



The Mystery of ISRAEL

- What if there were a people, brought into existence as a sign, as a witness of the existence of God?...
- ...a vessel to bring about His purposes?
- If such a people were to exist, what do you think they would be like?...
- ...what would become of them?
- They would surely be different and stand out from all other peoples on the earth.
- They would be loved those who follow and honour God and hated by those who reject God.
- They would know the greatest blessings...
- But also, be subject to the greatest scrutiny on account of their privilege and responsibility.

- This describes the Nation of Israel
- ... the biological descendants of Abraham

- Abraham was called by God
- Through Abraham and his descendants God would reveal Himself to the world
- He would reveal His plan of Salvation
- God decreed that because of this, the Nation of Israel would be blessed and endure forever
- As a result, those who bless Israel will be blessed... those who don't will be cursed.

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The
Covenant
With the
NATION of ISRAEL

God's Covenant with Israel

Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-3

God's Covenant with Israel

³⁵ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

³⁶ If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

- But God's covenant with Abraham was not just regarding his descendants...
- It was also regarding a very specific piece of land
- It was the one piece of land on the entire earth that God claimed as His own...
- ...and He gave it as a permanent possession to Abraham and his descendants.

The Covenant of the LAND



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The Covenant of the Land

Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered. Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for I will give it unto thee.

Genesis 13:14-17

The Covenant of the Land

The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

Leviticus 25:23

The Covenant of the Land

In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates

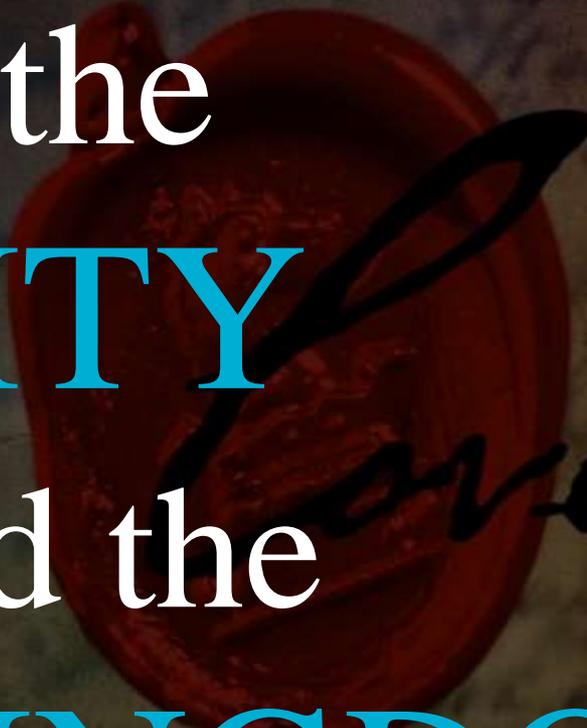
Genesis 15:18

The Covenant of the Land

And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Genesis 17:8

The Covenant
of the
CITY
and the
KINGDOM



The City & The Kingdom

Then said Solomon, The Lord hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. But I have built an house of habitation for thee, and a place for thy dwelling for ever. And the king turned his face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel: and all the congregation of Israel stood.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

And he said, Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, who hath with his hands fulfilled that which he spake with his mouth to my father David, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt I chose no city among all the tribes of Israel to build an house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be a ruler over my people Israel: **But I have chosen Jerusalem,** that my name might be there; **and have chosen David** to be over my people Israel

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

And said, O Lord God of Israel, there is no God like thee in the heaven, nor in the earth; which keepest covenant, and shewest mercy unto thy servants, that walk before thee with all their hearts: Thou which hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him; and spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thine hand, as it is this day.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

Now therefore, O Lord God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit upon the throne of Israel; yet so that thy children take heed to their way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before me. Now then, O Lord God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, heaven and the heaven of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built! Have respect therefore to the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to hearken unto the cry and the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee: That thine eyes may be open upon this house day and night, upon the place

