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Long ago when the children of Israel were leaving Egypt, and before they entered into The Promised Land, Moses spoke to them saying, *"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. And there you will serve gods, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see nor hear nor eat nor smell. But from there you will seek the Lord your God, and you will find Him if you seek Him with all your heart and with all your soul. When you are in distress (tribulation, KJV), and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice (for the Lord your God is a merciful God), He will not forsake you nor destroy you, nor forget the covenant of your fathers which He swore to them."* Dt 4:27-31

The Jewish people were never meant to live among the nations. God had prepared a place for them, a land flowing with milk and honey: *"So I have come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up from that land to a good and large land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the place of the Canaanites."* Ex.3:8

God never intended for people to go to hell either. Hell is a place that was prepared for Satan and his legions, but not for man. Yet because of disobedience to God's commandments people choose to go to hell. In the same way, the children of Israel were scattered to the ends of the earth by choice: *"See, I have set before you today life and good, death and evil, in that I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments, His statutes, and His judgments, that you may live and multiply; and the Lord your God will bless you in the land which you go to possess. But if your heart turns away so that you do not hear, and are drawn away, and worship other gods and serve them, I announce to you today that you shall surely perish; you shall not prolong your days in the land which you cross over the Jordan to go in and possess. I call heaven and earth as witnesses today against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing; therefore choose life, that both you and your descendants may live; that you may love the Lord your God, that you may obey His voice, and that you may cling to Him, for He is your life and the length of your days; and that you may dwell in the land which the Lord swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them,"* Deut. 30:15-20.

Once scattered, Moses prophesied that the Jewish people would serve other gods, the work of men's hands, and not the true God of Israel who worked miracles for the Israelites. As a boy I often wondered why God did miracles for Moses, but not for us? Moses prophesied that in the end of days, during a time of tribulation, the Jewish people would return to the Lord and that He would not forsake or destroy us. The prophet Jeremiah wrote, *"Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He who scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him as a shepherd does his flock,"* Jer. 31:10.

In order for the Jewish people to return, Moses declared that there must first come a time of distress, or tribulation, which would precipitate repentance, and acceptance of Jesus of Nazareth as the true Messiah of Israel.

But what kind of distress could cause such a mass repentance? Perhaps the kind of distress that occurred on September 11, 2001 and countless other terror attacks is the answer. Paul the Apostle wrote, *"for when they say, 'peace and safety!' then sudden destruction comes upon*

them, as labor pains upon a pregnant woman. And they shall not escape. But you brethren, are not in darkness, so that this Day should overtake you as a thief," 1Thess 5:3-4.

It is important to remember that the time of distress will come upon the Jewish people while they are scattered among the nations during the end of days (see Dt 4:27-30). God will use this distress to draw the Jewish people back to Himself.

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When the time of distress comes upon the Jewish people, who are among the nations, they will begin to return to Israel — the land of milk and honey. Jeremiah wrote, *"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. 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," Jer 16:14-16.*

Who are the fishermen? Jesus said to his disciples, *"Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men," Mk 1:17.* For decades, God has raised up loving people, both Jewish and Gentile, to go out and bring glad tidings of

good news to the Jewish people and tell them that their Messiah has come. Organizations such as For Zion's Sake Ministries and Jews for Jesus have been faithfully preparing and sending fishers-of-men out to the Jewish people around the world. Sadly, the vast majority of my Jewish people angrily reject the Gospel's message of shalom (peace) through the redeeming blood of Messiah Yeshua, our Passover Lamb. As a result, God will be forced to send for many hunters who, reminiscent of Nazi Germany, will hunt for the Jewish people and force them to flee from the nations where they have been scattered.

The Jewish prophet Ezekiel wrote about the time of Israel's distress and regathering from the nations, *"As I live, declares the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out, I shall be king over you. And I shall bring you out from the peoples and gather you from the lands where you are scattered, with a mighty hand and with an outstretched arm and with wrath poured out; and I shall bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there I shall enter into judgment with you face to face. As I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so I will enter into judgment with you, declares the Lord God. And I shall make you pass under the rod, and I shall bring you into the bond of the covenant; and I shall purge from you the rebels and those who transgress against Me; I shall bring them out of the land where they sojourn, but they*

will not enter the land of Israel. Thus you will know that I Am the Lord," Ezek 20:33-38. This passage confirms what Moses predicted about distress coming upon the Jewish people just prior to God bringing them back to Israel. Dear friends, please understand that if distress comes upon the Jewish people here in America, it will mean trying times for Christians too! New York City holds the largest population of Jewish people outside of Israel. The September 11th attack on the World Trade Center sparked much fear among New York's Jewish community, but such distress also effects us all.

