

**Key Scripture:** 1 Chronicles 12:32 NLT All these men **understood the signs of the times** and knew the best course for Israel to take.

## Signs the LORD is with Israel.

✓ God <u>made</u> the nation of Israel.

#### Genesis 12:2 NIV

2 "<u>I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you;</u>

I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

✓ God has an <u>Everlasting</u> Covenant with Israel.

### Genesis 17:7-8 NLT

7 "I will confirm My covenant with you and your descendants after you, from generation to generation. This is <u>the everlasting covenant</u>:

I will always be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

8 And <u>I will give the entire land of Canaan</u>, where you now live as a foreigner, to you and your descendants. It will be their possession forever, and I will be their God."

## ✓ God entrusted Israel with His Word.

Jeremiah 30:3 NIV

"...the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you."

### ✓ God will bless the world through Israel.

Genesis 12:3 NIV I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and *...all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.* 

> John 4:22 NLT ...<u>salvation</u> comes through the Jews.

## Signs of the LORD's Return.

Israel is brought back to possess the land.

Isaiah 43:5-6 NLT

5 "<u>Do not be afraid</u>, for I am with you.

I will gather you and your children from east and west. 6 I will say to the north and south, '<u>Bring My sons and daughters back</u> to Israel from the distant corners of the earth.

### The Nation of Israel is Born - Again

### Isaiah 66:7-8 NIV

7 "Before she goes into labor, she gives birth; before the pains come upon her, she delivers a son. 8 Who has ever heard of such a thing? Who has ever seen such things?

# SIGNS of the Times

Israel – God's People

Can a country be born in a day or a nation be brought forth in a moment?

Yet no sooner is Zion in labor than she gives birth to her children.

Jerusalem is rebuilt and becomes the capital of Israel again.

Luke 21:24 NIV

They will fall by the sword and will be taken as prisoners to all the nations. Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles <u>until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.</u>

Psalm 102:16-17 NIV

16 For <u>the Lord will rebuild Zion</u> and appear in His glory. 17 He will respond to the prayer of the destitute; He will not despise their plea.

### Israel will be fruitful just before the LORD returns.

Isaiah 35:1 NLT Even the wilderness and desert will be glad in those days. <u>The wasteland will rejoice and blossom</u> with spring crocuses.

## Follow The Signs of Israel...

## 1. Don't be afraid to work with the Lord to bring people back.

James 5:20 NLT

you can be sure that <u>whoever brings the sinner back will save that person from death</u> and bring about the forgiveness of many sins.

# 2. God wants all people to be **Born**-Again.

John 3:5-7 NLT

5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the Kingdom of God without being born of water and the Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be surprised when I say, '<u>You must be born again.'</u>

# 3. Partner with the Lord to rebuild lives.

Matthew 27:40 NLT

"Look at you now!" they yelled at Him.

"You said you were going to destroy <u>the Temple and rebuild it in three days</u>. Well then, if you are the Son of God, save yourself and come down from the cross!"

# 4. Be ready for the Lord's return by being a fruitful disciple.

John 15:8 NLT <u>When you produce much fruit, you are My true disciples.</u> This brings great glory to My Father.