. Well, we've created a lot of short videos called Inboxes to answer questions that people have. And we like to be educational, entertaining and enlightening. The entertaining part was to do a parody of something. So we did a parody of a TV show called, "Myth Busters," that involves guys who break myths. Like can you use gummy bears to power rockets, or cook a lasagna in a dishwasher? So, enjoy. This is a parody but I think it connects people to the main point that we are trying to say is: Should Christians really support Israel?

InBox #15: *Should Christian Really Support Israel?*

God is fulfilling promises today that were made to the Jewish people thousands of years ago. These promises rest on a series of legal agreements, called covenants, made between God and the Jewish people, that center on the land of Israel.

The cornerstone covenant — the Abrahamic Covenant — grants the title deed to the land of Israel to the descendants of the line of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. This unconditional, irrevocable, and everlasting promise was literally sealed in blood (Genesis 12:1–7; 13:14–18; 17:7; 1 Chronicles 16:17–18; Psalm 105:8–11; Romans 9:4)!

God's Land Covenant promised that Israel will one day become the prime nation of the world, that is, as long as the Jewish people remain obedient to God (Deuteronomy 28:1,13).

The Davidic Covenant promises an eternal King who will descend from the line of King David. One day this Messiah will rule over the entire world from Jerusalem (2 Samuel 7:10–16).

For hundreds of years, Christians have believed that because God said so, we should naturally support the nation of Israel. Seems pretty self-explanatory, wouldn't you say?

Well, not so, says a particular group of Christians, Christians who meet at conferences with names like Christ at the Checkpoint. They question, "Should Christians really support Israel?"

Let's debunk seven of their most popular myths for why Christians should not support the nation of Israel.

Myth #1: "The Jews killed Jesus!"

Those who accuse the Jews of killing Jesus seem to have purposefully forgotten that the Bible says, "Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus" (Acts 4:27–28).

So, not only did both Jews and Gentiles participate in murdering Jesus, but in truth, we are all sinners, and therefore all of us are responsible for Jesus dying on the cross. But, reality check, Jesus Himself clearly stated that He alone laid down His life, and that no one took it from Him (John 10:15–18).

Myth #2: "The Jews have been disinherited because of their unbelief."

The Jews may have been evicted from their land — twice — due to their rebellion against God. But, as Psalm 105 explains, God guaranteed in His Abrahamic Covenant that the land of Israel unconditionally and forever belongs to the children of Jacob. And, as the Apostle Paul argued in Romans 9–11, "Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself... Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all!"

And so, no, God has neither disinherited the Jewish people nor revoked His land covenants.

Myth #3: "The Church has replaced Israel and now receives her inheritance."

Not according to the Apostle Paul! He tells the story of an olive tree whose branches were pruned off due to unbelief, and wild vines grafted on (Romans 11). But, when the natural branches began believing again, they would be grafted back on the tree. Salvation may have come to the wild olive vines — the Church — but God still has salvation planned for the natural branches — a believing Israel who will call Jesus Savior.

Myth #4: "The Jews regathering back to the land of Israel can't be from God because they haven't repented and accepted Jesus as their Messiah."

The Jews returning to Israel in unbelief is exactly what God foretold would happen. Isaiah prophesied the Jews would be regathered a second time from the nations of the world, and Ezekiel made it clear that the Jews would regather in unbelief in order for God Himself to give them a new heart towards Him (Isaiah 11:10–12; Ezekiel 36:22–28). It's no accident of history that a people dispossessed from their country for 1,900 years could ever have kept their ethnic identity and rebirthed their nation two millennia later. Such a thing has never happened! And this

is the nation of the Bible we're talking about. Therefore, the regathering of the Jews can only be a miracle from God.

Myth #5: "To support Israel is to support every action of the Israeli government."

Nobody supports every action of any government, even their own. Supporting Israel is to support the redemptive work God is doing in bringing a remnant of their people to salvation in Christ and ultimately into the fulfillment of His covenants.

Myth #6: "The Jews stole the Palestinians' land and live there illegally."

