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God used Ezekiel to tell His people that, though they would be scattered among the nations (verse 19) because of their sin, He would one day gather them again to their Land (verse 24).

Ezekiel 36:19–28 JPS 1917

Ezek. 36:19 and I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries; according to their way and according to their doings I judged them.

Ezek. 36:20 And when they came unto the nations, whither they came, they profaned My holy name; in that men said of them: These are the people of the LORD, and are gone forth out of His land.

Ezek. 36:21 But I had pity for My holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they came. {P}

Ezek. 36:22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel: Thus saith the Lord GOD: I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for My holy name, which ye have profaned among the nations, whither ye came.

Ezek. 36:23 And I will sanctify My great name, which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

Ezek. 36:24 For I will take you from among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries, and will bring you into your own land.

Ezek. 36:25 And I will sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean; from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.

Ezek. 36:26 A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you a heart of flesh.

Ezek. 36:27 And I will put My spirit within you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep Mine ordinances, and do them.

Ezek. 36:28 And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be My people, and I will be your God.

In the Old Testament we see two kinds of people—Jews and Gentiles (*goyim* = “nations”) In the New Testament, Paul says there are three kinds of people (1 Corinthians 10:32):

- Jews
- Gentiles
- The Church of God (Body of Christ)

Jeremiah 50:20 KJV In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the iniquity of Israel [northern kingdom] shall be sought for, and *there shall be none*; and the sins of Judah [southern kingdom], and they shall not be found: for I will pardon them whom I reserve.

Isaiah 62:12 KJV And they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou [Jerusalem] shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Isaiah 4:3–5 God’s Word Translation

Is. 4:3 ¶ Then whoever is left in Zion and whoever remains in Jerusalem will be called holy, everyone who is recorded among the living in Jerusalem.

Is. 4:4 The Lord will wash away the filth of Zion’s people. He will clean bloodstains from Jerusalem with a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning.

Is. 4:5 The Lord will create a cloud of smoke during the day and a glowing flame of fire during the night over the whole area of Mount Zion and over the assembly.

| His glory will cover everything. [Hebrew: *His Glory will be a choopah*]

Jeremiah 31:33–37 KJV

Jer. 31:33 But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.

Jer. 31:34 And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Jer. 31:35 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:

Jer. 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever.

Jer. 31:37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

| Israel will be a nation as long as there exists a sun, a moon, and stars.

| Israel will be a nation as long as man cannot measure heaven and earth.

Romans 11:25–27, 32 KJV

Rom. 11:25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Rom. 11:26 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:

Rom. 11:27 For this *is* my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins.

Rom. 11:32 For God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that he might have mercy upon all.

| God will deal with Israel as a nation—in His own way and in His own time.

John A. MacMillan, *The Authority of the Believer*

It is necessary to state here what is commonly understood by those who carefully study the Word, that the kingdoms of this world are under the control and leadership of satanic principalities. The great head of these is, in the Gospel of John, three times acknowledged as “prince of this world” by our Lord Himself.

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The church is to be God’s instrument in declaring to these rebellious and now usurping powers the divine purpose, and in administering their principalities after they have been unseated and cast down.

This is further declared to be “according to the eternal purpose of the ages which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord” ([Ephesians]3:11). That is to say, God, through all the past ages, has had in view this wonderful plan of preparing in Christ Jesus a people, chosen and called and faithful, whom He might place in these heavenly seats to rule through the ages yet to come.

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Israel will administer the earthly kingdom and will be head of the nations, but overall will rule the exalted Church as the executive of God.⁴⁹

<AT THIS POINT IN THE VIDEO, DR. BRIM MOVES TO LESSON 19, EZEKIEL 37>

Brim Note: A very excellent study of Israel’s national repentance is found in David Baron’s *Zechariah: A Commentary on his Visions and Prophecies*. It is too long to go into here, but perhaps this introduction to the last chapters will give you an idea.

