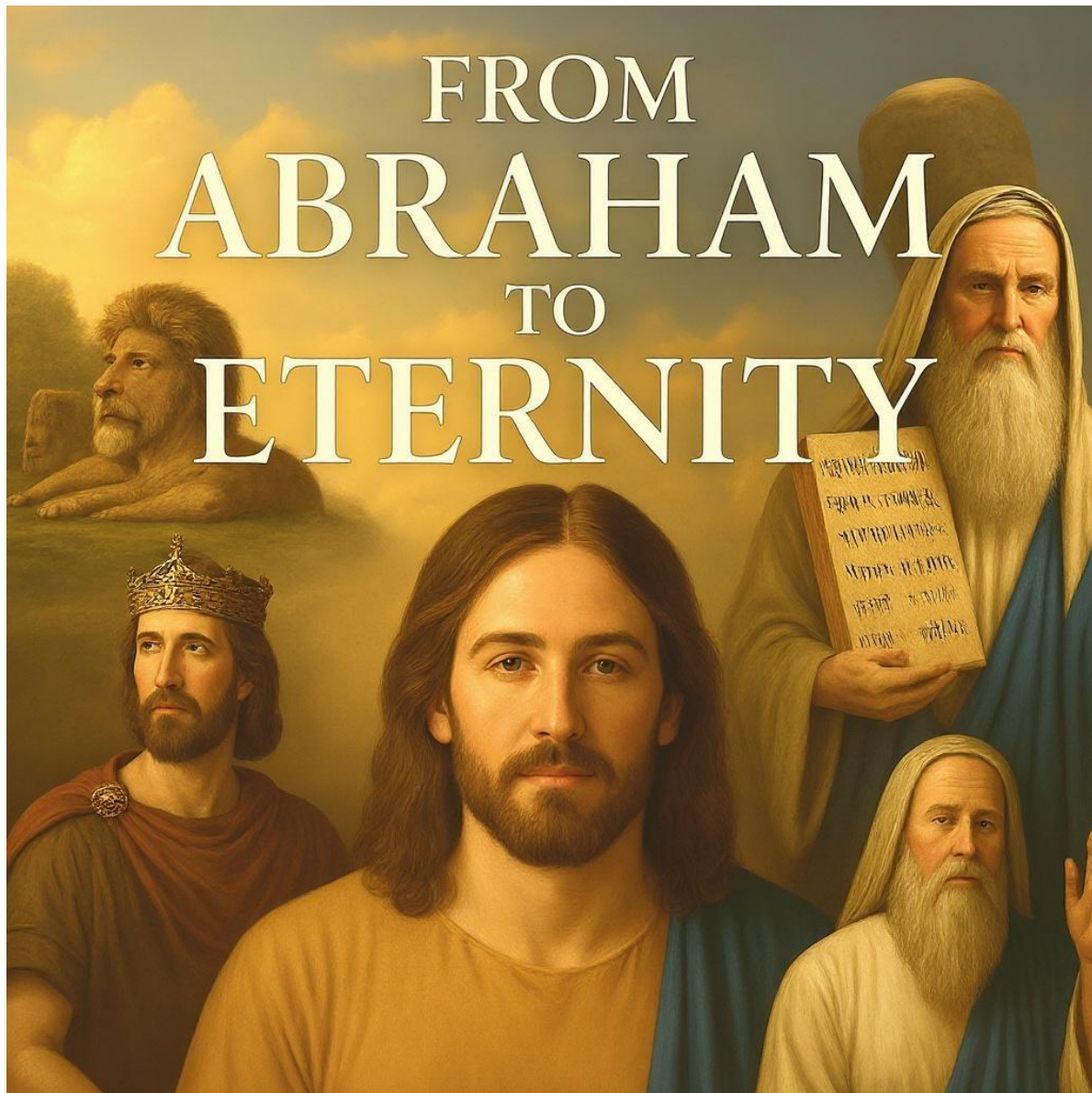


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THE OLD TESTAMENT

God's Promise to Abraham:

Genesis 12:2,3 I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name great; And you shall be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Genesis 22:18 In your seed all the nations of the earth shall be blessed, because you have obeyed My voice.

The Abrahamic Promise is fulfilled in Jesus, the ultimate promised seed of Abraham. The channel for the blessing to all nations would be "one seed" – Jesus Christ

Galatians 3:14 that the blessing of Abraham might come upon the Gentiles in Christ Jesus, that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Galatians 3:16 Now to Abraham and his Seed were the promises made. He does not say, "And to seeds," as of many, but as of one, "And to your Seed," who is Christ.

