

Session 4 Jesus Will Deliver Jewish Captives on His Way to Jerusalem

I. REVIEW

- A. The Second Coming is in context to the Battle of Jerusalem. Jesus will march to Jerusalem to win the Battle of Jerusalem to end the Armageddon campaign (Rev. 19:11-21).
- B. To understand the Second Coming we must have a right paradigm. The necessary paradigm is in knowing that Jesus will rule the earth with the ***natural human processes not suspended, yet significantly enhanced by the supernatural dimension of the Spirit.***
- C. There are three types of people on earth when Jesus appears in the sky. First, the ***redeemed*** will be raptured during Jesus' worldwide procession across the sky. Second, the ***reprobate*** who took the mark of the Beast. Third, the ***resistors*** or the unsaved survivors (Jews and Gentiles) of the Great Tribulation who refused to worship the Antichrist.
- D. The Second Coming procession: 3 stages
Stage #1: Jesus' procession across the sky: to rapture the Church (Mt. 24:30-31; Rev. 1:7)
Stage #2: Jesus' procession on the land: traveling from Egypt through Jordan (Isa. 63; Hab. 3)
Stage #3: Jesus' procession into Jerusalem: to the Mount of Olives followed by His coronation
- E. ***This session provides foundational understanding necessary to understand the Second Coming procession.*** An essential part of the Second Coming procession involves Jesus marching up from Egypt through Assyria back to Israel. As He marches through the land, He will free Jewish slaves in order to bring them to Israel. In this, He will function as the "greater Moses." The Lord will also send others from Israel to lead Jewish survivors back to the land (Isa. 66:19-21) and will command Gentile kings to serve Him in this (Isa. 11:11-16; 49:22-23; 60:3-4, 9).

II. WHY DO WE NEED TO UNDERSTAND THIS?

- A. First, the situation of many Jews being in prison is one of the most prominent features in Second Coming passages. The fact of Jews in prison camps as seen in Old Testament Prophets, is usually overlooked. However, it is emphasized in Scripture. This reveals the nature of Satan's rage against Israel as well as what God will use to purify Israel and the Church. God will require the Church to stand with Israel in this crisis. The Church will be brought to maturity and evaluated by God based on our responses to Jesus' leadership in the standing with Israel (Mt. 25:31-46).
- B. Second, it gives us insight into God's heart towards His people who lose much because of sin. As God's people repent, God will restore much more, especially in the age-to-come. The God who will do this for Israel, will act in this same spirit towards all who call on His name.
- C. Third, many Second Coming passages in the OT cannot be understood without seeing this major part of the End-Time drama. The drama is magnificent in producing fascination in our heart.

III. JESUS IN ISAIAH 42 AND ISAIAH 49

A. Two Second Coming prophecies concerning Jesus must be studied together, Isa. 42:1-17 and Isa. 49:1-26. They have many significant parallels related to Jesus' Second Coming procession. In both passages, Jesus is described as God's Servant who establishes His covenant with compassion to establish justice in all the earth. Jesus' world-wide commission is confirmed in covenant terms. The points of great emphasis in the covenant include, Jesus releasing prisoners then taking the captives on an Exodus type journey back to Israel.

B. Jesus releasing prisoners (Isa. 42:6-7, 22-24) then taking the captives on an Exodus type journey back to Israel (Isa. 42:14-17).

6 I, the LORD, have called You in righteousness, and will hold Your hand; I will keep You and give You as a covenant to the people (Gentiles), as a light to the Gentiles, 7 to open blind eyes, to bring out prisoners from the prison, those who sit in darkness from the prison house. (Isa. 42:6-7)

10 Sing to the LORD a new song, and His praise from the ends of the earth... 13 The LORD shall go forth like a mighty man; He shall stir up His zeal like a man of war. He shall cry out, yes, shout aloud; He shall prevail against His enemies. 14 "I have held My peace a long time, I have been still and restrained Myself. Now I will cry like a woman in labor, I will pant and gasp at once. 15 I will lay waste the mountains and hills... 16 I will bring the blind by a way they did not know; I will lead them in paths they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things I will do for them, and not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back... 22 But this is a people (Israel) robbed and plundered; all of them are snared in holes, and they are hidden in prison houses; they are for prey, and no one delivers; for plunder, and no one says, "Restore!" 23 Who among you will give ear to this? Who will listen and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave Jacob for plunder, and Israel to the robbers? Was it not the LORD, He against whom we have sinned? For they would not walk in His ways, nor were they obedient to His law. (Isa. 42:10-24)

C. Jesus releasing prisoners (Isa. 49:9, 19-21, 24-25) then taking the captives on an Exodus type journey back to Israel (Isa. 49:9-12).

