



**THE JEWISH DIASPORA WILL “COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES”; AND
 “MANY OF THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND WILL AWAKE”**

Much of Daniel’s prophecy is concealed until the end time (Daniel 12:9 *“He said, “Go your way, Daniel, for these words are concealed and sealed up until the end time.”*) There is very similar prophetic language in Ezekiel 37 (Valley of the Dry Bones) and Daniel 12 (Sleep in the Dust) about seemingly dead Jewish bodies coming back to life. Most have viewed Ezekiel 37 as symbolic but see Daniel 12 as a literal resurrection. Both Bible texts most likely are describing the same events. These events are the return of the Jews to Israel from the diaspora and Operation Ezra and Nehemiah (Revelation 11-the Two Witnesses). These events all were fulfilled right after the Holocaust-(Daniel 12:1 *“a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time.”*)

1933	1945	1948	1951	1967	
Hitler In Power	Holocaust	WW II Ends	Israel Restored	Operation Ezra & Nehemiah	Jerusalem Liberated



THE VALLEY OF THE DRY BONES--EZEKIEL 37

EZEKIEL: THE LORD SAID "COME UP OUT OF YOUR GRAVES"

Ezekiel 37: 1-6 (NASB)

The hand of the Lord was upon me, and He brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of the valley; and it was full of bones. He caused me to pass among them round about, and behold, there were very many on the surface of the valley; and lo, they were very dry. He said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered, "O Lord God, You know." Again He said to me, "Prophecy over these bones and say to them, 'O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord.' Thus says the Lord God to these bones, 'Behold, I will cause breath to enter you that you may come to life. I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow back on you, cover you with skin and put breath in you that you may come alive; and you will know that I am the Lord.'"

Ezekiel 37: 12-13 (NASB)

Therefore prophesy and say to them, 'Thus says the Lord God, "Behold, I will open your graves and cause you to come up out of your graves, My people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people.'"



THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND--DANIEL 12

DANIEL: THE LORD SAID "THOSE WHO SLEEP IN THE DUST OF THE GROUND WILL AWAKE"

Daniel 12:1-4 (NASB)

"Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the sons of your people, will arise. And there will be a time of distress such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time your people, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt.

Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever. But as for you, Daniel, conceal these words and seal up the book until the end of time; many will go back and forth, and knowledge will increase."

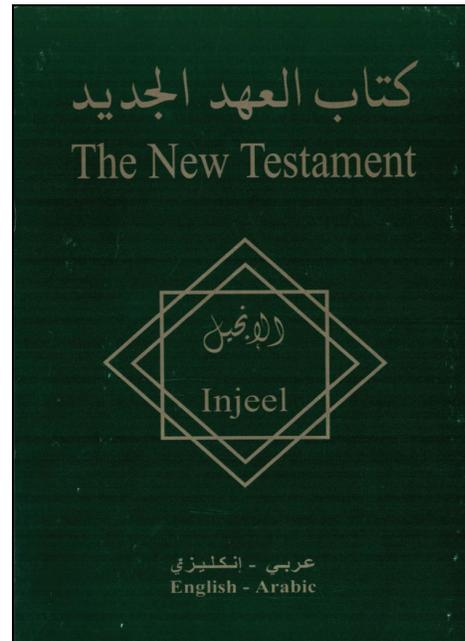
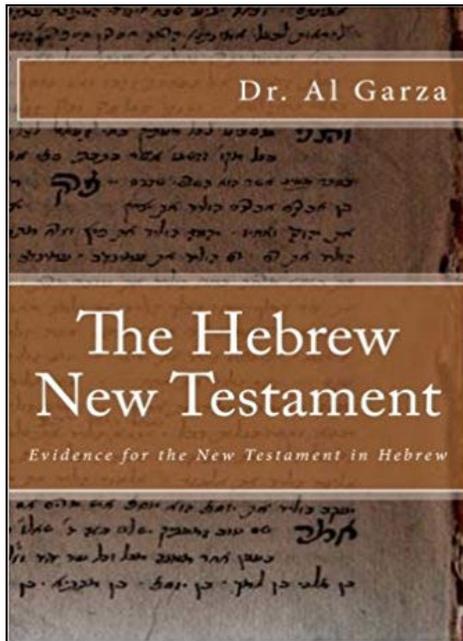
Some prophecy experts have contended that the thrust of Daniel's text is merely temporal, i.e., it is but a figurative reflection of Israel's deliverance from the seventy-year captivity period under the oppressive hand of pagan Babylon. Others suggest that perhaps the allusion is to a "resurrection" of the Jews from a state of apathy before the restoration of Israel in 1948. Some scholars have contended Daniel foretold a future, universal literal resurrection from the dead. The text is best understood when read in conjunction with Ezekiel 37 and Revelation 11. The text is telling about the return of the Jews to Israel in the last days.

