

# **CORE SINGLES FELLOWSHIP**

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Isaiah 11, esp., vs. 11-12; see also 44:28-  
45:6. (ESV)**

*11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant that remains of his people, ...*

*12 He will raise a signal for the nations and will assemble the banished of Israel, and gather the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.*

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*7 **Alas! That day is so great there is none like it; it is a time of distress for Jacob; yet he shall be saved out of it.***



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*Ezekiel 36:23-24 (ESV)*

*23 ...And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.*

*24 I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.*



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*Ezekiel 37:21 (ESV)*

*21 then say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land.*

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445 BC	The decree of Artaxerxes Neh 2:1, 5 (69 weeks of years = $7 \times 69 = 483$ )
32 AD	Triumphal Entry of the Anointed One and His cutting off
( $\leftrightarrow$ )	Church age
????	70 <sup>th</sup> Week 7 year Tribulation



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## 1. The OT prophets declared it

### **Zechariah 10:6, (ESV)**

*<sup>6</sup> “I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph. I will bring them back because I have compassion on them, and they shall be as though I had not rejected them, for I am the LORD their God and I will answer them.*



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## 1. The OT prophets declared it

### **Zechariah 10:9 (ESV)**

*9 Though I scattered them among the nations,  
yet in far countries they shall remember me, and  
with their children they shall live and return.*

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## 2. Jesus confirmed them

### **Matthew 24:15-21 (ESV)**

*15 “So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand),*

*16 then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.*

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### **Matthew 24:15-21 (ESV)**

*21 For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, and never will be.*

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### **Matthew 23:38-39 (ESV)**

*38 See, your house is left to you desolate.*

*39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'"*



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### **Luke 21:24 (ESV)**

*24 They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

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### **Revelation 11:2; 12:6; 13:5**

*2 but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months.*



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## **3. The miraculous rebirth of a nation - a brief history**

**The first Zionist Congress 1897 in Basel,  
Switzerland**

- Resolution: to create a home in  
Palestine secured by Public law**
- By 1914 Palestine has 75,000 Jewish  
residents**

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### **The Balfour declaration – 1917**

**Established Palestine as the official  
homeland for the Jewish people by  
public law**



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**WW1 – Paris Peace Conference 1919**

- The defeat of Germany gave the victors the spoils of war**
- Britain given the mandate over Palestine to establish it as the homeland the Jews**

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### **The League of Nations Declaration of Principles – 1922**

- Recognized Palestine as belonging to  
the Jewish people**



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### **WW2/The Holocaust**

- Six Million Jews killed by the Nazis**
- Thousands more fled from Europe and Russia seeking refuge**
- By 1947 there are 670,000 Jews in Palestine**

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**The UN Resolution 181, 11/27/1947**

**Partitioned the land as follows:**

- **77%** previously set aside by the British as Jordan
- **13%** to the Jews
- **9.5%** to the Arabs
- **~0.5%** as an international zone around Jerusalem



# Today's middle east





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### The UN Resolution 181, 11/27/1947

- 300,000 flee Palestine, in anticipation of a civil war
  - 5/14/48 – U. N. recognizes the state of Israel
  - British end mandate and withdraw troops
  - Isaiah 66:8 prophecy fulfilled
- 8 Who has heard such a thing? Who has seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment?*



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## **3. The miraculous rebirth of a nation - a brief history**

### **The war of Independence - 1948**

- Arab neighbors declare war and attack
- Israel defeats her neighbors, although vastly outnumbered
- Another 350,000 Arabs flee to Israel's neighbors

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### **The six day war – 1967**

- Israel launches pre-emptive strike, after learning of Arab plans to attack
- Their decisive victory gave Israel the Sinai, West Bank and Golan Heights - 4X
- Jerusalem declared an Int'l City by Israel
- Temple Mount administration given to the Muslims



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- **1973** - Israel attacked by Syria and Egypt unsuccessfully – U.N. calls for cease fire
- **1978** – Israel returns Sinai to Egypt as part of Camp David Accords
- **Present Day**

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### **The conflict surrounding Jerusalem**

*Zechariah 12:2-3 (ESV)*

*2 “Behold, I am about to make Jerusalem a cup of staggering to all the surrounding peoples. The siege of Jerusalem will also be against Judah.*

*3 On that day I will make Jerusalem a heavy stone for all the peoples. All who lift it will surely hurt themselves. And all the nations of the earth will gather against it.*



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**Ongoing failures to bring peace to the Middle East**



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**God has made a covenant with us**



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Recorded first with Abraham **Gen. 15:18 (ESV)**

*18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates,*

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Repeated with Isaac **Genesis 26:3-4 (ESV)**

*3 Sojourn in this land, and I will be with you and will bless you, for to you and to your offspring I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath that I swore to Abraham your father.*



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Repeated with Isaac **Genesis 26:3-4 (ESV)**

*4 I will multiply your offspring as the stars of heaven and will give to your offspring all these lands. And in your offspring all the nations of the earth shall be blessed,*

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Reinforced with Jacob **Gen 28:13-14;35:10-12**

*<sup>13</sup> And behold, the LORD stood above it and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac. The land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring. <sup>14</sup> ..., and in you and your offspring shall all the families of the earth be blessed.*



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**Re-established with Joshua - Joshua 1:6 (ESV)**

*6 Be strong and courageous, for you shall cause this people to inherit the land that I swore to their fathers to give them.*

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**Repeatedly reconfirmed through the prophets – see  
above**



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Reflected upon by Paul – Romans 11:25-32

<sup>25</sup> Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.

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*28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers.*



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*16 And your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me. Your throne shall be established forever. ’’*



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His reign is yet to come



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The background features a complex, abstract pattern of overlapping grid lines in red and blue, creating a sense of depth and movement. The lines are thin and densely packed, forming a mesh-like structure that appears to be receding or expanding from the center.

# **SIGNS OF THE TIMES**

## **HEADLINES IN THE NEWS**

**WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**