



Israel:

Past, Present and Future

ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

- Who are the chosen people?
- Are the OT chosen the same as NT chosen?
- Are there 2 redemptive plans for Israel and the church?
- Has the church become the new Israel in the NT?

ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE

- What about the modern day state and nation of Israel?
- Why is it important to understand the role of Israel in relation to the Church in the redemptive plan of God?

THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE CHURCH

Romans-context:

Author : Paul

Date: +- AD 57

Place written: Corinth

Recipients: Gentile and Jewish believers in Rome

Sub theme: Resolving of tension between Gentile and Jewish believers

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Romans-main theme:

Romans 1:16-17

¹⁶ For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the **Jew first** and also to the Greek. ¹⁷ For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, “The righteous shall live by faith.”

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Romans-overall summary

- Introduction and greetings(1:1-16)
- All men are sinners (1:17-3:20)
- Justification by faith and its fruits (3:21-8:39)
- Israel in the plan of God (9:1-11:36)
- Living the Christian life (12:1-15:33)
- Personal greetings (16:1-27)

ROMANS 9-11

Romans 9: (God's purpose and choice)

Romans 10: (Why Israel rejected God—human factors)

Romans 11: (The implications of Israel's disobedience)

ROMANS 9 (GOD'S PURPOSE AND CHOICE)

Romans 9:4-5

4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

ROMANS 9 (GOD'S PURPOSE AND CHOICE)

How could Israel have rejected their own Messiah?

(4 Reasons)

1. **God's word has not failed**

Children of the flesh vs children of the promise;
God's choice of Jacob and not Esau;
God's purpose of election.

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2. **There is no injustice on God's part**

Mercy expressed to Moses;

Power in judgment shown to Pharaoh;

God is sovereign.

ROMANS 9

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3. How can God attribute guilt if we cannot resist His will?

God is the potter and we are the clay;

God makes vessels of wrath and mercy;

Inclusion of the Gentiles and exclusion

of Israel (except for a remnant) foretold.

ROMANS 9

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4. What shall we say then?

Gentiles who did not pursue it, received
righteousness by faith;

Israel did not pursue righteousness by
faith, but by the law and have stumbled
over the stumbling stone (Christ).

ROMANS 10

(WHY ISRAEL REJECTED GOD-HUMAN FACTORS)

- Israel is zealous for God;
- Israel is ignorant of the righteousness in Christ;
- Israel pursues their own righteousness;
- Paul explains the difference between righteousness based on law and on faith;
- Jesus is the only Saviour for both Jew and Gentile.

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- Paul proposes and rejects two possible excuses why Israel did not hear the Gospel:
- 1. He quotes Psalm 19:4 and says that they have heard the Gospel;
- 2. He then asks, did Israel not understand and quotes Isaiah to illustrate that even here they are without excuse.
- Paul gives Israel no excuse for not hearing nor understanding.

ROMANS 11: **(THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRAEL'S DISOBEDIENCE)**

- Verse 1-2: ¹ I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means!
- **4 reasons**
- 1. Personal example of Paul as Jew;
- 2. Unfailing character and promises of God;
(Eg. Jer. 33:25-26; Gen. 15:18; 17:7-8)
- 3. There has always been a remnant;
- 4. The grace of God is not dependant on works.

ROMANS 11: **(THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRAEL'S DISOBEDIENCE)**

- **Israel's fall is not total!**
- Verse 7: "What then?"
- Paul now distinguishes between 2 groups in Israel:
 - 1. The elect and the hardened;
 - 2. Those chosen by grace and those hardened by God

ROMANS 11:

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- **Verses 11-32: The future prospects of unbelieving Israel**
- Verse 11: So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means!.....
- Chain of blessing no 1:
 - 1. Through Israel's fall, salvation has come to the Gentiles;
 - 2. Salvation of Gentiles will make Israel envious;
 - 3. Israel's eventual fullness will lead to even greater riches.

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- Chain of blessing no 2:
 - 1. Paul magnifies his ministry to Gentiles;
 - 2. His motive is to make fellow Jews jealous;
 - 3. If Israel's rejection lead to reconciliation, then her acceptance will be life from death.

ROMANS 11: (THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRAEL'S DISOBEDIENCE)

- **3 Metaphors:**
 - 1. If first-fruits dough is holy, so is the whole lump;
 - 2. If the root is holy, so are the branches;
 - 3. **Olive tree:** reference to Israel and illustrates required attitude of believing Gentiles towards Israel

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- **3. Olive tree:**
- 3.1 Grafting in of wild olive shoot;
- 3.2 Olive tree has experienced both pruning and grafting;
- 3.3 Believing Jews remain grafted in and Gentiles are grafted in among them.
- 3.4 Warning against arrogance

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- 3.4 Warning against arrogance
- The root supports us, not the other way around;
- As wild Olive shoots, we stand or fall by faith;
- We do not naturally belong-remember God's kindness!