The Bible text tells us that Archangel Michael will arise before those that sleep in the dust will awake. Then they will be rescued from the "distress such as never occurred since there was a nation" (the Holocaust). The image of a "resurrection" has a symbolic thrust in the case of Ezekiel's vision of the valley of dry bones. Just as in Ezekiel 37, Daniel's seemingly dead bodies return to Israel. There they have a chance to accept the Gospel. Those that accept the Gospel will "awake to everlasting life." Those that reject the Gospel will face "disgrace and everlasting contempt."

Consider the terms "disgrace and everlasting contempt." "Disgrace" and "contempt," as applied to those destined for punishment. "Disgrace" suggests that which is the object of "reproach." Here the term is plural, "reproaches," likely for emphasis sake. "Contempt" denotes that which is the focus of "aversion" or "abhorrence." Clearly these terms, combined with the modifier "everlasting," reveal the abiding conscious torment of those being punished for rejecting the Gospel after God miraculously returns them to Israel.

THE PURPOSE OF GOD’S ACTIONS IS TO HAVE MANKIND “KNOW I AM THE LORD”

The world would know that the Triune God is LORD as he punished the nation of Judah for their idolatry and would use foreign countries like Babylon to be his instrument of justice. The world would know that the Triune God is LORD as he orchestrates the rise and fall of nations all over the earth. And the world will know that the Triune God is LORD as he would graciously allow a remnant of Judah to return to Israel so that the plan of salvation through Jesus Christ could be fulfilled.



Ezekiel 33:28-29 (NASB)

“I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and the pride of her power will cease; and the mountains of Israel will be desolate so that no one will pass through. Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I make the land a desolation and a waste because of all their abominations which they have committed.”

Ezekiel 34:27-28 (NASB)

“Then they will know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bars of their yoke and have delivered them from the hand of those who enslaved them. They will no longer be a prey to the nations, and the beasts of the earth will not devour them; but they will live securely, and no one will make them afraid.”

Ezekiel 35:12-13,15 (NASB)

“Then you will know that I, the Lord, have heard all your reviling which you have spoken against the mountains of Israel saying, ‘They are laid desolate; they are given to us for food.’ And you have spoken arrogantly against Me and have multiplied your words against Me; I have heard it.” “You will be a desolation, O Mount Seir, and all Edom, all of it. Then they will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 36:8-11 (NASB)

“But you, O mountains of Israel, you will put forth your branches and bear your fruit for My people Israel; for they will soon come. For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you will be cultivated and sown. I will multiply men on you, all the house of Israel, all of it; and the cities will be inhabited and the waste places will be rebuilt.

I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and will treat you better than at the first. Thus you will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 37:13-14 (NASB)

“Then you will know that I am the Lord, when I have opened your graves and caused you to come up out of your graves, My people. I will put My Spirit within you and you will come to life, and I will place you on your own land. Then you will know that I, the Lord, have spoken and done it, declares the Lord.”

