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Welcome Letter



Welcome!

Congratulations on choosing a course of study that could very well change your life. Through this study you will come to understand God's plan for you and the world that has been in place since before eternity. It will also reveal mighty acts of God throughout history fulfilling that plan.

So often we approach Bible study by topic, or we study individual books. What is often missing is that overarching understanding of the "big picture" within which all of the topics and smaller studies fit. This study that you hold in your hand will give you the "big picture" that will make all of your other studies come alive!

The story of the Bible is the story of God's love for the world and his plan to redeem the world. Central to this story is the calling on the people of Israel. It behooves us to understand this calling because it has major implications on our worldview, on our prayers and on our priorities as the Body of Christ.

The International Christian Embassy Jerusalem is pleased to bring this study by Rev. Malcolm Hedding to you. It is designed to be used by home groups and church classes alike. Rev. Hedding will provide the teaching via DVD, and we have provided you with an outline to follow along as you listen as well as discussion questions for afterwards.

We hope that your small group will decide to also join our ministry of support to Israel and the Jewish people. Make us your Embassy in Jerusalem.

God Bless and Shalom!

Susan M. Michael
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FACILITATOR'S GUIDELINES

Biblical Zionism Series

Facilitator as Co-Learner

We recommend that facilitators approach their role as a fellow-sojourner and co-learner. New concepts will undoubtedly be presented throughout the course of this series and questions will arise that might not have clear-cut answers. This is okay. If you are a facilitator that adopts the posture of a fellow student, you can avoid the difficult position of “having to have all the answers.” Rather, your role will be to host and prepare meaningful class sessions and to guide your group in the search for clear understandings, always using Scripture as your guide.

Facilitator Preparation

To prepare for each class meeting, it is wise to preview the particular portion of the DVD you will be viewing in class each week so that you may become familiar with the teaching. This will also give you a chance to personally work through new or challenging concepts and anticipate things your group might find new, exciting, challenging and wonderful. Fill in the [Listening Guide Outline](#) while you preview each DVD portion so that you can get a sense of what your group will experience when you meet. (Answers are found at the end of each of the four parts to this series.) Review the [Discussion Points](#) for each lesson, jotting down notes that will help you facilitate a biblically-based discussion. (Note: Because the answers for discussions can either be found within the [Listening Guide Outline](#) or will be lengthy and vary from group to group, no answer key for the [Discussion Points](#) is provided.)

Materials Needed for Each Class Session

- Refreshments (optional)
- TV and DVD player
- DVD
- Listening and Discussion Guide
- Bibles
- Pens, pencils

Flexibility

This series has no homework, per se, and as such is a wonderful teaching tool for small groups with busy members. It is divided into a 16-session study, but can be prolonged if your calendar permits. In addition, facilitators may elect to encourage group members to meditate on key Scriptures between class times and to dig deeper on the concepts they find interesting, challenging or new.

Suggested Timetable for Group Meetings

If possible, schedule at least a 2-hour class time. More time is even better as it will allow for lengthier discussions, prayer and fellowship.

- 2-hour class time
- 10 minutes for gathering, fellowship
- 10 minutes for prayer, introduction, and review
- DVD lesson (ranges between 20–40 minutes; see Table of Contents for length) Group members will view the DVD while following along in the corresponding [Listening Guide Outline](#) in their workbook to take notes and to fill in the blanks of the key concepts.
- 1 hour (approximately) for discussion and closing prayer

Discussion Guidelines

You will find that the material Reverend Hedding presents is intellectually and spiritually stimulating. If a disagreement arises among your group members, keep a level head and always, always look to the Bible and what it says. The idea is not to win at being right, but rather to handle truth with wisdom, humility and love. Submit to one another out of reverence to Christ (Ephesians 5:21), being gentle with those who do not yet see.

OUR PRAYER FOR YOU

We are excited for you and your group because of the life-changing potential of this study. After completing this 16-session study, you will understand God's plan to redeem the world and the centrality of the Jewish people in God's plan and in His dealings with mankind. You will also have an excitement for the truth of God's Word that will last a lifetime. For “you will know the truth and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).

You *belong* here. God is using you, and He will use us all in what He is building. May He teach and uphold you. May He strengthen you and give you wisdom as you guide others in understanding where His heart is concerning Israel, the Jewish people and yes, even you.

God's richest blessings.

Carrie Burns, PhD

*Educational Programs Developer,
US Branch of the International Christian Embassy Jerusalem*

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*On that day I will raise up
The tabernacle of David,
which has fallen down,
And I repair its damages;
I will raise up its ruins,
And rebuild it as in the days of old;*

*That they may possess
the remnant of Edom,
And all the Gentiles
who are called by My name,
Says the Lord who does this thing.*

*I will plant them in their land,
And no longer shall they be pulled up
From the land I have given them,
Says the Lord your God. - Amos 9:11-12;13*



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PART 1

THE BASIS OF CHRISTIAN SUPPORT FOR ISRAEL

SESSION 1 Vehicle of World Redemption (35:23)

1. Christian Support for Israel: Biblical Zionism

- Ephesians 1:3–14
- Not based on prophecy.
- Not based on eschatology.
- Based on the great _____ God made with Israel.

