Welcome

Isaiah 41:21-26

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"Set forth your case, says the Lord;
  bring your proofs, says the King of Jacob.
22 Let them bring them, and tell us
  what is to happen.
Tell us the former things, what they are,
 that we may consider them,
that we may know their outcome;
  or declare to us the things to come.
23 Tell us what is to come hereafter,
  that we may know that you are gods;
do good, or do harm,
  that we may be dismayed and terrified."
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Isaiah 41:21-26

none who heard your words.

24 Behold, you are nothing, and your work is less than nothing; an abomination is he who chooses you. 25 I stirred up one from the north, and he has come, from the rising of the sun, and he shall call upon my name; he shall trample on rulers as on mortar, as the potter treads clay. 26 Who declared it from the beginning, that we might know, and beforehand, that we might say, "He is right"?

There was none who declared it, none who proclaimed,

Isaiah 44:6-8

Is there a God besides me?

There is no Rock; I know not any."

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Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
  and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
  besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
  Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
  Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
  have I not told you from of old and declared it?
  And you are my witnesses!
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Proof of the Bible's Truth



"Give me in one word, a proof of the truth of the Bible"—Frederick the Great.

Answer: "The Jews"

The History of Israel Foretold



History of israel Timeline

- 1445 B.C. Giving of Law of Moses
- 931 B.C. Death of Solomon/ Divided Kingdom
- 722 B.C. Assyrian Captivity of Israel
- 606 B.C. First Round of Babylon Captivity
- 597 B.C. Jerusalem Captured
- 586 B.C. Babylonian Destruction of Jerusalem
- 536 B.C. Return from Babylon to Judah
- 520-516 B.C. Rebuilding of the Temple
- 458 B.C. Second Group Returns with Ezra
- 444 B.C. Rebuild Walls by Nehemiah

Prophecy of Israel (1400 B.C.)

Blessings if Obedient

Curses if Disobedient

Deuteronomy 28:1-14

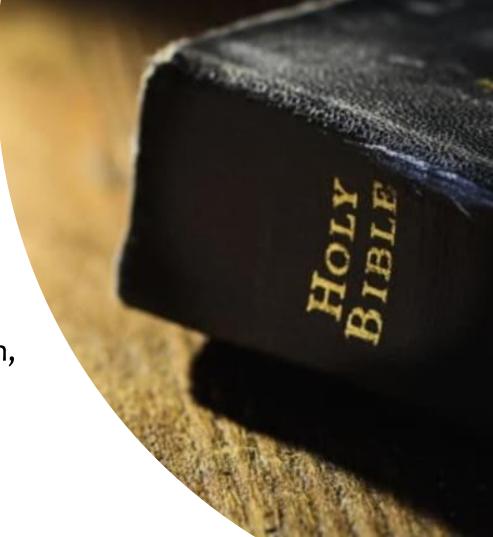
• Deuteronomy 28:14-64

• Israel to have a king (28:36).



Deuteronomy 28:36

"The Lord will bring you and your king, whom you set over you, to a nation which neither you nor your fathers have known, and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone" (NASB).



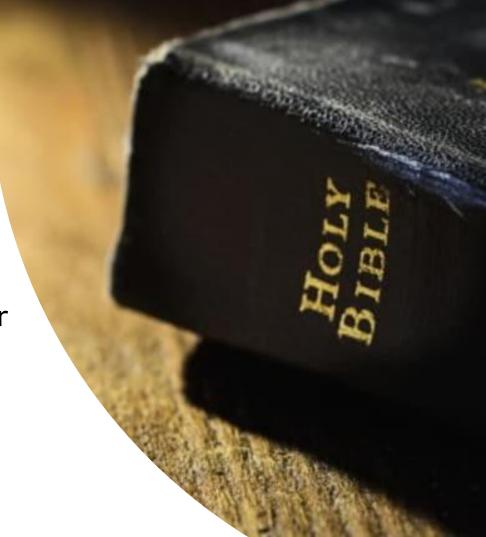
Israel To Have a King • Deut 28:36

Saul Appointed as King

- 1 Samuel 8:5; 10:1, 24
- First king appointed in 1050 B.C. and others would follow.

