

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE COVENANTS WITNESS TO THE ETERNAL ONE

Of the eight Major Covenants, two were given to mankind in general while six were given to Abraham and his descendants, the Jewish people. Every Jewish person and those grafted into the Abrahamic Covenant through the Messiah of Israel are *living witnesses* of the existence of the Eternal One.

The LORD initiates a Covenant to establish His Plan and Purposes. Prophecies foretell future events and enhance and confirm Promises outlined in Covenants. As seen in the Abrahamic Covenant, the LORD sets forth His call and purposes for Abraham and his descendants, the Jewish people. In the Abrahamic Covenant the Prophecies foretell the blessings for obedience, curses for disobedience, the exiles, dispersions, sufferings. While in the Moabic Covenant the Prophecies foretell the time of regathering, renewal and restoration of the Jewish people to their Covenant Homeland.

From the beginning the LORD calls men and women to bring forth His purposes in the earth. He waited two thousand years for Abraham of Ur. His Seedline was appointed to bring forth *The Written Word* and *The Word Wrapped in Human Flesh*, the Messiah of Israel.

As the LORD calls men and women to bring forth His purposes in the earth, Satan patterns his activities in like manner but with malevolent motives. Scripture records how he incited Pharaoh and Herod to slaughter all the Jewish male infants two years old and younger. In the days of Esther, Haman sought to annihilate the entire Jewish population. In 134-135 CE, the Roman Emperor Hadrian decided in order to destroy the Jews, he had to destroy Judaism. He took three radical steps. First, he made it punishable by death for the Jews to speak, read or teach the Holy Tongue, Hebrew. The thought was to destroy the Hebrew language and the Jewish soul would die. Secondly, Hadrian renamed Jerusalem *Aeolia Captolina* and changed the name of the land of Israel to *Palestine*. For his final crushing blow, he forbade the Jews to visit Jerusalem upon the threat of death.

Israel's history is filled with despotic leaders unleashing their cruelties. Unfortunately, several carried the name 'Christian,' as did Hitler. A most unlikely sovereign gained power persuading thousands to align themselves with his contemptible, inhumane atrocities, hoping to rid the world of a Jewry. On the international scene, Israel is often castigated by the nations and daily faces the threat of annihilation by aggressive, arrogant Islamic radicals as, Ahmadinejad. They are daily confronted by terrorist attacks within and outside Israel's borders. Jewish organizations report an alarming increase in the number of anti-semitic attacks worldwide.

However these attempts will fail, for the LORD established the *People*, the *Land* and the *Language* of Israel through His Covenants and supporting Prophecies.

What motivates this malignant, virulent hatred that Satan configures over the centuries against the Jewish people? His hostility is clearly exposed when we grasp the magnitude of honor the LORD has placed upon the descendants of Abraham. Satan's hatred is inversely proportionate to the favor and high position the LORD has given to Abraham and his descendants, the Jewish people. To them is given the honor of Sonship, the Scriptures, Worship, Promises, six Covenants and innumerable Prophecies. Ex 4:22; Rom 9:4 RSV To stand against Israel, the Jewish people, their Covenant Land and Language is to stand against the LORD, His Covenants and Prophecies.

PROPHECY REVEALS THE WAYS OF THE LORD WITNESSES TO THE EXISTENCE OF THE ALMIGHTY

Though the Bible contains sixty-six books, written by forty authors, most of whom did not know one another, over a period of 1600 years, it tells one primary story. It is the story of redemption, to the Jew first, then to the Gentiles, through Jesus Christ, the Messiah of Israel, Yeshua HaMashiach. The revelation comes primarily through the Covenants and Prophecies dating back to the Garden of Eden nearly 6,000 years ago yet they remain constant, witnessing to the veracity of the Scriptures. Our Father gave Covenants and Prophecies to reveal His eternal character and ways. Prophecies foretell, encourage, give warning and/or instruction. Our Father promises to announce events before they occur so when they come to pass we will know it is He. Amos 3:7 Isaiah spoke

of this principle. Is 44:7; 48:5 Jesus taught His disciples, "And now I have told you before it takes place, so that when it does take place you may believe." In 14:29 Covenants, Prophecies and the Jewish people are witnesses to the Eternal One's existence.