ROMANS 11: (THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRAEL'S DISOBEDIENCE)

- A promise to Jewish unbelievers:

- **Romans 11:23-24**

²³ And even they, if they **do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in**, for **God has the power** to graft them in again. ²⁴ For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, **how much more** will these, the **natural branches**, be grafted back into their own olive tree.

ROMANS 11:

(THE IMPLICATIONS OF ISRAEL'S DISOBEDIENCE)

- **The divine mystery of Israel's Salvation** (v 25-30):
- Do not be conceited, a partial hardening has come till fullness of Gentiles has come in;
- “All Israel will be saved” (Full remnant);
- Israel are enemies for the sake of the Gentiles, but beloved as elected;
- God has a future for His people because of His mercy

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- The significance of the doxology (v 33-36);
- The significance of Rom 12:1-3

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Israel past:**
- In His sovereignty God chose Israel as His special people in the past;
- God made an everlasting covenant with Israel with regard to their descendants, their land and their future;
- God has not rejected His people. Paul was a living example. God's covenant with His people still stands;

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Israel past:**
- Israel remain God's beloved because of election of their forefathers;
- The gifts and calling of God are irrevocable;
- The covenant promise of God to the patriarchs of Israel is the root of the Olive tree.
- God has always had a remnant of faithful believers in Israel.

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Israel present:**
- God still has a remnant of faithful believers in Israel, to this day;
- God foretold that unbelieving Israel would reject Him and that the Gentiles would be included;
- God's covenant with the patriarchs is still the root of the redemptive plan of God;

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Israel present:**
- God has always had a remnant of faithful believers in Israel;
- God has hardened the hearts of the Jews until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in (partial hardening);
- Israel relied on their own righteousness in stead of the righteousness by faith in Christ;

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Israel present:**
- Israel did hear the Gospel but refused to believe and rebelled against God;
- Christ became a stumbling block for the Jews;
- Salvation by grace alone through faith alone in Christ has always been God's final standard;
- Israel became God's enemies for the sake of the Gentiles;

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Israel present:**
- They rejected God and were cut off as branches of the root;
- The partial hardening of the Jews opened the door for wild Gentile shoots to be grafted in;

THE ROLE OF ISRAEL PAST, PRESENT AND FUTURE IN THE REDEMPTIVE PLAN OF GOD?

- **Future Israel:**
- All Israel will one day be saved and the fullness of the remnant will come in;
- The cut off natural branches will once again be grafted in by God in the future.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL AND HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- **Attitude:**
- Paul grieved for his unbelieving Jewish compatriots and so should we;
- The Word of God has not failed Israel, nor will it fail us;
- We need to recognise that Jews have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge;

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- **Attitude:**
- We must be grateful that salvation came to the church (Jew and Gentile) through Israel's fall;
- The eventual fullness of the Jews will bring great riches to all;
- We can never be arrogant as wild olive shoots;
- We once were outsiders, but are now privileged to belong;

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL AND HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- **Attitude:**
- There is no place for pride, we have been grafted in by grace alone;
- We have been grafted in by faith and can be cut off through unbelief;
- There is no justification for anti-Semitism;
- We are dependant on the root, not the other way around;

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- **Attitude:**
- Remember God's kindness to us and the kindness to Israel in the past and future;

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- **Action:**
- The salvation of the Jews was a priority for Paul and so it should be for us;
- Continued evangelism amongst the Gentiles (including Arabs) will make Israel jealous;
- We should also want to make the Jews envious by embracing and living in the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus by the power of the Holy Spirit.

WHAT IS THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE CHURCH AND ISRAEL AND HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND?

- **Attitude:**
- Do not be conceited, the partial hardening is only till the fullness of Gentiles has come in;
- God's mercy belongs to both Jew and Gentile;
- The Gospel of Christ applies to Jew and Gentile, hence Rom 1-8;

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

- Tension then and tension now;
- Part of mystery remains-remain humble;
- Rest in the mystery of God's sovereignty;
- Righteousness by faith in Christ alone;
- Pray for the peace of Jerusalem(Ps 122:6);
- The benefit of understanding Hebrew culture;
- No basis for replacement theology, rather addition theology;

CONCLUDING COMMENTS

- Present church age is not an interruption
- Church = Jewish and Gentile believers;
- The mystery of the nation and the land since 1948;
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ROMANS 11:25–29

25 For I do not want you, brethren, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

26 and so all Israel will be saved; just as it is written, “THE DELIVERER WILL COME FROM ZION, HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.”

