

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)

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)

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)

‘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)

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