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant prayeth toward this place. Hearken therefore unto the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they shall make toward this place: hear thou from thy dwelling place, even from heaven; and when thou hearest, forgive.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

And if thy people Israel be put to the worse before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee; and shall return and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; Then hear thou from the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

When the heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; yet if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, when thou dost afflict them; Then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou hast taught them the good way, wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people for an inheritance.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

If there be dearth in the land, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting, or mildew, locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them in the cities of their land; whatsoever sore or whatsoever sickness there be: Then what prayer or what supplication soever shall be made of any man, or of all thy people Israel, when every one shall know his own sore and his own grief, and shall spread forth his hands in this house:

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

Then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling place, and forgive, and render unto every man according unto all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou only knowest the hearts of the children of men:) That they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, so long as they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

[If thy people] sin against thee, (for there is no man which sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them over before their enemies, and they carry them away captives unto a land far off or near; Yet if they bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn and pray unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done amiss, and have dealt wickedly;

2 Chronicles 6:1-42

The City & The Kingdom

If they return to thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captives, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: Then hear thou from the heavens, even from thy dwelling place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people which have sinned against thee

The
RULES
for

BLESSING

I AM
THOU SHALT HAVE
GODS BUT ME

THEY SHALL
ADULTER

Deuteronomy 28

⁵⁸ If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

⁵⁹ Then the LORD will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance, and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance.

Deuteronomy 28:58-67

- No one assumes these are transferred!

Deuteronomy 28

⁶⁰ Moreover he will bring upon thee all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee.

⁶¹ Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them will the LORD bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed.

⁶² And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God.

Deuteronomy 28:58-67

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⁶³ And it shall come to pass, that as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.

⁶⁴ And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

Deuteronomy 28:58-67

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⁶⁵ And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

⁶⁶ And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:

Deuteronomy 28:58-67

Deuteronomy 28

⁶⁷ In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Deuteronomy 28:58-67

Incredible Prophecy

- For failure to obey the Mosaic Law...
- Israel would be driven from the Land of Israel
- Israel would be scattered among all people
- 'From one end of earth to the other'
- Their lives would hang in doubt
- They would be in great distress
- All this has happened! (to the letter!)
- Yet Israel remains as an identifiable ethnic group
- Contrast with Hittites / Jebusites / Amalakites

*“Despite wars, persecutions and repeated attempts to obliterate them, they have kept their peculiar identity. They have remained a people apart from the other nations of the world, a testimony to the preserving hand of God. **“For I the Lord do not change therefore , you, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed”** (Mal 3:6)*

David Torrance



“The very existence of the Jews in history, together with all that has happened to them in their long turbulent history, is proof that there is a God present and active, through His Holy Spirit, in history. By all normal laws of geography, history and ethnography, they ought as a distinct race to have disappeared long ago!”

David Torrance



*“An eminent man once said:
“The universal dispersion of the
Jews throughout the world, their
unexampled sufferings and their
marvellous preservation, would be
enough to establish the truth of the
Scriptures if all other evidence was
cast in into the sea””*

Reluctant Witnesses - Stephen R. Haynes



“The survival of the Jewish people is the greatest proof of the existence of Almighty God. If there were no God in Heaven, there would not be one Jewish person on the earth”

“Reluctant Witnesses” - Stephen R. Haynes





Has God Finished with Israel?

Romans 11

Israel

- Contentious issue or key to scripture?
- Has the church replaced Israel as God's chosen people?
- In their rejection of Christ, has national Israel blown it?
- What about the promises made to national Israel?
- How are we to view events in the Middle East today?

What About Israel?

¹ I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

Romans 11:1

- The Church began with Jews
- Paul was a Jew and a Christian
- *‘God has not ‘cast away’ the Jews because most of the early Church is Jewish’*

What About Israel?