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE TWO COVENANTS GIVEN TO MANKIND

PROPHECY SUPPORTING THE ADAMIC COVENANT

When the LORD outlined the Adamic Covenant, the first Prophecy ever spoken was to Satan, "I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and her offspring; he shall bruise your head, and you shall bruise his heel." Gen 3:15 Four thousand years later, the *Last Adam*, the Messiah of Israel, came fulfilling this Prophecy. He bruised Satan's head (authority) and through Satan's deceptive work he bruised the Messiah's heel. The other prophecies enumerated in the Covenant we experience daily, attesting to the veracity and permanency of the Adamic Covenant:

*The Serpent will crawl on his belly
Satan will foster hostility and hatred toward women
Satan's offspring will be against a woman's offspring
Women will experience pain in childbearing
The woman's desire will be to her husband
The husband is guardian over the woman
Man will labor for his livelihood
Man will labor under adverse conditions
All mankind will experience physical death
(Every graveyard attests to the Adamic Covenant)*

PROPHECY SUPPORTING THE NOAHIC COVENANT

The Noahic Covenant is given to all mankind and all living creatures so long as the earth remains. The promises of the Covenant provide:
*The LORD will never again curse the ground
or strike down every living creature by destroying
the earth with water, because of man's evil.
While the earth remains there will be:
seed time and harvest, cold, heat,
summer and winter, day and night will not cease.
Man is not to eat the blood (limb) of a living animal
The Sign of the Covenant is the rainbow.*

The LORD said when He sees the bow in the cloud He will remember the everlasting Covenant He made with every living creature and all flesh on the earth. Gen 8:20 - 9:13 Each day witnesses to the Prophetic Promises of the Noahic Covenant as we experience the blessings of the LORD'S faithfulness to His Promises.

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE SIX MAJOR COVENANTS GIVEN TO THE JEWISH PEOPLE

The first two Covenants were given to all mankind, Jew and Gentile. Six Covenants were given to Abraham and his descendants. As the Prophetic words and signs of the Adamic and Noahic Covenants are permanent and everlasting, so the six Covenants and supporting Prophecies given to Abraham and his descendants, the Jewish people, are eternally established.

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE LAND COVENANT

The great Land Covenant of Genesis 15 precedes the awesome Abrahamic Covenant of Genesis 17. Even in a casual reading of Scripture, one cannot miss the emphasis the LORD assigns to this strategic piece of real estate. Throughout Scripture, He refers to it as *My Land*. Lev 25:23; II Ch 7:20; Ps 78:54; Ezek 36:5, 38:16; Joel 3:1-2 He gave His Land with defined boundaries to Abraham and his descendants, first by a Prophetic Promise in Genesis 12, then by a Blood Covenant in Genesis 15. He reconfirmed the Land Covenant in Genesis 17. After the LORD walked between the sacrifices finalizing the Covenant, Moses states, "On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your offspring I give this land ...'" Gen 15:18 Numerous passages refer to this Land as the *Land of Israel*. Since the Jewish people have never fully occupied the Land to the borders outlined in the Covenant, Gen 15:18-21, it remains a Prophetic Promise waiting fulfillment at the Messiah's return.

PROPHECIC WARNINGS CONCERNING ISRAEL'S LAND

In the days of the Prophets, the LORD gave His Prophetic warnings to the nations who were hostile toward Israel. They serve as an exhortation and warning to America and other nations. **Say to the Ammonites,** "Hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus says the Lord GOD, Because you said, 'Aha!' over my sanctuary when

it was profaned, and over the land of Israel when it was made desolate, and over the house of Judah when they went into exile, therefore behold, I am handing you over to the people of the East for a possession, and they shall set their encampments among you and make their dwellings in your midst." Ezek 25:3-4

Say to Tyre, because Tyre said "concerning Jerusalem, 'Aha, the gate of the peoples is broken; it has swung open to me. I shall be replenished, now that she is laid waste,' therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will bring up many nations against you..." Ezek 26:2-3

The LORD speaks concerning Edom, Thus says the Lord GOD: "Surely I have spoken in my hot jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave my land to themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and utter contempt, that they might make its pasturelands a prey. Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I have spoken in my jealous wrath, because you (Israel) have suffered the reproach of the nations. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I swear that the nations that are all around you shall themselves suffer reproach." Ezek 36:5-7

