

## RETURN FROM EXILE

- At the same time that the prophets judged and condemned Israel and then Judah into exile, they also prophesied that God would bring them both back into the promised land.

**Hosea 1:**<sup>8</sup>When she had weaned No Mercy, she conceived and bore a son. <sup>9</sup>And the Lord said, "Call his name Not My People, for you are not my people, and I am not your God."

<sup>10</sup> Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered. And in the place where it was said to them, "You are not my people," it shall be said to them, "Children of the living God." <sup>11</sup> And the children of Judah and the children of Israel shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint for themselves one head. And they shall go up from the land, for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

**Hosea 3:**<sup>1</sup> And the Lord said to me, "Go again, love a woman who is loved by another man and is an adulteress, even as the Lord loves the children of Israel, though they turn to other gods and love cakes of raisins." <sup>2</sup> So I bought her for fifteen shekels of silver and a homer and a lethech of barley. <sup>3</sup> And I said to her, "You must dwell as mine for many days. You shall not play the whore, or belong to another man; so will I also be to you." <sup>4</sup> For the children of Israel shall dwell many days without king or prince, without sacrifice or pillar, without ephod or household gods. <sup>5</sup> Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

**Deuteronomy 30:**<sup>1</sup> "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup> and return to the Lord your God, you and your children, and obey his voice in all that I command you today, with all your heart and with all your soul, <sup>3</sup> then the Lord your God will restore your fortunes and have mercy on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the Lord your God has scattered you. <sup>4</sup> If your outcasts are in the uttermost parts of heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there he will take you. <sup>5</sup> And the Lord your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed, that you may possess



it. And he will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers. <sup>6</sup> And the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.

**Jeremiah 30:1** This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup> "This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: 'Write in a book all the words I have spoken to you. <sup>3</sup> The days are coming,' declares the Lord, 'when I will bring my people Israel and Judah back from captivity and restore them to the land I gave their ancestors to possess,' says the Lord."

**Jeremiah 31:1** "At that time," declares the Lord, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they will be my people."

<sup>2</sup> This is what the Lord says:

"The people who survive the sword  
will find favor in the wilderness;  
I will come to give rest to Israel."

<sup>3</sup> The Lord appeared to us in the past, saying:

"I have loved you with an everlasting love;  
I have drawn you with unfailing kindness.

<sup>4</sup> I will build you up again,  
and you, Virgin Israel, will be rebuilt.

Again you will take up your timbrels  
and go out to dance with the joyful.

<sup>5</sup> Again you will plant vineyards  
on the hills of Samaria;  
the farmers will plant them  
and enjoy their fruit.

<sup>6</sup> There will be a day when watchmen cry out  
on the hills of Ephraim,



'Come, let us go up to Zion,  
to the Lord our God.'"

**Jeremiah 32:** <sup>36</sup> "Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence': <sup>37</sup> Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. <sup>38</sup> And they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

**Ezekiel 34:** <sup>11</sup> "For thus says the Lord God: Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out. <sup>12</sup> As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his sheep that have been scattered, so will I seek out my sheep, and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. <sup>13</sup> And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land. And I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the country. <sup>14</sup> I will feed them with good pasture, and on the mountain heights of Israel shall be their grazing land. There they shall lie down in good grazing land, and on rich pasture they shall feed on the mountains of Israel.

**Ezekiel 36:** <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land.

- Israel and Judah will be re-united as one nation.

**Ezekiel 37:** <sup>15</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>16</sup> "Son of man, take a stick and write on it, 'For Judah, and the people of Israel associated with him'; then take another stick and write on it, 'For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with him.' <sup>17</sup> And join them one to another into one stick, that they may become one in your hand. <sup>18</sup> And when your people



say to you, 'Will you not tell us what you mean by these?' <sup>19</sup> say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I am about to take the stick of Joseph (that is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with him. And I will join with it the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, that they may be one in my hand. <sup>20</sup> When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, <sup>21</sup> then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: Behold, I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from all around, and bring them to their own land. <sup>22</sup> And I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel. And one king shall be king over them all, and they shall be no longer two nations, and no longer divided into two kingdoms. <sup>23</sup> They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. But I will save them from all the backslidings in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them; and they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

- They will be led by a messianic king, a son of David, who will subdue Israel's enemies.

