

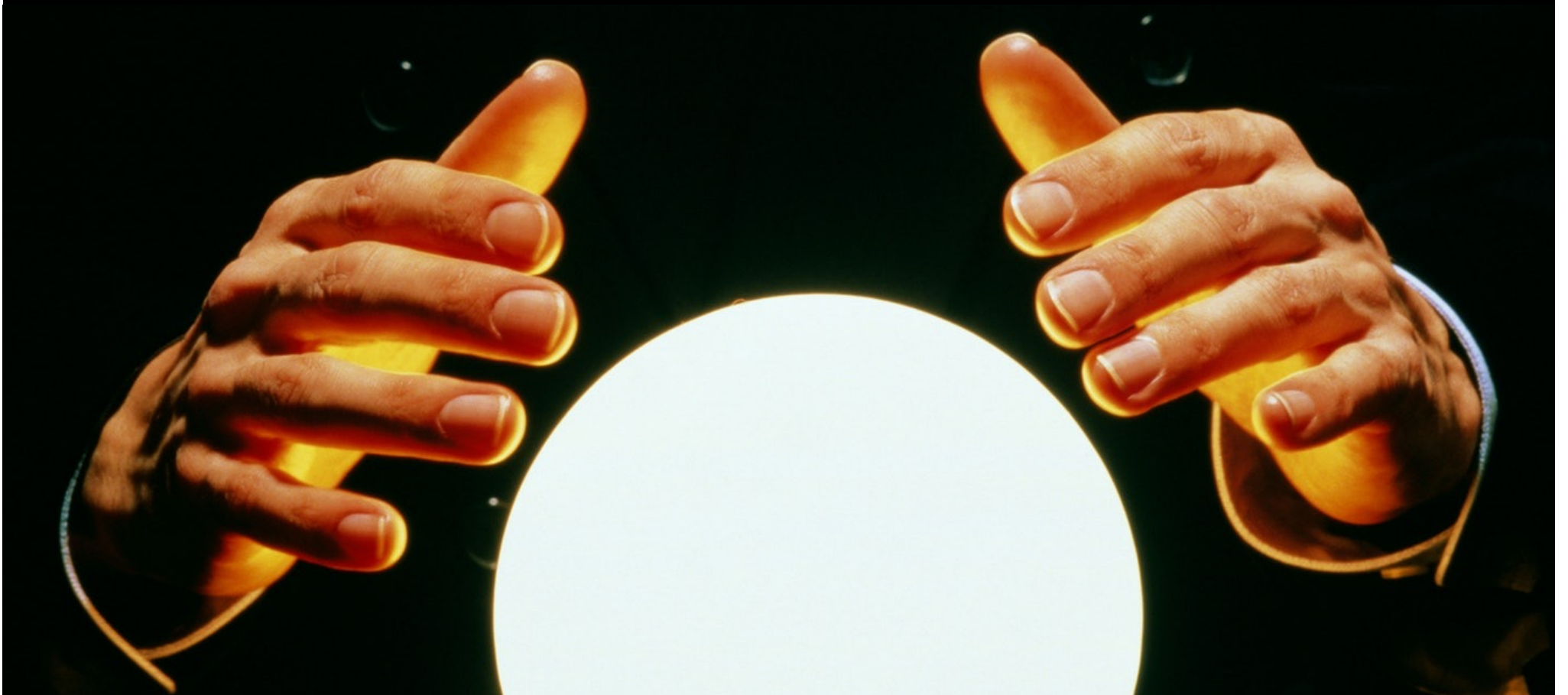


Anticipate *Glory* **in a New Life**

Ezekiel 33–39

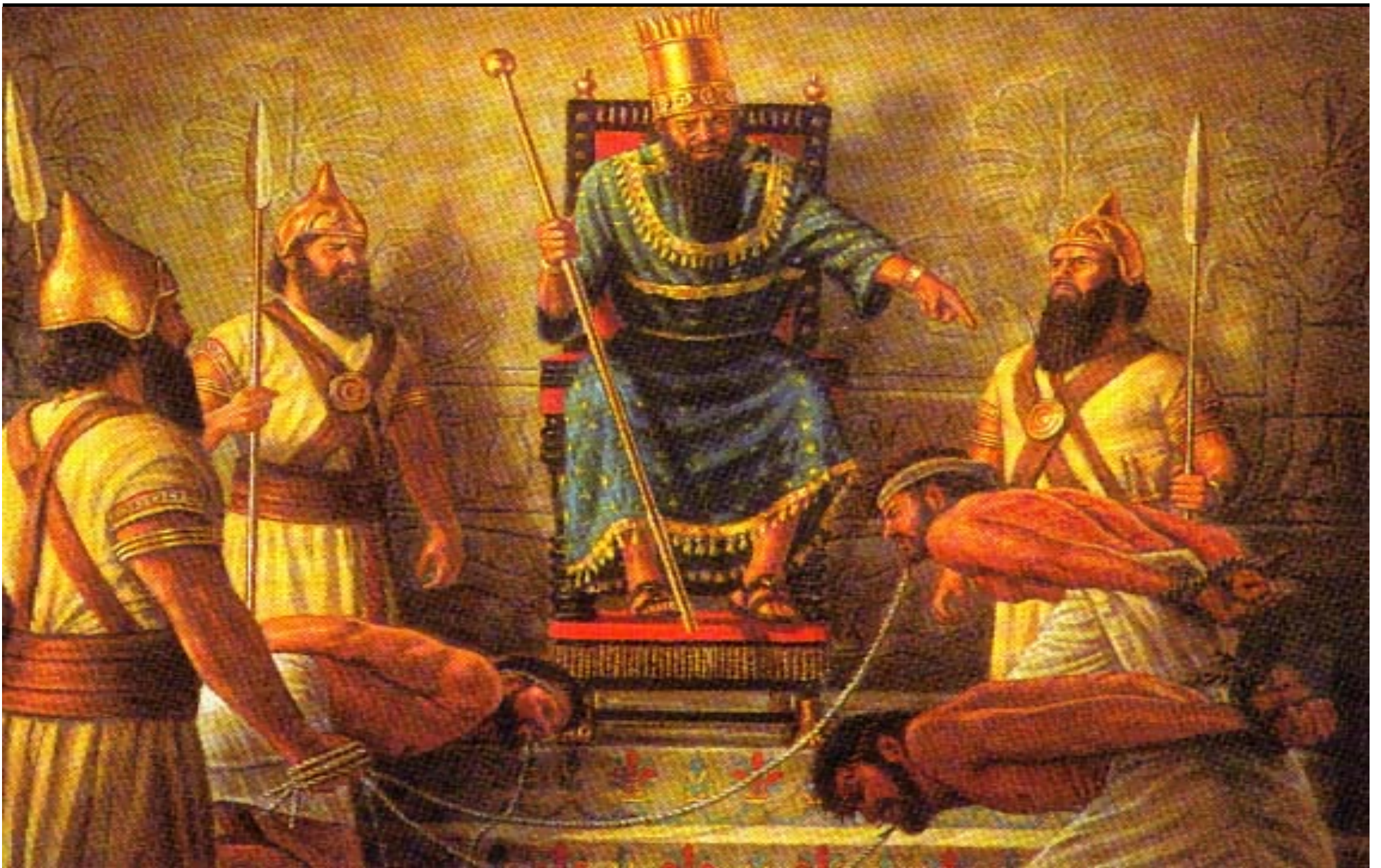
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**People want to know
the future...**



A composite image of Earth from space at night. The foreground shows the Earth's horizon with city lights glowing yellow and orange against the dark blue of the oceans. In the background, a large, reddish, cratered planet (Mars) is visible. A bright, curved light streak, possibly a comet or a satellite trail, arcs across the upper half of the image. The sky is filled with stars.

**What is
God's Plan
for the future?**



Israelite Captives

Psalm 137

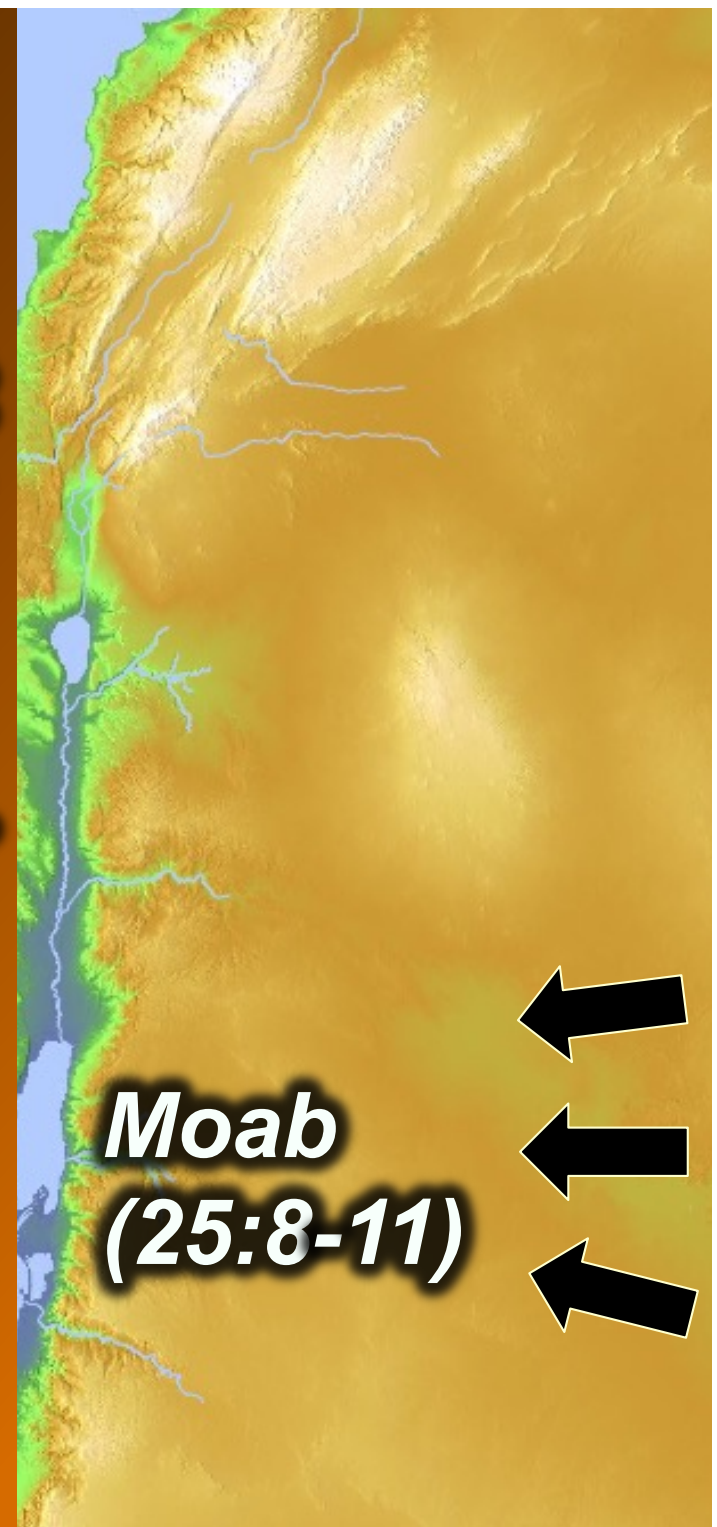


**By the rivers of Babylon, we sat and wept / when we
remembered Zion / There on the poplars we hung
our harps / for there our captors asked us for songs
/ our tormentors demanded songs of joy**

"Son of man, write down today's date, because on this very day the king of Babylon is beginning his attack against Jerusalem" (Ezekiel 24:2 NLT).



"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Because the people of Moab have **said that Judah is just like all the other nations**,⁹ I will open up their eastern flank and wipe out their glorious frontier towns—Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim.¹⁰ And I will hand Moab over to nomads from the eastern deserts, just as I handed over Ammon..."



"But this is what the Sovereign LORD also says: **At the end of the forty years I will bring the Egyptians home again** from the nations to which they have been scattered. ¹⁴ I will restore the prosperity of Egypt and bring its people back to the land of Pathros in southern Egypt from which they came. But Egypt will remain an unimportant, minor kingdom. ¹⁵ **It will be the lowliest of all the nations**, never again great enough to rise above its neighbors"

—Ezekiel 29:13-15 NLT—

A silhouette of a person with their arms raised, pointing upwards, against a vibrant sunset sky. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The person's arms are raised in a gesture of praise or expectation. The background shows a body of water and distant land under a twilight sky.

Be Expectant

Ezekiel

How can you be **expectant**
of God's glory once again
in your life?