First off, the Abrahamic Covenant grants the Jews the eternal deed to the land of Israel. Second, when the Jews began returning in the early 20th Century, there was no such thing as a Palestinian. The handful of Arabs living in that wasteland sold the land back to the Jews at exorbitant prices. And third, Israel was created legally in response to a United Nations declaration passed in November 1947, which authorized the establishment of a Jewish state in the land the Romans had renamed Palestine. You can't steal land that's already legally yours!

Myth #7: "To support Israel is to hate the Palestinian people."

Contrary to Arab propaganda, those who call themselves Palestinians enjoy more freedoms and rights in Israel than if they lived in any Muslim nation. For it's not the Jews who hate and abuse the Palestinians, but their own terrorist leaders who steal billions of their foreign aid and deny refugees access back to their own home countries of Syria and Jordan. Why, the Palestinians have been afforded several opportunities since 1948 to create another Palestinian state besides Jordan, but each time they have rejected those offers and instead responded with violence. Why? Because their ultimate goal is the annihilation of Israel. So, who exactly is hating who here?

With those myths busted, let's look at some of the reasons why Christians should support Israel.

Part 2

Dr. Reagan: Outstanding video, Nathan! I just love that one. Folks, that particular video, together with the other videos that Nathan and his assistant have produced are posted on our website. Nathan, tell our viewers how they can find those on our website.

Nathan Jones: Sure. Just go to our website at lambliion.com, or christinprophecy.org it is under media. We've got 15 of them so far, we continue to add more all the time. Also check out our YouTube Channel, Christ in Prophecy. Like and share we want lots of people to see these and get the biblical answer to your questions.

Dr. Reagan: Amen. Well, folks I want us to focus on the sixth point that Nathan made in his video, namely that the Jews stole the land of Israel from the Palestinians. Now, this is a very emotional argument that is used to picture the Palestinians as an oppressed and denationalized people. And that picture is the one that is being used on college and university campuses all across this nation to rally young people against Israel. So, what about it Nathan, did they steal that land?

Nathan Jones: You can't as the video said steal land that isn't legally yours. The Jews own the land legally first and foremost because God created the Abrahamic Covenant. Genesis chapter 13 thru 17, and Psalm 105 and other talk about a covenant that God made to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob that Jacob's descendants own the land of Canaan.

Dr. Reagan: So, you're saying first off that they have title to the land given to them by God.

Nathan Jones: By God. God Himself said this piece of land is yours. Now, God also made a promise to Ishmael that his descendants, the Arabs, would have many people, and they have so much land.

Dr. Reagan: Much more land.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, it is like 45 to 1, right? For every 45 Arabs is 1 Jew, and they many more countries.

Dr. Reagan: Ok, now let me just play the Devil's advocate here with you for a moment, because when you say God gave them the land, there is no doubt about that. That is in the Abrahamic Covenant, and it's repeated over, and over, and over, and over in the book of Genesis.

Nathan Jones: An eternal covenant.

Dr. Reagan: It is renewed to Isaac. It is renewed to Jacob. But, the Jews were disobedient to God. They were rejected from the land, and therefore they lost their title to it.

Nathan Jones: Like the video said there is an Abrahamic Covenant, but there is also a Land Covenant, or a Canaan Covenant and that is a provisional one depending on the Jewish people obeying God. Moses, before he died Deuteronomy 28-30 talked about all the blessings the Jews would have if they followed God with all their hearts. But if they rebelled against God then all these curses would come: nations would come in and oppress them, they'd have economic problems, social problems, political problems. But, if they continued to rebel they would be exiled from the land.

Dr. Reagan: That was going to be the ultimate punishment.

Nathan Jones: Ultimate punishment. And we saw it happen twice. It happened--

Dr. Reagan: But, they still had the title deed to the land.

Nathan Jones: Exactly. Again, the Abrahamic Covenant as you teach all the time wonderfully is that the Abrahamic Covenant is an eternal covenant, but the Jewish people have a promise they have to be faithful to live in that land, but they don't lose ownership of that land.

Dr. Reagan: And you know that is emphasized in a passage that I'd like to point out to our readers-- to our viewers and that is in Psalm 105 it's a passage that was written by King David and in verse 8, this is Psalm 105 verse 8, he says, "He has remembered," speaking of God, "He has remembered His covenant forever. The word which He commanded to a thousand generations, the covenant which He made with Abraham, His oath to Isaac, He confirmed it to Jacob, to Israel as an everlasting covenant. Saying, 'I will give you the land of Canaan as the portion of your inheritance.'" I don't know how anything could be any clearer than that.

