Israel Past & Present

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INTRODUCTION

- The one that the most people have the most problems understanding are the religious connotations and the religious roots of these three faiths, how they overlap, how they intersect, and in a most dramatic way, how they collide.
- It's important living in our time that we understand more about these things to assist us in our own personal quest of faith.
- A quest to know God and to be right with Him, which is the most important journey a person can make.

1 Looking at the History and Roots

- Your roots are very important to you. A tree will shrivel up and die if it's cut off from its roots.
- It's important to understand regarding Judaism, Islam, and Christianity, some things about their roots. Because it will help us to properly understand things that are going on today.
- These are some of the missing pieces that keep people in our time from better understanding these issues.

2 When These Three Faiths Collide: Search for Truth

1 Thessalonians 5:21

- What do we do when these three faiths collide like they have been in a most dramatic way?
- If it really doesn't matter, why are there so many conflicts?
- Third option requires of us a lot of honesty and effort. And that is to search for truth.
- The New Testament says in 1 Thessalonians 5, verse 21, test all things, hold fast what is good.
- Religion should be no different. We should test, we should examine, we should search, and then we are to find that which is good and hold on to it.

3 God's Promises to Abraham

Genesis 12:1–3

- The faith of the Israelites really begin in the book of Genesis, the twelfth chapter, where we're introduced to a man by the name of Abram, who's later named Abraham.
- I will make you a great nation. I will bless you and make your name great, and you shall be a blessing.
- Abraham was promised a land. This is the land of Canaan, now called Palestine.
- That he would have a protective relationship with Abraham and his people.
- I'm going to protect you. You're going to belong to me in a very special way.

4 God Delivers Israel and Makes a Covenant

Exodus 19:4–8

- God, through mighty miracles, delivers the Israelites from their oppressive, evil masters, the Egyptians.
- If you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, then you shall be a special treasure to me above all people, for the earth is mine.
- All that the Lord has spoken, we will do.
- He makes them great promises. But those promises were conditional upon them heeding his word, upon them keeping covenant with him.
- He'll keep his end of the bargain if they will.

MY NOTES