

2023 Panel Consideration:  
**Israel in History**

**Birth of a Nation**

1) What events marked the beginning of the nation? Why did God pick this small nation of Israel?

**The Giving of The Law**

2) What was the purpose of the giving of the Law? What were some of the lessons leading up to & including those at Mt Sinai?

**God Raised Up Judges**

3) How was this arrangement of Judges an example of Divine Government? Also, what was the purpose of raising up Judges?

**Israel Desired a King & the Results**

4) God allowed Israel to have a king. What were some of the results? Include the warnings of the prophets that went unheeded leading to Removal of the Kingdom.

**Gentile Times & Nebuchadnezzar's Dream in Dan 4 (DOMINION)**

5) a) What were the lessons to Nebuchadnezzar himself? Looking back in the future, what will be the lessons to the Gentile Rulers and Mankind after all the oppression, b) the lessons to Israel, c) and in the larger picture, what will be the final lessons from mankind's loss of the dominion of the earth and its restoration?

**Israel Cast off of Favor and Return to Favor**

6) What caused the Nation of Israel to be rejected (Jer 16:13)? Ultimately, what will be the grander lessons to the Nation of Israel and to the Nations that are to receive salvation via (the previously hated) Israel, through the New Covenant?

2023 Panel Consideration:  
**Israel in Prophecy**

**Opening comment:**

- God promised Abraham that He would bless BOTH of his SEEDS. The SEED of FAITH, the stars of heaven, The Christ, Head and Body members. And the NATURAL SEED, his descendants, the sand of the seashore. Israel.
- The Kingdom of God has two parts – Spiritual and earthly, celestial and terrestrial. A New Heavens and New Earth. Spiritual Israel and rehabilitated Natural Israel.
- Satan has sought to destroy BOTH SEEDS. Satan continues to try to stop the full establishment of both Phases of God's Kingdom. However, Satan can only hope to be successful as he tries to stop what takes place on earth.
- This is our underlying premise as the panel members consider and discuss the following scriptures.

**1. Israel regathered.**

- a. What prophecies indicate how and when Israel would return to their homeland?
- b. Have the "hunters" and "fishers" of Jeremiah 16:15, 16 continued until this day?

**2. What is our message to the Jewish people today?**

If you could address the nation of Israel today, what would you say (in brief)?

**3. How do you understand the prophecy of Psalm 83?**

**4. This next question is a large and complex question, we will take it in parts.**

- a. How do you understand Ezekiel 38? Identify the invaders, the sideline peoples and God's intentions.
- b. How do you understand Ezekiel 38:11, 14; Ezekiel 39:25-28; Jeremiah 30:7 "Jacob's trouble", 30:10-16? Do you see any linkage of Israel's increased sins, lovers, chastisement, dwelling in safety?

**5. Comment and connect Zech. 14:1-3 and Micah 5:4-8.**

**6. Do you understand that there will be a "holy remnant" consisting of Jews of devout faith in God?**

**7. Comment and connect Zechariah 12:3-10.**

We hope to have these verses end up leading us to the following question.

**8. The national blindness removed Rom. 11:25-27, 32, 33.**

What Jewish people are first to have their "blindness removed"?

**9. Conclusion: what will be the role of rehabilitated Israel?**

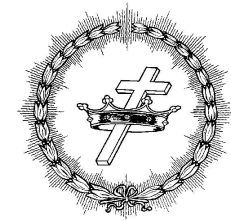
**PORTLAND AREA BIBLE STUDENTS**

**STUDY CONVENTION**

AUGUST 19-20, 2023

Convention Study Topic  
**Israel in History and Prophecy**

This will be an in-person and  
online convention via Zoom  
(All times are for Pacific Daylight Time)



Welcome to all believers in the Ransom and those  
who love God and the appearing of our  
Lord Jesus Christ

**Leaders and Speakers:**

Brothers: John Baker, Ric Cunningham,  
Brent Hislop, Steve Palmgren

**Theme Hymn: 18**

"Jerusalem, Awake!"

**Theme Text: Isaiah 52:1**

*"Awake, awake; put on thy strength, O Zion;  
put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city..."*

Dear Brethren,

You are cordially invited to attend the Portland Area Bible Students Study Convention. We believe The Bible is The Word of God. Our ecclesia continues to study the Divine Plan of the Ages and affirms the harvest message as presented by Br. Russell. We encourage the use of his writings and other supporting references to understand scripture so that when we meet together, all things may be done for mutual edification. 1 Cor 14:26; Eph 5:19; Col 3:16; Rom 14:19; 1 Thes 5:11; Heb 10:23-25

This year our convention will focus on:

**Israel in History and Prophecy**

That will be considered in two panel sessions.

It is our desire that the program format will provide spiritual stimulation and encouragement for all able to attend. We look forward to your presence and sharing the blessings with us.

All services will be in-person in the BSRC meeting room. and online via Zoom at this link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88287573616?pwd=WGtCUjdEZWFmb1ZPNkZLcHpvMHBNDz09> (discourse translation will be provided)

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Convention Information (program, lodging, etc.) at this link:

<https://portlandbible.com/convention/>

**GET READY PROPERLY**

Prepare your heart for a blessing. Come to the Convention in the proper spirit—as a disciple, a learner. Come intent also on doing good as well as getting good, of consoling and encouraging others, as well as to be yourself comforted. Above all, come realizing that the Lord himself is the fountain of blessings, and remembering his word—not by might, nor by power, but by the Lord's Spirit are we to expect the blessings we hope for. In making ready and *en route* do not forget this important item, for on it your share of the Convention's blessings greatly depends. Z'07-162

**Saturday, August 19**

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Chairman: Br. Bill Facker

- 9:00** Bethel & Welcome
- 9:30** **Discourse:** Br. Ric Cunningham
- 10:30** Fellowship (½ hour)
- 11:00** **Discourse:** Br. Brent Hislop
- 12:00** Fellowship/Lunch (1½ hour) provided by class  
In the BSRC dining areas
- Chairman: Br. Igor Gutu
- 1:30** **Panel – Israel in History**  
Moderator: Br. Steve Palmgren  
Panelists: Brs. John Baker; Ric Cunningham; Brent Hislop
- 3:30** Fellowship (½ hour)
- 4:00** **Hymn and Reading Service**  
Hymns or quotations from the brethren.  
Please give the reason it is special for you.
- 5:00** Songs in the Night  
Fellowship (½ hour)
- 5:30** End of online connection  
Dinner provided by class in the BSRC dining areas

**Sunday, August 20**

[All times for Pacific Daylight Time]

Chairman: Br. Jerry Leslie

- 9:15** Bethel Service
- 9:30** **Discourse:** Br. John Baker
- 10:30** Fellowship (½ hour)
- 11:00** **Discourse:** Br. Steve Palmgren
- 12:00** Fellowship/Lunch (1½ hour) provided by class  
In the BSRC dining areas
- Chairman: Br. Bill Ostrander
- 1:30** **Panel – Israel in Prophecy**  
Moderator: Br. Ric Cunningham  
Panelists: Brs. John Baker; Brent Hislop; Steve Palmgren
- 3:30** Fellowship (½ hour)
- 4:00** **Testimonies:**  
Leader to be announced
- 5:00** Songs in the Night  
Fellowship (½ hour)
- 5:30** End of online connection
- 6:00** **Picnic:** at the BSRC