State of Israel in 1973: Part 1

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I'm back again, not Park of the Pines, but Cannon Beach. Just come from park of the pines. The Lord gave us a rich blessing there.

We're thrilled to see what the Lord has done. Had a lady tell me in St. Louis, after she heard me speak she said, what part of Scotland do you come from? I thought she was pulling my leg, as we say in Chinese. And she went on she said, I said you mean what part of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania? She says no, what part of Scotland?

I said, well, frankly, I don't recognize that I was born in Scotland. She says oh yes you were. Because I hear how you pronounce your "R's". Well I've done that for a long time. The Jewish people and the Scottish people are very close. One of the covenancers, you see that. And the others are the Abrahamic covenant. The others are the Scottish covenancers. But the building on the beach front is certainly beautiful. If you have not yet seen it you should. It is an answer, a visible answered to prayer. Just like everything here that we've known for over 20 some years. Wonderful to be here.
May I lay upon your hearts a burden? I was just speaking to my wife by phone. When I was speaking to her the earlier part of this week, up at Kent, she indicated that Dr. Talbot had gone out because his wife and his sister had invited him to his sister's birthday. But he didn't even have time to appreciate the dinner which was in a restaurant and was stricken with a stroke. He had to be in intensive care and has since then been moved to a hospital in Long Beach near his home leisure world at Seal Beach.

It had not yet been determined how serious is the involvement but they are going to start physical therapy in a matter of days to determine just how much paralysis has been suffered. Apparently one whole side has been affected. So I trust you to remember Dr. Talbot in prayer. A great warrior of the faith. And we thank God for His ministry. Whatever the Lord has for him I'm sure you and I want also.

Now in addition to this beautiful music that we're having, we're going to be having studies in the word. As I remember it, we have them in the morning too, do we not?

10:30 in the morning, as far as I can tell now, don't hold me down to it. I'm not going to sign a contract unless I have other leading. Monday through Friday. Those five mornings I should like to teach a book that is probably the most misunderstood book in the Bible.

It's the Song of Solomon. I want to teach the Song of Solomon and from Monday through Friday. So you pray that the Lord will give us insight in the book and give us warmth and especially make the book very practical to us, devotional.
And then the remainder of the times we want to be dealing with prophetic themes, things that are happening so rapidly on the world scene.

I am just back now, less than three weeks, a little over two weeks ago, we returned from the Holy Land. And I want to speak now to you from the word on the subject, The State of Israel in 1973. Will you turn with me in the Word of God to Zechariah, the twelfth chapter. If you have the right Bible, its on page nine hundred and seventy three in the extreme southeast corner of the page. I preach always with a fear that some folk halfway through are still looking for the text.

So we want to make it very explicit. Zechariah the 12th chapter.

If this were not a bible studying group I would say it’s next to the last book in the Old Testament. But since you know that I’m not going to say it. Zechariah 12 verse 1, reading through the first verse of chapter thirteen. The burden of the word of the Lord for Israel, saith the Lord, who stretcheth forth the heavens and layeth at the foundation of the earth and formeth the spirit of man within him. How that grips our heart with a concept of authority. The supreme one in heaven, on earth, and among men in the realm of mankind. Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup, more correctly in the original, a basin, because so many are going to drink of it, a basin of trembling unto all the peoples round about. When they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.
And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all peoples, all which burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the nations of the earth be gathered together against it. And you can see those shadows lengthening. Just feel it as you go over there, that there is a building-up of a head of steam for a tremendous world explosion. In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with terror and his rider with madness, and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah and will smite every horse of the peoples with blindness. And the governors, more literally, the heads of thousands, the Kiliarchs of Judah, shall say in their heart the inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength and the Lord of hosts there gone. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf. And they shall devour all the peoples roundabout on the right hand and on the left. And Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place even in Jerusalem.

The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the House of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem and he that is feeble among them. And that day shall be like David, and the House of David shall be like God, like the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. In those first nine verses then, you have tremendous disclosure concerning coming political military international conflict.