Galatians 3:29 And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise.

The Nation of Israel was chosen to be a blessing to the nations:

Exodus 19:5,6 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey My voice and keep My covenant, then you shall be a **special treasure** to Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine. And you shall be to Me a **kingdom of priests** and a **holy nation**.

Isaiah 49:6 I will also make you a light for the Gentiles, that My salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

They were to be kind to the foreigners in the land:

Deuteronomy 10:19 And you are to love those who are foreigners, for you yourselves were foreigners in Egypt.

Leviticus 19:33,34 When a foreigner resides among you in your land, do not mistreat them. The foreigner residing among you must be treated

as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt. I am the LORD your God.

Ezekiel 47:22,23 "It shall be that you will divide it by lot as an inheritance for yourselves, and for the strangers who dwell among you and who bear children among you. They shall be to you as native-born among the children of Israel; they shall have an inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. And it shall be that in whatever tribe the stranger dwells, there you shall give him his inheritance," says the Lord God.

The Old Testament is a story of the Israelites almost continually rebelling against God:

Exodus 32:9 And the Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, and indeed it is a stiff-necked people! Now therefore, let Me alone, that My wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them. And I will make of you a great nation."

God's Warning in Deuteronomy: The Promised Land is a conditional gift tied to covenant faithfulness. It is not an unconditional possession.

Deuteronomy 4:25-27 When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the Lord your God to provoke Him to anger, I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. And the Lord will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the Lord will drive you.

Deuteronomy 28:58-63 If you do not carefully observe all the words of this law that are written in this book, that you may fear this glorious and awesome name, THE LORD YOUR GOD, You shall be left few in number, whereas you were as the stars of heaven in multitude, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God. And it shall be, that just as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good and multiply you, so the Lord will rejoice over you to destroy you and bring you to nothing; and you shall be plucked from off the land which you go to possess.

Deuteronomy 30:17,18 But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess.

Apostasy in the Promised Land:

Judges 2:11-14 Then the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served the Baals; and they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt; and they followed other gods from among the gods of the people who were all around them, and they bowed down to them; and they provoked the Lord to anger. And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel. So He delivered them into the hands of plunderers who despoiled them; and He sold them into the hands of their enemies all around, so that they could no longer stand before their enemies.

The Kingdom of Israel established, Theocracy abandoned:

1 Samuel 8:4-8 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel and said to him, "Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations." And the Lord said to Samuel, "Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them. According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also."

2 Kings 17:14,15 Nevertheless they would not hear, but stiffened their necks, like the necks of their fathers, who did not believe in the Lord their God. And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers...

2 Chronicles 36:15,16 And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy.

Psalms 78:10,11,21,22 They did not keep the covenant of God; They refused to walk in His law, and forgot His works and His wonders

that He had shown them. Therefore the Lord heard this and was furious; So a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel, Because they did not believe in God...

Psalms 106:39,40 Thus they were defiled by their own works, And played the harlot by their own deeds. Therefore the wrath of the Lord was kindled against His people, so that He abhorred His own inheritance.

God renews the Covenant with David and reveals details of how the world will be blessed through Abraham's Seed:

2 Samuel 7:12,13 When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your **offspring** after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish His kingdom. He shall build a house for My name, and I will establish the throne of His kingdom forever.

Psalms 89:3,4 I have made a covenant with My chosen, I have sworn to My servant David: Your seed I will establish forever, And build up your throne to all generations.

The Abrahamic and Davidic Covenants find their fulfillment in Jesus, the Jewish Messiah:

Isaiah 9:6,7 For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon His shoulders; and He is named Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be **endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom**. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time onward and forevermore.

Luke 1:32,33 He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to Him the **throne of his ancestor David**. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.

Promises of the New Covenant within The Old Testament Prophets

Jeremiah 31:31-33 Behold, the days come, says the Lord, that **I will make a new covenant** with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: **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**, says 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.

Israel and Judah continued to reject the God of their covenant in the 500 years after the reign of David, leading to God declaring a divorce from the people of His Covenant. This spans from David (c. 1000 BC) to the Babylonian exile (586 BC).

The Message of Jeremiah and Ezekiel to Israel:

Jeremiah 2:7 I brought you into a bountiful country, to eat its fruit and its goodness. But when you entered, you defiled My land and made My heritage an abomination.

