

Israel's Prophetic Future

God has made many glorious prophetic pledges to Israel promising peace, prosperity, exaltation and great spiritual blessings. Sadly the Church has taken most of them to herself leaving Israel with only predictions of gloom and judgment during the Great Tribulation. The Church has assigned the many positive promises for Israel to fulfilment in the Millennium but I personally believe that many of these will actually be fulfilled before the Millennium. A considerable number of these predictions were made through the writings of Isaiah. I believe the fulfilment of these and others will transpire following Zechariah 12: 9, 10.

Something amazing and glorious beyond description is about to happen soon in Israel. Although this event was predicted long ago, the full implication of it has been largely overlooked and ignored by the majority of Bible students. The astounding impact of this major fulfilment of prophecy will utterly transform the nation and land of Israel. Although the predicted scenario will commence with a massive attack on Israel it will not only conclude with their gaining a surprising victory beyond belief, it will also include a glorious spiritual re-birth for the nation. This fulfilment of a major Bible prophecy appears to be the next item on God's prophetic agenda and is likely to happen in the very near future. The scene is already set for it with Israel's enemies sitting like vultures on her borders. The prophecy in Zechariah 12:10, involves a private appearance of the Messiah to the nation of Israel and their subsequent recognition and acceptance of Him with deep mourning and intense grief. He will appear in the role of Commander in Chief of heaven's armies who has led their nation to victory against overwhelming odds. The Holy Spirit will then be poured out on

the descendants of King David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem. Grace and fervent supplications will fill the hearts and mouths of the recipients.

The prophecies of Isaiah are not presented in a strictly chronological order strictly adhering to the developing course of history. It is interspersed with predictions and prophecies concerning numerous episodes in the long saga of human history. For example very early in the prophecy it outlines the details of the international kingdom of God on earth in the Last Days (Isaiah 2:1-5). This reference is made long before the prediction of Messiah's birth (Isaiah 7:14, 9:6,7). The manner in which the prophecy is given therefore requires diligent study, guided by the Holy Spirit who originally gave the prophecy, to discern to which era of history a particular prediction relates. This style of presentation is not used in order to bewilder us but rather to require diligent searching of the words. The prospect of a devastating war currently hangs over Israel but God has an amazing agenda that will culminate in a glorious deliverance, revelation and restoration.

THE SCENARIO PREDICTED

Zechariah 12:7-14

8 In that day the LORD will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; the one who is feeble among them in that day shall be like David, and the house of David shall be like God, like the Angel of the LORD before them.

9 It shall be in that day that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 "And (then) 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.

11 In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

12 And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves;

13 the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves;

14 all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves. NKJV

Allow me to preface the words of Isaiah with a prediction made by Asaph the seer or prophet.

Psalms 83:1-8

1 O God, don't sit idly by, silent and inactive!

2 Don't you hear the tumult of your enemies? Don't you see what your arrogant enemies are doing?

3 They devise crafty schemes against your people, laying plans against your precious ones.

4 "Come," they say, "let us wipe out Israel as a nation. We will destroy the very memory of its existence."

5 This was their unanimous decision. They signed a treaty as allies against you —

6 these Edomites and Ishmaelites, Moabites and Hagrites,

7 Gebalites, Ammonites, and Amalekites, and people from Philistia and Tyre.

8 Assyria has joined them, too, and is allied with the descendants of Lot. NLT

1 Asaph predicted a massive attack to be made on Israel by all her near neighbours in the Last Days (Psalm 83:4).

2 Plans are made in secret (V3)

3 It is an attack against Jehovah as well as against the nation of

Israel.

4 The intention is to “wipe Israel off the map so that even the memory of it will cease to exist” (Psalm 83:4).

5 Initially it will appear that God is disinterested, silent and idle. (V1)

6 But Isaiah provides the true thoughts and attitude of God.

GOD’S RESPONSE TO ASAPH’S PRAYER

Isaiah 8:11-15

11 The LORD (Yaweh) has said to me in the strongest terms: "Do not think like everyone else does.

12 Do not be afraid that some plan conceived behind closed doors will be the end of you.

13 Do not fear anything except the LORD Almighty. He alone is the Holy One. If you fear him, you need fear nothing else.

14 He will keep you safe. But to Israel and Judah he will be a stone that causes people to stumble and a rock that makes them fall. And for the people of Jerusalem he will be a trap that entangles them.

15 Many of them will stumble and fall, never to rise again. Many will be captured." NLT (Emphasis added)

1 God speaks into the situation powerfully in the strongest possible terms (V11).

2 “Do not think like everyone else does!” E.g. the U.N., European Union, International media (V11)

3 “Do not be afraid of the covert plans made in secret against you.” (V12).

4 Don’t fear anything EXCEPT the LORD of heaven’s armies, the Holy One of Israel (V13)

5 If you truly fear (reverence) Him you need not fear anyone else. (V13)

6 He will preserve and keep safe His chosen people.

7 He will make Jerusalem an immovable rock that will rupture all who try to move it (V14).

- 8 The enemies of Israel will stumble and fall, never to rise again (V15)
9 Many of them will be captured (V15)

GOD'S STRATEGY FOR FACING OVERWHELMING ODDS

Jehovah indicates the strategy His people should adopt in case of enemy attacks. Deuteronomy 20:1-4

1 "When you go out to fight your enemies and you face horses and chariots and an army greater than your own, do not be afraid. The LORD your God, who brought you safely out of Egypt, is with you!

2 Before you go into battle, the priest will come forward to speak with the troops.

3 He will say, 'Listen to me, all you men of Israel! Do not be afraid as you go out to fight today! Do not lose heart or panic.

4 For the LORD your God is going with you! He will fight for you against your enemies, and he will give you victory!' NLT

His Strategy Includes:

1. When confronted by enemy armies larger than Israel's army and much better equipped, Israel is not to retreat but to advance. "Go out to battle against them" is God's explicit instruction.

2. Do not be afraid of them, for Jehovah, the very same God who delivered you from an impossible situation in Egypt, is with you with the same authority and power as He exercised then.

3. On the verge of the battle, the priests (spiritual leaders) are to speak to the people. Their exhortation should be “don’t be afraid, tremble, or be terrified, for Jehovah your God goes with you to fight against your enemies.”

4. The sole intention of Jehovah is to give victory and to save them from their enemies. If Israel obeys God’s exhortations, He guarantees them victory!

THE DEFEAT OF THE ASSYRIANS FORETOLD

The Assyrians were consistent historic enemies of Israel from the very beginning. Assyria was a large ancient kingdom between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers that dominated the ancient world from the ninth to the seventh century B.C. After defeating the northern kingdom of Israel in 722 BC, the Assyrians carried away thousands of Israelites and resettled them in other parts of the Assyrian Empire. This was a blow from which the nation of Israel never recovered. The religion of the Assyrians, much like that of the Babylonians, emphasized worship of nature particularly the sun god. The chief god was Asshur a god of war, conquest, and military strength. The pagan worship of the Assyrians was soundly condemned by several prophets of the Old Testament (Isaiah 10:5; Ezekiel 16:28; Hosea 8:9)

Ancient Assyria included large areas of Turkey, Iraq, Syria and Iran.

Psalms 83:8 Assyria has joined them, too, and is allied with the descendants of Lot. NLT

The fact that Asaph states that Assyria has joined them too indicates some degree of separation from the immediate group. Since Assyria included a large portion of modern Iran this may well indicate Iran’s participation in the plan of attack.

Isaiah 10:16-19

16 Listen now, king of Assyria! Because of all your evil boasting, the Lord, the LORD Almighty, will send a plague among your proud troops, and a flaming fire will ignite your glory.

17 The LORD, the Light of Israel and the Holy One, will be a flaming fire that will destroy them. In a single night he will burn those thorns and briars, the Assyrians.

18 Assyria's vast army is like a glorious forest, yet it will be destroyed. The LORD will completely destroy Assyria's warriors, and they will waste away like sick people in a plague.

19 Only a few from all that mighty army will survive — so few that a child could count them! NLT

Ezekiel 28:23-24

Then everyone will know that I am the LORD. 24 No longer will Israel's scornful neighbors prick and tear at her like thorns and briars. For then they will know that I am the Sovereign LORD. NLT

1 Jehovah the Light of Israel, will like a flaming fire completely destroy Assyria in a single night (V17)

2 They will be like a great forest, burnt to the ground. (Psalm 83:14, 15).

3 Only a few of them will survive.

Isaiah 10:24-27

24 So this is what the Lord, the LORD Almighty, says: "My people in Jerusalem, do not be afraid of the Assyrians when they oppress you just as the Egyptians did long ago.

25 It will not last very long. In a little while my anger against you will end, and then my anger will rise up to destroy them."

26 The LORD Almighty will beat them with his whip, as he did when Gideon triumphed over the Midianites at the rock of Oreb, or when the LORD's staff was raised to drown the Egyptian army in the sea.

27 In that day the LORD will end the bondage of his people. He will break the yoke of slavery and lift it from their shoulders.

NLT

1 The citizens of Jerusalem are MY people, says Jehovah Sabaoth.

2 The war waged against them will not last very long.

3 The Lord Almighty will defeat them as He did Midian.

(Judges 8)

4 God will break the yoke of slavery, (Dhimmitude).

Dhimmitude: This term connotes several restrictions, such as a poll tax known as the jizya, which complemented the Islamic tax paid by the Muslim subjects, called Zakat, -a restricted freedom of religion and worship, and required political loyalty to the ruling empire This status was originally imposed upon on non-Muslims who were People of the book (i.e. Jews and Messiahians), but was later extended to include Zoroastrians, Mandeans, and, in some areas, Hindus and Buddhists (Wikipedia Encyclopedia)

RAISING THE MAGON DAVID

Isaiah 11:12-14

12 He will raise a flag among the nations for Israel to rally around. He will gather the scattered people of Judah from the ends of the earth.

13 Then at last the jealousy between Israel and Judah will end. They will not fight against each other anymore.

14 They will join forces to swoop down on Philistia to the west. Together they will attack and plunder the nations to the east.