David Baron, *Zechariah: A Commentary on his Visions and Prophecies*

The overthrow of world-power, and the establishment of Messiah’s Kingdom, may be given as the epitome of the last chapters of Zechariah ... The two oracles which make up the whole of the second half of the book (chaps. 9-11 and 12-14) ... are corresponding portions of a greater whole. Both sections treat of war between the heathen world and Israel, though in different ways.

In the first (chaps 9-11), the judgment *through which Gentile world-power over Israel is finally destroyed*, and Israel is endowed with the strength to *overcome all their enemies* forms the fundamental thought ... In the second (chaps 12-15), the judgment *through which Israel itself is sifted and purged* in the final great conflict with the nations, and transformed into the holy nation of Jehovah, forms the leading topic.⁵⁰

Deuteronomy 32:43 NASB1995

Rejoice, O nations, *with* His people;
For He will avenge the blood of His servants,
And will render vengeance on His adversaries,
And will atone for His land *and* His people.

⁴⁹ John A. MacMillan, *The Authority of the Believer*. (originally published as a series of articles, 1932; repr., Branson, MO: A Glorious Church Fellowship, 2015), 9–10, 14–15.

⁵⁰ David Baron, *Zechariah: A Commentary on His Visions and Prophecies* (1918; repr., Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2001), 285.

David Baron, *Israel in the Plan of God*

... it is only after “the receiving again” of Israel as a nation that *the full tide of universal blessing* will come to the world, and that the call will go forth, “*Rejoice, O ye nations, with His people.*” Then the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah shall cover this earth as the waters cover the sea.

The saved nations [sheep nations from Matthew 25], together with Israel, are to rejoice ...

“*And He will atone*” ... *for His land and His people*” ... [the atonement accepted] ... will take place when the Spirit of grace and of supplications is poured out on them as a nation ... and [they] mourn... [See Zechariah 12:9–13:1.]

Of no other land, and of no other people as *a people* [nation], does He speak in the same way. For the land is in a very special sense “Immanuel’s Land” (Isaiah 8:8), and “Jehovah’s portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of His inheritance” [Deut. 32:9].

This, then, is how Jewish history ends [in this age]: not in unbelief and apostasy, but in a glorious restoration, to be followed by a national conversion which will be as “life from the dead” ... [Romans 11:15, 25–27,33–36].⁵¹

“Then the nations [goyim] that are left round about you shall know”

Again, God reveals Himself to the nations through Israel. The nations “that are left” probably refers to the sheep nations left on earth after the judgment of the nations in Matthew 25.

Ezekiel 36:37–38 יְהוָה יִקְרָא JPS 1917

37 Thus saith the Lord GOD: I will yet
לֹא כֹה אָמַר, אֲדַנִּי יְהוָה, עוֹד
זֹאת אֶדְרֹשׁ לְבֵית-יִשְׂרָאֵל,
לַעֲשׂוֹת לָהֶם: אֲרֹבָה אֹתָם
כְּצֹאן, אָדָם.

38 As the flock for sacrifice, as the flock
לֶח כְּצֹאן קִדְשִׁים, כְּצֹאן
יְרוּשָׁלַם בְּמוֹעֲדֶיהָ--כֵּן תִּהְיֶינָה
הָעָרִים הַחֲרָבוֹת, מְלֵאוֹת צֹאן
flocks of men; and they shall know that
אֲדָם; וְיָדְעוּ, כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה. {פ} I am the LORD. {P}

“I will yet for this be inquired of”

Even after long years of exile and wandering, God’s covenant with Israel still stands, and she can inquire of Him for it.

⁵¹ David Baron, *Israel in the Plan of God* (1925; repr., Grand Rapids: Kregel Classics, 2000), 118–120.

"I will increase them ... so shall the waste cities be filled with flocks of men"

Though Satan has tried to "swallow up" the Jews from the earth through terrible men and regimes at his disposal, a remnant has returned. However, the promise of the Lord is that there will one day be so many, the land will be too small for them.