But as the world always views it, that's the all-important thing. No, the Lord keeps the best for last. The best wine for last. The most important element is last. Not the social or economic or the other, but the spiritual relationship with God.
And here we have it. And I will pour upon the House of David, this is Israel's National Day of Atonement come to fruition and fulfillment and realization, and I will pour up the house of Judah and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and of supplication. And they shall look upon me, whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son. And shall be a bitterness for him as one that is in bitterness for his first born. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of hadad-rimmon in the Valley of Armageddon. And the land shall mourn every family apart the family, the house of David apart and their wives apart the founder of the House of Nathan apart, and their wives apart, the founder of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart, the family of Shimmiai apart and their wives apart. All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart. Now why is there so much emphasis on them apart and their wives by themselves?

Because that closest bond on earth to which the Lord likens his relationship to his body, his bride, the church, that marvelous, intimate relationship, nearest and dearest of all, is going to be superseded by the sorrow and the mourning and the lamentation that will overtake them. And you notice David, the kings who were involved, in House of Nathan, the prophets were involved, Levi the Leviites were involved, Shimmiai, the ordinary priest were involved, and lest anyone think he's left out, all the families that remain, every family apart and their wives apart. And then noticed the beautiful consummation, the grand finale, the hallelujah chorus. In that day there shall be a fountain open to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. That's where William Cowper got the inspiration for his great hymn, there is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Emmanuel's veins and sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty stains. The state of Israel. Nineteen hundred and seventy three, the twenty fifth anniversary of the founding of the state of Israel. Beloved, no one can visit the Holy Land even once without coming away with some indelible, ineradicable impressions.

Never to be forgotten impressions. As the dear Scottish gentleman said when he was asked to give his testimony, its better felt than “telt”. You can feel it better than you can tell it. And with every successive visit, these impressions become more and more imprinted on the heart and mind in addition to multitudes of others.

The pace of events is so fast, faster than anyone can imagine.

Somebody said, well why do you want to go over there anyhow? Well besides many, many features which they don't understand, and probably the best thing is to answer it in a very brief way, I say if you own some property you do want to look it over before you move in don't you. We are going to be ruling there as the bride with the King. And it doesn't hurt to look over the area. And yet some folk go there and don't see much at all.

They expect the stones to speak out. They expect all of them to tell who walked on this area and what happened there, what transpired. They do get somethings mixed up. That reminds me of the fellow who was rather lacking in cash and his friends woke up at once to find out that he had very, very few electrical appliances. They said we'll fix that. We will give him for his birthday and for Christmas and for anniversary all the electrical appliances and electrical gadgets.
So they gave him electric toothbrush, even an electric comb. I hate to say that but they are using them. And I don't need to. Getting more like heaven up there all the time, no parting there. Dr. Ironside said all good men come out on top. And it's a sure thing you don't put marble on cheap furniture. But you do put it on antique furniture. But at any rate, they gave him that electric blanket, electric nail file, they gave him an electric shaver, electric fryer, electric toaster, electric blanket. And wouldn't you know he had more plugs and more sockets and more wires than he knew what to do with and he got some of them crossed, the blanket and the toaster, and he was popping out of bed all night.

Some people go to the Holy Land and they're popping out of bed for a long time. Well what are the outstanding factors that compel attention? What specifically. We don't want to hear the whole thing, rambling on and on and on, for days and days and days. Spare us. One fellow said, have I shown you my grandchildren's pictures? I said no, and I sure do appreciate it. Incidentally I have some pictures myself. Only on demand. But we do want to capture the latest.

Put it in small and yet easily, easily to be grasped, words and concepts. First of all, when you go to the Holy Land, and this is tremendously, tremendously emphasized by all who go there and return. And you'll find books and books and books on it. And that's the economic progress over there. It's just fabulous what has been done there. Now, I'm giving you material that comes from the official sources, the Israel Office of Information, the latest information. 1972. I was looking for 1973. Someone said, don't you realize that 1973 isn't over yet. I said well I thought they do everything so rapidly, maybe they had it on that too.
But these figures are for 1972. The economic progress is amazing. A lot of folk in their anti-Jewish feeling tell us that our country is being run by Jews. They have control of everything and they are causing this to fluctuate and that to fluctuate and they have control.