The Prophet Joel warns the nations concerning Israel's Covenant Land, "For behold, in those days and at that time, when I restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem, I will gather all the nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. And I will enter into judgment with them there, on behalf of my people and my heritage Israel, because they have scattered them among the nations and have divided up my land.." Joel 3:1-2

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT

No other Covenant has had so great an impact on the Jewish people and all mankind as the Abrahamic Covenant recorded in Genesis 17. The LORD established His Blood Covenant with Abraham when he was ninety-nine years old. Twenty-four years earlier in Genesis 12, He encountered Abram, giving him nine Prophetic Promises foundational to the Abrahamic Covenant: *I will show you a land, I will make you into a great nation,*

and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you. To your offspring I will give this land." Gen 12:1-3,7

When the LORD initiated the Abrahamic Covenant He changed Abram's and Sarai's names to Abraham and Sarah by adding the Hebrew letter *hey* to each name, thus serving as a Prophetic Promise of a double portion to them and their descendants. The Hebrew letter *hey* has a double portion in the Tetragrammaton, *YHVH, yod, hey, vav, hey,* giving Abraham, Sarah and their descendants a double blessing connected to His Name.

He spoke to Abraham saying, "And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God." Gen 17:4-8 You shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and you. He who is eight days old among you shall be circumcised. Gen 17:11-12a The LORD addressed Sarah's part....And Abraham said to God, "Oh that Ishmael might live before you!" God said, "No, but Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac. I will establish my covenant with him as an everlasting covenant for his offspring after him. As for Ishmael, I have heard you... But I will establish my covenant with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this time next year." Gen 17:18-20a, 21 On the basis of the Abrahamic Covenant, the Jewishness of a child is determined by the mother, Abraham fathered several children but Isaac was the prophetically promised heir to the Covenant through Sarah.

PROPHECIC PROMISES BEING FULFILLED

The Prophetic Promises given to Abraham are daily being fulfilled through the Jewish people. The sign of the Abrahamic Covenant is *Circumcision*. The Jewish male child, to this day, has his *brit milah* (covenant of circumcision) performed on the eighth day. Luke 2:21

The LORD promised Abraham that through him all the nations would be blessed. From Abraham and Sarah's Seedline came Isaac, Jacob, the tribe of Judah, King David, the line of the Messiah through Whom we Gentile Believers are grafted into the rich Olive Tree of Israel. Through Prophetic Promise Abraham and Sarah are the Father and Mother of us all. Through them, the Jewish people and we, the ones grafted in, are heirs/partakers in their blessings and double portion. Through Abraham and Sarah all the nations have been blessed. Is 51:1-2; Rom 4:11-12, 16; Rom 11:17-18, 24

Prophecy promises that those who bless the Jewish people will be blessed and those who curse them will be cursed. History substantiates every anti-Semitic nation or person who plots the demise of the Jewish people comes under the LORD's judgment, whether they be Pharaoh and Egypt or Hitler and Germany.

PROPHETIC WARNING TO THE NATIONS

Having left Egypt, the Israelites asked permission of the King of Edom to pass through their land. They refused, rather they came out against Israel for war. Many years later, the LORD gave His Prophecy passing judgment on Edom, as recorded in the book of Obadiah: *Because of the violence done to your brother Jacob, shame shall cover you, and you shall be cut off forever.* Obad 10 In verse 15, the LORD addresses Edom and the nations with regard to their actions toward Israel: *For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, (to Israel) it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head.*

The LORD gave a Prophetic Promise against Babylon for their treatment of Judah when they took them captive in 586 BCE. *"Then after seventy years are completed, I will punish the king of Babylon and that nation, the land of the Chaldeans, for their iniquity, declares the LORD...and I will recompense them according to their deeds and the work of their hands."* Jer 25:12-14; Jer 50:17-18 *All who found them have devoured them, and their enemies have said, "We are not guilty, for they have sinned against the LORD, their habitation of righteousness, the LORD, the hope of their fathers." "Israel is a hunted sheep driven away by lions. First the king of Assyria devoured him, and now at last Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon has gnawed his bones. Therefore, thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I am bringing punishment on*

the king of Babylon and his land, as I punished the king of Assyria. Jer 50:7, 17-18