They will occupy all the lands of Edom, Moab, and Ammon.

NLT

1 God has raised a flag (Magon David) for Israel to rally around (V12)

2 Israel will be united in victory as never before (V13)

3 They will swoop down on Philistia to the West. (V14)

4 They will occupy *all the lands of Edom, Moab, and Ammon.* (V14)

Isaiah 12:1-2 In that day you will sing: "Praise the LORD! He was angry with me, but now he comforts me.

2 See, God has come to save me. I will trust in him and not be afraid. The LORD GOD is my strength and my song; he has become my salvation." NLT

1 Israel will truly Praise the LORD because His anger has turned to comfort and salvation.

2 The LORD GOD will be their strength and their song because He has become their salvation.

RABBINIC JUDAISM ILLUMINATED

Isaiah 9:2-5

2 The people who walk in darkness will see a great light — a light that will shine on all who live in the land where death casts its shadow.

3 Israel will again be great, and its people will rejoice as people rejoice at harvest time. They will shout with joy like warriors dividing the plunder.

4 For God will break the chains that bind his people and the whip that scourges them, just as he did when he destroyed the army of Midian with Gideon's little band.

5 In that day of peace, battle gear will no longer be issued. Never again will uniforms be bloodstained by war. All such equipment will be burned. NLT

- 1 The darkness of Rabbinic Judaism will be flooded with Messianic enlightenment (V2)
- 2 God will break the chains that bind His people, just as He overthrew the Midianites. (Judges 8).
- 3 Israel will be great and rejoice as when in harvest time (V3)
- 4 They will shout for joy like warriors dividing the spoils of victory.

Isaiah 29:17-24

- 18 In that day deaf people will hear words read from a book, and blind people will see through the gloom and darkness.*
- 19 The humble will be filled with fresh joy from the LORD. Those who are poor will rejoice in the Holy One of Israel.*
- 20 Those who intimidate and harass will be gone, and all those who plot evil will be killed.*
- 21 Those who make the innocent guilty by their false testimony will disappear. And those who use trickery to pervert justice and tell lies to tear down the innocent will be no more.*
- 22 That is why the LORD, who redeemed Abraham, says to the people of Israel, "My people will no longer pale with fear or be ashamed.*
- 23 For when they see their many children and material blessings, they will recognize the holiness of the Holy One of Israel. They will stand in awe of the God of Israel.*
- 24 Those in error will then believe the truth, and those who constantly complain will accept instruction. NLT*

- 1 The formerly blind will see through the darkness and gloom (V18)
- 2 Israel's partial, temporary blindness will be healed. (Romans 11:8, 25).
- 3 The humble will be filled with fresh (superlative) joy from the Lord.
- 4 The (once spiritually) poor will rejoice in the Holy One of

Israel (V19)

5 Jews will never again be ashamed nor grow pale with fear
(V22)

6 Their descendants who recognize the holiness of God will be
abundantly blessed materially (V23)

7 Those that come to believe in the truth will accept instruction
(V24)

LEADING THE BLIND DOWN A NEW PATH

Isaiah 42:16-17

16 I will lead blind Israel down a new path, guiding them along an unfamiliar way. I will make the darkness bright before them and smooth out the road ahead of them. Yes, I will indeed do these things; I will not forsake them.

17 But those who trust in idols, calling them their gods — they will be turned away in shame. NLT

Israel's partial, temporary blindness will be healed. (Romans 11:8, 25).

MERCY ON JACOB'S DESCENDANTS

Isaiah 14:1-5

1 But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. Israel will be his special people once again. He will bring them back to settle once again in their own land. And people from many different nations will come and join them there and become a part of the people of Israel.

2 The nations of the world will help the LORD's people to return, and those who come to live in their land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies.

*3 In that wonderful day when the LORD gives his people rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains,
4 you will taunt the king of Babylon. You will say, "The mighty man has been destroyed. Yes, your insolence is ended.
5 For the LORD has crushed your wicked power and broken your evil rule. NLT*

- 1 God will have mercy (Hesed) on His special people once again (V1)
- 2 God will settle (thoroughly and permanently establish) His people in their land once again (V1)
- 3 People (Goyim) from many different nations will join to become part of the people of Israel (V1)
- 4 The nations of the world will help the Jews to return to their land again and will serve them (V2)
- 5 Israel will gain ascendancy over her previous enemies (V 2b)
- 6 The LORD gives his people rest from sorrow and fear, from slavery and chains (V3)
- 7 The king of Babylon will be destroyed. His insolence will end (V4)

(The king of Babylon is the spiritual principality that rules that region).

MAKING GOD'S PRAISE KNOWN AROUND THE WORLD

Isaiah 12:4-6

*4 In that wonderful day you will sing: "Thank the LORD! Praise his name! Tell the world what he has done. Oh, how mighty he is!
5 Sing to the LORD, for he has done wonderful things. Make known his praise around the world.
6 Let all the people of Jerusalem shout his praise with joy! For great is the Holy One of Israel who lives among you." NLT*

- 1 Israel will sing together to thank and praise God because he has shown His might on their behalf (V4)
- 2 They will make known His praises around the world (V5)
- 3 All the people of Jerusalem will shout God's praises with joy because He lives among them (V6).

DESERTING THE ASHERAH POLES

Isaiah 17:7-8

7 Then at last the people will think of their Creator and have respect for the Holy One of Israel.

8 They will no longer ask their idols for help or worship what their own hands have made. They will never again bow down to their Asherah poles or burn incense on the altars they built.

NLT

- 1 Israel will have a new sense of respect for their creator the living God.
- 2 They will no longer worship at the Asherah poles or burn incense to false gods (V8)
- 3 New Age people worship creation, not the Creator

Isaiah 26:12 LORD, you will grant us peace, for all we have accomplished is really from you. NLT

- 1 Israel will recognize and acknowledge that every new found blessing if from Jehovah.

GUARDING THE FRUITFUL VINES

Isaiah 27:2-6

2 "In that day we will sing of the pleasant vineyard.

3 I, the LORD, will watch over it and tend its fruitful vines. Each day I will water them; day and night I will watch to keep enemies away.

4 My anger against Israel will be gone. If I find briars and thorns bothering her, I will burn them up.

5 These enemies will be spared only if they surrender and beg for peace and protection."

6 The time is coming when my people will take root. Israel will bud and blossom and fill the whole earth with her fruit! NLT

1 Israel will sing and boast about their pleasant vineyards. (The presence of which indicates no Shariah law) (V1)

2 God's anger towards Israel will cease forever (V4)

3 The thorns and briars (enemies of Israel) will be burnt up and destroyed (V4)

4 Those enemies who beg for peace will be spared (V5)

5 Israel will fill the whole earth with her fruit. (Natural and Spiritual).

ISRAEL, WILL BE GOD'S CROWNING GLORY

Isaiah 28:5-6

5 Then at last the LORD Almighty will himself be Israel's crowning glory. He will be the pride and joy of the remnant of his people.

6 He will give a longing for justice to their judges. He will give great courage to their warriors who stand at the gates. NLT

1 The LORD Almighty will be Israel's crowning glory, their pride and joy (V5).

2 He will endow Israel's judges with a longing for justice (V6).

3 He will give great courage to those who stand guard over Israel's gates.

SHOWING HIS LOVE AND COMPASSION

Isaiah 30:18-21

*18 But the **LORD** still waits for you to come to him so he can show you his love and compassion. For the LORD is a faithful God. Blessed are those who wait for him to help them.*

19 O people of Zion, who live in Jerusalem, you will weep no more. He will be gracious if you ask for help. He will respond instantly to the sound of your cries.

20 Though the Lord gave you adversity for food and affliction for drink, he will still be with you to teach you. You will see your teacher with your own eyes,

21 and you will hear a voice say, "This is the way; turn around and walk here." NLT

1 God waits for His people to return to Him to show to them His love and compassion. (V.18)

2 He will reveal His faithfulness and mercy (V18)

3 God will guide their every step. *Isaiah 30:21 Your ears shall hear a word behind you, saying, "This is the way, walk in it," Whenever you turn to the right hand or whenever you turn to the left. NKJV*

GOD'S ANGER UPON HIS ENEMIES

Isaiah 30:27-32

*27 Look! **The LORD** is coming from far away, burning with anger, surrounded by a thick, rising smoke. His lips are filled with fury; his words consume like fire.*

28 His anger pours out like a flood on his enemies, sweeping

them all away. He will sift out the proud nations. He will bridle them and lead them off to their destruction.

29 But the people of God will sing a song of joy, like the songs at the holy festivals. You will be filled with joy, as when a flutist leads a group of pilgrims to Jerusalem — the mountain of the LORD — to the Rock of Israel.

30 And the LORD will make his majestic voice heard. With angry indignation he will bring down his mighty arm on his enemies. It will descend with devouring flames, with cloudbursts, thunderstorms, and huge hailstones, bringing their destruction.

31 At the LORD's command, the Assyrians will be shattered. He will strike them down with his rod.

32 And as the LORD strikes them, his people will keep time with the music of tambourines and harps. NLT

1 The LORD will come with anger and fury upon Israel's enemies to their destruction (V27)

2 He will bridle and lead the enemies of Israel off to destruction. (Vs 27, 28).

3 God's arm will fall with indignation upon His enemies with fire, thunder and hailstorms. (V 30)

4 The people of God will sing songs of joy as at a Holy festival. (Seasons of our joy)

5 Israel will rejoice with tambourines and harps (V32)

Isaiah 19:16-17

16 In that day the Egyptians will be as weak as women. They will cower in fear beneath the upraised fist of the LORD Almighty.

