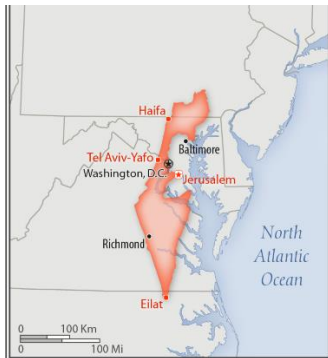


Life Group Discussion Material – Sunday, October 17th Message

What's the Big Deal with Israel? (Part 1)

Bible Prophecy 101

1. Look at the maps of Israel below. Discuss the significance of its size, location, etc., in regard to what you know about Israel throughout history.



2. Genesis 17:4-8 gives the account of the Abrahamic Covenant. What is significant about a covenant? Does it require two parties to agree or is it a one-sided decree? Why does this covenant matter so much?
3. By God choosing the Jewish people, does that mean that they had something special to offer God? Is that why He chose them? Read Deuteronomy 7:6-8.
4. Knowing that twice God has allowed the Jewish people to be dispersed, both in the O.T. through foreign nations and also in A.D. 70 by the Romans, yet they remain as a nation, how does this strengthen your faith in God's word and His promises?
5. What does it mean that “you cannot ignore the miracle of Israel's survival?”
**Think about all that the Jews have been through based on history*
6. Mark Twain described the Jewish people as “immortal” and as beating all odds. What is the secret behind their seeming immortality?
7. Did today's message change your mind or open you up to understanding more about the nation of Israel?