

## What others before have said...

“It is high time for Christians to interpret unfulfilled prophecy by the light of prophecy already fulfilled. The curses on the Jews were brought to pass literally; so also will be the blessings. The scattering was literal; so also will be the gathering. The pulling down of Zion was literal; so also will be the building up. The rejection of Israel was literal; so also will be the restoration.”

*Right Rev. J. C. Ryle (1816 - 1900)  
First Bishop of Liverpool*

“There seems to be now real interest and excitement among some of the ministers for the Jews. I regard this as a direct and memorable answer to prayer. The cause of Israel, which we plead, is one that has interested the saints of God in every age; but we wish you specially to remark that it is a cause which God has brought into view, whenever there was any thing great to be done in his kingdom below. Samuel Rutherford speaks of the Jewish cause with peculiar interest and fervour. The holy Archbishop Leighton also felt as did Rutherford. O brethren, pray for [the Jews]! Such a people must yet revive. And the promise is sure they shall turn again to the Lord and to the land. When tidings come suddenly that Judah and Benjamin are flowing to the goodness of the Lord, and that also the long lost ten are coming with weeping to Zion! [Then] there will then be discoveries of God’s ways and of God’s truth that shall make the light of present times seem dim.”

*Rev. Andrew A. Bonar (1810 - 1892)  
Scottish church minister and companion of  
Robert Murray McCheyne in a mission to the Jews*

“In regard to the matter of fact, that the favour which is yet to be shown to Israel, is not only closely connected with the future prosperity of the Church and the triumph of the Christian faith in the world, but is to be the immediate cause or occasion of it, the apostle must be understood, [Rom. 9-11] ... as recognising and interpreting the predictions of former prophets. Yea, brethren, we may indeed anticipate from the restoration of Israel to their old place in the Divine favour.”

*Rev. Robert S. Candlish (1806 - 1873)  
one of Scotland’s finest preachers*

“Think we do not attach sufficient importance to the restoration of the Jews. We do not think enough of it. But certainly, if there is anything promised in the Bible, it is this. Until that shall be, the fullness of the Churches’ glory can never come. Matchless benefits to the world are bound up with

the restoration of Israel; their gathering in shall be as ‘life from the dead’.”

*C. H. Spurgeon (1834 - 1892)  
The Restoration and Conversion of the Jews*

“The predictions of Scripture concerning Israel’s conversion, particularly those of Romans 11, cannot be said to be already fulfilled. Still less can they be referred to the eternal state. They must await fulfilment in history.. for Paul himself points to the spiritual repercussions of Israel’s future conversion upon the world. He teaches us that we are to look for a larger fulfilment in history of some of the grandest Old Testament predictions.”

*Iain Murray  
The Puritan Hope; Banner of Truth 1971*

“We have to remember that the spiritual climate that affects the nation of Israel and the Jews is the same spiritual climate that touches the church in like manner. You see, if Replacement Theology [which does away with the Bible’s teaching regarding God’s purposes for and attitudes to the Jewish people and the land (Jer. 31:33-37 et al)] were true, it would be very convenient; but it isn’t. It’s the most absurd concoction that you could ever think of.”

*Derek Prince (1915 - 2003)  
Extract from ‘A Call to Britain’ - June 2003*

“During the 200 years leading up to the Balfour Declaration there was a broad vision in the Church in Great Britain for the restoration of the Jewish people to their ancient homeland. Supported by the great revivalists including Whitefield and the Wesley brothers, it was based on the Covenants of Promise and many other Bible prophecies. Many Christians were inspired to pray into it, and the Balfour Declaration was the fruit. Many church leaders in Britain are crying out for the restoration of God’s favour and blessing upon this country, and many believe that the Lord has not forgotten our spiritual heritage as a Christian nation.”

*Hugh Kitson  
Hatikvah Film Trust  
(producer of the Forsaken Promise)*

“Britain betrayed the promise made in the Balfour Declaration and the Mandate agreement. It is our belief that, in doing so, she betrayed the trust God had placed in her to bring about the fulfilment of biblical prophecies concerning Israel (see Gen 12:7, 35:12; Isaiah 49:22; Jer 31:35-37; Ezekiel 36:24-28 and others). We believe that it is vital to the spiritual future of

Britain that the British church leads the nation in repenting of and renouncing unbiblical attitudes and teachings that have set us against God’s clearly revealed purposes for Israel and the Jewish people. God has been and is re-gathering His people, a phenomenon that is eclipsing in its scale even the exodus from Egypt (Jeremiah 16:14,15). Who are we to stand against Him and bring further judgement on our own nation; that once was given the unique opportunity to partner with God Himself in this fulfilment of end-time prophecy? May we humbly invite you seriously to consider this issue, to review the scriptures above and to respond as you feel led by God.”

*Open Letter to UK Church Leaders - Dec. 2006  
Love Never Fails (an English grouping similar in aims to Yachad)*

“We have in our generation witnessed the Jewish People returning to the Land of Promise. The prophecies, about their returning from the isles and the distant places of the earth (Isaiah 11:10- 11.41:8ff. Jeremiah 31:8.), did not and could not refer to Israel’s return from Babylon. It has taken place, in our generation, so that we have a right to say that this is a fulfilment of prophecy. We have seen Israel (the fig tree), which ceased to be a nation for nineteen hundred years, become a nation and a state once more in the Promised Land. Clearly God is at work. What he is about to do, can only keep us on our tiptoes in expectation.”

*Rev. David Torrance (senior C of S minister)  
Letter to the Church of Scotland, June 2007*

“When we began our ministry in Israel in 1990, both Jewish and Arab congregational leaders said we would have to choose to work with either Jews or Arabs. However we have relied on God’s word: “He Himself is our peace, who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of separation...so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace” (Eph 2:14-15). On Mount Carmel today Jews and Arabs “are being built together for a dwelling place for God..” (Eph 2:22). And congregational leaders – Jews, Arabs and others from across the region – have been meeting to pray, praise and affirm God’s purposes for the nations saying: “Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance” (Is. 19:24-25). May the Church in Scotland also receive the double blessing of the “one new man in Christ” in these last days.”

*David Davis - March 2010  
Senior Pastor, Carmel Assembly, Mount Carmel, Israel*

...can we stand together with them?