27 “THIS IS MY COVENANT WITH THEM, WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR SINS.”

ROMANS 11:25–29

28 From the standpoint of the gospel they are enemies for your sake, but from the standpoint of God's choice they are beloved for the sake of the fathers;

29 for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

LUKE 21:20–24

20 “But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then recognize that her desolation is near.

21 “Then those who are in Judea must flee to the mountains, and those who are in the midst of the city must leave, and those who are in the country must not enter the city;

22 because these are days of vengeance, so that all things which are written will be fulfilled.

23 “Woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days; for there will

LUKE 21:20–24

be great distress upon the land and wrath to this people;

24 and they will fall by the edge of the sword, and will be led captive into all the nations; *and Jerusalem will be trampled under foot by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.*

MATTHEW 23:37–39

37 “Jerusalem, Jerusalem, who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, the way a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, and you were unwilling.

38 “Behold, your house is being left to you desolate!

39 “For I say to you, from now on you will not see Me until you say, ‘BLESSED IS HE WHO COMES IN THE NAME OF THE LORD!’ ”

MATTHEW 24:15–22

15 “Therefore when you see the ABOMINATION OF DESOLATION which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, standing in the **holy place** (let the reader understand),

16 then those who are in **Judea** must flee to the mountains.

17 “Whoever is on the housetop must not go down to get the things out that are in his house.

18 “Whoever is in the field must not turn back to get his cloak.

MATTHEW 24:15–22

19 “But woe to those who are pregnant and to those who are nursing babies in those days!

20 “But pray that your flight will not be in the winter, or on **a Sabbath**.

21 “For then there will be a **GREAT TRIBULATION**, such as has not occurred since the beginning of the world until now, nor ever will.

22 “Unless those days had been cut short, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect those days will be cut short.

DANIEL 9:24-27

24 “Seventy weeks have been decreed for your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to make an end of sin, to make atonement for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal up vision and prophecy and to anoint the most holy place.

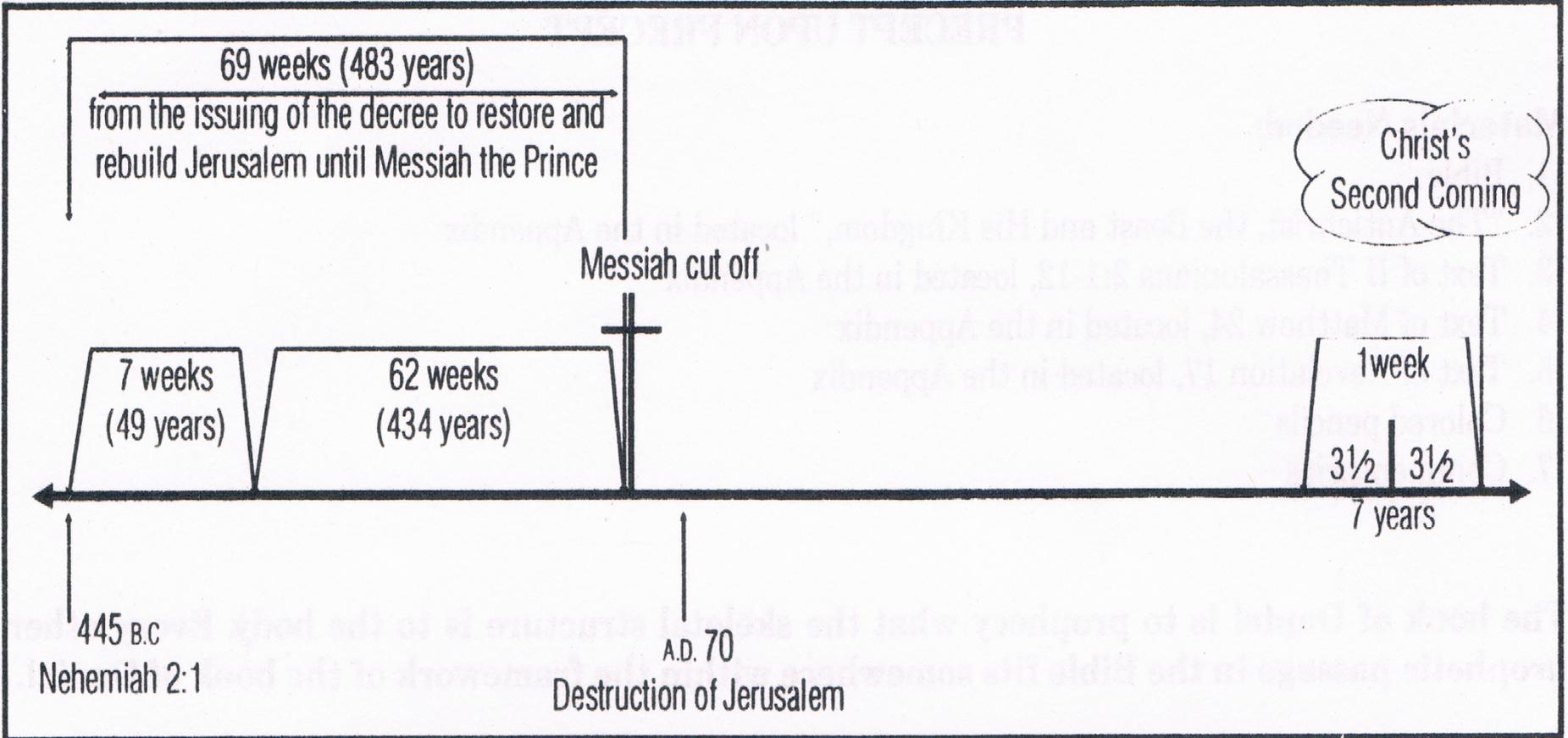
25 “So you are to know and discern that from the issuing of a decree to restore and rebuild Jerusalem until Messiah the Prince there will be seven weeks and sixty-two weeks; it will be built again, with plaza and moat, even in times of distress.

