

THE MIRACLE OF ISRAEL

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Subsequent kings however were wicked, and God overturned the Kingdom of Israel (Ezekiel 21:25-27). After attempting to reform the nation through the work of Jesus Christ, He exiled them. They were dispersed throughout the world, despised, persecuted and hounded to death. Last century Jews began to return, and with collapse of the Turkish Empire in 1917, the land became available for the restoration of Israel. There are three stages:

- **Regathering** (Ezekiel 37:21);
- **Nationhood** (Ezekiel 37:22) May 1948;
- **Monarchy** (Ezekiel 37:22) Jesus Christ will return and reign over the people of Israel (Luke 1:32,33) and eventually, over the whole world (Zechariah 14:9)



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