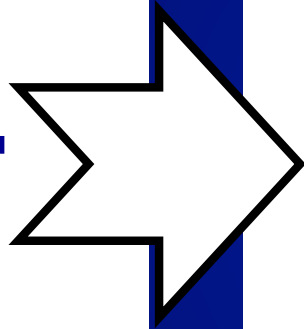
**1—*Admit* that God's glory left
(Ezek 1–24).**

ADMIT

STEPS TO GOD'S GLORY

**2—*Allow* God to handle all rivals
to his glory (Ezek 25–32).**

ADMIT



ALLOW

STEPS TO GOD'S GLORY

***Nations
to Be
Judged
(Ezekiel
25–32)***

***Sidon
(28:20-26)***

***Tyre
(26:1–28:19)***

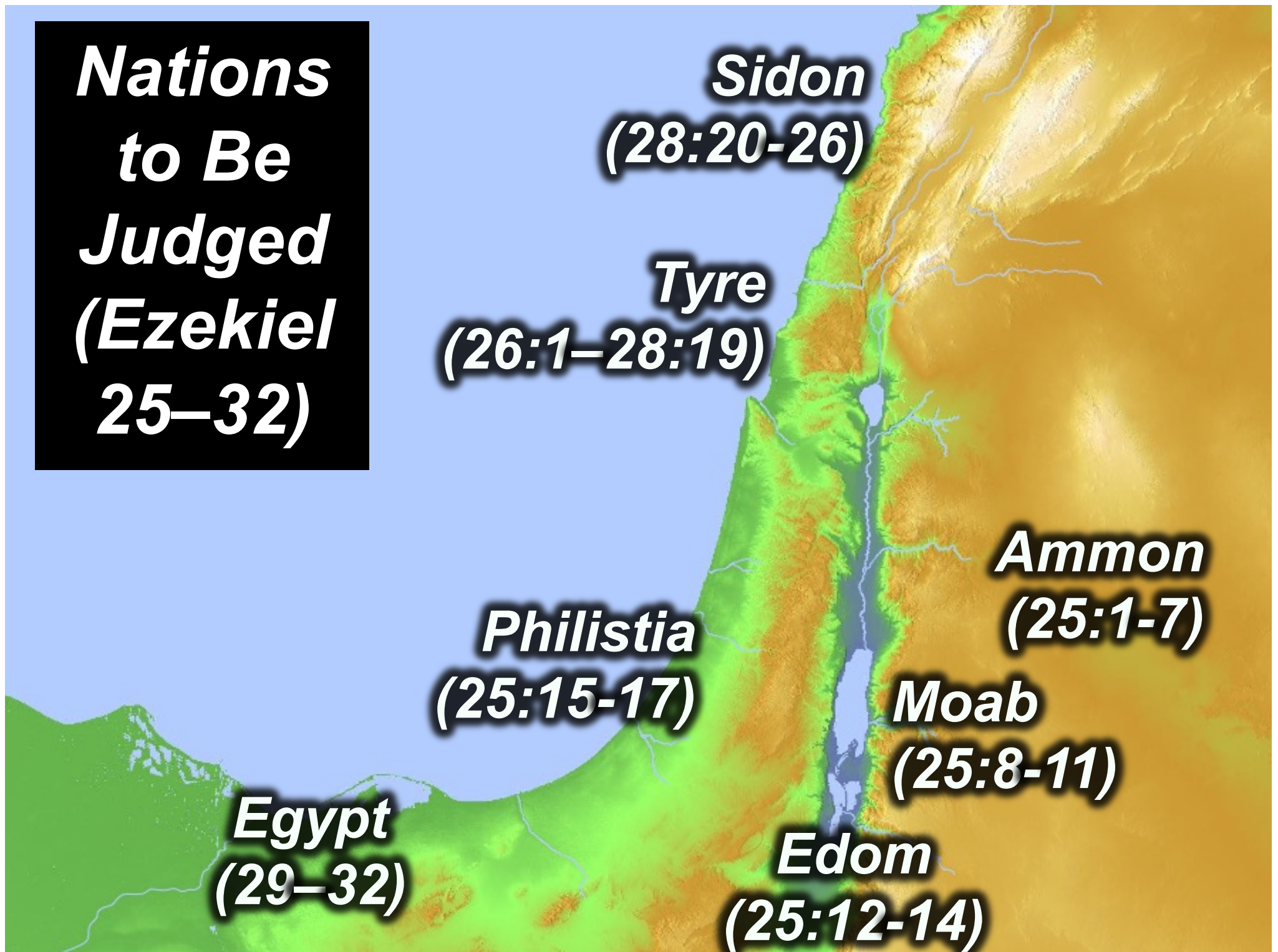
***Philistia
(25:15-17)***

***Ammon
(25:1-7)***

***Moab
(25:8-11)***

***Egypt
(29–32)***

***Edom
(25:12-14)***



Main Idea of Ezekiel 25–32



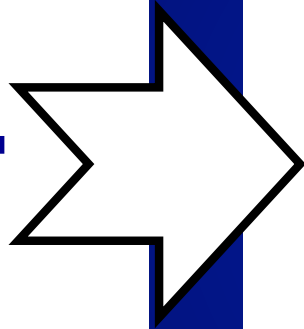
**Allow God to handle
all rivals.**

Phases of Ezekiel's Ministry

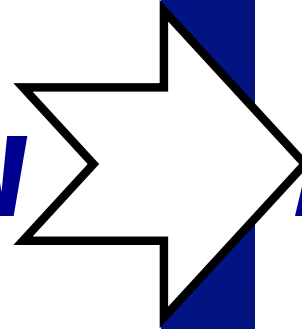
- **Phase One (1–32)**
 - Ezekiel 3:17
 - Ezekiel 24:25-27
- **Phase Two (33–48)**
 - Ezekiel 33:7
 - Ezekiel 33:21-22

3—*Anticipate* God's glory to return (Ezek 33–48).

ADMIT



ALLOW



ANTICIPATE

STEPS TO GOD'S GLORY

Chart of Ezekiel

Sovereign Departing and Return of Glory

Glory Departs 1–24		Nations Judged (No Glory) 25–32			Glory Returns 33–48	
Exile		Sovereignty Vindicated			Restoration	
Judgment of Judah		Judgment of Nations			Blessing of Israel	
Judah's Fall		Judah's Foes			Judah's Future	
Before the Siege		During the Siege			After the Siege	
Call in glory 1–3	Pre-exile Hopeless- ness 4–24	Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia 25	Tyre and Sidon 26–28	Egypt 29–32	New Life 33–39	New Order 40–48

Babylon (592-570 BC)

Restoration

Q: Why must there be restoration?

A: God promised to restore to Israel:

- Land
- New heart (a heart of flesh)
- Ability to keep His word





Restorations (33–48)

- **How God Will Restore Israel in the End Times (33–39)**
- **A Vision of the Restored Community (40–48)**

**Preparing
for Glory...**

**God will give new life
(Ezekiel 33–39)**



**God will
restore
Israel
(33–37)**

**God will
protect
Israel
(38–39)**

**Preparing
for Glory...**

**God will give new life
(Ezekiel 33–39)**



**God will
restore
Israel
(33–37)**

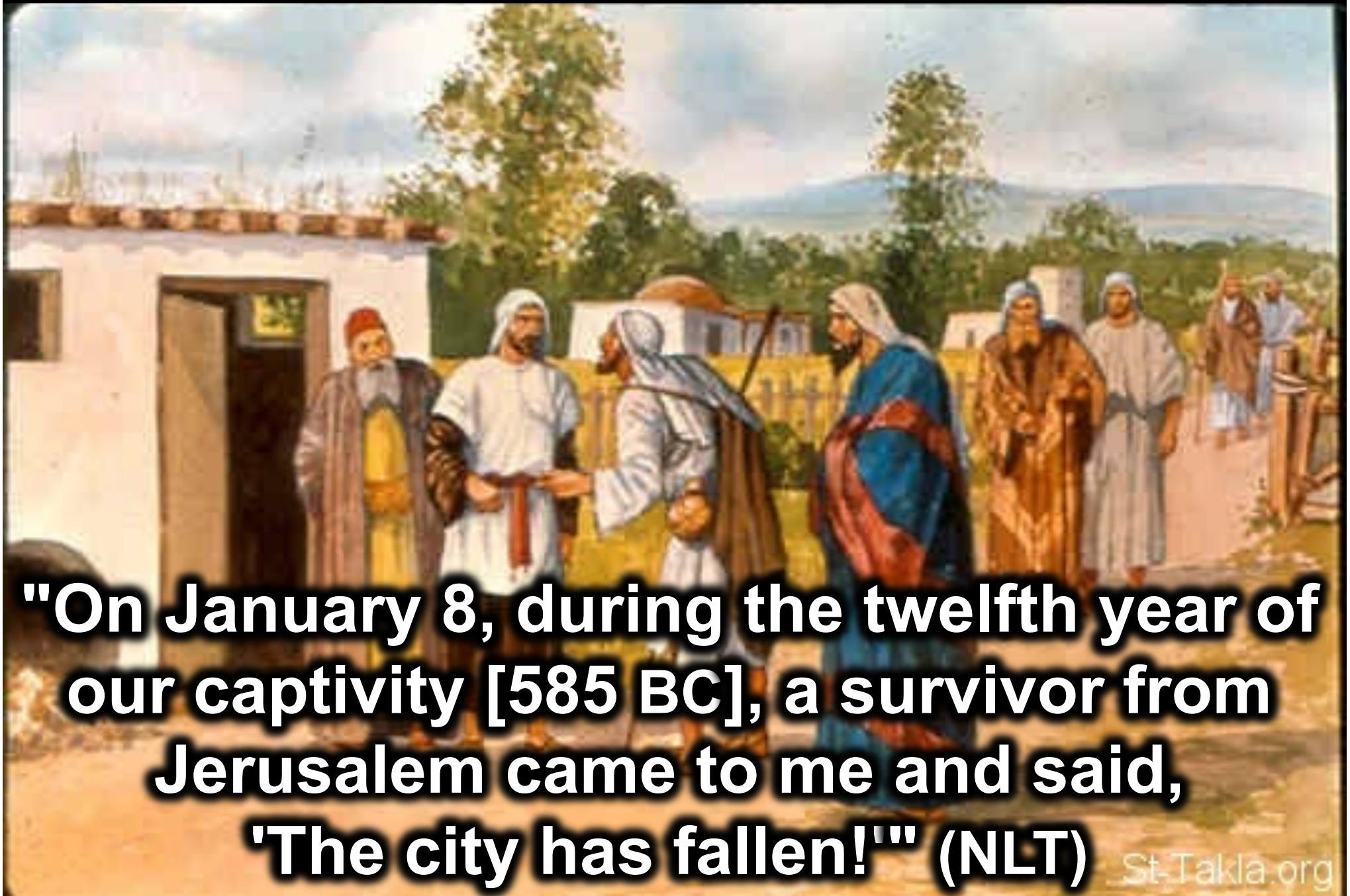
**...to the land
led by Jesus**

Ezekiel 33



The Watchman (Ezekiel 33)

Ezekiel 33:21

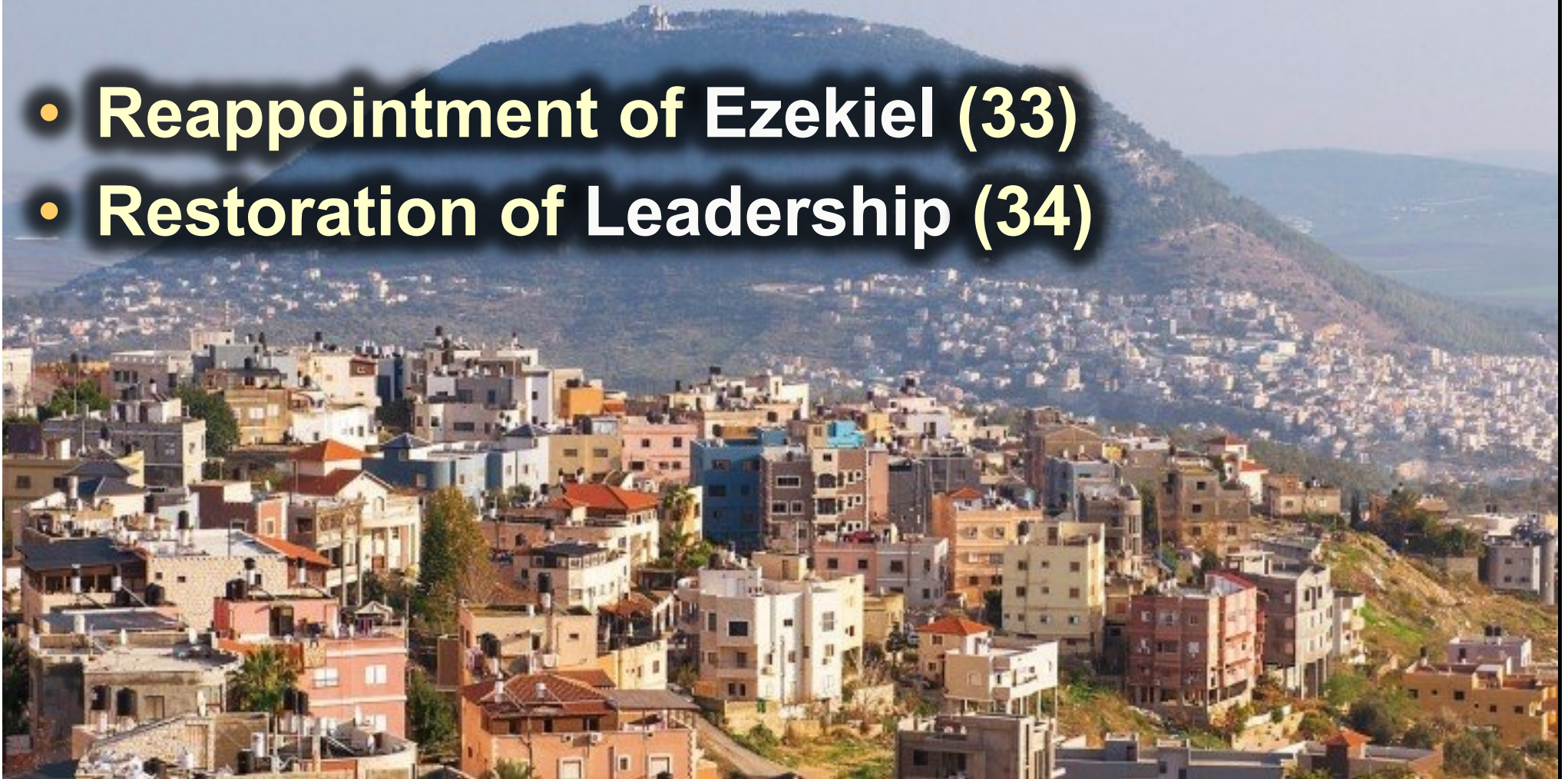



"On January 8, during the twelfth year of our captivity [585 BC], a survivor from Jerusalem came to me and said, 'The city has fallen!'" (NLT)

Ezekiel 34

The Restoration of Israel

- **Reappointment of Ezekiel (33)**
- **Restoration of Leadership (34)**





**"Son of man, prophesy
against the shepherds, the
leaders of Israel. Give them
this message from the
Sovereign LORD: What
sorrow awaits you
shepherds who feed
yourselves instead of your
flocks. Shouldn't shepherds
feed their sheep?"**

**The False
Shepherds**

Ezekiel 34:2 NLT

ABUSIVE SHEPHERDS




**What does it look like today when
the spiritual leader cares more about
himself than those he leads?**

The True Shepherd

"As a shepherd looks after his scattered flock when he is with them, so will I look after my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places where they were scattered on a day of clouds and darkness."