**Isaiah 9** <sup>6</sup> For to us a child is born,  
to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.  
<sup>7</sup> Of the increase of his government and of peace  
there will be no end,  
on the throne of David and over his kingdom,  
to establish it and to uphold it  
with justice and with righteousness  
from this time forth and forevermore.  
The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.



**Isaiah 11:1** There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse,  
and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

<sup>2</sup> And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him,  
the Spirit of wisdom and understanding,  
the Spirit of counsel and might,  
the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.

<sup>3</sup> And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see,  
or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

<sup>4</sup> but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,  
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;  
and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,  
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.

<sup>5</sup> Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist,  
and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

<sup>6</sup> The wolf shall dwell with the lamb,  
and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat,  
and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together;  
and a little child shall lead them.

<sup>7</sup> The cow and the bear shall graze;  
their young shall lie down together;  
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

<sup>8</sup> The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra,  
and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den.

<sup>9</sup> They shall not hurt or destroy  
in all my holy mountain;  
for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord  
as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the  
nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.



**Jeremiah 30:**<sup>8</sup> “And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the Lord of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him. <sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the Lord their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them.

**Hosea 3:**<sup>5</sup> Afterward the children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord their God, and David their king, and they shall come in fear to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

**Ezekiel 34:**<sup>23</sup> And I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. <sup>24</sup> And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them. I am the Lord; I have spoken.

- He will not just be a king, but also a prophet and a priest.

**Zechariah 6:**<sup>12</sup> And say to him, ‘Thus says the Lord of hosts, “Behold, the man whose name is the Branch: for he shall branch out from his place, and he shall build the temple of the Lord. <sup>13</sup> It is he who shall build the temple of the Lord and shall bear royal honor, and shall sit and rule on his throne. And there shall be a priest on his throne, and the counsel of peace shall be between them both.”’

**Psalms 110:1** The Lord says to my Lord:

“Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool.”

<sup>2</sup> The Lord sends forth from Zion  
your mighty scepter.

Rule in the midst of your enemies!

<sup>3</sup> Your people will offer themselves freely  
on the day of your power,



in holy garments;  
from the womb of the morning,  
the dew of your youth will be yours.

<sup>4</sup>The Lord has sworn  
and will not change his mind,  
"You are a priest forever  
after the order of Melchizedek."

- It will include not just Israel and Judah, but also Gentile nations.

**Micah 4:1** It shall come to pass in the latter days  
that the mountain of the house of the Lord  
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,  
and it shall be lifted up above the hills;

and peoples shall flow to it,

<sup>2</sup> and many nations shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord,  
to the house of the God of Jacob,  
that he may teach us his ways  
and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go forth the law,  
and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> He shall judge between many peoples,  
and shall decide disputes for strong nations far away;

and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,  
and their spears into pruning hooks;

nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore;

<sup>4</sup> but they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree,  
and no one shall make them afraid,  
for the mouth of the Lord of hosts has spoken.



**Isaiah 11:** <sup>10</sup> In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious.

**Isaiah 42:1** Behold my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my Spirit upon him;  
he will bring forth justice to the nations.

<sup>2</sup> He will not cry aloud or lift up his voice,  
or make it heard in the street;

<sup>3</sup> a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a faintly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.

<sup>4</sup> He will not grow faint or be discouraged  
till he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his law.

<sup>5</sup> Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people on it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:

<sup>6</sup> "I am the Lord; I have called you in righteousness;  
I will take you by the hand and keep you;  
I will give you as a covenant for the people,  
a light for the nations,

<sup>7</sup> to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.

