

THE SECOND EXODUS

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At this time of year we're very familiar with the story of the Exodus — we look at Passover ... we look at the journey out of Egypt — millions being set free and heading off to the Promised Land.

Yet.

Scripture tells us plainly there will be another Exodus — a Second Exodus — so great and incredible it will virtually dwarf the First Exodus into insignificance.

So ... since the Exodus is on our minds at the moment ... let's review what the Bible tells us of this great Exodus event yet to come. We won't generally hear tv evangelists referring to it.

Jeremiah 16:14-16 (NKJV)

14 "Therefore behold, the days are coming," says the Lord, "that it shall no more be said, 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,'

15 but, (the proverb will be) 'The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.' For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.

16 "Behold, I will send for many fishermen," says the LORD, "and they shall fish them; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain and every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.

There is coming a great gathering of His people from the whole world and bringing them back to their land.

Some people suggest that this prophecy has happened already referring to the Jews that came back in 1948. I don't think so!! That is not greater than the first Exodus.

Jeremiah 23:7-8 (NKJV)

7 “Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’

8 but, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.” (*House of Israel includes the Jews*)

The First Exodus — 2 million? The Second Exodus — maybe 50-100 million ... more? Certainly bigger than the first Exodus.

Many commentators seek to apply this to the Jews now occupying the land of Israel. There are only about 15 million Jews worldwide ... about 6 million in Israel. The prophecy is of something much more dramatic than 1948. The Jews today are not the fulfillment of this prophecy.

Deuteronomy 30:1-10 (NKJV)

1 “Now it shall come to pass, 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 drives you,

2 and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul,

3 **that the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations where the Lord your God has scattered you.**

4 **If any of you are driven out to the farthest parts under heaven, from there the Lord your God will gather you, and from there He will bring you.**

5 Then **the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers.**

6 And **the Lord your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your descendants, to love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, that you may live.**

7 “Also the Lord your God will put all these curses on your enemies and on those who hate you, who persecuted you.

8 And **you will again obey the voice of the Lord and do all His commandments which I command you today.**

9 The Lord your God will make you abound in all the work of your hand, in the fruit of your body, in the increase of your livestock, and in the produce of your

land for good. For **the Lord will again rejoice over you for good as He rejoiced over your fathers,**
10 **if you obey the voice of the Lord your God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this Book of the Law, and if you turn to the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.**

When they return at this time ... they'll be obedient. They will be repentant! They will love their God.

Not today! Tel Aviv is one of the “gay” capitals of the world!

Most commentators tend to forget that Israel split into two nations after Solomon's death — the House of Israel (the 10 tribes in the north) ... which went into captivity 721 BC — and the House of Judah (in the south) ... which went into Babylonian captivity culminating in 586 BC.

A modest number of Jews returned 70 years later (Ezra ...Nehemiah). Israel never did.

Josephus ... writing around 94 AD: “There are but 2 tribes in Asia and Europe subject to the Romans, while the ten tribes are beyond the Euphrates till now and are an immense multitude, and not to be estimated by numbers”. (2 tribes — probably Judah and Benjamin).

And even the few Jews who came back were rarely ... if ever ... a sovereign nation again. They were under the Persians ... Greeks ... Romans — then of course ... what was there was scattered after 70 AD.

Jeremiah 3:14-18 (NKJV)

14 **“Return, O backsliding children,” says the Lord; “for I am married to you.** I will take you, one from a city and two from a family, and I will bring you to Zion.

15 And **I will give you shepherds according to My heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding.**

16 “Then it shall come to pass, when you are multiplied and increased in the land in those days,” says the Lord, “that they will say no more, ‘The ark of the covenant of the Lord.’ It shall not come to mind, nor shall they remember it, nor shall they visit it, nor shall it be made anymore.

17 **"At that time Jerusalem shall be called The Throne of the Lord, and all the nations shall be gathered to it, to the name of the Lord, to Jerusalem.** No more shall they follow the dictates of their evil hearts.

18 **"In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, and they shall come together out of the land of the north to the land that I have given as an inheritance to your fathers.**

The House of Israel and Judah will come back together in the future ... to Jerusalem — which will be called the Throne of The Lord. To be fed the truth. That's not now!

Isaiah 11:6-12 (NKJV)

6 "The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb,
The leopard shall lie down with the young goat,
The calf and the young lion and the fatling together;
And a little child shall lead them.