17 Just to speak the name of Israel will strike deep terror in their hearts, for the LORD Almighty has laid out his plans against them. NLT

1 Egypt, as typical of Israel's enemies, will cower in fear before their God (V16)

2 Even the sacred name of God will fill their hearts with fear and terror.

STANDING UP FOR ISRAEL WITH POWER AND MIGHT

Isaiah 33:10-13

10 But the LORD says: "I will stand up and show my power and might.

11 You Assyrians will gain nothing by all your efforts. Your own breath will turn to fire and kill you.

12 Your people will be burned up completely, like thorns cut down and tossed in a fire.

13 Listen to what I have done, you nations far away! And you that are near, acknowledge my might!" NLT

1 God will "stand up and show His power and might" on Israel's behalf.

2 Assyrian fire will destroy themselves. (V 11).

3 All nations, far and near, will acknowledge God's might and power (V13)

SEEING THE KING IN HIS SPLENDOUR

Isaiah 33:17-24

17 Your eyes will see the king in all his splendour, and you will see a land that stretches into the distance.

18 You will think back to this time of terror when the Assyrian officers outside your walls counted your towers and estimated how much plunder they would get from your fallen city.

19 But soon they will all be gone. These fierce, violent people with a strange, unknown language will disappear.

20 Instead, you will see Zion as a place of worship and celebration. You will see Jerusalem, a city quiet and secure.

21 The LORD will be our Mighty One. He will be like a wide river of protection that no enemy can cross.

22 For the LORD is our judge, our lawgiver, and our king. He will care for us and save us.

23 The enemies' sails hang loose on broken masts with useless tackle. Their treasure will be divided by the people of God. Even the lame will win their share!

24 The people of Israel will no longer say, "We are sick and helpless," for the LORD will forgive their sins. NLT

1 The Israeli's will "see the King in His splendour." (V 17)

2 They will view the newly acquired Promised land that stretches to the Euphrates (V 17).

3 Hamas (The violent people) will disappear (V 19).

4 Jerusalem will be safe as a city of worship and celebration (V 20)

5 The treasures and spoils of their enemies will be divided among God's people (v 23).

6 Israel will no longer feel "sick and hopeless." Their sins will be forgiven (V24).

A NEW SHARP THRESHING INSTRUMENT

Isaiah 41:11-16

11 "See, all your angry enemies lie there, confused and ashamed. Anyone who opposes you will die.

12 You will look for them in vain. They will all be gone!

13 I am holding you by your right hand — I, the LORD your God. And I say to you, 'Do not be afraid. I am here to help you.

14 Despised though you are, O Israel, don't be afraid, for I will help you. I am the LORD, your Redeemer. I am the Holy One of Israel.'

15 You will be a new threshing instrument with many sharp teeth. You will tear all your enemies apart, making chaff of mountains.

16 You will toss them in the air, and the wind will blow them all away; a whirlwind will scatter them. And the joy of the LORD will fill you to overflowing. You will glory in the Holy One of Israel. NLT

1 Israel's enemies will be confused and ashamed. (Psalm 83:16-18, Zech 12:4).

2 Israel will no longer be despised or afraid. God will deliver them from all fear. (Vs 13, 14).

3 Israel will tear their enemies apart like a sharp threshing instrument. (V 15).

4 Israel will rejoice and glory in the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 41:20

20 Everyone (Every nation) will see this miracle and understand that it is the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, who did it. NLT

A SPECIAL SONG OF PRAISE TO THE LORD

Isaiah 42:8-12

8 "I am the LORD; (Yaweh) that is my name! I will not give my glory to anyone else. I will not share my praise with carved idols.

9 Everything I prophesied has come true, and now I will prophesy again. I will tell you the future before it happens."

10 Sing a new song to the LORD! Sing his praises from the ends of the earth! Sing, all you who sail the seas, all you who live in

distant coastlands.

11 Join in the chorus, you desert towns; let the villages of Kedar rejoice! Let the people of Sela sing for joy; shout praises from the mountaintops!

12 Let the coastlands glorify the LORD; let them sing his praise.
NLT

1 Jehovah's Name will be exalted above all false gods of the earth.

2 Everything God prophesied regarding Israel's glorious future will be fulfilled. (V 9)

3 The desert towns of Arabia will join in the rejoicing. (v 11)

HONOURED AND LOVED BY GOD

Isaiah 43:1-4

1 But now, O Israel, the LORD who created you says: "Do not be afraid, for I have ransomed you. I have called you by name; you are mine.

2 When you go through deep waters and great trouble, I will be with you. When you go through rivers of difficulty, you will not drown! When you walk through the fire of oppression, you will not be burned up; the flames will not consume you.

3 For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I gave Egypt, Ethiopia, and Seba as a ransom for your freedom.

4 Others died that you might live. I traded their lives for yours because you are precious to me. You are honored, and I love you. NLT

1 The Lord who created Israel says "Do not be afraid. You ARE Mine (V 1)

2 The flames will not consume you. You will NOT be burned up.

3 You are precious, honoured and I love you.

ISRAEL, MADE FOR GOD'S GLORY

Isaiah 43:5-7

5 "Do not be afraid, for I am with you. I will gather you and your children from east and west

6 and from north and south. I will bring my sons and daughters back to Israel from the distant corners of the earth.

*7 All who claim me as their God will come, for **I have made them for my glory. It was I who created them.**" NLT*

1 God will guard and protect all He has gathered from distant corners of the earth.

2 All who claim Him as their God will come to Israel.

ISRAEL –GOD'S WITNESSES

Isaiah 43:10-13

10 "But you are my witnesses, O Israel!" says the LORD. "And you are my servant. You have been chosen to know me, believe in me, and understand that I alone am God. There is no other God; there never has been and never will be.

11 I am the LORD, and there is no other Savior.

12 First I predicted your deliverance; I declared what I would do, and then I did it — I saved you. No foreign god has ever done this before. You are witnesses that I am the only God," says the LORD.

13 "From eternity to eternity I am God. No one can oppose what I do. No one can reverse my actions." NLT

Israel is God's witness and servant in the earth. They are His Litmus paper!

Isaiah 41:8-10

*8 "But as for you, Israel my servant, Jacob my chosen one, descended from my friend Abraham,
9 I have called you back from the ends of the earth so you can serve me. For I have chosen you and will not throw you away.
10 Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you. I will help you. I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. NLT*

Isaiah 44:1-2

*44:1 "But now, listen to me, Jacob my servant, Israel my chosen one.
2 The LORD who made you and helps you says: O Jacob, my servant, do not be afraid. O Israel, my chosen one, do not fear. NLT*

Isaiah 44:21

21 "Pay attention, O Israel, for you are my servant. I, the LORD, made you, and I will not forget to help you. NLT

*Israel is God's servant. He will never forget her.

Isaiah 43:21 I have made Israel for myself, and they will someday honor me before the whole world. NLT

*Israel is uniquely God's chosen possession. He has never and will never forsake her. Israel will bring honour to God before the whole world.

ISRAEL WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN

Isaiah 44:21-23

21 "Pay attention, O Israel, for you are my servant. I, the LORD, made you, and I will not forget to help you.

22 I have swept away your sins like the morning mists. I have scattered your offenses like the clouds. Oh, return to me, for I have paid the price to set you free."

23 Sing, O heavens, for the LORD has done this wondrous thing. Shout, O earth! Break forth into song, O mountains and forests and every tree! For the LORD has redeemed Jacob and is glorified in Israel. NLT

1 Israel is God's servant whom He will never forget. (V 21)

2 He will surely help them in their greatest hour of need. (V 21)

3 He has swept away their sins like the morning mist. (V 22)

4 God has paid the price to set them free when they return to Him.

5 God will be glorified in Israel. (V 23)

THE GOD OF MYSTERY

Isaiah 45:15-19

15 Truly, O God of Israel, our Savior, you work in strange and mysterious ways.

16 All who make idols will be humiliated and disgraced.

17 But the LORD will save the people of Israel with eternal salvation. They will never again be humiliated and disgraced throughout everlasting ages.

18 For the LORD is God, and he created the heavens and earth and put everything in place. He made the world to be lived in, not to be a place of empty chaos."I am the LORD," he says, "and there is no other.

19 I publicly proclaim bold promises. I do not whisper obscurities in some dark corner so no one can understand what I mean. And I did not tell the people of Israel to ask me for

something I did not plan to give. I, the LORD, speak only what is true and right. NLT

1 Yaweh, the God of Israel is her Savior, though His ways are often strange and mysterious (V15)

2 God will save Israel with ETERNAL SALVATION. (v 17)

3 God publicly proclaims bold promises concerning Israel. (V 19)

4 His words and predictions are true and right (V19)

THERE IS NO OTHER GOD

Isaiah 45:4-8

4 "And why have I called you for this work? It is for the sake of Jacob my servant, Israel my chosen one. I called you by name when you did not know me.

5 I am the LORD; there is no other God. I have prepared you, even though you do not know me,

6 so all the world from east to west will know there is no other God. I am the LORD, and there is no other.

7 I am the one who creates the light and makes the darkness. I am the one who sends good times and bad times. I, the LORD, am the one who does these things.

8 Open up, O heavens, and pour out your righteousness. Let the earth open wide so salvation and righteousness can sprout up together. I, the LORD, created them. NLT

1 God speaks to Cyrus who is a type of the Messiah

2 Only the Messiah could fulfil all these promises.

YAWEH IS THE ONLY SAVIOUR

Isaiah 45:21-25

21 For there is no other God but me — a just God and a Savior — no, not one!

22 Let all the world look to me for salvation! For I am God; there is no other.

23 I have sworn by my own name, and I will never go back on my word: Every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will confess allegiance to my name."

24 The people will declare, "The LORD is the source of all my righteousness and strength." And all who were angry with him will come to him and be ashamed.

25 In the LORD all the generations of Israel will be justified, and in him they will boast. NLT

1 Jehovah is the ONLY source of salvation for all peoples and nations.

2 Every knee and tongue will one day confess His Lordship.

3 All generations of Israel will be justified and boast in Jehovah.

Isaiah 46:12-13 For I am ready to set things right, not in the distant future, but right now! I am ready to save Jerusalem and give my glory to Israel. NLT

*There is a critical prophetic moment in time when God will save Jerusalem and give His glory to Israel.

