



# The Zion Letter

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## Running With The Vision

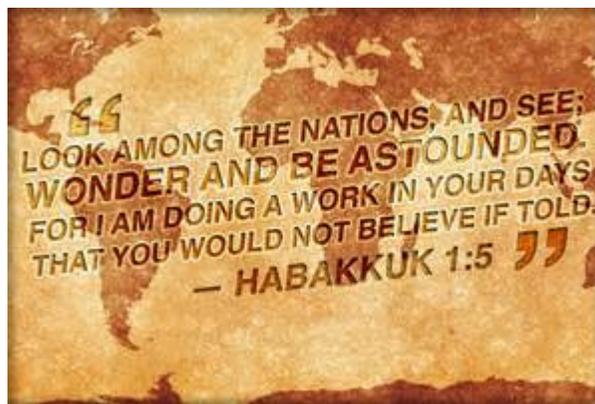
The Jewish prophet Habakkuk was sent by God to the people of Judah several years before the Babylonians invaded Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple in 586 B.C. A prophetic vision from God can forecast the future in great detail, but God's prophetic words are not always what we might expect or want. I have heard much about Habakkuk and God's instruction to "write the vision", but not much teaching on the content of the vision itself.

Habakkuk's prophetic prediction was of total destruction of Israel's way of life. The prophet received the ominous and dire message from God that judgment was coming upon Judah because of their sin: ***"I am raising up the Babylonians, that ruthless and impetuous people.....their hordes advance like a desert wind and gather prisoners like sand..."***

***Hab 1:5-11*** Sounds like the latest CNN newscast report from the Mid East desk in Bagdad. Not only did Habakkuk have difficulty understanding why God would send a people more wicked than the Israelites (The Babylonians) to judge the Jewish people, he also had to proclaim this unpopular message by faith and wait perhaps twenty-five years before its fulfillment was accomplished. Oftentimes when a prophetic word is received, it is expected to come to pass immediately. Take Abraham for example; the word from God was, "You will have a son!" Yet it took twenty-five years for the son (Isaac) to be born and for the word to come to pass!

Recently various financial gurus have been predicting a recession and a burst in the stock market's bubble and all kinds of gloom. Since January 1, 2016 things

seem to be headed down that predictive path with the Dow Jones Industrials dropping over 1000 points and over 400 more points as I write today. Whether we see financial collapse at this time, I do not know, but disasters of this nature are unfortunately part of God's plan for the end times. The Bible calls them "birth pangs," or "tribulation." God was dealing with the nations and the Jewish people through the prophet Habakkuk in that day, and God is doing the same thing in our day! The predictions for our world in our time are not very different from Habakkuk's thousands of years ago.



Habakkuk wrote about his vision from God, saying: ***"Then Adonai answered me and said: "Write down the vision," make it plain on the tablets, so that the reader may run with it. For the vision is yet for an ap-***

***pointed time. It hastens to the end and will not fail. If it should be slow in coming, wait for it, for it will surely come—it will not delay,"*** Hab 2:2-3.

Habakkuk's vision was the beginning of the scattering of the Jewish people culminating in their return from Babylon with Ezra and Nehemiah. But we the Jewish people have experienced another scattering following the destruction of the Temple in 70 AD, which must also be completed with another great re-gathering.

### **The Scattering:**

Why were the Jewish people scattered among the nations in the first place? The simple answer is because of unrepentant sin: ***"But if you will not listen to the voice of Adonai your God, to take care to do all His mitzvoth (commandments) and statutes that I am***

*commanding you today, all these curses will come on you and overtake you,” Dt 28:15.* I suggest you read all of Deuteronomy 28 for a full listing of the curses, but here are some verses that further explain why God scattered the Jewish people. **Dt 4:26-29** says, **“I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that you will not certainly be carried off quickly from the land you are crossing over the Jordan to possess. You will not prolong your days on it, for you will certainly be destroyed. Adonai will scatter you among the peoples, and you will be left few in number among the nations where Adonai will drive you... But from there you will seek Adonai your God and you will find Him, when you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul.”** **Dt 28:63-64** also says, **“Now just as Adonai rejoiced over you to do you good... Adonai will scatter you among all peoples from the one end of the earth to the other, and there you will serve other Gods...”**

The prophet Ezekiel also mentions Israel’s sin problem in chapter 36:16-30 saying, **“I scattered them among the nations, so they were dispersed through the countries. According to their way and their deeds I judged them. Wherever they went among the nations, they profaned My holy Name.”** **Ezek 36:19-20.** (Read verses 16-30 for a more complete picture). In spite of all this, God never left nor forsook the Jewish people and promised to bring them back to the land of their fathers one day.



