



How can we be thankful when...?

- our world seems so lost?
- our culture has overwhelmingly rejected God?
- so many people are hurting?
- we have so many questions and so few answers?
- our nation needs leaders of character and courage?

How can we be thankful?

One of the main ingredients for **Gratitude** is **Hope**

Behold, the eye of the Lord is on those who fear Him,
on those who **hope** for His lovingkindness, to deliver
their soul from death and to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul waits for the Lord; He is our help and our
shield. Psalm 33:18-20

PROPHECY in the NEWS

- ✓ A **world** facing troubles.
- ✓ A **people** needing answers.
- ✓ A **God** offering promises.

Promises of God that offer Hope to our world

- “I will instruct you and teach you in the way which you should go; I will counsel you with My eye upon you.” Psalm 32:8
- “The Lord will fight for you while you keep silent.” Exodus 14:14
- “Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous! Do not tremble or be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9
- Jesus said, “These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.” John 16:33

How can we be thankful?

- As we look for comfort and direction from the God who makes promises about our individual lives, will we trust God's promises regarding historical events and national destinies?
- What are some examples of biblical prophecies that have already come true?
- As we wait for other Bible prophecies to come true, especially regarding the coming of Messiah, can we be thankful and confident that God always keeps His promises?

How many Bible prophecies are there?

J. Barton Payne's *Encyclopedia of Biblical Prophecy* lists

- 1,239 prophecies in the Old Testament
- 578 prophecies in the New Testament
- A total of 1,817 Bible prophecies
- These prophecies encompass 8,352 verses
- At the time the Bible was written, **27%** of the Bible was prophetic

<https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/318-how-many-prophecies-are-in-the-bible>

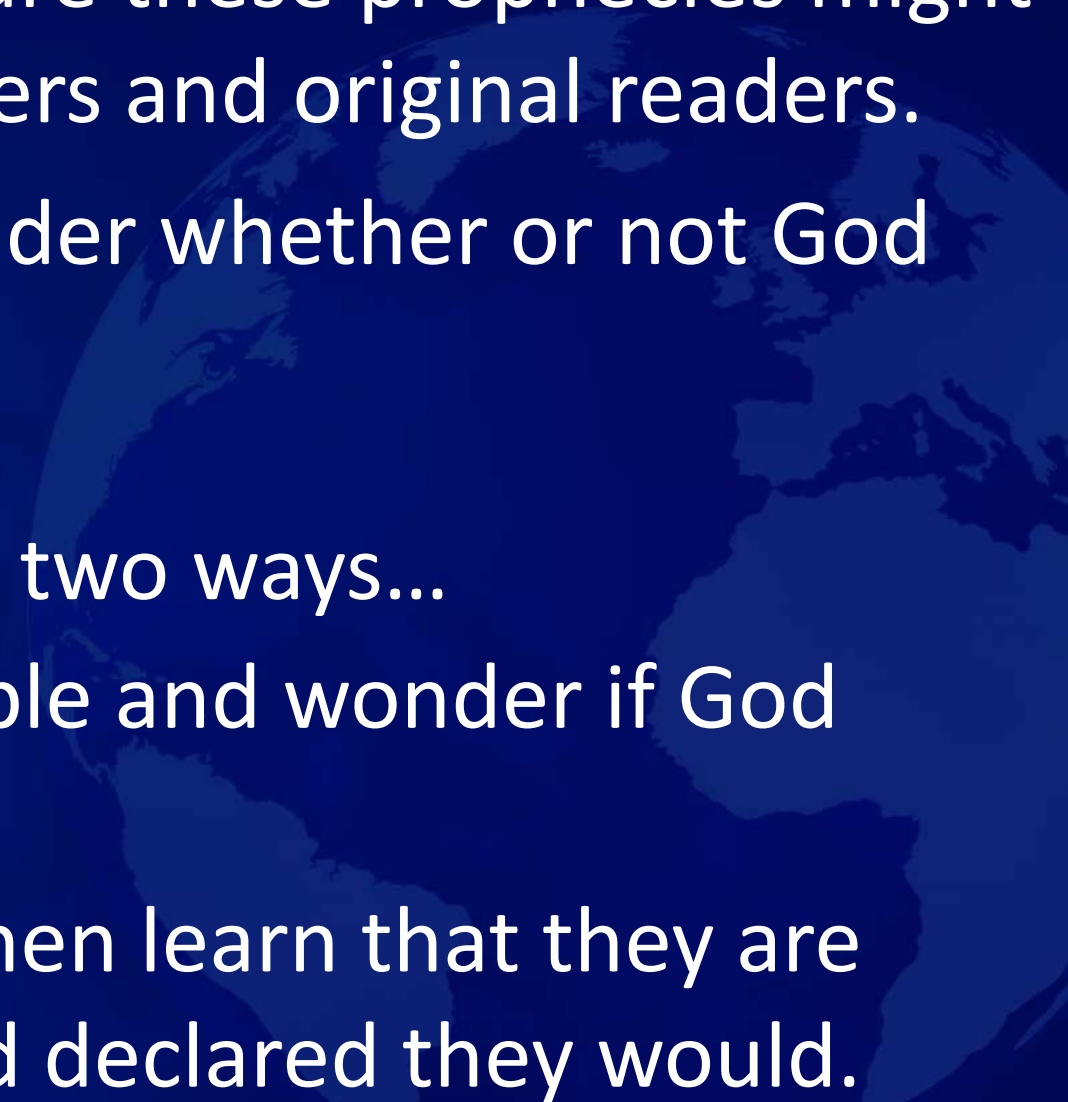
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Who else believes Bible prophecy is true?