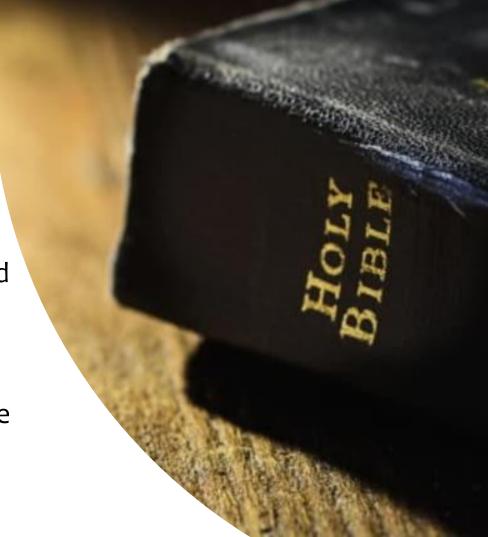
1 Samuel 8:5

"... and they said to him, "Behold, you have grown old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now appoint a king for us to judge us like all the nations."" (NASB).



1 Samuel 10:1, 24

"Then Samuel took the flask of oil, poured it on his head, kissed him and said, "Has not the Lord anointed you a ruler over His inheritance?... Samuel said to all the people, "Do you see him whom the Lord has chosen? Surely there is no one like him among all the people." So all the people shouted and said, "Long live the king!"(NASB).

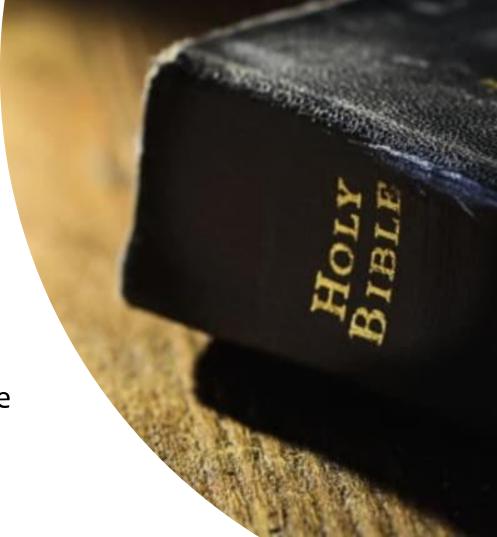


- Israel to have a king (28:36)
- Israel to be smitten, in bondage, serve other gods (28:25, 36, 41).



Deuteronomy 28:25, 36, 41

"The Lord shall cause you to be defeated before your enemies; you will go out one way against them, but you will flee seven ways before them, and you will be an example of terror to all the kingdoms of the earth" (28:25, NASB).



Deuteronomy 28:25, 36, 41

"You shall have sons and daughters but they will not be yours, for they will go into captivity" (28:41, NASB).



Israel To Be Smitten, Tossed, In Bondage

• Deut 28:25, 36, 41

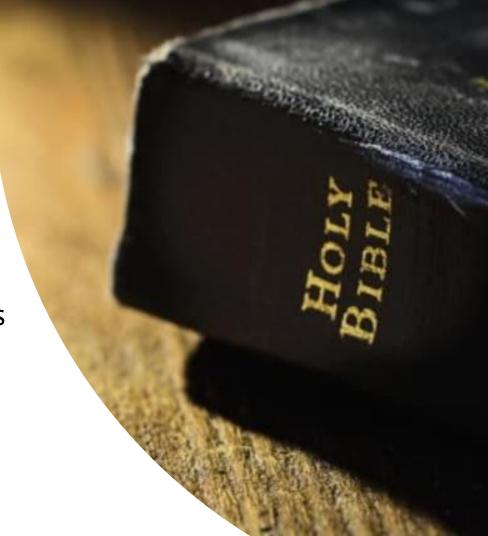
Israel Was
Plundered and
Taken Into Captivity

- By Assyria (722 B.C.)
- By Babylon (606-586 B.C.)

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Deuteronomy 28:37

"You shall become a horror, a proverb, and a taunt among all the people where the Lord drives you" (NASB).