The LORD gave a Prophetic Promise against Mt. Seir. *"Because you cherished perpetual enmity and gave over the people of Israel to the power of the sword at the time of their calamity, at the time of their final punishment, therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will prepare you for blood, and blood shall pursue you; because you did not hate bloodshed, therefore blood shall pursue you. I will make Mount Seir a waste and a desolation, and I will cut off from it all who come and go. Because you said, 'These two nations and these two countries shall be mine, and we will take possession of them' — although the LORD was there — therefore, as I live, declares the Lord GOD, I will deal with you according to the anger and envy that you showed because of your hatred against them. And I will make myself known among them, when I judge you."* Ezek 35:5-7, 10-12

When Britain issued the Balfour Declaration, November 2, 1917, it was said that the sun never set on the British empire. In 1939, through persuasion of five anti-Semitic Arab nations, Britain issued the *White Papers* severely compromising the provisions of the Declaration. Today Britain has lost her world status and stands critically compromised by the swell of Islam. America also stands in a grave position with regard to Israel. We joined hands with anti-Semitic nations in the Roadmap, a plan to divide Israel's land. We coerced Israel to give up Gaza, resulting in grave consequences for the Israelis and seriously jeopardizing Israel's southern border. The fear of and pressure from Islam moves the nations against Israel. Today, Israel is the only nation where the American Embassy is not in the capitol city, Jerusalem. In light of the Prophetic Promise of Isaiah 60:12, how serious it is for America and the nations of the world who use and exploit Israel for their own gain. The LORD has said, *"For the nation and kingdom that will not serve you (Israel) shall perish; those nations shall be utterly laid waste."* The prophesy of Obadiah is against Edom for their treatment of Israel. We are again reminded of the LORD's Prophetic Word, *"For the day of the LORD is near upon all the nations. As you have done, (to Israel) it shall be done to you; your deeds shall return on your own head."* Obadiah 15

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE MOSAIC COVENANT

After Israel offered the Passover Lamb, the LORD led them out of Egypt. Fifty days after crossing the Red Sea they arrived at Mt. Sinai for the first Pentecost (Shavuot). The LORD met the Israelites with an awesome, fearful encounter of His Presence. He appeared in a thick Cloud in the midst of thunder, lightning and smoke. The mountain quaked; as the sound of the Shofar grew louder, the people trembled in fear. Ex 19-24:11 Moses ascended Mt. Sinai in the cloud of His Presence for forty days and nights. During that time he was given the Torah (teachings), the first five books of the Bible. In Jewish teaching, the Covenant at Mt. Sinai is seen as the LORD's betrothal to Israel. The Mosaic Covenant is a *Ketubah*, a marriage contract between the LORD (the Father) and Israel. *And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."* Ex 24:(4),8

PROPHETIC PROMISES OF THE COVENANT

The Mosaic Covenant was given to Moses to speak to the Israelites. It states the commandments, reveals the LORD's holiness and righteous character and outlines worship and instruction for ministering to the LORD. The Covenant is conditional as it provides blessings for obedience and curses for disobedience. The LORD warned the Israelites their disobedience would profane His Name; in turn, they would endure great suffering and loss. Since they had been given an exalted position and chosen to represent Him to the nations, their punishment would be more severe, double. For disobedience He would exile them from their homeland and scatter them throughout the nations. Lev 26:14-39; Deut 28:15-68 The Mosaic Covenant did not provide for Israel's restoration after the Diaspora, when their suffering and exile was complete; therefore, the LORD gave Moses a second Covenant at Mt. Moab.

PROPHETIC PROMISES - BLESSINGS FOR OBEDIENCE JUDGMENT/CURSES FOR DISOBEDIENCE

As long as the Israelites walked in obedience to the LORD they experienced His Presence and Blessings. During the reign of King Saul, David and Solomon, the period of the United Kingdom, Israel attained its

zenith in kingdom rule. By the close of Solomon's reign, idolatry had invaded the lives of the people and the land, bringing the LORD's Indignation.

PROPHETIC PROMISE THE INDIGNATION PART I

The period of the Indignation is in two parts. Part I began with the Captivities; Israel by the Assyrians and Judah by the Babylonians.

In his youth King Solomon experienced the LORD's Presence and tremendous blessings. After taking the throne, he took many foreign wives, leading him into idolatry, precipitating the LORD's Indignation. After Solomon's death, when Rehoboam his son took the throne, the LORD divided the Kingdom as a result of Solomon's sins. Israel became the ten northern tribes and Judah the two southern tribes. Israel continued their spiritual decline leading them to final judgment; the LORD gave them over to the Assyrians in 721 BCE.

The Southern Kingdom continued until 586 BCE. When their sins of idolatry and the shedding of innocent blood reached the point of judgment, the LORD gave them into the hands of the Babylonians.

The Prophetic Promises of Deuteronomy 28:58-65 outline the consequences if the Israelites disobeyed the LORD, breaking His Covenant. He would reverse the previously spoken Prophetic Blessings:

*That they would be as numerous as the stars,
Favored above all nations,
Blessed and honored.*

Prophetic Curses for disobedience, they would be:

*Exiled from their Covenant Homeland,
Scattered among the nations,
Become few in number and
Experience great suffering.*

The LORD expresses His heart concerning the pain and suffering He feels, foreseeing how His chosen people will suffer during the time of His *Indignation* on them. Isaiah records, *Therefore I said: "Look away from me; let me weep bitter tears; do not labor to comfort me concerning the destruction of the daughter of my people." Isa 22:4*

THE PROPHETS ADDRESS THE TIME OF INDIGNATION

The Prophets, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, Micah, Nahum, and Zephaniah all speak concerning the People and the Land of Israel in *The Time of the Indignation*.

When Isaiah offered himself to the LORD saying, "*Here am I, send me,*" he was deeply grieved by the Prophecy he was given to speak against his people. He responds with deep sorrow and cries, "*O LORD, how long?*" The LORD directs his attention to the Land. *The Land of Israel and The People of Israel* are interconnected by Covenant. When the People are under judgment the Land suffers reciprocally. The LORD gives Isaiah a Prophetic Promise: watch the Land, it reveals the time line concerning the LORD's *Indignation* against His people Israel. Isaiah's Prophecy:

Spiritual Dullness Prophesied For The People

*"Keep on hearing, but do not understand;
keep on seeing, but do not perceive.'
Make the heart of this people dull,
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes..."*

Then I said, "How long, O Lord?" Isa 6:9-10

Barrenness Prophesied For The Land

*"And he said: 'Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people,
and the land is a desolate waste, and
the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken
places are many in the midst of the land.'" Isa 6:11-12*

The Broken Staffs - Favor and Union

At the beginning of the *Indignation*, the LORD broke the *Staff of Favor* and the *Staff of Union*. Zech 11:7, 14 In breaking the *Staff of Favor*, Israel and Judah no longer have favor with the nations, but rather have been persecuted, ostracized, maligned and annihilated. (Unfortunately to our shame, during the period of the *Indignation*, the Church has greatly contributed to the suffering of the Jewish people.) In breaking the *Staff of Union*, the LORD divided the Kingdom. Divided Israel and Judah often engaged in strife, warring against one another, at times being their own worst enemy.

THE INDIGNATION PART II

Part II of the *Indignation* began with the fall of the Babylonian Empire by the Media-Persian conquest. It will continue until the feet of the Messiah stands on the Mt. of Olives when He will ascend His father David's throne in Jerusalem. Israel, the Jewish People, is the LORD's Prophetic Timepiece. Part II of the *Indignation* parallels the terms, *the time of the end, the Last Days, or the end of the LORD's Indignation* against His chosen people Israel.

Isaiah prophesied concerning King Cyrus naming him two hundred years before he was born. After conquering Babylon, Cyrus steps to the throne inviting the Jews to return to Jerusalem and build their Temple. This event was also in fulfillment of Jeremiah's Prophetic Promise that his people would be in captivity in Babylon for seventy years, then they would return to their Homeland. Isa 44:28-45:6; Ezra 1:1-3; Jer 25:11-14 In the edict issued by King Cyrus, though the Jews were allowed to return to Jerusalem, they remained under Gentile world powers. From the beginning of the *Indignation*, the ruling Gentile powers over them, whether Babylon, Persia, Greece or Rome, made life difficult for the Jews and at times unbearable.

In 70 CE, Titus destroyed the Temple causing even greater suffering and dispersion of the Jews. In 134 CE the Jews experienced the onslaught of Hadrian's pillage. His plunder culminated by forbidding the Jews to enter Jerusalem at the cost of their lives.

Now exiled from their Covenant Homeland, as prophesied, worldwide dispersion was upon them, scattering them among the nations to face untold pain, sorrow and annihilation. (Leviticus 26; Deuteronomy 28)

Prophets speak of the *Indignation*, the People/Land:

And I will pour out my indignation upon you; I will blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and I will deliver you into the hands of brutish men, skillful to destroy. Ezek 21:31

"Son of man, say to her; You are a land that is not cleansed or rained upon in the day of indignation." Ezek 22:24

I will bear the indignation of the LORD because I have sinned against him, until he pleads my cause...Mic 7:9

Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the heat of his anger? Nah 1:6

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE MOABIC COVENANT

Since the Mosaic Covenant did not provide for Israel's restoration to their Covenant Homeland following the Diaspora, the LORD gave Moses a second Covenant to give to the children of Israel just before his death at Mt. Moab. This Covenant is called the Moabite Covenant recorded in Deuteronomy 29-30.

PROPHETIC PROMISES

THE ETERNALITY OF A PEOPLE AND A COVENANT

The LORD instructs Moses and the children of Israel that this Covenant is distinct from the Mosaic Covenant given at Mt. Horeb (Sinai). *These are the words of the Covenant that the LORD commanded Moses to make with the people of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the Covenant that he had made with them at Horeb.* Deut 29:1 The LORD addresses the eternity of the People and the Covenant “*So that you may enter into the sworn Covenant of the LORD your God, which the LORD your God is making with you today, that He may establish you today as His people, and that He may be your God, as He promised you, and as He swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn Covenant, but with whoever is standing here with us today before the LORD our God, and with whoever is not here with us today.*” Deut 29: 12-15

THE MOABIC COVENANT

CONFESSION - REPENTANCE - ISRAEL'S RESTORATION

The LORD told the Israelites if they confessed and repented of their sins and the sins of their fathers and made amends, then He would remember His Covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Lev 26:40-42

The words the LORD gave Moses to speak at Mt Moab: “*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, 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, then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you, and he will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you. 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. 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. 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. And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and ene-*

mies who persecuted you. And you shall again obey the voice of the LORD and keep all his commandments that I command you today.” Deut 30:1-8

PROPHETIC PROMISES CONCERNING THE TIME OF THE END OF THE INDIGNATION

ISRAEL THE PEOPLE - ISRAEL THE LAND

The People of Israel and the Land of Israel are inseparable companions for they are established by Prophetic Promises and three Eternal Covenants: the Land, Abrahamic and Moabic Covenants given to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and their eternal heirs, the Jewish people. The Prophet Jeremiah speaks of Israel's eternity. *Thus says the LORD, who gives the sun for light by day and the fixed order of the moon and the stars for light by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar, the LORD of hosts is his name: "If this fixed order departs from before me, declares the LORD, then shall the offspring of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever." Thus says the LORD: "If the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the offspring of Israel for all that they have done" declares the LORD.* Jer 31:35-37

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. Jer 32:37

"Therefore, behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when they shall no longer say, 'As the LORD lives who brought up the people of Israel out of the land of Egypt,' but 'As the LORD lives who brought up and led the offspring of the house of Israel out of the north country and out of all the countries where he had driven them.' Then they shall dwell in their own land." Jer 23:7-8

"I will restore the fortunes of my people, Israel and Judah" says the LORD, "and I will bring them back to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall take possession of it." Jer 30:3

THREE STAGES OF ISRAEL'S RESTORATION

The Prophet Ezekiel in Chapter 37
Foretells the Stages of Israel's Restoration

The Regathering 37:1-4

The Renewal 37:5-10

The Restoration 37:10-14

THE PEOPLE AND THE LAND

The LORD's Prophecies foretell and reveal the end of His Indignation, Israel's Restoration.

ISRAEL THE PEOPLE

Since the Jewish People received from the LORD's hand double blessing and honor through Abraham and Sarah, He requires more from them than any other people group. Hence they have suffered double for breaking the LORD's Covenants. The Prophet Isaiah gives a bold sign; when they have suffered double for their transgressions, their Restoration is approaching.

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.
Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her
that her warfare is ended,
that her iniquity is pardoned,
that she has received from the LORD's hand
double for all her sins.* Isa 40:1-2

After nearly 2000 years of exile and against all odds, the Jewish people returned to their Covenant homeland and became a Nation May 14, 1948, indicating the time of their suffering and exile is approaching completion.

