ZECHARIAH 12

WRITTEN ~520 YEARS BEFORE JESUS

FULFILLED IN HIS FIRST COMING, HIS SECOND COMING, AND THE EVENTS OF THE LAST DAYS

"Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples..."
– Zechariah 12:2

THE PROPHECY: ZECHARIAH 12

Zechariah 12 foretells a time when all nations will gather against Jerusalem and Israel, but God will deliver His people and pour out His Spirit.

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. And they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn."
– Zechariah 12:10

FULFILLED IN HIS FIRST COMING
(ATONING SACRIFICE)

"They shall look upon me whom they have pierced."
– Zechariah 12:10
Pierced = literally wounded to death

FULFILLED:

At the crucifixion, Jesus was pierced for our transgressions.

JOHN 19:34, 37

"But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water... These things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "They shall look on him whom they have pierced."



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FULFILLED IN HIS SECOND COMING
(DELIVERER & KING)

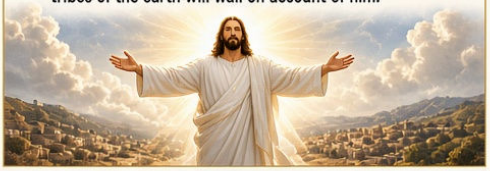
"They shall look upon me whom they have pierced."
– Zechariah 12:10
Look upon = recognize and mourn in repentance

FULFILLED:

At His return, Israel will recognize Jesus as the pierced One and mourn in repentance and faith.

REVELATION 1:7

"Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him."



THE LAST DAYS: ALL NATIONS GATHERED AGAINST ISRAEL
(ZECHARIAH 12:2-3, 9)

ALL NATIONS COME TOGETHER AGAINST ISRAEL

JERUSALEM A BURDENSOME STONE TO ALL PEOPLES

BUT GOD WILL DEFEND JUDAH AND DESTROY THE NATIONS THAT COME AGAINST HER
– Zechariah 12:9

- In the last days, the nations of the world will unite against Jerusalem and Israel.
- Jerusalem will be attacked, surrounded, and seen as a burden too heavy to bear.
- God will intervene supernaturally to defend His people and defeat their enemies.



THE CENTER OF IT ALL:

"THEY SHALL LOOK UPON ME WHOM THEY HAVE PIERCED."
– ZeCHARIAH 12:10

From the cross to the clouds. From rejection to repentance. From the gathering of nations to the return of the King.
GOD IS FAITHFUL. HIS WORD WILL BE FULFILLED.

WATCH. PRAY. BE READY. OUR REDEMPTION DRAWS NEAR.

JESUS FULFILLED ISAIAH 52:13 – 53

THE SUFFERING MESSIAH WHO PAID FOR THE SINS OF ISRAEL AND THE WHOLE WORLD.

Isaiah 52:13 – 53 paints a vivid portrait of the Suffering Servant.
Jesus is that Servant—He suffered, died, and rose again for our sins.

