

Day 6: God is fulfilling prophecy

I will gather together the remnant of my flock from the countries where I have driven them. I will bring them back to their own sheepfold, and they will be fruitful and increase in number. Then I will appoint responsible shepherds who will care for them, and they will never be afraid again. Not a single one will be lost or missing. I, the LORD, have spoken! "For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will raise up a righteous descendant from King David's line. He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land. And this will be his name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.' In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety." Jeremiah 23:3-6 NLT

Today as you begin your study, ask God to reveal whatever He wants you to see through His Word and the teaching.

Dean Bye shares:

We are living in a unique time when God is fulfilling His Word to Israel in the sight of the whole earth. The Lord is bringing the Jewish people back to Israel. Over one million Jews have immigrated to Israel in the past fifteen years. It's time for the Body of Christ to wake up and realize this is no coincidence. They were scattered among the nations and exiled from the land of Israel in 70 A.D. because of their idol worship and defilement of the land. But, it was not permanent. The Lord indicated through the prophets that He would bring them back in the "latter days" and make them "more prosperous than their ancestors" had been. They had been scattered for nearly 2000 years—until May 14, 1948.

The most significant prophetic sign of the last days is, without question, the return of the Jews to the land of Israel! There hasn't been a single time period since the days of Jesus that

has seen more biblical prophecies come to pass than the one we live in now. For instance, in 1948, according to God's promises, Israel became a nation.

Meditate on and study Jeremiah 23:3-6.

The verses are above, but you can also study them in other translations.

- List all of God's promises in these verses. Each one uses the word, "will," revealing that it is something God will definitely do.
- Notice that God is declaring He will bring His people back from all the places where He banished them; afterwards He will bring the Messiah. The Jews would know that these verses are referring to the Messiah.
- God promised that the Messiah would come from David's line and reign over Israel. Jesus fulfilled these prophecies. What name will the Messiah be called, according to this passage?
- What will happen when the Messiah is revealed?
- Ask God to reveal His truth to you. Ask Him to show you whatever you need to know from these verses.
- What stood out to you today from your study? Explain.

A prayer to pray

Lord, Our Righteousness, thank You that You kept Your word to Your people, even though they sinned against You and You had to drive them out of their land. Because You kept Your word to them, I know I can trust You to also keep Your other promises in the Word. That is an amazing promise that You made that not one of them will be missing. Wow! And thank You that when Your people come back, then Christ, the Messiah, a descendant from King David, will return. Lord Jesus, thank You that You are my Righteousness, because You died to pay the price for my sins.

Prayer points for today

- Pray that Jews will begin to see that Yeshua HaMashiach, Jesus Christ, is their Messiah. They are waiting for the Messiah to come to earth, but most don't yet realize that He already came and fulfilled many prophecies, and He is coming again.
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem and all of Israel. They continually have enemies coming at them from all sides and from within—the countries around them and from some of the Arabs living in the land. Psalm 122:6 (ESV): "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem! May they be secure who love you!"

An action to take

Befriend a Jew.

Make sure you have no hidden agenda. A key is to build a relationship that develops trust. Here are a few ways to do that and you can find more ways on our web.

- **Be humble.** Before you meet with a Jewish person, pray, "Lord, what do You want me to learn from them? What is my purpose in spending time with them?"
- Be a friend first. Show them that you are interested in them, not trying to change them. We worship the same God—the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. If they are open to discussion, inquire if you can ask them some questions. Know that they won't push Judaism on you and they don't want you to push Christianity on them. Let the Holy Spirit lead you.
- **Be interested in learning from their knowledge of Scripture** Many Jewish people have deep understanding of the Old Testament, the Tanakh. Whatever they share, don't argue, just have friendly discussions and watch what God will do! Arguing will *never* help them to find the truth.

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