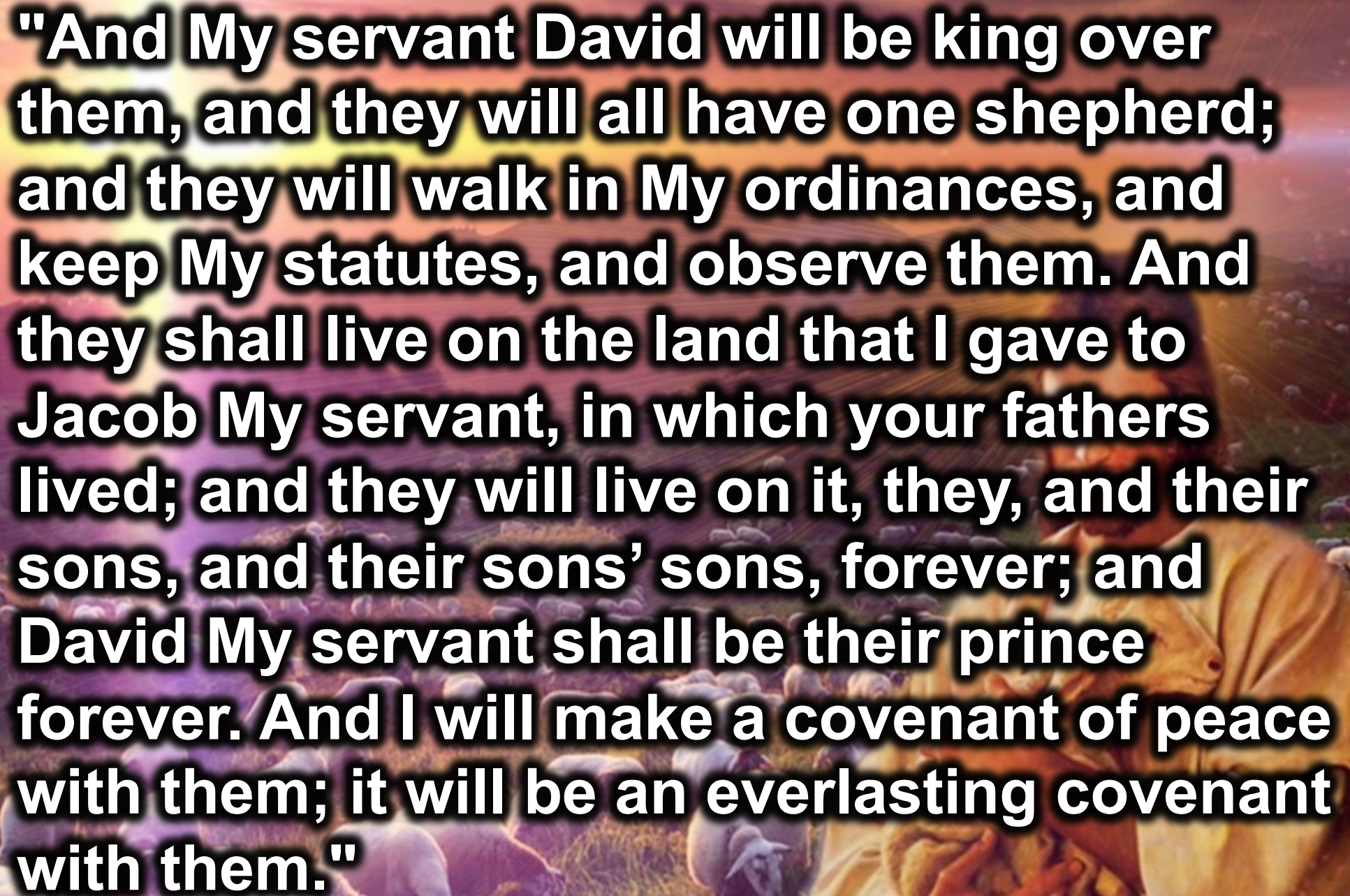
Ezekiel 34:12



A religious illustration depicting Jesus Christ with a beard and long hair, wearing a white robe, tenderly holding a small white lamb. He is surrounded by a vast flock of sheep grazing in a green field. The background features rolling hills and a dramatic sunset with a bright sun on the left, casting a warm, golden glow over the entire scene. The sky is filled with soft, colorful clouds in shades of orange, pink, and purple.

**"Then I will set
over them one
shepherd, My
servant David, and
he will feed them;
he will feed them
himself and be
their shepherd."**

Ezekiel 34:23

A shepherd in a yellow robe is seen from the side, tending to a flock of sheep in a field. The scene is set at sunset, with a warm orange and yellow glow in the sky. The sheep are scattered across the field, some grazing and others standing. The shepherd's hand is visible, reaching towards the sheep.

"And My servant David will be king over them, and they will all have one shepherd; and they will walk in My ordinances, and keep My statutes, and observe them. And they shall live on the land that I gave to Jacob My servant, in which your fathers lived; and they will live on it, they, and their sons, and their sons' sons, forever; and David My servant shall be their prince forever. And I will make a covenant of peace with them; it will be an everlasting covenant with them."

Ezekiel 37:24–26

Restoration of Leadership (Ezek. 34)



- **Messiah will regather his people (12-13a)**
- **He will feed his people (13b, 14b, 23b, 29)**
- **He will settle his people in their own land (14)**
- **He will nurse his people to health (15-16a)**
- **He will shepherd his people with justice (16b-22)**
- **He will be the one true shepherd (23)**
- **He will be a prince in the line of David (24)**
- **He will give them peace and security (25-31)**

Ezekiel 35

The Restoration of Israel

- **Reappointment of Ezekiel (33)**
- **Restoration of Leadership (34)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Land (35:1–36:15)**



Restoration of the LORD's Land


35:1-15 (Edom)

**Prophecy against Mount Seir
Edom becomes a wasteland
Edom possesses Israel's land
Edom's towns are in ruins
Yahweh against Edom
Israel suffers Edom's scorn
Edom will suffer bloodshed**

36:1-15 (Israel)

**Prophecy to mountains of Israel
Israel becomes fruitful
Israel will possess back her land
Israel's towns inhabited/rebuilt
Yahweh shows concern to Israel
Edom will suffer scorn in return
Israel will be safe from bloodshed**

Ezekiel 36



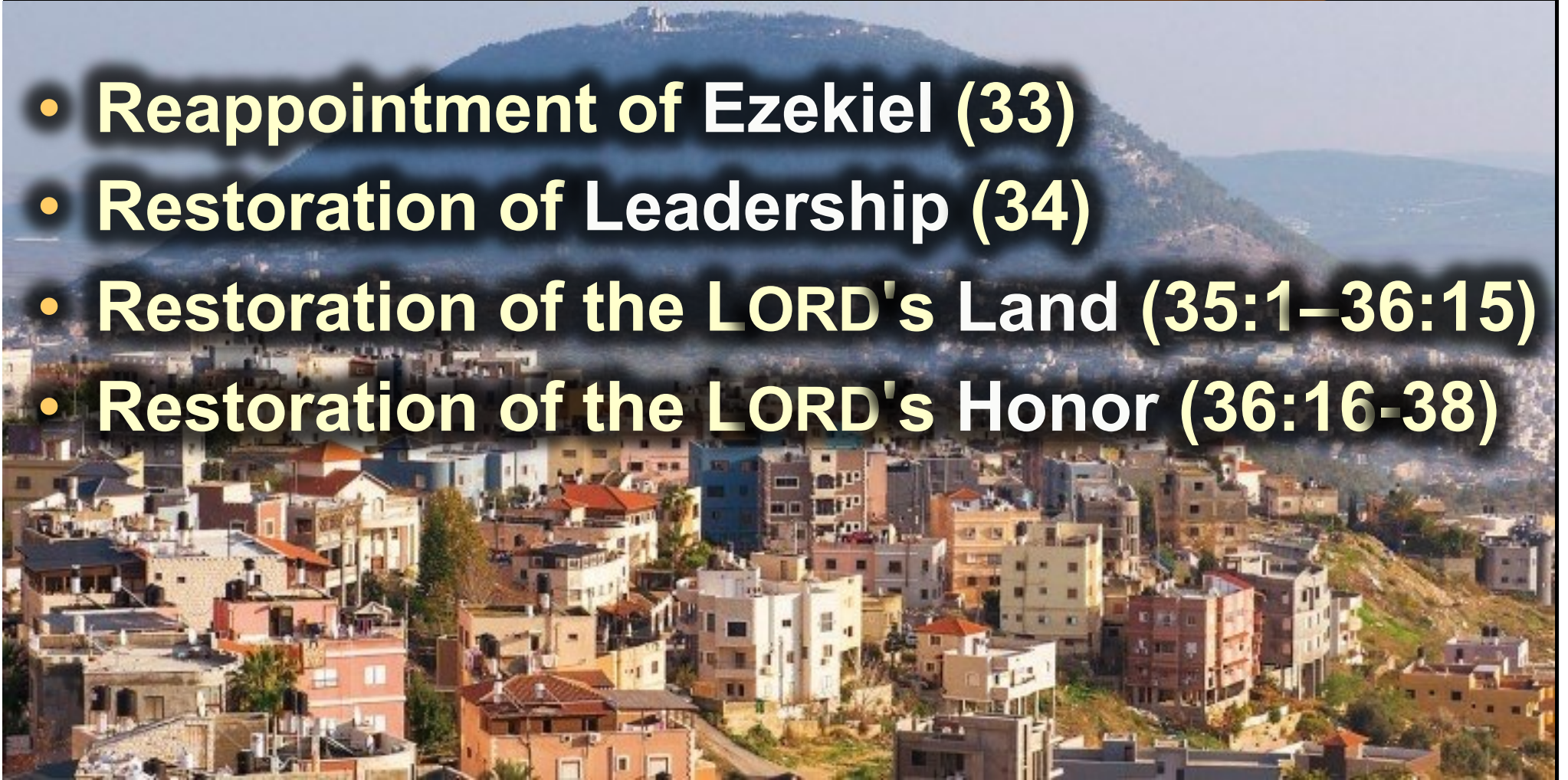
**I am bringing you
back, but not because
you deserve it. I am
doing it to protect my
holy name, on which
you brought shame
while you were
scattered among
the nations.**

Ezekiel 36:22

**But WHY
would you
restore Israel?**

The Restoration of Israel

- **Reappointment of Ezekiel (33)**
- **Restoration of Leadership (34)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Land (35:1–36:15)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Honor (36:16-38)**



Key Verse

(God to Israel) "For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will remove your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws" (36:24-27).

Ezekiel



The Glory of the New Covenant

"Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be **clean**. Your filth will be washed away, and you will no longer worship idols. And I will give you a new **heart**, and I will put a new spirit in you. I will take out your stony, stubborn heart and give you a tender, responsive heart. And I will put my **Spirit** in you so that you will follow my decrees and be careful to **obey** my regulations."

Ezekiel 36:25-27

The New Covenant



Contrasting the Covenants (2 Cor. 3-4)

Old Covenant

New Covenant

initiated by Moses (3:8)

initiated by Christ (3:4)

of the letter (3:6a)

of the Spirit (3:6a, 18b)

kills (3:6b, 7a)

gives life (3:6b)

engraved on stone (3:3b, 7a)

engraved on hearts (3:3b; Jer. 31:33)

glorious (3:7a)

more glorious (3:8, 10)

glory faded (3:7b, 11a, 13b)

glory ever-increases (3:11b, 18)

condemns men (3:9a)

brings righteousness (3:9b)

deception (3:13)

boldness (3:12)

veiled face of Moses (3:13b)

unveiled faces (3:13a, 18a)

veiled minds (3:14a)

unveiled minds (3:14b; 4:3-6)

veiled hearts (3:15)

unveiled hearts (3:16)

dullness (3:14a)

freedom (3:17)

Moses reflected God's glory

all saints reflect Christ's glory (3:17)

non-transforming (3:7)

transforming (3:18)

lack of zeal (3:13)

confidence, steadfastness (3:4-5; 4:1)

deception (3:13)

sincerity (4:2)

The New Covenant in Ezekiel 36

Restoration to the land (36:24, 28, 33)

Cleansing from sin (36:25)

A responsive heart (36:26)

Indwelling of the Spirit (36:27a)

Motivation and ability for obedience (36:27b)



Kingdom & Covenants Timeline



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Kingdom Teaching...