Ezekiel mentions **three places** in the above passage. **The first place mentioned** is "the lands where you (Jewish people) are scattered," v.34. Jewish people can be found in the smallest towns, in the most remote places; however, we tend to gravitate toward large cities. The majority of Jewish people in America live in urban areas such as New York City, Boston, Miami, Baltimore, Chicago, and Los Angeles. Thus we believe that "the lands where you are scattered" is primarily a reference to the major cities among the nations. **The second place** Ezekiel mentioned is "the wilderness of the peoples," v.35 (Wilderness also means desert in Hebrew). If "the lands where you are scattered" refers to the major cities, then the wilderness of the peoples speaks to us of the wilderness, a place that is unpopulated, or at least much less populated. The word wilderness in the U.S. makes me think of mountains, lakes, streams, forests and hills. When I think of wilderness, I think of the mountains, hollows, lakes, and streams of East Tennessee, West-

ern North Carolina, Eastern Kentucky, and Southwest Virginia.

Since America's five-plus million Jewish citizens are mostly in the cities, it only makes sense that when distress comes upon the cities, God will drive the Jewish people into the wilderness, where, once again, His word says, "***I shall enter into judgment with (them) face to face,***" *Ezek. 20:35*.

What will that judgment be? I like how the King James Bible says it, "***And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face,***" *v.35 KJV*. What will the Lord plead? The message of the Gospel. The house of Israel will be confronted with **Yeshua in the wilderness**. Those who accept Him will be brought to **the third place Ezekiel mentioned** — Israel.

America is one of the last remaining places on earth with a large Jewish population that has yet to give them up as Pharaoh released the children of Israel. Many (not all) Jewish people have already left Russia, Europe, Africa and parts of Asia. There are over **six-million Jewish people living in North and South America. More than 5 million live in the U.S. alone!** America is ripe for the second exodus just as Jeremiah, Ezekiel and many others foretold.



Our Vision:

Why would God send a Jewish evangelist and his jet-pilot wife to

start a ministry in the wilderness of East Tennessee? He sent us to remind the church, "***He who scattered Israel will gather him,***" *Jer 31:10* and to prepare housing for the Jewish people when they come to the wilderness to escape from the cities. If you Google population movement you will see that hundreds of thousands of people are leaving cities like Los Angeles, Baltimore, Detroit, and New York because of issues such as high taxes, crime, and homelessness. We believe God also sent us to begin an aviation ministry to take Jewish people and many Christians back to the land of Israel. Incidentally, Tri-Cities Airport has a runway capable of landing a 747! This is highly unusual for such a small airport. We will need several large transport planes to help get the Jewish people to Israel.

We are also here to raise up a generation of Corrie Ten Booms. Corrie Ten Boom was a Dutch woman whose family risked their lives to shelter Jewish people and help get them out of Holland during the Holocaust. Corrie ended up in a concentration camp and, because she and her family had helped the Jews, the Nazis killed several in her family.

Many people say that they support Israel and that they love the Jewish people, but love is an action, not a feeling. This vision calls for dedicated, committed people who are willing to give sacrificially of their time, energy, prayers and resources to make this come to pass. You can play a part!

According to God's word, it will not be the Jews who help the Jewish people to leave America, it

will be the Gentiles: "***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,***" *Isa 49:22*, and "***Then they shall bring all your brethren for an offering to the Lord out of all nations, on horses and in chariots and in litters, on mules and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem.***" *Isa 66:20*.

When we came to Bristol, Tennessee twenty years ago, a lot of people laughed at our vision. With the dramatic rise in Anti-Semitism recently, and the possibility of 70 -90% Taxes levied on people if the Democrats win, now it's not so hard to see the possibility of an Exodus to Israel.

Nathaniel, a disciple of Jesus, once said of the Messiah's hometown, "***can any good thing come out of Nazareth?***" *Jn. 1:46*. God likes to do marvelous things in the most unlikely places with the most unlikely people. We believe that our mission will help unite the Messianic community and Christians of every denomination. God wants to perfect us in unity! (John 10:14-17, John 17:20-23).

What can you do?

First, we encourage you to pray and ask God to confirm for you what we are saying through His word. Then pray and ask Him how you might be able to serve in The Second Exodus. We will need to have prayer, housing, food, clothing, security, medical care, and transportation already in place before the people come. Just look around, they are coming!

Is it really possible?

Mark 10:27 says, "*all things are possible with God.*" Once, a famous evangelist told me that he was given a 747-jet airplane for his ministry! My wife is a jet pilot again (after twenty-three years away from it). Revelation 12:14 says, "*The Two wings of the Great Eagle were given to the woman so that she could fly into the wilderness to her place, where she was nourished for a time and times and half a time, from the presence of the serpent.*" In this verse the woman represents Israel — not my wife. She is just a type of the woman mentioned in Revelation. Is it possible our President will use the Air Force and Navy to help the Messianic Jews, non-Messianic Jews, and many Christians escape to Israel before those Eagle's wings are clipped? (see Dan 7:4, Dan 8, Rev 13). Yes, all things are possible with God. Please pray and help us prepare for The Second Exodus.

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