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Focus We must understand the times in which we live if we are to know how to stand on God's Word. A nation that moves away from God progresses toward judgment. God blesses the nation that honors His covenant with Israel.

Fun Think of an inconvenient circumstance that turned into an adventure.

Review Key Scriptures: 1 Chronicles 12:32

1. The Jewish people have survived against all odds to continue to possess the nation of Israel.
2. The Jewish people are returning to the land of Israel in expectation to welcome their Messiah to earth.
3. The holy city of Jerusalem was returned to Israel in 1967, and the Jewish people say they will never leave their city again.
4. The Jewish people must return to their Messiah, Jesus.

Group Dynamics Idea Make a list of key words or phrases to search for Bible promises or prophetic Scriptures. For example: covenant, blessing and cursing, rainbow, and obedience.

Discuss

1. Why must we understand the times to be an uncompromised ministry?
2. When nations turned away from God in the past, they called what is good evil and what is evil good. Name some ways that our own nation has done the same.
3. Why is it a sign of the times that the world is fixated on Israel and that the nations will gather against it?

4. Complacency results from not knowing the times. Why is this dangerous to the people of a nation?
5. Ancient Israel was founded by God. How does America's foundation reflect the pattern of ancient Israel?
6. Read Genesis 12:3. Explain how God's promise determines the outcome of America's civilization.
7. Why does being born again make us a spiritual citizen of Israel?

Take Home As we conclude, remember the following:

- Ancient Israel was founded by God for His glory.
- Like ancient Israel, America has fallen away from God.
- A nation that moves away from God, progresses toward judgment.
- When we commit to God, He anoints us to be strong and courageous.
- By not giving up, God's people will overcome Satan's attacks, and revival will begin.

Prayer

Jesus, You have been faithful in blessing our country. We praise You and we bless Israel. You are our Messiah, and we worship You in expectation of Your return. We pray for our nation to honor Your covenant with Abraham. Lord, thank You for Your power in us to live a life of revival. In Jesus' name, Amen.

New Leader Tip A Bible dictionary can help you explain definitions of Scriptural words. Even the name "Israel" in Scripture can refer to the nation or to Jesus or to Jacob. Your group looks to you for guidance to deepen their understanding of the Word. Research and prayer is key to preparation for leadership.