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***The Big Picture – Part Three***

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[**Amos 3:7**](swordsearcher://bible/Amos3.7) Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets.

**I. Quick Review So Far**

**A. That Prophet and False Prophets**

[**Deuteronomy 18:18**](swordsearcher://bible/de18.18-22) I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee, and will put my words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him.  
**Deuteronomy 18:19** And it shall come to pass, *that* whosoever will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require *it* of him.  
**Deuteronomy 18:20** But the prophet, which shall presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, even that prophet shall die.  
**Deuteronomy 18:21** And if thou say in thine heart, How shall we know the word which the LORD hath not spoken?  
**Deuteronomy 18:22** When a prophet speaketh in the name of the LORD, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that *is* the thing which the LORD hath not spoken, *but* the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

**B. The Mosaic Covenant Includes the Sabbath**

[**Genesis 2:1**](swordsearcher://bible/gen2.1-7) Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them.  
**Genesis 2:2** And on the seventh day God ended his work which he had made; and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made.  
**Genesis 2:3** And God blessed the seventh day, and sanctified it: because that in it he had rested from all his work which God created and made.  
**Genesis 2:4** These *are* the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens,  
**Genesis 2:5** And every plant of the field before it was in the earth, and every herb of the field before it grew: for the LORD God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and *there was* not a man to till the ground.  
**Genesis 2:6** But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground.  
**Genesis 2:7** And the LORD God formed man *of* the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul.

[**Jeremiah 25:11**](swordsearcher://bible/jer25.11-14) And this whole land shall be a desolation, *and* an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.  
**Jeremiah 25:12** And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations.  
**Jeremiah 25:13** And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations.  
**Jeremiah 25:14** For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.

[**Leviticus 26:34**](swordsearcher://bible/lev26.34) Then shall the land enjoy her sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye *be* in your enemies' land; *even* then shall the land rest, and enjoy her sabbaths.  
**Leviticus 26:35** As long as it lieth desolate it shall rest; because it did not rest in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it.

**C. If You Break My Covenant – Terror, Consumption, Burning Ague, and Sorrow**

[**Leviticus 26:14**](swordsearcher://bible/lev26.14-17) But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;  
**Leviticus 26:15** And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:  
**Leviticus 26:16** I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it.

**D. Two Deportations – Prophesied before they entered the land**

**1.)** [**Deuteronomy 28:1**](swordsearcher://bible/de28.1-2) And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe *and* to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:  
**Deuteronomy 28:2** And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God.

**2.)** [**Deuteronomy 28:15**](swordsearcher://bible/de28.15) But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee:

**3.) Babylonian Captivity**

[**Deuteronomy 28:49**](swordsearcher://bible/de28.49-58) The LORD shall bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, *as swift* as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand;  
**Deuteronomy 28:50** A nation of fierce countenance, which shall not regard the person of the old, nor shew favour to the young:  
**Deuteronomy 28:51** And he shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy land, until thou be destroyed: which *also* shall not leave thee *either* corn, wine, or oil, *or* the increase of thy kine, or flocks of thy sheep, until he have destroyed thee.  
**Deuteronomy 28:52** And he shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fenced walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land: and he shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the LORD thy God hath given thee.  
**Deuteronomy 28:53** And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, which the LORD thy God hath given thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee:  
**Deuteronomy 28:54** *So that* the man *that is* tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children which he shall leave:  
**Deuteronomy 28:55** So that he will not give to any of them of the flesh of his children whom he shall eat: because he hath nothing left him in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee in all thy gates.  
**Deuteronomy 28:56** The tender and delicate woman among you, which would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter,  
**Deuteronomy 28:57** And toward her young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children which she shall bear: for she shall eat them for want of all *things* secretly in the siege and straitness, wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.  
**Deuteronomy 28:58** If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name, THE LORD THY GOD;

**4.) The Scattering**

[**Deuteronomy 28:63**](swordsearcher://bible/de28.68) And it shall come to pass, *that* as the LORD rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you; so the LORD will rejoice over you to destroy you, and to bring you to nought; and ye shall be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to possess it.  
**Deuteronomy 28:64** And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, *even* wood and stone.  
**Deuteronomy 28:65** And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but the LORD shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:  
**Deuteronomy 28:66** And thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear day and night, and shalt have none assurance of thy life:  
**Deuteronomy 28:67** In the morning thou shalt say, Would God it were even! and at even thou shalt say, Would God it were morning! for the fear of thine heart wherewith thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see.  
**Deuteronomy 28:68** And the LORD shall bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I spake unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen, and no man shall buy *you*.