“Remember the former things long past, for **I am God**, and there is no other; I am God, and there is no one like Me, **declaring the end from the beginning**, and from ancient times things which have not been done, saying, ‘My purpose will be established, and I will accomplish all My good pleasure’” Isaiah 46:9-10



**Bible Prophecies
fulfilled in our time**

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- Notice the variety of topics and situations mentioned.
 - Think about how strange or obscure these prophecies might have sounded to the original writers and original readers.
 - Did the prophets themselves wonder whether or not God would keep His promises?
 - Look at these ancient promises in two ways...
 - Things we read about in the Bible and wonder if God could actually do that.
 - Things we see around us and then learn that they are happening because God's Word declared they would.

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Isaiah 41:12-14

“You will seek those who quarrel with you, but will not find them, **those who war with you will be as nothing and non-existent**. For I am the Lord your God, who upholds your right hand, Who says to you, ‘Do not fear, I will help you.’ Do not fear, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel; I will help you,” declares the Lord, “and your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.”

Written: perhaps between 701-681 BC

Fulfilled: Throughout the 1900s

Israel's wars and other conflicts since 1947

- **Israeli War of Independence** (November 1947 – July 1949)
- **Reprisal operations** (1950s–1960s)
- **Suez Crisis** (October 1956)
- **Six-Day War** (June 1967)
- **War of Attrition** (1967–1970)
- **Yom Kippur War** (October 1973)
- **Palestinian insurgency in South Lebanon** (1971–1982)
- **1982 Lebanon War** (1982)
- **South Lebanon conflict** (1985–2000)
- **First Intifada** (1987–1993)
- **Second Intifada** (2000–2005)
- **2006 Lebanon War** (summer 2006)
- **Gaza War** (December 2008 – January 2009)
- **Operation Pillar of Defense** (November 2012)
- **Operation Protective Edge** (July–August 2014)
- **Operation Guardian of the Walls** (May 2021)

17 Miraculous Israeli Military Victories

- Battle of Mishmar HaEmek on April 4, 1948
- Battle for Katamon during the Independence War
- Battle of Safed In 1948
- Taking Back Mount Zion during the Independence War
- Saving the Kibbutz during the War of Independence
- Attack on Degania shortly after the Independence War
- Preemptive Strike In 1967 opening the Six Day War
- Battle of Ammunition Hill (arguably the most furious battle of the Six Day War in 1967)
- Kusseima - to win the Six Day War, Israel needed to retake the Egyptians' heavily fortified Kusseima outpost
- Taking back Jerusalem starting June 5, 1967
- Golan Heights attack at the end of the Six Day War
- Taking Tel Fakhr in the Golan Heights during the Six Day War
- Yom Kippur War in 1973
- Valley of Tears during the Yom Kippur War
- Gas Attack that never was during the Gulf War in 1991
- Thirty-Nine Rockets In 1991- Iraq tried to provoke Israel into retaliating by firing 39 missiles into Israel
- Massacre Averted during harvest time of July 2015

Massacre Averted – God protects His people

During summer 2015, it was discovered that Hamas had been using supplies given by Israel for civil projects to build tunnels that would enable them to transport weapons and invade Israel. In the weeks before July 17, Hamas terrorists scouted out the area which one of their tunnels would potentially end, near the farming village of Sufa. It was perfect. At the time, this was a populated area of farmers concealed by tall wheat. Israel wouldn't stand a chance. However, the terrorists didn't count on the apparent power of faith. According to Jewish customs, there is a biblical mandate that requires farmers to harvest before taking a sabbatical year, in which it is forbidden to harvest in Israel. On July 17, terrorists exited their completed tunnel only to find an empty open land. This attempted attack happened to occur just after the sabbatical year had begun and so, the religious farmers were no longer harvesting. Without the tall wheat for cover, the terrorists were quickly spotted and intercepted by the Israeli Defense Forces. A potential massacre was avoided because of this miracle.