7 The cow and the bear shall graze;
Their young ones shall lie down together;
And the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole,
And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

9 **They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.** *(Is that today in Palestine or anywhere? Absolutely not!)*

10 **"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people;**
For the Gentiles shall seek Him,
And His resting place shall be glorious."

11 **It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left,**
From Assyria and Egypt,
From Pathros and Cush,
From Elam and Shinar,
From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

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.

The second time — the future Exodus. Not just the Jews. Assemble ... the outcasts ... Israel and Judah — brought from the 4 corners of the earth.

Ezekiel 20:33-36 (NKJV)

33 “As I live,” says the Lord God, “surely with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out, I will rule over you.

34 **I will bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you are scattered**, with a mighty hand, with an outstretched arm, and with fury poured out.

35 And **I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I will plead My case with you face to face.** *(Did God plead His case with those Jews back in 1948? Definitely not!)*

36 Just as I pleaded My case with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will plead My case with you,” says the Lord God.

Ezekiel 20:40-44 (NKJV)

40 **For on My holy mountain, on the mountain height of Israel,” says the Lord God, “there all the house of Israel, all of them in the land, shall serve Me; there I will accept them**, and there I will require your offerings and the firstfruits of your sacrifices, together with all your holy things.

41 **I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered**; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles.

42 **Then you shall know that I am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, into the country for which I raised My hand in an oath to give to your fathers.**

43 And **there you shall remember your ways and all your doings with which you were defiled; and you shall loathe yourselves in your own sight because of all the evils that you have committed.**

44 **Then you shall know that I am the Lord**, when I have dealt with you for My name's sake, not according to your wicked ways nor according to your corrupt doings, O house of Israel,” says the Lord God.’”

All of the House of Israel will know The Lord then. Is that the little country of Palestine today? Of course not!

Ezekiel 28:25-26 (NKJV)

25 **‘Thus says the Lord God: “When I have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and am hallowed in them in the sight of the Gentiles, then they will dwell in their own land which I gave to My servant Jacob.**

26 And **they will dwell safely there, build houses, and plant vineyards; yes, they will dwell securely,** when I execute judgments on all those around them who despise them. **Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God.”** ’
“(Not the Jews today! We are talking of a time yet to come)

Hosea 1:6-7 (NKJV)

6 And she conceived again and bore a daughter. Then God said to him:
“Call her name Lo-Ruhamah,
For **I will no longer have mercy on the house of Israel,**
But I will utterly take them away.

7 **Yet I will have mercy on the house of Judah,**
Will save them by the Lord their God,
And will not save them by bow,
Nor by sword or battle,
By horses or horsemen.”

Notice again ... two nations. Two quite different stories.

Hosea 1:10-11 (NKJV)

10 “Yet the number of the children of Israel
Shall be as the sand of the sea,
Which cannot be measured or numbered. *(Sounds like a pretty big number)*
And it shall come to pass
In the place where it was said to them,
‘You are not My people,’
There it shall be said to them,
‘You are sons of the living God.’

11 **Then the children of Judah and the children of Israel**
Shall be gathered together,

And appoint for themselves one head;
And they shall come up out of the land,
For great will be the day of Jezreel! *(Ferrar Fenton: for the great day of God’s Harvest has come)*

Ezekiel 37:15-28 (NKJV) ...THE TWO STICKS PROPHECY

15 Again the word of the Lord came to me, saying,

16 “As for you, son of man, **take a stick for yourself and write on it: ‘For Judah and for the children of Israel, his companions.’** **Then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel, his companions.’**”

17 **Then join them one to another for yourself into one stick, and they will become one in your hand.**

18 “And when the children of your people speak to you, saying, ‘Will you not show us what you mean by these?’—

19 say to them, ‘**Thus says the Lord God: “Surely I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel, his companions; and I will join them with it, with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they will be one in My hand.”**’

20 And the sticks on which you write will be in your hand before their eyes.

21 “Then say to them, “**Thus says the Lord God:** ‘Surely I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, wherever they have gone, and will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land;

22 and **I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all; they shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they ever be divided into two kingdoms again.**

23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them.

Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

24 “**David My servant shall be king over them, and they shall all have one shepherd;** **they shall also walk in My judgments and observe My statutes, and do them.**

25 Then they shall dwell in the land that I have given to Jacob My servant, where your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell there, they, their children, and their children’s children, forever; and My servant David shall be their prince forever.

