

Watch the Fig Tree

Discover Signs of God for Everyday Life

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Israel’s Rebellions and Returns



From Exile to Return

He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you. Deuteronomy 30:3 (NLT2)

Moses to the People of Israel

...the foreigner who comes from a distant land, when they see the plagues of the land and the diseases with which the LORD has afflicted it, will say, 'All its land is brimstone and salt, a burning waste, unsown and unproductive, and no grass grows in it, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah' Deuteronomy 29:22-23 (NASB)

1867 VISITOR

The valleys are unsightly deserts fringed with a feeble vegetation.
... a desert, paved with loose stones, void of vegetation, glaring in the fierce sun.
... this blistering, naked, treeless land.

Cahn, Jonathan. The Oracle (p. 35). Twain, The Innocents Abroad, p. 309

Appointed Scripture

September 28, 1867

. . . the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD has laid on it: 'The whole land is brimstone, salt, and burning; it is not sown, nor does it bear, nor does any grass grow there''

Prayer

Have mercy, Lord, our God . . . on Jerusalem, Your city; and on Zion, the resting place of Your glory . . . Rebuild Jerusalem, the city of holiness, speedily in our days. Bring us up into it and gladden us in its rebuilding and let us eat from its fruit and be satisfied with its goodness and bless You upon it in holiness and purity.

Al Hamichya (Blessing After Certain Foods)

Mark Twain

Samuel

God has heard

Clemens

Merciful

God's Plan

“Therefore, this is what the LORD says: I have returned to show mercy to Jerusalem. My Temple will be rebuilt, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and measurements will be taken for the reconstruction of Jerusalem.’ Zechariah 1:16 (NLT2)

Taking Measurements

Charles Warren

1867

Conducted Biblical archaeology in Palestine and Jerusalem.

Return

- 70 AD Rome Took Israel
- Palestine was under the rule of the Ottoman Empire from 1516
- 1897 World Zionist Congress
 - Theodor Herzl

Jubilee

Then on the Day of Atonement in the fiftieth year, blow the ram's horn loud and long throughout the land. Set this year apart as holy, a time to proclaim freedom throughout the land for all who live there. It will be a jubilee year for you, when each of you may return to

the land that belonged to your ancestors and return to your own clan. Leviticus 25:9-10 (NLT2)

Balfour Declaration

Foreign Office,
November 2nd, 1917.

Dear Lord Rothschild,

I have much pleasure in conveying to you, on behalf of His Majesty's Government, the following declaration of sympathy with Jewish Zionist aspirations which has been submitted to, and approved by, the Cabinet

"His Majesty's Government view with favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people, and will use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object, it being clearly understood that nothing shall be done which may prejudice the civil and religious rights of existing non-Jewish communities in Palestine, or the rights and political status enjoyed by Jews in any other country"

I should be grateful if you would bring this declaration to the knowledge of the Zionist Federation.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Arthur James Balfour". Above the signature, there is a small handwritten mark that appears to be "A. J. B.".

50 Years from 1867 to 1917

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