**II. These are the Words**

**[Deuteronomy 29:1](swordsearcher://bible/de29.1-11)** These *are* the words of the covenant, which the LORD commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, beside the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.  
**Deuteronomy 29:2** And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that the LORD did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land;  
**Deuteronomy 29:3** The great temptations which thine eyes have seen, the signs, and those great miracles:  
**Deuteronomy 29:4** Yet the LORD hath not given you an heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day.  
**Deuteronomy 29:5** And I have led you forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxen old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxen old upon thy foot.  
**Deuteronomy 29:6** Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink: that ye might know that I *am* the LORD your God.  
**Deuteronomy 29:7** And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them:  
**Deuteronomy 29:8** And we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half tribe of Manasseh.  
**Deuteronomy 29:9** Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.  
**Deuteronomy 29:10** Ye stand this day all of you before the LORD your God; your captains of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, *with* all the men of Israel,  
**Deuteronomy 29:11** Your little ones, your wives, and thy stranger that *is* in thy camp, from the hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water:

**Why enter into Covenant with the LORD thy God – As promised in another Covenant**  
[**Deuteronomy 29:12**](swordsearcher://bible/de29.12-23) That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day:  
**Deuteronomy 29:13** That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself, and *that* he may be unto thee a God, as he hath said unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.  
**Deuteronomy 29:14** Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath;  
**Deuteronomy 29:15** But with *him* that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and also with *him* that *is* not here with us this day:  
**Deuteronomy 29:16** (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by;  
**Deuteronomy 29:17** And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which *were* among them:)

**Deuteronomy 29:18** Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go *and* serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;  
**Deuteronomy 29:19** And it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the imagination of mine heart, to add drunkenness to thirst:  
**Deuteronomy 29:20** The LORD will not spare him, but then the anger of the LORD and his jealousy shall smoke against that man, and all the curses that are written in this book shall lie upon him, and the LORD shall blot out his name from under heaven.

**Deuteronomy 29:21** And the LORD shall separate him unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that are written in this book of the law:  
**Deuteronomy 29:22** So that the generation to come of your children that shall rise up after you, and the stranger that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses which the LORD hath laid upon it;  
**Deuteronomy 29:23** *And that* the whole land thereof *is* brimstone, and salt, *and* burning, *that* it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboim, which the LORD overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath:

**III. So the Gentiles will know🡄**  
[**Deuteronomy 29:24**](swordsearcher://bible/de29.24-29) Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what *meaneth* the heat of this great anger?  
**Deuteronomy 29:25** Then men shall say, Because they have forsaken the covenant of the LORD God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt:  
**Deuteronomy 29:26** For they went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods whom they knew not, and *whom* he had not given unto them:  
**Deuteronomy 29:27** And the anger of the LORD was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curses that are written in this book:  
**Deuteronomy 29:28** And the LORD rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as *it is* this day.  
**Deuteronomy 29:29** The secret *things belong* unto the LORD our God: but those *things which are* revealed *belong* unto us and to our children for ever, that *we* may do all the words of this law.