Jeremiah 2:32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments or a bride her attire? Yet My people have forgotten Me days without number.

Jeremiah 3:7,8 And I said, after she had done all these things, "Return to Me." But she did not return. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it. Then I saw that for all the causes for which backsliding Israel had committed adultery, **I had put her away and given her a certificate of divorce**; yet her treacherous sister Judah did not fear but went and played the harlot also.

Jeremiah 5:30,31 An astonishing and horrible thing has been committed in the land: The prophets prophesy falsely, And the priests rule by their own power; And My people love to have it so. But what will you do in the end?

Jeremiah 29:18,19 "And I will pursue them with the sword, with famine, and with pestilence; and I will deliver them to trouble among all the kingdoms of the earth—to be a curse, an astonishment, a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them, because they have not heeded My words," says the Lord.

The marriage metaphor runs throughout both prophets — with Jeremiah explicitly using divorce language while Ezekiel focuses on infidelity and its consequences:

Ezekiel 16:30,38 "How degenerate is your heart!" says the Lord God, "seeing you do all these things, the deeds of a brazen harlot. And I will judge you as women who break wedlock or shed blood are judged; I will bring blood upon you in fury and jealousy."

Despite describing severe judgment, Ezekiel 16:59-63 promises that God will renew His covenant through a remnant who receives Jesus Christ as the true Messiah.

Ezekiel 16:60 I will remember my covenant with you in the days of your youth, and I will establish with you an everlasting covenant.

Isaiah prophesied against both Israel and Judah.

Against Israel (Northern Kingdom):

- Isaiah 9:8-21 - Judgment against Israel's pride and wickedness
- Isaiah 10:5-11 - Assyria as God's instrument against Israel

Against Judah (Southern Kingdom):

- Isaiah 1:2-31 - Opens with charges against Judah and Jerusalem
- Isaiah 2:6-22 - Judgment against Judah's idolatry

In the book of Hosea, Hosea marries a prostitute to demonstrate Israel's spiritual adultery. God says:

Hosea 5:14,15 I, even I, will tear them and go away; I will take them away, and no one shall rescue. I will return again to My place till they acknowledge their offense.

Hosea 6:4,5 O Judah, what shall I do to you? I have slain them by the words of My mouth; For I desire mercy (your love) and not sacrifice...

The Lord grew so weary with His People and their perpetual backsliding that in the final book of the Old Testament He told them that He would no longer accept their offerings but that the Gentiles (non-Jews) would become His people:

Malachi 1:10,11 "I have no pleasure in you," says the Lord of hosts, "Nor will I accept an offering from your hands. For from the rising of the sun, even to its going down, **My name shall be great among the Gentiles**; In every place incense shall be offered to My name, and a pure offering; For My name shall be great among the nations," says the Lord.

Salvation promised for the Gentiles

God, knowing all things, had foreseen the Jews' rebellion against Him when the nation of Israel was being first formed in the wilderness. Through Moses, God told them the time would come when He would raise up another people:

Deuteronomy 32:19-21 And when the Lord saw it, He spurned them, because of the provocation of His sons and His daughters. And He said: "I will hide My face from them, I will see what their end will be, For they are a perverse generation, children in whom is no faith. They have provoked Me to jealousy by what is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish idols. But I will provoke them to jealousy by those who are not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation."

God's Grace Extended to the Gentiles While Israel Faces Judgment for Rebellion:

Isaiah 56:6,7 Also the sons of the foreigner who join themselves to the Lord, to serve Him, and to love the name of the Lord, to be His servants... Even them I will bring to My holy mountain, and make them joyful in My house of prayer... For My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations.

Isaiah 65:1,2,3,15 I was sought by those who did not ask for Me; I was found by those who did not seek Me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that was not called by My name. I have stretched out My hands all day long to a rebellious people, Who walk in a way that is not good, according to their own thoughts; A people who provoke Me to anger continually to My face; You shall leave your name as a curse to My chosen; For the Lord God will slay you, And call His servants by another name...

Hosea the prophet also confirmed clearly that God was going to raise up a new people for Himself:

Hosea 2:23 And I will have mercy on her who had not obtained mercy; Then I will say to those who were not My people, "You are My people!" And they shall say, "You are my God!"

Hosea 9:17 My God will cast them away, because they did not obey Him; And they shall be wanderers among the nations.

