



And He will lift up a standard for the nations,
and will assemble the banished ones of Israel,
and will gather the dispersed of Judah from the
four corners of the earth. Isaiah 11:12

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Understanding The Aliyah (Part One)

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Permit me to begin with a word of heartfelt gratitude for everyone who responded to the \$50,000 matching fund campaign for the crisis in Ukraine. We have met our goal. Remember the situation is still very tense and your continued generosity is making a difference. Many more Jewish families will be able to leave Ukraine for Israel thanks to you.

The enemies of Israel and anti-Semites worldwide often try to portray the re-birth of Israel and the re-gathering of the Jewish people to the land as a tragedy and a coincidence of history. Yet dating back over 3500 years to the days of Moses the word of God made it absolutely clear that the people of Israel would experience dispersions from their homeland. Equally clear is the fact that they would indeed return from these dispersions.

I will scatter you among the nations and draw out a sword after you; Your land shall be desolate and your cities waste.

Yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, nor shall I abhor them, to utterly destroy them and break My covenant with them; for I am the LORD their God.

But for their sake I will remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the nations, that I might be their God: I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 26:33, 44-45)

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. Deuteronomy 30:4



Later the prophets would confirm this truth hundreds of times throughout the scriptures. Of particular historic and contextual importance are the words of Isaiah:

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... (Isaiah 11: 11)

History bares witness that the people of Israel have been scattered twice. The first dispersion is known as the Babylonian captivity. 70 years after this dispersion, led by the High Priest named Ezra, the people of Israel returned to their homeland.

The second dispersion occurred following the Roman destruction of Jerusalem. Now two thousand years later we are eyewitnesses to the ongoing second return. Since scripture records no third return, we can conclude contextually that this is the final return and they are home to stay.



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. 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 9:14-15)

Israel's rebirth and re-gathering is not a tragedy and it is certainly not an accident or coincidence of history. Israel's restoration is rather "HIS story". It is a glorious story and the testimony of the faithfulness of our God.

Another exciting facet of this story is that God has written in parts for you and I. Consider; you would never leave your children or grandchildren in the hands of a complete stranger. Rather you would carefully select individuals whom you could trust for such an important task. So too God has entrusted this Holy work of assisting in the aliyah to members of His trusted adopted family.

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; They shall bring your sons in their arms, And your daughters shall be carried on their shoulders; (Isaiah 49:22)

Who do you suppose Isaiah was speaking about? Who from the nations loves God and the Jewish people enough to lend a hand? If you are like me you raised your hand and said, "Here am I".

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