Isaiah 47:4 Our Redeemer, whose name is the LORD Almighty, is the Holy One of Israel. NLT

The Lord of heavens armies is the Holy One of Israel. His holiness (righteousness and truthfulness) is predicated in some degree to His faithfulness to His word concerning Israel.

THE ORIGINAL COMMISSION OF MESSIAH

Isaiah 49:3-11

3 He said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, and you will bring me glory."

4 I replied, "But my work all seems so useless! I have spent my strength for nothing and to no purpose at all. Yet I leave it all in the LORD's hand; I will trust God for my reward."

5 And now the LORD speaks — he who formed me in my mother's womb to be his servant, who commissioned me to bring his people of Israel back to him. The LORD has honored me, and my God has given me strength.

6 He says, "You will do more than restore the people of Israel to me. I will make you a light to the Gentiles, and you will bring my salvation- (Hebrew: Yeshua H4333) to the ends of the earth."

7 The LORD, the Redeemer and Holy One of Israel, says to the one who is despised and rejected by a nation, to the one who is the servant of rulers: "Kings will stand at attention when you pass by. Princes will bow low because the LORD has chosen you. He, the faithful LORD, the Holy One of Israel, chooses you."

1 The Messiah is referred to as "Israel" signifying His identification to Israel. (V 3)

2 His apparent frustration relates to His humanity. (V 4).

3 His initial, primary commission was to restore Israel to Jehovah. (V 5).

4 This primary task was too small in itself for Messiah. (V 6)

5 He would also be a light for the Gentiles (V 6).

6 He would be initially despised by Israel. (V 7).

7 Ultimately kings and princes would bow before Him. (V 7).

8 He would bring salvation to the ends of the earth. (V 7)

AT THE PRECISELY CORRECT MOMENT

Isaiah 49:8 This is what the LORD says: "At just the right time, I will respond to you. On the day of salvation, I will help you. I will give you as a token and pledge to Israel. This will prove that I will re-establish the land of Israel and reassign it to its own people again.

9 Through you I am saying to the prisoners of darkness, 'Come out! I am giving you your freedom!' They will be my sheep, grazing in green pastures and on hills that were previously bare.

10 They will neither hunger nor thirst. The searing sun and scorching desert winds will not reach them anymore. For the LORD in his mercy will lead them beside cool waters.

11 And I will make my mountains into level paths for them. NLT

1 God has an appropriate time to intervene on behalf of Israel.(V 8)

2 It will be a day of salvation. (V 7).

3 Eretz Israel would be re assigned to their occupancy and rule. (V 8)

4 Favourable climatic changes. (V 10)

5 No poverty or need for food or drink (V10)

6 A level playing field in international relationships. (V10)

ISRAEL INSCRIBED ON GOD'S HANDS

Isaiah 49:13-18

13 Sing for joy, O heavens! Rejoice, O earth! Burst into song, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted his people and will have compassion on them in their sorrow.

14 Yet Jerusalem says, "The LORD has deserted us; the Lord has forgotten us."

15 "Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for a child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you!

16 See, I have written your name on my hand. Ever before me is a picture of Jerusalem's walls in ruins.

17 Soon your descendants will come back, and all who are trying to destroy you will go away.

18 Look and see, for all your children will come back to you. As surely as I live," says the LORD, "they will be like jewels or bridal ornaments for you to display. NLT

1 Great rejoicing for God's comfort and compassion towards them. (V13)

2 Jerusalem ever before God's eyes and heart. (V16)

3 Descendants and children returning to Israel. (V18)

4 Israel arrayed in Bridal costume, jewels and ornaments. (V18)

DEATH WILL NOT BE YOUR FATE

Isaiah 51:14-16

14 Soon all you captives will be released! Imprisonment, starvation, and death will not be your fate!

15 For I am the LORD your God, who stirs up the sea, causing its waves to roar. My name is the LORD Almighty.

16 And I have put my words in your mouth and hidden you safely within my hand. I set all the stars in space and established the earth. I am the one who says to Israel, 'You are mine!' " NLT

*Citizens released from even the memory of imprisonment, {Holocaust} starvation and death. (V14)

THINK ABOUT ABRAHAM

Isaiah 51:1-6

1 "Listen to me, all who hope for deliverance — all who seek the LORD! Consider the quarry from which you were mined, the

rock from which you were cut!

2 Yes, think about your ancestors Abraham and Sarah, from whom you came. Abraham was alone when I called him. But when I blessed him, he became a great nation."

3 The LORD will comfort Israel again and make her deserts blossom. Her barren wilderness will become as beautiful as Eden — the garden of the LORD. Joy and gladness will be found there. Lovely songs of thanksgiving will fill the air.

4 "Listen to me, my people. Hear me, Israel, for my law will be proclaimed, and my justice will become a light to the nations.

5 My mercy and justice are coming soon. Your salvation is on the way. I will rule the nations. They will wait for me and long for my power.

6 Look up to the skies above, and gaze down on the earth beneath. For the skies will disappear like smoke, and the earth will wear out like a piece of clothing. The people of the earth will die like flies, but my salvation lasts forever. My righteous rule will never end! NLT

1 Hope and deliverance for all who seek the Lord. (V1)

2 Inheriting the blessing of Abraham and Sarah. (V2)

3 The wilderness becomes a garden of Eden with joy and gladness. (V3)

4 God's law and justice proclaimed by Israel to the nations.

5 God's law and justice will rule the nations. (V5)

6 God's salvation and righteous rule will never end. (V6)

Isaiah 51:11 Those who have been ransomed by the LORD will return to Jerusalem, singing songs of everlasting joy. Sorrow and mourning will disappear, and they will be overcome with joy and gladness. NLT

*The redeemed of the Lord will return to Jerusalem overcome with joy and gladness.

Isaiah 52:1-3

1 Wake up, wake up, O Zion! Clothe yourselves with strength.

Put on your beautiful clothes, O holy city of Jerusalem, for unclean and godless people will no longer enter your gates.

2 Rise from the dust, O Jerusalem. Remove the slave bands from your neck, O captive daughter of Zion.

3 For this is what the LORD says: "When I sold you into exile, I received no payment. Now I can redeem you without paying for you." NLT

1 Jerusalem will arise from dust and decay to new life.

2 Israel released from the marks and memory of slavery and injustice.

Isaiah 52:7-10

7 How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!

8 The watchmen shout and sing with joy, for before their very eyes they see the LORD bringing his people home to Jerusalem.

9 Let the ruins of Jerusalem break into joyful song, for the LORD has comforted his people. He has redeemed Jerusalem.

10 The LORD will demonstrate his holy power before the eyes of all the nations. The ends of the earth will see the salvation of our God. NLT

Verse 7, has usually been regarded as a missionary message to the nations proclaiming the Gospel. It is actually a message of restoration to Israel. (V7). The ruins of Jerusalem will break forth into joyful songs.

***The whole earth will see the salvation of God through the redemption of Jerusalem.**

MESSIAH WILL BE HIGHLY EXALTED

Isaiah 52:13-15

13 See, my servant will prosper; he will be highly exalted.

14 Many were amazed when they saw him — beaten and bloodied, so disfigured one would scarcely know he was a person.

15 And he will again startle many nations. Kings will stand speechless in his presence. For they will see what they had not previously been told about; they will understand what they had not heard about. NLT

1 The Messiah will prosper and be highly exalted. (V13).

2 Many will be amazed at Messiah's glorious transformation. (V14)

3 Kings will stand speechless in His presence. (V15)

Isaiah 53:10-11

10 But it was the LORD's good plan to crush him and fill him with grief. Yet when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's plan will prosper in his hands.

11 When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of what he has experienced, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins. NLT

***The Messiah will see amazing result of His anguish and be eminently rewarded. (V11)**

NO LONGER LIVING IN SHAME

Isaiah 54:4-8

4 "Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. The shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood will be remembered no more,

5 for your Creator will be your husband. The LORD Almighty is his name! He is your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all the earth.

6 For the LORD has called you back from your grief — as though you were a young wife abandoned by her husband," says your God.

7 "For a brief moment I abandoned you, but with great compassion I will take you back.

8 In a moment of anger I turned my face away for a little while. But with everlasting love I will have compassion on you," says the LORD, your Redeemer. NLT

1 The emotional trauma of Israel's youth will be expunged. (V4)

2 God will call Israel to emerge from her grief. (V6).

3 His anger will give way to compassion. (V7)

4 His love for Israel will be everlasting, without end. (V8)

BLESSING UPON THE GENTILES

Isaiah 56:6-8

6 "I will also bless the Gentiles who commit themselves to the LORD and serve him and love his name, who worship him and do not desecrate the Sabbath day of rest, and who have accepted his covenant.

7 I will bring them also to my holy mountain of Jerusalem and will fill them with joy in my house of prayer. I will accept their burnt offerings and sacrifices, because my Temple will be called

a house of prayer for all nations.

8 For the Sovereign LORD, who brings back the outcasts of Israel, says: I will bring others, too, besides my people Israel."

NLT

1 Gentile nations will also be blessed under the terms of His covenant.

2 This will include sons of Ishmael

3 The Temple will be a house of prayer for all nations. (V7).

4 The God who redeems Israel will bring others too beside Israel. (V8).

THE REDEEMER COMES TO JERUSALEM

Isaiah 59:20-21

20 "The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem," says the LORD, "to buy back those in Israel who have turned from their sins.

21 And this is my covenant with them," says the LORD. "My Spirit will not leave them, and neither will these words I have given you. They will be on your lips and on the lips of your children and your children's children forever. I, the LORD, have spoken! NLT

1 The Redeemer will come to Jerusalem. (V20)

2 God's Spirit and words will never leave them.

3 They will be on the lips of their children throughout generations. (V21)

Isaiah 60:1-13

1 "Arise, Jerusalem! Let your light shine for all the nations to see! For the glory of the LORD is shining upon you.

The Shekinah glory of God will focus upon Israel, drawing the attention of the world to that city.

