

Israel Ground Zero - Part 1

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The sermon emphasizes the significance of Israel in the end times, the return of God's presence, and the importance of reconciliation between Jews and Gentiles, Jews and Arabs.

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Description

In this sermon, the speaker shares his personal testimony of how he encountered God and was filled with the Holy Spirit. He describes feeling overwhelmed by the love of God and the realization that Jesus died for him. The speaker also recounts a powerful experience of encountering the fire of God's presence in his car, which led to a deep transformation in his life. He concludes by discussing the importance of understanding God's plans for Israel and the end times.

Transcript

We're on the top of Mount Carmel where Elijah the prophet called down the fire and the people fell on their face and said, the Lord, he is God, the Lord, he is God. Well, the fire is starting to fall on Mount Carmel again. The presence of God is returning to Israel and Mount Carmel.

Jews and Arabs are turning to the Lord here more than any time since the book of Acts. Communities, residential communities of Jews and Arabs coming off of life-controlling problems. Women's shelter for refugees and for battered women, Jews and Arabs together.

Yes, the fire is falling again. The valley behind me here, awesome things are about to happen there too. This is the Jezreel Valley.

Megiddo is around the corner. And most Bible scholars believe this is where there's about to be a tremendous battle of armies coming against Israel. Armies from the nations.

The Lord will intervene. It will impact all the nations, particularly Europe and Germany. So it's most important that we know what God is doing in Israel now and what he's about to do.

So join me now, if you will, the series of messages on Israel, the nations and the end times. Many, many years ago, before some of you young people were born, I was an actor in New York City. And one time I was in a Broadway play that happened to be about the Holocaust.

So I was studying the Holocaust as an actor would. I was not a believer. I didn't know the Lord.

And one night I went home. I had everything the world had to offer. I had worked very hard to get where I was.

And. I went home. And this thought came to my mind.

It doesn't mean anything. My life. I was devastated.

And I knew I was lost. So I went out to try to find God. And after some time, an actor friend of mine said, there's a group of actors and dancers and singers and models.

Who have a meeting in a recording studio on Broadway in Times Square where you make recordings. And the Holy Spirit is being poured out there. I didn't even know what that meant.

But I had read Acts chapter two and what had happened to Peter when he got filled with the Holy Spirit. He was radically changed. And the scripture said, this is for you and your family and for all those that were far off.

And I said, well, I'm certainly far off and I need this. So I wasn't sure what it was all about. But I was hungry to find God.

So this young man took me to an upper room. Where the recording studio was and all these people were in there worshipping Jesus. They were African-Americans, they were white people, they were Asian people, they were Jews, they were Gentiles.

And I'd never heard a sound quite like that. And as someone was taking me to my chair. All of a sudden.

I couldn't stand up. And I fell on my knees. And I started to weep.

I didn't know what was happening to me. And I wept and I sobbed and I wept and I wept. And it was like things were breaking inside of me.

And everyone else was just praising Jesus. I think the guy that brought me there is probably saying, well, what happened to him? And when I looked up down on my knees through my tears. I met Jesus.

He's all white. And I was dirty. And I knew it.

And in my heart, I said, I'm sorry. And the wonder of wonders. I knew I was forgiven.

I felt this huge weight like a safe. Lifted off of my back. And it was gone.

The guilt was gone. The condemnation was gone. I struggled into a chair and tried to figure out what had happened to me.

And everything that man said, he was an actor who was preaching. It was about me. And I realized God was talking to me.

Shortly after that, I got filled with the Holy Spirit. I was on the floor again, weeping and sobbing. All of a sudden I was singing in another language and crying out to the Lord.

The elders were giving me paper towels. Finally, they gave me the whole roll. And I just kept weeping and weeping.

And it was the fire of the love. The all-consuming love of God for a wretch like me. It's overwhelming that the God of the universe would love me and come and get me in New York City.

And that Jesus died for me long before I knew anything about him. It was just overwhelming. And I would read in the scriptures.

I got so hungry for the word of God. I felt robbed. Why hadn't anyone told me about this? Why didn't I know earlier? And the scripture said, if the same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead dwells in your mortal body, you have life in your body.