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Amos 9:11, 13

“In that day I will raise up the fallen booth of David, and wall up its breaches; **I will also raise up its ruins** and rebuild it as in the days of old... behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “When the plowman will overtake the reaper and the treader of grapes him who sows seed; when the mountains will drip sweet wine and all the hills will be dissolved.”

Written: about 750 BC

Fulfilled: late 1900s

Jerusalem then and now

Jerusalem, 1865



Jerusalem Today



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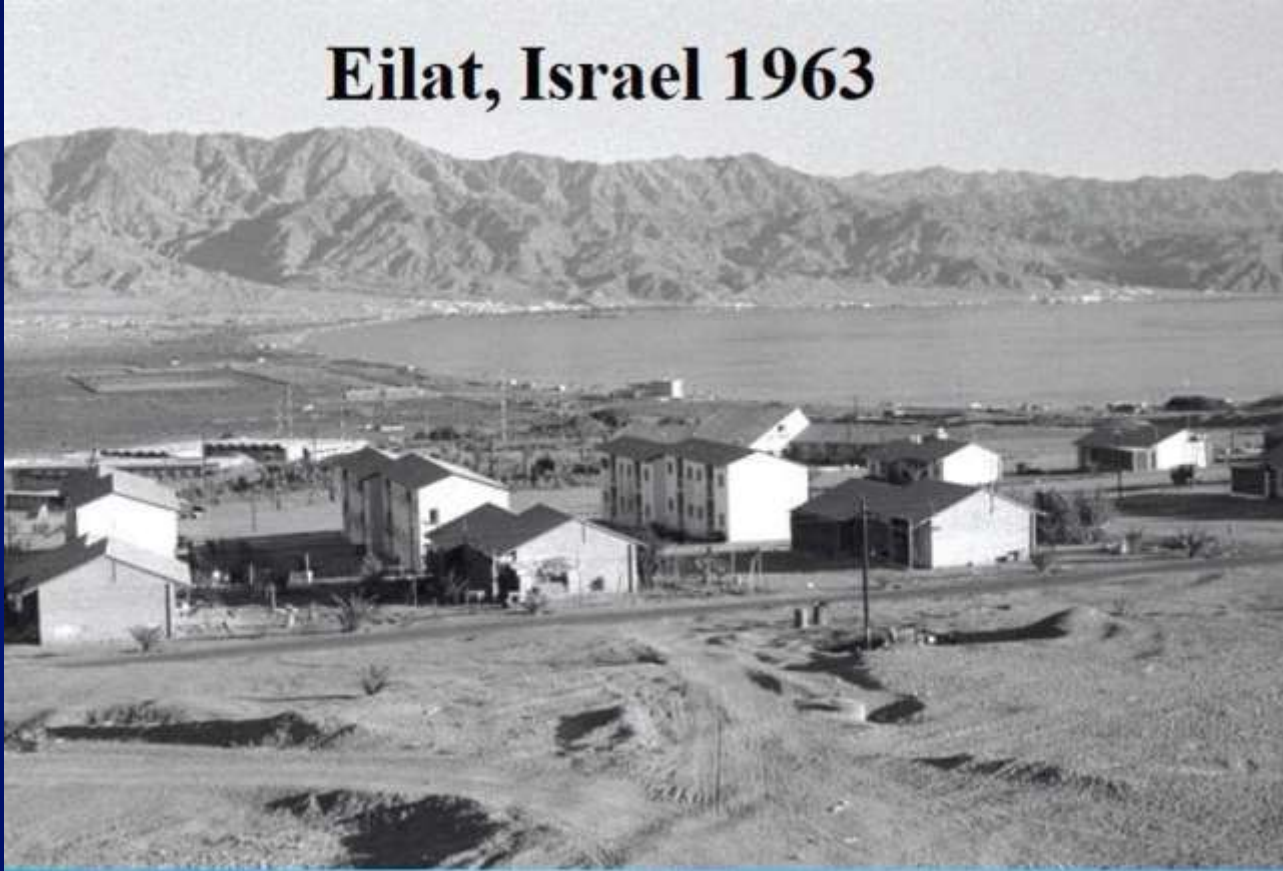
Western Wall (Kotel) then and now



