

# GOD'S MIRACULOUS PRESERVATION OF THE JEWS

## *Genesis 3:14-15 and selected Scriptures*

God has repeatedly rescued His chosen people from extinction in order to fulfill His eternal purposes

### LET'S GET STARTED

Frederic II, King of Prussia, once asked one of his generals, "Give me proof of the Bible in two words." The general replied, "Your majesty, the Jews!" God's supernatural preservation of His chosen people throughout their history authenticates that Scripture is God's inspired Word. Today's message lays the groundwork for the upcoming series, *Esther: The God Behind Everything*. We will discover how the book of Esther fits into the larger story of how God has protected His chosen people from extinction so that His eternal plan will be fulfilled.

### LET'S HEAR THE WORD

God foretold that Satan would \_\_\_\_\_ the ancestral line leading to Christ:



Genesis 3:14-15—<sup>14</sup> So the LORD God said to the serpent, . . . <sup>15</sup> . . . "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel."

Satan's attacks on the Jewish people:

- Esau's plan to kill Jacob (Genesis 27:41)
- Persecution of the Israelites in Egypt (Exodus 1:8-17)
- Jewish genocide attempted by Haman (The Book of Esther)

Date: 483-473 BC

Plot: Haman sought to have all the Jews in the Persian Kingdom exterminated.

Miracle: God placed Esther in a strategic position that enabled her to prevent the attempted genocide

### Quotable

*Four thousand years ago  
God chose Abraham . . .  
Four thousand years later  
. . . God has catapulted  
Israel back to global center  
stage and made it an  
international battle zone.  
Why? Because it's all about  
Him. The Creator King  
picked an otherwise sorry  
little strain of humanity  
called Israel for the sake of  
His own glory—not just for  
Bible times, but for all of  
history, down to this hour  
and beyond. Israel in the  
twenty-first century is all  
about Him.*

—Sandra Teplinsky

**If you would like to know more**

*Jews, God and History*, by Max Dimont (Signet Classics, 2004)

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- Jewish persecution under Antiochus Epiphanes (175-165 BC)
- General Titus' suppression of the Jewish rebellion in Israel (160 A.D.)
- Russian pogroms (1917-1921)
- The Holocaust (1941-1945)

## TAKEAWAYS

- You don't have to \_\_\_\_\_ God's blessings in order to receive them.

Deuteronomy 7:7-8—<sup>7</sup>The LORD did not set his affection on you and choose you because you were more numerous than other peoples, for you were the fewest of all peoples. <sup>8</sup>But it was because the LORD loved you . . .

Isaiah 41:14—"Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

- God accomplishes \_\_\_\_\_ He sets out to do.

Isaiah 14:24—The LORD Almighty has sworn, "Surely, as I have planned, so it will be, and as I have purposed, so it will stand."

- All of God's plans, including His plan for \_\_\_\_\_, will be fulfilled.

Genesis 26:4—"I will make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky and will give them all these lands, and through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed."

## LET'S LIVE IT

How has God preserved you through "impossible" situations in the past? Do you trust Him to watch over you in the future?

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