Hallelujah. I was new. I had the life of God in my body.

I was a temple of the Holy Spirit. It was overwhelming to me. I walked through the streets of New York saying, Old Dave, New David.

Old Dave, New David. I'm new. All things are new in Christ.

I was one new man. Hallelujah. I was new.

I stopped doing alcohol. Bang! It was gone. Drugs.

Bang! It was gone. Lust was gone. My filthy language.

It was all gone. I was new. I was clean.

I was being sanctified. It was so overwhelming that the power of God had come down in me. Hallelujah.

I danced through the streets. I ran to the Bible studies. Being famous on television and Broadway and movies.

It didn't matter anymore. He mattered. He had come and got me while I was still a long way off.

The father was looking for me. He saw me. He had compassion.

He ran out to me. Hallelujah. On Broadway in New York City.

And he put a new robe on me. I had a robe of righteousness. I had a garment of praise for a spirit of heaviness.

Hallelujah. I had a new ring. I had new sandals.

My feet were clean. I walked into the party of God. I was part of the family of God.

The household of faith, like we are here tonight. Hallelujah. It is the most miraculous, wonderful thing that we are called to be new.

The word new means pure, fresh, virginal. Never before touched. That's what a new creation is.

We are new creations in Christ. If you know Him. If you love Him.

If you're walking with Him. Hallelujah. Of the most awesome things that were happening to me, the God of the universe, the creator was talking to me.

Hallelujah. God talks to His people. Jesus knows His sheep.

They know His voice. I fell in love with Jesus. I read.

I read. Why hadn't anyone showed me? Why hadn't I known these were His words? His love, His compassion. As He raised people from the dead, as He walked on the water, as He stopped the storm, the way He loved those men.

Hallelujah. I am one new man in Messiah. Praise the Lord.

As I began to learn to hear the voice of the shepherd. It was wonderful. Go here.

Go there. Do that. Don't do that.

A divine counselor. The creator was my counselor. I didn't have to go to some psychiatrist or something that would mess me up anymore.

Hallelujah. The Lord said, go to Israel. I'd always had in my heart to go to Israel even before I was a believer.

I got on a plane and I went to Israel. I just, you know, you just obey the Holy Spirit. That's all.

I wasn't married. I could go anywhere I wanted. So I went.

Came up to Jerusalem. And as we drove up to Jerusalem, you know, I'd been to the great capitals of the world. I'd been to London and Athens and all that.

I lived in New York City. But as we came up to Jerusalem, there was something about that city. I started to weep.

What is happening to me? What does Jerusalem have to do with me? And I went up on the Mount of Olives and there I read what happened there. Jesus wept over Jerusalem. Then he says very clearly in the scriptures, he's coming back and stand on the Mount of Olives.

I was there. He said he was first come on a donkey. It was right there.

Biblical prophecy was being unfolded before my very eyes. And I was overwhelmed that we're in this prophetic moment in these end times before Jesus comes back. And he's showing me all this.

The Jews had come back from over a hundred nations from persecution in Europe and in Russia and the Ukraine and from the Muslim world. They were everywhere. And as I read in the scriptures, he who scattered Israel will gather.

I want my God. This has never happened before. It's now.

And I was standing in the midst of all this unfolding. I kept a journal of everything the Lord was telling me. I prayed for an Arab woman in the old city of Jerusalem and she was miraculously healed from breast cancer.

The power of God came on her. I knew it when I prayed for her. She got a letter from a Jewish doctor.

He was he was staggered that the cancer was gone. She wrote me a letter back in America. I went up on the Mount Carmel.

I asked the Lord to speak to me. I was reading. He's the God who answers by fire.

You know what happened? The fire of God came down on my car. The rental car. I don't know how to describe it except it was waves of the fire of his all-consuming jealousy and love for my whole heart.

And things were breaking up and it just came in wave after wave after wave. I couldn't drive. It went on for a couple of hours.

Somehow I staggered back to New York wondering what happened to me in Israel. What is going on with my life? He had said it's finished. It's finished to me and up on Mount Carmel.