Adam rules with God (Gen. 1:26, 28; 2:19)

Satan begins rule as god of this world (Gen. 3:15; 2 Cor. 4:4)

God covenants with Abraham to reestablish man's rule via Israel as a "kingdom of priests" (Gen. 12:1-3; Exod. 19:6)

Israel's failure to witness to nations as a kingdom of priests is judged via exile under foreign rule

Israel rejects Messiah's offer of kingdom (Matt. 12:41-42; 23:37-39)

Jesus extends His kingdom in mystery form to the Church (Matt. 13)

Christ subdues Israel's enemies and nation believes (Rom. 11:26-27)

Christ rules over everything with saints (Eph. 1:9-10; Rev. 20:1-6; 22:5b)

Fall of Man (Gen. 3)

Noahic Covenant

Genesis 6:18; 9:8-17

Abrahamic Covenant

Genesis 12:1-3

land

Land Covenant

Genesis 15:18 (cf. Deut. 30:1-10) promises:
•Land from Wadi of Egypt to Euphrates River (Isa. 27:12)
•Eternal possession of land (Gen. 17:8) after exile/restoration
•Whole world blessed via the land (Isa. 14:1-2)

ISRAEL
(National Focus)

CHURCH

The "New Man" (Eph. 2:15)

Israel judged for rejecting Messiah by dispersion away from land for 19 centuries (AD 70–AD 1948) but now partially restored (Ezek. 37:1-7)

MESSIANIC Millennial

Full restoration (Ezek. 37:8-28)
Jerusalem world capital (Isa. 2:1-5)

KINGDOM Eternal

New Jerusalem (Rev. 21–22)

Davidic Covenant

2 Samuel 7:12-16 promises:
•Sons ("house" never wiped out)
•Kingdom (political dynasty)
•Throne (right to rule by descendants)
•Temple (son to build it)

Christ is Head over His Church, which is a spiritual temple (Eph. 2:19-22; 2 Cor. 6:16)

Christ reigns over the world (Isa. 11) with saints (Rev. 5:10; 20:4-6)

Christ hands kingdom over to Father (1 Cor. 15:24)

New Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34 promises:
•Forgiveness
•Indwelling Spirit
•New heart, nature, mind
•Reunification of Israel and Judah
•No need for evangelism

Mosaic Law replaced with first three elements of the New Covenant (Luke 22:20; 2 Cor. 3:6)

All 5 elements fulfilled in national restoration (Zech. 8)

All things made new! (Rev. 21:5)

Mosaic Covenant

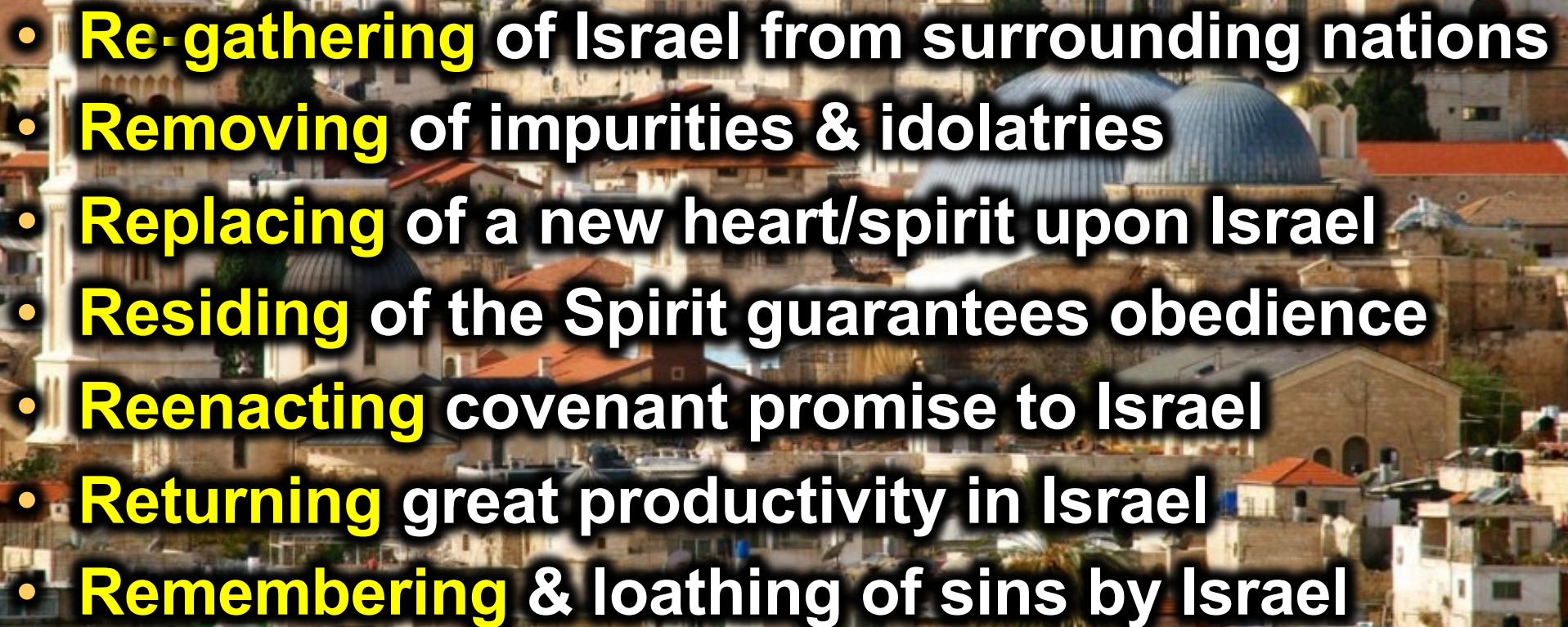
Temporary (Gal. 3:19) and conditional (Deut. 28) to reveal sin (Rom. 7:7) and regulate Israel (Gal. 3:23-25)

Law abolished, fulfilled, and replaced at the cross (Rom. 7:1-6; 1 Cor. 9:19-21; Heb. 8:13)

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Scripture has a dual kingdom-covenant theme. Israel's role from Abraham to Christ expands to include the Church (continuity) yet the Church never replaces the nation as the "new Israel" (discontinuity). Israel will enjoy world prominence after trusting Christ at His second coming.

Restoration of the Lord's Honor

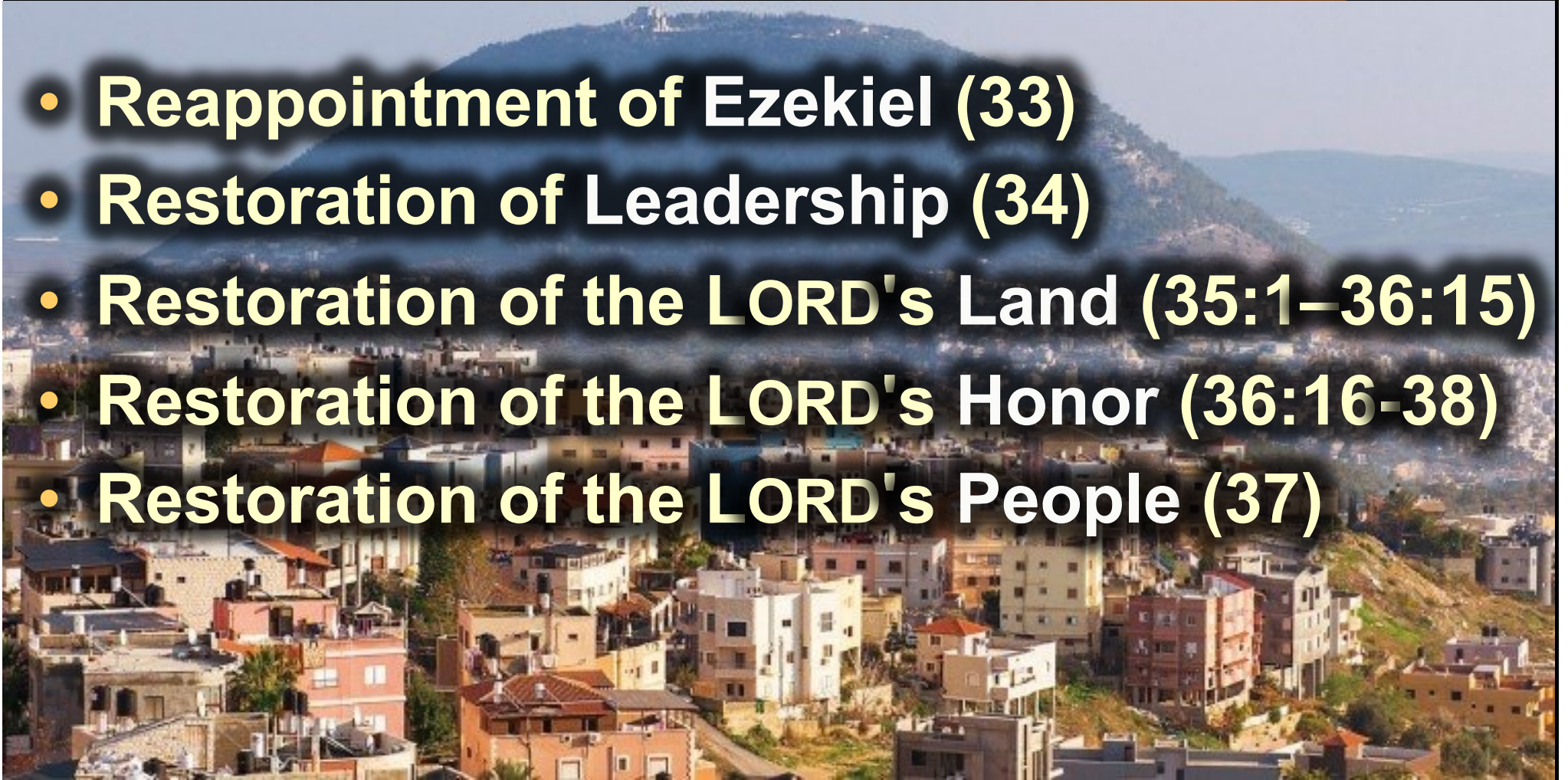
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- **Re-gathering** of Israel from surrounding nations
 - **Removing** of impurities & idolatries
 - **Replacing** of a new heart/spirit upon Israel
 - **Residing** of the Spirit guarantees obedience
 - **Reenacting** covenant promise to Israel
 - **Returning** great productivity in Israel
 - **Remembering** & loathing of sins by Israel

Ezekiel 36:16-38

Ezekiel 37

The Restoration of Israel

- **Reappointment of Ezekiel (33)**
- **Restoration of Leadership (34)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Land (35:1–36:15)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's Honor (36:16-38)**
- **Restoration of the LORD's People (37)**




How could God get 15 million Jews back to the land?





**When are the signs of
Christ's return?**

They come in the Tribulation



Who should not
revere you, O
King of the
nations? This
is your due.
Among all the
wise men of
the nations and
in all their
kingdoms,
**there is
no one
like you.**

Jeremiah 10:7

**But can God restore
Israel as a nation?**

**Hitler motivated
the Jews to go to
their homeland!**



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The Dry Bones of Ezekiel 37



- What do they mean?
- When is the fulfillment?



The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37)