Isaiah 49:19-20 KJV

Is. 49:19 For thy waste and thy desolate places, and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants, and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away.

Is. 49:20 The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place *is* too strait for me: give place to me that I may dwell.

"they shall know that I am Jehovah"

**The recurrent theme of the purposeful God ...
that men should know that
I am Jehovah.**

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EZEKIEL 37

The Dry Bones

עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל Am Israel

The People | The Nation

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Inspiration for the American Folksong-Spiritual "Dry Bones," this chapter is about the restoration to fullness of life as the Whole House of Israel. (See "Dry Bones" attachment.)

Today when someone says "Israel," the word can mean either the Land or its People, for "Israel" is the name of both.

אֶרֶץ יִשְׂרָאֵל Eretz Israel (the Land)

עַם יִשְׂרָאֵל Am Israel (the nation, the people)

Chapter 36 is addressed to the Land. Chapter 37 is concerning the People. The Land and the People go together.

Please read the "Dry Bones" portion as a whole.

In this vision, the prophet was probably transported over the Land of Israel.

Ezekiel 37:1-14 יְחֶזְקֵאל JPS 1917

א 1 The hand of the LORD was upon me, and the LORD carried me out in a spirit, and set me down in the midst of the valley, and it was full of bones;

ב 2 and He caused me to pass by them round about, and, behold, there were very many in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry.

ג 3 And He said unto me: 'Son of man, can these bones live?' And I answered: 'O Lord GOD, Thou knowest.'

- 4 Then He said unto me: 'Prophecy over these bones, and say unto them: O ye dry bones, hear the word of the LORD:
- ה' וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי, הִנָּבֵא עַל-הָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה; וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם--הָעֲצָמוֹת הַיְבֵשׁוֹת, שִׁמְעוּ דְּבַר-יְהוָה.
- 5 Thus saith the Lord GOD unto these bones: Behold, I will cause **breath** to enter into you, and ye shall live.
- ה' כֹּה אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, לָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה: הִנֵּה אֲנִי מְבִיא בָכֶם, רוּחַ-וַחַיִּיתָם.
- 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put **breath** in you, and ye shall live; and ye shall know that I am the LORD.'
- ו' וְנָתַתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם גִּידִים וְהַעֲלֵתִי עֲלֵיכֶם בָּשָׂר, וְקָרַמְתִּי עֲלֵיכֶם עוֹר, וְנָתַתִּי בָכֶם רוּחַ, וַחַיִּיתֶם; וִידַעְתֶּם, כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוָה.
- 7 So I prophesied as I was commanded; and as I prophesied, there was a noise, and behold a commotion, and the bones came together, bone to its bone.
- ז' וְנִבֵּאתִי, כַּאֲשֶׁר צֻוֵּיתִי; וַיְהִי-קוֹל כְּהִנָּבְאִי, וַהֲנִיחַ-רָעַשׁ, וַתִּקְרְבוּ עֲצָמוֹתַי, עֶצֶם אֶל-עֶצְמוֹ.
- 8 And I beheld, and, lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin covered them above; but there was no **breath** in them.
- ח' וְרָאִיתִי וַהֲנִיחַ-עֲלֵיהֶם גִּידִים, וּבָשָׂר עָלָה, וַיִּקְרַם עֲלֵיהֶם עוֹר, מִלְּמַעְלָה; וְרוּחַ, אֵין בָּהֶם.
- 9 Then said He unto me: 'Prophecy unto the **breath**, prophecy, son of man, and say to the **breath**: {S} Thus saith the Lord GOD: Come from the four **winds**, O **breath**, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'
- ט' וַיֹּאמֶר אֵלַי, הִנָּבֵא אֶל-הָרוּחַ; הִנָּבֵא בֶן-אָדָם וְאָמַרְתָּ אֶל-הָרוּחַ {ס} כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוָה, מֵאַרְבַּע רוּחוֹת בָּאֵי הָרוּחַ, וּפָחִי בַּהֲרוּגִים הָאֵלֶּה, וַיְחִיּוּ.
- 10 So I prophesied as He commanded me, and the **breath** came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great host.
- י' וַהֲנִבֵּאתִי, כַּאֲשֶׁר צֻוֵּנִי; וַתָּבוֹא בָּהֶם הָרוּחַ וַיְחִיּוּ, וַיַּעֲמֻדוּ עַל-רַגְלֵיהֶם--חֵיל, גָּדוֹל מְאֹד מְאֹד.
- 11 Then He said unto me: 'Son of man, **these bones are the whole house of Israel**; behold, they say: Our bones
- יא' וַיֹּאמֶר, אֵלַי, בֶּן-אָדָם, הָעֲצָמוֹת הָאֵלֶּה כָּל-בֵּית יִשְׂרָאֵל הִמָּה; הִנֵּה