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| **Israel’s United Kingdom under David and Solomon reached peek of human king glory until:** | | | | | |
| [**Jeremiah 3:8**](swordsearcher://bible/jer3.8) **And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.** | | | | | |
| **Israel’s Divided Kingdom** | | | | | |
| **Judah – Southern 2 Tribes** | | | **Israel – Northern 10 Tribes, aka Ephraim** | | |
| **King** | **Good/ Bad** | **Years (BC)** | **King (All Bad)** | **Years (BC)** | **Prophets (BC)** |
| 1. Rehoboam | Bad | 975-958, 17 | 1. Jeroboam I | 975-954, 22 |  |
| 2. Abijah | Bad | 958-955, 3 | 2. Nadab | 954-953, 2 |  |
| 3. Asa | Good | 955-915, 41 | 3. Baasha | 953-930, 24 |  |
| 4. Jehoshaphat | Good | 914-889, 25 | 4. Elah | 930-929, 2 |  |
| 5. Jehoram | Bad | 893-886\*, 8 | 5. Zimri | 929-925\*, c.4 |  |
| 6. Ahaziah | Bad | 886\*, c.1 | 6. Omri | 929-918\*, 12 | Micaiah (1Ki 22:8) |
| 7. Athaliah Queen | Bad | 886-879\*, 6 | 7. Ahab | 918-897\*, 22 | Elijah 918-910? 910-897 |
| 8. Joash | Good | 879-839, 40 | 8. Ahaziah | 898-897\*, 2 |  |
| 9. Amaziah | Good | 839-810, 29 | 9. Joram | 897-886, 12 | Elisha 897-838 |
| 10. Azariah, Uzziah | Good | 810-758\*, 52 | 10. Jehu | 886-857, 28 | Jonah c.825 |
| 11. Jotham | Good | 758-742\*, 16 | 11. Jehoahaz | 857-840, 17 | Joel c.820 |
| 12. Ahaz | Bad | 742-726, 16 | 12. Jehoash | 840-825, 16 | Amos c.788 |
| 13. Hezekiah | Good | 726-697, 29 | 13. Jeroboam II | 825-784, 41 | Hosea 785-720 |
| 114. Manasseh | Bad | 697-642, 55 | INTERREGNUM | 784-773, 11 | Isaiah 759-697 |
| 15. Amon | Bad | 642-640, 2 | 14. Zachariah | 773, 6 months | Micah 754-697 |
| 16. Josiah  ([II Kings 23:25](swordsearcher://bible/2ki23.25); [Jeremiah 3:6-10](swordsearcher://bible/jer3.6-10)) | Good | 640-609, 31  Revival | 15. Shallum | 772, 1 month | Nahum 663-615? |
| 16. Menahem | 771-761, 10 | Zephaniah c.610 |
| 17. Pekahiah | 761-759, 2 | Habakkuk c.607 |
| 17. Jehoahaz | Bad | 609, 3 months | 18. Pekah | 759-739, 20 | Daniel 606-534 |
| 18. Jehoikim | Bad | 609-598, 11 | INTERREGNUM | 739-730 | Ezekiel 593-570 |
| 19. Jehoiachin | Bad | 598-597, ¼ | 19. Hoshea | 730-721, 9 | Obadiah 585 |
| 20. Zedekiah | Bad | 597-586, 11 | **No good kings – no revival** | | Haggai 520 |
| **Total: 390 years** | | | **Total: 254** | | Zechariah 520-519 |

**Jerusalem Destroyed by Babylon**

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| **586 BC: Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Jerusalem and in three stages deported Judah to Babylon** | | | |
| **Date** | **606 BC** | **597 BC** | **586 BC** |
| **Deported to** | **Kings Court** | **Nebuchadnezzar’s Canal** | **Nebuchadnezzar’s Canal** |
| **Notable Deportees** | **Daniel and friends key royal families** | **King Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, 10,000 skilled craftsmen** | **King Zedekiah, balance of the people except a few poor** |
| **Scattered Kingdom (70AD) after the rejection of Messiah and future restoration** | | | |
| [Deuteronomy 28:63-68](swordsearcher://bible/de28.63-68); [II Kings 23.26-27](swordsearcher://bible/2kings23.26-27); [Isaiah 11:10-16](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.10-16) | | | |
| **The Eternal, Righteous Kingdom, after the 2nd Advent** [Zechariah 14](swordsearcher://bible/zech14);[Revelation 11:15](swordsearcher://bible/rev11.15); [Revelation 19-22](swordsearcher://bible/rev19-22); [Isaiah 2](swordsearcher://bible/isa2) | | | |
| But in the last days it shall come to pass, *that* the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it. And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make *them* afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken *it*. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the LORD our God for ever and ever. In that day, saith the LORD, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted; And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: and the LORD shall reign over them in mount Zion from henceforth, even for ever. **(**[**Micah 4:1-7**](swordsearcher://bible/mic4.1-7)**)** | | | |