8 Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable time I have heard You..., and in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; 9 that You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,' to those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' "They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights. 10

They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them. 11 I will make each of My mountains a road, and My highways shall be elevated. 12 Surely these shall come from afar (East); Look! Those from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim (Egypt or the South) ." (Isa. 49:8-12)

D. In Isaiah 42, we see God's word to the Gentiles about Jesus ruling all nations. In Isaiah 49, God presents Jesus' 2-fold task to first win Israel, then all the Gentile nations.

IV. OUTLINE OF ISAIAH 49

- A. Jesus as God's Servant, is given a 2-fold task to win Israel and all the Gentile nations (49:1-7).
- B. Jesus' work is to free the End-Time Jewish prisoners (49:8-13).
- C. Israel finds this too difficult to believe during her trials (49:14).
- D. God answers Israel unbelievers with prophetic promises (Isa. 49:15-26b).
- E. All the nations will know that Israel's Messiah is God (Isa. 49:26c).

V. JESUS' 2-FOLD TASK TO WIN ISRAEL AND ALL THE GENTILE NATIONS (49:1-7)

5 The LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, to bring Jacob back to Him...6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should...raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, that You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.' (Isa. 49:5-6)

- A. The Father declared that restoring Israel to God is not a large enough mandate for Jesus world leadership. He is of such stature that He must be mandated to save the entire world!
- B. Isa. 49:1-8, gives us a "a report of the commissioning of Jesus." Jesus personally speaks of this. God called Jesus from Mary's womb calling Him by name and appointing Him to rule the earth from the throne of David as He restored Israel and became the light to Gentiles (Isa. 49:1-6); God chose Him and anointed Him (Isa. 49:7-8).

VI. JESUS' WORK: FREEING THE END-TIME JEWISH PRISONERS (49:8-13)

- A. Jesus' commission is confirmed in covenant terms as He promises to release the End-Time prisoners (Isa. 49:8-9). The Father "heard" and "helped" (anointed) Jesus for ministry at the first and Second Coming.

8 Thus says the LORD: "In an acceptable time I have heard You, and in the day of salvation I have helped You; I will preserve You and give You as a covenant to the people, to restore the earth, to cause them to inherit the desolate heritages; 9 that You may say to the prisoners, 'Go forth,' To those who are in darkness, 'Show yourselves.' "They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on desolate heights." (Isa. 49:7-9)

- 1. God gives Jesus as a covenant of the nations (Isaiah 42:6) that results in restoring the earth from the curse of sin to its Millennial glory. The desolate heritages of the earth will come under His leadership
- 2. Jesus will free "prisoners" at His Second Coming.

- B. Jesus will personally lead some back Israel from Egypt and Assyria. He will send others from Israel to lead Jewish survivors back (Isa. 66:19-21). He will mandate that the leadership of nations help in this cause (v. 23).

10 Behold, the Lord GOD shall come with a strong hand...11 He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. (Isa. 40:10-11)

- C. Jesus will take the captives to on an Exodus type journey back to Israel (Isa. 49:9-12). This is deliberately described as a repeat on the Exodus. God guided Israel with the pillar of cloud and fire (Exod. 12:21) and led them to water (Exod. 17:6). The way to Israel is through desert heat and over difficult mountains.

