## The Conversion of Israel

### God's promises to Abraham's natural seed

- They would be numerous (Gen. 15:5; 17:2, 6; 22:17)
- Inherit and be "planted" in the Land forever (Gen. 17: 8; 2 Sam. 7:10)
- Yahweh would be their God; they would be His people (Gen. 17:7,8; Ex. 19:4,6; 2 Sam. 7:24)
- God would destroy their oppressors (Gen. 15:13–16; 22:17; 2 Sam. 7:10,11)
- They would be a kingdom of priests to the nations (Ex. 19:6)
- They would have a righteous king son of David and God (2 Sam. 7:12,14)

#### God tried...

#### ...sending the prophets, rising up early and sending them...

- And the LORD hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising early and sending them; but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear. (Jeremiah 25:4)
- To hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I sent unto you, both rising up early, and sending them, but ye have not hearkened (Jeremiah 26:5)
- Because they have not hearkened to my words, saith the LORD, which I sent unto them by my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the LORD. (Jeremiah 29:19)
- I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them... (Jeremiah 35:15)

For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Malachi 3:6

Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, **Repent**, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins...

### Turn from evil to God

### SCATTERED...

And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other. *Deuteronomy 28: 64* 

### Wandering...

And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou wouldest not obey the voice of the LORD thy God. *Deuteronomy 28: 62* 

## Oppessed...

And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind: And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life: In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.

Deuteronomy 28: 65-67

### Diminished...

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### Assimilation..

...and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone. *Deuteronomy 28: 64* 

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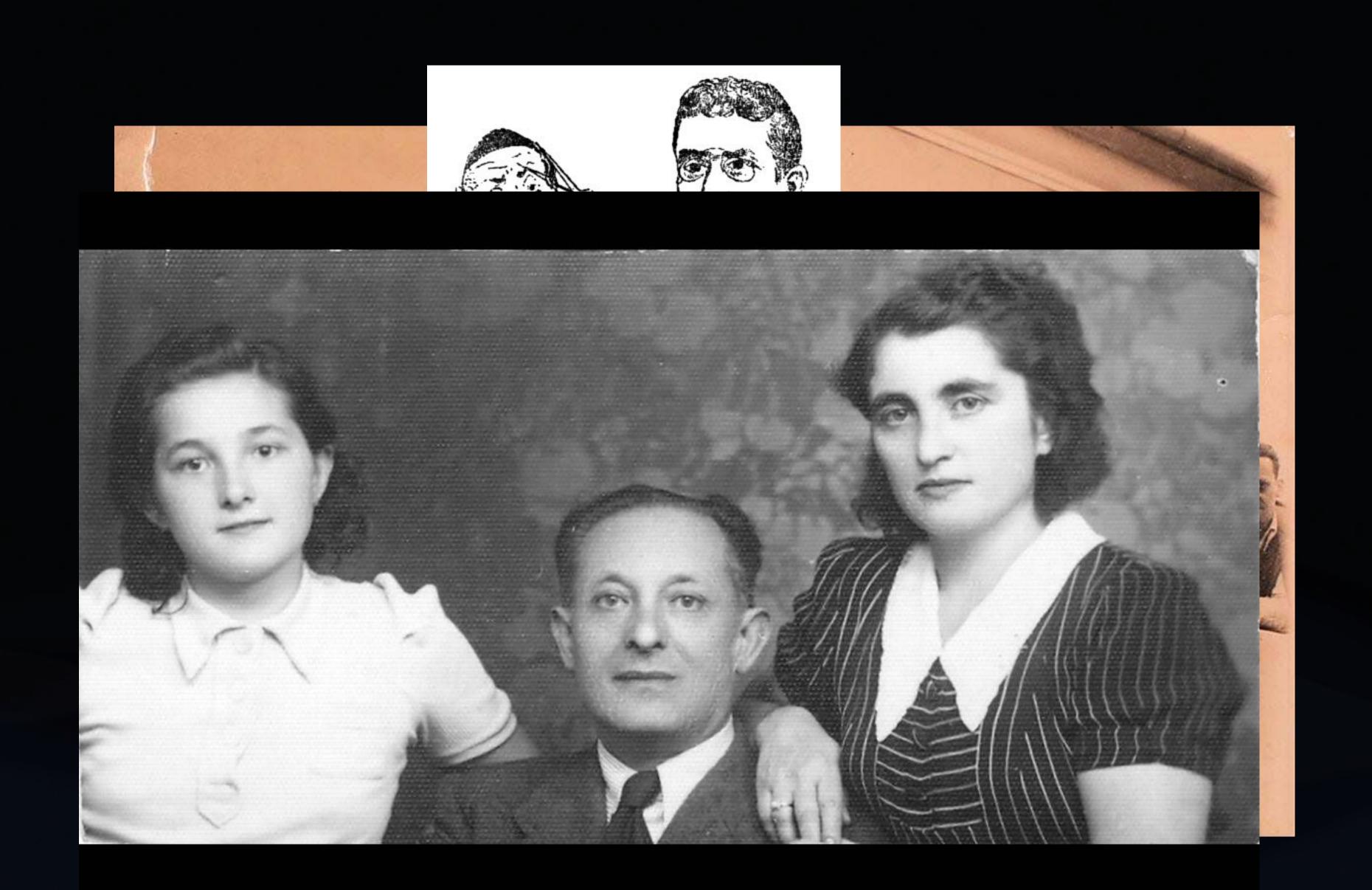




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### Assimilation...



#### Wars

- Arab-Israeli War (Nov. 1947 July 1949) War of independence
- Palestinian Fedayeen insurgency (1950s–1960s)
- Suez Crisis (October 1956)
- Six-Day War (June 1967)
- War of Attrition (1967–1970)
- Yom Kippur War (October 1973)
- Palestinian insurgency in South Lebanon (1971–1982)

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- Lebanon War (1982)
- South Lebanon conflict (1985–2000)
- First Intifada (1987–1993)
- Second Intifada (2000–2005)
- Lebanon War (Summer 2006)
- Operation Cast Lead (December 2008 January 2009)
- Operation Pillar of Defense Gaza (November 2012)

#### Wars

- Defense (November 2012)
- Syrian Civil War and the Iran-Israel conflict.
- May 2021 Israel-Palestine crisis (Operation Guardian of the Walls)
- Israel-Hamas war (October 2023 present).



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2. Jews in the Land









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2. Jews in the Land (Judah)

 the land of unwalled villages having neither bars nor gates

- at rest
- dwell safely

### Art thou come to take a spOIL

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1. upon the desolate places that are now inhabited

and

2. **upon the people** that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land

### Ezekiel 38:14,16

- My people of Israel (v. 14, 16)
- My Land (v. 16)

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#### Jeremiah 3:18

"The house of Judah shall go unto the house of Israel" (Roth.)

Also: Isaiah 11:12-13; 40:9: 66:19-20

#### I will bring them into the wilderness...

- Micah 7:15 "According to the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I show unto him marvellous things."
- Hosea 2:14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her"
- Ezekiel 20: 34–35 "I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out. And will bring you into the wilderness..."

#### Isaiah 65:17

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New heavens = Jerusalem

New earth = her people/my people