I tell them that's an impossibility. I have the best and final proof that the Jews are not running our country. If they were we wouldn't be that many billions of dollars in debt. Economic progress. You see it on every hand. As a matter of fact, the structure of the economy in Israel is very similar to that of the industrial countries in Western Europe. As I've traveled through Europe better than a dozen times in the last less than a decade or more than a decade, probably better, in almost a dozen and I have times, it's amazing to see the recuperation, especially in western Germany.

There is a tremendous verve, there's a tremendous upsurge of energy. Of vitality, of on the go, someone getting somewhere. And that thing is duplicated in Israel where it isn't in other Arab countries.

We were in Jordan this time, unable to go there. We were in Egypt, we were in Turkey and Asia Minor, where the seven churches of the Revelation are, but not any one of those areas began to touch the pace, the speed.

In fact one, of the leaders of the Arab countries on the eastern side of the Jordan said not so many years ago, if you want to know how we're getting along economically, we're moving along at the pace of a turtle, or a snail. But they, on the western side, are travelling at the speed of a jet
liner. True. A rapid growth has characterized Israel's economy ever since it was established with but very, very brief, temporary lags. In 1970, we find that in the state of Israel, the gross national product had grown more than fivefold. Think of it, in real terms, since 1950. In 20 years, their gross national product had grown that much. An annual increase of over 9 percent. Well you say what does that matter? Is that so great? Let's compare that rate with, for instance, our beloved United States of America. During that same time, our rate of growth was not 9 percent but 3.3 percent. Denmark 5 percent, West Germany 5.3 percent.

The only one that exceeded Israel was Japan. 9.6 percent. Only about a half a percent more than Israel. The national product per capita was over twice as much in real terms as it was in 1950. That's 1970. The national income in 1970 showed a real increase of about six fold over 1950.

Think of it. Six hundred times that much, about eleven percent per year. Amazing thing. When you say, how is it that they do it? Well for one thing, the Dead Sea is known to contain, and by the way, the Jews have been wiser than ever to call it Dead Sea. They never call it Yam Humala, they call it Yam Hamela. The salt sea. It has the greatest deposit of salt wealth in the world. The Dead Sea is known to contain billions, not millions or thousands, but billions of tons, and tons are two thousand pounds.

Billions of tons of magnesium chloride, common salt, potassium chloride, magnesium bromide, calcium chloride, the outcome, the output of potash alone, the great rejuvenator of the soil, was 909,300 tons in the year 1970. Think of it, output of potash alone for that year, almost a million tons.
Oil is produced, pellets near Ashkelon on the West Coast, natural gas, at Roche, Zohar, at the beginning of the light, those two Hebrew words, near the dead sea, and offshore drilling, not just in Louisiana and Texas and California, but offshore drilling for oil in the vicinity of Ashkelon is going on apace.

My dear friends, don't forget that Russia has her eye on them. And I read just this week, a few days ago, a squib that said watch out, read it while I was up there in Seattle area, in Renton, it said watch carefully for the manner in which Russia is going to push our fleet out of the Mediterranean. I remember standing at the closest point between Asia and Europe. And our guide said, this is the closest point between the continents and I saw some ships coming through, there at Bosporus, Dardanelles, there at Istanbul. I said, do you allow ships to come through here just at will. Oh my, no no no. They have to display their flag and ships with a certain flag with a certain amount of time can only come periodically at certain times. It's not haphazard. It's well-defined.

And yet while our attention was occupied in Vietnam, the greatest fleet that Russia has ever had in the Mediterranean is there now, so much so that in Israel they have been bringing out an old statement of a rabbi who said when you see the great power of the north coming into the Mediterranean, put on your Sabbath and festival clothes and get ready to meet the Messiah.
Think of it. Earlier than you think. Oh yes Russia has her eyes on it. She calls herself the protectress and protector of the Holy Land. Ever since Catherine the Great and Peter the Great of Russia.

