Israel's Hope and Israel's Past



For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Yahweh.

Isa 55:8



"The mind insensibly is affected by the stream of thought passing through it, and it is desirable to have the stream as pure as possible."

Bro John Carter. The letter to the Ephesians P133.



2 Key Elements

- People
- Land





My Land

 Joel 2:18 Then will Yahweh be jealous for his land, and pity his people.

• 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*.



Tenants

Lev 25:23 The land shall not be sold for ever: for *the land is mine*; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me.

Ezek 48:14 And they shall not sell of it, neither exchange, nor alienate the firstfruits of the land: for *it is holy unto Yahweh*.



Place Chosen by God

- Ex 23:20 Behold, I send an Angel before thee, to keep thee in the way, and to bring thee into **the place** which **I have prepared**.
- Deut 12:5 But unto *the place* which *Yahweh your God shall choose* out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come:
- Deut 12:14 But in *the place* which *Yahweh shall choose* in one of thy tribes, there thou shalt offer thy burnt offerings, and there thou shalt do all that I command thee.



Defiled

 Numb 35:33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood it defileth the land: and the land cannot be cleansed of the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it.

• Jer 2:7 And I brought you into a plentiful country, to eat the fruit thereof and the goodness thereof; but when ye entered, ye defiled my land, and made mine heritage an abomination.



Removed

 Jer 16:18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.

• 2Chron 7:20 Then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and will make it to be a proverb and a byword among all nations.



Restore People and Land

- Neh 1:9 But if ye turn unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them; though there were of you cast out unto the uttermost part of the heaven, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen to set my name there.
- Deut 32:43 Rejoice, O ye nations, with his people: for he will avenge the blood of his servants, and will render vengeance to his adversaries, and will be merciful unto his land, and to his people.
- Psalm 85:1 To the chief Musician, A Psalm for the sons of Korah. Yahweh, thou hast been favourable unto thy *land*: thou hast brought back the *captivity of Jacob*.



Special Relationship

- Deut 14:2 For thou art an holy people unto Yahweh thy God, and Yahweh hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.
- Psa 135:4 For Yahweh hath chosen Jacob unto himself, and Israel for his peculiar treasure.
- Rom 11:28 As concerning the gospel, they are enemies for your sakes: but as touching the election, they are beloved for the fathers' sakes.

For I am Yahweh, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed. Mal 3:6



Pupil of the Eye

For thus saith Yahweh of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: to



Special Role

Ps 147:19-20 He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel.

He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye Yahweh.

Isa 43:4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.



Conditional blessing

• Ex 19:5-6 Now therefore, *if ye will obey* my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.

• De 28:1 And it shall come to pass, *if thou shalt hearken diligently* unto the voice of Yahweh thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Yahweh thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:



