

STUDY QUESTIONS CONTINUED

9. How is looking at prophecy encouraging to us today?

10. If God's promise to Israel is and will come true, what about the promises to us? How then should we live?

WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The word "gospel" means "good news." The Gospel, or good news, of Jesus Christ is that He did what no one could ever do. You see, God loves us, but ever since Adam and Eve sinned against God, every human being has sinned and therefore cannot come into God's presence because He is holy and perfect. As much as we try, we cannot bridge the gap to God because of our sinful nature. We can never be good enough to reach God. Good works, religion, philosophy and morality all fall short of God's perfection.

God loves us so much that He sent His Own Son, Jesus Christ, to bridge the gap (John 3:16). Jesus did what no one else could ever do because He is both God and human, born to Mary. He took upon Himself the punishment we deserve, dying on the cross in our place. Now, through a relationship with Jesus Christ, we can come before a holy God. That is the good news! We enter a relationship with Jesus by placing our faith and trust in Him and Him alone for our salvation. Do you have a relationship with Jesus Christ?

The good news doesn't end there. Not only can we have eternal life through Jesus, but we also now can live without being condemned because of sin. Jesus paid the price for our sins, and He lives within those who have placed their trust in Him. In Christ, not only have we secured our future in eternity with God, but we have the Holy Spirit living in us to help us today to live for Christ. For more information on how to know God, check our website at www.gbcmilescity.com.



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SERMON NOTES

Earth's Prophetic Signs in Scripture
Matthew 24:3-13

Signs of the End of Time

- **Earth's final moments begin with the Jews.**

(Gen. 17:4, 7-8)⁴ "As for Me, behold, My covenant is with you, and you shall be a father of many nations.⁷ And I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you in their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and your descendants after you.⁸ Also I give to you and your descendants after you the land in which you are a stranger, all the land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

- **God's covenant with Abraham**
- **A covenant with responsibility (2 Chron. 7:19-22)**

It was the disobedience and rebellion of the Jewish people in not serving the one true God, Jehovah!

(Jer. 9:13-16)¹³ And the LORD said, "Because they have forsaken My law which I set before them, and have not obeyed My voice, nor walked according to it,¹⁴ but they have walked according to the dictates of their own hearts and after the Baals, which their fathers taught them,"¹⁵ therefore thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "Behold, I will feed them, this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.¹⁶ I will scatter them also among the Gentiles, whom neither they nor their fathers have known. And I will send a sword after them until I have consumed them."

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Jerusalem has been a strategic site in the Middle East for 3,000 years.

The spiritual importance of Jerusalem to the Jews, Christian and Muslims which has made it the object of wars to gain possession like no other city.

Those wars are not over. The greatest war will envelope Israel and Jerusalem and come to the conclusion of Earth's final moments.

Valley of dry bones - (Ez. 37:3)³ *And He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" So I answered, "O Lord GOD, You know."*

Fishers & Hunters - (Jer. 16:16)¹⁶ *"But now I will send for many fishermen," declares the LORD, "and they will catch them. After that I will send for many hunters, and they will hunt them down on every mountain and hill and from the crevices of the rocks.*

Go to the potter's house - (Jer. 18:2-6)² *"Arise and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause you to hear My words."*³ *Then I went down to the potter's house, and there he was, making something at the wheel.*⁴ *And the vessel that he made of clay was marred in the hand of the potter; so he made it again into another vessel, as it seemed good to the potter to make.*⁵ *Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying:*⁶ *"O house of Israel, can I not do with you as this potter?" says the LORD. "Look, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so are you in My hand, O house of Israel!"*

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STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Do you think we are living in the end times?
2. What did Jesus say were the signs of the end times in Matthew 24:3-13?
3. How do these signs fit the current events of today?
4. How is the covenant God made with Abraham unconditional, meaning that God promised something that will happen, no conditions? (Genesis 17:4, 7-8)
5. Read 2 Chronicles 7:19-22. How is the covenant God made with Solomon conditional? What were the conditions for God's blessings? What were the consequences for disobedience?
6. Why do you think after all these years that Jerusalem is still the center of conflict and struggle in the world?
7. Read Ezekiel 37:1-14. What is this passage saying about Israel?
8. God still has a plan for Israel in the end times. What, according to Ezekiel 37:1-14, is going to happen?

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