



# Restoration of Israel

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But **you**  
**have** come to  
Mount **Zion**  
and to the city  
of **the living**  
**God**, the heavenly  
**Jerusalem**, to  
an innumerable  
**company** of  
**angels**, to the  
general **assembly**  
and church of  
the **firstborn**  
**who are**  
registered in  
**heaven,**

...



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Dear friends,

For the Lord will have **mercy on Jacob**, and will **still choose Israel**, and **settle them in their own land**. The strangers will be joined with them, and they will cling to the house of Jacob. <sup>2</sup>Then people will take them and bring them to their place, and the house of Israel will possess them for servants and maids in the land of the Lord; they will take them captive whose captives they were, and **rule over their oppressors** (Isaiah 14:1-2). The header in the NKJV bible is clear: **Mercy on Jacob!** God's promises to settle them again in their own land, to give them finally rest. And the story continues: *It shall come to pass in **the day** the Lord gives you **rest** from your sorrow, and from your fear and the hard bondage in which you were made to serve, <sup>4</sup>that you will take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say:.. (Isaiah 14:3-4).*

## 1. God's solution for Israel in **the day**.

Isaiah 14 continues with God's solution how to give them rest in **the day**: "**The mighty man has been destroyed**. Yes, your insolence is ended. <sup>5</sup>For **the Lord has crushed your wicked power** and broken your evil rule. <sup>6</sup>You struck the people with endless blows of rage and held the nations in your angry grip with unrelenting tyranny. <sup>7</sup>But **finally the earth is at rest and quiet**. Now it can sing again! <sup>8</sup>Even the trees of the forest—the cypress trees and the cedars of Lebanon—sing out this joyous song: '**Since you have been cut down, no one will come now to cut us down!**' (Isaiah 14:4-8).

We actually see a **spiritual solution** for the people of Israel in **the day**, 2000 years ago, when Jesus took the victory over the enemy satan, when satan was cut down. John is confirming this day, 2000 years ago, as the great day of judgment: *And when He (the Holy Spirit) has come, **He will convict the world of sin**, and of righteousness, and of **judgment**: <sup>9</sup>of sin, because they do not believe in Me; <sup>10</sup>of righteousness, because I go to My Father and you see Me no more; <sup>11</sup>of judgment, **because the ruler of this world is judged** (John 16:8-11).*

The prophet Micah is speaking about exactly the same spiritual solution for the people of Israel as the header tells us, **Zion's future triumph**: "*In that day," says the Lord, "I will assemble the lame, I will gather the outcast and those whom I have afflicted; <sup>7</sup>I will make the lame a remnant, and the outcast a strong nation; **So the Lord will reign over them in Mount Zion from now on, even forever** (Micah 4:6-7). Micah continues with the spiritual solution for the people of Israel from that big day and calls it **A ruler from Bethlehem** or **the coming Messiah**: *But you, O Bethlehem Ephrathah, are only a small village among all the people of Judah. Yet a ruler of Israel will come from you, one whose origins are from the distant past. <sup>3</sup>**The people of Israel will be abandoned to their enemies until the woman in labor gives birth**. Then at last his fellow countrymen will return from exile to their own land. <sup>4</sup>And he will stand to lead his flock with the Lord's strength, in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God. **Then his people will live there undisturbed**, for he will be highly honored around the world. <sup>5</sup>And he will be the source of peace (Micah 5:2-5). The big changing point in history for the people of Israel is when the woman in labor gives birth, then His people will live there undisturbed (from the enemy satan, for he lost the battle 2000 years ago). Thank you Jesus for your coming and helping your own people of Israel, already now for 2000 years.**

## 2. Some more identical solutions for Israel.

*Nevertheless, that time of darkness and despair will not go on forever. <sup>2</sup>The people who walk in darkness will see a great light. For those who live in a land of deep darkness, a light will shine. <sup>4</sup>For you will break the yoke of their slavery and lift the heavy burden from their shoulders. You will break the oppressor's rod, just as you did when you destroyed the army of Midian. <sup>6</sup>**For a child is born to us**, a son is given to us. **The government will rest on his shoulders**. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. <sup>7</sup>His government and its peace will never end. **He will rule** with fairness and justice **from the throne of his ancestor David** for all eternity. The passionate commitment of the Lord of Heaven's Armies will*

*make this happen! (Isaiah 9). This Kingship of Jesus on the throne of David with His first coming (from that time on) has been confirmed by the book of Acts and Matthew: He would raise up the Christ to sit on the throne of David (Acts 2:29-34), to fulfill the prophesy of the prophet Zechariah: Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your King is coming to you (Matthew 21:5).*