**God’s promise to re-gather the Jewish people:** After all my ancestors’ accumulated sin, why would God promise to re-gather the Jewish people back to Israel? The answer is: **“I do not do this for your sake, house of Israel, but for My holy Name, which you profaned among the nations wherever you went... The nations will know that I Am Adonai – It is a declaration of Adonai – when I am sanctified in you before their eyes,”** **Ezek 36:22-23.** God is in the business of redemption and He is in the midst of accomplishing a beautiful work with His people.

Nevertheless, how is this all going to happen? The sales tax in Israel for goods such as cars is 100%. So a \$25,000 car costs \$50,000! The income tax rate in Israel is 50%. There is a saying: “If you want to make a

small fortune in Israel you must arrive there with a large one.” What will bring the Jewish people to the point of being willing to make a new home in Israel? I assure you, the Jewish people are very comfortable here in America, and it will take an extreme amount of trouble at their doorstep for most American Jews to want to make “Aliyah” (return to Israel). Nevertheless, God is in the business of bringing His visions to pass. According to Ezekiel that process will be accomplished on **“a cloudy and dark day”** (Ezek. 34:11) and in Ezekiel 20:33-34, the Lord says He will bring the Jewish people out from the nations with **“wrath (fury) poured out”!**

What about terrorism and fear inspired by more attacks from ISIS and Al Qaeda? What about economic collapse and natural disasters? Also think about the rise of anti-Semitism, persecutions, and war or diseases like Ebola, bird flu, and now the Zika virus.

The reality is that these things are being used to orchestrate an amazing miracle before the return of the Messiah: **“Behold, I will take the sons of Israel from among the nations, where they have gone. I will gather them from every side and bring them into their own land. I will make them one nation in the land (not two states),”** **Ezek 37:21-22.** In fact, God is already working to accomplish this vision. Most people are not even aware that

Jewish people have been returning to Israel for over 100 years, and yet the biggest Exodus is still to come, from the West!

### **My Vision from God:**

I do not claim to be a prophet of God, but God clearly gave me a vision. **“And it shall come to pass in the last days, says God, that I will pour out of My Spirit on all flesh; Your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, Your young men shall see visions, Your old men shall dream dreams,”** **Acts 2:17.**

Fifteen years ago I wrote the vision in the “Zion Letter” which I called **“The Second Exodus.”** In it I wrote of a Scriptural revelation that God spoke to me, having to do with a massive Exodus or return of the Jewish people from “The West”. Biblically & prophetically, The West would include the United States, Canada and South America. All points of the compass have experienced a major return of Jewish people except for the West. The Hebrew term for the emigration of the Jewish people to

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Israel is **“Aliyah”** literally meaning to return, or to go up, as in to go up to Zion or to go up to the Temple!

Fifteen years ago, I read a book by Jim Goll called *“Exodus Cry.”* In the book, Jim spoke of prayer teams he was involved with who marched around the walls of the Kremlin, crying out to God to tear down the walls of Communism and free the Soviet Jews. The Soviet government was enforcing their policy of limiting Jewish emigration to only about a thousand people per year, while persecuting and severely discriminating against the millions remaining. The Jews in the former Soviet Union were being held captive under the cruelty of godless communism. It wasn’t long after that, that the wall came down, and with it emigration restrictions on the Jewish population, which triggered one of the largest revivals of Jewish people in History... hundreds of thousands emigrating to Israel, and thousands accepting Yeshua as the Messiah.

As I read Goll’s book, The Holy Spirit began to speak to me about a time coming when the Jewish people would also have to leave the West, specifically the United States. God began to show me scriptures such as Jeremiah 16:14-15, **“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, 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.”** The Lord spoke by the prophet Ezekiel saying, **“For thus says the Lord God: Indeed I Myself will search for My sheep and seek them out... so will I seek out My sheep and deliver them from all the places where they were scattered on a cloudy and dark day. And I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries and will bring them to their own land... on the mountains of Israel,” Ezek 34:11-14.**

The prophet Isaiah wrote of **“Aliyah,”** the re-gathering, saying: **“Fear not, for I am with you: I will bring your descendants from the East, and gather you from the West; I will say to the North, give them up... Bring My sons from afar, and My daughters from the ends**

**of the earth,”** Isaiah 43:5-6. Hosea wrote, **“They shall walk after the Lord. He will roar like a lion. When He roars, then His sons shall come trembling from the West... And I will settle them in their houses,” says the Lord,”** Hosea 11:10-11.