2 Darkness as black as night will cover all the nations of the earth, but the glory of the LORD will shine over you.

Gross darkness will cover all nations on earth except Israel.

3 All nations will come to your light. Mighty kings will come to see your radiance.

The nations around the world will be attracted to Israel.

4 "Look and see, for everyone is coming home! Your sons are coming from distant lands; your little daughters will be carried home.

5 Your eyes will shine, and your hearts will thrill with joy, for merchants from around the world will come to you. They will bring you the wealth of many lands.

Shining eyes and hearts filled with joy will greet merchants from around the world.

6 Vast caravans of camels will converge on you, the camels of Midian and Ephah. From Sheba they will bring gold and incense for the worship of the LORD.

7 The flocks of Kedar will be given to you, and the rams of Nebaioth will be brought for my altars. In that day I will make my Temple glorious.

Offerings will be brought to Jehovah from Arabian desert tribes.

8 "And what do I see flying like clouds to Israel, like doves to their nests?

9 They are the ships of Tarshish, reserved to bring the people of Israel home. They will bring their wealth with them, and it will

bring great honor to the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he will fill you with splendor.

Arab merchants will bring their wealth to Jerusalem.

10 "Foreigners will come to rebuild your cities. Kings and rulers will send you aid. For though I have destroyed you in my anger, I will have mercy on you through my grace.

11 Your gates will stay open around the clock to receive the wealth of many lands. The kings of the world will be led as captives in a victory procession.

12 For the nations that refuse to be your allies will be destroyed.

Rebellious nations will be brought to financial ruin.

13 The glory of Lebanon will be yours — the forests of cypress, fir, and pine — to beautify my sanctuary. My Temple will be glorious! NLT

14 "The children of your tormentors will come and bow before you. Those who despised you will kiss your feet. They will call you the City of the LORD, and Zion of the Holy One of Israel. NLT

The children of former enemies will bow before Jehovah.

Isaiah 60:15-18

15 "Though you were once despised and hated and rebuffed by all, you will be beautiful forever. You will be a joy to all generations, for I will make you so.

Those who were downtrodden and despised will be beautiful forever.

16 Powerful kings and mighty nations will bring the best of their goods to satisfy your every need. You will know at last that I, the LORD, am your Savior and Redeemer, the Mighty One of Israel.

Powerful nations and their leaders will bring the best of their commodities to Jehovah in Jerusalem.

17 I will exchange your bronze for gold, your iron for silver, your wood for bronze, and your stones for iron. Peace and righteousness will be your leaders!

18 Violence will disappear from your land; the desolation and destruction of war will end. Salvation will surround you like city walls, and praise will be on the lips of all who enter there. NLT
Peace and righteousness will displace violence throughout the land.

Isaiah 61:3-7

3 To all who mourn in Israel, he will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair. For the LORD has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for his own glory.

4 They will rebuild the ancient ruins, repairing cities long ago destroyed. They will revive them, though they have been empty for many generations.

Ancient cities will be re-built and restored to former glory.

5 Foreigners will be your servants. They will feed your flocks and plow your fields and tend your vineyards.

Foreigners (Gentiles) will feed flocks and plow fields.

6 You will be called priests of the LORD, ministers of our God. You will be fed with the treasures of the nations and will boast in their riches.

7 Instead of shame and dishonor, you will inherit a double

portion of prosperity and everlasting joy.

8 "For I, the LORD, love justice. I hate robbery and wrongdoing. I will faithfully reward my people for their suffering and make an everlasting covenant with them.

9 Their descendants will be known and honored among the nations. Everyone will realize that they are a people the LORD has blessed." NLT

1 Israel's sufferings, ostracism, despising and death have been occasioned by their identification with Israel and the God of Israel. God will repay and reward them for their sufferings and fulfil an everlasting covenant with them.

2 Their descendants will be highly honoured among the nations.
(V9)

YOUR SAVIOUR IS COMING

Isaiah 62:10-12

10 Go out! Prepare the highway for my people to return! Smooth out the road; pull out the boulders; raise a flag for all the nations to see.

11 The LORD has sent this message to every land: "Tell the people of Israel, 'Look, your Savior is coming. See, he brings his reward with him as he comes.' "

12 They will be called the Holy People and the People Redeemed by the LORD. And Jerusalem will be known as the Desirable Place and the City No Longer Forsaken. NLT

1 A national flag will be raised for all nations to see. (V10)

2 The Saviour will come bringing His reward with Him. (V11)

3 The Jews will be called a holy people. (V12)

4 Jerusalem will be a desirable place, no longer forsaken. (V12)

FROM THE VALLEY OF ACHOR TO A DOOR OF HOPE

Isaiah 65:9-10

9 I will preserve a remnant of the people of Israel and of Judah to possess my land. Those I choose will inherit it and serve me there.

10 For my people who have searched for me, the plain of Sharon will again be filled with flocks, and the valley of Achor will be a place to pasture herds. NLT

1 Jews will be released from the valley of Achor (Trouble)
(V10)

2 They will enter the door of hope (Tikvah) (Isaiah 35:2)

3 They will serve the Lord. (V9)

4 They will be fruitful and prosperous, filled with flocks (V10)

THE RIGHTEOUS BRANCH WILL RULE THE NATIONS

Jeremiah 23:5-8

5 "For the time is coming," says the LORD, "when I will place a righteous Branch on King David's throne. (Isa 11:1, Jer 23:5, Zech 3:8, 6:12) He will be a King who rules with wisdom. He will do what is just and right throughout the land.

6 And this is his name: 'The LORD Is Our Righteousness.' In that day Judah will be saved, and Israel will live in safety.

7 "In that day," says the LORD, "when people are taking an oath, they will no longer say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who rescued the people of Israel from the land of Egypt.'

8 Instead, they will say, 'As surely as the LORD lives, who brought the people of Israel back to their own land from the land of the north and from all the countries to which he had exiled them.' Then they will live in their own land." NLT

1 God will establish Messiah, The Branch on the throne of David. (V5)

2 He will rule the nations with divine wisdom. (V5)

- 3 Israel will live in the safety of God's protection. (V6).
- 4 A new Passover memorial to celebrate!

JERUSALEM THE THRONE OF THE LORD

Jeremiah 3:17-18

17 In that day Jerusalem will be known as The Throne of the LORD. All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires.

18 In those days the people of Judah and Israel will return together from exile in the north. They will return to the land I gave their ancestors as an inheritance forever. NLT

- 1 All nations will come to honour the Lord on His throne at Jerusalem.
- 2 They will no longer follow their stubborn ways.

Jeremiah 30:10-11

10 "So do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel, says the LORD. For I will bring you home again from distant lands, and your children will return from their exile. Israel will return and will have peace and quiet in their own land and no one will make them afraid.

11 For I am with you and will save you, says the LORD. I will completely destroy the nations where I have scattered you, but I will not destroy you. But I must discipline you; I cannot let you go unpunished. NLT

- 1 Israel should neither fear nor be dismayed. (V10)
- 2 God was with the scattered (Diaspora) tribes of Israel. (V11)
- 3 God will judge the nations that mistreated Israel's refugees. (V11)

HEALING FOR YOUR WOUNDS

Jer 30:17 I'll restore your health and heal your wounds," declares the LORD. "People call you an outcast: Zion, no one cares for you.

18 "This is what the LORD says: I'm going to bring the captives back to Jacob's tents and show compassion on their homes. Cities will be built on the ruins, and fortified palaces will be built in their rightful place.

19 The people who live there will sing songs of praise, and the sound of laughter will be heard from there. I'll make them numerous, and their number won't decrease. I'll bring them honor, and they won't be considered unimportant.

20 Their children will be like they were long ago. Their community will be established in my presence, and I will punish everyone who oppresses them.

21 Their leader will be someone from their own people. Their ruler will come from among them. I'll bring him near, and he will come close to me. Who would dare to come near me?" asks the LORD.

22 You will be my people, and I will be your God.

1 God will heal the wounds of formerly outcast Israeli's (17).

2 God will bring outcasts back to (the place of) Jacob's tents (V18).

3 Cities will be rebuilt over ruins (V18).

4 A dramatic increase in population will occur (V19).

5 Israel's leader will come from their own people (V21).

6 Israel will be God's people and He their God (V22).

THE GOD OF ALL ISRAEL'S FAMILIES

Jeremiah 31:1-6

1 "In that day," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people.

ALL the families of Israel mourned and wept for the Messiah when He appeared to them. (Zechariah 12:11)

2 I will care for the survivors as they travel through the wilderness. I will again come to give rest to the people of Israel."

3 Long ago the LORD said to Israel: "I have loved you, my people, with an everlasting love. With unfailing love I have drawn you to myself.

God's love for Israel is an everlasting, never ending, love.

4 I will rebuild you, my virgin Israel. You will again be happy and dance merrily with tambourines.

5 Again you will plant your vineyards on the mountains of Samaria and eat from your own gardens there.

They will plant fruitful vineyards in Samaria. (On the West Bank!)

6 The day will come when watchmen will shout from the hill country of Ephraim, 'Come, let us go up to Jerusalem to worship the LORD our God.' "

They will answer the call to worship Jehovah in Jerusalem.

7 Now this is what the LORD says: "Sing with joy for Israel! Shout for the greatest of nations! Shout out with praise and joy: 'Save your people, the remnant of Israel!'

8 For I will bring them from the north and from the distant corners of the earth. I will not forget the blind and lame, the expectant mothers and women about to give birth. A great company will return!

9 Tears of joy will stream down their faces, and I will lead them home with great care. They will walk beside quiet streams and not stumble. For I am Israel's father, and Ephraim is my oldest

child.

10 "Listen to this message from the LORD, you nations of the world; proclaim it in distant coastlands: The LORD, who scattered his people, will gather them together and watch over them as a shepherd does his flock.

All the nations on earth will acknowledge that God has gathered His people to Israel and Jerusalem.

11 For the LORD has redeemed Israel from those too strong for them.

God has personally delivered Israel from enemies too strong for them to defeat.