Israel To Be A Hiss and Byword

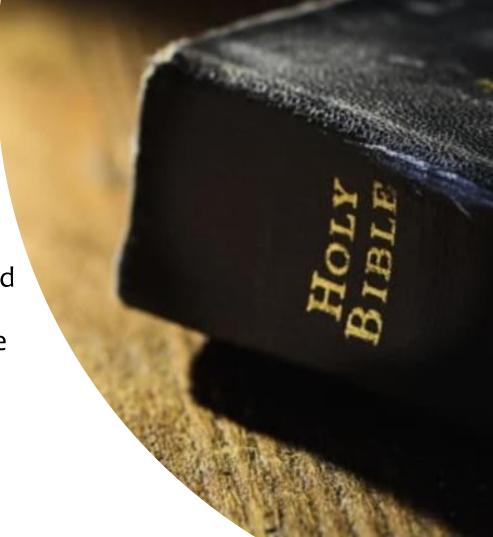
Deut 28:37

Israel Did Become a Horror and Proverb

- Jeremiah 29:18
- Psalm 137

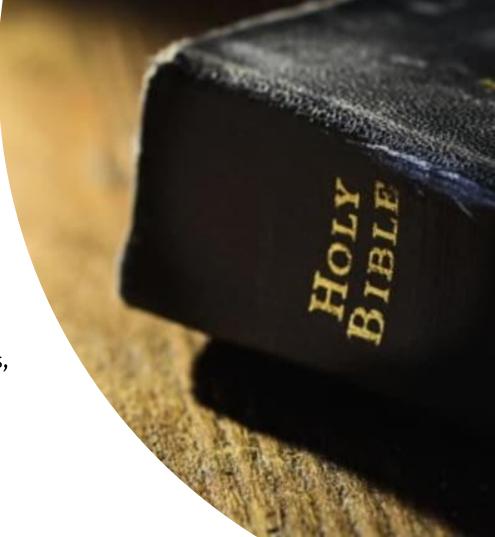
Jeremiah 29:18

"I will pursue them with the sword, with famine and with pestilence; and I will make them a terror to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse and a horror and a hissing, and a reproach among all the nations where I have driven them" (NASB).



Psalm 137

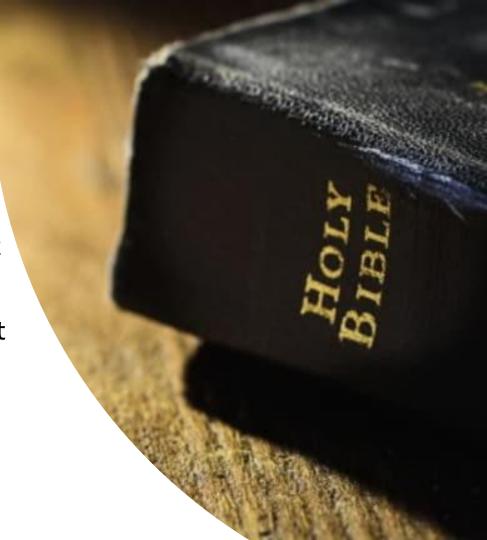
"By the rivers of Babylon, There we sat down and wept, When we remembered Zion. 2 Upon the willows in the midst of it We hung our harps. 3 For there our captors demanded of us songs, And our tormentors mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion." 4 How can we sing the Lord's song In a foreign land?" (NASB).



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Deuteronomy 28:49-50

"The Lord will bring a nation against you from afar, from the end of the earth, as the eagle swoops down, a nation whose language you shall not understand, 50 a nation of fierce countenance who will have no respect for the old, nor show favor to the young." (NASB).



A Nation Would Come From Afar Against Israel • Deut 28:49ff

This Could Apply
To Three Nations

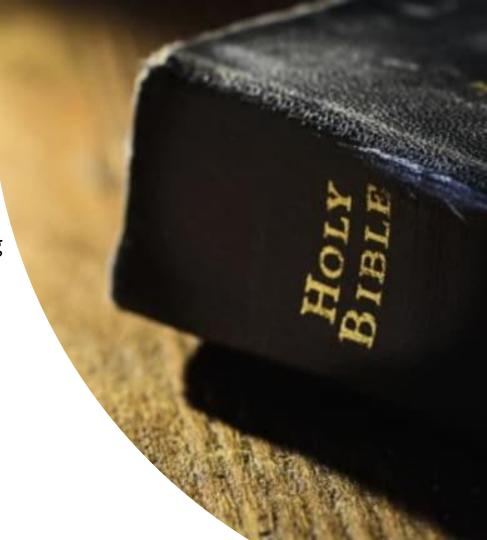
- Assyria in 722 B.C. (2 Kings 17:4-6)
- Babylon in 597 B.C. (2 Kings 24:10ff)
- Rome destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

2 Kings 17:4-6

"But the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea, who had sent messengers to So king of Egypt and had offered no tribute to the king of Assyria, as he had done year by year; so the king of Assyria shut him up and bound him in prison.