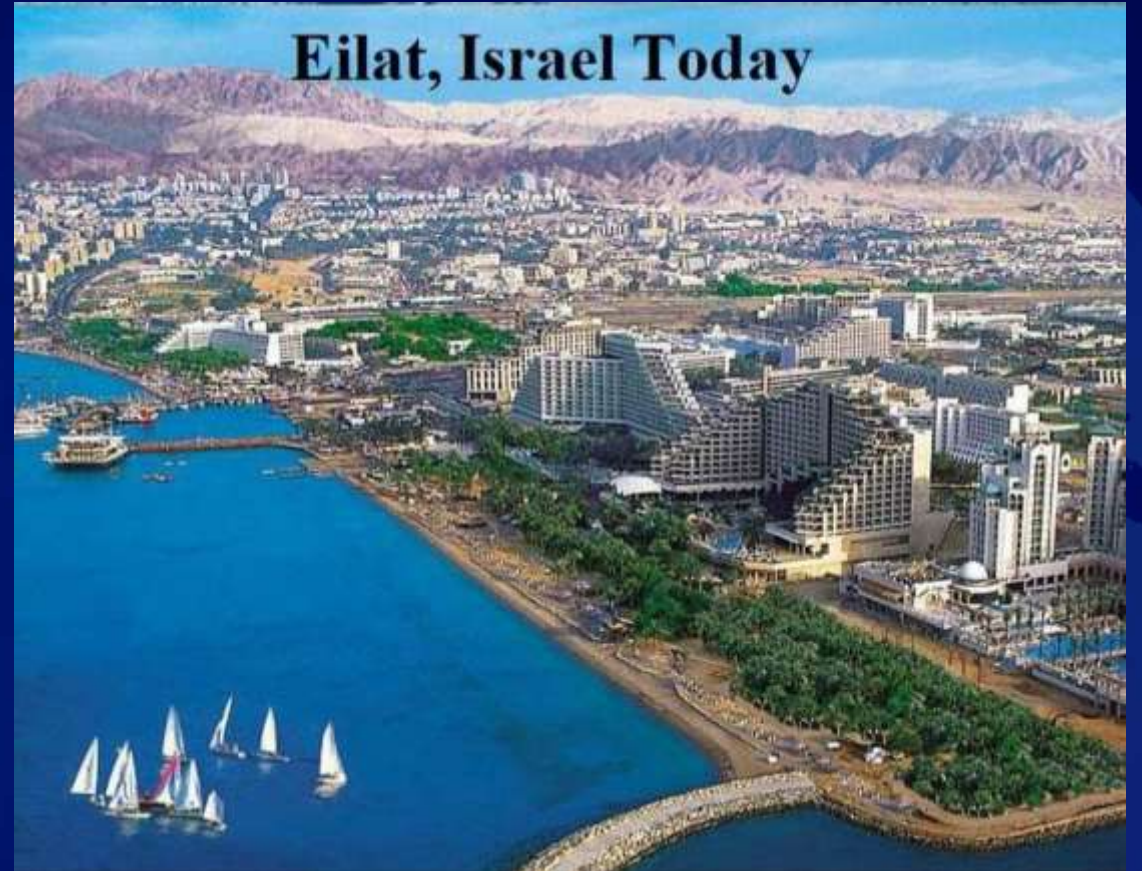
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Eilat then and now

Eilat, Israel 1963



Eilat, Israel Today



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Vineyards in Israel



<https://israel-tourguide.info/2009/05/27/golan-vineyards-wineries/>



<https://blogs.timesofisrael.com/wine-continues-to-flourish-in-israel/>

“the mountains will drip sweet wine” Amos 9:13

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Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Ezekiel 36:11

“I will multiply on you man and beast; and they will increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited as you were formerly and **will treat you better than at the first**. Thus you will know that I am the Lord.”

Written: between 593-571 BC

Fulfilled: late 1900s

Published July 8, 2018

www.timesofisrael.com/israel-ranked-8th-most-powerful-country-in-the-world-survey/

The survey ranked 80 countries on a range of issues, including power, cultural influence, economy and entrepreneurship.

In the power ranking Israel was ranked inside the top ten, behind the United States, Russia, China, Germany, the United Kingdom, France and Japan, in that order. Neighbors Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates were ranked 9th and 10th, with fellow Middle Eastern countries Iran and Turkey ranked 13th and 14th.