12 They will come home and sing songs of joy on the heights of Jerusalem. They will be radiant because of the many gifts the LORD has given them — the good crops of wheat, wine, and oil, and the healthy flocks and herds. Their life will be like a watered garden, and all their sorrows will be gone.

Israel will be radiant and joyful with all sorrows gone.

13 The young women will dance for joy, and the men — old and young — will join in the celebration. I will turn their mourning into joy. I will comfort them and exchange their sorrow for rejoicing. NLT

ISRAEL'S GLORIOUS RESTORATION

There are also many other scriptures that clearly indicate a powerful spiritual restoration of Israel in the context of the End Times. One of these occurs in the writings of Paul to the Gentile church in Rome. He likens Israel's restoration to an dramatic resurrection from the dead. A whole nation will at one time be raised from the grave of an enhanced religious system to be eternally energized by the Spirit of the living God.

Romans 11:12-15

*12 Now if their fall is riches for the world, and their failure riches for the Gentiles, **how much more (will their) their fullness (pleroma)***

13 For I speak to you Gentiles; inasmuch as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry,

14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy those who are my flesh and save some of them.

*15 For if their being cast away is the reconciling of the world, **what will their acceptance be but life from the dead?** NKJV (Emphasis added).*

Paul refers to the “fullness” of Israel. The word translated fullness is **pleroma** which Paul uses in several other places. He also intimates that one of God given tasks of the Gentiles is to provoke the Jews to jealousy to the extent that they would desire a unity with the Gentiles in the Messiah. (V 14) This is a task which the Gentiles have so far dismally failed to address or achieve.

Ephesians 1:10 states that in the *pleroma* of times God would *gather together in one all things in Messiah*. This statement obviously includes Jew and Gentile being brought into unity in Messiah as in Ephesians 2:15.

Ephesians 4:13

13 till we all (Jew and Gentile) come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the

*measure of the stature of the **fullness (pleroma) of Messiah;**
NKJV*

Ephesians 4:13 refers to a (prophetic) time when the Body of Messiah comes together in the unity of the Faith which equates to ***the measure of the stature of the fullness of Messiah***. This will be the prophetic moment when Jew and Gentile combine to manifest the One New Man. In the consistent context of Ephesians, Paul emphasizes that through the death of Messiah, God has broken down forever the wall that separated Jew from Gentile and has caused them to be one. Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, does not want any of the Gentiles to be ignorant of this mystery, i.e. that Jew and Gentile have been reconciled to each other through the death of Messiah.

Ephesians 2:15-18

15 By his death he ended the whole system of Jewish law that excluded the Gentiles. His purpose was to make peace between Jews and Gentiles by creating in himself one new person from the two groups.

16 Together as one body, Messiah reconciled both groups to God by means of his death, and our hostility toward each other was put to death.

17 He has brought this Good News of peace to you Gentiles who were far away from him, and to us Jews who were near.

18 Now all of us, both Jews and Gentiles, may come to the Father through the same Holy Spirit because of what Messiah has done for us. NLT

Paul also wants the Gentiles to understand another mystery, that the spiritual blindness of Israel is both partial and it is temporary. Their blindness and hardness of heart will be

instantly healed when the Deliverer turns Israel from all ungodliness, and keeps His covenant promise to take away all their sins.

Romans 11:25-27

*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 **fullness (pleroma) 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. KJV

There are numerous other Biblical passages concerning Israel's future that do not seem to fit into either the present era, nor into the Millennium. There are many passages of prophetic scripture that foretell amazing things that God will accomplish for Israel to redeem the honor of His Name. None of these scriptures have any specific intimation that they will not happen until the Millennium. Do these passages suggest that there may be a period of time in God's prophetic purpose that is largely unaccounted for in the popular End Times scenarios? Is it an era which is better than the present one, but not as good as the ultimate one? Is it a hiatus in time when Israel will experience and manifest the glorious blessings that God has reserved for His ancient covenant people? And could that time be the same period that Zechariah 12:10 predicts which will immediately follow the amazing victory that the Messiah achieves for Israel? Too many Messiahian theologians and commentators have been too hasty to ascribe all positive promises of blessing and glory

upon Israel to the Millennial period. Many such scriptures do not fit well into the Millennial period. Several of them mention “ruling the nations with a rod of iron” etc and God destroying nations, which may not suggest that they happen in the atmosphere of peace achieved by the Millennial reign of Messiah. These passages probably indicate some future period between the present time and the ultimate eternal purpose, when Israel and the Church will be blessed in a far greater measure than is presently the case, but is yet still far short of what God has promised will ultimately happen.

All too frequently Israel’s future has been painted in dark sombre colours of tragedy and grief. Too many Messianic commentators have assumed that God’s intended glorious future for Israel has been completely cancelled out because the whole nation did not embrace Jesus as the Jewish Messiah. The reality however is very different. The Bible portrays a glorious future of hope for Israel that will definitely occur, not because Israel is somehow deserving of it, but because God intends to demonstrate the limitless extent of His grace, mercy and faithfulness through His treatment of Israel.

Jeremiah 31:17-20

17 There is hope*(Tikvah) for your future," says the LORD. "Your children will come again to their own land.

18 I have heard Israel saying, 'You disciplined me severely, but I deserved it. I was like a calf that needed to be trained for the yoke and plow. Turn me again to you and restore me, for you alone are the LORD my God.

19 I turned away from God, but then I was sorry. I kicked myself for my stupidity! I was thoroughly ashamed of all I did in my younger days.'

*20 "Is not Israel still my son, my darling child?" asks the LORD.
"I had to punish him, but I still love him. I long for him and
surely will have mercy on him. NLT*

The hope that God predicts for Israel is expressed in the Hebrew word *tikvah** which basically means, "The hopeful expectation of the thing that I long for." Throughout the long years of Israel's scattering in the Diaspora, God's chosen people have been severely disciplined. However, those years of discipline are almost over now and God is about to restore Israel to the experience of His favour. The long years of Israel's difficult history have all constituted a training program for Israel. God has been preparing them for the years when they, with their king David and the Messiah, will rule and reign from Jerusalem.

Jeremiah 24:6-7

6 I have sent them into captivity for their own good. I will see that they are well treated, and I will bring them back here again. I will build them up and not tear them down. I will plant them and not uproot them.

7 I will give them hearts that will recognize me as the LORD. They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me wholeheartedly. NLT

The hope (Jeremiah 31:17) which has sustained Israel throughout her tempestuous history is expressed in the current national anthem of Israel aptly named Ha Tikvah – "The Hope."

THE FULFILMENT OF THE YEARNING

Jeremiah 32:41-42

41 I will rejoice in doing good to them and will faithfully and wholeheartedly replant them in this land.

42 Just as I have sent all these calamities upon them, so I will do all the good I have promised them. I, the LORD, have spoken! NLT

Jehovah's expectation for Israel's future is obviously very positive and good. He predicts that He will rejoice to do Israel good as He faithfully and wholeheartedly replants them in their land. God has certainly not brought the Jewish people back to their land to see them decimated or destroyed. He has brought them back with one purpose in mind, to do them good and to vindicate the honor of His Name. As certain as curses and calamities have historically overtaken Israel, so it is also absolutely certain that the blessings of God will finally come upon them. My desire and purpose is to bring to your attention some of the prophetic passages that predict glorious things predicted upon Israel. Most commentators have pushed these promises into the distant Millennial future but please consider the very real possibility that just as many of God's prophecies have been fulfilled since 1948, many more breathtaking prophecies will be fulfilled in the very near future after the Messiah reveals Himself afresh to Israel as in Zechariah 12:10.

ISRAEL'S RESTORATION PREDICTED IN DEUTERONOMY

Deuteronomy 30:1-10

This scripture passage predicts the restoration of Israel to Jehovah. It will be a brand new era in the life of the whole nation who will obey Him with all their heart, mind and soul. The promises contained in it were given to Israel immediately prior to their entry into their Promised Land. I believe they are

also very relevant to Israel now as God prepares to bring Israel into their predicted restoration and new beginning.

Some Results of Israel's Restoration In Deuteronomy 30

- Regathering from the Diaspora. Deut 30:3-5
- Judgment upon her enemies. Verse 7
- Whole hearted love for God. Verse 6
- Whole hearted obedience to God. Verse 2
- The restoration to their ancient homeland with restored fortunes. Verse 3-5
- Success and prosperity. Verse 9
- Curses on those who have cursed Israel. V7

Jeremiah confirms this restoration in glowing terminology. He portrays for Israel redemption, joyful singing and dancing, prosperity, radiance, rejoicing, and a future that will be “like a well watered garden.” This might suggest a restoration of an Edenic kind of shalom. Jeremiah makes several wonderful predictions concerning Israel's future e.g.

Jeremiah 3:17-18

17 In that day Jerusalem will be known as The Throne of the LORD. All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires.

18 In those days the people of Judah and Israel will return

together from exile in the north. They will return to the land I gave their ancestors as an inheritance forever. NLT

Jeremiah 3:22-23

22 "Yes, we will come," the people reply, "for you are the LORD our God.

23 Our worship of idols and our religious orgies on the hills and mountains are completely false. Only in the LORD our God will Israel ever find salvation.NLT

Jeremiah 31:10-14

10 "Listen to this message from the LORD, you nations of the world; proclaim it in distant coastlands: The LORD, who scattered his people, will gather them together and watch over them as a shepherd does his flock.

11 For the LORD has redeemed Israel from those too strong for them.

*12 They will come home and sing songs of joy on the heights of Jerusalem. They will be radiant because of the many gifts the LORD has given them - the good crops of wheat, wine, and oil, and the healthy flocks and herds. **Their life will be like a watered garden, and all their sorrows will be gone.***

13 The young women will dance for joy, and the men - old and young - will join in the celebration. I will turn their mourning into joy. I will comfort them and exchange their sorrow for rejoicing.

