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A major distinction between O.T. Israel and N.T. Israel will be the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will not just be “with” Israel, but “in” Israel (John 14:17).

(Observation #9) - The New Covenant will feature a rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. Ez. 37:26-27; Acts 15:16; Revelation 11:1-2.

There is presently in Israel a great movement that desires to rebuild the Temple. This would indicate that time is moving toward the fulfillment of these very events.

(Observation #10) - The New Covenant will feature specific land for Israel. Jer. 32:40-41; Ezekiel 34:27; 47:15-20.

We may certainly see that this covenant is connected to the Abrahamic covenant for Israel, the Palestinian covenant for Israel and even the Davidic covenant for Israel. This is the complete culmination and fulfillment of all of these covenants.

(Observation #11) - The New Covenant will feature a specific focus on the Jewish lineage.

All nations of the world will honor the Jews and they will recognize them as the offspring of God (Is. 61:8-9).

(Observation #12) - The New Covenant will feature amazing material and land blessings for Israel. Jer. 32:23; Is. 61:7-11; Ez. 34:25-27

When this covenant is fulfilled, Israel will be the most blessed nation and most blessed place on this earth.

(Observation #13) - The New Covenant will feature total and complete peace for Israel.

Israel has always longed for peace and prosperity in her land. When this New Covenant is implemented, she will have this peace. She will “lie down in safety” (Hos. 2:18). This peace will come after the Great Tribulation as events move into the Millennium.

QUESTION #1 – What are the major events for Israel that will lead to the return of Jesus Christ to give her all of her national blessings?

There are certain events that are specifically spelled out for Israel that will indicate Christ is soon to return to bless her. Now, Jesus made it clear that Israel would not see Him again until the entire nation said, “Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD.” Matt. 23:39

It has been 2,000 years since Christ said that and Israel as a nation still has not done this. There are certain events that will lead up to Israel actually nationally doing this:

It is very evident from Scripture that the Bible specifically predicts and anticipates that Jesus Christ will return to Israel, to Jerusalem, to establish a specific glorious kingdom for Israel. This is predicted in several passages of Scripture—

- 1) Isaiah 2:2-4
- 2) Jeremiah 33:15-17
- 3) Ezekiel 34:14, 23-24
- 4) Ezekiel 37:21-23
- 5) Hosea 3:4-5
- 6) Matt. 23:39; 24:29-31

However, it is also predicted that before Jesus Christ returns for Israel, there will be some specific events that will occur:

Event #1 - There will surface a Mediterranean man from Europe who will appear to really favor Israel.

He will be a man of great political power and persuasion. He will surface among ten key world kings and political leaders (Dan. 7:24). He will be a powerful man in the Mediterranean world. He will initially surface by taking over three nations (Dan. 7:8, 20, 24). He will be very intelligent and prosperous and persuasive. He will look like a normal man, but he is not a normal man; he is a Satanic man (Dan. 7:8). He will be a very proud man, who will eventually boast he is god. He will surface as a small time political player and will end up the largest dictator to ever exist (Dan. 7:8, 20). He will become the law of the world for 3 ½ years (Dan. 7:25).

When he first surfaces, he will make a peace covenant with Israel at the beginning of the seven year Tribulation (Dan. 9:27). In the middle of the seven year period, he will put a stop to Temple worship, he will demand that he is worshipped and he will go on a worldwide campaign to rid the world of the Jew (Dan. 9:27; Rev. 13:1-7). According to Zechariah 13:8, 2/3rds of the Jews will be killed.

When this man initially surfaces, Israel will embrace him, thinking he is her Messiah. But he is the Anti-Messiah or Anti-Christ. **Jesus Christ was very careful to point out that when He comes, He will come from the sky and not from this earth (Matthew 24:23-31).**

Event #2 - There will be a major world crisis called “The Great Tribulation.”
Matthew 24:3-31; Revelation 6-19

It is important to observe that the actual words “the Great Tribulation” (της θλιψεως της μεγαλης) literally “the Tribulation, the Great” sit in a context of specifically identifying 144,000 Jews from the twelve tribes of Israel - Revelation 7:4-8, 14. This is no coincidence because the Great Tribulation is a critical, futuristic event pertaining to Israel.

When the Bible describes end time events that clearly relate to Israel, it is very specific to point out that there will be a world crisis that will come against Israel that will feature a world government that will be headed by an evil world dictator, known as the Antichrist (Rev. 13:1-10).