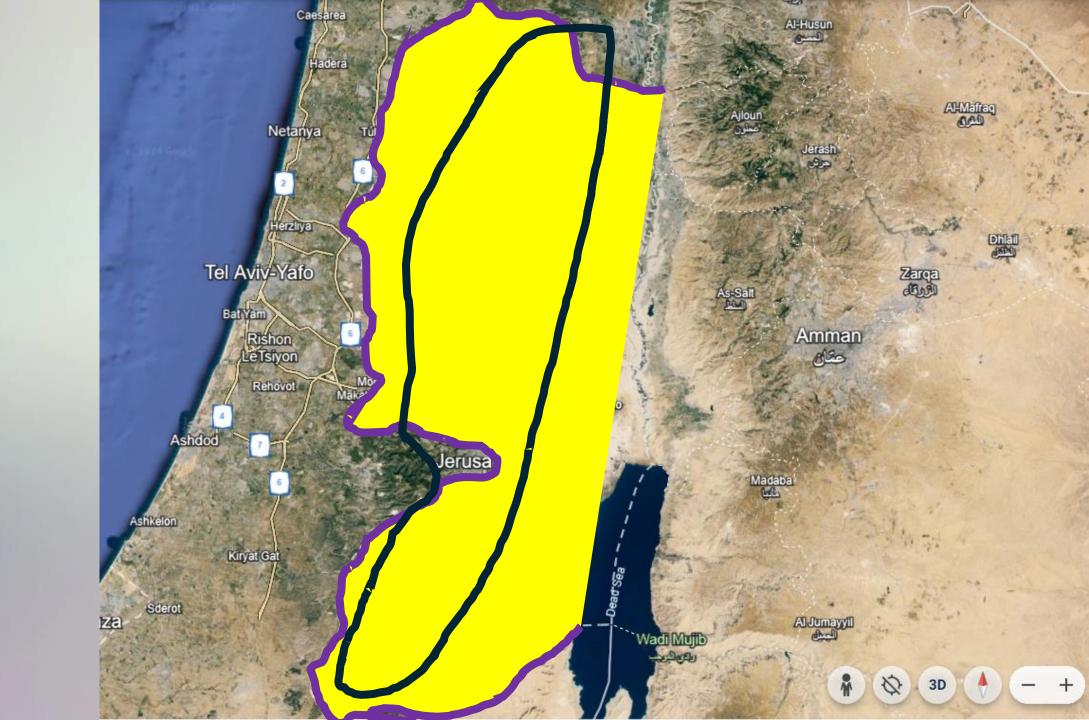
Accountability

- Lu 12:48 For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required: and to whom men have committed much, of him they will ask the more.
- Am 3: 1-2 Hear this word that Yahweh hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up from the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.
- Jer 16:18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin double; because they have defiled my land, they have filled mine inheritance with the carcases of their detestable and abominable things.



Spirit of Edom

"... Esau, Edom, or Idumea, synonyms of the power that in the latter days inherits the hatred of Isaac's eldest son against Jacob:" The Faith in the Last Days. P252.





Controversy of Zion

- "We blaspheme God when we affirm the contrary of what he decrees. It is an oblique method of telling him that He has not decreed to the truth. It is taking sides against him in "The Controversy Of Zion" (Isaiah 34:8), a controversy to be decided in favour of them that believe truth.
- This great controversy it is that in reality defines the seeds

 the seed of the woman, and the seed of her enemy. The seed of the woman are all on the side of Zion.... For to make void the future glory of Zion is to rob the faithful of their inheritance." Faith in the Last Days P257.



Israelitish Hope

- Eph 2:12-13 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
- Ac 26:6-7 And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.
- Ac 28:20 For this cause therefore have I called for you, to see you, and to speak with you: because that for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

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Cut off for wickedness

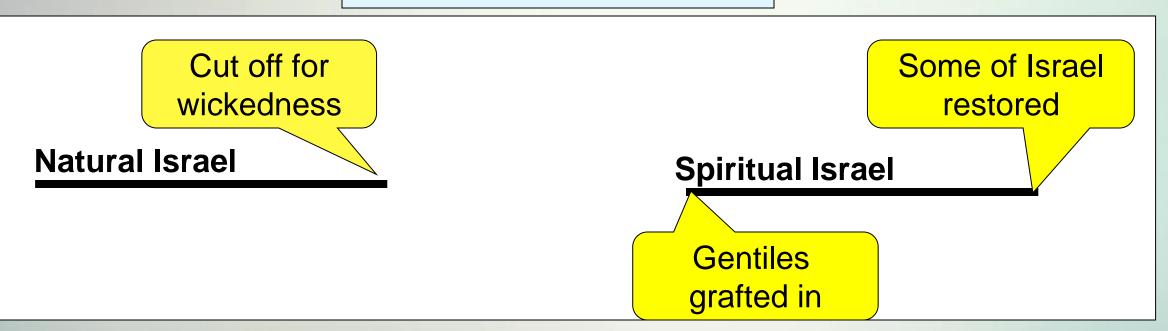
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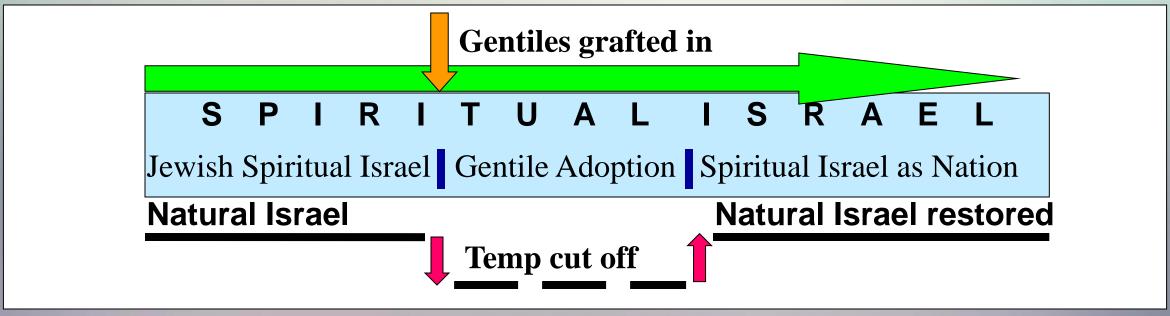
Some of Israel restored

Spiritual Israel

Gentiles grafted in

SPIRITUAL ISRAEL





Our Salvation linked to Israel's restoration

- Romans 11: 11 I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.
- 12 Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world, and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness?15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead?