

A KINGDOM OF PEOPLE

humble and lowly

“He will leave within you the meek and humble, who **trust in the name of the LORD**”
(Zephaniah 3:12).

A wicked people will be punished. To the nations of Israel and Judah, O 21st century Israel, your wickedness is no longer tolerated by God and His wrath is but moments away. The Assyrian, the rod of God’s anger will go against you. He will succeed, until the time of wrath is completed (Daniel 11:36). He will destroy you, until all who remain are the humble and lowly. The wicked are many and those who survive will be few.

“But as for you who forsake the LORD and forget my holy mountain, who spread a table for Fortune and fill bowls of mixed wine for Destiny, **I will destine you for the sword, and you will all bend down for the slaughter; for I called but you did not answer, I spoke but you did not listen. You did evil in my sight and chose what displeases me**” (Isaiah 65:11-12).

The humble remnant responds to God’s call and trusts in Him. He will protect them and destroy the Assyrian. They will be made strong and will not be overpowered. God will renew them and strengthen them, so that they will crush the opposing forces.

“And the Assyrian will fall **by a sword not of man, and a sword not of man will devour him so he will not escape the sword**, and his young men will become forced laborers. ‘His rock will pass away because of panic, and his princes will be terrified at the standard,’ declares the LORD, whose fire is in Zion and whose furnace is in Jerusalem” (Isaiah 31:8-9).

“‘Therefore do not fear, O My servant Jacob,’ says the LORD, ‘nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, **I will save you from afar**, and your seed from the land of their captivity. **Jacob shall return**, have rest and be quiet, and no one shall make him afraid. For I am with you,’ says the LORD, ‘to save you; though I make a full end of all nations where I have scattered you, yet **I will not make a complete end of you. But I will correct you in justice, and will not let you go altogether unpunished**’” (Jeremiah 30:8-11).

“**I took you from the ends of the earth** [the West], from its farthest corners I called you. I said, ‘You are my servant’; I have chosen you and have **not rejected you**. So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. **I will strengthen you and help you**; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. All who rage against you will surely be ashamed and disgraced; those who oppose you will be as nothing and perish... For I am your LORD, your God... I will help you. Do not be afraid, **O worm Jacob, O little Israel**, for **I myself will help you**,’ declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel” (Isaiah 41:9-14).

“See, I will make you into a threshing sledge, new and sharp with many teeth. **You will thresh the mountains and crush them, and reduce the hills to chaff.** You will winnow them, the wind will pick them up, and a gale will blow them away” (Isaiah 41:15-16).

Jacob’s trouble is on the horizon. During your time of cruel oppression, many will die, but a remnant will repent and remember the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To the Almighty God, they will give their trust and at that time, Christ—the root of Jesse will stand as a banner. He will gather them from where the oppressors have scattered them. He will release them from suffering and turmoil and they will be rescued—a **second time** (Isaiah 11:10—11). God will have compassion on the 21st century descendants of Jacob; once again, he will choose Israel and settle them in their own land.

“Do not gloat over me, my enemy! **Though I have fallen, I will rise. Though I sit in darkness, the LORD will be my light.** Because **I have sinned against him, I will bear the LORD’s wrath,** until he pleads my case and establishes my right. **He will bring me out into the light; I will see his justice.** Then my enemy will see it and will be covered with shame, she who said to me, ‘Where is the LORD your God?’ My eyes will see her downfall; even now she will be trampled underfoot like mire in the streets” (Micah 7:8-10).

21st century Jacob will return with foreigners from other nations. People from other nations will join them and unite with them, recognizing the return of their Savior and they will obey the Almighty God—the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Isaiah 14:1).

Our God is great. It will take a long and laborious 4,000 years to transform a rebellious and disobedient people into a God-fearing holy kingdom of royal priests. Fortunately, our Creator God is slow to anger, gracious and compassionate, and abounding in love (Jonah 4:2). Fortunately, His only Heir was willing to pay the heavy price for our sins.

Our Savior is generous. “For God so loved the world that he gave his **one and only Son**, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life” (John 3:16). Like a mirror image, Abraham was prepared to do the same. “By faith Abraham, when God tested him, offered Isaac as a sacrifice. He who had embraced the promises was about to sacrifice his **one and only son**” (Hebrews 11:17). Isaac was not Abraham’s ONLY son, for it is known that his oldest son was Ishmael by Sarah’s servant, Hagar. Also, he had six sons through his marriage with Keturah after Sarah died. Isaac was Abraham’s one and only heir. Like Abraham, Christ is not God’s only son. He is a unique Son—co-creator through whom God’s power created heaven and earth. He is the Heir—only heir of the kingdom.

“Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me’” (Mathew 28:18) and a voice from heaven said, “This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased” (Matthew 3:17).

God's promise to Abraham will be fulfilled. God will not break His promise. He remains faithful to Abraham—to be a God to him and his descendants—**forever** (Genesis 17:7-8). To Abraham, God vowed repetitively, **“Through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,** because **you have obeyed me** (Genesis 22:18). To Isaac, God confirmed the vow, **“Through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed,** because Abraham obeyed me and kept my requirements, my commands, my decrees and my laws (Genesis 26:4-5). And to Jacob, God reaffirmed His vow made to his grandfather, **“Your descendants will be like the dust of the earth, and you will spread out to the west and to the east, to the north and to the south. All peoples on earth will be blessed through you and your offspring.** I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. **I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you”** (Genesis 28:14-15).