*14 I will supply the priests with an abundance of offerings. I will satisfy my people with my bounty. I, the LORD, have spoken!"
NLT*

Zechariah 8:1-5

*1 Then another message came to me from the LORD Almighty:
2 "This is what the LORD Almighty says: My love for Mount Zion is passionate and strong; I am consumed with passion for Jerusalem!*

3 And now the LORD says: I am returning to Mount Zion, and I will live in Jerusalem. Then Jerusalem will be called the Faithful City; the mountain of the LORD Almighty will be called the Holy Mountain.

4 This is what the LORD Almighty says: Once again old men and women will walk Jerusalem's streets with a cane and sit together in the city squares.

5 And the streets of the city will be filled with boys and girls at play. NLT

God is filled with passionate strong love for Mount Zion in Jerusalem where He will make His abode. It is the LORD Almighty, - El Shaddai who makes this positive declaration.

Jeremiah 30:10-11

10 "So do not be afraid, Jacob, my servant; do not be dismayed, Israel, says the LORD. For I will bring you home again from distant lands, and your children will return from their exile. Israel will return and will have peace and quiet in their own land, and no one will make them afraid.

11 For I am with you and will save you, says the LORD. I will completely destroy the nations where I have scattered you, but I will not destroy you. But I must discipline you; I cannot let you go unpunished. NLT

In verse 11, the Hebrew word for save is **Yasha** (H3467) meaning to open wide to free and succour. It is a very potent word having the connotations of rescue, deliver, avenge, defend,

help, preserve, make safe. i.e To bring (having) salvation, save (-iour), get victory. All of these implications are exceedingly positive for Israel's future well being (Strong's Bible Dictionary).

Isaiah 30:27-30

27 Look! The LORD is coming from far away, burning with anger, surrounded by a thick, rising smoke. His lips are filled with fury; his words consume like fire.

28 His anger pours out like a flood on his enemies, sweeping them all away. He will sift out the proud nations. He will bridle them and lead them off to their destruction.

29 But the people of God will sing a song of joy, like the songs at the holy festivals. You will be filled with joy, as when a flutist leads a group of pilgrims to Jerusalem - the mountain of the LORD - to the Rock of Israel. NLT

In verses 27-28 Jehovah will appear seeking vengeance for Israel with burning anger and words that consume like a blazing fire. His anger is poured forth on His enemies as He leads them to destruction. At the same time period, the people of God (Israel) will sing a song of joy as at the (ancient) holy festivals when a flautist would lead groups of pilgrims to Jerusalem, to the mountain of the LORD,- to "the Rock of Israel."

The Apostle Paul refers to the rock from which the Israelites drank in the wilderness and he tells us that amazingly that rock was Messiah. Does Isaiah predict that once again Israel will come with music and singing to the mountain of the LORD, even the Rock of Israel?

1 Corinthians 10:3-5

3 And all of them ate the same miraculous food, 4 and all of them drank the same miraculous water. For they all drank from the miraculous rock that traveled with them, and that rock was Messiah. NLT

Ezekiel 36:28-38

*28 "And you will live in Israel, the land I gave your ancestors long ago. You will be my people, and I will be your God.
29 I will cleanse you of your filthy behavior. I will give you good crops, and I will abolish famine in the land.
30 I will give you great harvests from your fruit trees and fields, and never again will the surrounding nations be able to scoff at your land for its famines.
31 Then you will remember your past sins and hate yourselves for all the evil things you did.
32 But remember, says the Sovereign LORD, I am not doing this because you deserve it. O my people of Israel, you should be utterly ashamed of all you have done!*

*33 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When I cleanse you from your sins, I will bring people to live in your cities, and the ruins will be rebuilt.
34 The fields that used to lie empty and desolate - a shock to all who passed by - will again be farmed.
35 And when I bring you back, people will say, 'This godforsaken land is now like Eden's garden! The ruined cities now have strong walls, and they are filled with people!'
36 Then the nations all around - all those still left - will know that I, the LORD, rebuilt the ruins and planted lush crops in the wilderness. For I, the LORD, have promised this, and I will do it.*

37 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: I am ready to hear Israel's prayers for these blessings, and I am ready to grant them their requests.

38 I will multiply them like the sacred flocks that fill Jerusalem's streets at the time of her festivals. The ruined cities will be crowded with people once more, and everyone will know that I am the LORD." NLT

Jeremiah 33:16-18

16 In that day Judah will be saved, and Jerusalem will live in safety. And their motto will be 'The LORD (Jehovah) is our righteousness!'

17 For this is what the LORD says: David will forever have a descendant sitting on the throne of Israel.

18 And there will always be Levitical priests to offer burnt offerings and grain offerings and sacrifices to me." NLT

The following passage of scripture tells of two kings that will reign from the throne of David. The first portion (Verses 21-25) refers to David the King who will reign over Israel. The second sequence (26-28) refers to the Messiah King, who will rule over all the nations on earth.

KING DAVID'S REIGN OVER ISRAEL

Ezekiel 37:21-25

21 And give them this message from the Sovereign LORD: I will gather the people of Israel from among the nations. I will bring them home to their own land from the places where they have been scattered.

22 I will unify them into one nation in the land. One king will rule them all; no longer will they be divided into two nations.

23 They will stop polluting themselves with their detestable idols and other sins, for I will save them from their sinful backsliding. I will cleanse them. Then they will truly be my people, and I will be their God.

24 "My servant David will be their king, and they will have only one shepherd. They will obey my regulations and keep my laws.

*25 They will live in the land of Israel where their ancestors lived, the land I gave my servant Jacob. They and their children and their grandchildren after them will live there forever, generation after generation. **And my servant David will be their prince forever.** NLT*

Amos 9:11-12

11 "In that day I will restore the fallen kingdom of David. It is now like a house in ruins, but I will rebuild its walls and restore its former glory.

12 And Israel will possess what is left of Edom and all the nations I have called to be mine. I, the LORD, have spoken, and I will do these things. NLT

Isaiah 16:5 then David's throne will be established by love. From that throne a faithful king will reign, one who always does what is just and right. NLT

In various prophetic scriptures David is called a King, (Ezekiel 37:24) but he is also called a Prince, (Ezekiel 37:25). He will be the King over Israel and a Prince over the nations under the King Messiah. Initially King David will rule over the twelve tribes of Israel from his throne in Jerusalem. Later, following His Second advent, the Messiah will reign over all the nations that remain on earth. David will be His Prince and Vice Regent.

THE MESSIAH'S REIGN OVER ALL NATIONS

Ezekiel 36:26 And I will make a covenant of peace with them, an everlasting covenant. I will give them their land and multiply them, and I will put my Temple among them forever.

27 I will make my home among them. I will be their God, and they will be my people.

28 And since my Temple will remain among them forever, the nations will know that I, the LORD, have set Israel apart for myself to be holy." NLT

Isaiah 9:6-7

6 For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. And the government will rest on his shoulders. These will be his royal titles: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

7 His ever expanding, peaceful government will never end. He will rule forever with fairness and justice from the throne of his ancestor David. The passionate commitment of the LORD Almighty will guarantee this! NLT

Jeremiah 3:17-18

17 In that day Jerusalem will be known as The Throne of the LORD. All nations will come there to honor the LORD. They will no longer stubbornly follow their own evil desires.

18 In those days the people of Judah and Israel will return together from exile in the north. They will return to the land I gave their ancestors as an inheritance forever. NLT

(See Jeremiah 3:17,18, 23:5-6, Ezekiel 37:26-28. NLT)

GOD PROMISES TO ISRAEL:

- An eternal covenant of peace.
- The original Promised Land of expanded Israel.
- A multiplication of the population.
- A temple in their midst.
- God will dwell among them.
- He will be their God and they shall be His people.
- All the nations will recognize that Israel is God's holy nation.

Amos 9:13-15

14 I will bring my exiled people of Israel back from distant lands, and they will rebuild their ruined cities and live in them again. They will plant vineyards and gardens; they will eat their crops and drink their wine.

15 I will firmly plant them there in the land I have given them," says the LORD your God. "Then they will never be uprooted again." NLT

- Exiles will return to Israel from distant lands.
- They will re-build (ancient) ruined cities.

- ~~€€€€€€€€~~They will plant, harvest and enjoy vineyards and gardens.
- ~~€€€€€€€€~~They will never be uprooted from Israel again.

Zechariah 10:9-10

9 "I will sow them among the peoples, And they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, And they shall return.

10 I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, And gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, Until no more room is found for them.
NKJV

GOD'S CONCERN FOR HIS HOLY NAME

Everything that God accomplishes for Israel will rebound to the honor of His sacred Name.

Ezekiel 36:21-24

21 Then I was concerned for my holy name, which had been dishonored by my people throughout the world.

22 "Therefore, give the people of Israel this message from the Sovereign LORD: I am bringing you back again but not because you deserve it. I am doing it to protect my holy name, which you dishonored while you were scattered among the nations.

23 I will show how holy my great name is - the name you dishonored among the nations. And when I reveal my holiness through you before their very eyes, says the Sovereign LORD, then the nations will know that I am the LORD.

24 For I will gather you up from all the nations and bring you home again to your land. NLT (See Ezekiel 20:9, Ezekiel 36:32, Isaiah 43:25, Ezekiel 20:14.NLT)

ISRAEL, - A SWEET AROMA TO GOD

As the Levitical priesthood offered among their many sacrifices a sweet incense to the LORD, so Israel, as a newly sanctified nation, will become a sweet aroma in the nostrils of the LORD.

Ezekiel 20:41-44

41 I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles.

42 Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.

43 And there you shall remember your ways and all your doings with which you were defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you have committed.