THE NEW TESTAMENT

Jesus Opens the Kingdom to All Nations

When Jesus came, He proclaimed that God's kingdom was open to all who had faith—both Jew and Gentile, making it available to all nations, not just Israel.

John 1:12 He came unto His own, and His own received Him not.

John 5:43 I am come in my Father's name, and ye receive Me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive.

John 8:39 They answered and said unto Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

John 12:32 And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

Matthew 28:19,20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you.

The Parable of the Wicked Vinedressers illustrates a historical pattern of resistance to God's messengers, reaching its climax in the rejection of Christ Himself, leading to the kingdom being given to those who would prove faithful stewards.

Matthew 21:33-43 "Hear another parable: There was a certain landowner who planted a vineyard and set a hedge around it, dug a winepress in it and built a tower. And he leased it to vinedressers and went into a far country. Now when vintage-time drew near, he sent his servants to the vinedressers, that they might receive its fruit. And the vinedressers took his servants, beat one, killed one, and stoned another. Again he sent other servants, more than the first, and they did likewise to them. Then last of all he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the vinedressers saw the son, they said among themselves, 'This is the heir. Come, let us kill him and seize his inheritance.' So they took him and cast him out of the vineyard and killed him.

"Therefore, when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those vinedressers?"

They said to Him, "He will destroy those wicked men miserably, and lease his vineyard to other vinedressers who will render to him the fruits

in their seasons.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the Scriptures: ‘The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes’?

“Therefore I say to you, **the kingdom of God will be taken from you** and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it.”

John The Baptist’s Message to the Jews in Matthew 3:9: Do not think to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father.’ For I say to you that God is able to raise up children to Abraham from these stones.

The Jews’ Forfeiture of the Kingdom and the Subsequent Transfer of Kingdom Blessings

Jesus’ words after an encounter with a sincere and believing non-Jewish, foreign Roman soldier make it very clear that flesh and blood Israel had forfeited the blessing she once possessed:

Matthew 8:11,12 And I say to you that many will come from east and west, and sit down with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. But the sons of the kingdom will be cast out into outer darkness. There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

The Apostle Paul made it clear that the reason God’s blessings were withdrawn from the Jews was because of their rejection of the Word of God.

Acts 13:46-49 Then Paul and Barnabas grew bold and said, “It was necessary that the word of God should be spoken to you first; but since you reject it, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us: ‘I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.’” Now when the Gentiles heard this, they were glad and glorified the word of the Lord. And as many as had been appointed to eternal life believed.

The Christians are now the true Chosen People and Royal Priesthood

1 Peter 2:9,10 But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God...

Jesus' Heart for Jerusalem

Matthew 23:37,38 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! See! Your house is left to you desolate; for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!'"

Apostolic Testimony of Rejection

Stephen, the first martyr, reprimanded the Jewish leaders for their continued rejection of God's messengers:

Acts 7:51-53: "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did your fathers not persecute? And they killed those who foretold the coming of the Just One, of whom you now have become the betrayers and murderers, who have received the law by the direction of angels and have not kept it."

Paul, like Jesus and the prophets, suffered persecution from his Jewish countrymen:

1 Thessalonians 2:14-16 For you, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus. For you also suffered the same things from your own countrymen, just as they did from the Judeans, who killed both the Lord Jesus and their own prophets, and have persecuted us; and they do not please God and are contrary to all men, forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved, so as always to fill up the measure of their sins; but wrath has come upon them to the uttermost.

Paul later wrote:

Romans 2:28,29 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly, nor is circumcision that which is outward in the flesh; but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the Spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not from men but from God.

Romans 9:6-8 For they are not all Israel who are of Israel, nor are they all children because they are the seed of Abraham; but "In Isaac your seed shall be called." That is, those who are the children of the

flesh, these are not the children of God; but the children of the promise are counted as the seed.

Romans 10:20,21: But Isaiah is very bold and says: "I was found by those who did not seek Me; I was made manifest to those who did not ask for Me." But to Israel He says: "All day long I have stretched out My hands to a disobedient and contrary people."

Galatians 6:15,16 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation. And as many as walk according to this rule, peace and mercy be upon them, and upon the Israel of God.

The Old Covenant is now obsolete

Hebrews 8:13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

Luke 16:16 The Law and the Prophets were until John.

Romans 10:7 For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes. (See also Romans 7:4)

Galatians 3:24-25: Therefore the law was our tutor to bring us to Christ, that we might be justified by faith. But after faith has come, we are no longer under a tutor.

