

THE  
MYSTERY OF  
ZION



ISRAEL  
AND THE LAST DAYS  
**Study Guide**

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# A Plan, a People, and a Purpose

A Study Guide for the first chapter of the *Mystery of Zion – Israel and the Last Days*

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## **A Plan, a People, and a Purpose Study Questions.**

1. What reasons may have led to the church believing that God was finished with the nation of Israel?
2. Within your own personal belief system, what position do you take with the stance that God still has a plan and a purpose for Israel and the Jewish people?
3. Taking into consideration the miraculous rebirth of Israel in a single day, how does that impact your belief that God still has a plan for Israel?
4. How would you explain the reasons for the antisemitism that has followed the Jews for their entire history since the time of Abraham?
5. After taking into consideration all that was shared in this chapter, do you believe that God still has a plan for Israel and her people? Why?
6. How should Christians respond the disputes regarding Israel's right to exist and occupy the land that God promised her? How have you responded in the past before reading this chapter?
7. Name some of the surrounding nations that were intent on conquering and annihilating the Jews?
8. What types of evidence is available today that confirms God's continued blessings on Israel and the Jewish people?
9. What concepts/realizations concerning Israel did you find to be the most profound within this chapter?
10. Did you ever consider that Israel will play a key role within the times referred to as the "last days?" How does that realization change your mindset regarding Israel's right to exist and occupy the land that had been promised to her by God Almighty?

# The Mystery of Covenant

A Study Guide for the second chapter of the *Mystery of Zion – Israel and the Last Days*



## The Mystery of Covenant Study Questions.

1. Why is it important as a Christian to understand the importance of God's Covenants?
2. How would you define the concept of a covenant?
3. What was the reason God entered into a Blood Covenant with Abraham?
4. What were the three blessings associated with the Abrahamic Covenant?
5. What is the main difference between a conditional covenant and an unconditional covenant?
6. God's covenant with Abraham was unconditional, yet His covenant with Moses was conditional. What were the three areas of Israel's life that were covered within this covenant?
7. How did the "Old Covenant" provide the foundation for the "New Covenant?" How does this relate to the foundation of the Christian faith?
8. What was the main impetus of the Davidic Covenant? What were the three promises included in the Davidic Covenant?
9. Within the New Covenant with Israel, God's work will be completed by providing spiritual rebirth for both Jew and Gentile. What questions come to your mind regarding God's continued plan for Israel and the Jews throughout this age of grace and into the last days?
10. After studying this chapter, do you believe that God has abrogated His covenants with the nation of Israel? Why or why not?

# The Mystery of the Kingdom

A Study Guide for the third chapter of the *Mystery of Zion – Israel and the Last Days*



## The Mystery of the Kingdom Study Questions.

1. How many times was the term “Mystery” used specifically within the passages of the Bible?
2. What role does the Holy Spirit perform within the concept of biblical mysteries?
3. What modern evidence do we have that the mystery of God’s kingdom is intimately linked with Israel and Jerusalem?
4. Which of the covenants, (Abrahamic, Mosaic, or Davidic) set up an eternal monarchy for Israel?
5. God’s Kingdom is often misconstrued to the paradise each of us is promised when we profess our faith in the Messiah. What would be a more biblical definition of God’s Kingdom? When did it actually start?
6. How would you describe the term, “Day of the Lord?” Why do you think it’s considered to be an event, rather than a time or day?
7. What two key roles does Israel play in the Messiah’s 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?
8. In the creation story contained in Genesis 2:1-4, there is no mention of either morning or evening on the day that “God rested.” What prophetic significance does this have regarding your understanding of the concept of “The Day of the Lord?”
9. How might the parable of the Prodigal Son be applied to the New Covenant with Israel? How does this narrative fit into the concept that God still has a divine plan for Israel?
10. After studying this chapter, what profound insight have you discovered regarding God’s continued plan for Israel?