9...They shall feed along the roads, and their pastures shall be on all desolate heights. 10 They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them. 11 I will make each of My mountains a road, and My highways shall be elevated. 12 They shall neither hunger nor thirst, neither heat nor sun shall strike them; for He who has mercy on them will lead them, even by the springs of water He will guide them. 11 I will make each of My mountains a road, and My highways shall be elevated. 12 Surely these shall come from afar (East); Look! Those from the north and the west, and these from the land of Sinim (Egypt or the South). (Isa. 49:9-12)

1. They will graze on desolate high hills and mountains. He will lead them in a way that keeps them safe from the searing heat of the desert sun. The white blazing sand of the desert reflects the sun's rays nearly as severely as the rays themselves.
2. Even the weakest will be able to walk on these roads. God made mountains, calling them "My mountains." He will level them and remove all other obstacles to His mandate in bringing Israel home.
3. They will come from every corner of the earth (Isa. 43:6; 49:22). They shall also come from the land of Sinim (Gen. 10:17). The land of the Sinim or Syenites (v12) stands for Aswan in southern Egypt. (Ezek. 29:10; 30:6).

- D. Jesus will lead His people with tender compassion as He provides for every need. He will provide water in this desert journey to Israel.

7 The parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water.... (Isa. 35:7)

- E. Worldwide worship breaks forth at the Second Coming (Isa. 49:13; 44:23) because of the glory that awaits Jesus (v.5-12) and Israel (v16-26). All creation is made aware that Jesus is coming to the earth to deliver the people and creation itself.

13 Sing, O heavens! Be joyful, O earth! and break out in singing, O mountains! For the LORD has comforted His people, and will have mercy on His afflicted. (Isa. 49: 13)

VII. ISRAEL FINDS THIS TOO DIFFICULT TO BELIEVE (49:14)

14 But Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me, and my Lord has forgotten me." (Isa. 49:14)

27 Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel: "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my just claim is passed over by my God"? (Isa. 40:27)

- A. Israel is overwhelmed with grief at her crisis during the Great Tribulation. Many will not lay hold of these prophetic promises.
- B. Unsaved Israel throughout Isaiah is pictured as an old wretched, rejected barren wife who lost everything, but she will have children around her as bright ornaments. (Isa. 51:11, 16, 18-20; 52:1; 54:1-8; 66:7-14). Israel will be decimated in the End-Times.

I heard the man clothed in linen...when he held up his right hand...and swore by Him who lives forever, that it shall be for a time, times, and half a time (3½ years); and when the power of the holy people has been completely shattered, all these things shall be finished. (Dan. 12:7)

VIII. GOD ANSWERS ISRAEL'S UNBELIEF (ISA. 49:15-26B)

- A. God answers our unbelief by revealing His thoughts. First, a mother and her child are deeply bonded by life (baby in her womb then at her breasts). Second, Israel is near and dear enough to Him as to write her on His hands. The tattoo on the hand or arm was common even in ancient days.

15 Can a woman forget her nursing child, and not have compassion on the son of her womb? Surely they may forget, yet I will not forget you. 16 See, I have inscribed you on the palms of My hands; your walls are continually before Me. (Isa. 49:15-16)
- B. The affection of God transcends all human examples of love. God uses the strongest terms of being bonded to Israel. He asks a rhetorical question focused on a mother's connection to her children who nursed at her breasts.
- C. God speaks His promise of restoration to Israel (Isa. 49:17-18). The gathering of Israel from the nations; the mother of Israel's sons shall be adorned with her children as a bride at her wedding.

17 Your sons shall make haste (to return to Israel); Your destroyers and those who laid you waste shall go away from you (be killed). 18 Lift up your eyes, look around and see; all these gather together and come to you. As I live," says the LORD, "You shall clothe yourselves with them all as an ornament, and bind them on you as a bride does. (Isa. 49:17-18)
- D. Israel is commanded to lift her downcast eyes because she will surely see her sons coming from all directions. Just as a bride clothes herself in finery, so will Zion deck herself with children. Zion's children will be her glory (Isa. 61:10; Zech. 9:16). The main fulfillment of this passage is to Israel at the end-of-the-age. However, this passage encouraged the exiles in Babylon.

- E. The return of the family is overwhelming (Isa. 49:19–21). The emphasis is on the reversal of the crisis. Isaiah’s clear picture of the End-Time crisis in Israel includes her “land of destruction” being wasted as her places are made desolate. Israel’s children will be lost (killed) as she wanders as a desolate captive nation.