Ephesians 2:15 Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, that is, the law of commandments contained in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man from the two, thus making peace.

See also: 2 Corinthians 3:6-7, 11; Colossians 2:14

In Christ, all of God's promises are fulfilled—when you have Him, you have everything God promised.

2 Corinthians 1:20 For all the promises of God in Him are Yes, and in Him Amen, to the glory of God through us.

God's Covenantal Faithfulness

The book of Hosea tells of Hosea's marriage to an unfaithful wife, symbolizing God's enduring covenant love for spiritually adulterous Israel, demonstrating that divine promises rest on God's character rather than human performance.

Hosea 3:1 Then the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by a lover and is committing adultery, just like the love of the Lord for the children of Israel, who look to other gods and love the raisin cakes of the pagans."

Hosea 14:4 "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely, for My anger has turned away from him."

In the Last Days, Israel receives judgment because of her sins according to the Book of Ezekiel:

Ezekiel 39:23 The Gentiles shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they were unfaithful to Me, therefore I hid My face from them. I gave them into the hand of their enemies, and they all fell by the sword.

This repeats Moses' warning that Israel's judgment would testify to the nations about God's righteousness and the consequences of covenant unfaithfulness, proving their exile came from sin, not God's weakness.

Deuteronomy 29:24-28 Even all nations would say, "Why has the Lord done so to this land? What does the heat of this great anger mean?" Then people would say: "Because they have forsaken the covenant of the Lord God of their fathers... Therefore, the anger of the Lord was aroused against this land, to bring on it every curse that is written in this book."

God rescues Israel in the Latter Days because of His Covenantal Love, not because of Israel's Righteousness. God promises not to completely withdraw His love from Israel, though He will punish their disobedience:

Ezekiel 36:22-32 Thus says the Lord God: "I do not do this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name's sake, which you have profaned among the nations wherever you went. And I will sanctify My great name, which has been profaned among the nations, which you have profaned in their midst; and the nations shall know that I am the Lord," says the Lord God, "when I am hallowed in you before their eyes. Then you will remember your evil ways and your deeds that were not good; and you will loathe yourselves in your own sight, for your iniquities and your abominations. Not for your sake do I do this,"

says the Lord God, "let it be known to you. Be ashamed and confounded for your own ways, O house of Israel!"

Psalms 89:30-34 If his sons forsake My law and do not walk in My judgments, If they break My statutes and do not keep My commandments, Then I will punish their transgression with the rod, And their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless, My lovingkindness I will not utterly take from him, nor allow My faithfulness to fail. My covenant I will not break, nor alter the word that has gone out of My lips.

This occurs in the very final days before Christ's return, when the Antichrist invades Israel and occupies Jerusalem:

Daniel 11:43,45 He (the Antichrist) shall also enter the Glorious Land, and many countries shall be overthrown; And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas and the glorious holy mountain.

Matthew 24:15 Therefore when you see the 'abomination of desolation,' spoken of by Daniel the prophet, standing in the holy place (whoever reads, let him understand).

2 Thessalonians 2:4 (The Antichrist) opposes and exalts himself above all that is called God or that is worshiped, so that he sits as God in the temple of God, showing himself that he is God.

The Jews rebuilding their temple shows they haven't grasped Jesus' teaching in John 4 that God doesn't dwell in temples:

John 4:24 Believe Me, the hour is coming when you will neither on this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, worship the Father. But the hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth; for the Father is seeking such to worship Him. God is Spirit, and those who worship Him must worship in spirit and truth.

Acts 7:48,49 However, the Most High does not dwell in temples made with hands, as the prophet says: "Heaven is My throne, and earth is My footstool." "What house will you build for Me?" says the Lord.

Temple Note: There is no theological basis for Christians to rebuild a new Jewish Temple, as temple sacrifices were finished with Jesus and are no longer needed.

Jesus is the final sacrifice, once and for all:

John 1:29 Behold the Lamb of God, which takes away the sins of the world.

Hebrews 9:11,12 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:26 But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

God Himself fights against the enemies of Israel only when they have gone too far in judging Israel for their iniquities.

Ezekiel 38: 21,22 I will call for a sword against Gog throughout all My mountains, says the Lord God. I will rain down on him, on his troops, and on the many peoples who are with him, flooding rain, great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

Ezekiel 39:4,5 You shall fall upon the mountains of Israel, you and all your troops and the peoples who are with you; I will give you to birds of prey of every sort and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

God is not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance (2 Peter 3:9). In His tender love, He will rescue a remnant of Israel in the final days.