**The Babylonian Captivity Facts and Dates**

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| **Babylonian Captivity Deportations** | | | |  | **Nabopolassar** | **626-604 BC** |
| **Date** | **606BC** | **597BC** | **586BC** |  | **Nebuchadnezzar** | **604-561 BC** |
| **Deported To** | **Kings Court** | **Nebuchadnezzar’s Canal** | **Nebuchadnezzar’s Canal** |  | **Amel-Marduk**  **(Evil Merodach)** | **561-559 BC** |
| **Deportees** | **Key Royal Families** | **10,000 + King** | **Rest + king** |  | **Nergal-sharusur**  **(Neriglissar)** | **559-555 BC** |
| **Notable Deportees** | **Daniel & Friends** | **King Jehoiachin, Ezekiel, 10,000 Skilled Craftsmen** | **King Zedekiah, Balance of the people** |  | **Labashi - marduk** | **555 BC** |
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|  |  |  |  |  | **Belshazzar** | **553-539 BC** |
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| **Babylonian Captivity Returns** | | | |  | **Media -Persian Kings** | |
| **Date** | **536 BC** | **436 BC** | **452 BC** |  | **Darius the Mede** |  |
| **Leader** | **Zerubbabel** | **Ezra** | **Nehemiah** |  | **Cyrus** | 536-529 BC |
| **Work** | **Build Temple** | **Read / Translated Law** | **Rebuild the Walls of Jerusalem** |  | **Cambyses** | 529-521 BC |
| **Reference** | [Ezra 1-6](swordsearcher://bible/ezra1-6) | [Ezra 8](swordsearcher://bible/ezra8)[, 9](swordsearcher://bible/ezra9) & [10](swordsearcher://bible/ezra10); [Nehemiah 10](swordsearcher://bible/nehemiah10) | [Nehemiah 2](file:///C:\Users\truck\Documents\College%20Courses\Hermeneutics%20101%20Chapter%2025\nehemiah2); [Daniel 9:25](swordsearcher://bible/dan9.25) |  | **Smerdis** | 521 BC |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Darius I** | 521-485 BC |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Xerxes I - Ahasuerus** | 485-464 BC |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Artaxerxes I - Longimanus** | 464-423 BC |
|  |  |  |  |  | **Xerxes II** | 423 BC |
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**Summation**

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| 1. Cyrus’ Proclamation ([Ezra 1:1-4](swordsearcher://bible/ezra1.1-4)) in 538 BC Fulfilled Jeremiah’s Prophecy: [Jeremiah 25:11-14](swordsearcher://bible/jer25.11-14); [29:10](swordsearcher://bible/jer29.10) 2. Isiah had prophesied about Cyrus and even naming him 175 before this: [Isiah 44:21-28](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.21-28); [45:1- 5](swordsearcher://bible/isa45.1-5). 3. Cyrus conquered Babylon on October 12, 539 BC, and personally entered it October 29, 539 BC 4. The Temple is begun in 536 BC,. The exile only lasts 50 years after 538 BC. 70 Years figured from 605 BC 5. The Rebuilding discontinued in 534 BC, and resumed in 520 BC., completed in 515 BC. 6. Rebuilding begun under Cyrus and completed under Darius I |

**IV. Isaiah prophesied about the Babylonian Captivity Return almost 200 years before the Deportation**

**A. Isaiah prophesied to Israel before they were deported**

[**Isaiah 44:1**](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.1-5) Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:  
**Isaiah 44:2** Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, *which* will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou, Jesurun, whom I have chosen.  
**Isaiah 44:3** For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon thine offspring:  
**Isaiah 44:4** And they shall spring up *as* among the grass, as willows by the water courses.  
**Isaiah 44:5** One shall say, I *am* the LORD'S; and another shall call *himself* by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe *with* his hand unto the LORD, and surname *himself* by the name of Israel.

