

# **“THE REFOCUSING ON ISRAEL”**

*(First in an 8 week series on “The Future Unfolded”)*

## **Unconditional & Eternal Covenants for Israel**

### **1) The Abrahamic Covenant – Genesis 12:1-3/15:9-18**

“The LORD had said to Abram, “Leave your country, your people and your father’s household and go to the land I will show you. <sup>2</sup> “I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. <sup>3</sup> I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.” – Genesis 12:1-3

“When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, a smoking firepot with a blazing torch appeared and passed between the pieces. <sup>18</sup> On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram and said, “To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the Euphrates— <sup>19</sup> the land of the Kenites, Kenizzites, Kadmonites, <sup>20</sup> Hittites, Perizzites, Rephaites, <sup>21</sup> Amorites, Canaanites, Girgashites and Jebusites.” – Genesis 15:17-18

### **2) The Palestinian Covenant – Deut.30:1-10 / Ezek.16:59-63**

“Even if you have been banished to the most distant land under the heavens, from there the LORD your God will gather you and bring you back. <sup>5</sup> He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. <sup>6</sup> The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.” – Deuteronomy 30:4-6

“This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will deal with you as you deserve, because you have despised my oath by breaking the covenant. <sup>60</sup> Yet I will remember the covenant I made with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish an everlasting covenant with you.” – Ezekiel 16:59-60

### **3) The Davidic Covenant – 2 Samuel 7:11b-16 / Psalm 89:20-37**

“But my love will never be taken away from him, as I took it away from Saul, whom I removed from before you. <sup>16</sup> Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me ; your throne will be established forever.’” – 2 Samuel 7:15-16

“I will maintain my love to him forever, and my covenant with him will never fail. <sup>29</sup> I will establish his line forever, his throne as long as the heavens endure. <sup>30</sup> “If his sons forsake my law and do not follow my statutes, <sup>31</sup> if they violate my decrees and fail to keep my commands, <sup>32</sup> I will punish their sin with the rod, their iniquity with flogging; <sup>33</sup> but I will not take my love from him, nor will I ever betray my faithfulness. <sup>34</sup> I will not violate my covenant or alter what my lips have uttered. – Psalm 89:28-34

### **4) The New Covenant – Jeremiah 31:31-40/Ezek.37:21-28**

“The time is coming,” declares the LORD, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant I made with their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,” declares the LORD. <sup>33</sup> “This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time,” declares the LORD. “I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

- Jeremiah 31:31-33

"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land... <sup>26</sup> I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put my sanctuary among them forever. <sup>27</sup> My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be my people. <sup>28</sup> Then the nations will know that I the LORD make Israel holy, when my sanctuary is among them forever."  
– Ezekiel 37:21,26-28

## **Unalterable & Enlightening Years for Israel**

**(Daniel 9:24-27 / Micah 4:1-5 / Rev. 20:4-6)**

### **Prophetic Strategy - 9:24**

"Seventy 'sevens' are decreed for your people and your holy city to finish transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for wickedness, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy."  
– Daniel 9:24

- 1) **To finish the Transgression**
- 2) **To put an End to Sin**
- 3) **To atone for Wickedness**
- 4) **To establish Everlasting Righteousness**
- 5) **To fulfill all Vision & Prophecy**
- 6) **To anoint the Most Holy Place**

### **Historic Stages – 9:25-27**

- 1) **The Rebuilding of Jerusalem** – 49 years (7 sevens) – 9:25a

"Know and understand this: From the issuing of the decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until the Anointed One, the ruler, comes, there will be seven 'sevens,'..."  
– Daniel 9:25a

- 2) **The First Coming of Messiah** – 434 years (62 sevens) – 9:25b-26a

"...and sixty-two 'sevens.' It will be rebuilt with streets and a trench, but in times of trouble. <sup>26</sup> After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing..."  
– Daniel 9:25b-26a

- 3) **The Time of Rejection** – The "Church Age" between – 9:26

"After the sixty-two 'sevens,' the Anointed One will be cut off and will have nothing. The people of the ruler who will come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. The end will come like a flood: War will continue until the end, and desolations have been decreed."  
– Daniel 9:26

- 4) **The Great Tribulation** – 7 years (one last seven) – 9:27

"He will confirm a covenant with many for one 'seven.' In the middle of the 'seven' he will put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on a wing of the temple he will set up an abomination that causes desolation, until the end that is decreed is poured out on him."  
– Daniel 9:27

**5) The Messianic Kingdom – Micah 4:1-5 / Rev. 20:1-6**

“The law will go out from Zion, the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. <sup>3</sup> He will judge between many peoples and will settle disputes for strong nations far and wide. They will beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore.”

- Micah 4:2b-3

“I saw thrones on which were seated those who had been given authority to judge. And I saw the souls of those who had been beheaded because of their testimony for Jesus and because of the word of God. They had not worshiped the beast or his image and had not received his mark on their foreheads or their hands. They came to life and reigned with Christ a thousand years. <sup>5</sup> (The rest of the dead did not come to life until the thousand years were ended.) This is the first resurrection. <sup>6</sup> Blessed and holy are those who have part in the first resurrection. The second death has no power over them, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him for a thousand years.”

- Revelation 20:4-6

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**“God is not a man, that he should lie,  
nor a son of man, that he should change his mind.  
Does he speak and then not act?  
Does he promise and not fulfill?”**

- Numbers 23:19

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