**Out of the stump of David's family will grow a shoot**—yes, a new Branch bearing fruit from the old root. <sup>2</sup>And the Spirit of the Lord will rest on him—... <sup>4</sup>He will give justice to the poor and make fair decisions for the exploited. The earth will shake at the force of his word, and one breath from his mouth will destroy the wicked. <sup>6</sup>In that day the wolf and the lamb will live together;... <sup>9</sup>Nothing will hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain, for as the waters fill the sea, so the earth will be filled with people who know the Lord. <sup>10</sup>In that day the heir to David's throne will be a banner of salvation to all the world. The nations will rally to him, and the land where he lives will be a glorious place (Isaiah 11:1-10). Jesus with His first coming again the (spiritual) solution for Israel, since 2000 years now. A spiritual place of rest and peace where indeed the wolf and the lamb are at peace again, on Gods holy mountain. Hebrews is confirming the possibility of Israel and the gentiles to be on God's holy mountain since 2000 years: **No, you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless thousands of angels in a joyful gathering.** <sup>23</sup> You have come to the assembly of God's firstborn children, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God himself, who is the judge over all things. You have come to the spirits of the righteous ones in heaven who have now been made perfect. <sup>24</sup> You have come to Jesus, the one who mediates the new covenant between God and people, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks of forgiveness instead of crying out for vengeance like the blood of Abel (Hebrews 12:22-24). Amazing he! This place, God's holy mountain, approachable for Israel and us for already 2000 years now, a place of rest for the enemy (for satan has been cast out there), **Jesus on David's throne as a banner of salvation to all the world!**

**When oppression and destruction have ended and enemy raiders have disappeared, <sup>5</sup> then God will establish one of David's descendants as king.** He will rule with mercy and truth. He will always do what is just and be eager to do what is right (Isaiah 16:4-5). Cool he! It's all about Jesus and what He did already 2000 years ago!

*In that day the Lord will punish the fallen angels in the heavens and the proud rulers of the nations on earth.<sup>22</sup> They will be rounded up and put in prison. They will be shut up in prison and will finally be punished. <sup>23</sup> Then the glory of the moon will wane, and the brightness of the sun will fade, for **the Lord of Heaven's Armies will rule on Mount Zion.** He will rule in great glory in Jerusalem, in the sight of all the leaders of his people (Isaiah 24:21-23). This punishment and imprisonment of satan and his fallen angels during the whole NT period is also confirmed in the New Testament: *And the angels who did not keep their proper domain, but left their own abode, He has reserved in everlasting chains under darkness for the judgment of the great day (Jude 1:6).* Jude is writing about A.D. 65, in the first century to Christians that God has securely chained the fallen angels, and satan is one of them. Peter is confirming this also: *For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast them down to hell and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment (2 Peter 2:4).* The word "hell" here is not the eternal lake of fire but the Hades.*

### **3. Timing of the prophecies for Israel.**

**"The law and the prophets were until John. Since that time the kingdom of God has been preached, and everyone is pressing into it (Luke 16:16).** Matthew is confirming this too: *And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven suffers violence, and the violent take it by force.<sup>13</sup> **For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John.** <sup>14</sup> And if you are willing to receive it, he is Elijah who is to come (Matthew 11:12-14).* The prophecies about the Kingdom and human salvation are

ending with John, we see them culminate in John's century. We have seen this fulfilled with the first coming of Jesus the Christ, where He took the victory at Calvary (our salvation), which is also the start of the Kingdom, all during the days of John.

#### 4. Offer both to Jews and Gentiles.

The Bible teaches us that the 'end of time' has begun at the beginning of our era, actually most verses in the NT regarding "**the end of ages**" happened 2000 years ago, in the first century: *But now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (Hebrews 9:26)*. More verses and information in our study "The end of ages".