Nathan Jones: Right. Right.

Dr. Reagan: It's their land. It's their land forever.

Nathan Jones: And which, I'm sure the Palestinians or Arabs know is that the promise isn't just the little sliver of land they have, but from the Nile to the Euphrates. And I think that terrifies a lot of them because they know that one day they will, the Jewish people, will have that land.

Dr. Reagan: Okay, well another point that can be made about the land is that not only do they have an eternal covenant to the land given to them by God. But when they came back to the land in the late 1800's, 1890's, and the early 1900's they bought the land that they already owned. And they paid exorbitant prices for it. Nobody wanted that land. It had become a desolation. In fact the Bible says that when they are ejected from the land it will become a desolation. And it became an utter desolation. A land of the trees were cut down. It was a swamp land of malaria, nobody wanted this land. In fact I believe with all my heart that God made it a desolation on purpose so nobody would want it and it would be there waiting for the Jews when it was time for them to come back.

Nathan Jones: It was a fulfillment of prophecy. Now, it is interesting what you say they bought the land. They didn't buy the land from Palestinians because there was no such thing as a Palestinian. The Ottoman Empire, right? Owned that land, it was part of the Ottoman Empire up until 1917. After that when the British took it over and it became a mandate there was still no Palestinian people, there were a few Arabs and Syrians living in the land. Right? Wouldn't that the people identified as Syrians?

Dr. Reagan: Yeah. Well, first of all there were very few people living in the land.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, it was a wasteland.

Dr. Reagan: And it was--the land was owned by absentee landlords mainly whom lived in Damascus, very wealthy people. And the people who lived there if you asked them what they were they would all would have said "We're Syrians." That was their identity was Syrians. There was no--you know Palestine was just a geographical designation for a certain portion of the Ottoman Empire. Like Texas is a designation for a certain portion of the United States of America. But it was never a sovereign state. And Jerusalem was never the capital of any Muslim or Arab nation. In fact never the capital of any nation, except Israel.

Nathan Jones: Right. And the Romans renamed the land, right, after the Jews rebelled in 135 just to punish the Jews they renamed it from Israel to Palestine which is the Latin for Philistine which was Israel's ancient enemy. So, the Romans were really sticking it to the Jews by renaming it Palestine, correct?

Dr. Reagan: Okay, so first and foremost the land was given to them forever by God. The title deed.

Nathan Jones: Yes, title deed.

Dr. Reagan: Second, when they came back they bought the land. They did not take the land by force. They bought the land. And incidentally they paid exorbitant prices and the Arabs laughed all the way to the bank.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, why would you want to buy a swamp or a desert, right?

Dr. Reagan: What the Arabs didn't know is that God had also promised in the book of Ezekiel that when the Jews come back it would once again become a land of milk and honey like the Garden of Eden.

Nathan Jones: And isn't it?

Dr. Reagan: And that is exactly what has happened.

Nathan Jones: That is exactly what has happened.

Dr. Reagan: Now there is a third point that we need to make and that is that the United Nations in November of 1947 voted to establish the nation of Israel. So, under international law it is a legal nation.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, and matter of fact the Arabs to this day they call it Nakba Day it is a day of mourning and regret because they rejected the idea that the UN gave Israel the land. But, they also give the people who invaded after 1948 and were left there what we call Palestinians today the Syrians and Jordanians who were left there they were not allowed to go back into Jordan, they were not allowed to go back into Syria they were stuck in refugee camps. They could have made a nation that day too as well. Right?

Dr. Reagan: Yes, in November of 1947 the United Nations voted to take that little sliver of land that was left to the Jews and divide it in half between the Jews and the Arabs. And so they could on the very day that the Jews declared their state, the Arabs could have declared their state with the boundaries that had been established by the United Nations. Instead they decided they wanted it all. And so, five Arab nations attacked with the intention of destroying the nation of Israel.

Nathan Jones: Now, there is an official Palestinian state today, right, and that is the state of Jordan.

Dr. Reagan: Yes. Yes.

Nathan Jones: They have a country already, and it is what? Three times bigger than Israel.

Dr. Reagan: Oh, yeah, and two-thirds of the people are Palestinians.

Nathan Jones: Palestinians.

Part 3

Dr. Reagan: Okay, folks, let's turn our attention now to some of the myths concerning the city of Jerusalem. The Muslims claim Jerusalem as the third most holy site in Islam after Mecca and Medina. They claim there was never a Jewish temple in Jerusalem, and that the Jews have no historical claim to the city. What about it, Nathan?

Nathan Jones: Well, I don't even know where they would say that they have a claim to Jerusalem. When you and I read the Bible there are 800 references to Jerusalem in the Bible.

Dr. Reagan: And those incidentally are specific references that say Jerusalem.

Nathan Jones: They say Jerusalem.

Dr. Reagan: There are many more illusions and references in poetic language like calling Jerusalem Ariel and so forth.

Nathan Jones: Jerusalem is the hub of all of Israel.

Dr. Reagan: It is the focus.

Nathan Jones: All of the Bible. But you read the Koran, and you and I both read the Koran not one single reference to Jerusalem whatsoever.

Dr. Reagan: Well, but they claim there is. The Koran says that Mohammad rode his horse to a far off mosque at which point he went into heaven and came back and so forth. And they claim that was a mosque in Jerusalem.

Nathan Jones: No. His ties were always to Medina. And far off for Mohammad was always-- matter of fact whole calendars, Islamic calendar centers around him taking the hajj from Mecca to Medina. Medina is the place he would have gone.

Dr. Reagan: Plus there is one thing they overlook concerning that and that is in Mohammad's life there was never a mosque in Jerusalem.

Nathan Jones: No, you're right. Excellent point.

Dr. Reagan: There was never a mosque in Jerusalem. It was built long after that.

Nathan Jones: They hadn't even conquered that far yet.

Dr. Reagan: And so the idea he would--all of this was really conjured up as the third most sacred site in all of Islam after the 1967 Six Day War when they suddenly decided we're going to make Jerusalem really a holy place for Islam so those Jews don't take that Temple Mount and do something with it.

Nathan Jones: Right. Right. And that is the whole purpose of the Temple Mount and the Al-Aqsa Mosque is a flag over the entire world saying we have the holiest city in the world, we are superior to Christianity, we are superior to Judaism. And that's why that's the most unfathomably expensive piece of land in the entire world.

Dr. Reagan: Yeah, and you are absolutely right about that. You talk to a Muslim today and they'll say, "What's on the Temple Mount? The Dome of the Rock." Which is not a mosque itself, the mosque is at the southern end of the Temple Mount. The Dome of the Rock is a shrine. They say, "The Dome of the Rock." And the Dome of the Rock is higher than the Church of the Holy Sepulcher and it is built on the site of the ancient temple they used to say. And so they say, "We are the supreme religion because our building is higher than yours and we are built on the site of the ancient temple." Now, today they don't say that anymore because they deny that there was ever even a temple on the Temple Mount. That is their new deal. They are into denial. And the thing that is interesting about that is that back in the 1920's the Muslims who were in charge of the Temple Mount published a publication about the Temple Mount in which they said this was the location of the ancient Jewish temples.

Nathan Jones: Oh, yeah, they used to admit it.

Dr. Reagan: This denial has only come since Yasser Arafat suddenly decided he was going to deny the whole Jewish history. So, he denied that they ever had any temples on the mount. And

he denied that the Western Wall had any significance. And today you find the Palestinians, even doing things like declaring that Jesus was a Palestinian.

Nathan Jones: Yes. I think the Muslims do two major things that prove they know that Israel is connected to the Temple Mount. One is that they closed up the Eastern Gate knowing that the prophesied Messiah would return. He wouldn't return to--

Dr. Reagan: That was done in the 1500's. Yes.

Nathan Jones: So, they knew that it was tied to the Bible. And two they don't allow any archeological excavations on the Temple Mount. They are terrified that you have to dig just a little deep and then Jewish relics will show up all over the place.

Dr. Reagan: But there is something funny about that. You're right. They will not allow any archaeological excavations because they know they will prove that the Jewish temples were there. But, a few years ago they decided to build a mosque underground, under it. And without any bodies permission. They were supposed to get the permission of the Israeli government but they didn't. So, they go down and they start excavating tons of dirt. And incidentally that caused a bulge in the wall, the outer wall which they blamed on Israel. Everything is Israel's fault.

Nathan Jones: Yeah, of course.

Dr. Reagan: They took all this dirt and dumped it in the Kidron Valley. And then one day a Jewish archaeologist got the idea, let's go over and sift the dirt. And they have been doing it ever since then. Ton, and tons of dirt that was pulled out of the Temple Mount, and they are sifting it every day. And they are finding all kinds of artifacts from the Second Temple, and the First Temple that prove beyond a shadow of the doubt that both temples sat on that Temple Mount.

Nathan Jones: Right. You really got to get the purpose it is Satanic. Satan knows that Jesus Christ will return one day. He'll enter through the Eastern Gate. He will set up His kingdom in Jerusalem, and He will rule the world from Jerusalem. And the entire world is just as Zechariah 12 and 14 says against the Jewish people controlling Jerusalem. Now, I think one of the greatest signs was that was when President Trump came out and said, "Let's move the embassy from Tel Aviv into Jerusalem." And all but a smattering of tiny of little countries were dead set against it. The UN for the first time condemned America about it. The whole world is against the Jewish people controlling Jerusalem. And to me that is Bible prophecy coming alive.

Dr. Reagan: Well, you better believe it. We are seeing Bible prophecy fulfilled before our very eyes today, Nathan, and that is why I just get up in the morning and I'm so excited. This is the most exciting time to live, except for the time when the First Coming occurred. But, Zechariah 12 says that in the end times all the nations of the world will come together against Jerusalem, and against Judah. That's Zechariah 12 verse 2. It says it point blank. And that is exactly what we're seeing today, the whole world coming together against the nation of Israel, and the city of Jerusalem.

Nathan Jones: And they do it for one I think particular reason is that the world would know if they read the Bible the Davidic Covenant. The promise given to David in 2 Samuel that one day a Messiah, a descendant from his line will come and he will rule and reign over the world. And the Jewish people that those who are saved, obviously, believers will become a prime nation of the world. They will be a priesthood to the world during the Millennial Kingdom. And all of

Satanic influence. All Satanic hate is directed to Jews to try to thwart God's plan for that happening.

Dr. Reagan: You know the only think that UNESCO does is sit around and think of what resolution can we come up with next to condemn Israel for this, or condemn Israel for that, or condemn Israel for that. And what people must understand is that all of these agencies of the UN are dominated by Arab countries.

Nathan Jones: Yes.

Dr. Reagan: So, they are just sitting there. You know we have all kinds of atrocities going on all over the world and what they want to do is pass resolutions about Israel. When they passed the resolution saying that Israel has no tie to Jerusalem and no tie to the Western Wall I love the way Benjamin Netanyahu responded by saying, "That's like passing a resolution that says that China has no tie to the Great Wall of China. And that Egypt has no tie to the pyramids." It's just theater of the absurd.

Nathan Jones: Yes, and I actually heard Netanyahu use that theater of the absurd. It is its absurd and it has to be spiritual. We don't see the whole world dealing with real problems, or real suffering like North Korea for instance and how terrible they treat the Christians and put them in basically work concentration camps. But for some reason Israel can't build an apartment complex without the entire world going bananas. And that is spiritual, and that to me is one of the best proofs that the Bible is the Word of God.

Dr. Reagan: Well, I praise God for our recognition of Jerusalem because it's just such an insult to the Jewish people to say to them, "You don't have a right to select your capital." What if somebody came over here and said we don't recognize Washington D.C. as your capital, we're putting our embassy in Chicago?

Nathan Jones: Yes.

Closing

Dr. Reagan: Well, folks, that's our program for this week. I hope it has been a blessing to you. The Lord willing, next week we are going to continue discussing the myths about Israel, and we're going to focus on the treatment of the Palestinian people. Specifically we will consider whether or not they are truly a people oppressed and persecuted by the Israelis. I hope you'll be back with us next week with that important discussion. Until then this is Dave Reagan speaking for Lamb & Lion Ministries saying, "Look up, be watchful, for our redemption is drawing near."

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