אֲמָרִים, יִבְשׁוּ עֲצָמוֹתֵינוּ וְאִבְדָּה
תִּקְנֵתֵנוּ--נִגְזְרֵנוּ לָנוּ. are dried up, and our hope is lost; we
are clean cut off.

יב לְכֵן הִנָּבֵא וְאָמַרְתָּ אֲלֵיהֶם, 12 Therefore prophesy, and say unto
them: Thus saith the Lord GOD:
כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי יְהוִה, הִנֵּה אֲנִי פֹתַח
אֶת-קְבֻרֹתֵיכֶם וְהֵעֵלִיתִי אֶתְכֶם
מִקְבֻרֹתֵיכֶם, עַמִּי: וְהִבֵּאתִי אֶתְכֶם,
אֶל-אֶרֶצַּת יִשְׂרָאֵל. Behold, I will open your graves, and
cause you to come up out of your
graves, O My people; and I will bring
you into the land of Israel.

יג וַיֵּדְעֻם, כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוִה: בִּפְתָּחִי 13 And ye shall know that I am the
LORD, when I have opened your
אֶת-קְבֻרֹתֵיכֶם, וּבְהֵעֵלֹתִי אֶתְכֶם
מִקְבֻרֹתֵיכֶם--עַמִּי. graves, and caused you to come up
out of your graves, O My people.

יד וְנָתַתִּי רוּחִי בְכֶם וְחִיִּיתֶם, 14 And I will put My spirit in you, and
ye shall live, and I will place you in
וְהִנַּחְתִּי אֶתְכֶם עַל-אֲדָמַתְכֶם;
וַיֵּדְעֻם כִּי-אֲנִי יְהוִה, דִּבַּרְתִּי
וַעֲשִׂיתִי--נְאֻם-יְהוִה. {פ} I the LORD have spoken, and
performed it, saith the LORD.' {P}

"The hand of the Lord was upon me"

The Hand of the Lord is the Holy Spirit. יָד-יְהוִה

"I will cause breath to enter into you, and you shall live"

In Hebrew, one word, *ruach*, is translated into English as three words: spirit, breath, wind. רוּחַ

"Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live."

מֵאַרְבַּע רוּחוֹת בָּאִי הָרוּחַ, וּפָחִי בְּהַרוּגִים הָאֵלֶּה, וַיְחִיּוּ.

Shulamith Katznelson, founder of the Hebrew language school I attended, gave the best teaching I ever heard on this chapter. As a young woman, she was very much a part of the fighting in Israel's War of Independence. She founded the school just after the modern State of Israel was declared in May 1948. So she was a witness to the stages of the rebirth of Israel. And she taught this chapter in the order of the restoration: first the bones, then the sinew, then the flesh, then the skin. The final stage she said, was not yet realized. (I heard her teach this in the 1980s.) It was to be the entering in of the Spirit into the House of Israel.

"these bones are the whole house of Israel"

This verse is the key to the chapter. There can be no other obscure meaning. And again, it is the whole house: Israel (the northern kingdom) and Judah (the southern kingdom).

