

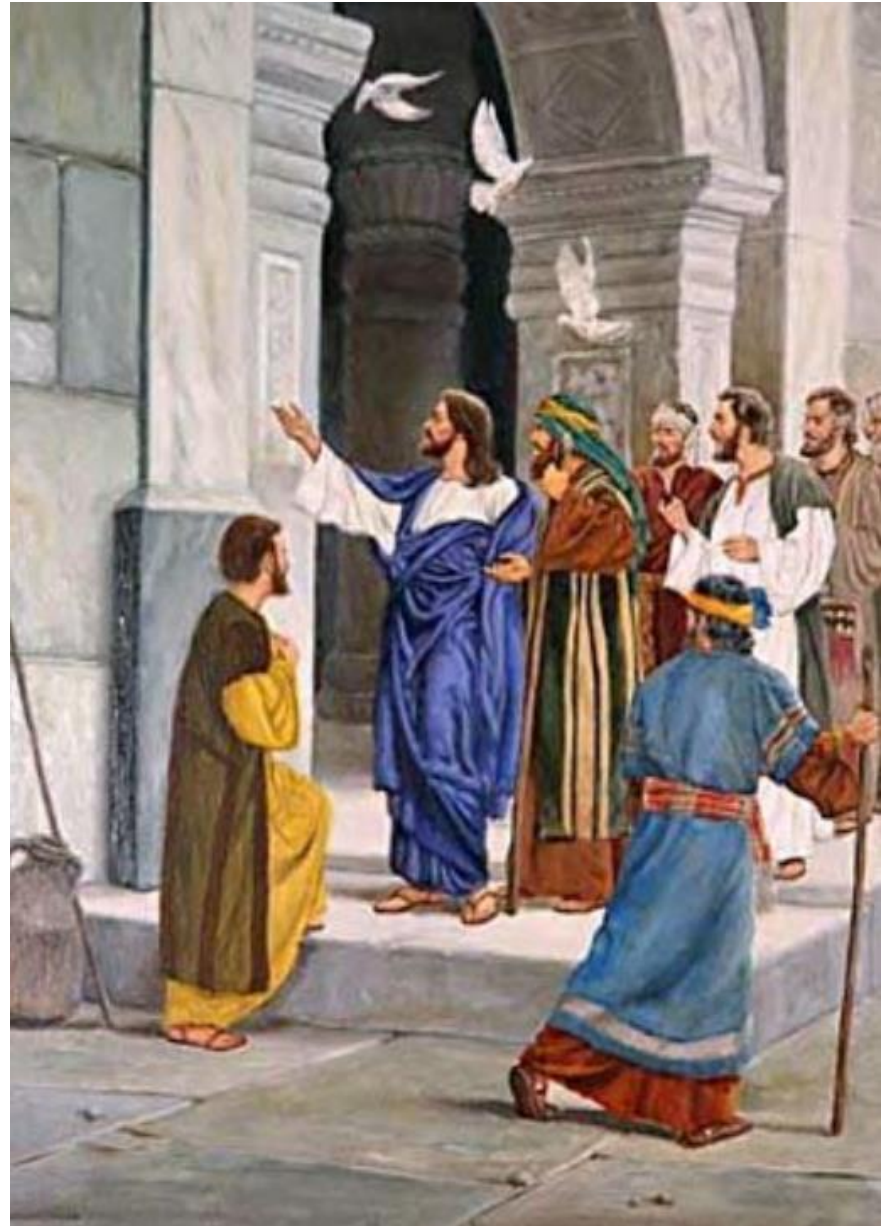
# The Miracle of Israel's Survival



## Jesus prophecies: The Destruction of the Temple

Mark 13:1 Then as He went out of the temple, one of His disciples said to Him, "Teacher, see what manner of stones and what buildings are here!"