DANIEL 9:24-27

26 “Then after the sixty-two weeks the Messiah will be cut off and have nothing, and the people of the prince who is to come will destroy the city and the sanctuary. And its end will come with a flood; even to the end there will be war; desolations are determined.

27 “And he will make a firm covenant with the many for one week, but in the middle of the week he will put a stop to sacrifice and grain offering; and on the wing of abominations will come one who makes desolate, even until a complete destruction, one that is decreed, is poured out on

DANIEL'S VISION OF SEVENTY WEEKS



DANIEL 12:1,7,11-13

1 “Now at that time Michael, the great prince who stands guard over the **sons of your people**, will arise. And there will be a **time of distress** such as never occurred since there was a nation until that time; and at that time **your people**, everyone who is found written in the book, will be rescued.,

7 I heard the man dressed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, as he raised his right hand and his left toward heaven, and swore by Him who lives forever that it would be for a time, times, and half a time; and

DANIEL 12:1,7,11-13

as soon as they finish shattering the power of the **holy people**, all these events will be completed.

11 “From the time that the regular sacrifice is abolished and the abomination of desolation is set up, there will be 1,290 days.

12 “How blessed is he who keeps waiting and attains to the 1,335 days!

13 “But as for you, go your way to the end; then you will enter into rest and rise again for your allotted portion at the end of the age.”

GENESIS 12:1–3

1 Now the LORD said to Abram, “Go forth from your country, And from your relatives And from your father’s house, To the land which I will show you;
2 And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;
3 And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