"I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves ... and I will bring you into the land of Israel."

In 1945, the Jews literally came up out of the graves of the death camps of Europe and only three years later, their ancient homeland became recognized in the eyes of the nations as the modern State of Israel.

The Union of the Two Sticks: Israel and Judah

Oh, how pitiful have been the teachings that the sticks are somehow Israel and the Church. The two sticks are who the Bible says they are: Israel and Judah.

Teachers of the Scriptures often attempt to give them shadowy meanings. The Word is to be rightly divided. And some give strange interpretations to what is clear in the text. Often, they have been influenced by Replacement Theology, whether they realize it or not.

In the foreword to the 1988 edition of David Baron's *Commentary on Zechariah: His Visions and Prophecies*, Dr. Walter C. Kaiser explains how the author helps keep us from taking God's message to the Jews and trying to apply it to the Church.

**David Baron, *Commentary on Zechariah: His Visions and Prophecies*,
Foreword by Walter C. Kaiser, Jr.**

David Baron was born in Russia in 1855 and brought up in a strict, devout Jewish family. His education was under the rigorous tutelage of the Rabbinic training of the period. ... on a ... search of the Scriptures ... he found the Messiah to be the Lord Jesus Christ.

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Baron launches right into commenting on Zechariah ... He is also ever alert to those places where many in the Gentile Church have "spiritualized" or even "phantomised" Scripture when it refers to Jerusalem or Israel. The reader should avoid, warns Baron, substituting an unnatural and shadowy meaning for what is plain and obvious in the text.⁵²

So, read his writings for yourself and you'll observe the clarity of his analysis of each passage of the Lord's Word.

What the sons of Solomon divided into two, the LORD will join again, and He will gather them back to their Land. The prophecy continues to the Millennial Reign, and Israel is still a nation on the Earth before the Lord. God is not through with Israel, as the terrible theology of replacement has intimated for almost 2,000 years.

⁵² David Baron, *Commentary on Zechariah: His Visions and Prophecies* (1918; repr., Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 1988), Foreword by Walter Kaiser, Jr., vii–viii.

Ezekiel 37:15-21 JPS 1917

15 And the word of the LORD came unto me, saying:

16 'And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it: For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions; then take another stick, and write upon it: For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and of all the house of Israel his companions;



17 וְקָרַב אֶתָּם אֶחָד אֶל-אֶחָד, לְךָ--
לְעֵץ אֶחָד; וְהָיוּ לְאַחָדִים, בְּיָדְךָ.
and join them for thee one to
another into one stick, that they
may become one in thy hand.

18 יח וְכַאֲשֶׁר יֹאמְרוּ אֵלֶיךָ, בְּנֵי עַמֶּךָ
לֵאמֹר: הֲלוֹא-תַגִּיד לָנוּ, מָה-אַלֶּה
לָךְ?
And when the children of thy
people shall speak unto thee,
saying: Wilt thou not tell us what
thou meanest by these?

19 יט דַּבֵּר אֲלֵהֶם, כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי
יְהוָה, הִנֵּה אֲנִי לֹקֵחַ אֶת-עֵץ יוֹסֵף
אֲשֶׁר בְּיַד-אֶפְרַיִם, וְשִׁבְטֵי יִשְׂרָאֵל
חִבְּרֹו; וְנָתַתִּי אוֹתָם עָלָיו אֶת-עֵץ
יְהוּדָה, וַעֲשִׂיתָם לְעֵץ אֶחָד, וְהָיוּ
אֶחָד, בְּיָדִי.
say into them: Thus saith the
Lord GOD: Behold, I will take the
stick of Joseph, which is in the hand
of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel
his companions; and I will put them
unto him together with the stick of
Judah, and make them one stick,
and they shall be one in My hand.

20 כ וְהָיוּ הָעֵצִים אֲשֶׁר-תִּכְתֹּב
עֲלֵיהֶם, בְּיָדְךָ--לְעֵינֵיהֶם.
And the sticks whereon thou
writest shall be in thy hand before
their eyes.