**Isaiah 49:** <sup>5</sup> And now the Lord says,  
he who formed me from the womb to be his servant,





to bring Jacob back to him;  
and that Israel might be gathered to him—  
for I am honored in the eyes of the Lord,  
and my God has become my strength—  
<sup>6</sup> he says:  
“It is too light a thing that you should be my servant  
to raise up the tribes of Jacob  
and to bring back the preserved of Israel;  
I will make you as a light for the nations,  
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

<sup>7</sup> Thus says the Lord,  
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,  
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation,  
the servant of rulers:  
“Kings shall see and arise;  
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves;  
because of the Lord, who is faithful,  
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

**Isaiah 19:** <sup>19</sup> In that day there will be an altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar to the Lord at its border. <sup>20</sup> It will be a sign and a witness to the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt. When they cry to the Lord because of oppressors, he will send them a savior and defender, and deliver them. <sup>21</sup> And the Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians will know the Lord in that day and worship with sacrifice and offering, and they will make vows to the Lord and perform them. <sup>22</sup> And the Lord will strike Egypt, striking and healing, and they will return to the Lord, and he will listen to their pleas for mercy and heal them.

<sup>23</sup> In that day there will be a highway from Egypt to Assyria, and Assyria will come into Egypt, and Egypt into Assyria, and the Egyptians will worship with the Assyrians.

<sup>24</sup> In that day Israel will be the third with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the earth,  
<sup>25</sup> whom the Lord of hosts has blessed, saying, “Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel my inheritance.”



**Jeremiah 3:**<sup>17</sup> At that time Jerusalem shall be called the throne of the Lord, and all nations shall gather to it, to the presence of the Lord in Jerusalem, and they shall no more stubbornly follow their own evil heart.

- The restored kingdom will extend beyond Canaan to the ends of the earth.

**Psalms 2:**<sup>7</sup> I will tell of the decree:

The Lord said to me, "You are my Son;  
today I have begotten you.

<sup>8</sup> Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,  
and the ends of the earth your possession.

**Zechariah 9:**<sup>9</sup> Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Behold, your king is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is he,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

<sup>10</sup> I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim  
and the war horse from Jerusalem;  
and the battle bow shall be cut off,  
and he shall speak peace to the nations;  
his rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

- It will be eternal. (How?)



**Amos 9:**<sup>11</sup> "In that day I will raise up  
the booth of David that is fallen  
and repair its breaches,  
and raise up its ruins  
and rebuild it as in the days of old,  
<sup>12</sup> that they may possess the remnant of Edom  
and all the nations who are called by my name,"  
declares the Lord who does this.

<sup>13</sup> "Behold, the days are coming," declares the Lord,  
"when the plowman shall overtake the reaper  
and the treader of grapes him who sows the seed;  
the mountains shall drip sweet wine,  
and all the hills shall flow with it.

<sup>14</sup> I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel,  
and they shall rebuild the ruined cities and inhabit them;  
they shall plant vineyards and drink their wine,  
and they shall make gardens and eat their fruit.

<sup>15</sup> I will plant them on their land,  
and they shall never again be uprooted  
out of the land that I have given them,"  
says the Lord your God.

- The Messiah king will be divine.

**Psalms 110:1** The Lord says to my Lord:

"Sit at my right hand,  
until I make your enemies your footstool."



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to us a son is given;  
and the government shall be upon his shoulder,  
and his name shall be called  
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,  
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

**Daniel 7:**<sup>13</sup> "I saw in the night visions,  
and behold, with the clouds of heaven  
there came one like a son of man,  
and he came to the Ancient of Days  
and was presented before him.  
<sup>14</sup> And to him was given dominion  
and glory and a kingdom,  
that all peoples, nations, and languages  
should serve him;  
his dominion is an everlasting dominion,  
which shall not pass away,  
and his kingdom one  
that shall not be destroyed.