So I go back to the recording studio and there the revival is going. It was a revival on Broadway. People were getting saved at every meeting.

I'm watching the worship team. Worshipping the Lord with that great worship team and on the worship team was this lady. Hallelujah.

And I didn't really know her and she lived with an African-American woman named Mother Jackson. They were the funniest couple in New York. This little African-American woman on fire for Jesus and this Jewish model singer.

And they would go into a shop or something and Karen would go mother and she'd say yes daughter and the whole place would turn around like what is that all about? And Mother Jackson said to me I'm an old lady. I never had a husband. God never gave me a husband but he's given me a daughter and she's a Jew.

Hallelujah. She used to tell all her friends that I got a Jewish daughter. What? What are you talking about? So on my birthday I asked Mother Jackson to go out with me and Karen was standing next to her.

So to be polite I asked Karen to come too. We had a chaperone. We sat in that restaurant.

Mother Jackson was quiet for the first time in her entire life I think. She probably kissed the Blarney Stone somewhere. She had the gift of gab.

So Karen starts telling me about her love affair with Jesus reading the song of Solomon which is about the bridegroom coming for the bride. And the ancient rabbis and the rabbis today know it's about the Messiah coming for the Jews. Now we're called to be the bride Jew and Gentile together.

Hallelujah. So we know it's for us and it would be for the Jews when they know Jesus when they know their Messiah. So she was in love with Jesus and I looked at her and the Holy Spirit said that's your wife.

And I fell in love with her. Mother Jackson had heard two weeks before that Karen was going to marry me and I didn't know it. Mother Jackson heard the word from the word of the Lord.

Hallelujah. So they had this secret so I asked Karen to go out with me and she did. Next night we were in another restaurant and she told me how as a Jew she came to Jesus.

Because of Christian, so called Christian anti-Semitism and persecution of Jews, Jews don't look to Jesus. They think he's the enemy. But this young lady, she had a friend who got saved in the revival, an actress, who provoked her to jealousy because of her beautiful walk with the Lord and the joy of the Lord.

And she used to just have the joy of the Lord all the time. And Karen said and she didn't even have a boyfriend. How could anybody be happy without a boyfriend? Her boyfriend was Jesus.

Hallelujah. So Karen knocked on her door, said do you have any advice for me? My life's a mess. And she said would you like to pray? She prayed Jesus come into my heart.

Forgive my sins. She didn't know what her sins were. Give me your Holy Spirit.

That sounded good. Save me. She didn't know what it meant to be saved, what she was to be saved from.

And she looked at her friend Camille and she said Camille, this can't be the only way. And Camille looked her in the face and said it is. You know what happened? The spirit of truth went right into her heart.

It transcended all her arguments, all her mental stuff, all the New Age junk she'd been in. Went right into her heart and she knew that she knew that it was true. She took the New Testament upstairs.

Camille gave it to her. She started reading it and she said oh my God. It's all Jewish.

These people are Jews. A Jew wrote this. Jesus was innocent.

I didn't know. It was like a bestseller. Following what was happening.

When she got to Revelation she was really blown away. Hallelujah. Because we win.

Amen. Now what we realized, if you want to turn to Ephesians chapter 2, that not only were we new creations in Messiah, but in Ephesians chapter 2, Paul, his Jewish name was Shaul, Saul. Paul had been involved in this congregation in Ephesus, which was a demonic stronghold of the enemy where idolatry, terrible things were going on there.

A huge statue of Diana and all these Romans and Greeks came there. There was child sacrifice and temple prostitution of little girls. Anyway, Paul had gone in there with 12 Jews who were filled with the Holy Spirit and they turned the city upside down and a revival broke out.

He went to the synagogue for three months preaching from the Tanakh, from the Old Testament. There wasn't any New Testament yet. They hadn't written it.

And Jews were coming to the Lord and then some of them got mad. He went next door. He got a school and Jews and Gentiles became part of this congregation.

And it was the one new man of Jew and Gentile, a dwelling place for God in the Spirit. And it impacted all of that part of Asia. The miracles started happening.