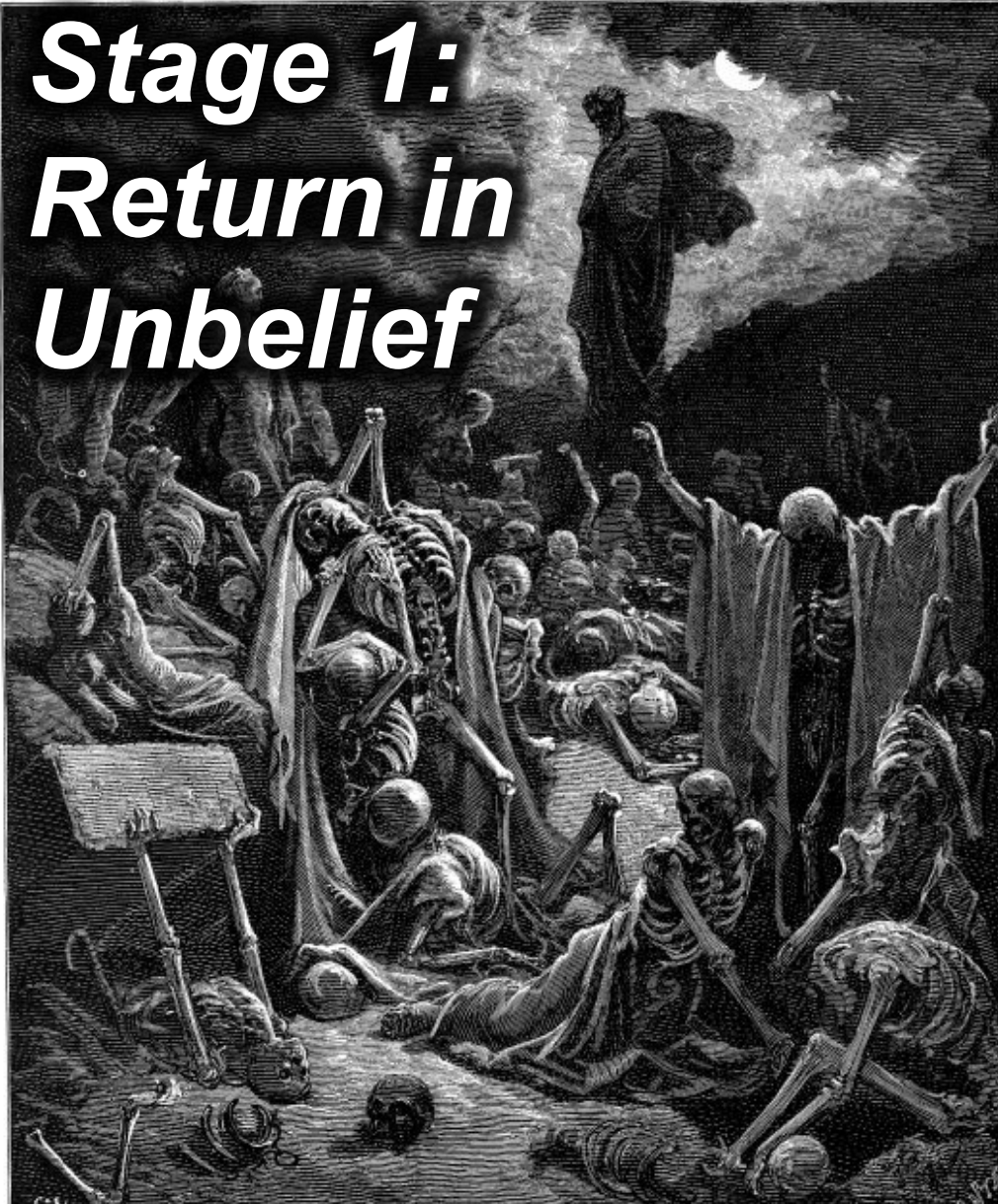


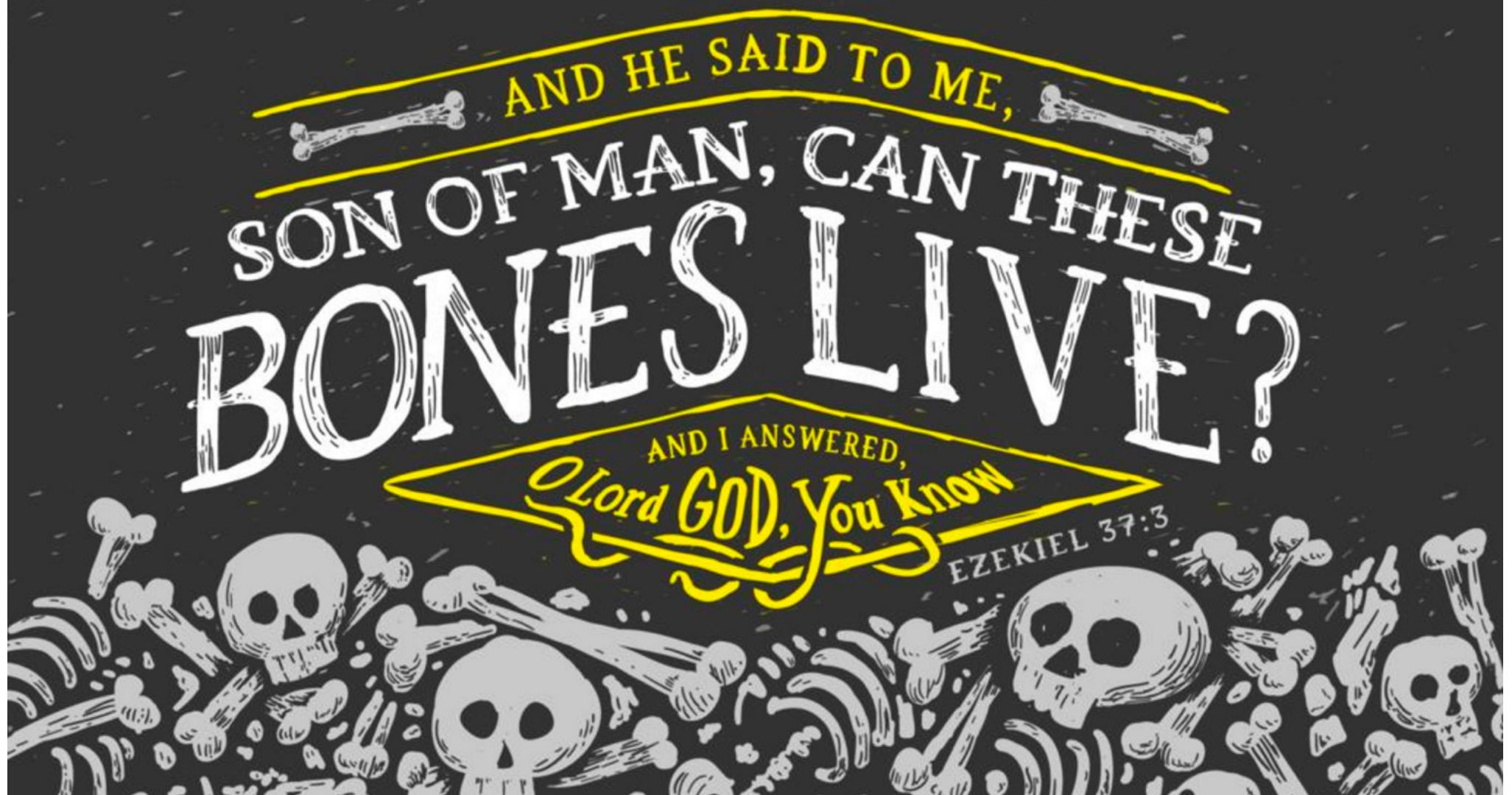
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The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezek. 37)

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**Stage 1:
Return in
Unbelief**



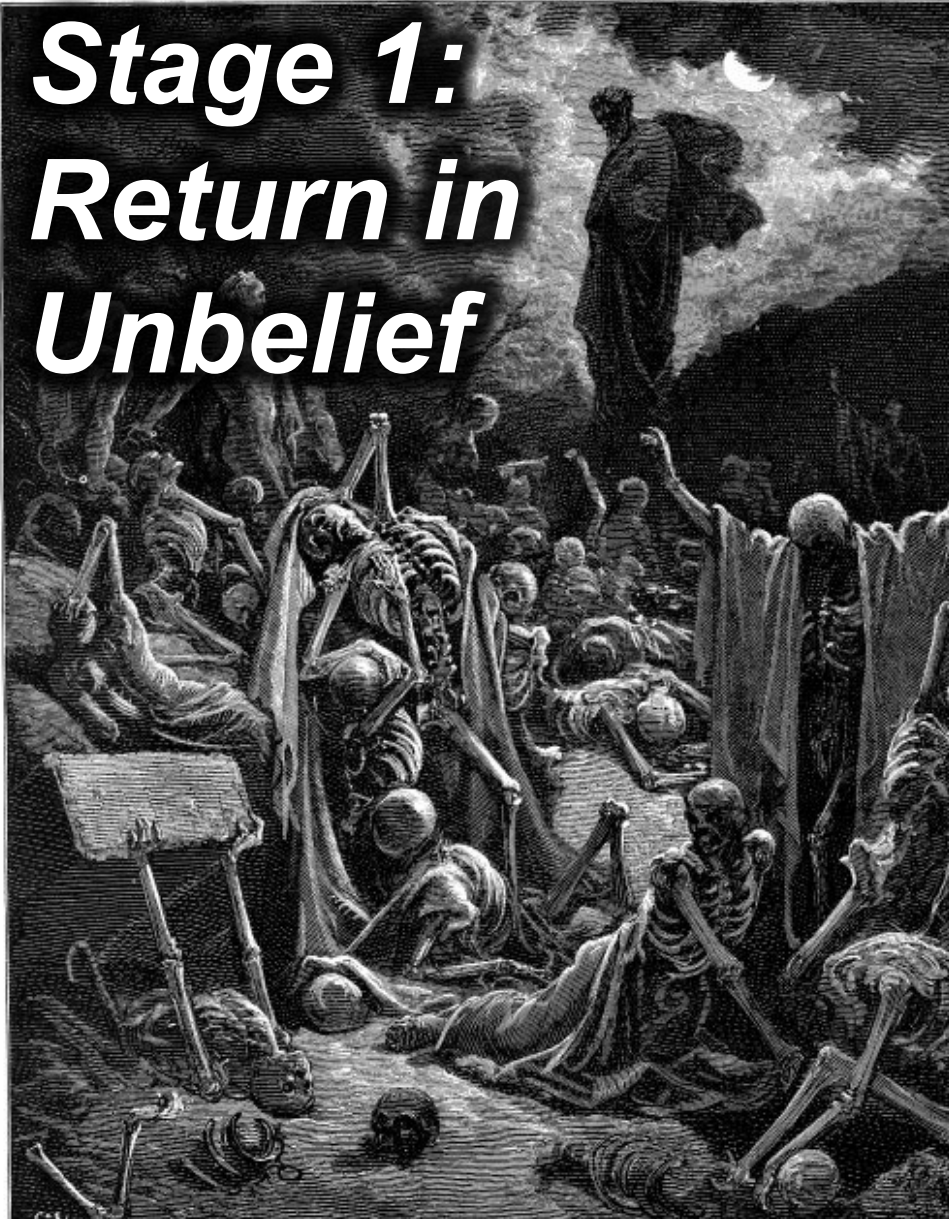


**** Don't try that on the final exam***

The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezek. 37)

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**Stage 1:
Return in
Unbelief**



**Stage 2:
Trust in
Messiah**



THUS SAYS THE LORD GOD TO THESE

BONES

BEHOLD, I WILL CAUSE

BREATH

TO ENTER YOU.

AND YOU SHALL LIVE

EZEKIEL 37:5





"Now look at the jewel I have set before Jeshua, a single stone with seven facets. I will engrave an inscription on it, says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, and I will remove the sins of this land in a single day" (Zechariah 3:9 NLT).

A Hebrew Play on Words

"Prophecy to the
breath" (37:5, 9)

=

"Prophecy to the
Spirit" (37:14)

Hebrew רוּחַ (*rû^aḥ*)

Greek πνεῦμα (*pneuma*)

"breath, wind, Spirit" = **"breath, wind, Spirit"**

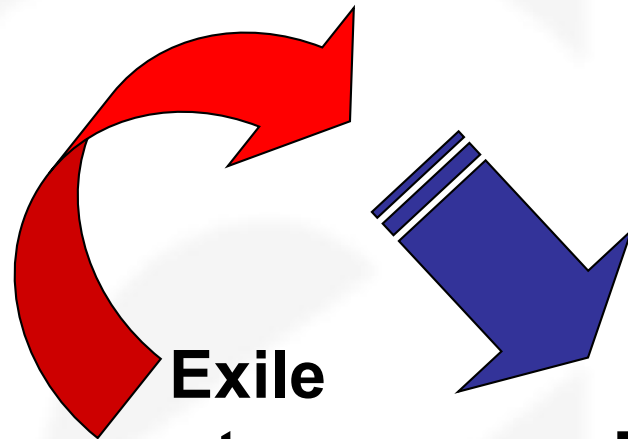
Gen. 2:7

John 3:5, 8; 2 Thess 2:8



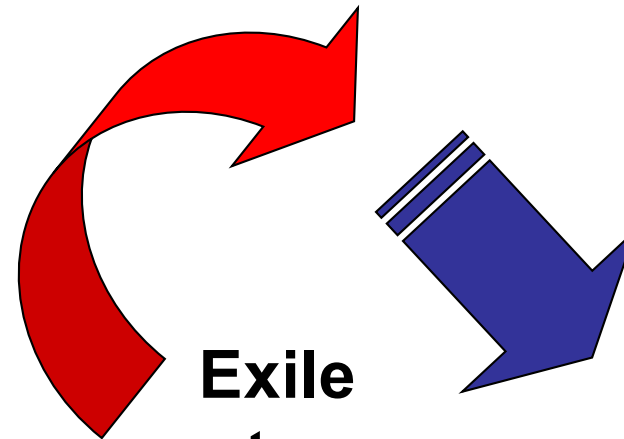
Exiles & Returns

Ezekiel's Time (597 BC)



**Exile
to
Babylon
by
King
Nebuchad
-nezzar
(586 BC)**

**Return
to
Israel
by
King
Cyrus
(516 BC)**



**Exile
to
Nations
by
Roman
General
Titus
(AD 70)**

**Return
to
Israel
by
Zionists
(AD 1948)**

But how do we know Ezekiel 37 relates to this second exile and return?

How will there be a second return?

33-34

*Israel will trust
in her Messiah
(Ezekiel 37:14)*

**"I will put my Spirit in
you, and you will live
again and return home
to your own land. Then
you will know that I,
the LORD, have
spoken, and I have
done what I said. Yes,
the LORD has
spoken!"**

How will there be a second return?

33-34

Reunification of Israel & Judah (37:15-23)

"I will unify them into one nation on the mountains of Israel. One king will rule them all; no longer will they be divided into two nations or into two kingdoms" (Ezekiel 37:22 NLT).

United to Divided to United Again

1 Kings 11



1 Kings 12



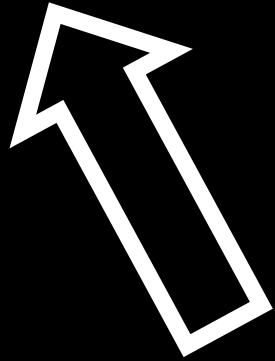
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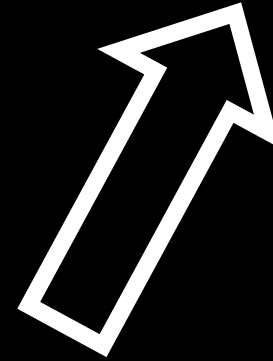


Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28)

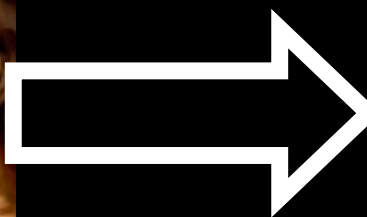
Israel



Judah



Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28)



Two Sticks (Ezekiel 37:15-28)

One Stick





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“ימי-שנותינו בהם שבעים שנה...”

“For a Man’s days are 70 years...”

- Psalms 90:10

**In 2018 Israel
celebrated 70
years of return!**



Rabbi Jeremy Gimpel

A black and white portrait of Theodore Herzl, a man with a full, dark beard and mustache, wearing a dark suit and a white shirt with a dark bow tie. He is shown from the chest up, in a three-quarter profile view, looking towards the left. The background is a plain, light color.