**There is no other God**  
[**Isaiah 44:6**](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.6-8) Thus saith the LORD the King of Israel, and his redeemer the LORD of hosts; I *am* the first, and I *am* the last; and beside me *there is* no God.  
**Isaiah 44:7** And who, as I, shall call, and shall declare it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed the ancient people? and the things that are coming, and shall come, let them shew unto them.  
**Isaiah 44:8** Fear ye not, neither be afraid: have not I told thee from that time, and have declared *it*? ye *are* even my witnesses. Is there a God beside me? yea, *there is* no God; I know not *any*.

**Those that serve a god will not deliver his soul**

[**Isaiah 44:9**](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.9-20) They that make a graven image *are* all of them vanity; and their delectable things shall not profit; and they *are* their own witnesses; they see not, nor know; that they may be ashamed.  
**Isaiah 44:10** Who hath formed a god, or molten a graven image *that* is profitable for nothing?  
**Isaiah 44:11** Behold, all his fellows shall be ashamed: and the workmen, they *are* of men: let them all be gathered together, let them stand up; *yet* they shall fear, *and* they shall be ashamed together.  
**Isaiah 44:12** The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint.  
**Isaiah 44:13** The carpenter stretcheth out *his* rule; he marketh it out with a line; he fitteth it with planes, and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh it after the figure of a man, according to the beauty of a man; that it may remain in the house.  
**Isaiah 44:14** He heweth him down cedars, and taketh the cypress and the oak, which he strengtheneth for himself among the trees of the forest: he planteth an ash, and the rain doth nourish *it*.  
**Isaiah 44:15** Then shall it be for a man to burn: for he will take thereof, and warm himself; yea, he kindleth *it*, and baketh bread; yea, he maketh a god, and worshippeth *it*; he maketh it a graven image, and falleth down thereto.  
**Isaiah 44:16** He burneth part thereof in the fire; with part thereof he eateth flesh; he roasteth roast, and is satisfied: yea, he warmeth *himself*, and saith, Aha, I am warm, I have seen the fire:  
**Isaiah 44:17** And the residue thereof he maketh a god, *even* his graven image: he falleth down unto it, and worshippeth *it*, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for thou *art* my god.  
**Isaiah 44:18** They have not known nor understood: for he hath shut their eyes, that they cannot see; *and* their hearts, that they cannot understand.

**Isaiah 44:19** And none considereth in his heart, neither *is there* knowledge nor understanding to say, I have burned part of it in the fire; yea, also I have baked bread upon the coals thereof; I have roasted flesh, and eaten *it*: and shall I make the residue thereof an abomination? shall I fall down to the stock of a tree?  
**Isaiah 44:20** He feedeth on ashes: a deceived heart hath turned him aside, that he cannot deliver his soul, nor say, *Is there* not a lie in my right hand?

**Remember these – Thou shalt not be forgotten**  
[**Isaiah 44:21**](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.21-25) Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou *art* my servant: I have formed thee; thou *art* my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me.  
**Isaiah 44:22** I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.  
**Isaiah 44:23** Sing, O ye heavens; for the LORD hath done *it*: shout, ye lower parts of the earth: break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and every tree therein: for the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and glorified himself in Israel.  
**Isaiah 44:24** Thus saith the LORD, thy redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I *am* the LORD that maketh all *things*; that stretcheth forth the heavens alone; that spreadeth abroad the earth by myself;  
**Isaiah 44:25** That frustrateth the tokens of the liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise *men* backward, and maketh their knowledge foolish;

**This prophesy to His servant when they still inhabited the land and had not yet been destroyed!**  
[**Isaiah 44:26**](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.26-27) That confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be inhabited; and to the cities of Judah, Ye shall be built, and I will raise up the decayed places thereof:  
**Isaiah 44:27** That saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers:

**V. The LORD speaks to His shepherd by name - 150 years before Cyrus was born!**

**[Isaiah 44:28](swordsearcher://bible/isa44.28-45.3)** That saith of Cyrus, *He is* my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure: even saying to Jerusalem, Thou shalt be built; and to the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

**Isaiah 45:1** Thus saith the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him; and I will loose the loins of kings, to open before him the two leaved gates; and the gates shall not be shut;  
**Isaiah 45:2** I will go before thee, and make the crooked places straight: I will break in pieces the gates of brass, and cut in sunder the bars of iron:  
**Isaiah 45:3** And I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that I, the LORD, which call *thee* by thy name, *am* the God of Israel.