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US magazine poll of 21,000 people lists Jewish state above Iran, Turkey, Saudi Arabia; Israel is 30th-best country for second year in a row

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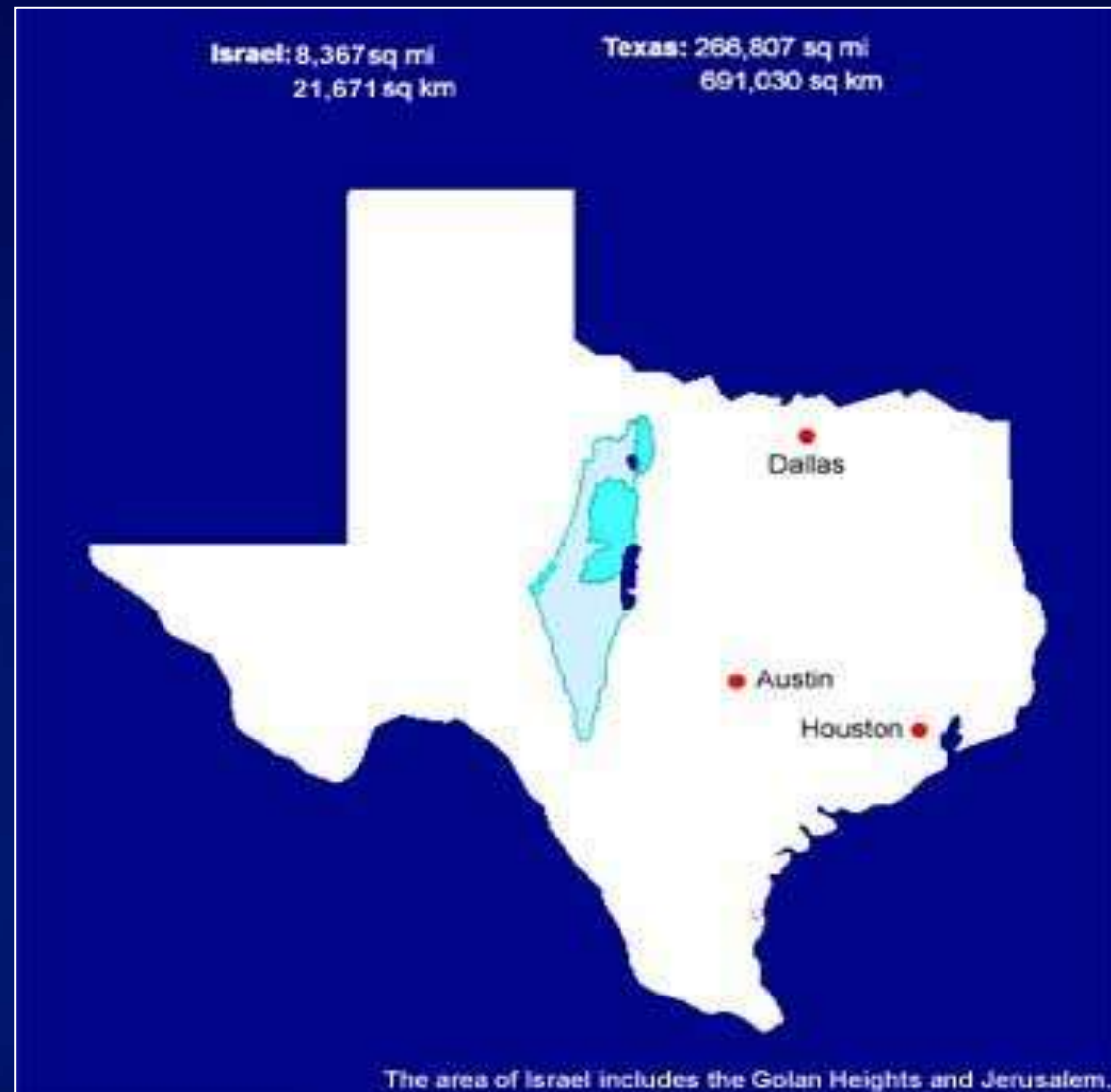
Other powerfully ranked countries included Russia, China, Germany, United Kingdom, France, Japan and Saudi Arabia.

By YVETTE J. DEANE Published: MARCH 4, 2019 13:13

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IDF soldiers storm a target during the ground incursion into Gaza. (photo credit: IDF)



Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Isaiah 41:18-20

“I will open rivers on the bare heights and springs in the midst of the valleys; **I will make the wilderness a pool of water** and the dry land fountains of water. I will put the cedar in the wilderness, the acacia and the myrtle and the olive tree; **I will place the juniper in the desert together with the box tree and the cypress**, that they may see and recognize, and consider and gain insight as well, that the hand of the Lord has done this, and the Holy One of Israel has created it.”

