

# Understanding Israel

## *Two Witnesses*



# Israel:

- raised up as a nation simply because of a promise YHVH made with Abraham
- YHVH entered into a marriage covenant with them at Mount Sinai
- became the greatest nation on earth during the reigns of King David and King Solomon
- Within a few years of reaching their pinnacle of greatness, became a divided kingdom

**ESV Deuteronomy 17:6** On the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses the one who is to die shall be put to death; a person shall not be put to death on the evidence of one witness.

**TNK Deuteronomy 19:15** A single witness may not validate against a person any guilt or blame for any offense that may be committed; a case can be valid only on the testimony of two witnesses or more.



**NKJ Deuteronomy 19:15** One witness shall not rise against a man concerning any iniquity or any sin that he commits; **by the mouth of two or three witnesses the matter shall be established.**



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"I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless."

**NKJ Genesis 17:1**



**NKJ Isaiah 43:1-12** But now, thus says the LORD, who created you, O Jacob, And He who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by your name; You are Mine . . .<sup>10</sup> "You are My witnesses," says the LORD, "And My servant whom I have chosen . . .<sup>12</sup> I have declared and saved, I have proclaimed, and there was no foreign god among you; Therefore you are My witnesses," Says the LORD, "that I am God.



**ESV Isaiah 44:6-8** Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts: "I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. <sup>7</sup> Who is like me? Let him proclaim it. Let him declare and set it before me, since I appointed an ancient people. Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen. <sup>8</sup> Fear not, nor be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? And you are my witnesses! Is there a God besides me? There is no Rock; I know not any."





HASHEM, but HASHEM did not listen to your voice and He did not heed  
<sup>46</sup> You dwelt in Kadesh for many days, as many days as you dwelt

<sup>1</sup> **W**e turned and journeyed to the Wilderness toward the Sea of  
HASHEM spoke to me, and we circled Mount Seir for many days  
<sup>2</sup> HASHEM said to me, saying: <sup>3</sup> Enough of your circling this mountain  
ourselves northward. <sup>4</sup> You shall command the people, saying, "V  
singing through the boundary of your brothers the children of  
ir; they will fear you, but you should not fear them, for I shall not  
heritance to you."

**ESV Deuteronomy 28:36 – 37** "The LORD will bring you and your king whom you set over you to a nation that neither you nor your fathers have known. <sup>37</sup> And there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone. And you shall become a horror, a proverb, and a byword among all the peoples where the LORD will lead you away.





**ESV Deuteronomy 28:63 - 64** And as the LORD took delight in doing you good and multiplying you, so the LORD will take delight in bringing ruin upon you and destroying you. And you shall be plucked off the land that you are entering to take possession of it. <sup>64</sup> And the LORD will scatter you among all peoples, from one end of the earth to the other, and there you shall serve other gods of wood and stone, which neither you nor your fathers have known.



**Deuteronomy 4:23-27** Take care, lest you forget the covenant of the LORD your God, which he made with you, and make a carved image, the form of anything that the LORD your God has forbidden you.  
<sup>25</sup> . . . if you act corruptly by making a carved image in the form of anything, and by doing what is evil in the sight of the LORD your God . . . <sup>26</sup> I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that you will soon utterly perish from the land that you are going over the Jordan to possess . . . <sup>27</sup> And the LORD will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where the LORD will drive you.

**ESV Deuteronomy 30:1-7** "And when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the LORD your God has driven you, <sup>2</sup> and return to the LORD your God . . . <sup>3</sup> then the LORD your God . . . will gather you again from all the peoples where the LORD your God has scattered you . . . <sup>5</sup> And the LORD your God will bring you into the land that your fathers possessed . . . <sup>6</sup> And the LORD your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your offspring, so that you will love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live. <sup>7</sup> And the LORD your God will put all these curses on your foes and enemies who persecuted you.



**NKJ Deuteronomy 32:1** "Give ear, O heavens, and I will speak; And hear, O earth, the words of my mouth.

**NKJ Deuteronomy 32:43**  
"Rejoice, O Gentiles, *with* His people; For He will avenge the blood of His servants, And render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people.



**ESV Jeremiah 30:8-11** "And it shall come to pass in that day, declares the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off your neck, and I will burst your bonds, and foreigners shall no more make a servant of him. <sup>9</sup> But they shall serve the LORD their God and David their king, whom I will raise up for them. <sup>10</sup> "Then fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares the LORD, nor be dismayed, O Israel; for behold, I will save you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity . . . <sup>11</sup> For I am with you to save you, declares the LORD; I will make a full end of all the nations among whom I scattered you, but of you I will not make a full end.

**ESV Ezekiel 36:17-36** "Son of man, when the house of Israel lived in their own land, they defiled it by their ways and their deeds . . . <sup>18</sup> So I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood that they had shed in the land, for the idols with which they had defiled it. <sup>19</sup> I scattered them among the nations, and they were dispersed through the countries . . . <sup>20</sup> But when they came to the nations, wherever they came, they profaned my holy name, in that people said of them, 'These are the people of the LORD, and yet they had to go out of his land' . . .

**ESV Ezekiel 36:17-36** <sup>21</sup> But I had concern for my holy name, which the house of Israel had profaned among the nations to which they came. <sup>22</sup>

"Therefore say to the house of Israel, Thus says the Lord GOD: It is not for your sake, O house of Israel, that I am about to act, but for the sake of my holy name, which you have profaned among the nations to which you came. <sup>23</sup> And I will vindicate the holiness of my great name, which has been profaned among the nations, and which you have profaned among them. And the nations will know that I am the LORD, declares the Lord GOD, when through you I vindicate my holiness before their eyes.

**ESV Ezekiel 36:17-36** <sup>24</sup> I will take you from the nations and gather you from all the countries and bring you into your own land. <sup>25</sup> I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. <sup>26</sup> And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. <sup>27</sup> And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules. <sup>28</sup> You shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers, and you shall be my people, and I will be your God.



**ESV Ezekiel 36:17-36** <sup>31</sup> Then you will remember your evil ways, and your deeds that were not good, and you will loathe yourselves for your iniquities and your abominations. <sup>33</sup> . . . On the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be rebuilt. <sup>34</sup> And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, instead of being the desolation that it was in the sight of all who passed by. <sup>35</sup> And they will say, 'This land that was desolate has become like the garden of Eden . . . ' <sup>36</sup> Then the nations that are left all around you shall know that I am the LORD; I have rebuilt the ruined places and replanted that which was desolate. I am the LORD; I have spoken, and I will do it.

# You are My witnesses!

- Israel and Judah are each a witness
  - Different paths, but same destination
- A testimony to the nations
  - YHVH can and will perform what He said
- HaSatan's deception is over!
- This is "The Mystery of the Gospel"

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**Shalom Aleichem**

*Peace be Unto You*