**VI. Why did the LORD call Cyrus? 🡄**  
[**Isaiah 45:4**](swordsearcher://bible/isa45.4-16) For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.  
**Isaiah 45:5** I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else, *there is* no God beside me: I girded thee, though thou hast not known me:  
**Isaiah 45:6** That they may know from the rising of the sun, and from the west, that *there is* none beside me. I *am* the LORD, and *there is* none else.  
**Isaiah 45:7** I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the LORD do all these *things*.  
**Isaiah 45:8** Drop down, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, and let them bring forth salvation, and let righteousness spring up together; I the LORD have created it.  
**Isaiah 45:9** Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! *Let* the potsherd *strive* with the potsherds of the earth. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands?  
**Isaiah 45:10** Woe unto him that saith unto *his* father, What begettest thou? or to the woman, What hast thou brought forth?  
**Isaiah 45:11** Thus saith the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker, Ask me of things to come concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands command ye me.  
**Isaiah 45:12** I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, *even* my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded.  
**Isaiah 45:13** I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways: he shall build my city, and he shall let go my captives, not for price nor reward, saith the LORD of hosts.  
**Isaiah 45:14** Thus saith the LORD, The labour of Egypt, and merchandise of Ethiopia and of the Sabeans, men of stature, shall come over unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall come after thee; in chains they shall come over, and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, *saying*, Surely God *is* in thee; and *there is* none else, *there is* no God.  
**Isaiah 45:15** Verily thou *art* a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour.  
**Isaiah 45:16** They shall be ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: they shall go to confusion together *that are* makers of idols.

**Israel shall be saved**  
[**Isaiah 45:17**](swordsearcher://bible/isa45.17-25) *But* Israel shall be saved in the LORD with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be ashamed nor confounded world without end.  
**Isaiah 45:18** For thus saith the LORD that created the heavens; God himself that formed the earth and made it; he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited: I *am* the LORD; and *there is* none else.  
**Isaiah 45:19** I have not spoken in secret, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me in vain: I the LORD speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.  
**Isaiah 45:20** Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye *that are* escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that set up the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god *that* cannot save.  
**Isaiah 45:21** Tell ye, and bring *them* near; yea, let them take counsel together: who hath declared this from ancient time? *who* hath told it from that time? *have* not I the LORD? and *there is* no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; *there is* none beside me.  
**Isaiah 45:22** Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I *am* God, and *there is* none else.  
**Isaiah 45:23** I have sworn by myself, the word is gone out of my mouth *in* righteousness, and shall not return, That unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.  
**Isaiah 45:24** Surely, shall *one* say, in the LORD have I righteousness and strength: *even* to him shall *men* come; and all that are incensed against him shall be ashamed.  
**Isaiah 45:25** In the LORD shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

