

# Predicting Israel's Annihilation??

## *I wouldn't bet on it*

### A. *I wouldn't bet* against God's promises made to Abraham

"As for **Me**, behold, **My covenant** is with you (**Abram**),  
and you will be the **father** of a **multitude of nations**...

**I will** make you **exceedingly fruitful**, and I will make **nations of you**,  
and **kings** will come forth from you.

**I will** establish **My covenant** between **Me and you** and **your descendants**  
after you throughout their **generations** for an everlasting covenant,  
to be **God to you** and to your descendants after you.

**I will** give to **you** and to **your descendants** after you,  
the land of your sojournings, **all** the land of **Canaan**,  
for an everlasting possession; and **I will be their God.**"  
(Genesis 17:4a, 6-8)

### B. *I wouldn't bet* against the God's promises given to Moses

30 "So it shall be when all of these things have come upon you (**Israel**),  
the blessing and the curse which I have set before you,

and you call *them* to mind in all **nations** where the **LORD your God**  
has **banished you**, and you **return** to the **LORD your God** and **obey Him**  
with all your **heart** and **soul** according to all that **I command**  
you today, you and your sons,  
then the **LORD your God** will restore you from **captivity**,  
and have **compassion** on you, and will **gather you again**  
from all the **peoples** where the **LORD your God** has **scattered you**.

If your **outcasts** are at the **ends of the earth**,  
from there the **LORD your God** will **gather you**,  
and from there **He** will **bring you back**.

The **LORD your God** will bring you into the land which your **fathers possessed**,  
and you shall possess it; and **He** will **prosper you**  
and **multiply you more** than your **fathers**.

"Moreover 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**, so that **you may live**.  
(Deuteronomy 30:1-6)

C. ***I wouldn't bet*** against the **predictions** of the **Prophets**

The **hand** of the **LORD** was **upon me (Ezekiel)**,  
and **He brought me out** by the **Spirit of the LORD** and set me down  
in the middle of the **valley**; and it was **full of bones**.

**He** caused me to **pass among them** round about, and behold,  
*there were very many* on the **surface** of the **valley**;  
and lo, *they were very dry*.

**He** said to me, "**Son of man, can these bones live?**"  
And I answered, "**O Lord GOD, You know...**"

Then **He said** to me,  
"**Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel;**  
behold, they say, '**Our bones are dried up and our hope has perished.**  
We are **completely cut off.**'

Therefore **prophecy** and say to them, 'Thus says the **Lord GOD**,  
"Behold, **I will open your graves** and **cause you to**  
**come up out of your graves, My people;**  
and **I will bring you** into the **land of Israel.**  
(Ezekiel 37:1-3, 11-12)

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Thus says the **LORD**,  
**Who** gives the **sun** for **light by day**  
And the **fixed order** of the **moon** and the **stars** for **light by night**,  
**Who stirs up** the **sea** so that its **waves roar**;  
The **LORD of hosts** is **His name**:

"**If** this **fixed order** **departs**  
From **before** Me," declares the **LORD**,  
"**Then** the **offspring of Israel** also **will cease**  
From **being a nation** **before Me** forever."  
(Jeremiah 31:35-36)

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Shout for **joy, O daughter of Zion!**  
Shout **in triumph, O Israel!**  
**Rejoice** and **exult** with all *your* heart,  
**O daughter of Jerusalem!**

The **LORD** has **taken away His judgments** against you,  
**He** has **cleared away** your **enemies**.

The **King of Israel, the LORD**, is in your **midst**;  
**You** will **fear disaster no more**.

**“At that time I will bring you in,**  
Even at the time when I **gather you together**;

Indeed, I will give you **renown** and **praise**  
Among **all the peoples** of the **earth**,  
When I **restore your fortunes** before your eyes,” Says the **LORD**.  
(Zephaniah 3:14-15, 20)

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‘For behold, days are coming,’ declares the **LORD**,  
‘when I will **restore the fortunes** of **My people Israel** and **Judah**.’

The **LORD** says, ‘I will also **bring them back** to the **land**  
that I **gave** to their forefathers and they shall **possess it**.’”  
(Jeremiah 30:3)

#### D. I *wouldn't* bet against the predictions of **Rabbi Paul**

Now if their (**Israel's**) **transgression** is **riches** for the **world**  
and their **failure** is **riches** for the **Gentiles**,  
**how much more** will their **fulfillment be!**...

For if their (**Israel's**) **rejection** is the **reconciliation** of the **world**,  
what will *their* **acceptance** be but **life from the dead**?  
(Romans 11:12, 15)

For I do not want you, brethren, to be **uninformed of this mystery**—  
so that you will **not be wise** in your **own estimation**—  
that a **partial hardening** has happened to **Israel**  
until the **fullness** of the **Gentiles** has come in;

and so **all Israel** will be **saved**; just as it is written,

“THE **DELIVERER** WILL COME FROM **ZION**,  
**HE WILL REMOVE UNGODLINESS FROM JACOB.**”

“THIS IS **MY COVENANT WITH THEM**,  
WHEN I TAKE AWAY THEIR **SINS.**”  
(Romans 11:25-27)

#### E. I *wouldn't* bet against **God's lovingkindness** towards **Israel**

**Blessed** be the **LORD your God** who **delighted in you** (**Solomon**),  
setting you on **His throne as king** for the **LORD your God**;

**because your God loved Israel** establishing them **forever**,  
therefore **He** made you **king over them**, to do **justice** and **righteousness**.”  
(II Chronicles 9:8)

**“At that time,” declares the LORD,  
“I will be the God of all the families of Israel,  
and they shall be **My people**.”**

Thus says the LORD,  
“The **people** who **survived the sword**  
found **grace** in the *wilderness*—  
**Israel**, when it went to find **its rest**.”

The LORD appeared to him (Israel) from afar, *saying*,  
“I have **loved you** with an **everlasting love**;  
therefore I have ***drawn you*** with **lovingkindness**.  
(Jeremiah 31:1-3)

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From the standpoint of the **gospel** they (**unbelieving Israel**)  
are **enemies** for your sake,  
but from the **standpoint** of **God’s choice**  
they are **beloved** for the **sake of the fathers**;  
(Romans 11:28)

## Closing Comments