- 2 God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew. Wot ye not what the scripture saith of Elijah? how he maketh intercession to God against Israel, saying,
- 3 Lord, they have killed thy prophets, and digged down thine altars; and I am left alone, and they seek my life.
- 4 But what saith the answer of God unto him? I have reserved to myself seven thousand men, who have not bowed the knee to the image of Baal.

Romans 11:2-4

Elijah – Alone?

- 1 Kings 17 – Elijah on Carmel
- 450 prophets of Baal vs. Elijah
- God gives Elijah the victory
- Elijah flees for his life for Horeb

Elijah's Concern

⁹ And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah?

¹⁰ And he said, I have been very jealous for the LORD God of hosts: for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life, to take it away.

1 Kings 19:9-10

Elijah's Concern

¹⁸ Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

1 Kings 19:18

What About Israel?

Paul makes the point:

- As with Elijah, God had 'reserved' some of Israel for Himself
- So, in the early Church, many Jews had become believers and were saved and had not been 'cast off'

What About Israel?

5 Even so then at this present time also there is a remnant according to the election of grace.

Romans 11:5

- The BIG question...
- What about national Israel?

What About Israel?

- Paul restates the question:

⁷ What then? Israel hath not obtained that which he seeketh for; but the election hath obtained it, and the rest were blinded **(those reserved by God)**

⁸ (According as it is written, God hath given them the spirit of slumber, eyes that they should not see, and ears that they should not hear;) unto this day.

Romans 11:7-8

- Isaiah 27:10 / 6:9

National Blindness

- Jesus' Declaration

41 And when he was come near, he beheld the city, and wept over it,

42 Saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but now they are hid from thine eyes.

Luke 19:41-44

National Blindness

- Jesus' Declaration

43 For the days shall come upon thee, that thine enemies shall cast a trench about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side,

44 And shall lay thee even with the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

Luke 19:41-44

Permanent Blindness?

¹¹ I say then, Have **they** stumbled that they should fall? **God forbid**, but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Romans 11:11

- Is this blindness permanent?
- From the context, the 'they' has to refer to those whose eyes have been blinded (in verse 8)
- i.e. National Israel

Summary

- Paul is addressing the issue of Israel
- Many Jew's have been saved (reserved)
(this would include the majority of the early church prior to Paul's missionary journeys)
- The rest of Israel has been blinded due to their unbelief & rejection of Christ
- But the blindness is not permanent
- God has allowed it that salvation may go to the Gentiles
- This will provoke Israel to jealousy

Israel's Fullness

12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?

Romans 11:12

- Through their blindness salvation has come to the Gentiles – this is riches indeed!
- To speak of their 'fulness' would make no sense if they no longer have any part in God's plan!

Israel's Destiny

- National Israel's blindness is not permanent
- Paul speaks of a time of greater worldwide blessing when National Israel is restored

Paul's Desire

- To provoke to jealousy – to save some

¹⁴ If by any means I may provoke to emulation them which are my flesh, and might save some of them.

Romans 11:14

Israel's Destiny

15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?

Romans 11:15

- 'Them' = National Israel

Paul's Summary

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness **in part** is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so **all Israel** shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

27 For this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Romans 11:25-27

Paul's Distinction

- Believing Israel
- Unbelieving Israel
- God's 'remnant'
- The 'blinded'
- When the fullness of the Gentiles are come in, both 'factions' will be saved
- Both = the remnant & the blinded

The Israel of God

- A sticking point for some

¹⁵ For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

¹⁶ And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on **them**, and mercy, and upon the **Israel of God**.

Galatians 6:15-16

Gentile believers

Jewish believers
God's 'remnant'

Conclusion – Part 1

- God has blinded the eyes of National Israel
- But it will not be permanent
- The blindness will be removed and they will be restored – then all Israel will be saved
- All =
- The 'remnant' (who are part of the Church)
- And...
- The 'blinded' (who are not)

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Jeremiah 31

³¹ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

³² Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD:

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Jeremiah 31

³³ But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jeremiah 31:31-33

Israel or the Church?