Ezekiel 38:13-14 (NASB)

“I will call for a sword against him on all My mountains,” declares the Lord God. “Every man’s sword will be against his brother. With pestilence and with blood I will enter into judgment with him; and I will rain on him and on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, a torrential rain, with hailstones, fire and brimstone. I will magnify Myself, sanctify Myself, and make Myself known in the sight of many nations; and they will know that I am the Lord.”

Ezekiel 39:6-8 (NASB)

“And I will send fire upon Magog and those who inhabit the coastlands in safety; and they will know that I am the Lord. “My holy name I will make known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let My holy name be profaned anymore. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel. Behold, it is coming and it shall be done,” declares the Lord God. “That is the day of which I have spoken.”

Ezekiel 39:28-29 (NASB)

“Then they will know that I am the Lord their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and then gathered them again to their own land; and I will leave none of them there any longer. I will not hide My face from them any longer, for I will have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,” declares the Lord God.

HOW WILL THEY KNOW THE LORD? WE MUST SPREAD THE GOSPEL

Being Jewish by ancestry will not save anyone. If Jewish DNA could save a person all the Pharisees in the time of Jesus would have been saved. But they were lost. God loves us and wants us to have a personal relationship with Him. The remnant of Isaac (and Ishmael) is being saved today as the Spirit is being poured out. Encourage your Jewish friend to read the New Testament. Most Jewish people have never read the New Testament and most Jews who have come to faith in Christ came as a result of reading the New Testament. After all, it is a very Jewish book!

Virtually all Jews are proud of their identity as Jews, but this does not in itself make a statement about what they believe about God. Even religious Jews may have varying beliefs about God. It is more important to find out what your friend believes about God and the Bible than to find out what kind of synagogue they attend. For many Jews, their Jewish identity is more cultural than it is religious. But this doesn't mean that their Jewishness is unimportant to them.

Most Jews also think that the opposite of Jewish is Christian and so for them to consider Jesus is problematic because it means considering losing their Jewish identity. Therefore in witnessing to Jewish people about Jesus it is important to stress that they do not need to give up their identity as Jews in order to embrace Jesus as Messiah.

Luke 7:48-50 (NASB)

Then He said to her, “Your sins have been forgiven.” Those who were reclining at the table with Him began to say to themselves, “Who is this man who even forgives sins?” And He said to the woman, “Your faith has saved you; go in peace.”

Eternal life actually begins here on earth. The word “belief” has become so widely used that the meaning has actually eroded. Many people believe intellectually that there is a God, and even go so far as to believe that Jesus Christ died and came back from the dead. But God asks for more.

How does a person get to know God? Through the exchange of your old life for his new one. Christ died so that our past – with all of our mistakes, failures, and sins – could be forgiven. But that's not all. Christ came back from the dead to prove that he had the power to work actively in our lives.

THE TWO WITNESSES-- REVELATION 11—JEWS TRAPPED IN MUSLIM COUNTRIES

Revelation 11 tells us of two people, or two groups of people, that will prophesy and spread the Word of God for 1,260 days (symbolically) or literally 1,260 years: Revelation 11: 3-6 (NIV).



REVELATION 11:3-6 (NIV)

And I will appoint my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.” They are “the two olive trees” and the two lampstands, and “they stand before the Lord of the earth.” If anyone tries to harm them, fire comes from their mouths and devours their enemies. This is how anyone who wants to harm them must die.

They have power to shut up the heavens so that it will not rain during the time they are prophesying; and they have power to turn the waters into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague as often as they want.

Revelation 11 should be read in conjunction with Ezekiel 37 and Daniel 12. Both are describing many of the same events.

REVELATION 11:7-10 (NIV)

Now when they have finished their testimony, the beast that comes up from the Abyss will attack them, and overpower and kill them. Their bodies will lie in the public square of the great city—which is figuratively called Sodom and Egypt—where also their Lord was crucified. For three and a half days some from every people, tribe, language and nation will gaze on their bodies and refuse them burial. The inhabitants of the earth will gloat over them and will celebrate by sending each other gifts, because these two prophets had tormented those who live on the earth.