19 "For your waste and desolate places, and the land of your destruction, will even now be too small for the inhabitants; and those who swallowed you up will be far away. 20 The children you will have, after you have lost the others, will say again in your ears, 'The place is too small for me; give me a place where I may dwell.' 21 Then you will say in your heart, 'Who has begotten these for me, since I have lost my children and am desolate, a captive, and wandering to and fro? And who has brought these up? There I was, left alone; but these, where were they?'" (Isa. 49:18–21)

1. To say in her ears means to say “in her hearing.”
 2. Wretched Israel thought she was finished without hope of recovery. Suddenly, because of Jesus’ return, she will be utterly amazed as her children fill the land to overflowing. She is stunned over the turn of events.
 3. She is pictured as thinking to herself over this indescribable reversal of fortunes. She is overwhelmed with joy as she asks, “who is responsible for doing this” for Israel? God answers this question in the next verse.
 4. The story of Israel’s wretchedness and hopelessness is our personal story as well.
- F. Who is responsible for Israel’s sudden reversal of fortunes? Jesus, at the Second Coming, will raise up a standard to call Israel’s children from the nations to come to Israel (v. 22–23). Jesus will raise His hand in power, causing Gentile kings to honor and serve His purpose in Israel.

22 Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I will lift My hand in an oath to the nations, and set up My standard for the peoples (Gentiles); they shall bring your sons in their arms, and your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders; 23 kings shall be your foster fathers, and their queens your nursing mothers; they shall bow down to you with their faces to the earth, and lick up the dust of your feet. Then you will know that I am the LORD, for they shall not be ashamed who wait for Me." (Isa. 49:22-23)

1. Jesus will set up a banner that the nations will recognize as a call to bring the Jewish survivors back to Israel (Isa. 11:12; Isa. 62:10). Jesus will personally lead some captives back to Israel from Egypt and Assyria. He will send others from Israel to lead Jewish survivors back (Isa. 66:19-21).
2. Jesus will mandate that the leadership of nations help in this cause as He commands Gentile kings to provide for Jewish survivors to get home to Israel (Isa. 11:11-16; 49:22-23; 60:3-4, 9). Gentile kings will bring some back personally.

3. The nations who attacked and hated Israel will serve and honor her. This will include bringing her children from around the world to Israel.
4. Kings and queens will extravagantly care for and nourish Israel's children that are in their nation. They shall "bow down," as they are conscious of guilt and thus "lick the dust" under Israel's feet. In other words, they will humble themselves to Israel as part of their humbling before God for personal and national restoration.
5. In part, kings and queens have bowed at the feet of the God of Zion, through Christian history in investing their wealth in bringing Israel to salvation.

G. Israel's condition just before Jesus' Second Coming is as prey and captives of evil nations who are mighty and terrible and who contend with and oppress Israel. Jesus will reverse this.

24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty (Antichrist's system), or the captives of the righteous (awe-inspiring) be delivered? 25 But thus says the LORD: "Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible be delivered; for I will contend with him who contends with you, I will save your children. 26 I will feed those who oppress you with their own flesh, and they shall be drunk with their own blood... All flesh shall know That I, the LORD, am your Savior, And your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob." (Isa. 49:24-26)

1. God asks a rhetorical question (v. 24) then makes a prophetic declaration (v. 25) that He will contend with those who contended with Israel.
2. Since slave labor is free labor, it is seen as a valuable resource to evil nations. The mighty leaders of evil nations will not easily give up their slave labor. However, what is impossible for man is possible with God (Mark 10:27). How will these nations be motivated to give up these captives? It is by the Second Coming of Jesus.
3. Israel's children will come from all the nations in which they were held captive. This is a restatement of vv. 22-23. The word righteous (v. 24) is translated by some as "awe-inspiring" or "a captive of an awesome one." It is parallel to the next phrase translated "the terrible" (v. 25).

H. The Lord will send a great panic that causes a civil war among the enemy. Israel's enemies will turn on each other to devour one another.