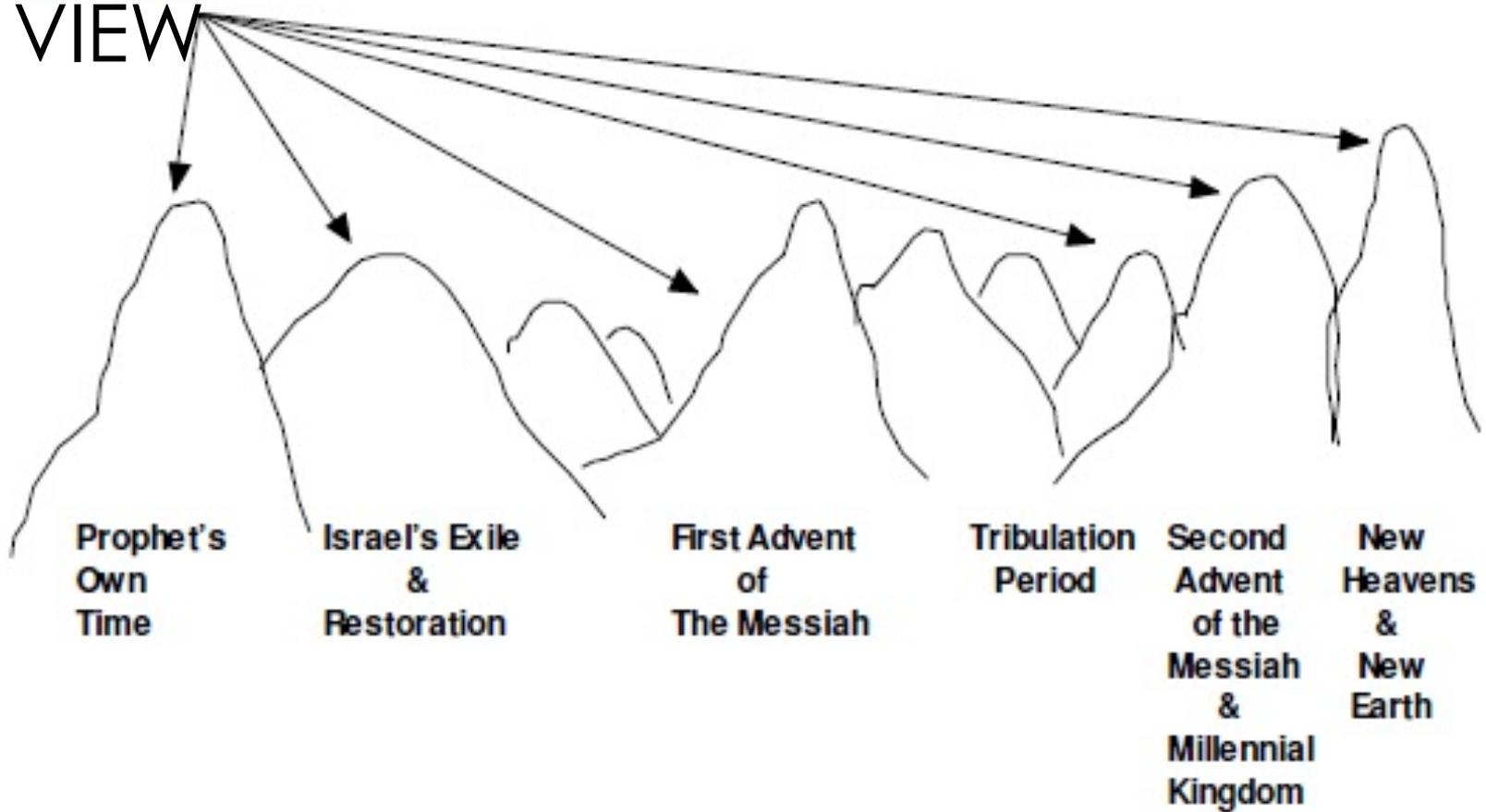
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Genesis 17:7–8

7 “I will establish My covenant between Me and you and your descendants after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your descendants after you.

8 “I will give to you and to your descendants after you, the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.”

THE PROPHET'S VIEW



ZECHARIAH 12:9-11

9 “And in that day I will set about to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

10 “I will pour out on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the Spirit of grace and of supplication, so that **they will look on Me whom they have pierced; and they will mourn for Him**, as one mourns for an only son, and they will weep bitterly over Him like the bitter weeping over a firstborn.

11 “In that day there will be great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

ZECHARIAH 12:9-11

Revelation 1:7

7 BEHOLD, HE IS COMING WITH THE CLOUDS, and every eye will see Him, **even those who pierced Him;** and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

ZECHARIAH 13:1-2, 8-9

1 “In that day a fountain will be opened for the house of David and for the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for impurity.

2 “It will come about in that day,” declares the LORD of hosts, “that I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, and they will no longer be remembered; and I will also remove the prophets and the unclean spirit from the land.

ZECHARIAH 13:1-2, 8-9

8 “It will come about in all the land,” Declares the LORD, “That two parts in it will be cut off and perish; But the third will be left in it.

9 “And I will bring the third part through the fire, Refine them as silver is refined, And test them as gold is tested. They will call on My name, And I will answer them; I will say, ‘They are My people,’ And they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’ ”

ZECHARIAH 14:4,9

4 In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south.

9 And the LORD will be king over all the earth; in that day the LORD will be the only one, and His name the only one.

ROMANS 11:29

The gifts and the calling of God is irrevocable

JEREMIAH 31:35–36

35 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:

36 “If this fixed order departs From before Me,” declares the LORD, “Then the offspring of Israel also will cease From being a nation before Me forever.”

Psalm 122:6–9

6 Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: “May they prosper who love you.

7 “May peace be within your walls, And prosperity within your palaces.”

8 For the sake of my brothers and my friends, I will now say, “May peace be within you.”

9 For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

ACTS 3:19–21

19 “Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away, in order that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord;

20 and that He may send Jesus, the Christ appointed for you,

21 whom heaven must receive until the period of restoration of all things about which God spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from ancient time.