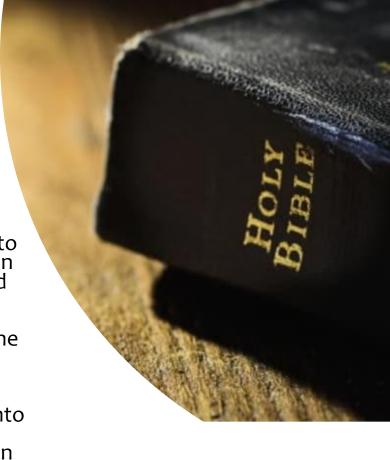
5 Then the king of Assyria invaded the whole land and went up to Samaria and besieged it three years.

6 In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and carried Israel away into exile to Assyria, and settled them in Halah and Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes" (NASB).



2 Kings 24:10-14

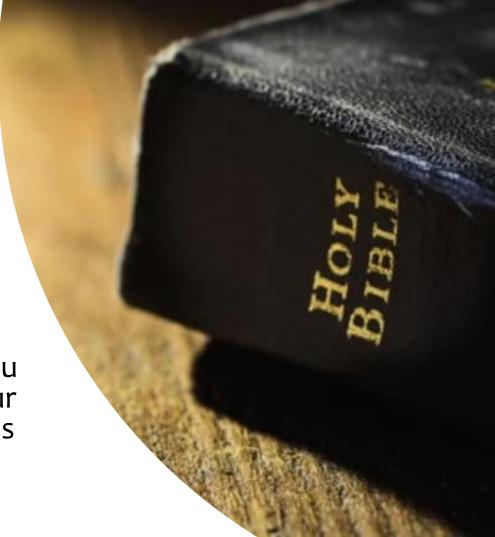
"At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon went up to Jerusalem, and the city came under siege. 11 And Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came to the city, while his servants were besieging it. 12 Jehoiachin the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he and his mother and his servants and his captains and his officials. So the king of Babylon took him captive in the eighth year of his reign. 13 He carried out from there all the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord, just as the Lord had said. 14 Then he led away into exile all Jerusalem and all the captains and all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths. None remained except the poorest people of the land" (NASB). of the land" (NASB).



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- Cities to be destroyed (28:52).

Deuteronomy 28:52

"It shall besiege you in all your towns until your high and fortified walls in which you trusted come down throughout your land, and it shall besiege you in all your towns throughout your land which the Lord your God has given you" (NASB).



Cities of Israel
Would Be Destroyed

• Deut 28:52

Archaeology Proves
Many Israelite Cities
Were Destroyed

- One reason there are so many "tells"
- Lachish was destroyed by the Assyrians and Babylonians.

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Deuteronomy 28:53-57

"Then you shall eat the offspring of your own body, the flesh of your sons and of your daughters whom the Lord your God has given you, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you. 54 The man who is refined and very delicate among you shall be hostile toward his brother and toward the wife he cherishes and toward the rest of his children who remain, 55 so that he will not give even one of them any of the flesh of his children which he will eat, since he has nothing else left, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in all your towns. 56 The refined and delicate woman among you, who would not venture to set the sole of her foot on the ground for delicateness and refinement, shall be hostile toward the husband she cherishes and toward her son and daughter, 57 and toward her afterbirth which issues from between her legs and toward her children whom she bears; for she will eat them secretly for lack of anything else, during the siege and the distress by which your enemy will oppress you in your towns" (NASB).



Great Sufferings would accompany the siege

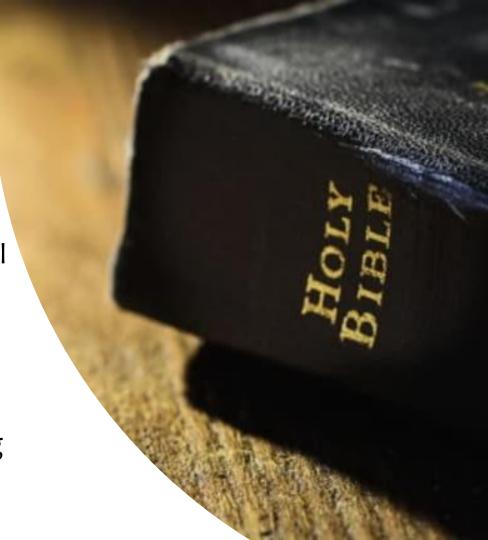
- Deut 28:53-57
- Some would even eat their young...