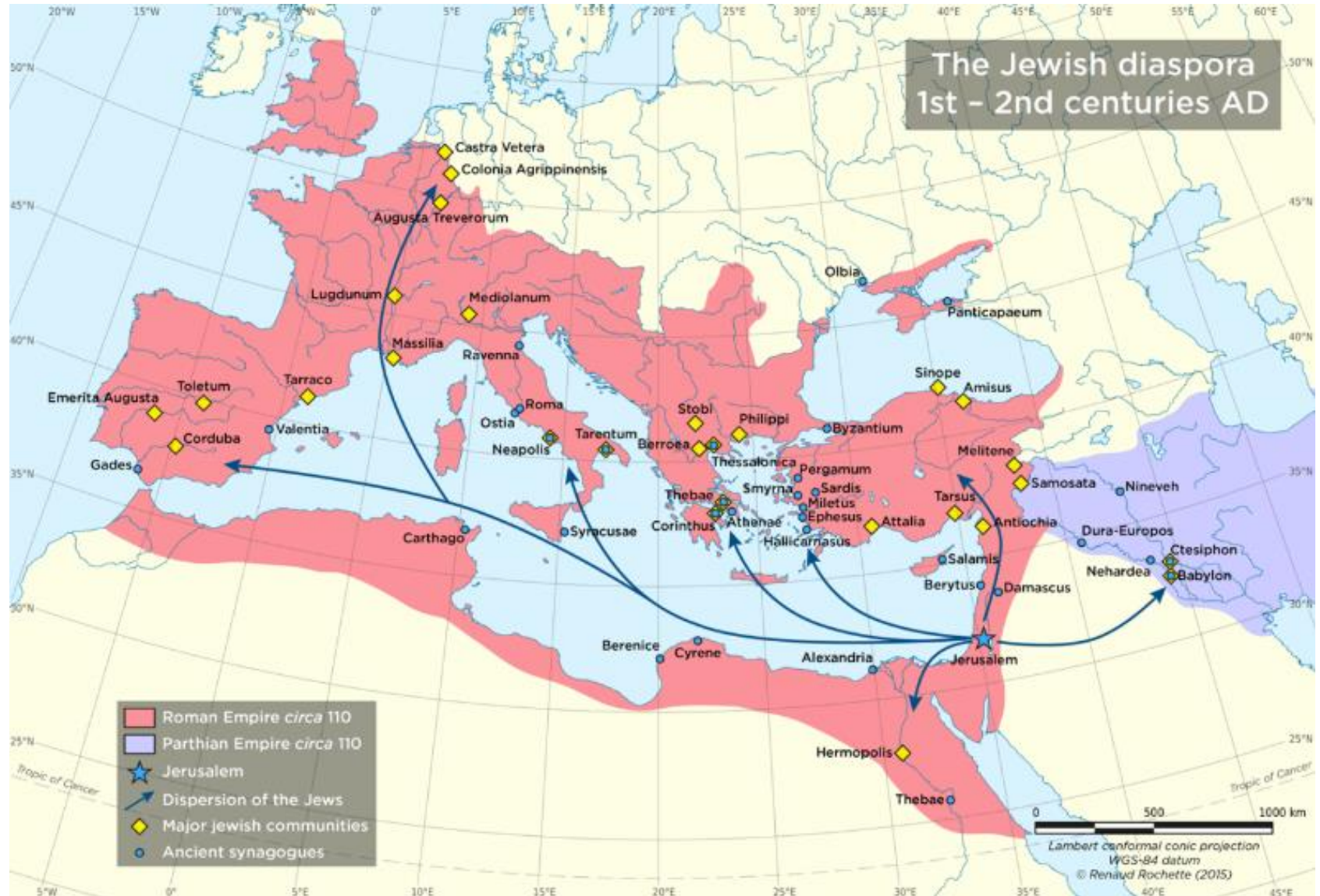
2 And Jesus answered and said to him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone shall be left upon another, that shall not be thrown down."



In the year 69 AD an oppression that started with heavy taxes ended with mass murder. The Jewish people were butchered and slaughtered by the Romans, their homes ransacked and the Holy Temple burnt to the ground. And since then, the Jewish people were exiled and have been persecuted to this day.



The Jewish state comes to an end in 70 AD, when the Romans begin to actively drive Jews from their homeland. The Jews were dispersed in every direction.



## **But the Lord Proclaims:**

Jeremiah 31:35 Thus says the LORD, Who gives the sun for a light by day, The ordinances of the moon and the stars for a light by night, Who disturbs the sea, And its waves roar (The LORD of hosts is His name): 36 "If those ordinances depart From before Me, says the LORD, Then the seed of Israel shall also cease From being a nation before Me forever." 37 Thus says the LORD: "If heaven above can be measured, And the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel For all that they have done, says the LORD.

In the year 1096, the First Crusade destroyed Jewish communities across Europe and in Israel.

In 1144, the first recorded blood libel took place.