Fact is, you look at the Mount of Olives. So many look at the little chapel of where the Lord wept. Two words in Latin meaning the Lord wept. And then they look over here for the Church of Gethsemane, the Church of agony, the Church of All Nations, the same one. But if you look over a little to the east, you'll see a building that has a top to it like onion tops. That is the Russian monastery. Russia is there. She claims that she belongs there.

So rapid progress, economic progress. You say, to what do you lay it, and to what do you attribute it? Well, mainly because of expansion of the labor force. Their population has tripled by immigration and natural increase. They're not trying to commit genocide. Oh no, that's just in the United States of America. And it's not that they haven't made some of the latest advances in science in the area of natural and human generational life. Oh yes, they're doing a great number. In fact, what their scientists have done, there are things that are absolutely fabulous.

The only experiments that I know of, public experiment, of air conditioning the out-of-doors, if you will, was done in Israel. Huge blocks of ice with great blowers blowing all the way down to the Gulf of Aqaba.

Mother used to say, why are you keeping the door open, are you trying to warm or cool off the outside, warm in winter and cool it off in summer, and here they're doing it.

An improvement in labor efficiency, better use of capital. My, their labor devices, they're everlastingly working at it. Agriculture is going on a pace, industry, electricity, building communications, by that I mean railroads, and surface roads, and shipping. Zoom, the great line, and El Al has been in the black air, air communication, and tourism. These have increased phenomenally. The three main sources of wealth in Israel economically are citrus fruit, secondly, and this is unknown generally outside of Israel, polish diamond, polishing of diamonds, diamond polishing. The Jews did that back in Spinoza's time. The Pantheistic philosopher in Holland, the Jews of Holland have been great on diamond industry. So it's citrus, diamond polishing, and third is tourism. Well somebody says, that's tremendous. It is tremendous. My, things are well. Wait a minute. If you're talking about the state of Israel, don't just stop with economic state.

You've got to go on to other matters. I read in the great prophecy of Hosea, the first to the minor prophets in our canon, he said because you've got the new wine and the oil and the grain and so on, you have thought it was all well with you when you wept and gave credit for that to Baal and the Ashram and Estarty to the idols.

If you do not heed and be-think yourself as to who it was, who really was the benefactor, I will strip thee naked and set thee in the wilderness, where you first began when you came out of Egypt. As with Israel of old, it's always dangerous and it is dangerous in America too. Some folk think because the bank book is swollen, that their heart is enlarged. Not in the right way.
As with Israel of old, it's always dangerous to conclude from economic factors alone that it's well with the state. Let me give you something from pages of American history. It was the year 1923, five years after World War 1, there was a group of the world's most successful financiers that met in a hotel in Chicago. I remember the impression this made on me the first time I read this of this incident. In 1923, a group of the world's most successful financiers met at a Chicago hotel. Let me tell you who were present there.

The president of the largest independent Steel Company, the president of the largest utility company, the greatest wheat speculator in the country, the president of the New York Stock Exchange, a member of the president's cabinet, president at that time, the president of the Bank of International Settlements, and the head of the world's greatest monopoly. Together, my dear friends, collectively, these tycoons, these financiers control more money than there was that day in the United States Treasury. For years, for years on end, newspapers, magazines, all kinds of media had been printing these success stories of these men and urging our young people in our nation to follow their examples. May I stop long enough to say please don't. Please don't do that.

Let's get the norm in the word of God, nothing less than the fullness of the stature of Christ.

When we put before young people an example, let's be sure it's an abiding example. An example that God can OK. We hear so much about juvenile delinquency. It's always because of adult delinquency.
Yes. Most of the times it is. And I said just recently up in Kent, whenever a dear parent comes to me and speaks out a tale of woe and says where did we make our mistake, my hearts broken for them. But you know what I'd like to say, I don't say it. When any individual says where did we make a mistake, it's already too late to rectify it. You'd better start a lot earlier than that beloved.

