



Other
The Christmas Story

...the one that's never told!

CHRISTMAS 2023 SERIES

The *Other* Christmas Story

- You know the traditional Christmas story...
- You might know 'the truth' about Christmas...
- But do you know the other Christmas story?
- It's already been sung about for weeks:
- Supermarkets and Shopping malls have been declaring it:
- Yet 90% of churches in this country deny it
- Bible colleges will not teach it
- World governments actively seek to undermine it

The *Other* Christmas Story

- Is it Biblical?
 - So much of 'Christmas' is not!
- The Bible give *8 times* more print to the *other* Christmas story than it does to the 'traditional' story



The Christmas Story

a review

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Luke 1:68-71

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Matthew 2:4-6

Take Two

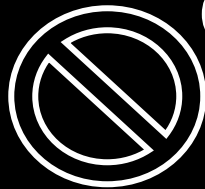


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Offensive



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- The Throne of David is a nationalistic Jewish throne
- It demands the reestablishment of the royal throne of David, a Jewish King and Jewish Temple on the Temple Mt.

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- It had been promised & prophesied...
- Israel were awaiting their Messiah
- He would save & deliver Israel from their enemies
- He would save them from their sins
- He would rule on the throne of David and be their King – ruling all nations from Jerusalem
- His reign would be everlasting!
- The Holy Spirit adds his seal to this.

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- Who is the king we worship at Christmas?