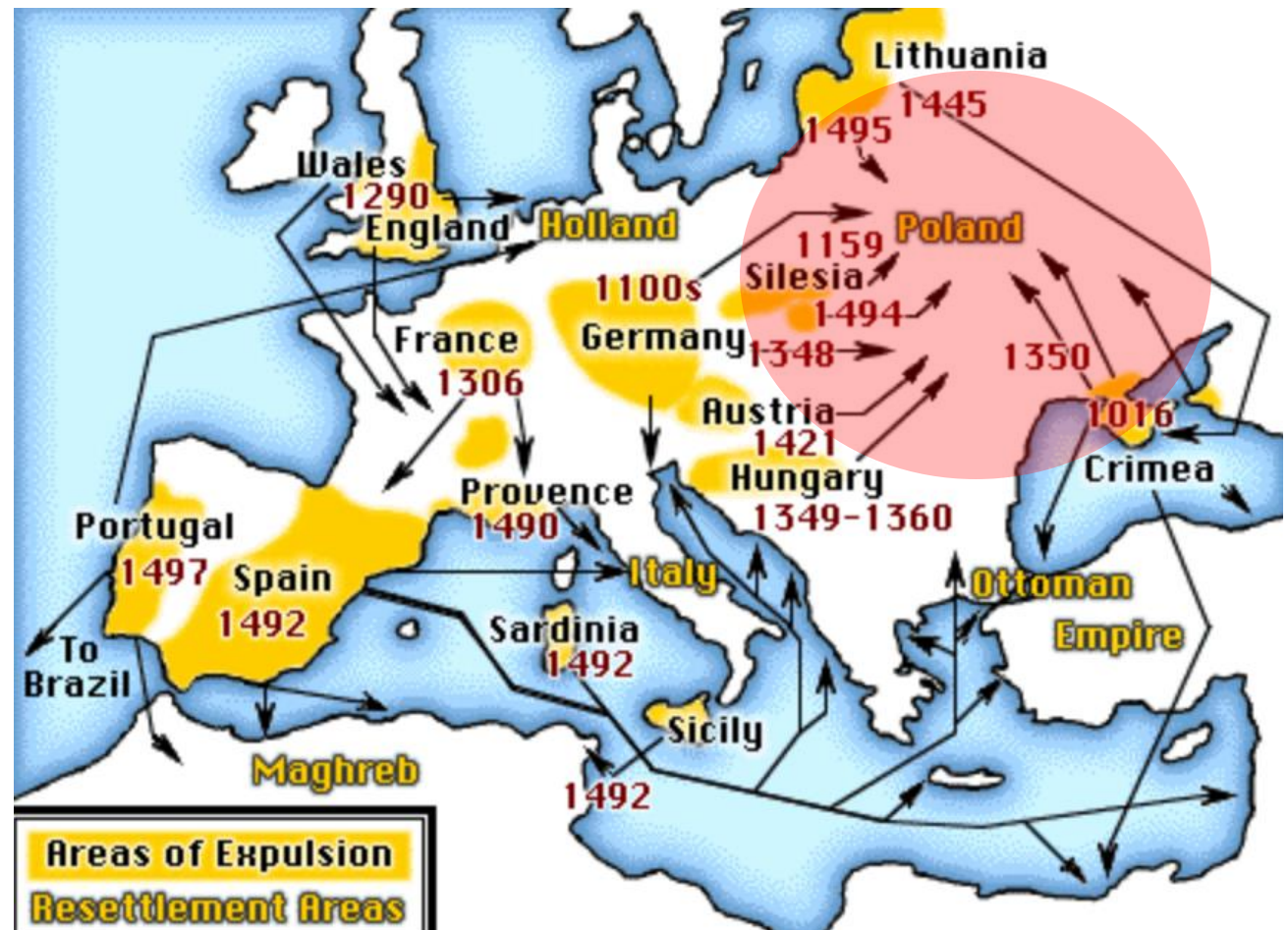
In 1190, Jews were massacred in England during the Third Crusade.

A public burning of the Talmud took place in Paris in 1242.

In 1290, all Jews were expelled from England.

The Spanish Inquisition occurred in 1478 and the Jews were subsequently expelled.

Eventually many expelled Jews fled to Poland.



In 1648, Jews were massacred by Chmielnitzki's forces, (Cossacks). In the area of Ukraine and Poland.

By 1937 there were 3 million Jews in Poland.