2. God's Redemptive Plan for World and Israel

- Did not begin in time.
- Began _____ in eternity.
- “before the foundation of the world.” (Ephesians 1:4)
- Israel was the _____ of the redemptive plan.
- The goal of the redemptive plan was the world.



3. The Story of God's Love for the World

- God has no _____.
- God treats Jews and Gentiles the same. (Romans 2:9–12)
- God loves all mankind. (John 3:16)
- God does not love _____ more than other people.
- God reaches the world through _____.
- Israel is the vehicle of world redemption.
- Therefore, to hate Israel is to _____ the purpose of God, eternal salvation.
- God can be seen through creation. (Romans 1 and 2)
- All humanity is accountable to God.
- Where do the Jewish people fit in? "To them were committed the oracles of God." (Romans 3:1–2)
- Israel is the custodian of _____.



4. Israel's Unique Role

- Israel's position before God is special.
- No other nation has this role.
- This role has often been misunderstood.
- This role has been challenged _____.
- This role will never, never fail.
- If Israel fails, then God's plan for _____ fails.
- God guarantees Israel's survival.
- Israel is the apple of God's eye. (Zechariah 2:8)
- This does not mean Israel is more loved by God than other nations.
- It means God affords Israel special care but does not love her more than other people.

Example: We afford pregnant women special care, even though all family members are loved the same.

- Israel is unique because she is the custodian of _____.
- Israel exists for the Messiah.

5. The Coming of Messiah

- Israel came into existence for one reason: _____.
- Israel prepared the world for the Messiah.
- Israel brought the Messiah into the world.
- Israel will bring the Messiah back at the consummation of the age.
- The Messiah had messianic _____.
- Israel needs the Messiah like all peoples need the Messiah.
- Sin besets Jews and Gentiles alike.
- Jews and Gentiles are both enemies of God because of sin. (Romans 8:7)
- Jesus, the Messiah, is the only answer.
- All history is summed up in _____.
- The universe is summed up in Jesus the Messiah.
- The Cross is the only way the plan of God is accomplished.
- We live to the praise of His glory.
- We are redeemed by the grace of God.
- Theologically, Jesus died before _____.
"He died before the foundation of the world." (Revelation 13:8)
- In time, Jesus died around AD 30.
This means Jesus gave his word to his Father before time began.

- Adam and Eve were not Plan A.
Jesus was not Plan B.
God made provision for our sin before time, before he made us.
- "...given to us in Christ Jesus before time began." (II Timothy 1:9)
- This purpose began before time, but Jesus the Messiah came in time.

6. Why Israel?

- Israel is the delivery _____ of world redemption.
- God chose Israel.
- Not because of capability of Israel.
- God chose Israel because he _____ her. (Deuteronomy 7:6–8)
- God chose Israel because God chose Israel. Period.
- In spite of Israel's weaknesses, He will fulfill His plan through her.
- God will get the glory.
- God is sovereign, even though Israel rejects credentials of the Messiah. (Romans 11)
- "Who has known the mind of the Lord?" (Romans 11:33–36)
- The story of Israel is the story of _____.
- Even Israel's rejection has furthered God's plan for redemption.
- The main player in world redemption is Israel.
- Israel's role secures a vast family for God.
- Israel occupies center stage of world history.

7. The Mystery of Israel

- "mystery kept secret since the world began." (Romans 16:25–27)
- Principle of biblical mystery:
 - Not something discovered no one else had discovered.
 - Not a new revelation.
 - At the right time, the Holy Spirit revealed the truth of God's Word.
- There are many biblical mysteries.
 - The mystery of the Church.
 - The mystery of the resurrection.
 - The mystery of the second coming of Jesus.
 - The mystery of Israel. (Romans 11:25)
- Israel has always been difficult for the Church because it is a _____.

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Were there any concepts that were new for you in Rev. Malcolm Hedding's introductory remarks on Christian Zionism?

- Discuss God's love for:

The world

Israel

- Israel has a unique role in God's plan for the world. What is Israel's role concerning:

The Word of God

Redemption

The Messiah

Discussion Points continued...

- God chose Israel to be his own possession out of all the peoples on the face of the earth—we find it in Deuteronomy 7:6–8 (this citation is key and a good one to memorize—we will refer to it often). Read this passage and discuss it in light of today's teaching.

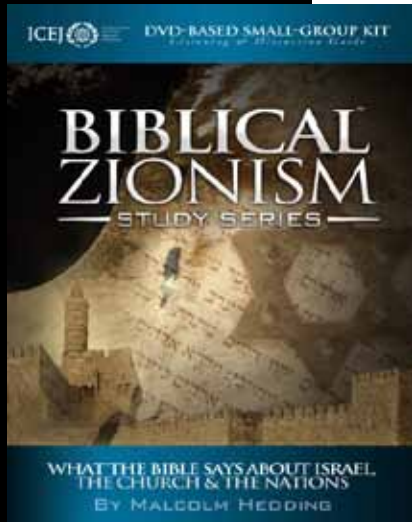
- “If Israel fails, then God's plan for world redemption fails.”

What does this mean?

Does this statement provide hope or despair?

- Christian support for Israel is biblical; it is called Christian Zionism. After hearing today's teaching, how would you explain why Bible-believing Christians support Israel?

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