Zechariah 13:8,9: It shall come to pass in all the land, says the Lord, that two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, but one-third shall be left in it: I will bring the one-third through the fire, will refine them as silver is refined, and test them as gold is tested.

Romans 9:27 "Isaiah also cries out concerning Israel: 'Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, the remnant will be saved.'"

God will once again comfort the Jewish people, after they have received punishment for their sins, at the time of Jesus' second coming. Jesus returns to make things right for the entire world, and more than right for the meek of the world.

Matthew 5:5 Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the world.

Isaiah 40:1,2 "Comfort, yes, comfort My people!" says your God. "Speak comfort to Jerusalem, and cry out to her, that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned; For she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins."

Many sincere Jews will accept Jesus at the Second Coming:

Zechariah 12:10,11 And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem...

Salvation Only Through Christ

The Remnant is saved in the last days by receiving Jesus as Savior. There was initial Jewish salvation at Christ's first coming, and there will be final Jewish salvation at His second coming when a remnant of the Jews at last accepts Jesus as the true Messiah. Israel's covenant relationship with God can only be restored by Israel accepting Jesus, the Messiah of all mankind:

John 14:6 I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

Acts 4:10 -12 Let it be known to you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead, by Him this man stands here before you whole. This is the 'stone which was rejected by you builders, which has become the chief cornerstone.' Nor is there salvation in any other, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.

Romans 10:12,13 For there is **no distinction between Jew and Greek**, for the same Lord over all is rich to all who call upon Him. For 'whoever calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Will All Israel Be Saved?

Romans 11:25,26: For I do not desire, brethren, that you should be ignorant of this mystery, lest you should be wise in your own opinion, that blindness in part has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in. And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: 'The Deliverer will come out of Zion, and He will turn away ungodliness from Jacob.'

Paul's quotation of Isaiah 59:20 provides crucial context. The original passage specifies the Redeemer comes "to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," revealing that "all Israel" refers to those Israelites who repent. The promise is contingent upon spiritual transformation, not ethnic identity:

Isaiah 59:20 "The Redeemer will come to Zion, and to those who turn from transgression in Jacob," says the Lord.

But presently, many Jews still resist the Gospel and some fight against it:

Romans 11:28,29 Concerning the gospel they are enemies for your sake but concerning the election they are beloved for the sake of the fathers. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

The Millennial Kingdom

During the Millenium, the saved Christians shall rule over Israel according to Jesus, the very son of God. Israel's Destiny is fulfilled in Jesus!

Matthew 19:28 Jesus said to them, Assuredly I say to you, that in the regeneration, when the Son of Man sits on the throne of His glory, you who have followed Me will also sit on twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

Matthew 25:23 His Lord said to him (her), "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a few things, I will make you ruler over many things. Enter into the joy of your Lord."

When Jesus returns, Jerusalem will be His world headquarters. Since the Resurrection and the Great Commission, the whole world is now God's Holy Land. "For God so loved the World." A new, redeemed and Christian Israel with Jesus, the Messiah, as its ruler will at last be the sample it was supposed to be to

the world—through Jesus! God's purposes and plans will not be defeated.

Isaiah 2:2-4 In the latter days the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established above all mountains, and all nations shall flow to it. Many people shall say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord; He will teach us His ways." For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. He shall judge between nations; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

Ezekiel 37:23-25 They shall not defile themselves anymore with idols or transgressions; I will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God. David My servant shall be king over them with one shepherd; they shall walk in My judgments. They shall dwell in the land I gave to Jacob, they and their children forever; and My servant David (Jesus, the son of David) shall be their prince forever.

Ezekiel chapters 40 through 48 contains the extensive vision of the restored temple and land, with Jerusalem at its center. These prophecies refer to the saved Christians and saved Jews who will rule the world from Israel.

Ezekiel 43:7 Son of man, this is the place of My throne and the place of the soles of My feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel forever.

At the end of all things there will be a new heaven, a new earth and a heavenly Jerusalem! God's promise to Abraham—that all nations would be blessed through his seed—finds its glorious completion in Jesus Christ.

Revelation 5:9 For You (Jesus) were slain and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe, tongue and people and nation.

Revelation 21:1-3 Then I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from heaven saying, 'Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people. God Himself will be with them and be their God.'

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