- Many believe that these promises have now been 'transferred' to the Church
- Can these promises be transferred?
- The promises were made to the House of Israel & the House of Judah
- This is an issue of God's integrity
- Does He keep His promises?

Deuteronomy 30

¹ And it shall come to pass, **when** all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath driven thee,

² And shalt return unto the LORD thy God, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

Deuteronomy 30

³ That **then** the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

⁴ If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will the LORD thy God gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

Deuteronomy 30

⁵ And the LORD thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

⁶ And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

Deuteronomy 30:1-6

Partially Fulfilled

- As of 1948 Israel are back in the Land
- This was the first 'regathering'
- And it continues today
- However...
- Israel are not yet serving God with all their heart and soul

Ezekiel's Hope

- Though Israel had been disobedient...
- And God had, and would scatter them among all nations...
- God, for His name's sake would bring them back to their land of their fathers...
- The land would burst forth into life...
- And God would put a new spirit in their hearts
- They will be His people, and He their God

Ezekiel 36

¹⁶ Moreover the word of the LORD came unto me, saying,

¹⁷ Son of man, when the house of Israel dwelt in their own land, they defiled it by their own way and by their doings: their way was before me as the uncleanness of a removed woman.

¹⁸ Wherefore I poured my fury upon them for the blood that they had shed upon the land, and for their idols wherewith they had polluted it:

Ezekiel 36

¹⁹ And I scattered them among the heathen, and they were dispersed through the countries: according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

²⁰ And when they entered unto the heathen, whither they went, they profaned my holy name, when they said to them, These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of his land.

²¹ But I had pity for mine holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the heathen, whither they went.

Ezekiel 36

²² Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went.

²³ And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Ezekiel 36

²⁴ For I will take you from among the heathen, and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.

²⁵ Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

²⁶ A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 36

²⁷ And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.

²⁸ And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

²⁹ I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you.

Ezekiel 36

³⁰ And I will multiply the fruit of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye shall receive no more reproach of famine among the heathen.

³¹ Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.

³² Not for your sakes do I this, saith the Lord GOD, be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel.

Ezekiel 36

³³ Thus saith the Lord GOD; In the day that I shall have cleansed you from all your iniquities I will also cause you to dwell in the cities, and the wastes shall be builded.

³⁴ And the desolate land shall be tilled, whereas it lay desolate in the sight of all that passed by.

³⁵ And they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities are become fenced, and are inhabited.

Ezekiel 36

³⁶ Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

Ezekiel 36:16-36

Ezekiel's Hope

- In addition...
- Israel & Judah would once again be joined together...
- Brought back to the land of Israel...
- And once again a King will rule over the whole house of Israel
- (Solomon was the last king to rule over all Israel – 1000 B.C. Ezekiel is writing 587 B.C.)

Ezekiel 37

21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:

22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Ezekiel 37

²³ Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

²⁴ And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

Ezekiel 37

²⁵ And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children **for ever:** and my servant David shall be their prince **for ever.**

²⁶ Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an **everlasting covenant** with them

Ezekiel 37:21-26

Ezekiel's Hope

- Because these prophecies are so specific, there is no way they can be ascribed to the Church
- They are regarding the Land of Israel...
- The house of Israel...
- And the house of Judah...
- And the Davidic dynasty
- Which will last forever
- God will do this for His Name and as a sign to the nations

Isaiah 11

¹⁰ And in that day there shall be a root of Jesse, which shall stand for an ensign of the people; to it shall the Gentiles seek: and his rest shall be glorious.

¹¹ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the Lord shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea.

Isaiah 11

¹² And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

Isaiah 11:10-12

Isaiah 27

¹² And it shall come to pass in that day, that the LORD shall beat off from the channel of the river unto the stream of Egypt, and ye shall be gathered one by one, O ye children of Israel.