### **Airplanes and Ships:**

How will God bring the Jewish people back to Israel from the nations in a time of trouble? His word says “the peoples” will bring us back, which is a reference to the Gentiles or the Nations: **“I will lift My hand to the nations, and raise My banner to the peoples! They will bring your sons on their chest and carry your daughters on their shoulders. Kings will be your guardians, their princesses your nurses... Then you will know that I Am Adonai—those hoping in Me will not be ashamed,”** Isaiah 49:22-23. (See also Isaiah 60:8-10, Isaiah 66:19-21).



In Revelation 12:14, we are told that “the woman” (The Jewish people among the nations) will be given “the two wings of the great eagle” (jet planes) to fly into the wilderness where God will take care of them for “time, times and half a time.” My wife is a jet pilot, and she used to work for

a major airline. When we began our ministry here in the wilderness, God placed it in our hearts that she would one day fly Jews and Christians back to Israel, to a place God has prepared for us. It has been prophesied to us that we would have fifteen jumbo jets to use and more as things got worse. I do not believe that we are the only people God has called to help His Chosen people go home. It will take many others. Many will also travel by ship (See Isaiah 60:8-10), but we see the vision coming to pass. The things God revealed to us fifteen years ago are becoming much more real today. The world is much more unstable and the economy is tottering. Terrorism has risen, and we are facing terror in our own cities and towns. Anti-Semitism is on the rise all over Europe, and especially France, as well as in our own country. The United Nations is completely taken over by anti-Semitic powers, and there is no political will to stop the persecution of Christians all over the globe! Yes friend, we see the day drawing closer and we must prepare!

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### **Conclusion:**

If God is not faithful to the Jewish people, then why would He be faithful to anyone? The fact is He is still faithful to Israel. Speaking of the Jews, the apostle Paul wrote, ***“I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected His people whom He knew beforehand,” Romans 11:1-2.*** The Jewish people are Yeshua’s inheritance (See *Dt 32:9, Isaiah 19:25, Jeremiah 51:19, Joel 3:2*). God will never forsake His Son’s inheritance and He will not forsake you. The “2<sup>nd</sup> Exodus” is coming; are you ready? Will you be one from the nations who helps the Jewish people get home? Will you be one who takes in Jewish people and gives refuge? What would you be willing to sacrifice to help the Jewish people in a time of trouble? Will you stand silent as most Christians did in Nazi Germany, or will you stand for what’s right like Oskar Schindler, Corrie Ten Boom or Dietrich Bonhoeffer who said, ***“Silence in the face of evil: God will not hold guiltless. Not to speak is to speak. Not to act is to act.”*** If you’re not stirring up your courage now, chances are you won’t be ready when the day comes. Pray and ask God how you can help. He will surely show you, then take the vision and run with it!

In His love,  
Rabbi Joe and Dawn

**Aliyah** (UK /æ.li.'ɑː/, US /ɑː.li.'ɑː/; Hebrew: אֲלִיָּהּ *aliyah*, "ascent") is the immigration of **Jews** from the **diaspora** to the **Land of Israel** (*Eretz Israel* in Hebrew). Also defined as "the act of going up"—that is, towards **Jerusalem**—"making Aliyah" by moving to the Land of Israel is one of the most basic tenets of **Zionism**. The opposite action, **emigration** from the Land of Israel, is referred to in Hebrew as *yerida* ("descent").<sup>[1]</sup> The State of Israel's **Law of Return** gives Jews and their descendants automatic rights regarding residency and **Israeli citizenship**.

For much of **Jewish history** most Jews have lived in the **diaspora** where aliyah was developed as a national aspiration for the Jewish people, although it was not usually fulfilled until the development of the Zionist movement in the late nineteenth century.<sup>[2]</sup> The large-scale immigration of Jews to **Palestine** began in 1882.<sup>[3]</sup> Since the **establishment** of the State of Israel in 1948, more than 3 million Jews have moved to Israel.<sup>[4]</sup> As of 2014, Israel and the **Palestinian territories** together contain 42.9% of the **world's Jewish population**.<sup>[5]</sup> Today Israel's Jewish population is approximately 6.3 million.

*\* This excerpt is taken from Wikipedia.*