Several historical examples document these events

- A Syrian siege against Samaria (2 Kings 6:24-31)
- Babylonian siege against Jerusalem (Jeremiah 19:9; Ezekiel 5:10; Lamentations 2:20; 4:10)
- Roman siege against Jerusalem (Josephus)

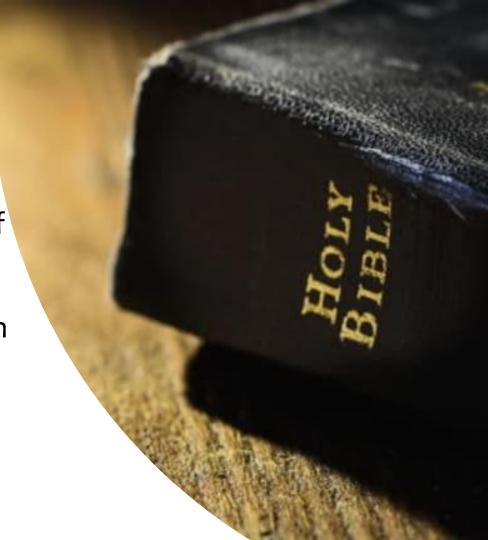
2 Kings 6:24-25

"Now it came about after this, that Ben-hadad king of Aram gathered all his army and went up and besieged Samaria. 25 There was a great famine in Samaria; and behold, they besieged it, until a donkey's head was sold for eighty shekels of silver, and a fourth of a kab of dove's dung for five shekels of silver" (NASB).



Jeremiah 19:9

"I will make them eat the flesh of their sons and the flesh of their daughters, and they will eat one another's flesh in the siege and in the distress with which their enemies and those who seek their life will distress them."" (NASB).



Lamentations 2:20

"See, O Lord, and look!
With whom have You dealt thus?
Should women eat their offspring,
The little ones who were born
healthy?

Should priest and prophet be slain In the sanctuary of the Lord?" (NASB).



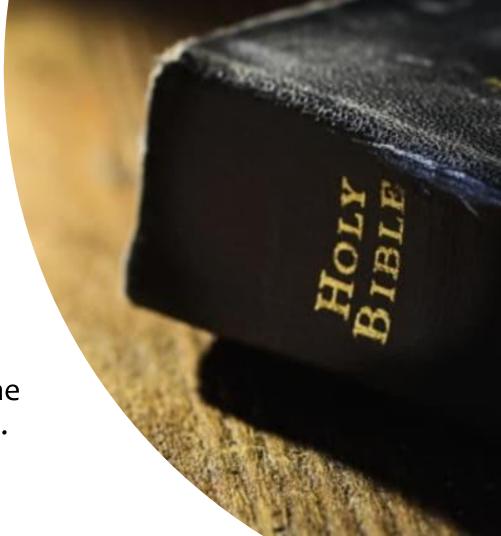
Lamentations 4:10

"The hands of compassionate women

Boiled their own children;

They became food for them

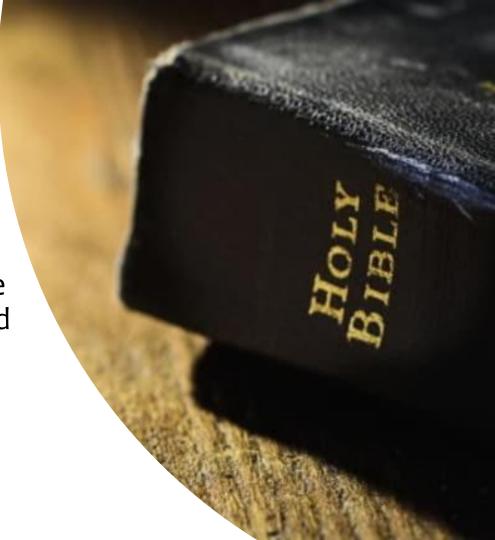
Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people" (NASB).