ISRAEL THE LAND

*Then I said, "How long, O Lord?"
And he said: "Until cities lie waste without inhabitant, and houses without people, and the land is a desolate waste, and the LORD removes people far away, and the forsaken places are many in the midst of the land." Isa 6:11-12*

Before the Jewish people returned to their Homeland it was barren, a waste land, a desert, with little or no vegetation. Since this Land was given to the descendants of Abraham, it responds only to the Jewish people. The LORD instructed Ezekiel to speak prophetically to the Land to welcome her people home.

Thus says the Lord GOD: Because the enemy said of you, 'Aha!' and, 'The ancient heights have become our possession,' therefore prophesy, and say, Thus says the Lord GOD: Precisely because they made you desolate and crushed you from all sides, so that you became the possession of the rest of the nations, and you became the talk and evil gossip of the people, therefore, O mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD: Thus says the Lord GOD to the mountains and the hills, the ravines and the valleys, the desolate wastes and

the deserted cities, which have become a prey and derision to the rest of the nations all around, therefore thus says the Lord GOD: Surely I have spoken in my hot jealousy against the rest of the nations and against all Edom, who gave my land to themselves as a possession with wholehearted joy and utter contempt, that they might make its pasturelands a prey. Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say to the mountains and hills, to the ravines and valleys, Thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I have spoken in my jealous wrath, because you have suffered the reproach of the nations. Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: I swear that the nations that are all around you shall themselves suffer reproach. "But you, O mountains of Israel, shall shoot forth your branches and yield your fruit to my people Israel, for they will soon come home. For behold, I am for you, and I will turn to you, and you shall be tilled and sown. And I will multiply people on you, the whole house of Israel, all of it. The cities shall be inhabited and the waste places rebuilt. And I will multiply on you man and beast, and they shall multiply and be fruitful. And I will cause you to be inhabited as in your former times, and will do more good to you than ever before. Then you will know that I am the LORD. I will let people walk on you, even my people Israel. And they shall possess you, and you shall be their inheritance, and you shall no longer bereave them of children." Ezekiel 36:2-12

DANIEL SPEAKS OF THE END OF THE INDIGNATION

Daniel, the LORD's Prophet to the Jewish people, was given Prophetic Promises to give hope to the Jews concerning *The Time of the End of the Indignation*: *He said, "Behold, I will make known to you what shall be at the latter end of the indignation, for it refers to the appointed time of the end.* Dan 8:19

Daniel's prophecy in chapter 8 is prophetic of Antiochus Epiphanes, who came several hundred years after Daniel. Antiochus is a type of the one who is to come at the *End of the Indignation*, the *false messiah*. Daniel also refers to *The Time of the End of the Indignation* in chapter 11:36.

"And the king shall do as he wills. He shall exalt himself and magnify himself above every god, and shall speak astonishing things against the God of gods. He shall prosper till the indignation is accomplished; for what is decreed shall be done."

Through the Prophet Daniel's writings we know the Jewish people will continue in *The Time of The Indignation* until the close of the *Times of the Gentiles* when the Stone, the Messiah, hits the great image as Daniel prophesied. "As you looked, a Stone was cut out by no human hand, and it struck the image on its feet of iron and clay, and broke them in pieces. Then the iron, the clay, the bronze, the silver, and the gold, all together were broken in pieces, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing floors; and the wind carried them away, so that not a trace of them could be found. But the Stone that struck the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth." Dan 2:34-35, 44-45

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

The Davidic Covenant issues the Prophetic Promise that from David will come the long awaited Messiah of Israel. Thus, the Covenant given to David is rooted in the Abrahamic Covenant and stems out of two Prophetic Promises connected to that Covenant: (1) He must be a descendant of Abraham and (2) He must fulfill the Prophetic Promise that One from Abraham's Seedline will bless all peoples of the earth. Equally important is the Prophetic Promise that reaches back to the Adamic Covenant in Genesis 3:15. The Promise requires He will be born of a woman and He will bruise Satan's head (authority) redeeming all mankind from Satan's grip.