¹³ And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and they shall come which were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem.

Second Coming

30 And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

Matthew 24:30-31

Second Coming

32 Now learn a parable of the fig tree; When his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that summer is nigh:

33 So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors.

34 Verily I say unto you, This **generation** shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled.

Matthew 24:32-34

Genea (ghen-eh-ah');
age, generation, nation, time.

Jeremiah 16

¹⁴ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that it shall no more be said, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

¹⁵ But, The LORD liveth, that brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the lands whither he had driven them: and I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

The Promised Land



Israel

River Euphrates

Wadi el Arish
River of Egypt

2003 "Road Map" Partition



Jeremiah 16

¹⁶ Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the LORD, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

¹⁷ For mine eyes are upon all their ways: they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity hid from mine eyes.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

Jeremiah 16

¹⁸ And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable things.

Jeremiah 16:14-18

National Regathering

- The regathering of Israel back to their land – for the 2nd time – will occur at the time of the Second Coming
- God likens it to the deliverance from Egypt in magnitude...
- And says it will surpass it so that the former is no longer remembered

Zechariah 12

¹ The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zechariah 12

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² Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

³ And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zechariah 12

One Third of all UN resolutions have to do with Israel (1:1000 of the worlds population)

Zechariah 12

⁹ And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

¹⁰ And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn.

Zechariah 12

¹¹ In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

¹² And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

Zechariah 12

¹³ The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

¹⁴ All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zechariah 12

This cannot be a subtle reference to the Church!
It is specific, and concerns National Israel

Jeremiah 23

³ And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

⁴ And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 23:3-8

Jeremiah 23

⁵ Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth.

⁶ In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.

Jeremiah 23:3-8

Jeremiah 23

⁷ Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

⁸ But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

Jeremiah 23:3-8

National Regathering

- At this time God will set a King over the whole earth!
- He will execute judgment & justice
- This has been the hope of Israel

Acts 15 Council

¹³ And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying, Men and brethren, hearken unto me:

¹⁴ Simeon hath declared how God at the first did visit the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name.

¹⁵ And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

¹⁶ After this I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the ruins thereof, and I will set it up:

Acts 15:13-16

Matthew 2

- The Ruler of Israel

6 And thou Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah: for out of thee shall come a Governor, that shall rule my people Israel.

Matthew 2:6

Matthew 19

- An empty promise?

28 And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you, That ye which have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 19:28

At This Time?

- Road To Emmaus

²¹ But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.

Luke 24:21

- What was their hope?
- That the Messiah would restore and redeem Israel

At This Time?

- John's Question

2 Now when John had heard in the prison the works of Christ, he sent two of his disciples,
3 And said unto him, Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?

Matthew 11:2-3

Israel's Expectation

- The Jewish expectation of the Messiah was that He would liberate and restore Israel – according to the prophecies
- He would then rule as their king
- John's disciples and the pair on the Emmaus road were confused because whilst they believed that Jesus was the Messiah...
- He was not fulfilling their expectations

Two Messiahs?

- Isaiah 53 – The suffering Servant
- Psalm 2 – Rule with a rod of iron
- Not two Messiah's...
- But two comings!
- First: 'Lamb of God'
- Then: 'Lion of the tribe of Judah'

At This Time?

- After the resurrection the disciples now begin to understand
- Yet...
- What about the Messiah's role as deliverer of Israel
- What about the throne of David?

The Throne of David

- Gabriel's Announcement to Mary:

31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS.

32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David:

33 And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.

Luke 1:31-33

The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

¹² And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.

¹³ He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom **for ever.**

2 Samuel 7:12-13

The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

¹⁶ And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.

2 Samuel 7:16

The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

24 For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.

25 And now, O LORD God, the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, establish it for ever, and do as thou hast said.

26 And let thy name be magnified for ever, saying, The LORD of hosts is the God over Israel: and let the house of thy servant David be established before thee.