Written: perhaps between 701-681 BC

Fulfilled: late 1900s



Pool on the Arugot Farm in the Judean wilderness



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The Reforestation of Israel

Of Israel's many accomplishments, one of the most impressive may be the reforestation of the land. From the turn of the twentieth century a huge amount of work has gone into planting trees and turning the land green.



Since 1900 roughly 250,000,000 trees have been planted across Israel and it is the only county in the world that ended the 20th century with more trees than it had in 1900. In 1948 roughly 2% of Israel was covered in trees and this has now grown to around 8.5%.

Israel's forests do more than just provide a nice place to hike; they bring with them a huge amount of benefit in areas such as fruit production, grazing and habitat for a range of wildlife, carbon absorption and more. Furthermore, they are a testament to Israel's commitment to combating droughts, an area of research that is always developing.

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Isaiah 27:6

In the days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will blossom and sprout, and **they will fill the whole world with fruit.**

Written: perhaps between 701-681 BC Fulfilled: late 1900s

Published May 28, 2013

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Top 12 new fruit and vegetables developed in Israel

Israeli innovation isn't just limited to high-tech, it also extends to the development of some of the world's most popular new fruits and vegetables.

Every year, Israel exports more than \$2 billion worth of produce and is among the world's top developers of better-looking, better-tasting, disease-resistant and more nutritious varieties. You'll probably find more Israel-invented types of fruits and vegetables (as well as hothouse flowers) growing abroad than in the land of their development, simply because little Israel can't produce on the same scale as countries such as the United States. But blue-and-white innovation is in every bite no matter where it grows.

<https://www.israel21c.org/top-12-new-fruit-and-vegetables-species-developed-in-israel/>

UAE and Israel to establish full diplomatic ties

By JOSEF FEDERMAN, MATTHEW LEE and JON GAMBRELL August 13, 2020



<https://apnews.com/article/virus-outbreak-israel-ap-top-news-iran-united-arab-emirates-abcb0ed9a84e2d3da7d87c28641ccc21>

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Israel receives approval to begin fruit and vegetable exports to the UAE

The Agriculture and Rural Development Ministry hopes to begin exports by early November.

By JERUSALEM POST STAFF Published: NOVEMBER 2, 2020 16:43



Israeli visitors pick cherries at a self-picking cherry-tree farm in the town of Odem, in the Golan Heights, on June 29, 2019.

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<https://www.jpost.com/international/israel-receives-approval-to-begin-fruit-and-vegetable-exports-to-the-uae-647700>

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Micah 4:1-2

And it will come about in the last days that **the mountain of the house of the Lord will be established as the chief of the mountains.** It will be raised above the hills, and the peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, “Come and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord and to the house of the God of Jacob, that He may teach us about His ways and that we may walk in His paths.” For from Zion will go forth the law, even the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

Written: sometime between 750-686 BC Fulfilled: Today

Middle East peace won't happen without addressing religious issues

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In the decades-long conflict between Israel and Palestine, there is an essential component that well-meaning Western negotiators have underestimated: religion factors more into the equation the West might expect, even for secular Arab citizens.

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Jerusalem's sacred sites are a combustible mix of religion and politics

Disputes over the fate of Jerusalem's Palestinian neighborhoods triggered the most recent spate of bloodshed.

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Zechariah 8:7-8

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘Behold, I am going to save My people from the land of the east and from the land of the west; and **I will bring them back** and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.’”

Written: between 520 and 518 BC

Fulfilled: 1967, etc.

Think
about our
friends



All of these people are religious Jews from America who have made "Aliyah" (moved to Israel) in the past 50 years

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Isaiah 43:5-6

“Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and gather you from the west. I will say to the north, ‘Give them up!’ And to the south, ‘Do not hold them back.’ **Bring My sons from afar and My daughters from the ends of the earth,”**

Written: perhaps between 701-681 BC

Fulfilled: late 1900s

God said He would bring the Jews home. Then, God did it.

- **From the east:** Many Jews living in the Middle East moved to Israel by the early 1900s.
- **From the west:** During mid-1900s, hundreds of thousands of Jews living in Europe and the US began moving to Israel.
- **From the north:** The Soviet Union refused to allow its Jewish residents to move to Israel. After years of pressure from other countries, Russia began to allow Jews to return to Israel in the 1980s. More than 1 Million Russian Jews have moved to Israel.
- **From the south:** In 1985, Israel struck a deal with Ethiopia's communist government to allow the Jews of Ethiopia to move to Israel. In May, 1991, 14,500 Ethiopian Jews were airlifted to Israel.