REVELATION 11:11-12 (NIV)

But after the three and a half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and terror struck those who saw them. Then they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, “Come up here.” And they went up to heaven in a cloud, while their enemies looked on.

Operation Ezra and Nehemiah ended at the beginning of 1952, leaving only about handful of Jews in Islamic countries. Most of the 2,500-year-old Jewish community immigrated to Israel during the three and one years between May 1948 and November 1951. The success of Operation Ezra and Nehemiah helped pave the way for future Israeli airlifts of Jews from the around the world who found themselves in dangerous conditions. Such missions include the airlift of Ethiopian Jews in Operations Joshua, Solomon and Moses.



The 1260 days/years begin as the Dome of the Rock is built in 687-691 and Gentiles are given the outer court, which is where it was constructed. Prior to the construction of the Islamic Dome of the Rock, both Jews and Gentiles could freely worship on the Temple Mount. In fact, Jerusalem was the home of the great Coptic Church. Only after the first Islamic Jihad of the 7th Century were Christians and Jews prevented from worshiping on the site.

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STATE OF ISRAEL IS BORN

The first independent Jewish State in 19 centuries was born in Tel Aviv as the British Mandate over Palestine came to an end at midnight on Friday, and it was immediately subjected to the test of fire. As "Medinat Yisrael" (State of Israel) was proclaimed, the battle for Jerusalem raged, with most of the city falling to the Jews. At the

same time, President Truman announced that the United States would accord recognition to the new State. A few hours later, Palestine was invaded by Moslem armies from the south, east and north, and Tel Aviv was raided from the air. On Friday the United Nations Special Assembly adjourned after adopting a resolution to appoint a med-

iator but without taking any action on the Partition Resolution of November 29.

Yesterday the battle for the Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road was still under way, and two Arab villages were taken. In the north, Acre town was captured, and the Jewish Army consolidated its positions in Western Galilee.

Most Crowded Hours in Palestine's History

Between Thursday night and this morning Palestine went through what by all standards must be among the most crowded hours in its history.

For the Jewish population there was the anguish over the fate of the few hundred Hagahim men and women in the Kfar Etzion bloc of settlements near Hebron. Their surrender to a fully equipped superior foreign force desperately in need of a victory was a foregone conclusion. What could not be known, with no communications since Thursday morning, was whether and to what extent the Red Cross and the Truce Committee would secure civilized conditions for prisoners and wounded, and proper respect for the dead. Doubts on some of these anxious questions have now been resolved.

On Friday afternoon, from Tel Aviv, came the expected announcement of the Jewish State, and its official naming at birth, "Medinat Yisrael"—State of Israel, with the swearing in of the first Council of Government. The proclamation of the State was made at midnight, coinciding with the sailing from Haifa of Britain's last High Commissioner. Within the hour, President Truman announced in Washington that the Government of the United States had decided to give de facto recognition to the Jewish State, with

JEWS TAKE OVER SECURITY ZONES

The Battle for Jerusalem, which began when the British forces withdrew on Friday morning, continued all day Friday and yesterday. The crack of small-arms fire and explosions of mortar shells were still being heard in the early hours of this morning as the battle entered its third day.

Repeated efforts on Friday evening and again on Saturday by the U.N. Truce Commission to bring about a "cease fire" were brought to naught when the Arab representatives failed to agree within the specified time limit.

On Friday morning, Jewish forces entered the Russian Compound and Zone C to re-occupy the buildings requisitioned from Jews last year. This operation was almost bloodless, but beyond the western edge of Zone C, Arabs engaged the Jews in Jaffa Road. The Arabs were forced back and the Barclays Bank area was taken.

In other parts of the city fighting flared up. Jews overran one after another the areas evacuated by the British. By last night, the quarters and

Egyptian Air Force Spitfires Bomb Tel Aviv; One Shot Down

Kol Israel, the Tel Aviv broadcasting station, reported at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon that Tel Aviv had been bombed three times in the previous evening and morning, and that one plane had been shot down and its Egyptian pilot taken prisoner.