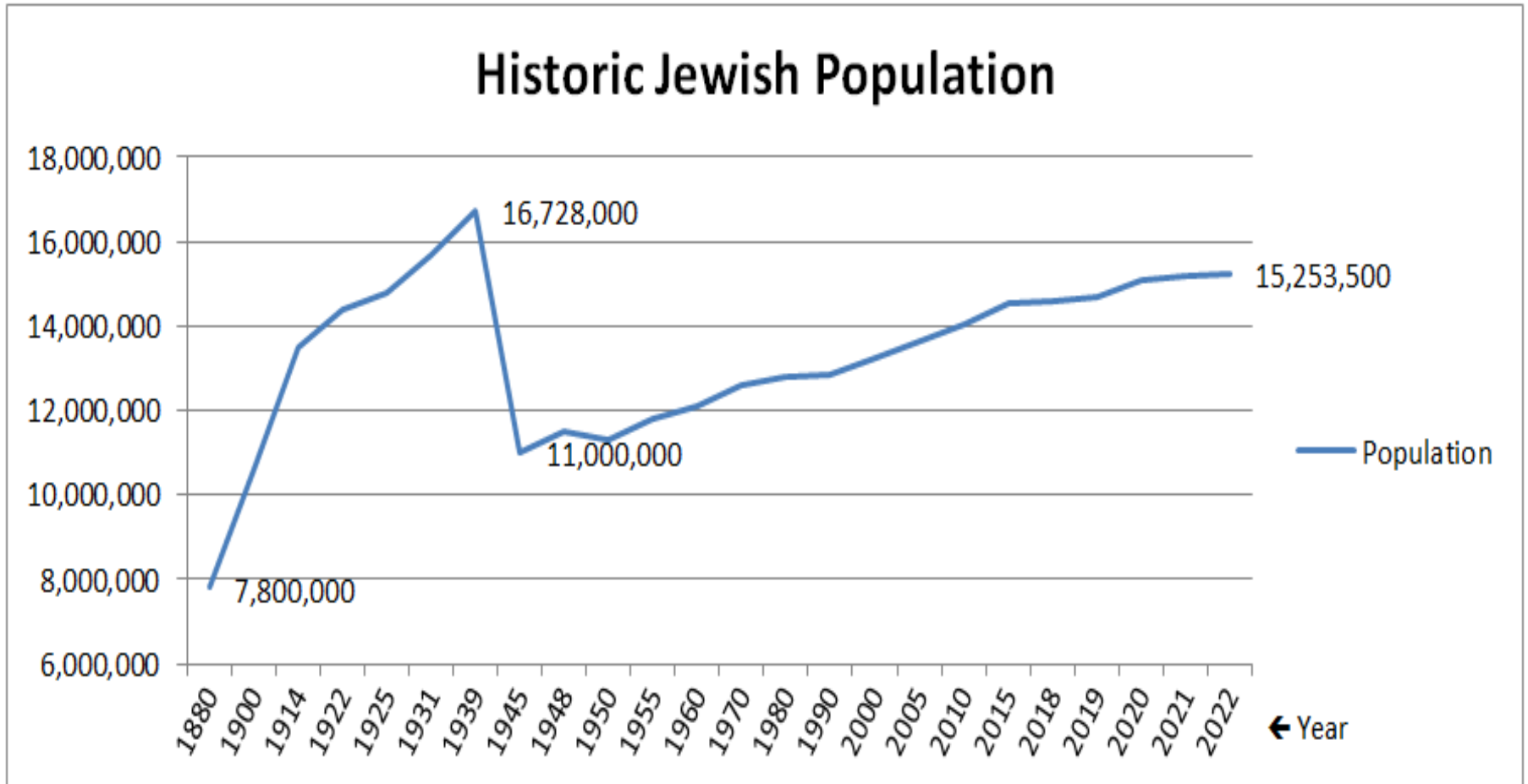






In 1918, over 60,000 Jews were killed during the Russian revolution.

In World War II during the Holocaust: six million Jews were slaughtered.