It was incredible what was going on there. So Paul, when he's thrown in prison years later, he gets this download of revelation from the Holy Spirit in the Ephesian letter. And he sends this letter back to Ephesus, which today would be in Turkey.

And here's one of the things that he wrote them. Verse 11. Therefore, remember that you once Gentiles.

He's writing to the congregation in Ephesus that it is Jews and Gentiles. And this part is to the Gentiles, the Greeks and the Romans, Gentiles in the flesh who are called on circumcision by what is called the circumcision made in flesh by hands, that at that time you were without Messiah Christ being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope without God in the world. The Romans and the Greeks knew nothing about a Messiah.

They knew nothing about the patriarchs. They knew nothing about the Bible. They didn't know the prophets.

They didn't know the Psalms. So they were so far off out in the wilderness of the nations. So he says, don't forget where you came from.

You Greeks and you Romans. He goes on and says, verse 13. But now in Christ Jesus, you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.

The Jews understood blood sacrifices. The Gentiles were starting to understand Jesus was crucified on Passover. The Passover lambs were being slaughtered.

And he is the Passover lamb who was slain before the foundation of the world. Jews began to realize that's who he is. He is our atonement, the perfect atonement for our sins.

For the Romans and Greeks, this was difficult for them to understand. So he goes on and says, for he himself is our peace, Yeshua, Jesus, who made both one. He has made Jews and Gentiles one.

That's what it says by the cross, by his blood, by his perfect sacrifice. So Paul is getting this incredible revelation and writing it back to these Jews and Gentiles in what is today Turkey. He's broken down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in his flesh the hatred, the hatred, the enmity between Jews and Gentiles has already been done away with.

If you come into the Lord, you know the Lord, you love the Lord, whether you're Gentile or Jew, you can love one another, whether you're Gentile or Arab. Hallelujah. We have a drug we have for Jews and Arabs.

This is what happens to them. This one new man that we're talking about. And he says at the end of verse 15, to create in himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.

Jesus reconciled Jews to the Gentiles on the cross. He's already made peace, if you'll embrace it, if you'll receive it. So he's the peace process.

This is what we need in the Middle East. There's a great revival. You know, there's a million Iranians have come to the Lord secretly.

Amen. I mean, they are being bombarded by satellite television 24 hours a day. And the leaders I know in the Middle East, we meet once a year for 16 years.

They embrace Israel. They're from Muslim nations. We embrace God's purposes for Egypt, for Iraq.

You know, the 20 new congregations in Baghdad alone, he's moving all through the Middle East. 15,000 Jews have come to the Lord. The more Jews have come to the Lord anytime since the book of Acts.

It's happening right now. Hallelujah. And Jews and Gentiles, our congregation.

Karen's a Jew. Three of her musicians are Arabs. Her keyboard players are German.

God can reconcile Jews and Germans. Amen. Hallelujah.

He can reconcile Jews and Germans. He can reconcile anybody. So don't have a problem with your wife.

Get reconciled. Amen. Hallelujah.

The ministry of reconciliation. If you argued with your wife before you came in here, lay it down here and don't get in the car and start arguing again on the way out of here. Don't leave a meeting and say, as I was saying, and I'm right, deal with it here.

Okay. Sounds like some of you have done that. We have never done that.

Right, Karen? She just usually tells me you preach too long. So I'm watching. Hallelujah.

Verse 17. Verse 16, that he might reconcile them both to God in one body. Isn't that amazing? Jews and Gentiles in one body.

You realize you're worshiping the Lord here with some Jews. There's at least one sitting here that I know of. Jews and Gentiles, Jews and Arabs worshiping the Lord on Mount Carmel in the last days.

Jews and Arabs living together in House of Victory on Mount Carmel. Only God can do this. Hallelujah.

It's faith. And look, you believe what he said and you walk in it. He'll do it.

He watches over his word to perform it. So he goes on and he says, verse 22, in whom you also being built together for a dwelling place for God in the spirit. He's talking about Jews and Gentiles becoming a dwelling place for God in the spirit.

You know who gets the one new man? See, the church began as the one new man. It's going to, it's being restored all over the world. We go to Indonesia.