13 It shall come to pass in that day that a great panic from the LORD will be among them. Everyone will seize the hand of his neighbor, and raise his hand against his neighbor's hand... (Zech. 14:13)

I. When Jesus calls Israel home, it will require that He raise His hand in power to strike mighty and terrible ones in the nations of the Antichrist with His sword and rod of iron.

15 Out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron... (Rev. 19:15)

IX. ALL THE NATIONS WILL KNOW ISRAEL’S GOD (ISA. 49:26C).

26 All flesh shall know that I... am your Savior, your Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. (Isa. 49:26c)

11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before Him; all nations shall serve Him. (Ps. 72:11)

- A. The whole world will worship Jesus as God. When Isaiah uses the term "all flesh", it refers to all the nations (Isa. 40:5; 66:16, 23, 24; Ps. 145:21; Ezek. 20:48).
- B. Israel cannot defeat the Gentile nations, nor the Antichrist nor their own sin. They cannot deliver themselves from any of this. Neither can we. However, that does not mean the defeat and the deliverance cannot occur.

X. FIVE DIFFERENT RESPONSES OF JEWISH PEOPLE IN THE LAND OF ISRAEL

- A. Some remain in the land of Israel with supernatural protection (Joel 2:32; Zech 12:10; Rev 14:1-4). If they are believers then they will be taken up to meet the Lord in the air at the Rapture. If they are unsaved, they see Jesus as He enters the land at His Second Coming. Some may go back and forth from the land as an apostolic company. There will be anointed apostolic believers, young and old, who will actually be sent from Israel to the nations in the same way that Paul was sent as an apostle (Is. 66:19; Acts 1:8). God will commission prophetic, apostolic believers to the nations. They will come and go, doing the will of God right in the midst of the chaos.
- B. Some leave the land of Israel under divine direction. Jesus taught, “Therefore when you see the abomination of desolation...standing in the holy place...then let those who are in Jerusalem flee to the mountains” (Matt. 24:15, 16). In other words, “When you see this evil leader desecrating the temple and demanding the earth’s worship of him, flee!”
- C. Some will be taken from the land as prisoners (Zech. 14:2).
- D. Some will die in the land of Israel (Zech. 13:8).
- E. Some will stay in the land and worship the Antichrist joining his regime, thus, becoming reprobate. They will probably not be deported. They are what I call ***apostate Israel***.

XI. STAGE #2A: PROCESSION ON THE LAND: DESCENDING TO MT. SINAI (EGYPT)

Jesus’ procession across the land as He travels through Jordan (Edom) to Jerusalem (Isa. 63:1-6; Rev. 19:11-16; Hab. 3:3-18; Ps. 110:5-6). This march will progressively unfold, including a series of events that could take place over days or even weeks. My view is that after Jesus descends from heaven, His first point of contact with the earth is at ***Mt. Sinai*** in Egypt, then marches through parts of Egypt, then passing through the wilderness, then through Jordan (Edom which was part of ancient Assyria) on His way to Jerusalem and then on to the Mount of Olives.

XII. JESUS WILL SET THE JEWISH CAPTIVES FREE IN EGYPT AND ASSYRIA

- A. Jesus will assemble the captives of the remnant of Israel. The primary two nations in which this happens are Egypt and Ancient Assyria (regions of parts of modern day Jordan, Syria and Iraq were previously called the Transjordan). A “highway” or road will be built up specifically for the return of the Jewish captives (Isa. 19:23; 35:8; 49:11; 62:10). The captives of Israel are called the outcasts and the dispersed ones (Isa. 11:11-16; 40:10-11; Hos. 11:10-11; Zech. 10:10).

11 It shall come to pass in that day that the LORD shall set His hand again the second time (the first time in 2,500 years was in 1948) to recover the remnant of His people who are LEFT, from Assyria (Jordan, Syria, Iraq) and Egypt, from Pathros (island of Pathros near Nile Valley in Egypt) and Cush (Ethiopia), from Elam (Persia) and Shinar (southern Iraq), from Hamath (Syria) and the islands of the sea (Mediterranean). 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, AND gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth...14 but they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; together they shall plunder the people of the East (Jordan); they shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; and the people of Ammon shall obey them. 15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt (Red Sea); with His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River (Euphrates at Assyria), and strike it in the seven streams, and make men cross over dry-shod. 16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people who will be LEFT from Assyria, as it was for Israel in the day that he came up from the land of Egypt. (Isa. 11:11-16)

- B. Jesus will thresh from the Euphrates River in Assyria to Egypt; as He gathers one by one, the Jewish outcasts (prisoners) in Egypt and Assyria who were about to perish. He will do this when the great trumpet is blown. He will then lead them to Jerusalem that they might worship Him. This will parallel when God told Pharaoh to let His people go so that they might worship Him (Ex 4:23; 7:16; 8:1).