**Theodore
Herzl**

***First Zionist
Congress
1897***

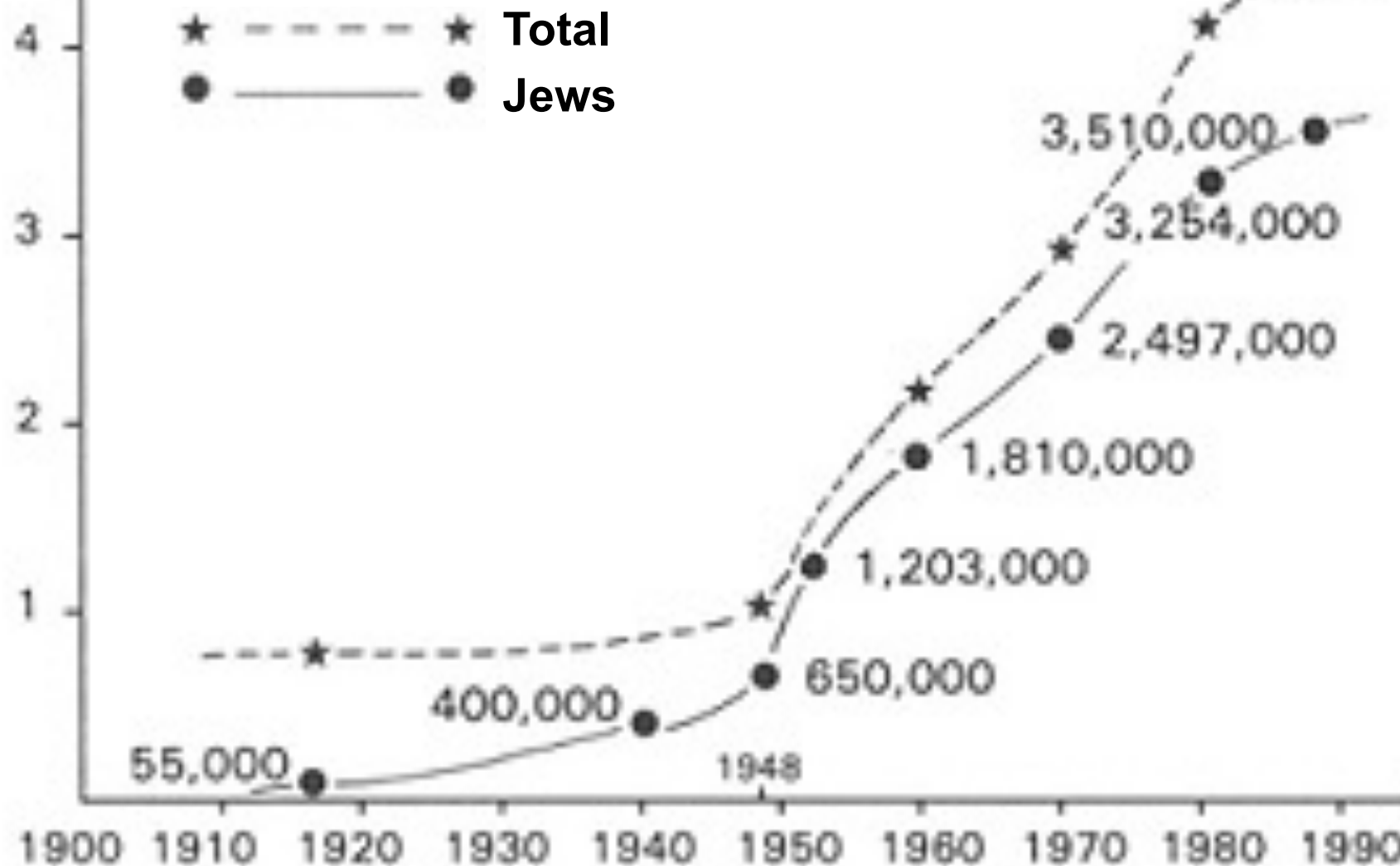
Jews Return in the 20th Century

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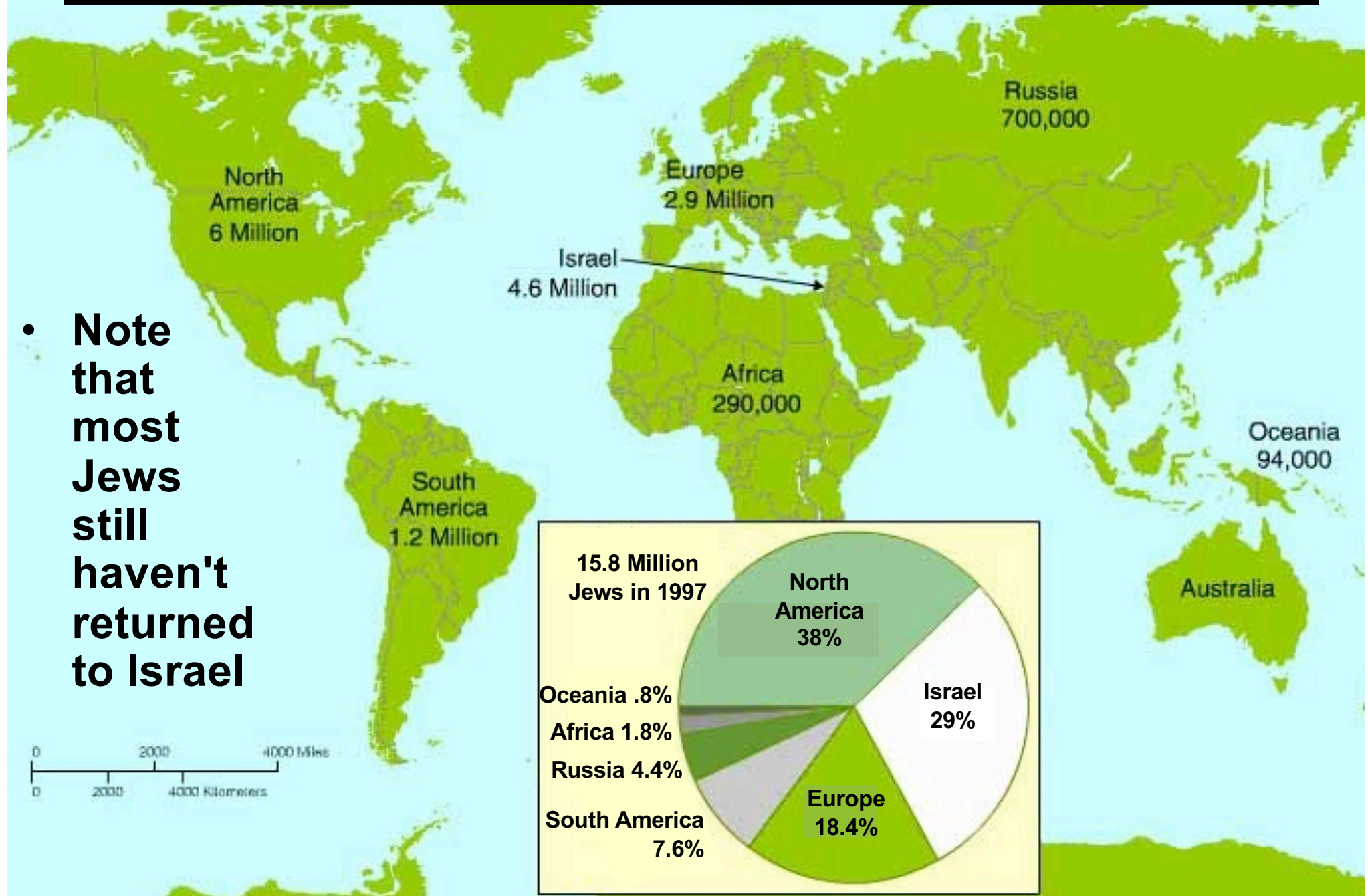
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*Growth in the Population of Israel
1916-1986*



Worldwide Jewish Population in 1997

- Note that most Jews still haven't returned to Israel



Worldwide Jewish Population in 2016

JEWISH POPULATION BY COUNTRY

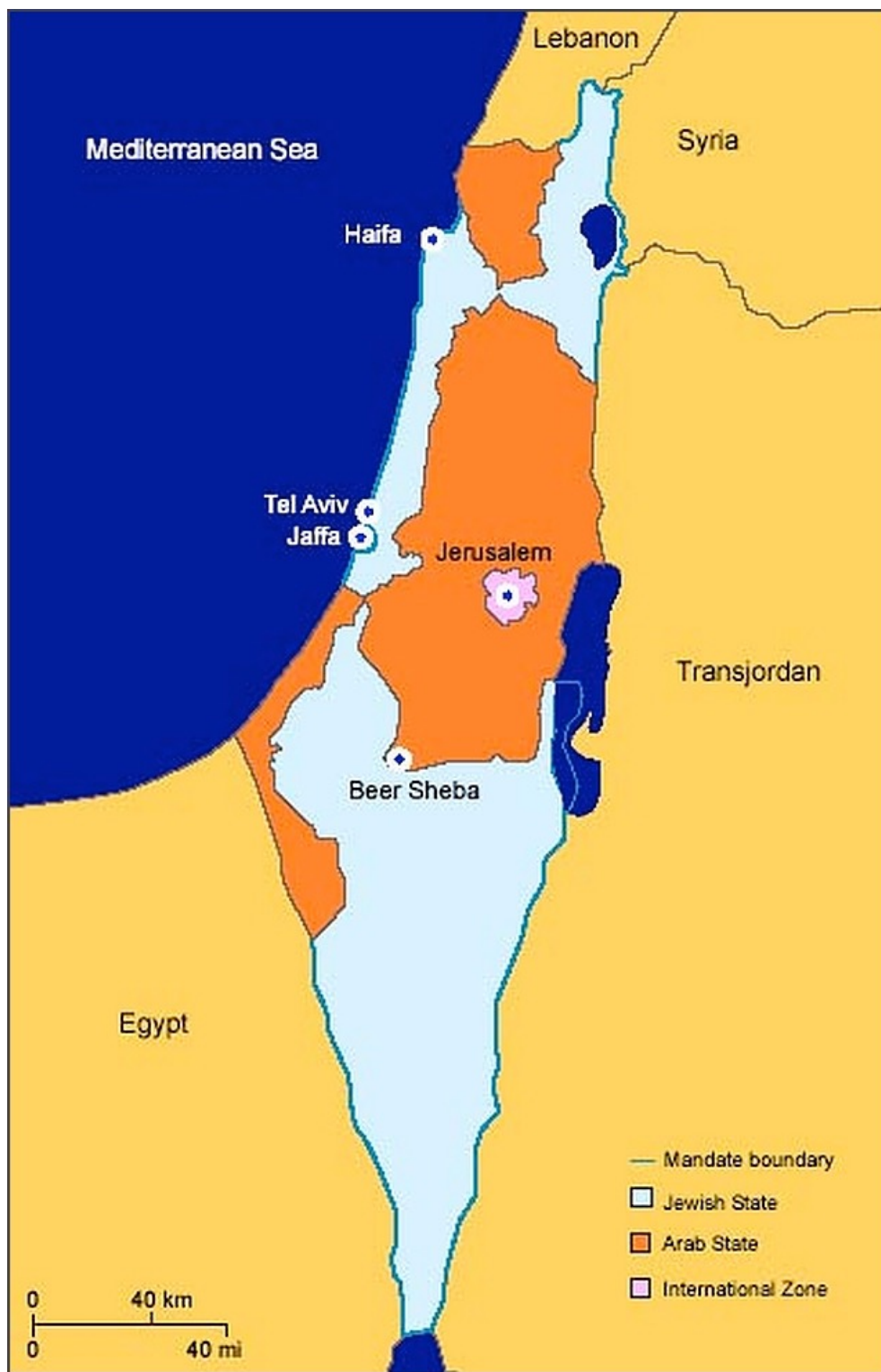
14,500,000
WORLD TOTAL

83%
LIVE IN ISRAEL AND
THE UNITED STATES



Note that most Jews still haven't returned to Israel

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**To return to the
land of Israel,
Jews had to
become a nation
once again (1948)**

Israel regained ancient borders in stages (1947-2005)



UN Partition plan

UN General Assembly votes to partition British Mandate Palestine into Jewish and Arab sectors. Soon after the adoption of the resolution on 29 November 1947, fighting breaks out and civil war spreads.

Declares independence

Independence declaration recognised internationally but conflict spreads and five Arab armies invade. By the 1949 armistice, Jordan has captured the West Bank, Egypt has Gaza and Jerusalem is divided.

Six Day War

Israel in preemptive strike against three Arab states, capturing Gaza and Sinai peninsula from Egypt, the West Bank from Jordan, the Golan Heights from Syria and Arab East Jerusalem.

Gaza withdrawal

Israel withdraws unilaterally from Gaza and part of the West Bank, but further withdrawals from Arab land tied to implementation of Annapolis peace plan, providing for two-state solution.

Israel regained ancient borders in stages (1946-2000)

Palestinian and Jewish land 1946



UN Partition plan 1947



1949 - 1967



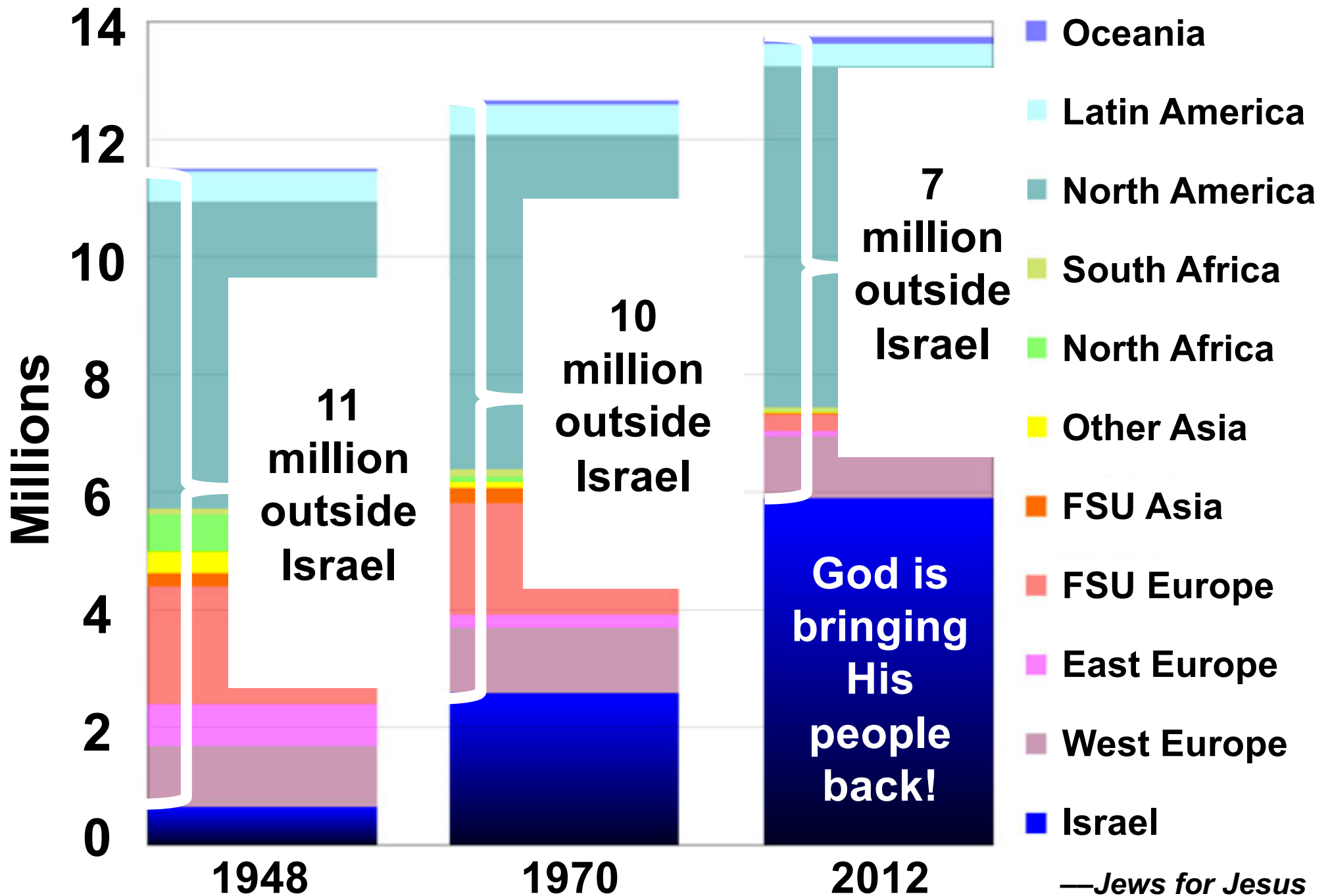
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Jews also needed to regain Jerusalem, which they did in the Six-Day War (1967)