# The Mystery of Zion—Israel’s Final Days: A Timeline

A Study Guide for the fourth chapter of the *Mystery of Zion – Israel and the Last Days*



## The Mystery of Zion-Israel’s Final Days: A Timeline Study Questions.

1. When did Israel’s role in God’s plan for the redemption of mankind actually begin?
2. What was the significance of the term “Trodden Down” in regards to Israel? How long did this term apply to God’s chosen nation?
3. What were a few of the miraculous occurrences that accompanied a “Nation being born in a day?”
4. How do you explain the constant battles to survive that Israel has had to endure throughout their entire history? What would be the ramifications associated with Israel finally being destroyed even now?
5. Of all the Rapture theories, (pre-tribulation, mid-tribulation, or –post-tribulation) which one do you feel has the most biblical evidence to believe? Why?
6. At the beginning of the Tribulation period we are told that there will be untold Peace and Security. How does Israel fit into this scene? What is the significance of this?
7. According to the Prophecy Study Bible, “The Antichrist will have a three-point plan for world domination. He will establish a one-world currency, a one-world religion, and a one-world government now being called the New World Order.”<sup>i</sup> How does this relate to what is currently happening within our world? How does that make you feel?
8. Right before the Midweek of the Tribulation period (3-1/2 years into the Tribulation), several different signs have fallen into place. What are they and why are they each significant?
9. The last three-and-a-half years of the Tribulation are referred to as the “Great Tribulation.” This is where God’s wrath is unleashed on the unrepentant lives of the entire world. What reasons do you see for Israel to be included within these terrible days? When you read about the suffering of those under God’s judgement during those days, how does that motivate you to share the Truth of the Gospel with those you love?
10. We are told that finally Israel’s eyes will be opened at the end of those days. Why is this important and how does it initiate Christ’s Second Coming?
11. What do you believe is the significance of the Millennial Reign of Christ?
12. What event ushers in the concept of “the Fullness of Time?” What is the significance of the scripture from I Peter 1:23 in regards to this “Fullness of Time?”

# An Everlasting Covenant

A Study Guide for the fifth chapter of the *Mystery of Zion – Israel and the Last Days*



## **An Everlasting Covenant: A Timeline Study Questions.**

1. Why do you believe that the Bible is reliable? How do you defend its authenticity?
2. Why is Israel called God's chosen people?
3. What have you discovered to be some of the most profound evidence to confirm that God still has a plan and a purpose for Israel?
4. After making your way to this culminating chapter, how do you reconcile Israel's rejection of Jesus as the Messiah, with God's continued plan and purpose for Israel and the salvation of the world?
5. How would you answer the question as to how the Jews who were under the Laws of Moses found salvation? How did they come back to life and appear in the city after Jesus' Resurrection?
6. What thoughts do you have regarding Paul's statement in Romans 11:1-2 where he talks about the greatness of the riches associated with Israel's full inclusion?
7. What about the first verse in Romans 11, where Paul asks the question whether Israel fell beyond recovery? What does this suggest regarding God's continued plan and purpose for Israel?
8. In your opinion, after completing this study, how would you explain the purpose of the Millennial Reign of Christ?
9. How would you visualize Paul's explanation found in Ephesians 2:11-22 of a holy structure being built with Christ as the chief cornerstone? When he talks about both Jews and Gentiles being joined together through Christ within this structure, what comes to your mind?
10. After reviewing each of the aspects within the timeline of God's Everlasting Covenant, which ones do you consider to be the most significant? Why? Have they helped to confirm or deepen your faith? In what ways?

# The Mystery Unveiled

A Study Guide for the sixth chapter of the *Mystery of Zion – Israel and the Last Days*



## **The Mystery Unveiled Study Questions.**

1. After reading through this study, what are your thoughts on “Replacement Theology?”
2. How has the history of Israel impacted your faith?
3. Do you believe God still has a plan and a purpose for the Nation of Israel and His chosen people?
4. What does it mean to you when you hear the phrase, “Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem?”
5. Of all the many times God’s divine protection sustained and secured Israel’s annihilation by her enemies, which one do you think is the most significant?
6. Have your views changed regarding Israel’s sovereign right to exist as a nation? If so, why?
7. How would you reconcile the difference between the political and the spiritual body of Israel? Do you see a difference? What?
8. Do you believe that Israel is key to God’s prophetic plan for all humanity? Why? Or, Why not?
9. Has this study helped you to trust that God will keep each every promise contained in His Word?
10. Do you believe that Jesus is the Messiah and He came to redeem all the world, including both Jews and Gentiles? How about you? Do you believe?

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<sup>i</sup> *Prophecy Study Bible: New King James Version*, p. 996-997