21 כא וְדַבֵּר אֲלֵיהֶם, כֹּה-אָמַר אֲדֹנָי
יְהוָה, הִנֵּה אֲנִי לֹקֵחַ אֶת-בְּנֵי
יִשְׂרָאֵל, מִבֵּין הַגּוֹיִם אֲשֶׁר הָלְכוּ-
שָׁם; וְקִבַּצְתִּי אֹתָם מִסָּבִיב, וְהֵבֵאתִי
אוֹתָם אֶל-אֶדְמָתָם.
And say unto them: Thus saith
the Lord GOD: Behold, I will take
the children of Israel from among
the nations, whither they are gone,
and will gather them on every side,
and bring them into their own land;

The Return and Restoration of The Northern Kingdom (Ephraim, or Israel) and The Southern Kingdom (Judah)

Ezekiel 37 reaches past the return from Babylon to the End of Days, to include the Northern Kingdom—as do many other Scriptures.

Be sure to read all of Jeremiah Chapters 30 and 31. They are a book within a Book that gives God's plan for Israel. But here are a few verses I have chosen (all in KJV).

Jeremiah 30:3 KJV For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel [the 10 tribes of the Northern Kingdom] and Judah [the Southern tribes], saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.

Jeremiah 31:10 KJV ¶ Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare *it* in the Isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd *doth* his flock.

Jeremiah 31:35–37 KJV

Jer. 31:35 ¶ Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name:

Jer. 31:36 If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, *then* the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me forever.

Jer. 31:37 Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.

In many ways, Zechariah is to the Old Testament what the Book of Revelation is to the New Testament.

Zechariah is filled with God's ongoing plans for Jerusalem and the Promised Land.

Zechariah 10:6–10 ASV

Zech. 10:6 And I will strengthen the house of Judah [the southern kingdom], and I will save the house of Joseph [the northern kingdom], **and I will bring them back**; for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am Jehovah their God, and I will hear them.

Zech. 10:7 And *they of* Ephraim [the northern kingdom] shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yea, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in Jehovah.

Zech. 10:8 ¶ **I will hiss for them, and gather them**; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased.

Zech. 10:9 And I will sow them among the peoples; and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and shall return.

Zech. 10:10 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and *place* shall not be found for them.

David Baron, *Zechariah*

This verb שָׁרַק, *sharaq*, to “hiss,” or “whistle,” or “pipe,” is used several times in the earlier scriptures to describe God's signal in calling together nations and peoples to accomplish His purposes. ...

But now the time to favour Zion having come, this same word is used in our passage ... for the signal which He will use for the gathering together of His own dispersed people from the four corners of the earth. ...

... it means ... to “pipe” and *is used of the shepherd signal for the gathering of his scattered flock.*⁵³

⁵³ David Baron, *Zechariah: A Commentary on His Visions and Prophecies* (1918; repr., Grand Rapids: Kregel Publications, 2001), 362.

Isaiah 49:12, 22–23 KJV

Is. 49:12 Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim [*Sinim* = China, or the Chinese].

Is. 49:22 Thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I will lift up mine hand to the Gentiles (Heb: *goyim*, nations), and set up my standard to the people: and they shall bring thy sons in *their* arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon *their* shoulders.

Is. 49:23 And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with *their* face toward the earth, and lick up the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I *am* the LORD: for they shall not be ashamed that wait for me.

The Ingathering Is Foretold by Almost Every Prophet**Ezekiel 36**

The Mountains of Israel (the Mountains of Israel = the West Bank)

Ezekiel 37

The Dry Bones chapter

2 Peter 3:1–9 KJV

2 Pet. 3:1 ¶ This second epistle, beloved, I now write unto you; in *both* which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:

2 Pet. 3:2 That ye may be mindful of the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and of the commandment of us the apostles of the Lord and Saviour:

2 Pet. 3:3 ¶ Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts,

2 Pet. 3:4 And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as *they were* from the beginning of the creation.

2 Pet. 3:5 For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water:

2 Pet. 3:6 Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished:

2 Pet. 3:7 But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

2 Pet. 3:8 ¶ But, beloved, be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day *is* with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

2 Pet. 3:9 ¶ The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

Hosea 5:14 through 6:2

Hos. 5:14 For I *will be* unto Ephraim as a lion, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, *even* I, will tear and go away; I will take away, and none shall rescue *him*.