Jewish Population by Major Regions (1948-2012)



The year 2017 was significant for Israel

Gen 6:3

**First
Zionist
Congress**

120

**Jerusalem
Reunification**

Matt 24:34

50

**Balfour
Declaration**

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Gen 15:13, 16

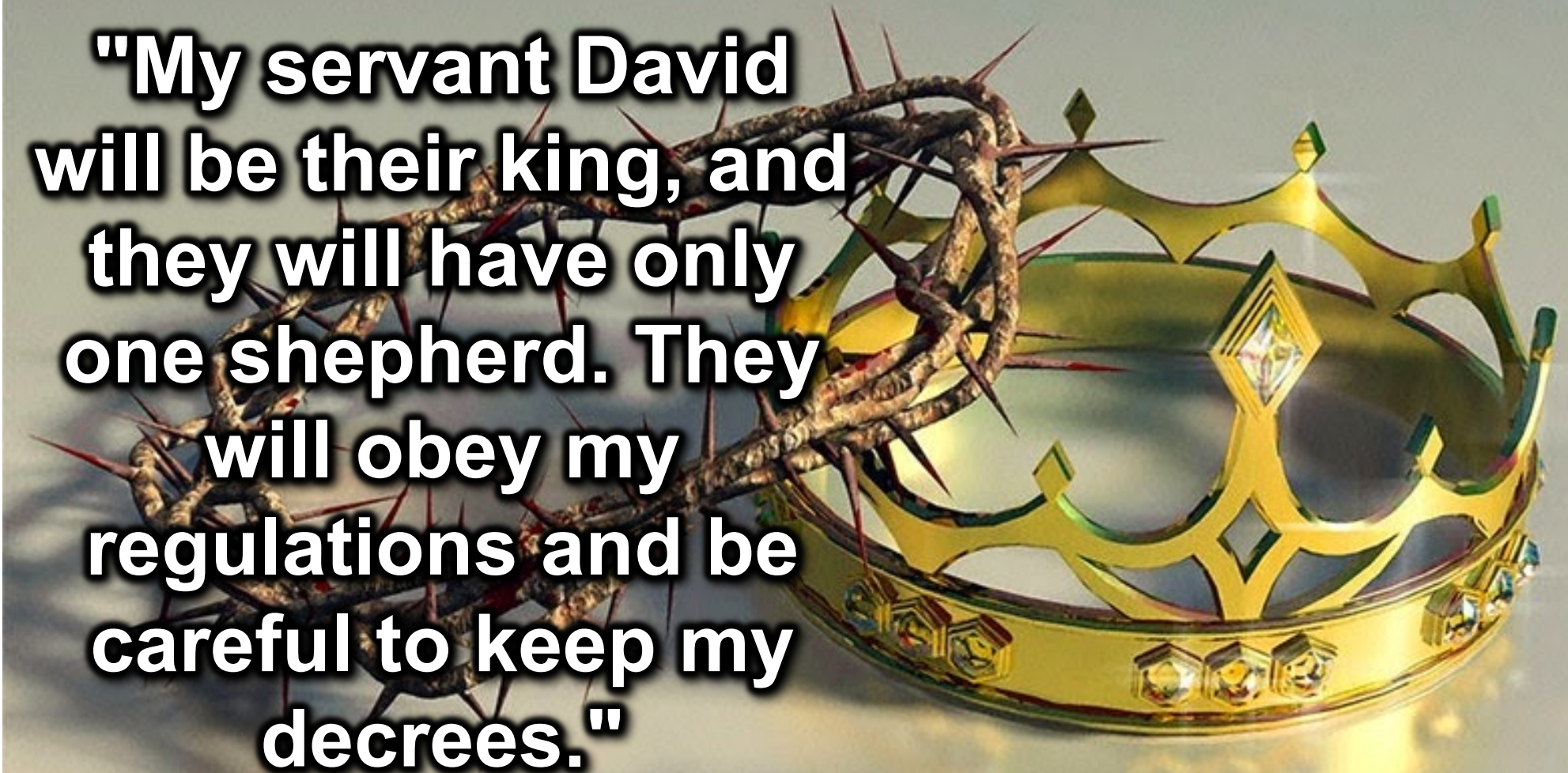
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Partition
Plan**

How will there be a second return?

33-34

The Messiah will lead them (Ezekiel 37:24)

**"My servant David
will be their king, and
they will have only
one shepherd. They
will obey my
regulations and be
careful to keep my
decrees."**



How will there be a second return?

33-34

The Messiah will rule forever (37:25)



"And David My servant shall be their prince forever."

Ezekiel 37:25

How will there be a second return?

33-34

Permanent temple (Ezekiel 37:26b, 28)



"I will put my Temple among them forever....²⁸ And when my Temple is among them forever, the nations will know that I am the LORD, who makes Israel holy."

The Postexilic Era

295
296
560

 Temple work

Prophets:

Haggai
Zechariah

Malachi

605

586

539

536

520

516

483-473

444-425



72 years

Others:

Zerubbabel

Esther Ezra

Nehemiah

Persian Kings:

Cyrus

Darius

Xerxes

Artaxerxes

How will there be a second return?

33-34



**Postexilic prophecy
(Zechariah 10:9-10)**

Lebanon

Gilead

Egypt

Assyria

"Though I have scattered them like seeds among the nations, they will still remember me in distant lands. **They and their children will survive and return again to Israel.**

¹⁰ I will bring them back from Egypt and gather them from Assyria. I will resettle them in Gilead and Lebanon until there is no more room for them all."

How will there be a second return?

33-34

Second re-gathering (Isaiah 11:11)

“In that day the LORD will reach out his hand a second time to reclaim the remnant that is left of his people from Assyria, from Lower Egypt, from Upper Egypt, from Cush, from Elam, from Babylonia, from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea” (Isaiah 11:11 NIV).



**God will
restore
Israel to the
land twice!**

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Dates in Exile

605-536 BC (Jer. 25:11)

**AD 132-1948 (Jews
excluded from Israel by
Romans to UN Mandate)**

Period Returned

538 BC – AD 132

AD 1948 – Present

Place of Origin

Babylon (Ezra 2:1)

Many nations (Isa. 11:11)

People Returned

**Only Judah (Ezra 2:64;
Neh. 11:1)**

**Israel & Judah return as a
united nation (Jer. 30:3;
31:31)**

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Israel Before
Return

Prosperous (Jer. 29:4-7)

“Time of trouble” (Jer.
30:7; Matt. 24:4-14)

Nations Before
Return

Victorious (Dan. 7:1-4)

Ruling over Israel in
“times of the Gentiles”
(Luke 21:24)

Nations at Return

Supportive (Ezra 1:1-4)

Judged (Dan. 2:44; 7:19-
26; Jer. 30:6; Zech. 14:2-
3; Rev. 19:11-21)

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Conditions Following:

— Freedoms

Subjects of Persia,
Greece, & Rome (Dan. 7)

“No longer will foreigners
enslave them” (Jer. 30:8)

— Wars

Many (Dan. 11:1-35)

None (Isa. 2:4; Jer. 30:10)

— Covenant

Mosaic (Jer. 31:32)

New (Jer. 31:31)

— Temple

Second (Ezra 6:15)

Ezekiel's (Ezek. 40:48)

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

Returns to the Land

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First Return

Second Return

Conditions Following:

— Boundaries

Judah later expanded to
Galilee (e.g., Matt. 2:2)

Wadi of Egypt to
Euphrates River
(Isa. 27:12; cf. Gen 15:18)

— Palace

None (Ezra 4:4)

Rebuilt (Jer. 30:18b)

— King

None (Hos. 3:4)

Christ (Isa. 9:6; 11:1-5;
Mic. 5:2)

— Emotions

Regret (Mal. 3:14)

Comfort & joy (Jer. 31:13)

The Valley of Elah, near Adullam

Why does Ezekiel depict the second return?

- a. Israel will trust in her Messiah (37:14)*
- b. Reunification of Israel & Judah (37:15-23)*
- c. The Messiah will lead them (37:24)*
- d. The Messiah will rule "forever" (37:25)*
- e. Permanent temple (37:26b, 28)*
- f. Postexilic prophecy (Zech. 10:9-10)*
- g. Second re-gathering (Isa. 11:11)*

Interpreting Ezekiel's Prophecy

Vision Meaning

bones = house of Israel

dried bones = hope gone, cut off

bones together = Jews return to Israel

breath in them = God's Spirit in Israel

Restoration of the LORD's People

- **Re-gathering of Israel back into their own land**
- **Reuniting of two nations into one**
- **Ruling of Israel under one king**
- **Rescuing of Israel from her sins**
- **Recommitment of Israel to obey Yahweh's laws**
- **Reestablishing covenant of peace with Israel**
- **Residing of Yahweh in Israel's midst**
- **Recognition of Yahweh's holiness by all**

**Preparing
for Glory...**

**God will give new life
(Ezekiel 33–39)**



**God will
restore
Israel
(33–37)**

**God will
protect
Israel
(38–39)**

**Preparing
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**...by
destroying
her enemies**

**God will
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(38–39)**

Ezekiel 38

Alliances Supporting Israel in December 2020



Opposition to Israel will only

increase

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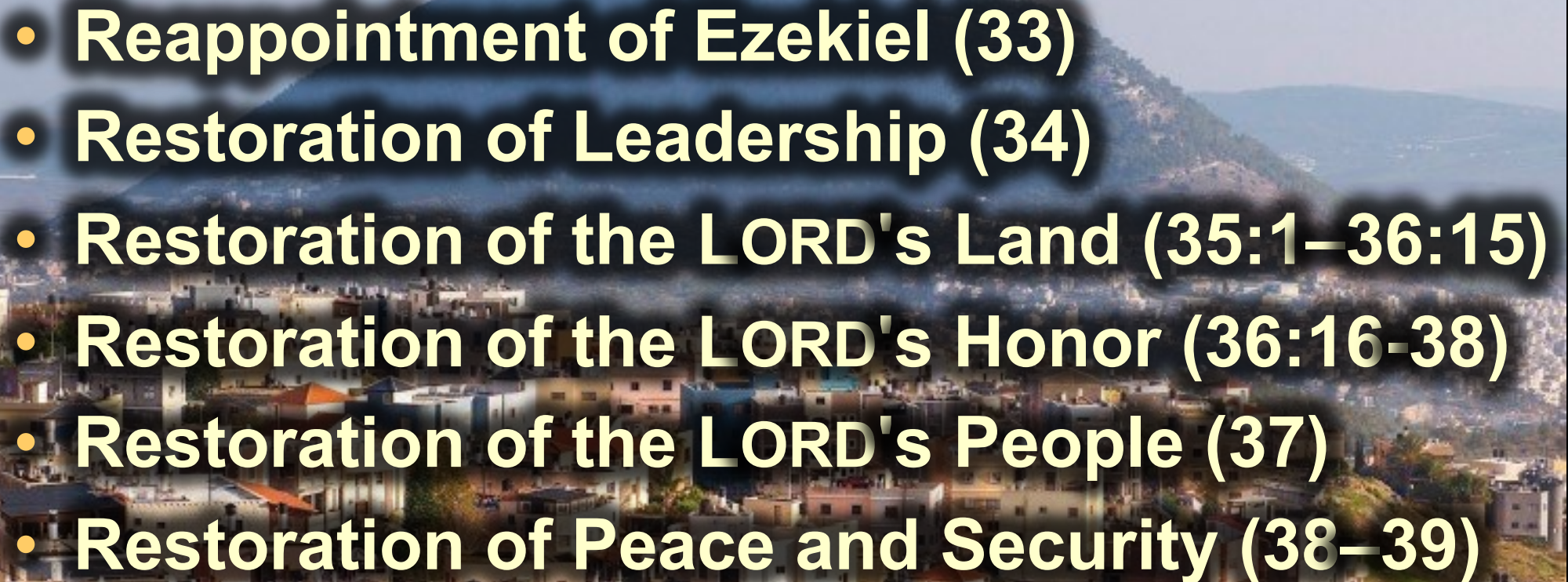


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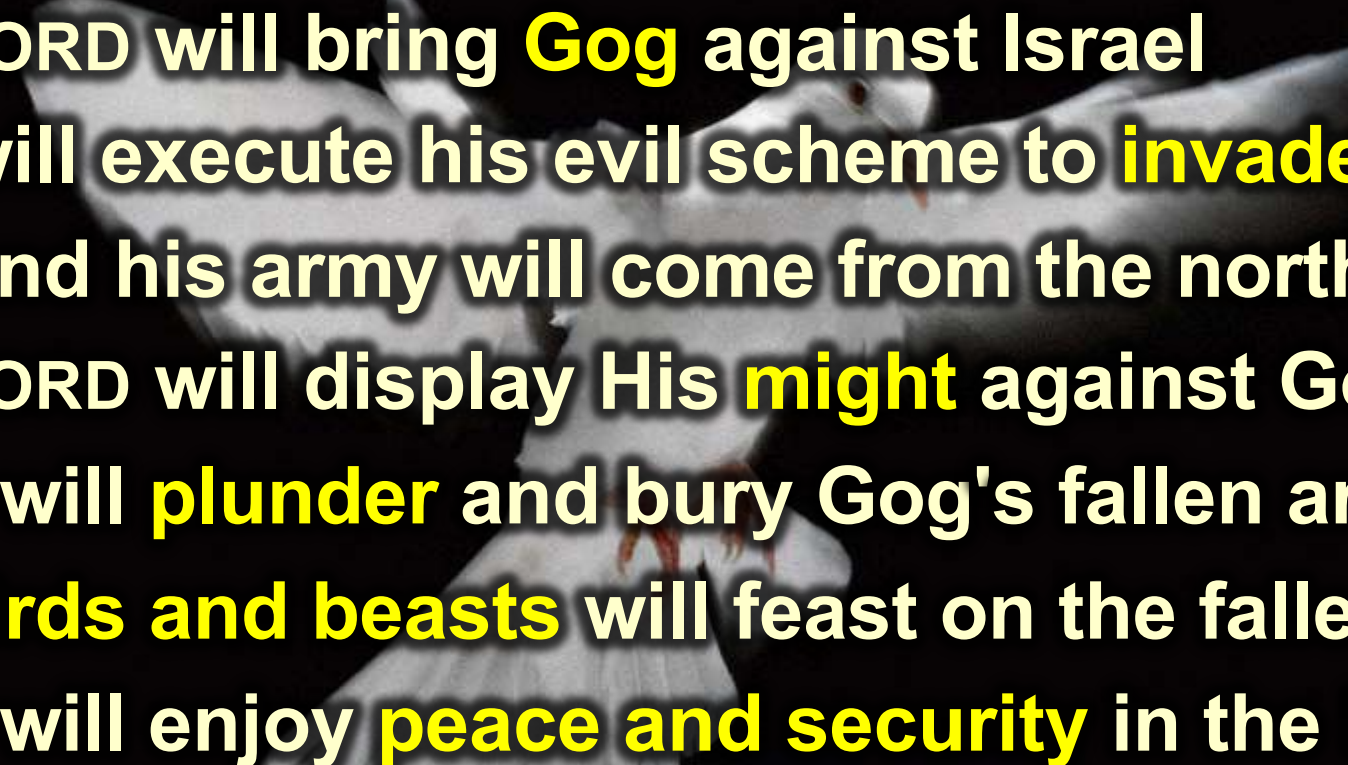
OUTNUMBERED

ALERT ALL

The Restoration of Israel

- **Reappointment of Ezekiel (33)**
 - **Restoration of Leadership (34)**
 - **Restoration of the LORD's Land (35:1–36:15)**
 - **Restoration of the LORD's Honor (36:16-38)**
 - **Restoration of the LORD's People (37)**
 - **Restoration of Peace and Security (38–39)**
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- An aerial photograph of a densely populated city, likely Jerusalem, with a large mountain in the background. The city is built on a hillside, with many buildings and a winding road. The mountain in the background is covered in greenery and has a small structure on top. The sky is clear and blue.