26 **Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them, and it shall be an everlasting covenant with them; I will establish them and multiply them, and I will set My sanctuary in their midst forevermore.**

27 My tabernacle also shall be with them; indeed I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

28 The nations also will know that I, the Lord, sanctify Israel, when My sanctuary is in their midst forevermore.” ’ ”

Yet future!

This regathering of both Israel and Judah — in a great Second Exodus — at a time of peace and prosperity — is one of the most consistent themes in the whole Bible.

It seems to be either ignored or else applied to the small number of Jews living in the secular country of Israel today (2/3 of whom say they are “convinced atheists or non-religious”). These aren’t the people being described in the prophecies above.

Isaiah 27:1, 12-13 (NKJV)

1 **In that day** the Lord with His severe sword, great and strong,
Will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent,
Leviathan that twisted serpent;
And He will slay the reptile (**dragon**) that is in the sea.

12 And it shall come to pass **in that day**
That the Lord will thresh,
From the channel of the River 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.

Gathered on the Day of the Great Trumpet — at the time when Jesus returns.

Matthew 24:29-31 (NKJV)

29 “Immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light; the stars will fall from heaven, and the
powers of the heavens will be shaken.

30 Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the
tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see the Son of Man coming on the
clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And **He will send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and
they will gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end
of heaven to the other.**

Gathering of the elect at the Great Trumpet. Probably both a physical and
spiritual application.

All of this is yet future!

Jeremiah 23:3-8 (NKJV)

3 “But **I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all countries where I have driven them, and bring them back to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.**

4 **I will set up shepherds over them who will feed them**; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, nor shall they be lacking,” says the Lord.

5 “Behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord,
“That **I will raise to David a Branch of righteousness;**
A King shall reign and prosper,
And execute judgment and righteousness in the earth.

6 **In His days Judah will be saved,**
And Israel will dwell safely;
Now this is His name by which He will be called:
THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS. (Jehovah-Tsidkenu)

7 “Therefore, behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that they shall no longer say, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’

8 **but, ‘As the Lord lives who brought up and led the descendants of the house of Israel from the north country and from all the countries where I had driven them.’ And they shall dwell in their own land.”**

When Jesus reigns — after the Great Second Exodus — then there will be real safety — peace — prosperity ... but not until then.

Jeremiah 30:2-9 (NKJV)

2 “Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying: ‘Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you. **(Verse 24: In the latter days you will consider it)**

3 **For behold, the days are coming,’ says the Lord, ‘that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,’** says the Lord. **‘And I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.’ ”**

4 Now these are the words that the Lord spoke concerning Israel and Judah.

5 “For thus says the Lord:

‘We have heard a voice of trembling,
Of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask now, and see,
Whether a man is ever in labor with child?
So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins
Like a woman in labor,
And all faces turned pale?

7 **Alas! For that day is great,
So that none is like it;
And it is the time of Jacob's trouble,
But he shall be saved out of it.**

8 'For it shall come to pass in that day,'
Says the Lord of hosts,
'That I will break his yoke from your neck,
And will burst your bonds;
Foreigners shall no more enslave them.

9 But **they shall serve the Lord their God,
And David their king,
Whom I will raise up for them.** (*Resurrected David!*)

The worst time of trouble ever? Jesus associates with the Abomination of Desolation in Matthew 24. This is end-time prophecy!

Jeremiah 31:31-34 (NKJV)

31 **"Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah—**
32 not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, though I was a husband to them, says the Lord.
33 But **this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My law in their minds, and write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.**
34 **No more shall every man teach his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them, says the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin I will remember no more."**

All will know God. Not just the Jews or "Israelis" today!

Other than the actual return of Jesus and the Resurrection of the Saints — this future Exodus is going to be about the biggest event in all of man's history. Nothing will compare! It dwarfs the First Exodus.

So ... today ... at the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread — we often think back to the excitement and drama of that First Exodus from Ancient Egypt.

But one day — hopefully soon — there will be something vastly more exciting and dramatic for the whole world to talk about!

Jeremiah 16:14-15

14 **“Therefore behold, the days are coming,” says the Lord, “that it shall no more be said, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of Egypt,’**

15 **but, ‘The Lord lives who brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north and from all the lands where He had driven them.’ For I will bring them back into their land which I gave to their fathers.**

A new proverb in those days!