

Resurrection Life of Jesus Church

BIBLICAL TRUTH CONCERNING THE STATE OF ISRAEL

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PART 5A: THE PROPHETS

GOD'S THINKING

Once God judged the Northern Kingdom, He took away their part of the Promised Land. God never promised that the ten northern tribes could come back to the Promised Land. **Isaiah 55:1-9**

The emphasis became to create a remnant of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. **Isaiah 10:20-23**

The apostle Paul, writing some 700 years after Isaiah, fully understood that only a remnant of Israel in the end times would accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah and be saved. **Romans 9:24-33**

GOD ABANDONED THE TEN NORTHERN TRIBES

As we look at the time when the Promised Land was lost, it is obvious that God gave up on the ten northern tribes and focused on Judah and Benjamin. They were both called "Jews" since they lived in the land of Judah. The apostle Paul, who was from the tribe of Benjamin (Romans 11:1), wrote that when people reject God's truth, He would turn them over to a reprobate mind. **Romans 1:18-32**

In looking at the line-up of God's prophets, it is clear that God had given up on the ten northern tribes.

ISAIAH

Isaiah operated out of the Southern Kingdom's capitol, Jerusalem, and began his ministry in 783 when King Uzziah reigned. **Isaiah 6:1-13**

He ministered for some 93 years and was murdered during the first years of King Manasseh. He was sawn asunder according to Jewish historical traditions. **Hebrews 11:32-39**

Isaiah was a major prophet with a clear understanding of the coming Messiah. **Isaiah 7:14-15; 9:6-7**

He was also given insight in the life of the Devil. **Isaiah 14:12-20**

The Book of Isaiah is a massive theological teaching that the people of Israel had never before heard.

The Northern Kingdom of Israel was destroyed during the life of Isaiah.



JEREMIAH

God raised up another prophet by the name of Jeremiah some 64 years after the death of Isaiah. **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

Jeremiah lived and operated out of Jerusalem and became a thorn in the sides of the kings and the people because he continually called for repentance. He suffered greatly because he was viewed as a traitor by the kings and eventually was imprisoned. **Jeremiah 20:1-18; 38:1-6**

God used Jeremiah to further reveal His truth and was given the revelation that the captivity of the Jews in Babylon would last 70 years. **Jeremiah 25:11**

Jeremiah was spared on order of the king of Babylon when Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians and the slaughter of the people began. **Jeremiah 39:6-14**

A group of rebellious Jews decided to flee to Egypt and take Jeremiah with them by force even though he prophesied against this venture. **Jeremiah 44:11-30**

Jewish historical traditions tell us that Jeremiah was forcefully taken to Egypt and eventually stoned to death because he did not speak well of the Jews around him.

Remember, it's not so important how you begin your life after salvation, but how you finish it!

DO YOU HAVE AN EAR TO HEAR WITH?