What is that Christian obsession with the end times and the people of Israel? What is it that they are blowing new life into ancient prophecies and apply it to the current Israel? The fact that most of the Jewish people didn't accept Christ and His spiritual kingdom didn't stop the Kingdom: *But many Israelites—those for whom the Kingdom was prepared—will be thrown into outer darkness (this is not the final punishment, but outside the Kingdom), where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.*" (Matthew 8:12). For sure no one could stop the Kingdom, and for that reason the Kingdom has been taken away from the Jewish and given to the gentiles as written: *The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the LORD's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes?* <sup>43</sup> *"Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it (Matthew 21:42-43).*

*The real children of Abraham, then, are those who put their faith in God (Galatians 3:7). And now that you belong to Christ, you are the true children of Abraham. You are his heirs, and God's promise to Abraham belongs to you (Galatians 3:29).* A spiritual solution for all those who are in Christ including the spiritual land promise for Israel and the true children of Abraham (Christians) already for 2000 years:

*No, **you have come to Mount Zion**, to the city of the living God, **the heavenly Jerusalem**, and ... (Hebrews 12:22), and **We are the People of God**, already **seated with Him in the heavenly places** (Ephesians 2:6).*

The kingdom of God has come upon us with Jesus first coming (Matthew 12:28). The Kingdom of God during the whole New Testament period is spiritual and not of this world (John 18:36). Jesus became King with His first coming as written: He would raise up the Christ to sit on the throne of David (Acts 2:29-34, Luke 1:32-33), to fulfill the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah: Tell the daughter of Zion, behold, your King is coming to you (Matthew 21:5). With Jesus second coming He will hand over the spiritual Kingdom to the Father, which implicates the start of the visible Kingdom in its full glory (1 Corinthians 15:24).

So far so good regarding the offer of the Kingdom of Christ for both Jews and gentiles since 2000 year, however there is more to say about Israel!

#### 5. More prophecies regarding Israel.

There is more to say besides the prophecies regarding the Kingdom of Christ which were ending with John, we saw them culminate in John's century, the first century.

The Jews doesn't fit in our normal Christian way of thinking regarding the Kingdom of Christ which has come already for 2000 years: *"The day is coming, says the Lord, when I will make **a new covenant with the people of Israel and Judah** (Hebrews 8:8).* The new covenant has been made with Israel and Judah and initially not with us the gentiles. Most of the Jews did not accept this until now however the promise to them still stands: *And they will not need to teach their neighbors, nor will they need to teach their relatives, saying, 'You should know the Lord.'* **For everyone, from the least to the greatest, will know me already.** <sup>12</sup> *And I will forgive their wickedness, and I will never again remember their sins (Hebrews 8:11, 12), and **so all Israel will be saved.** As the*

*Scriptures say, "The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and he will turn Israel away from ungodliness. <sup>27</sup> And this is my covenant with them, that I will take away their sins (Romans 11:26, 27).*

Ezekiel 38 speaks about the invasion of Gog on the Land of Israel close before His second coming: *A long time from now you will be called into action. In the distant future you will swoop down on the land of Israel, which ... (Ezekiel 38:8). At that time **in the distant future**, I will bring you against my land as everyone watches, and my holiness will be displayed by what happens to you, Gog. Then all the nations will know that I am the Lord (Ezekiel 38:16). The armies of Gog will be destroyed by the Lord Himself: *I will punish you and your armies with disease and bloodshed; I will send torrential rain, hailstones, fire, and burning sulfur! <sup>23</sup> In this way, **I will show my greatness and holiness, and I will make myself known to all the nations of the world. Then they will know that I am the Lord (Ezekiel 38: 22,23).****

Regarding Israel we have to keep in mind that they are still God's chosen people and there is a special plan for them as written in Romans 11:

*<sup>7</sup> So this is the situation: Most of the people of Israel have not found the favor of God they are looking for so earnestly. A few have—the ones God has chosen—but the hearts of the rest were hardened. <sup>8</sup> As the Scriptures say, "God has put them into a deep sleep. To this day he has shut their eyes so they do not see, and closed their ears so they do not hear. <sup>25</sup> I want you to understand this mystery, dear brothers and sisters, so that you will not feel proud about yourselves. Some of the people of Israel have hard hearts, but this will last only until the full number of Gentiles comes to Christ. <sup>26</sup> And so all Israel will be saved. As the Scriptures say, "The one who rescues will come from Jerusalem, and he will turn Israel away from ungodliness. <sup>27</sup> **And this is my covenant with them, that I will take away their sins.**"*

Amazing, I have no words: **Oh, how great are God's riches and wisdom and knowledge! How impossible it is for us to understand his decisions and his ways! (Romans 11: 33).**

**Israel still plays an important role in Gods future plan!**

### **6. Final word.**

God's promise of entering His rest still stands, so we ought to tremble with fear that some of you might fail to experience it. We know it is ready and the time for entering His rest, is today (Hebrews 4). **Enjoy the party!**

Yours in His service,  
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