44 Then you shall know that I am the LORD, when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel," says the Lord GOD.'" NKJV

MORE PROSPEROUS THAN THEIR ANCESTORS

Deuteronomy 30:1-5

*1 "Suppose all these things happen to you - the blessings and the curses I have listed - and you meditate on them as you are living among the nations to which the LORD your God has exiled you.
2 If at that time you return to the LORD your God, and you and your children begin wholeheartedly to obey all the commands I have given you today,
3 then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes. He will have mercy on you and gather you back from all the nations where he has scattered you.
4 Though you are at the ends of the earth, the LORD your God will go and find you and bring you back again.
5 He will return you to the land that belonged to your ancestors, and you will possess that land again. **He will make you even more prosperous and numerous than your ancestors!** NLT*

Under the reign of King Solomon the nation enjoyed enormous wealth and prosperity but when King David is restored to his throne Israel will inherit greater wealth and prosperity than ever before.

King Solomon's reign was not only a time of great material prosperity and amazing wealth, it was also a renaissance of intellectual activity particularly in the arts and sciences. The fame of Solomon's brilliant wisdom spread far and wide throughout the world. Among his great admirers was the queen of Sheba who visited Solomon in Jerusalem to imbibe his wisdom and knowledge. She was filled with amazement by all she saw and heard: "there was no more spirit in her." After an interchange of presents she returned to her native land.

KINGS AND RULERS WILL SERVE ISRAEL

Isaiah 49:22-23

22 This is what the Sovereign LORD says: "See, I will give a signal to the godless nations. They will carry your little sons back to you in their arms; they will bring your daughters on their shoulders.

*23 **Kings and queens will serve you.** They will care for all your needs. They will bow to the earth before you and lick the dust from your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD. Those who wait for me will never be put to shame." NLT*

(See Isaiah 60:10-13, Isaiah 60:14-18. NLT)

MIRACLES MIGHTIER THAN THE EXODUS

Micah 7:14-20

14 O LORD, come and rule your people; lead your flock in green pastures. Help them to live in peace and prosperity. Let them enjoy the fertile pastures of Bashan and Gilead as they did long ago.

15 "Yes," says the LORD, "I will do mighty miracles for you, like those I did when I rescued you from slavery in Egypt."

16 All the nations of the world will stand amazed at what the LORD will do for you. They will be embarrassed that their power is so insignificant. They will stand in silent awe, deaf to everything around them.

17 They will come to realize what lowly creatures they really are. Like snakes crawling from their holes, they will come out to meet the LORD our God. They will fear him greatly, trembling in terror at his presence.

GOD'S GRACE, MERCY AND COMPASSION ON ISRAEL

The response of Israel towards God will be encouraged and occasioned by the Spirit (Ruach) of grace that He pours upon them.

Isaiah 14:1-2

1 But the LORD will have mercy on the descendants of Jacob. Israel will be his special people once again. He will bring them back to settle once again in their own land. And people from many different nations will come and join them there and become a part of the people of Israel.

2 The nations of the world will help the LORD's people to return, and those who come to live in their land will serve them. Those who captured Israel will be captured, and Israel will rule over its enemies. NLT

UPROOTING EVIL NATIONS

Jeremiah 12:14-17

14 Now this is what the LORD says: "As for all the evil nations reaching out for the inheritance I gave my people Israel, I will uproot them from their lands just as Judah will be uprooted from hers.

15 But afterward I will return and have compassion on all of them. I will bring them home to their own lands again, each nation to its own inheritance.

16 And if these nations quickly learn the ways of my people, and if they learn to swear by my name, saying, 'As surely as the LORD lives' (just as they taught my people to swear by the name of Baal), then they will be given a place among my people.

17 But any nation who refuses to obey me will be uprooted and destroyed. I, the LORD, have spoken!" NLT

Micah 4:11-12

*11 True, many nations have gathered together against you, calling for your blood, eager to gloat over your destruction.
12 But they do not know the LORD's thoughts or understand his plan. These nations don't know that he is gathering them together to be beaten and trampled like bundles of grain on a threshing floor. NLT*

THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF ISRAEL

God will gather His sheep together in their ancient homeland and demonstrate His great Shepherd heart for all the world to see.

Jeremiah 31:10-11

*10 "Listen to this message from the LORD, you nations of the world; proclaim it in distant coastlands: The LORD, who scattered his people, will gather them together and watch over them as a shepherd does his flock.
11 For the LORD has redeemed Israel from those too strong for them. NLT (See Ezekiel 34:11-16, Ezekiel 34:23-24. NLT)*

JERUSALEM -A CITY OF REFUGE

As the cities of refuge were built to provide shelter and safety for those guilty of manslaughter, so Jerusalem will provide a refuge for all who seek solace and safety.

Obadiah 17-21

17 "But Jerusalem will become a refuge for those who escape; it will be a holy place. And the people of Israel will come back to reclaim their inheritance.

18 At that time Israel will be a raging fire, and Edom, a field of dry stubble. The fire will roar across the field, devouring everything and leaving no survivors in Edom. I, the LORD, have spoken!

19 "Then my people living in the Negev will occupy the mountains of Edom. Those living in the foothills of Judah will possess the Philistine plains and take over the fields of Ephraim and Samaria. And the people of Benjamin will occupy the land of Gilead.

20 The exiles of Israel will return to their land and occupy the Phoenician coast as far north as Zarephath. The captives from Jerusalem exiled in the north will return to their homeland and resettle the villages of the Negev.

21 Deliverers will go up to Mount Zion in Jerusalem to rule over the mountains of Edom. And the LORD himself will be king!" NLT

THE RADIANT CITY (Contemporary English Version)

Isaiah 60:1 Jerusalem, stand up! Shine! Your new day is dawning. The glory of the LORD shines brightly on you.

2 The earth and its people are covered with darkness, but the glory of the LORD is shining upon you

3 All nations will come to your light. Mighty kings will come to see your radiance. (See Isaiah 60:12, Isaiah 60:16-17, Isaiah 54:1-3)

GODLY LEADERSHIP RESTORED

Although the modern State of Israel has been blessed with some of the most remarkable leaders of the current era it has also had its share of corruption and deceit amongst its leadership. In this new era into which God is going to bring the nation they will have good and Godly leaders again.

Isaiah 1:25-26

26 Afterward I will give you good judges and wise counselors like the ones you used to have. Then Jerusalem will again be called the Home of Justice and the Faithful City." NLT

Jeremiah 30:21-22

21 They will have their own ruler again, and he will not be a foreigner. I will invite him to approach me, says the LORD, for who would dare to come unless invited?

22 You will be my people, and I will be your God." NLT

(See Obadiah 21, Jeremiah 23:2-4, Jeremiah 3:15-18. NLT)

PEACE AND SAFETY REIGNS

Micah 4:4-8

4 Everyone will live quietly in their own homes in peace and prosperity, for there will be nothing to fear. The LORD Almighty has promised this!

5 Even though the nations around us worship idols, we will follow the LORD our God forever and ever.

6 "In that coming day," says the LORD, "I will gather together my people who are lame, who have been exiles, filled with grief.

7 They are weak and far from home, but I will make them strong

again, a mighty nation. Then I, the LORD, will rule from Jerusalem as their king forever."

8 As for you, O Jerusalem, the citadel of God's people, your royal might and power will come back to you again. The kingship will be restored to my precious Jerusalem. NLT

(See Isaiah 51:3, Isaiah 55:10-13, Joel 3:18-19, Isaiah 4:2, Isaiah 51:11, Isaiah 29:17, Isaiah 30:23-26, Hosea 2:21-23, Joel 2:27, Joel 3:18, Amos 9:13-15. NLT)

BEAUTY FOR ASHES, - JOY FOR MOURNING

Isaiah 61:3

3 To all who mourn in Israel, he will give beauty for ashes, joy instead of mourning, praise instead of despair. For the LORD has planted them like strong and graceful oaks for his own glory. NLT

Jeremiah 31:16-20

16 But now the LORD says, "Do not weep any longer, for I will reward you. Your children will come back to you from the distant land of the enemy.

17 There is hope for your future," says the LORD. "Your children will come again to their own land.

18 I have heard Israel saying, 'You disciplined me severely, but I deserved it. I was like a calf that needed to be trained for the yoke and plow. Turn me again to you and restore me, for you alone are the LORD my God.

19 I turned away from God, but then I was sorry. I kicked myself for my stupidity! I was thoroughly ashamed of all I did in my younger days.'

20 "Is not Israel still my son, my darling child?" asks the LORD. "I had to punish him, but I still love him. I long for him and surely will have mercy on him. NLT

RIGHTEOUS AND JOYFUL CITIZENS *Isaiah 60:21-22*

21 All your people will be righteous. They will possess their land forever, for I will plant them there with my own hands in order to bring myself glory.

22 The smallest family will multiply into a large clan. The tiniest group will become a mighty nation. I, the LORD, will bring it all to pass at the right time." NLT

(See Jeremiah 31:13-14, Isaiah 33:24, Jeremiah 30:21-24. NLT)

INCREASED POPULATION

Ezekiel 36:33-36

33 "This is what the Sovereign LORD says: When I cleanse you from your sins, I will bring people to live in your cities, and the ruins will be rebuilt.

34 The fields that used to lie empty and desolate - a shock to all who passed by - will again be farmed.

35 And when I bring you back, people will say, 'This godforsaken land is now like Eden's garden! The ruined cities now have strong walls, and they are filled with people!'

36 Then the nations all around - all those still left - will know that I, the LORD, rebuilt the ruins and planted lush crops in the wilderness. For I, the LORD, have promised this, and I will do it. NLT (See Micah 4:6-12, Isaiah 66:21-23. NLT)

A WORLDWIDE OUTPOURING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Joel 2:28-29

28 "Then after I have poured out my rains again, I will pour out my Spirit upon all people. Your sons and daughters will prophesy. Your old men will dream dreams. Your young men will see visions.

29 In those days, I will pour out my Spirit even on servants, men and women alike. NLT

Immediately following the restoration of Israel as previously detailed, God will then pour out copiously of His Spirit upon ALL flesh which will cause the greatest ever spiritual harvest. The harvest will be reaped by the One New Man comprised of Jewish Messianic believers and Gentile believers many of whom will have come to faith in Yeshua from all false religions and particularly from Islam because God has a special affinity to the seed of Abraham through Ishmael as well as through Isaac.