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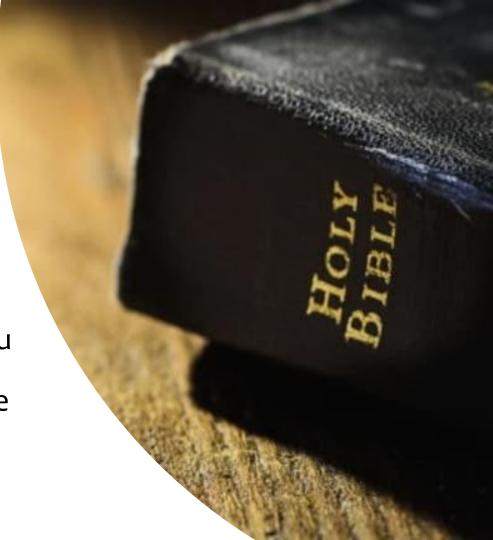
Deuteronomy 28:64, 68

"Moreover, the Lord will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other end of the earth; and there you shall serve other gods, wood and stone, which you or your fathers have not known" (NASB).



Deuteronomy 28:64, 68

"The Lord will bring you back to Egypt in ships, by the way about which I spoke to you, 'You will never see it again!' And there you will offer yourselves for sale to your enemies as male and female slaves, but there will be no buyer" (NASB).



Israel To Be Scattered and Sold Into Egypt

• Deut 28:68

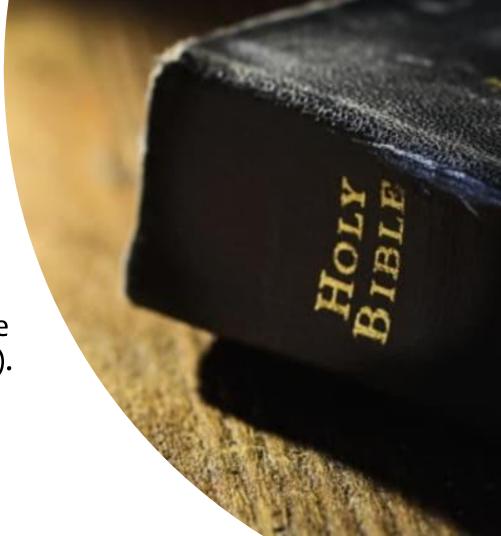
Israel Was Sold Into Egypt

- Josephus
- Wars of the Jews, Book 6, chapter 9, paragraph 2, "...the rest of the multitude that were above seventeen years old, he put them into bonds, and sent them to the Egyptian mines..."

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Jeremiah 4:27

"For thus says the Lord,
"The whole land shall be a
desolation, Yet I will not execute
a complete destruction" (NASB).



Jeremiah 5:18

"Yet even in those days," declares the Lord, "I will not make you a complete destruction" (NASB).



Jeremiah 30:11

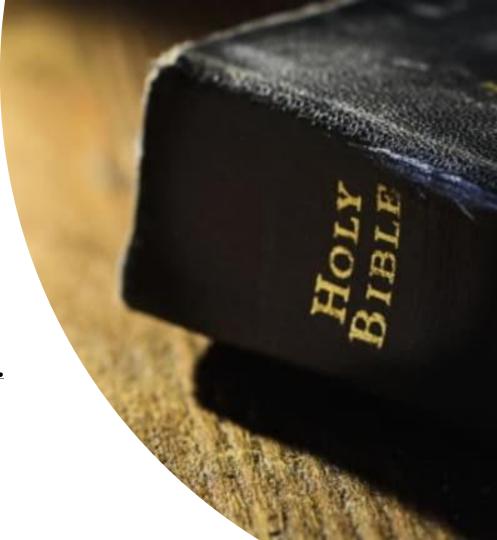
"For I am with you," declares the Lord, to save you;

For I will destroy completely all the nations where I have scattered you,

Only I will not destroy you completely.

But I will chasten you justly

And will by no means leave you unpunished.""