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Ezekiel 39:28

“Then they will know that I am the Lord their God because I made them go into exile among the nations, and **then gathered them again to their own land**; and I will leave none of them there any longer.”

Written: between 593 and 571 BC

Fulfilled: late 1900s

Jewish Population in Israel

<u>Year</u>	<u>Jews in Israel</u>
1517	5,000
1882	24,000
1918	60,000
1946	543,000
1948	716,700
1950	1,203,000
1960	1,911,300
1970	2,582,000
1980	3,282,700
1990	3,946,700
2000	4,955,400
2010	5,802,900
2017	6,484,000
2021	6,943,000

% Growth from
1918-2021?

11,472%!

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Isaiah 51:3

Indeed, the Lord will comfort Zion; He will comfort all her waste places. And her wilderness He will make like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and sound of a melody.

Written: perhaps between 701-681 BC

Fulfilled: Now

Israel confronts world hunger with a solar-powered desert oasis

The best of Israel's agri-tech and clean-tech innovation is combined in a new oasis system that could help feed millions of desert-dwellers.

By Karin Kloosterman | AUGUST 9, 2012, 12:00 AM



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Isaiah 51:3

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By C.C. Weiss

November 10, 2021

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“He will comfort all
her waste places”
Isaiah 51:3

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

“Thus says the Lord of hosts, ‘Old men and old women will again sit in the streets of Jerusalem, each man with his staff in his hand because of age. And the streets of **the city will be filled with boys and girls playing in its streets.**’” Zechariah 8:4-5

Written: approximately 500 BC

Fulfilled: Since 1948



1952



2010

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Zechariah 14:16

Then it will come about that any who are left of all **the nations** that went against Jerusalem **will go up from year to year to worship the King**, the Lord of hosts, and to celebrate the Feast of Booths.

Written: about 750 BC

Fulfilled: Now



Think
about us!



Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Zechariah 12:2

“Behold, I am going to make Jerusalem **a cup that causes reeling [conflict] to all the peoples around**; and when the siege is against Jerusalem, it will also be against Judah.”

Written: about 750 BC

Fulfilled: 2017

The US Embassy Opening in Jerusalem



In December 2017, the United Nations voted 128-9 against President Donald Trump's recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and the home of the future American embassy. Rabbi Shimon Apisdorf saw the UN vote, which sought to isolate Jerusalem from the world, as proof that the Third Temple will rise again. While the vote was an attempt by Israel's enemies to "put Jerusalem under siege" and "isolate the city," similar to what occurred with the destruction of Solomon's Temple and the Babylonian Exile, Rabbi Apisdorf said, "The seeds of Messiah were hidden, planted in the destruction of the Temple. This seems like a blow to Israel, but what is really happening is that the world is focused on the relationship of the Jewish people to Jerusalem, and only good things can come out of that."

Bible Prophecies fulfilled in our time

Isaiah 57:14

And it will be said, “Build up, build up, **prepare the way**, remove every obstacle out of the way of My people.”

Written: perhaps between 701-681 BC

Fulfilled: 2018

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On board the new Jerusalem-Tel Aviv fast train