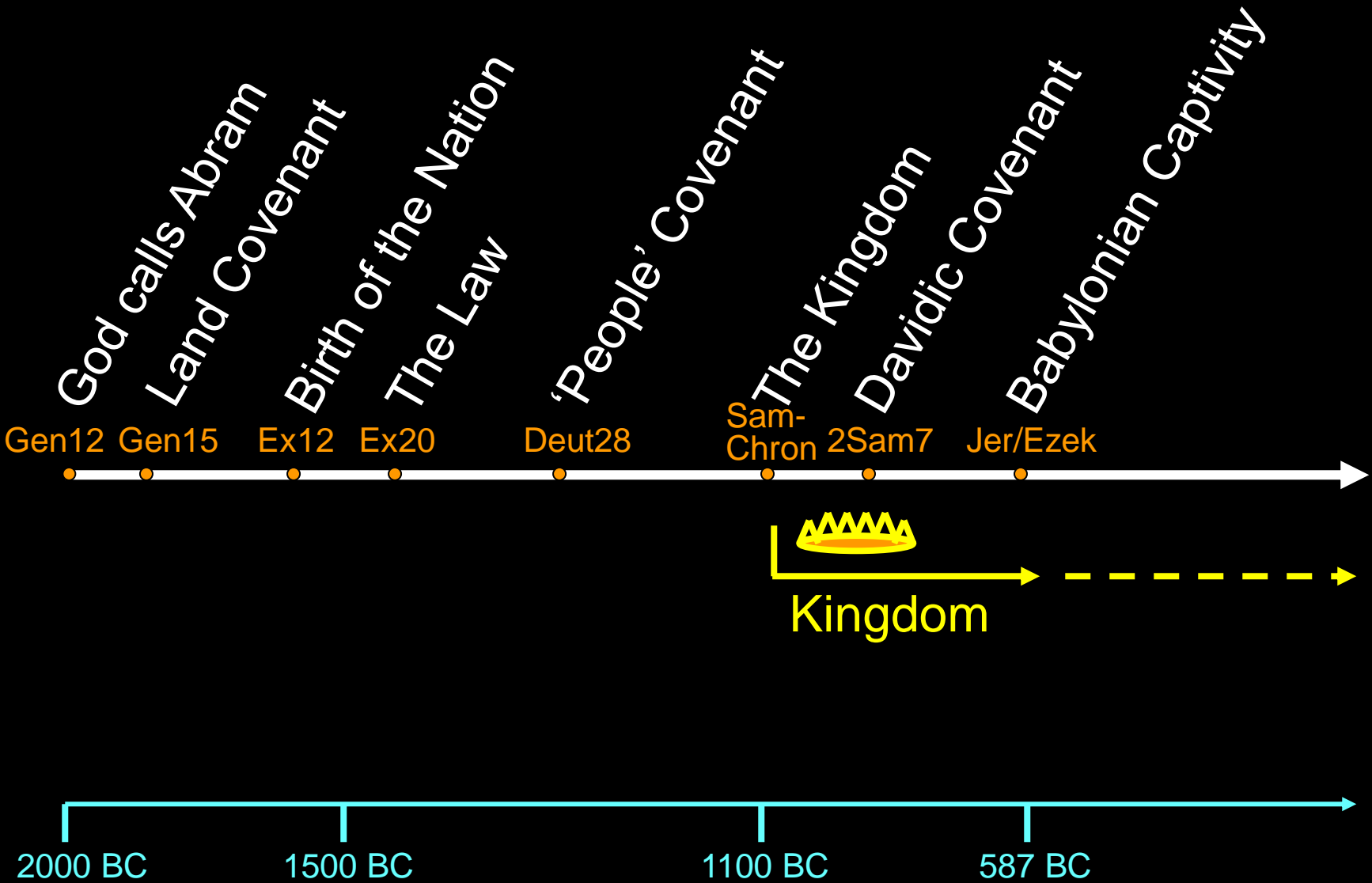
King Jesus

- King of Saints x1 Rev 15:3
- King of kings x3 1Tim 6:15 / Rev 17:14 / Rev 19:16
- King of Israel x6 Is 44:6 / Zeph 3:15 / Matt 27:42 / Mark 15:32 / John 1:49 / John 12:13 /
- King of the Jews x18 Mt 2:2; 27:11; 27:29; 27:37 / Mk 15:2; 15:9; 15:12; 15:18; 15:26 / Lk 23:3; 23:37; 23:38 / Jn 18:33; 18:39; 19:3; 19:19; 19:21(2)
- Thy King x4 Hos 13:10 / Zech 9:9 / Mt 21:5 / Jn 12:15
- Total = 28x to do with National Israel

Public Declaration

- Numerous Carols capture these verses from scripture
- The First Nowell / O Come Emmanuel