- His death and suffering will secure the kingdom blessing.

**Isaiah 53:**<sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.  
<sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;



upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,  
and with his wounds we are healed.

<sup>6</sup>All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all...

<sup>10</sup>Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him;  
he has put him to grief;  
when his soul makes an offering for guilt,  
he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days;  
the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand.

<sup>11</sup>Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied;  
by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant,  
make many to be accounted righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.

<sup>12</sup>Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong,  
because he poured out his soul to death  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and makes intercession for the transgressors.

- This will occur in the “latter days.”

**Isaiah 2:2** It shall come to pass in the **latter days** that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it,

**Micah 4:1** It shall come to pass in the **latter days** that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and it shall be lifted up above the hills; and peoples shall flow to it



- The Spirit will be poured out, giving the people new hearts to turn to God.

**Ezekiel 36:**<sup>22</sup> "Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord God: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the Lord, declares the Lord God, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes. <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> **And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God. <sup>29</sup> And I will deliver you from all your uncleannesses.**

- It will be on the terms of a New Covenant.

**Hosea 2:1** Say to your brothers, "You are my people," and to your sisters, "You have received mercy."

<sup>2</sup> "Plead with your mother, plead—  
for she is not my wife,  
and I am not her husband—

...<sup>16</sup> "And in that day, declares the Lord, you will call me 'My Husband,' and no longer will you call me 'My Baal.' <sup>17</sup> For I will remove the names of the Baals from her mouth, and they shall be remembered by name no more. <sup>18</sup> And I will make for them a covenant on that day with the beasts of the field, the birds of the heavens, and the creeping things of the ground. And I will abolish the bow, the sword, and war from the land, and I will make you lie down in safety. <sup>19</sup> And I will betroth you to me forever. I will betroth you to me in righteousness and in justice, in



steadfast love and in mercy. <sup>20</sup> I will betroth you to me in faithfulness. And you shall know the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> "And in that day I will answer, declares the Lord,  
I will answer the heavens,

and they shall answer the earth,

<sup>22</sup> and the earth shall answer the grain, the wine, and the oil,  
and they shall answer Jezreel,

<sup>23</sup> and I will sow her for myself in the land.

And I will have mercy on No Mercy,

and I will say to Not My People, 'You are my people';

and he shall say, 'You are my God.'"

**Jeremiah 32:** <sup>36</sup> "Now therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning this city of which you say, 'It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by sword, by famine, and by pestilence':

<sup>37</sup> Behold, I will gather them from all the countries to which I drove them in my anger and my wrath and in great indignation. I will bring them back to this place, and I will make them dwell in safety. <sup>38</sup> And they shall be my people, and I will be their God. <sup>39</sup> I will give them one heart and one way, that they may fear me forever, for their own good and the good of their children after them.

<sup>40</sup> **I will make with them an everlasting covenant**, that I will not turn away from doing good to them. And I will put the fear of me **in their hearts, that they may not turn from me.** <sup>41</sup> I will rejoice in doing them good, and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness, with all my heart and all my soul.

**Jeremiah 31:** <sup>31</sup> "Behold, **the days are coming**, declares the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant** with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, <sup>32</sup> not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord. <sup>33</sup> For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying,

'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more."



- The temple will be changed (Ezekiel 40-48).
- It will be Mosaic (Levitical priests, sacrifices, etc)?
- Judah's return after 70 years in Babylon was only a partial fulfillment (Isaiah 45).
- The latter day return will be a fulfillment of the second Abrahamic promise, which was clouded in mystery to protect the secrecy of the Messiah's true mission – only later to be revealed and explained (1 Cor. 2:6-8).

**Romans 16:**<sup>25</sup> Now to him who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages<sup>26</sup> but has now been disclosed and through the prophetic writings has been made known to all nations, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith—<sup>27</sup> to the only wise God be glory forevermore through Jesus Christ! Amen.