12 In that day that the LORD will thresh, from the channel of the River (Euphrates River in Assyria) to the Brook of Egypt; and you will be gathered one by one, O you children of Israel. 13 So it shall be in that day: the great trumpet will be blown; they will come, who are about to perish in the land of Assyria, and they who are outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem. (Isa. 27:12-13)

- C. Jesus brings Jewish captives back from Egypt and gathers them from Assyria.

9 I will sow them among the peoples (nations), and they shall remember Me in far countries; They shall live, together with their children, and they shall return. 10 I will also bring them back from the land of Egypt, and gather them from Assyria. I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon, until no more room is found for them. 11 He shall pass through the sea with affliction (power against the sea), and strike the waves of the sea; all the depths of the River shall dry up (Rev. 16:12; Isa. 11:15). Then the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the scepter of Egypt shall depart. (Zech. 10:9-11)

- D. The captives of Israel will come back from Egypt and Assyria.

6 They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria...thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian (Antichrist), when he comes into our land... (Micah 5:6)

9 I will not again destroy Ephraim. For I am God...the Holy One in your midst; and I will not come with terror. 10 "They shall walk after the LORD. He will roar like a lion. When He (Jesus) roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the west; 11 They shall come trembling like a bird from Egypt, like a dove from the land of Assyria. And I will let them dwell in their houses," Says the LORD. (Hos. 11:9-11)

12 In that day they (Jewish exiles) shall come to you from Assyria and the fortified cities (literally the cities of Egypt), from the fortress to the River, from sea to sea...13 Yet the land shall be desolate because of those who dwell in it, and for the fruit of their deeds. 14 Shepherd Your people with Your staff...as in days of old. 15 As in the days when you came out of Egypt, I will show them wonders. (Mic. 7:12-15)

- E. Jesus will use a strong hand (miracles) when He leads the captives to Jerusalem.

10 The Lord shall come with a strong hand...11 He will feed His flock...He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. (Isa. 40:10-11)

- F. Jesus leads them out of the gate of the prison camps to Jerusalem. Jesus breaks open and then breaks out. This is the language of prison camps.

12 I will surely assemble all of you, O Jacob, I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together like sheep of the fold...they shall make a loud noise because of so many people. 13 The one (Jesus) who breaks open will come up before them; they will break out, pass through the gate (of prison camps), and go out by it; their king will pass before them, with the LORD at their head. (Mic. 2:12-13)

3 Therefore He shall give them up, until the time that she (Israel) who is in labor has given birth; then the remnant of His brethren shall return to the children of Israel. 4 And He (Jesus) shall stand and feed His flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD His God; and they shall abide, for now He shall be great to the ends of the earth; 5 This One shall be peace. When the Assyrian (Antichrist) comes into our land, and when he treads in our palaces, then we will raise against him seven shepherds and eight princely men. 6 They shall waste with the sword the land of Assyria, and the land of Nimrod at its entrances; thus He shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he (Antichrist) comes into our land and when he treads within our borders. 7 Then the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples (nations), like dew from the LORD, like showers on the grass, that tarry for no man nor wait for the sons of men. 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles, in the midst of many peoples, like a lion among the beasts of the forest (Mic. 5:3-9)

XIII. JESUS WILL BRINGING THE CAPTIVES OF ISRAEL BACK TO JERUSALEM (JOEL 3:1-8)

For in those days and at that time, when I bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem, (Joel 3:1).