A people who brought so many curses to the nations of the world will be punished and many will die. A repentant remnant will be mocked, during their time of trouble—their lowest and darkest time. From the time the covenant was made with Abraham until this day, the descendants of Jacob have received mainly curses due to their sinning. Abraham's 21st century descendants have robbed the peoples of the world, through crafty designed financial products on their stock exchanges. They have murdered through wars and their careless display of might and power. They lie with their hearts filled with deceit; injustice and corruption reign over their lands. The rod of correction now stands at their door, soon a proud and disobedient people will be brought low and their suffering will be more than what God intended but still, He will allow it but not without vengeance.

“In that day the glory of Jacob will fade; the fat of his body will waste away... All will be desolation. **You have forgotten God your Savior;** you have **not remembered the Rock,** your fortress. Therefore, though you set out the finest plants and plant imported vines, though on the day you set them out, you make them grow, and on the morning when you plant them, you bring them to bud, yet the harvest will be nothing in the day of disease and incurable pain” (Isaiah 17:4, 9-11).

“These are the words concerning Israel (the northern house – 10 tribes) and Judah (the southern house – 2 tribes)... How awful that day will be! No other will be like it. It will be a time of trouble for Jacob, but **he will be saved out of it** [Note: ‘saved’ means that they will repent and be saved spiritually]” (Jeremiah 30:4,7).

“This is what they will get in return for their pride, for insulting and mocking the people of the LORD Almighty. The LORD will be awesome to them when he **destroys all the gods of the land.** The nations on every shore will worship him, everyone in its own land” (Zephaniah 2:10-11).

“As you have been an object of cursing among the nations, O Judah and Israel, so will I save you, and **you will be a blessing.** Do not be afraid, but let your hands be strong” (Zechariah 8:13).

God will rescue them. “Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life... I will say to the north, ‘**Give them up!**’ and to the south, ‘**Do not hold them back**’” (Isaiah 43:4-6).

“It shall come about on that day,’ declares the LORD of hosts, ‘that **I will break his yoke from off their neck and will tear off their bonds; and strangers will no longer make them their slaves**” (Jeremiah 30:8).

The work of God’s hands is a transformed, humble people. The survivors of these 21st century Israelites will be humbled, repentant and transformed into a God-fearing and God-serving people. Everyone in Israel will bend their knee; nobody will rebel. God will then enter into an everlasting covenant of peace with them. People of the nations will marvel and wonder. What is this new people? Then finally, the blessings through Israel to the nations promised to Abraham can be poured out.

“In those days, at that time, the **people of Israel and the people of Judah together will go in tears to seek the Yahuah, their God.** They will ask the way of Zion and turn their faces toward it. They will come and bind themselves to the Lord in an **everlasting covenant** that will not be forgotten” (Jeremiah 50:4-5).

“Then they repented and said, ‘**The LORD Almighty has done to us what our ways and practices deserve,** just as he determined to do’” (Zechariah 1:6).

"In that day you will feel no shame because of all your deeds by which you have rebelled against Me; for then I will remove from your midst your proud, exulting ones, and you will never again be haughty on My holy mountain. But **I will leave among you a humble and lowly people,** and they will take refuge in the name of the LORD. **The remnant of Israel will do no wrong and tell no lies, nor will a deceitful tongue be found in their mouths;** For they will feed and lie down with no one to make them tremble" (Zephaniah 3:11-13).

God will extend grace to them. They will be forever grateful. The people of Israel will never be rejected by God.

“I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more... only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done’, declares Yahuah” (Jeremiah 31:34-37).

“These are the things you are to do: **Speak the truth** to each other, and **render true and sound judgment** in your courts; **do not plot evil** against your neighbor, and **do not love to swear falsely.** I hate all this,’ declares the LORD” (Zechariah 8:16-17).

21st century Israel will rejoice and honor their God—the Almighty. He will show 21st century Israel wonders, as He did for their ancestors in days of old. “As in the days when you came out of Egypt, I will show them my wonders” (Micah 7:15).

At the end of God's year of wrath, the nations will have witnessed the full, raw power of their Creator. Stripped of their own power; they crawl out of their underground shelters and they will fear their Creator.

The 21st century people of Israel will marvel. "Who is a God like you?" they will say. They will humbly add, "Who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance?" (Micah 7:18) And in immense gratitude, they will announce to the world, "You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea. You will be true to Jacob, and show mercy to Abraham, **as you pledged on oath to our fathers in days long ago**" (Micah 7:18-20).

The nations will seek God's mercy. Awe filled wonder will take over of the world, after they witness this once wicked people transformed into a loving, God-fearing people. They will say, "Let's go up to the God of Jacob and worship Him." Because Abraham obeyed God, all of the world will be blessed and these blessings will be poured out at this time.

"This is what the LORD Almighty says: 'In those days ten people from all languages and nations will take firm hold of one Jew [God's law abiding people] by the hem of his robe and say, 'Let us go with you, because we have heard that God is with you'" (Zechariah 8:23).

"In that day there will be an altar to Yahuah in the heart of Egypt, and a monument to Yahuah at its border... **the Lord will make himself known to the Egyptians**, and in that day they will acknowledge Him... **The Egyptians and Assyrians will worship together**. In that day **Israel will be the third**, along with Egypt and Assyria, a blessing on the earth. The Yahuah Almighty will bless them, saying '**Blessed by Egypt my people, Assyria my handiwork, and Israel my inheritance**'" (Isaiah 19:19-25).

"Turn to me and be saved, all you at the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other" (Isaiah 45:22) and "Everyone who calls on the name of the LORD will be saved" (Joel 2:32).

"In the last days the mountain of the LORD's temple will be established as chief among the mountains; it will be raised above the hills, and peoples will stream to it. Many nations will come and say, 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob. **He will teach us His ways, so that we may walk in His paths**'" (Micah 4:1-2).

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