ISAIAH PROPHECY	THE PROPHECY (NIV)	FULFILLED IN JESUS	NEW TESTAMENT WITNESS
1. ISAIAH 52:13 EXALTED & HIGHLY LIFTED UP	"See, my servant will act wisely; he will be raised and lifted up and highly exalted."	 Jesus was crucified in weakness, but God raised Him from the dead and exalted Him to the highest place.	Philippians 2:8-9 Hebrews 12:2
2. ISAIAH 52:14-15 BEYOND HUMAN RECOGNITION SPRINKLES MANY NATIONS	"...his appearance was so disfigured beyond that of any human being... so he will sprinkle many nations."	 Jesus' face and body were disfigured by beating, mocking, and crucifixion. Through His blood, He cleanses and sprinkles many nations.	Matthew 26:67; 27:26-30 1 Peter 1:2
3. ISAIAH 53:1-2 REJECTED & UNDESIRABLE	"Who has believed our message... He grew up before him like a tender shoot... like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him..."	 Jesus was born humbly, lived without earthly status, and was despised and rejected by His own people.	John 1:10-11 John 12:37-38
4. ISAIAH 53:3 DESPISED & REJECTED	"He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces he was despised, and we held him in low esteem."	 He was rejected by religious leaders, betrayed by a friend, denied by His disciples, and mocked by the crowds.	Luke 23:18-23 Matthew 26:47-50 Matthew 26:69-75
5. ISAIAH 53:4-5 PIERCED FOR OUR TRANSGRESSIONS	"Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering... he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."	 Jesus was pierced, crushed, and punished in our place. His wounds bring forgiveness, peace with God, and healing.	1 Peter 2:24 Romans 4:25
6. ISAIAH 53:6 THE INIQUITY OF US ALL LAID ON HIM.	"We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all."	 On the cross, Jesus bore the sins of Israel and the whole world—every wrong, every rebellion—so we could be forgiven.	2 Corinthians 5:21 1 John 2:2
7. ISAIAH 53:7 SILENT & SUBMISSIVE	"He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth."	 Jesus remained silent before His accusers and submitted fully to the Father's will.	Matthew 27:12-14 1 Peter 2:23
8. ISAIAH 53:8-9 CUT OFF & BURIED WITH THE RICH.	"By oppression and judgment he was taken away... For he was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people he was punished. He was assigned a grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death..."	 Jesus was crucified with criminals and buried in a rich man's tomb, though innocent.	Luke 23:32-33 Matthew 27:57-60
9. ISAIAH 53:10-12 THE LORD'S WILL: SUFFERING, THEN VICTORY.	"Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and cause him to suffer... After he has suffered, he will see the light of life and be satisfied; by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many..."	 Through His suffering, Jesus became the perfect sacrifice and now lives forever, justifying many and receiving the reward of victory.	Hebrews 2:9-10 Philippians 2:9-11 Revelation 5:9-12

THE HEART OF THE PROPHECY

Jesus is the Suffering Servant of Isaiah 53—the spotless Lamb who willingly gave His life as a guilt offering for sin (Isaiah 53:10). He paid the penalty we deserved, bore our griefs and carried our sorrows, and through His blood provides forgiveness, healing, and eternal life to all who believe.

FOR ISRAEL. FOR THE WORLD. FOR YOU.
God's salvation, promised through the prophets, is fulfilled in Jesus the Messiah.

"He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."
– 1 PETER 2:24

THE 70 WEEKS OF DANIEL

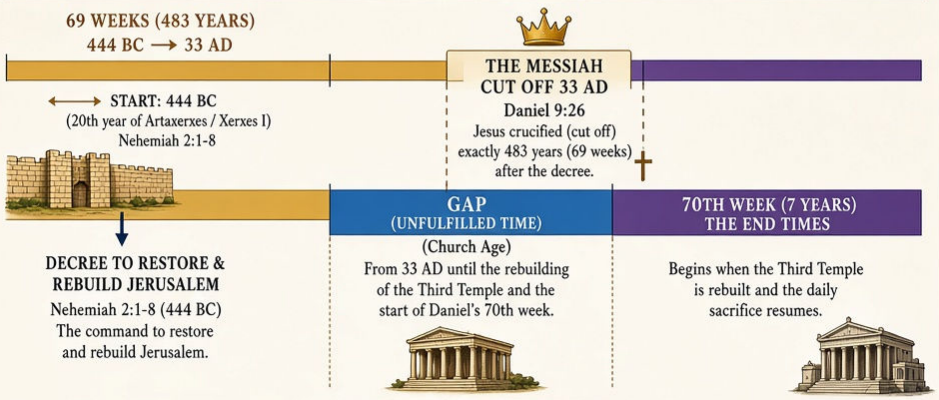
DANIEL 9:24-27

God's prophetic timeline for Israel, fulfilled in Jesus Christ, and pointing to the End Times.

"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place."

— DANIEL 9:24

70 WEEKS = 490 YEARS (7 × 70)



GAP BETWEEN THE 69TH AND 70TH WEEK

The destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple in 70 AD is foretold, but the final 7 years are future.

FULFILLMENT OF THE 69 WEEKS (483 YEARS): 444 BC – 33 AD

START: 444 BC
Nehemiah 2:1-8
In the 20th year of Artaxerxes (Xerxes I) king of Persia, Nehemiah receives permission and decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem.

EXACTLY 483 YEARS LATER
(69 × 7 = 483 prophetic years)
Using 360-day prophetic years (as in Revelation), this brings us to 33 AD.

THE MESSIAH IS "CUT OFF"
Daniel 9:26
Jesus is crucified in 33 AD, cut off for the sins of the world.

DESTRUCTION OF JERUSALEM & THE TEMPLE FORETOLD (70 AD)

DANIEL 9:26
After the 69 weeks, "the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary."