**VII. Is the LORD going to replace the kings?**

**VII. The Branch**

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| **The Man Whose Name Is The Branch** | |
| **The Davidic Covenant:** [**II Samuel 7:11**](swordsearcher://bible/2sam7.1-29)**...The LORD telleth thee that he will make thee an house.**  **II Samuel 7:12 And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom.**  **II Samuel 7:13 He shall build an house for my name, and I will stablish the throne of his kingdom for ever.**  **II Samuel 7:14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son. If he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men:**  **II Samuel 7:15 But my mercy shall not depart away from him, as I took *it* from Saul, whom I put away before thee.**  **II Samuel 7:16 And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. {Also see** [**Psalm 89**](swordsearcher://bible/ps89)**}** | |
| **After Solomon there was civil war, the kingdom split in two (North and South), and Pagan practices among the people. There were a few good kings in the southern kingdom (Judah), but absolutely no good kings in the northern kingdom (Israel). Israel was captured and deported to Assyria. Judah would be captured and deported to Babylon, and when they returned there was no king or kingdom. It got so bad during the end of the kingdom that God had to make a decree concerning one of the last kings of Judah, named Jeconiah (or Coniah) in the Book of Jeremiah:** | |
| [**Jeremiah 22:24**](swordsearcher://bible/jer22.24)  ***As* I live, saith the LORD, though Coniah the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence;….**  [**Jeremiah 22:30**](swordsearcher://bible/jer22.30) **Thus saith the LORD, Write ye this man childless, a man *that* shall not prosper in his days: for no man of his seed shall prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling any more in Judah.** | |
| **It appears that the family tree of David has been cut down and used for firewood** | |
| [**Isaiah 11:1**](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.1) ***And there shall come forth a rod out of the stem of Jesse, and a Branch shall grow out of his roots:*** |  |
| **The Branch will have full measure of the Holy Ghost** | **[Isaiah 11:2](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.2)** |
| **The Branch will be a righteous Judge** | **[Isaiah 11:3-5](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.3-5);** [**Jeremiah 23:5**](swordsearcher://bible/jer23.5)**;** [**33:15**](swordsearcher://bible/jer33.15) |
| **The Branch will be an ensign for His People and will be sought out by the Gentiles who will have a glorious rest** | **[Isaiah 11:10](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.10)** |
| **The Branch will smite the earth with the rod of His mouth** | **[Isaiah 11:4](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.4)** |
| **The Branch will regather Jews from their over 2000 year scattering – Both Israel and Judah** | **[Isaiah 11:11-13](swordsearcher://bible/isa11.11-13)** |
| **The Branch will be the ruler raised unto David and He shall reign and prosper and execute judgement on the earth.** | **[Jeremiah 23:5](swordsearcher://bible/jer23.5);** [**33:15**](swordsearcher://bible/jer33.15) |
| **The Branch will grow up out of His place and build the temple during the Millennium.** | **[Zechariah 3:7-10;](swordsearcher://bible/zech3.7-10) [Zechariah 6.12](swordsearcher://bible/zech6.12)** |

**The Abrahamic Covenant**

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| **Covenant with Abraham** | **Covenant Extensions** |
| **Promise of a National Land** – **(Land)**  [Genesis 12:1-3](swordsearcher://bible/gen12.1-3); [13:14-18](swordsearcher://bible/gen13.14-18) | **Palestinian Covenant – God will regather Israel from the scattering, circumcise their heart and give eternal restoration** [Deuteronomy 30:3-5](swordsearcher://bible/de30.3-5); [Ezekiel 36:16-38](swordsearcher://bible/eze36.16-38) |
| **Promise of Numerous Descendants – A Great Nation – (Seed)** [Genesis 12:3](swordsearcher://bible/gen12.3); [13:16](swordsearcher://bible/gen13.16);[17:1-22](swordsearcher://bible/gen17.1-22) | **Davidic Covenant – David’s Seed on the throne of Israel forever** [II Samuel 7:1-16](swordsearcher://bible/2sam7.1-16);[Jeremiah 33:19-26](swordsearcher://bible/jer33.19-26); [31:35-37](swordsearcher://bible/jer31.35-37); [Exodus 3:15](swordsearcher://bible/ex3.15) |
| **Promise that God will bless the world through Abraham– (World-wide Blessing through Abraham)**  [Genesis 12:3](swordsearcher://bible/gen12.3); [22:1-19](swordsearcher://bible/gen22.1-19) | **New Covenant – To Israel & Judah, No psychology, Law written in the heart, all will know God** [Jeremiah 31:31-40](swordsearcher://bible/jer31.27-40); [Hebrews 8:1-13](swordsearcher://bible/heb8.1-13); [Luke 1:26-38](swordsearcher://bible/luke1.26-38); [Amos 9:11-15](swordsearcher://bible/amos9.11-15) |
| **Christ and the Gentiles – Scripture with foresight preached the Gospel to Abraham**  [**Galatians 3**](swordsearcher://bible/gal3) **Interprets the Abrahamic Covenant in the New Testament**  [**Galatians 3:6**](swordsearcher://bible/gal3.6-9)Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.  **Galatians 3:7** Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.  **Galatians 3:8** And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.  **Galatians 3:9** So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.  [**Galatians 3:29**](swordsearcher://bible/gal3.29) **And if ye be Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise.** | |