In the first raid, four planes attacked from a height of 300 feet. Two dropped bombs, while the others strafed the city. Little damage was caused. In the second attack two hours later, the airport to the north of the city was bombed, and an air France plane parked there was damaged. The third raid was launched shortly before midnight, but the planes were driven off without causing any damage.

Two settlements in the Negev had also been attacked from the air, the radio reported.

2 Columns Cross Southern Border

By WALTER COLLINS
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CAIRO, Saturday — A com-

U.S. RECOGNIZES JEWISH STATE

WASHINGTON, Saturday. — Ten minutes after the termination of the British Mandate on Friday, the White House released a formal statement by President Truman that the U.S. Government intended to recognize the Provisional Jewish Government as the de facto authority representing the Jewish State.

The U.S. is also considering lifting the arms embargo but it is not known whether Palestine only or the entire Middle East, and the establishment of diplomatic relations with the Jewish Provisional Government.

The White House press secretary, Mr. Charles Ross, told correspondents today that reaction so far to the recognition had been overwhelmingly favorable. He said this step had been discussed with Mr. Marshall and Mr. Lovett before action was taken, and it had their complete support.

Etzion Settlers Taken P.O.W.

Fighting in the Kfar Etzion bloc continued throughout Friday, after Kfar Etzion it

Proclamation by Head Of Government

The creation of "Medinat Yisrael", the State of Israel, was proclaimed at midnight on Friday by Mr. David Ben Gurion, until then Chairman of the Jewish Agency Executive and now head of the State's Provisional Council of Government.



David Ben Gurion, Prime Minister

Special Assembly Adjourns

FLUSHING MEADOWS, Saturday. — The Special U.N. Assembly called four weeks ago to discuss the U.S. propo-

The first act of the Council of Government, as announced by its head, was to abolish all legislation of the 1939 White Paper of the late Mandatory Power, particularly the Ordinances and Orders relating to immigration and land transfer.

In the declaration of Independence, Mr. Ben Gurion called on the Arabs of Palestine to restore peace, assuring them full civic rights and full representation in all governmental organs of the state.

Mr. Ben Gurion prefaced the declaration with a review of the historic connection of the Jewish people with the Land of Israel and of their efforts to return, which never ceased throughout the generations of their dispersal, until the Nazi holocaust proved anew the urgency of the need for a Jewish State.

JEWS IN GRAVE DANGER IN ALL MOSLEM LANDS

By MALLORY BROWNE
Special to THE NEW YORK TIMES

LAKE SUCCESS, N. Y., May 15—For nearly four months, the United Nations has had before it an appeal for "immediate and urgent" consideration of the case of the Jewish populations in Arab and Moslem countries stretching from Morocco to India.

Even four months ago, it was the Zionist view that Jews residing in the Near and Middle East were in extreme and imminent danger. Now that the end of the mandate has precipitated civil war or even worse developments in Palestine, it is feared that the repercussions of this in Moslem countries will put the Jewish populations in many of these states in mortal peril.

Reports from the Middle East make it clear that there is serious tension in all Arab countries. The Jewish populations there are gravely worried at the prospect that an Arab-Jewish war may break out suddenly at any moment.

Feeling Runs High

Already in some Moslem states such as Syria and Lebanon there is a tendency to regard all Jews as Zionist agents and "fifth columnists." There have been violent incidents with feeling running

Nine Hundred Thousand in Africa and Asia Face Wrath of Their Foes

This plea arose to some extent from statements, made by Arab spokesmen during the General Assembly session last autumn, to the effect that if the partition resolution was put into effect, they would not be able to guarantee the safety of the Jews in any Arab land.

The memorandum of the World Jewish Congress went into considerable detail on this danger. It cited the text of a law drafted by the Political Committee of the Arab League which was intended to govern the legal status of Jewish residents in all Arab League countries.

It provides that beginning on an unspecified date all Jews except citizens of non-Arab states, would be considered "members of the Jewish minority state of Palestine." Their bank accounts would be frozen and used to finance resistance to "Zionist ambitions in Palestine." Jews believed to be active Zionists would be interned and their assets confiscated.