Fulfilled in 70 AD by the Romans (people of the future prince—the Antichrist).

ISAIAH'S PROPHECY
Isaiah foretold the destruction of Jerusalem and the temple because of sin and rejection of the Messiah.
Isaiah 64:10-11
"Your holy cities have become a wilderness; Zion has become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. Our holy and beautiful temple, where our fathers praised You, has been burned with fire..."

THE GAP & THE COMING 70TH WEEK

THE GAP
From 70 AD until the Third Temple is rebuilt. A long period of time not counted in the 70 weeks.
(We are in this gap today).

REBUILDING OF THE THIRD TEMPLE
The Third Temple will be rebuilt in the end times.
(Ezekiel 40-48; Revelation 11:1-2; 2 Thess. 2:3-4)
Daily sacrifices will resume.

DANIEL'S 70TH WEEK BEGINS
The final 7 years begin when the prince (Antichrist) confirms a covenant with Israel.
In the middle of the week (3½ years in), he stops the sacrifice and commits the Abomination of Desolation.
(Daniel 9:27; Matthew 24:15; 2 Thess. 2:4)

SUMMARY OF GOD'S PROPHETIC TIMELINE

444 BC Decree to rebuild Jerusalem (Neh. 2) → 33 AD Messian cut off (crucified) after 69 weeks (483 yrs) → 70 AD Jerusalem & Temple destroyed (foretold) → Future 70th Week Final 7 years before Christ's return.

Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and rebuild Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks... And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week...

— DANIEL 9:25, 27

"I WILL TAKE YOU FROM THE NATIONS... AND BRING YOU BACK INTO YOUR OWN LAND."

– EZEKIEL 36:24

HOW THE NATION OF ISRAEL FULFILLS THE PROPHECY OF EZEKIEL 36 TO 37

WRITTEN OVER 2,500 YEARS AGO. FULFILLED IN OUR TIME.



THE PROPHECY IN CONTEXT

Ezekiel 36–37 contains God's promises to restore the people of Israel physically and spiritually, and to reunite them as one nation in the land He gave to their forefathers.

"I will bring you back... I will cleanse you... You shall be My people, and I will be your God."

– Ezekiel 36:24, 25, 28

EZEKIEL 36 – PHYSICAL & SPIRITUAL RESTORATION	EZEKIEL 37 – RESTORATION & REUNIFICATION
1. GATHERED FROM THE NATIONS Ezekiel 36:24 "I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land."	**FULFILLED IN ISRAEL** Since 1948, millions of Jewish people have made aliyah from over 100+ nations, returning to their ancestral homeland. A REGATHERING UNLIKE ANY OTHER IN HISTORY.
2. THE LAND RESTORED Ezekiel 36:33–34 "On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt... the desolate land shall be tilled."	**FULFILLED IN ISRAEL** Israel has transformed a barren, swampy, and desert land into thriving cities, farms, forests, and vineyards. THE DESOLATE LAND BLOOMS AGAIN.
3. SPIRITUAL CLEANSING & RENEWAL Ezekiel 36:25–27 "I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean... I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you."	**FULFILLED IN ISRAEL** The modern return is not only physical—many in Israel are experiencing a spiritual awakening, seeking the God of their fathers through Yeshua (Jesus) and the Scriptures. A WORK OF GOD IN THE HEART.
4. A NATION RESTORED TO LIFE Ezekiel 37:1–10 "Son of man, can these bones live?" ... "Prophesy over these bones..." And breath came into them, and they lived."	**FULFILLED IN ISRAEL** After nearly 2,000 years of exile, Israel was reborn as a nation in 1948 in one day—against all odds. A NATION BORN IN A DAY. (ISAIAH 66:8)
5. REUNIFIED AS ONE Ezekiel 37:15–17 "Take one stick... and another stick... and join them together into one stick, that they may be one in your hand."	God is gathering both houses—Judah and Israel (the Jewish people and the fullness of the tribes)—and restoring them as one people under His covenant. ONE PEOPLE. ONE LAND. ONE GOD.
6. GOD'S DWELLING & COVENANT Ezekiel 37:26–28 "I will make a covenant of peace with them... and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore."	Israel's restoration points to the coming Kingdom when Yeshua (Jesus) will reign from Jerusalem in perfect peace. THE WORLD WILL KNOW THE LORD IS GOD.



THE INGATHERING OF ISRAEL



FROM DESOLATION TO FRUITFULNESS



A SPIRITUAL AWAKENING IS GROWING



MAY 14, 1948



RESTORING BROKEN RELATIONSHIPS



JERUSALEM: THE HEART OF GOD'S PLAN

THE SIGN OF OUR GENERATION

The rebirth of Israel and the regathering of the Jewish people are unmistakable signs that God is faithful to His Word and that His Kingdom is coming.

"Thus says the Lord GOD: On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited... And the nations will know that I am the LORD."

– Ezekiel 36:33, 36.



PRAY FOR ISRAEL. STAND WITH ISRAEL. PROCLAIM HIS FAITHFULNESS. PSALM 122:6

EZEKIEL 38 & 39 – ISRAEL RESTORED IN THE LAST DAYS

GOD'S PROPHECY • GOD'S PROTECTION • GOD'S GLORY

"In the latter years you will go against the land that is restored from war, whose people were gathered from many nations upon the mountains of Israel..."

– EZEKIEL 38:8

1. ISRAEL RESTORED TO THE LAND IN THE LAST DAYS

EZEKIEL 38:8, 24; 37:7; 38:8

After centuries of exile, God promised to bring His people back to the land of Israel in the last days.

Ezekiel 38.8 – "But you, O mountains of Israel, will produce branches and fruit for my people Israel, for they will soon come home."

Ezekiel 38:24 – "For I will take you from among the nations, gather you out of all countries, and bring you back into your own land."



2. A WORLDWIDE COALITION WILL ATTACK ISRAEL

EZEKIEL 38:1-6

In the last days, a coalition of nations will come against Israel like a storm. This alliance is primarily united by their shared Muslim faith, specifically including Iran, Libya, Ethiopia, Sudan, and Yemen, alongside other Muslim nations.

THE MUSLIM NATIONS NAMED INCLUDE:

PERSIA	ROSH	LIBYA	YEMEN	KUSH	TOGARMAH
(IRAN) EZEKIEL 38:5	(RUSSIA) FROM THE FAR NORTH EZEKIEL 38:2-3, 15	(MUSLIM NATION) EZEKIEL 38:5	(SHEBA & DEDAN REGION) EZEKIEL 38:15	(SUDAN/ETHIOPIA) EZEKIEL 38:5	(TURKEY) NORTH OF ISRAEL EZEKIEL 38:6

Ezekiel 38:3-6 – "...I am against you, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal... Persia, Cush, and Put are with them... You will come from your place out of the far north."

3. GOD HIMSELF WILL PROTECT ISRAEL

EZEKIEL 38:18-23; 39:1-8

God will intervene supernaturally and destroy the invading forces on the mountains of Israel.

- Great earthquake (38:19-20)
- Pestilence and bloodshed (38:22)
- Torrential rain, hailstones, fire and brimstone (38.22)
- Enemies will turn against each other (38:21)

Ezekiel 38:21-22 – "I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains... I will plead against him with pestilence and bloodshed; I will rain down on him... flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone."

Ezekiel 39.7 – "So I will make My holy name known in the midst of My people Israel, and I will not let them profane My holy name anymore. Then the nations shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel."

4. THE WHOLE WORLD WILL KNOW THAT GOD PROTECTED ISRAEL

EZEKIEL 38:23; 39:21-29

God's purpose is that all nations might know Him.

Ezekiel 38:23 – "Thus I will magnify Myself and sanctify Myself, and I will make Myself known in the eyes of many nations. Then they shall know that I am the LORD."

Ezekiel 38:21 – "I will set My glory among the nations; all the nations shall see My judgment which I have executed..."

SUMMARY: EZEKIEL 38 & 39

- Israel is restored to her land in the last days.
- A coalition of nations, including Russia, Iran, Libya, Yemen, Sudan/Ethiopia and others, attacks Israel.
- God supernaturally protects and delivers Israel.
- The whole world sees and knows that the LORD is God.

GOD KEEPS HIS PROMISES.
HE PROTECTS HIS PEOPLE.
HE WILL BE GLORIFIED.

Ezekiel 38 & 39 were written about 600 BC – 587 BC (during the Babylonian exile)
Over 2,500 years ago, God foretold Israel's restoration and the events of the last days.

THE BIBLE IS TRUE. GOD IS FAITHFUL.