Why is that when God gives you a child in your home that that child has to hear the name of the Lord Jesus from somebody else before it hears it from you. The child learns Daddy and momma. And it's no harder to say Jesus.

No. They can. Of course they can.

Just the little ones don't often give examples in the home. I was telling a dear friend who brought me from Portland, from the airport, our little fellow calls Sunday School, this is our grandson, calls Sunday school Jesus house.

He is very conscious of his clothes, and he said mother, mommy I'm, I'm going to take all my clothes and toys to Jesus House Sunday.

She said Oh no you won't. You can't. He said why can't I? She said well you can't. Well I want to! If you did that, everybody would do that, you'd have, you'd have a terrible time in the church.

He says well then I'll call up Jesus and find out. So she dialed it. And she'd forgotten that at the church they have an answering, says this is a recording and so on so on, so she had him with the
receiver and his eyes grew bigger and bigger and bigger. He says Mommy! I've got Jesus on the phone!

They can understand a lot more than you think. Yes.

Let's be sure we know what we're doing. Well these were the ones held up as the seven great wonders.

Now let's go 25 years after 1923. That would make 1948, three years after World War Two. Would you like to see what happened to these men? The president of the largest independent steel company from my own home state of Pennsylvania, Charlie Schwab. This president of the largest independent steel company lived on borrowed money the last five years of his life and he died penniless. The greatest wheat speculator was Arthur Cutten, and he died abroad in poverty.

The president of the New York Stock Exchange, Richard Whitney, in 1948 had been recently released from Sing Sing Correctional Facility, and that's not an opera. The member of the president's cabinet, Albert Fall, was pardoned from prison so he could die at home. The president of the Bank of International Settlements, Leon Frazier, committed suicide. The head of the world's greatest monopoly, Ivan Kruger, also committed suicide.

My beloved friends, all these men had learned how to make money but not a single one of them had learned how to live. Economic progress isn't all, it isn't all. Oh the saddest thing, the thing that tears the heart of a preacher out. Let me give you a secret. When you go back home, you
think of that. When that preacher is up there preaching his heart out. The thing that hurts them more than anything else is to see how members of the congregation who did run so well, you ran well. Who did hinder you, that you didn't continue on, Paul says in Galatians 3. And then to see them drawn off with this and that and the other and the other. Oh when I get through with this project I've got something really on the front burner. Yes it's going to burn everything up too, and you have all that. And then what. Then what.

What shall it profit a man who gains the whole world, loses his own soul?

Suppose a man isn't interested in spiritual things, he thinks the material things are first. And then as Campbell Morgan put it, notice what the rest of it is. And what shall a man give in exchange for his soul.

The concept is that he has sold his soul out for economic advancement and progress, and then he's going to try and buy back. Uh uh.

No. When the devil makes a bargain like that, he knows he has the edge. He's come out on top. He's not of a mind to do the so-called gentlemanly thing and call off the bargain. No. So economic progress. But that's not all. Over there they have cultural advance. Educational cultural activities in Israel are the flower of national revival. And not only that, they are the absolutely central instruments to well the native born, the old timers and the new comers into a united nation. The new comers are the ones they used to call immigrants.
They've dropped that word. They do not use that word anymore because all of them are immigrants, you see. It's interesting to hear folk talk about coming to America and they're immigrants. Well unless you belong to an American Indian tribe, you are an immigrant too. Folks say, well my ancestors were on the Mayflower. Well there were people that were on the reception committee for the pilgrims too. There were people here before, and the native born over there now are called Sabra, which means cactus. And if you're from either California or Arizona, you know what the cactus is. Outside. Well, its better that you don't touch it. Not the place to sit at all. He that sits on cactus shall soon rise again. So you won't want to do that. It's very dangerous.

So they say we're rough on the outside, but you see, if you ever get to cutting that away and you can eat. There's even cactus candy. Maybe some of you have had it. Very sweet inside. Get to know us and handle us carefully.

You'll find us all together amenable, reasonable and the like.

So these are welded together by the educational cultural advance. Educational activities, scientific research are behind.