

This past week was week, Pastor Chris preached a special message on Israel. His sermon was on Israel's enemies and God's plan.

Biblical Premise: Learning to think Biblically about what's happening in Israel and what it has to do with end times.

Key Passages: Genesis 12, 15, & 16, Ezekiel 37-39, Matthew 24

Discussion Questions:

- 1. Why is it critical to understand events in Israel from a Biblical perspective and not simply a political perspective?
- 2. Though God does desire worshipers from every tribe, tongue and nation, (see Genesis 17:5; Revelation 7:9) how are Christians to understand the goodness of God in giving the Israelites the land? By doing so, is He being unjust to those who don't get the land?
- 3. By establishing a lineage, Chris reminded us that God already had a plan to give His Son through that lineage. Review how Genesis 22 foreshadowed the coming Messiah.
- 4. Who or what is the seed of Genesis 12:7? How are all families of the earth blessed in accordance with Genesis 12:3? (Hint: See Galatians 3:16 & Galatians 3:8-9 to help)
- 5. What are a few ways that Satan attempted to counterfeit God's plan for the land, lineage, and Lord? How is Satan attempting to counterfeit God's plan today?
- 6. What does Ezekiel 37 teach us about the nation of Israel? In light of Ezekiel 38 and Matthew 24:3-14, what kind of birth pangs might we expect to be seeing today?
- 7. What is one of God's purposes through the Ezekiel war and His patience in returning (Hint: See Ezekiel 39:7 & 2 Peter 3:9,15)?
- 8. Knowing God's enemies will be defeated, with whom do you need to share a Gospel Word today? Why do we act as if those outside of Christ will not experience total loss like Gog?