

# Day 7: The amazing prophetic significance in God's plan

"I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel, and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine, and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

I will plant them on their land, and they shall never again be uprooted out of the land that I have given them," says the LORD your God.

Amos 9:14–15 ESV

As a reminder, God bringing His people back to the land He promised them is called Aliyah. Today, in Modern Hebrew, Aliyah refers to Jewish persons returning home to their Promised Land in Israel from the nations where they have been scattered. Aliyah means to "go up." He or she is going up to Zion.

## Eric Morey, founder of Aliyah Action Counsel, shares:1

If we look at the history of the last 2,000 years from a Biblical perspective, clearly, the event of the greatest historic and prophetic significance was the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The second most significant event was surely what took place on the Day of Pentecost (Shavuot) when the Holy Spirit fell on the disciples and the church was born. We believe the third most significant event has been the return of the Jewish people to their Land—Aliyah—foretold in God's Word sixty-four times.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Much of the outline and teaching in this study is from Eric Morey, from the paper he wrote, "The Astounding Prophetic Significance of Aliyah." You can get a copy on <u>our web</u>.

The modern movement of Aliyah began in 1881 and accelerated with the First Zionist Congress in 1897 and the Balfour Declaration of 1917. It began to realize its full potential when the nation of Israel was reborn in 1948 and Jerusalem was reunited under Jewish control in 1967. Today, over one-third of all the world's Jews live in Israel, more than any other country in the world. In spite of incredible opposition, challenges and difficulties, Israel is today a strong and prosperous country. Aliyah continues to this day. The sixty-four prophecies are being fulfilled before our very eyes.

But much more is involved in Aliyah than the physical return of the Jews, including the restoration of the land and the rebirth of the nation. In the sixty-four passages of Scripture proclaiming God's intention to bring His people home, seven other amazing things are described, which happen in conjunction with Aliyah.

God reveals seven amazing things He is doing in returning His people to Israel. Here is an outline of the prophetic significance of the return of God's people to Israel. As you study each of them in the coming days, ask God to reveal His heart to you through them.

- 1. Spiritual restoration of the Jewish people
- 2. Pouring out of God's Spirit on Israel and on the nations
- 3. Worldwide spiritual awakening
- 4. Return of Jesus Christ to earth
- 5. Role of the Gentiles
- 6. God is bringing back people from both the tribe of Israel and the tribe of Judah.
- 7. The valley of dry bones

Meditate on and study Amos 9:14–15 (NLT): The Lord says, "I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine. I will firmly plant them there in their own land. They will never again be uprooted from the land I have given them."

- What are God's promises in these verses about what will happen in the end times? List each thing God says He will do.
- What will the people of Israel do?
- What will be the result of what God does?
- Notice what God says He will do to His people in verse 15.

### A prayer to pray

Lord, I can see how much You care about the people of Israel. Even though You had to expel them from the land of Israel, You are bringing them back. You promised them so much in these

two verses, which have so much to do with the land of Israel. They were uprooted, but You are firmly planting them in their land. They are rebuilding their cities, planting vineyards and gardens and eating their crops and drinking their wine. We are seeing this happen today in Israel. You are fulfilling Your Word to Your people. Glory!

#### **Prayer points for today**

- Pray that God will give Israelis knowledge and understanding in how and what to plant so the land will be fruitful.
- Ask God how you can come alongside Jews who are moving to or living in Israel, helping them become firmly planted in the land.

#### An action to take

Tommy Waller and his family are Gentiles who are planting vineyards and gardens in Samaria. Learn more about what they are doing <a href="here">here</a> and consider going over to help them when they harvest the grapes! They need lots of volunteers.

You could also learn more and volunteer with Faithful Galileans.

Or, ask God how else you could volunteer to serve His people.

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