A Brief History of Israel

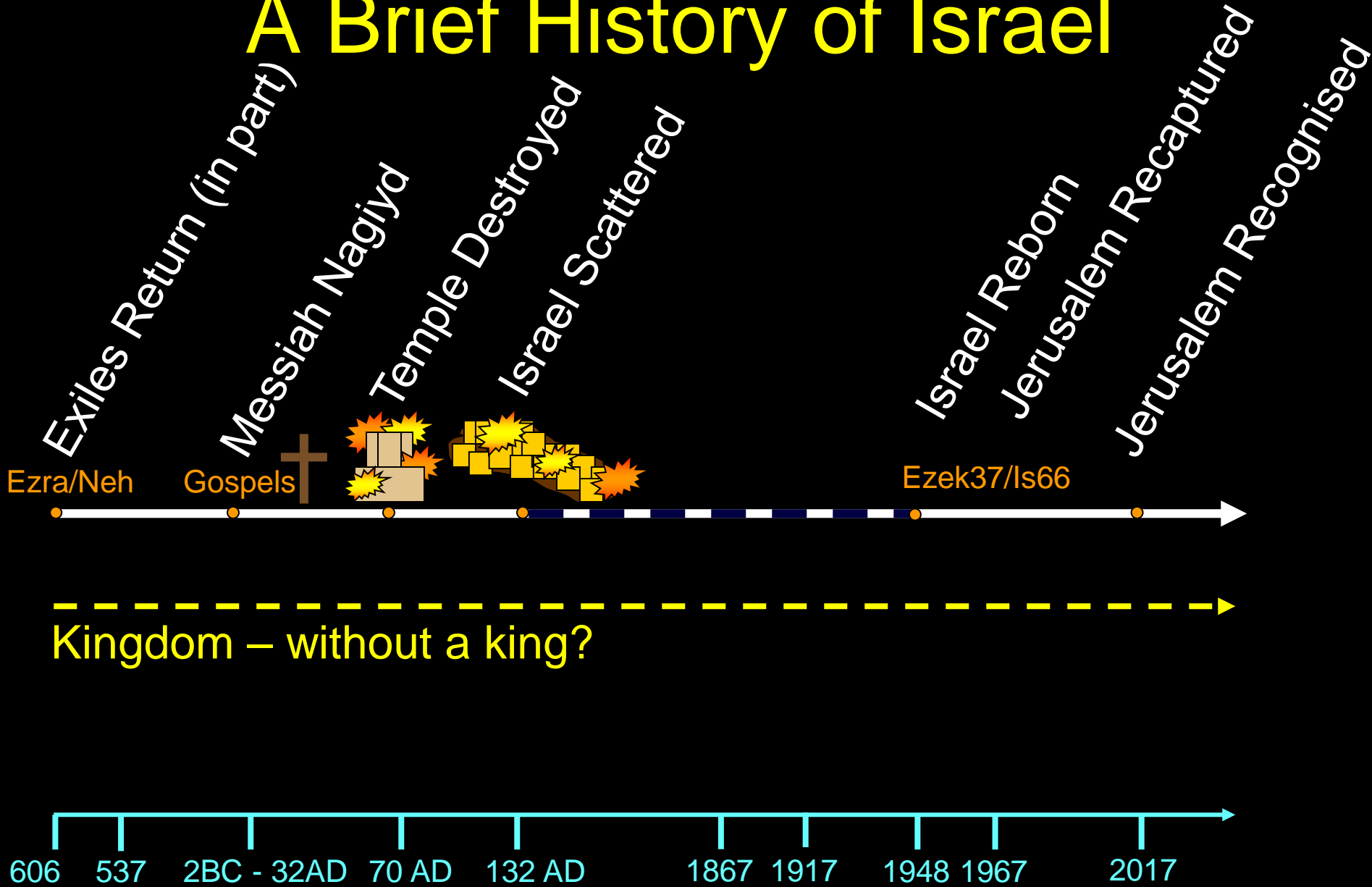


Israel Without A king

4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim:

Hosea 3:4

A Brief History of Israel



The Problem

- These promises and prophecies have not been fulfilled yet – so where does it leave us?
 - ~~a) God has broken his promise?~~
 - ~~b) Jesus was not the Messiah?~~
 - ~~c) God has finished with Israel – the church receives the blessings?~~
 - d) The promises are yet to be fulfilled?

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

The Promises



The image shows an unrolled scroll with Hebrew text. The text is arranged in columns and appears to be a biblical passage. The scroll is unrolled from a wooden handle on the left. The text is written in a traditional Hebrew script. The background is dark, making the scroll and its text stand out. The title 'The Promises' is overlaid in large, yellow, sans-serif font across the center of the scroll.

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

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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 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 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

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

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

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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

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

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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.

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.

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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.

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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.

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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.

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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 – c.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:*

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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

IO 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.

II 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.

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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

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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 even says it will surpass it so that the former is no longer remembered!

Zechariah 12

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 12:2-3

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 12:9-10

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 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 national 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'
- First: The Traditional Christmas Story
- Then: The *Other* Christmas Story

Rejoice!

- God has kept / will keep his promises
- Jesus really is the Messiah
- God has not finished with Israel
 - the church cannot ever replace Israel
- Jesus will return to establish the Throne of David and rule on the earth
- He will be King of Israel...
- And King of Kings!
- The Church & redeemed Israel will serve as one throughout eternity

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



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