- A. In the days of the great outpouring of God's Spirit (Joel 2:28-32), Jesus will bring back the captives of Judah and Jerusalem. The inevitable question that arises is, who are the captives and where have they been? The answer: These are the captives from Israel, citizens of Jerusalem and Judah that were scattered all over the nations.
- B. Many Jewish people will be deported out of the land of Israel against their will. We do not know what number will be taken captive, yet Scripture makes it clear that in that day, there will be many captives that the Lord brings back and many prisoners that the Lord releases.
- C. Some of those in Israel will flee, others will be deported as captives, some will stay in Jerusalem; and of those who stay, some will be supernaturally protected and some will join the evil regime of the Antichrist. Still others will be raised up by God as missionaries, "sent ones" to come and go to the nations. There will be different responses to God in Israel during this time period.
- D. The captives of Israel will return on horseback from the surrounding nations.

20 Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the LORD out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD. (Isaiah 66:20)

XIV. PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE FROM CAPTIVITY BY EZEKIEL

25 "Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: 'Now I will bring back the captives of Jacob, and have mercy on the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for My holy name-- 26 after they have borne their shame, and all their unfaithfulness in which they were unfaithful to Me, when they dwelt safely in their own land and no one made them afraid. 27 When I have brought them back from the peoples and gathered them out of their enemies' lands, and I am hallowed in them in the sight of many nations, 28 then they shall know that I am the LORD their God, who sent them into captivity among the nations, but also brought them back to their own land, and left none of them captive any longer. 29 And I will not hide My face from them anymore; for I shall have poured out My Spirit on the house of Israel,' says the Lord GOD." (Ezekiel 39:25-29)

XV. PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE FROM CAPTIVITY BY ZEPHANIAH

19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all who afflict you; I will save the lame, and gather those who were driven out; I will appoint them for praise and fame in every land where they were put to shame. 20 At that time I will bring you back, even at the time I gather you; for I will give you fame and praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I return your captives before your eyes..." (Zeph. 3:17-20)

XVI. PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE FROM CAPTIVITY BY JEREMIAH

1 "At the same time," says the LORD, "I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be My people." 2 Thus says the LORD: "The people who survived the sword found grace in the wilderness-- Israel, when I went to give him rest"...4 Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel...8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the ends of the earth, among them the blind and the lame...a great throng shall return there. 9 They shall come with weeping, and with supplications I will lead them. I will cause them to walk by the rivers of waters, in a straight way in which they shall not stumble; for I am a Father to Israel... 11 For the LORD has redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of one stronger (Antichrist) than he... 15 Thus says the LORD: "A voice was heard in Ramah, lamentation and bitter weeping, Rachel weeping for her children, refusing to be comforted for her children, because they are no more." 16 Thus says the LORD: "Refrain your voice from weeping, and your eyes from tears...they shall come back from the land of the enemy. 17 There is hope in your future, says the LORD, That your children shall come back to their own border. 20 Is Ephraim My dear son? Is he a pleasant child? For though I spoke against him, I earnestly remember him still; therefore My heart yearns for him; I will surely have mercy on him, says the LORD. 21 "Set up signposts, make landmarks; set your heart toward the highway, the way in which you went. Turn back, O virgin of Israel, Turn back to these your cities. 23 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: "They shall again use this speech in the land of Judah and in its cities, when I bring back their captivity: 'The LORD bless you, O home of justice, and mountain of holiness!' 24 " (Jeremiah 31:1-24)

XVII. PROMISE OF DELIVERANCE FROM CAPTIVITY BY AMOS

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom (Antichrist kingdom in league with apostate Israel), and I will destroy it from the face of the earth; yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," Says the LORD. 9 "For surely I will command, and will sift the house of Israel among all nations, as grain is sifted in a sieve; yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground. 10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.' 11 "On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down...13 "Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed...14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them. 15 I will plant them in their land, and no longer shall they be pulled up from the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God. (Amos 9:8-15)

- A. The sinful Antichrist kingdom will be based in Jerusalem. God will destroy it from the earth. Yet He will save a remnant of Israel.
- B. God will sift the nation of Israel in context to when the Tabernacle of David is in place. The Tabernacle of David is the theocratic government of Jesus in the Millennial Kingdom that has a spirit of worship in its foundation.
- C. This is when God will bring back the captives of Israel from the waste cities.