THE PSALMIST SUPPORTS THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

The Psalmist speaks prophetically supporting the Davidic Covenant: *You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.' ... And I will make him the firstborn, the highest of the kings of the earth...I will not violate my covenant or alter the word that went forth from my lips. Once for all I have sworn by my holiness; I will not lie to David. His offspring shall endure forever, his throne as long as the sun before me. Like the moon it shall be established forever, a faithful witness in the skies."* Ps 89:3-4, 27, 34-37 *The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back: "One of the sons of your*

body I will set on your throne. For the LORD has chosen Zion; he has desired it for his dwelling place; There I will make a horn to sprout for David; I have prepared a lamp for my anointed. His enemies I will clothe with shame, but on him his crown will shine." Ps 132:11, 13, 17-18

THE PROPHETS SUPPORT THE DAVIDIC COVENANT

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

"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Jer 23:5

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.'" Zech 6:12

THE PROPHETS SUPPORT THE DAVIDIC COVENANT AND RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

The Prophet Jeremiah supports the Davidic Covenant: *"Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. Thus says the LORD: If I have not established my covenant with day and night and the fixed order of heaven and earth, then I will reject the offspring of Jacob and David my servant and will not choose one of his offspring to rule over the offspring of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For I will restore their fortunes and will have mercy on them."* Jer 33:14-15, 25-26

PROPHECIES SUPPORTING THE NEW COVENANT

Jeremiah the Prophet was first to receive the Prophetic Promise of the New Covenant some 600 years before the Messiah of Israel came. At the last Passover Seder with His twelve Jewish disciples, the Messiah of Israel introduced the New Covenant that Jeremiah had prophesied hundreds of years earlier

This Covenant was instituted and sealed with the precious Blood of the Messiah of Israel when He was offered as the Passover Lamb that takes away the sin of the world. Jn 1:29

PROPHECY REVEALING THE NEW COVENANT SPEAKS OF ISRAEL'S SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

"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, 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. But 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. 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." Jer 31:31-34

THE NEW COVENANT FIRST TO THE JEW THEN TO ALL MANKIND

We are reminded a new Covenant can enhance, extend or complement a former Covenant but it never replaces the former Covenant. Covenants are progressive, revealing our Father's plan and purposes. Often one Covenant builds on or is strengthened by a former Covenant or dependent upon the Prophetic Promises of other Covenants. Taken as a whole they express the revealed will of our Father.

Clearly this prophetic passage of Jeremiah 31 is spoken to the descendants of Abraham. Jesus, the Messiah, spoke this Covenant to His disciples the evening of His last Passover Seder with them. For centuries the Rabbis have stressed the important principle of proper hermeneutics when reading and making a study of Scripture. That is, to whom is the passage spoken, to whom is it written, when was it written, what is the historical setting, what is the primary teaching or focus of the text. These important principles open the Scriptures giving understanding, bringing insight and revelation concerning our Father's plans and pur

poses for Jew and Gentile. The New Covenant in Jeremiah 31 supporting Ezekiel's Prophecy chapter 37.

THREE STAGES OF ISRAEL'S RESTORATION

The Regathering - Ezek 37:1-4

The Renewal - Ezek 37:5-10

The Restoration - Ezek 37:10-14

In our present day, Israel is in the Regathering Stage beginning May 14, 1948 and continues daily as the Jewish people return from the Diaspora to their Covenant Homeland. Our Father is preparing them for the second stage, The Renewal, when the Spirit brings the long waited New Life to His chosen people.

THE LORD'S SERVANT THE MESSIAH/ISRAEL BLESSING JEWS AND GENTILES

The New Covenant prophesied by Jeremiah in chapter 31 is greatly complemented by Isaiah's Prophecy recorded in chapter 49. A most amazing Prophecy. Isaiah speaks prophetically of the Messiah naming Him Israel, *"Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified..'"*

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 — 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." Isa 49:1-3, 5-6

The Father has anointed the Messiah, calling Him His servant, Israel. He is given the Prophetic Promise that He will bring Jacob back and regather Israel to the Father. Through the New Covenant of His Blood He will bring the Gentiles grafting them into the Abrahamic Covenant making them to be heirs with Israel. *This mystery is that through the gospel the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel...Eph 3:6a*

The Prophetic Promise of the New Covenant waited off stage until the son of David, son of Abraham, came not as a King but as a servant, the Lamb of God. Upon His return at the appointed time, the Father will bring Him center stage to take His rightful place as the Messiah of Israel. King of Kings, He will sit on His father David's throne executing righteous judgments for Israel and all mankind. *Blessed be His Glorious Name.*