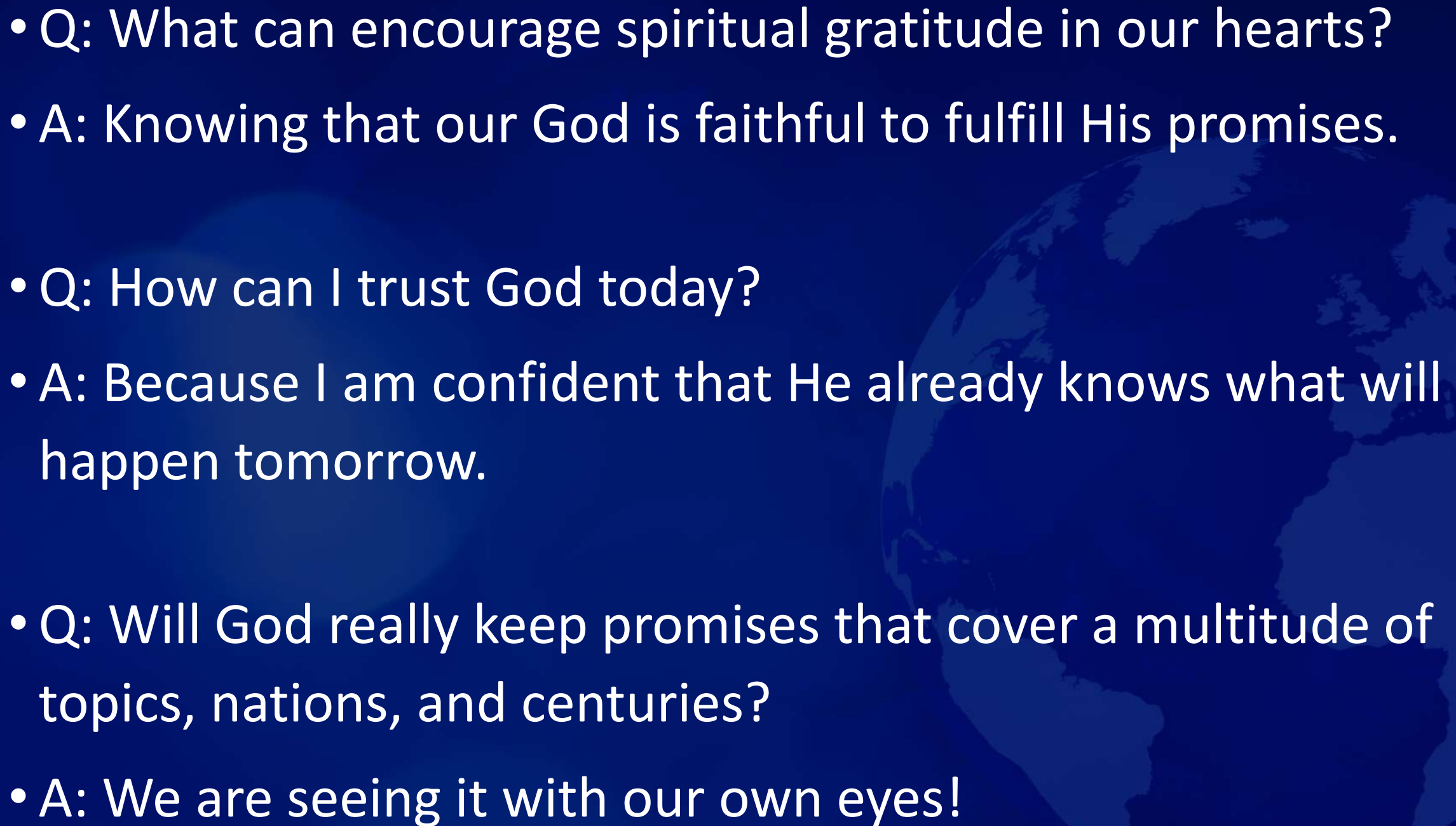
It's been a long time coming, but Israeli commuters are finally able to board double-decker high-speed trains on a new link from Jerusalem to Tel Aviv.

Construction has been plagued by engineering and planning challenges, and the last section of the line is still not open. The route has also angered some Palestinians, as part of the track runs in tunnels under the occupied West Bank.

Transport Minister Yisrael Katz hopes it will eventually whisk passengers from secular, liberal Tel Aviv to a "Donald Trump Station" next to the Western Wall, one of Judaism's holiest sites.

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of the way of My people.”
Isaiah 57:14

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- Q: What can encourage spiritual gratitude in our hearts?
 - A: Knowing that our God is faithful to fulfill His promises.

 - Q: How can I trust God today?
 - A: Because I am confident that He already knows what will happen tomorrow.

 - Q: Will God really keep promises that cover a multitude of topics, nations, and centuries?
 - A: We are seeing it with our own eyes!

Our Thanksgiving declaration

“Behold, God is my salvation, I will trust and not be afraid; for the Lord God is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation.” Therefore you will joyously draw water from the springs of salvation. And in that day you will say, “Give thanks to the Lord, call on His name. Make known His deeds among the peoples; make them remember that His name is exalted.” Praise the Lord in song, for He has done excellent things; let this be known throughout the earth. Cry aloud and shout for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel. Isaiah 12:2-5



HAPPY
THANKSGIVING

A still life composition for Thanksgiving. In the foreground, wooden blocks spell out 'HAPPY' on the top row and 'THANKSGIVING' on the bottom row. Two hazelnuts are placed on the blocks: one on top of the 'Y' and another on the 'S'. To the right, a small orange pumpkin sits on the wooden surface. The background is a rustic, greyish-brown wooden wall with several autumn leaves in shades of yellow and orange scattered around. The lighting is soft and natural, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.