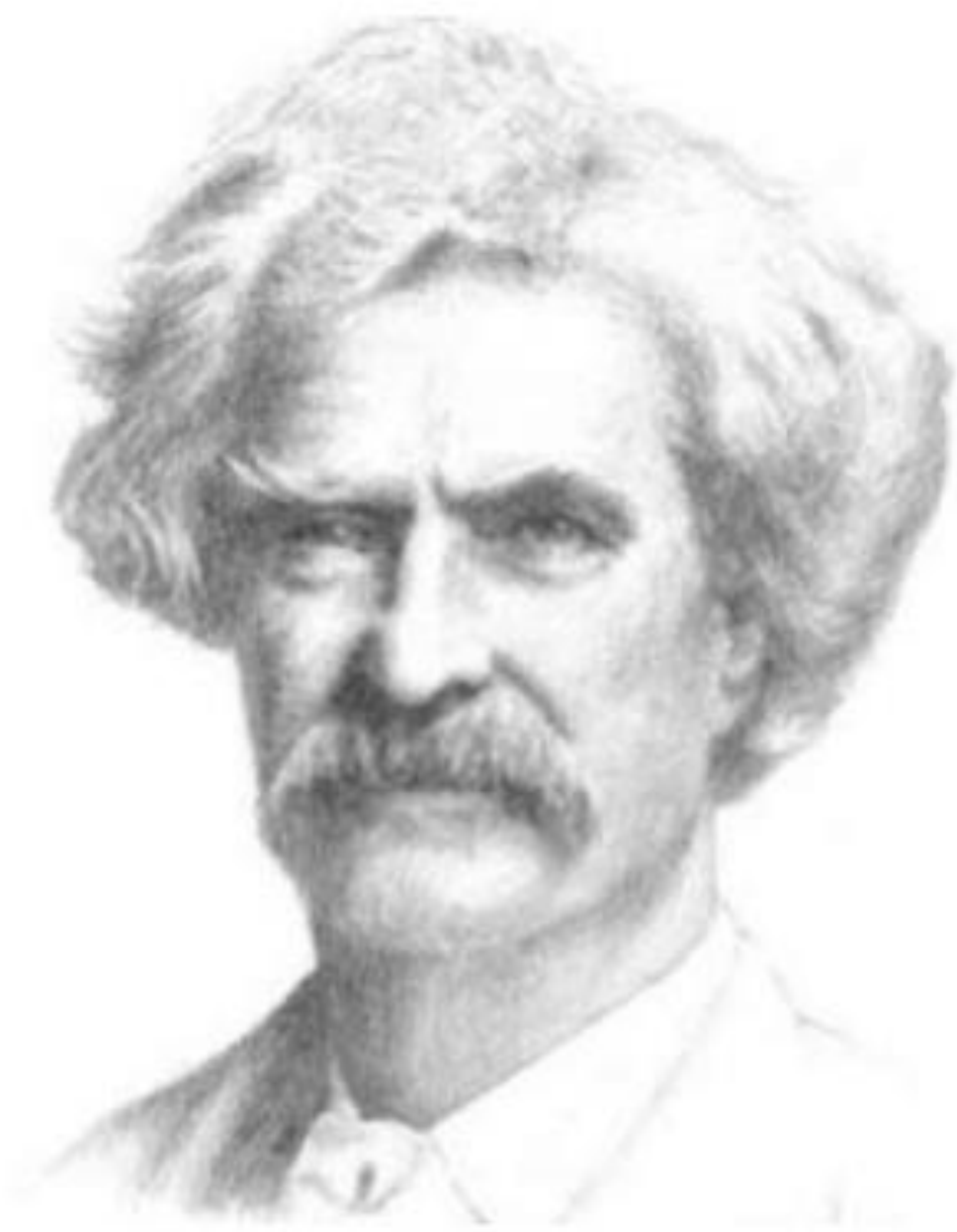


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In the words of Mark Twain:

“The Egyptians, the Babylonians and the Persians rose, filled the planet with sound and splendor, then faded to dream-stuff and passed away; the Greeks and Romans followed and made a vast noise, and they were gone...The Jew saw them all, survived them all. ... All things are mortal but the Jew; all other forces pass, but he remains. What is the secret of his immortality?”

1Chronicles 17:20 "O LORD, there is none like You, nor is there any God besides You, according to all that we have heard with our ears.

21 "And who is like Your people Israel, the one nation on the earth whom God went to redeem for Himself as a people-to make for Yourself a name by great and awesome deeds, by driving out nations from before Your people whom You redeemed from Egypt?

22 "For You have made Your people Israel Your very own people forever; and You, LORD, have become their God.

It seems a fair question to ask: **“Why & how does Israel exist?”**



Zechariah 8:2 "Thus says the LORD of hosts: 'I am zealous for Zion with great zeal; With great fervor I am zealous for her.'

Isaiah 41:8 "But you, Israel, are My servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, The descendants of Abraham My friend. 9 You whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, And called from its farthest regions, And said to you, 'You are My servant, I have chosen you and have not cast you away: 10 Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I am your God.

It's been said that no people group, after being dispersed throughout the world, has kept their national identity for more than 4 generations, but the Jews have kept their identity for close to 2,000 years.

