



THE FUTURE TODAY!

Prophecy Meetings

Israel and Nakba

Genesis 13:14-17

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Sunday Afternoon Service

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Opening Comments

- Welcome to the **FUTURE TODAY** prophecy meeting.
- If you have your Bible, turn to **Genesis 13**.
- We have been doing these meetings for almost five years now.
- Every month I bring a topic that relates to Bible prophecy and then Pastor Randy shares and comments on current events in relation to Bible prophecy.
- It is not uncommon for my topic to have something to do with Israel.
- That is because much of Bible prophecy is centered in and around Israel and the Jewish people.
- The book of Revelation is about the Second Coming of Jesus Christ to establish His kingdom on the earth.
- The prophet Daniel tells us that one of the objectives of the seven-year Tribulation period is to prepare Israel to receive her Messiah, Christ.
- That is why we encourage to keep your eye on what is happening in Israel – those things are pointing to the return of Christ in Israel.
- And for us as Christians, that is exciting because before Christ comes back to Israel, He is going to come and get us.
- Israel is important – It is important to God and so it should be important to us – both the Jewish people and the land.
- The Jewish people did something no other people group has ever done – it re-established itself as a nation after 1,900 years of being dispersed around the world.
- God made a promise to Abram/Abraham.
- **Genesis 13:14-17**
- In 1948 the State of Israel was established.
- The Jewish people have been back in the land God promised to their ancestors for seventy-five years.
- Well, just like when they first entered the Promised Land, someone else was already living there.
- The first time it was the Canaanites – today it is the Palestinians.

- The Canaanites did not approve of the Israelites moving into the Promised Land and displacing them.
- God told the Israelites to drive the Canaanites completely out of the Promised Land or else they would be a constant thorn in their flesh harassing and tempting them to sin.
- It is not an understatement to say the Palestinians disapprove of Israel's occupation of the Promised Land.
- May 15 marked the seventy-fifth anniversary of what they refer to as the Catastrophe. Nakba is Aramaic for catastrophe.
- In 1998, Yasser Arafat declared May 15th as Nakba Day.
- This week Palestinian Authority President Mahmoud Abbas was at the UN for the first-ever commemoration of Nakba Day at the UN.
- Rashida Tliab – the congresswoman from Michigan introduced a resolution to recognize the 'ongoing Nakba.'
- From the Palestinian perspective the Jews have illegitimately displaced the Palestinians from their homeland.
- From the Jewish perspective, the Jews have reclaimed the homeland God gave to them 3,000 years ago.
- As Christians, we should have nothing to do with Nakba Day – it actively promotes antisemitism.
- I don't know what the answer is for the Palestinians.
- They claim the land because they have lived there for generations.
- The Jews claim the land because it was given to them by God millennia ago and was promised to them as an eternal possession.
- God gave Israel the land as part of a covenant.
- Covenants with God cannot be nullified. **Jeremiah 33:20-21**
Thus says the LORD: 'If you can break My covenant with the day and My covenant with the night, so that there will not be day and night in their season,²¹ then My covenant may also be broken with David My servant, so that he shall not have a son to reign on his throne, and with the Levites, the priests, My ministers.'
- The Lord is saying, 'If you can stop the sun from rising and setting, then I will break My covenant with Israel.'
- In other words, it will never be broken.
- Nakba Day is another attack on God's people the Jews.
- As Christians, who believe God's Word is true, we stand with Israel.
- Pastor Randy will now share!