Hos. 5:15 I will go *and* return to my place, till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early.

Hos. 6:1 ¶ Come, and let us return unto the LORD: for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up.

Hos. 6:2 After two days will he revive us: in the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight.

| The Return after two days (2,000 years).

Joel 3:1–2 KJV

Joel 3:1 ¶ For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and *for My Heritage* Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted My Land.

Amos 9:14–15 KJV

Amos 9:14 And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit *them*; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them.

Amos 9:15 And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them, saith the LORD thy God.

Jesus Said That The Ingathering is The Sign of His Return

Matthew 24:3 ESV ¶ As he sat on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately, saying, “Tell us, when will these things be, and what will be the sign of your coming [*parousia*] and of the end of the age?”

| The Greek word *parousia*, translated “coming” here, always signified the coming of a king or an emperor. Young’s Literal translation gives that idea:

Matt. 24:3 YLT And when he is sitting on the mount of the Olives, the disciples came near to him by himself, saying, “Tell us, when shall these be? and what [is] the sign of thy presence, and of the full end of the age?”

| The disciples, being Jews, asked about the *parousia* when He (the King) would set up His visible kingdom in the Earth. Jesus answered His disciples’ question.

Luke 21:29–33 KJV

Luke 21:29 ¶ And he spake to them a parable; **Behold the fig tree, and all the trees;**

Luke 21:30 **When they now shoot forth, ye see and know of your own selves that summer is now nigh at hand.**

Luke 21:31 **So likewise ye, when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand.**

Luke 21:32 **Verily I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all be fulfilled.**

Luke 21:33 **Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.**

Here in Luke, Israel is the fig tree. Joel told of Babylon coming to “bark” Israel.

Joel 1:6–7 KJV

Joel 1:6 For a nation is come up upon my land, strong, and without number, whose teeth *are* the teeth of a lion, and he hath the cheek teeth of a great lion.

Joel 1:7 He hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast *it* away; the branches thereof are made white.

Israel is God’s Time Clock.

The “other trees” in Luke 21:29 are the nations spoken of in the Old Testament Prophets. When we see Israel and the nations of prophecy “shooting forth” into their prophetic places, the setting up of Jesus’ earthly, visible kingdom is not far behind.

The Ingathering began in force with the return of many Jews in the late 1800s. The Promised Land, which had been under the dominion of the Turkish Empire for 400 years, was released into the hands of England at the end of WWI. The Balfour Declaration dated November 2, 1917, called for England to “favour the establishment in Palestine of a national home for the Jewish people,” and to “use their best endeavours to facilitate the achievement of this object ...”

By the end of WWII, the Jews of Europe had suffered the loss of 6 million people at the hands of Hitler’s Nazis. In 1945, European Jews were freed from the death camps. Just three years later, Israel was reborn in May 1948. In June 1967, they regained Jerusalem.

Jesus declared that the generation who sees these things shall not pass away until all be fulfilled. That is my generation. I was alive and on the earth for the rebirth of Israel and the miraculous ensuing events. It is assured that people from my generation will indeed see all things fulfilled, including the Rapture of the Body of Christ, the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus, and all the God-ordained events to follow ever after.

We can watch Israel and the nations shoot forth into their prophetic places only through the prophecies of the Old Testament Prophets. They are a light shining into the events taking place today.

2 Peter 1:19–21 KJV

2 Pet. 1:19 ¶ We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts:

2 Pet. 1:20 Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation.

2 Pet. 1:21 For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake *as they were* moved by the Holy Ghost.

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