Restoration of Peace & Security

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- The LORD will bring **Gog** against Israel
 - Gog will execute his evil scheme to **invade** Israel
 - Gog and his army will come from the north
 - The LORD will display His **might** against Gog
 - Israel will **plunder** and bury Gog's fallen army
 - The **birds and beasts** will feast on the fallen army
 - Israel will enjoy **peace and security** in the land

Ezekiel 38–39



Who is Gog?

- Many suggestions have been made.
- Land areas of Meshech and Tubal cover areas in Turkey, Russia, and Iran
- Is Gog and Magog in Ezek 38–39 the same as the Gog and Magog in Rev 20:8?

Reasons Ezekiel's Gog & Magog is different from John's Gog & Magog in Revelation 20:7–10

Ezekiel 38:2
Gog = Prince
Magog = Land

Ezekiel 38:16
Gog against Israel

Ezekiel 39:17–20
Great feast of corpses

Ezekiel 38:39
Events fit before restored
millennial temple (ch. 40)

Revelation 20:8
Gog & Magog = nations

Revelation 20:8
Gog & Magog v. Messiah

Revelation 20:10
Satan cast into lake of fire

Revelation 20:7–10
Events fit after millennium in
20:1–6

Ezekiel 39

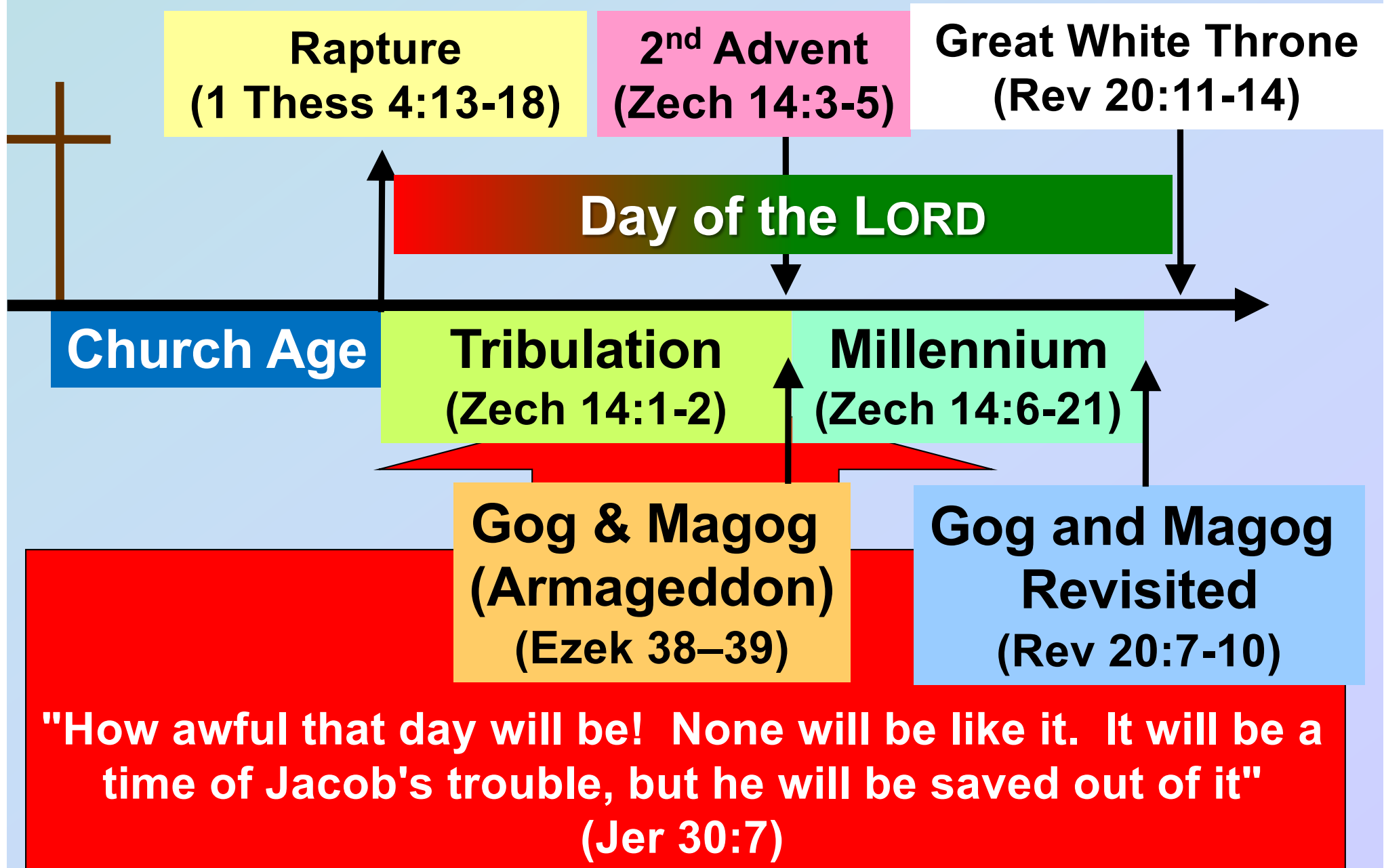
Differing Views:

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1. Passage entirely symbolic
 2. Before Tribulation
 3. Middle of Tribulation
 4. End of Tribulation
 5. Between end of Tribulation & Millennium
 6. After Millennium
 7. Combination of 4th and 6th views

When Will Gog's Invasion Occur?

A Dispensational Timeline

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How can you be **expectant**
of God's glory once again
in your life?



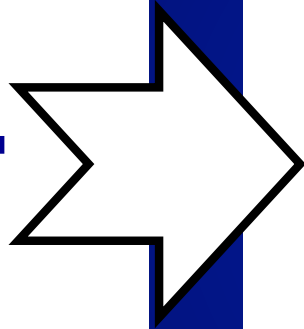
**1—*Admit* that God's glory left
(Ezek 1–24).**

ADMIT

STEPS TO GOD'S GLORY

**2—*Allow* God to handle all rivals
to his glory (Ezek 25–32).**

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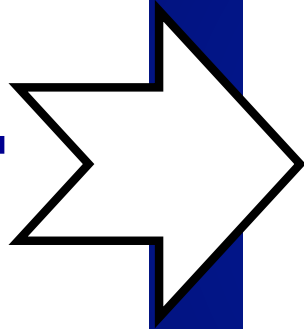


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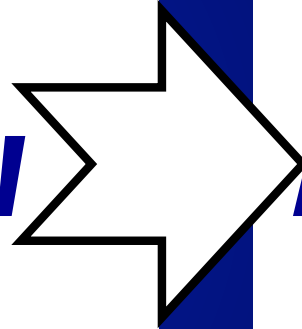
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3—*Anticipate* God's glory to return (Ezek 33–48).

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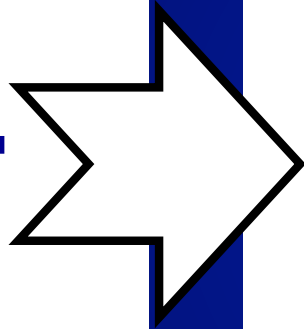


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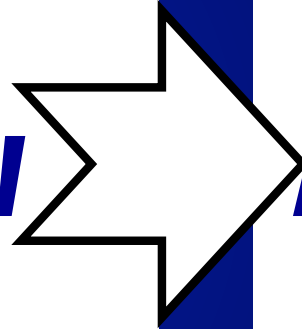
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***Expect God to discipline and
restore you for his **glory**.***

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MAIN IDEA OF EZEKIEL

**Preparing
for Glory...**

**God will give new life
(Ezekiel 33–39)**



**God will
restore
Israel
(33–37)**

**...to the land
led by Jesus**

**Preparing
for Glory...**

**God will give new life
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**...by
destroying
her enemies**

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Israel
(38–39)**



Anticipate *Glory* **in a New Life**

Ezekiel 33–39

Main Idea

Theological Themes

- **God**
 - God of Israel
 - Holiness of God
 - Faithful to covenant
 - Spirit of Yahweh
 - Glory of Yahweh
- **Individual Responsibility**
- **Restoration**
 - New covenant
 - New physical order
 - Edenic ideals

Summary

Reunion of Judah and Israel

Enemies Defeated

Shekinah Glory Returned

Temple Rebuilt

Orders of Worship Restored

Redemption (Forgiveness of Sins)

All will know that I am Yahweh

Territories Restored

Indwelling Spirit

Obedience Guaranteed

New Heart

Shepherd of Israel



**God's breath (Spirit)
enters people today**

Has he entered you?



**You will
reign with
the Lion of
Judah**

***...if you are
faithful now!***

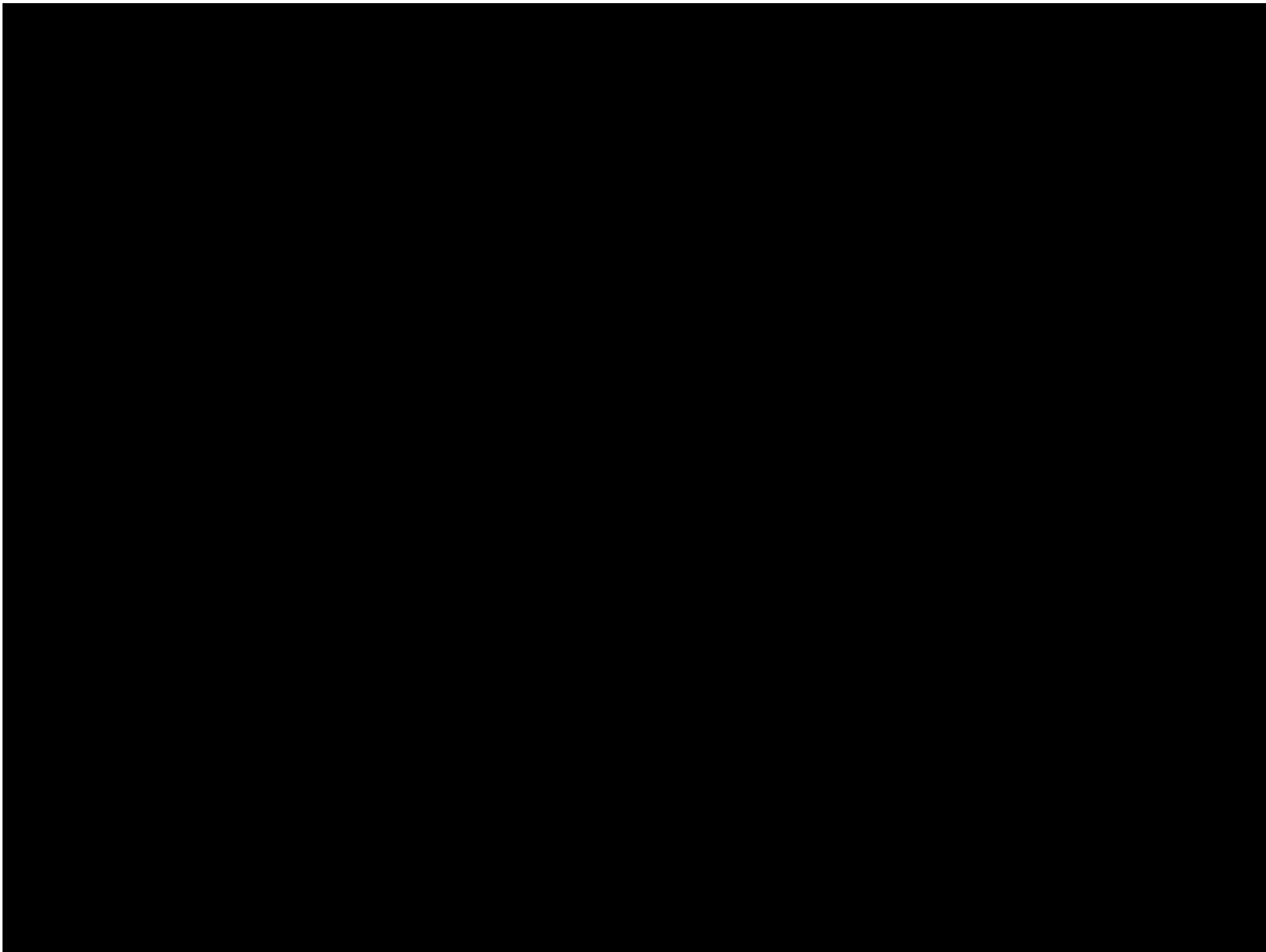
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