The memorandum gave many

details of instances of persecution of Jewish individuals and whole communities. It listed the following tabulation of the Jewish residents in Arab countries:

French Morocco	190,000
Iraq	130,000
Algeria	120,000
Iran	90,000
Egypt	80,000
Tunisia	80,000
Turkey	75,000
Yemen	40,000
Libya	30,000
Spanish Morocco and Tangier	30,000
Syria	11,000
Lebanon	7,000
Aden (including refugees from Yemen)	8,000
Afghanistan (including refugees in India)	5,000
Other countries (Hadhramuth, Sudan, Bahrain)	3,000
Total	899,000

Later information submitted to the Economic and Social Council was to the effect that:

In Syria a policy of economic discrimination is in effect against Jews. "Virtually all" Jewish civil

servants in the employ of the Syrian Government have been discharged. Freedom of movement has been "practically abolished." Special frontier posts have been established to control movements of Jews.

In Iraq no Jew is permitted to leave the country unless he deposits £5,000 (\$20,000) with the Government to guarantee his return. No foreign Jew is allowed to enter Iraq even in transit.

In Lebanon Jews have been forced to contribute financially to the fight against the United Nations partition resolution on Palestine. Acts of violence against Jews are openly admitted by the press, which accuses Jews of "poisoning wells," etc.

Danger Emphasized

Giving many other details of persecution, this report declares that "the very survival of the Jewish communities in certain Arab and Moslem countries is in serious danger unless preventative action is taken without delay."

Today, with a Jewish State an established fact, Jewish spokesmen at Lake Success do not conceal their anxiety that this danger to the survival of the Jewish populations of the Arab countries is even

JEWES IN THE MIDDLE EAST ISLAMIC COUNTRIES FACED GREAT DANGER

Historically, Jews and Jewish communities existed fairly peacefully in the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf region for more than 2,500 years, in such countries as Morocco, Algeria, Libya, Tunisia, Egypt, Syria, Lebanon, Iraq, Iran, Yemen and Aden. Fully 1,000 years before Satan created Islam in 610, Jews in substantial numbers resided in what are today Islamic countries.

Following the Muslim conquest of the region, for centuries under Islamic rule, Jews were permitted limited religious, educational, professional, and business opportunities. But when Israel became independent in 1948, things immediately turned much worse for them.

Today nearly 99% of Jews have left Islamic countries as compared to their 1948 populations. **The three and one half years between 1948 and 1951 witnessed the largest migration ever to reach modern Israel and doubled the Jewish population.** This influx began at a time when the state was in the throes of its greatest struggle for survival, the War of Independence, and continued throughout a period troubled by both security concerns and economic hardship. The immigrants of the country's first decade radically altered the demographic landscape of Israeli society as well as the balance between Israel and the Jewish diaspora.

Islamic Country or Territory	1948 Jewish population	1967 Jewish population	1948-1967 reduction	2015 Jewish population	1948-2015 reduction
Aden	8,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Afghanistan	5,000	500	-90%	0	-100%
Algeria	140,000	1,000	-99%	0	-100%
Bahrain	1,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Egypt	80,000	500	-99%	100	-100%
Iran	175,000	60,000	-66%	4,000	-98%
Iraq	180,000	500	-100%	50	-100%
Lebanon	20,000	2,000	-90%	1,000	-95%
Libya	44,000	50	-100%	50	-100%
Morocco	265,000	31,000	-88%	2,000	-99%
Pakistan	2,500	250	-90%	0	-100%
Palestine	10,000	0	-100%	0	-100%
Sudan	1,500	0	-100%	0	-100%
Syria	30,000	4,000	-87%	100	-100%
Tunisia	102,000	8,000	-92%	800	-99%
Turkey	80,000	20,000	-75%	5,000	-94%
Yemen	61,000	500	-99%	40	-100%
Totals	1,205,000	128,300	-89%	13,140	-99%