It's the largest Muslim nation in the world. The movement that we minister in has 300,000 people that they know about. Two of the congregations, one in Jakarta and one in Medan, has 30,000 people.

They have meetings all over the city. We're running, we did six meetings on one Sunday. You do a meeting in this huge place where they're worshiping the Lord, jump in a car, go to, and all of them or the majority of them are former Muslims, MBBs, Muslim Background Believers, and they love Israel.

And she sings Kadosh and the roof blows off the place. They love to worship the persecuted church all over the world, China, India. They love the Jews and they stand on God's purposes for Israel because they're simple people.

They read it and they believe what it says. They don't reject its primary meaning when it says the dry bones will live the whole house of Israel. They know it means Israel.

Now they embrace it for Indonesia too, but they know that's what's going to happen in Israel. Don't reject or neglect the primary meaning of the word. It's simple.

You know, big biblical prophecy is simple. God says it to a prophet. He writes it down.

Then he does it. I'm coming on a donkey. He came on a donkey and be born in Bethlehem.

He was born in Bethlehem. It's just simple. Don't complicate it.

And you can prove it because God's doing it. And I'm here to tell you, we're standing in this prophetic moment now in the end times when the Jews are starting to turn to their Messiah and there's going to be a national repentance. Hallelujah.

And there's going to be crying out Baruch Habob and a Shem Adonai. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. That's what Yeshua said they have to do before he comes back.

And then he's coming back. So hallelujah. We're right on that threshold.

It's happening right now. Praise God. Now in Ephesians chapter three, he's talking about this mystery.

Verse six, the Gentiles should be fellow heirs of the same body and partakers of the promise in Christ through the gospel. He's trying to get these Greeks and Romans to understand. You have now moved into the covenant.

You now are you're both adopted into the kingdom of God. You're the household of faith. You're still a Greek.

You're still a Roman. You're still a Jew, but you are one by the power of the Holy Spirit. And that's where the power was released in Ephesus and all over the Middle East.

So he goes on and he says, this is the unsearchable riches of Christ. And he says, this is the stewardship. He says, I have stewardship of this mystery of Jew and Gentile, the one new man.

And I'd like to say to you today, I am a steward. I'm simply stewards. Bring you your dinner on a boat or something.

You know, they manage your affairs. I'm presenting to you that the church began as Jew and Gentile. And it's going to end that way to this.

That's where the great end time move. God is going to be because we're in the time of the restoration of all things. Praise the Lord.

And the restoration of the nation of Israel is the great prophetic sign of the 20th century. It's never happened before. This nation shall stand.

He says it all through the scripture because he has purposes for the salvation of world through that tiny little nation. Hallelujah. Now, if the church began as the one new man, what happened? Where did the Jews go? The Jews brought the gospel to Europe.

They were all Jewish apostles. Mark brought the gospel to Cairo. The leaders there tell me Thomas brought it to India.

He was crucified by Hindus there. They'd take me to the place where it happened. Jewish apostles went out and died all over the world to bring the gospel to the Gentiles who were far off, who didn't understand

any of this.

And so what happened to them? Well, about the second and third century, men's traditions started to come in to the church of Jesus Christ. God forgive us. The word of God started to be moved aside.

Traditions and rituals started to come in. Politics got involved, and the Jews were gradually finally just put out of the church. They didn't want the Jews anymore.

They started to say terrible things about the Jews. Can you imagine how this could happen among some of the greatest of the church fathers? One of the greatest of them, John Chrysostom, they called him the golden-tongued preacher of his era. He said this, God has always hated the Jews, and all Christians should.

This is a church father. Go on the Internet and look it up, John Chrysostom. He preached these hate-filled messages against the Jews.

So the people were listening to the fathers, listening to the leaders. The people didn't have the New Testament in their own language yet. They listened to what the leader said.

Even Martin Luther himself, at the end of his life, said the Jews poisoned the wells. They did the ritual murders, therefore destroy their synagogues. And he said much worse.

And Hitler quoted Luther and put it in Mein Kampf. He said this is our national... This is the Reformation. What do we do about all this? .

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