The Throne of David

- God's Promise To David

28 And now, O Lord GOD, thou art that God, and thy words be true, and thou hast promised this goodness unto thy servant:

29 Therefore now let it please thee to bless the house of thy servant, that it may continue for ever before thee: for thou, O Lord GOD, hast spoken it: and with thy blessing let the house of thy servant be blessed for ever.

At This Time?

- The Moment of Truth

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again *the kingdom to Israel?* ...

Acts 1:6-7

- The killer question!

At This Time?

- The Moment of Truth

⁶ When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?

⁷ And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power.

Acts 1:6-7

Jeremiah 30

³ For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

Jeremiah 30:3

Jeremiah 30

⁶ Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

⁷ Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jeremiah 30:6-9

Jeremiah 30

⁸ For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

⁹ But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jeremiah 30:6-9

Jeremiah 30

¹¹ For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

Jeremiah 30:11

Jeremiah 31

³⁵ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name:

³⁶ If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

Jeremiah 31

³⁷ Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

Jeremiah 31:35-37

Conclusion

- The Church has not become the new Israel
(the phrase 'The New Israel' is never used in scripture)
- Whilst Israel has paid the price for breaking the Mosaic covenant...
- The Abrahamic covenant (Land) and Davidic covenant (Throne) are unconditional
- Christ has yet to sit on the Throne of David and rule – but He will!
- Israel will never cease to be a Nation before God

The 'Why' Question

- Why does it matter what our position is regarding Israel?
- It will affect our view of Scripture
- Both in regard to its promises...
- And our understanding of what is to come
- We are commanded to pray for the peace of Jerusalem (Ps 122)
- It makes sense of what is going on in the world
- Israel is God's Timepiece!

“If the Bible is in error concerning Israel, its major subject, then all of the synagogues and Christian churches that claim to base their beliefs upon those scriptures ought to admit that fact and shut their doors. If, however, the Bible is true, then the nations of the world ought to govern their conduct accordingly; for if they do not the consequences will be disastrous”

Dave Hunt



“Queen Victoria once posed this question to her prime minister Benjamin Disraeli. She asked, “Can you give me one verse from the Bible that proves there is a God?” He thought for a moment and responded, “I can give you the answer in just one word.” “What is it?” she wanted to know. Disraeli replied, “The Jew, Your Majesty.”





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Additional Notes

The Removal of Israel's
Blindness and the 'Fullness of
the Gentiles' complete

Blindness Removed

- When will Israel's blindness be removed?

²⁵ For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Romans 11:25

Fullness of the Gentiles

When will the fullness of the Gentiles be come in?

- Some think it will be the Rapture

However, two difficulties:

- Gentiles continue 'coming in' (are saved) during the Tribulation
- Israel's blindness is not lifted at the time of the Rapture
- In fact: We know from John 5:43 that Israel will accept 'Antichrist' staying in spiritual blindness – for the first three & half yrs of the Tribulation

Fullness of the Gentiles

If we ask:

When is the fullness of the Gentiles come in?

(When are the last Gentiles saved?)

Fullness of the Gentiles

¹ And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

2 And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire: and them that had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God.

Revelation 15:1-2

- No one saved from this point?

Fullness of the Gentiles

If we now ask:

When will Israel's blindness be removed?

Fullness of the Gentiles

¹⁵ I will go and return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hosea 5:15

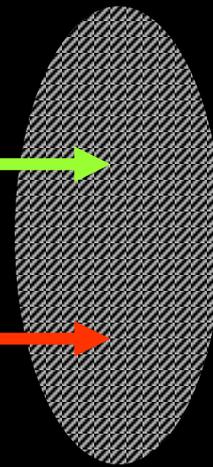
- Israel's affliction will occur from the midpoint of the Tribulation onwards

Fullness of the Gentiles

Israel's Blindness



Last Gentiles Saved



Beginning of Sorrows

Great Tribulation

7yrs of Tribulation



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