Jeremiah 46:28

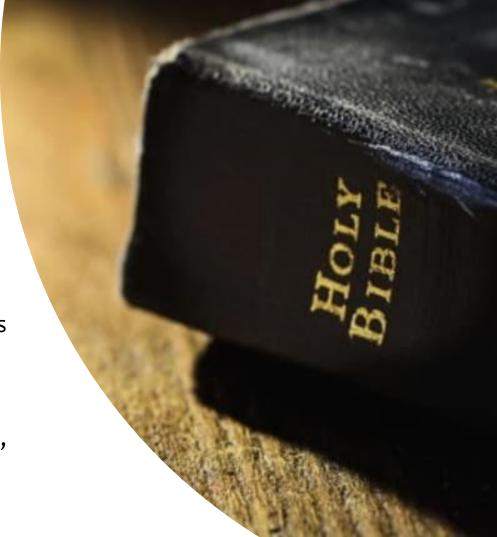
""O Jacob My servant, do not fear," declares the Lord,

"For I am with you.

For I will make a full end of all the nations Where I have driven you,

Yet I will not make a full end of you;

But I will correct you properly And by no means leave you unpunished."



Israel To Be Scattered and Never Consumed

- Jeremiah 4:27; 5:18; 30:11; 46:28
- Israel would never be a nation again (Jeremiah 19:10-11; 22:29-30)

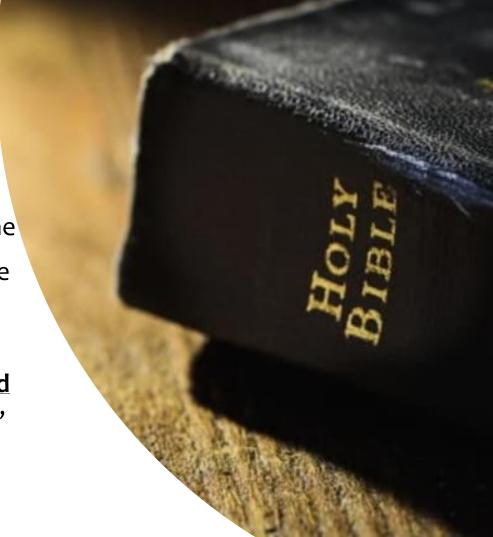
The Jewish People Are Scattered All Over the World

- Jews are on every habitable continent.
- They are no longer a nation only amenable to the Law of Moses, with a king and living in the promised land.
- They have no temple, no sacrifices and have lost their tribal identities in the dispersions.

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- The remnant restored to the land (Deut 30:1-3; Isaiah 10:20-25; Jeremiah 29:10-14; 2 Chronicles 36:23; Ezra 1:3; 9:6-15).

Deuteronomy 30:1-3

"So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind in all nations where the Lord your God has banished you, 2 and you return to the Lord your God and obey Him with all your heart and soul according to all that I command you today, you and your sons, 3 then the Lord your God will restore you from captivity, and have compassion on you, and will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you" (NASB).



A Remnant Would Be Restored to the Land

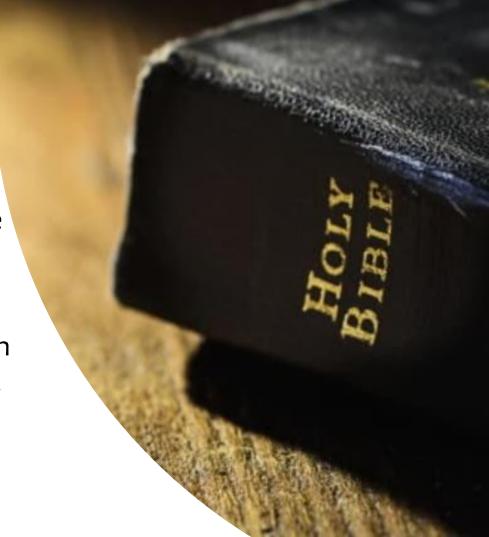
- If obedient, God did prophesy they could return (Deuteronomy 30:1-3).
- A remnant was to return after 70 years (Isaiah 10:20-25; Jeremiah 29:10-14).

A Remnant Did Return to Israel

- Under Joshua and Zerubbabel in 536 B.C.
 (2 Chronicles 36:23; Ezra 1:3; 9:6-15).
- A second group returned under Ezra in 458 B.C.

2 Chronicles 36:23

"Thus says Cyrus king of Persia, The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth, and He has appointed me to build Him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all His people, may the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up!"" (NASB).



Ezra 1:3

"Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him! Let him go up to Jerusalem which is in Judah and rebuild the house of the Lord, the God of Israel; He is the God who is in Jerusalem" (NASB).



One More Prophecy: Deuteronomy 18:15→Acts 3:22-26

