

Prophecy of Captivity

- *"When you beget children and grandchildren and have grown old in the land, and act corruptly and make a carved image in the form of anything, and do evil in the sight of the Lord your God to provoke Him to anger, 26 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that you will soon utterly perish from the land which you cross over the Jordan to possess; you will not prolong your days in it, but will be utterly destroyed. 27 And 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 Deut 4:25-31*

Fulfillment of Prophecy – 10 Tribes

- *In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria and carried Israel away to Assyria, and placed them in Halah and by the Habor, the River of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes. 7 For so it was that the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and they had feared other gods, 8 and had walked in the statutes of the nations whom the Lord had cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 2 Kings 17:7-9*

Fulfillment of Prophecy - Judah

- *And the Lord God of their fathers sent warnings to them by His messengers, rising up early and sending them, because He had compassion on His people and on His dwelling place. 16 But they mocked the messengers of God, despised His words, and scoffed at His prophets, until the wrath of the Lord arose against His people, till there was no remedy. 17 Therefore He brought against them the king of the Chaldeans, who killed their young men with the sword in the house of their sanctuary, and had no compassion on young man or virgin, on the aged or the weak; He gave them all into his hand. 2 Chron 36:15-22*

Fulfillment of Prophecy - Judah

- *Then they burned the house of God, broke down the wall of Jerusalem, burned all its palaces with fire, and destroyed all its precious possessions. 20 And those who escaped from the sword he carried away to Babylon, where they became servants to him and his sons until the rule of the kingdom of Persia, 21 to fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed her Sabbaths. As long as she lay desolate she kept Sabbath, to fulfill seventy years. 2Chron 36:15-22*

The Second Part of the Prophecy

- *29 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. 30 When you are in distress, and all these things come upon you in the latter days, when you turn to the Lord your God and obey His voice 31 (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. Deut 4:25-31*
- This was for both Judah and Israel

The Prophecy of the Return

- *1 "Now it shall come to pass, when all these things come upon you, the blessing and the curse which I have set before you, and you call them to mind among all the nations where the Lord your God drives you, 2 and you return to the Lord your God and obey His voice, according to all that I command you today, you and your children, with all your heart and with all your soul, Deut. 30:1-6*

The Prophecy of the Return

- 3 that ***the Lord your God will bring you back from captivity, and have compassion on you, and gather you again from all the nations*** where the Lord your God has scattered you. 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*** Deut 30:1-6
- A prophecy for both Israel and Judah.

The Prophecy of the Return

● *Then the Lord your God will bring you to the land which your fathers possessed, and you shall possess it. He will prosper you and multiply you more than your fathers. 6 And 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, that you may live.*
Deut 30:1-6

The 1st part of this prophecy fulfilled when they returned from Babylon

There will be a 2nd Gathering

● *"And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious." 11 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, 12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth. Isa. 11:10-12*

● *There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt Isa 11:16*

God Sent John to begin the Highway

● *A voice is calling, “**Clear the way for the LORD in the wilderness; make smooth in the desert a highway for our God. Let every valley be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; and let the rough ground become a plain, and the rugged terrain a broad valley; Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all flesh will see it together; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.**”*
Is 40:3-5

God Sent John to begin the Highway

- *the word of God came to John the son of Zacharias in the wilderness. 3 And he went into all the region around the Jordan, **preaching a baptism of repentance for the remission of sins,** 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the **prophet,** saying: "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord; Make His paths straight. 5 Every valley shall be filled And every mountain and hill brought low; The crooked places shall be made straight And the rough ways smooth; 6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.'" Luke 3:2-6*
- Baptism was the beginning of the Highway...

The Nature of the Highway

- *A highway shall be there, and a road, And it shall be called the Highway of Holiness. The unclean shall not pass over it, But it shall be for others. Whoever walks the road, although a fool, Shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, Nor shall any ravenous beast go up on it; It shall not be found there. But the redeemed shall walk there, 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, And come to Zion with singing, With everlasting joy on their heads. They shall obtain joy and gladness, And sorrow and sighing shall flee away. Isa. 35:8-10*

This Will be in the Fullness of Time

- *in that day a **Root of Jesse(Jesus)***
- *shall stand as **a banner to the people;***
- *For the **Gentiles shall seek Him,***
- *in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again **the second time To recover the remnant of His people** who are left, 1*
- *a banner for the nations,*
- *God will **assemble the outcasts of Israel,***
- *And **gather together the dispersed of Judah***
- *From the **four corners of the earth.***
- ***There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt** Isaiah 11:10-16*

John and Jesus Built the Highway

- *I am the way the truth and the life no one comes to the father except through me.*
- Jesus sent the apostles and prophets to guide them back. Mt 28:18-20; Mk. 16:15-16
- The Book of Acts records how the Lord built the highway and how all of the outcasts of Isreal were given the opportunity to return.
- The highway is still here, and we are the guides who must preach and teach to show people the way.