

ישראל

LAST

DAYS

RETURN

Part 2



ISRAEL: STAGES OF DISCIPLINE

Leviticus 26:14-39

“If you will not”

- | | |
|--------------------|--|
| STAGE
1 | — Physical & Mental Diseases (Lv.26:14-17) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Distress from illness, famine, and defeat |
| STAGE
2 | — Drought & Bad Harvest (Lv.26:18-20) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• “seven times” principle of intensification |
| STAGE
3 | — Dread of Wild Animals (Lv.26:21-22) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Desolation of the land, animals running rampant |
| STAGE
4 | — Desolation by Enemies Bringing Disease <ul style="list-style-type: none">• God will send sword of vengeance (Lv.26:23-26) |
| STAGE
5 | — Deportation From the Land (Lv.26:27-39) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Destruction of cities; horrors of cannibalism• Land will enjoy its Sabbath years |

STAGES OF DISCIPLINE



“if you do not obey Me” (Lv.26:14)



“after all this, if you do not obey Me” (Lv.26:18)



“Then, if you walk contrary to Me” (Lv.26:21)



“If by these things you are not reformed by Me” (Lv.26:23)



“And after all this, if you do not obey Me” (Lv.26:27)

LEVITICUS 26



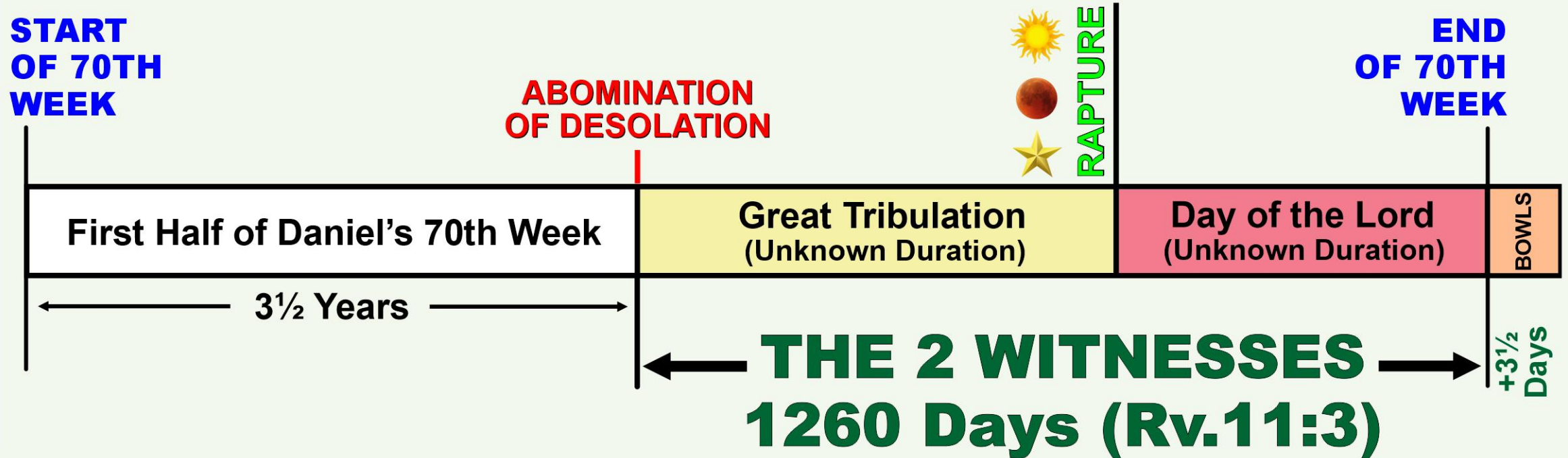
HE WILL TURN THE HEARTS

⁵Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet
Before the coming of the great and dreadful
day of the LORD. ⁶And he will turn The
hearts of the fathers to the children, And
the hearts of the children to their fathers,
Lest I come and strike the earth with a curse.

MALACHI 4:5-6



MINISTRY OF THE TWO WITNESSES — 1260 DAYS



- Prophesied in sackcloth (Rv.11:3)
- Pictured as 2 Olive Trees & 2 Lampstands (Rv.11:4)
- Fire proceeds from their mouths (Rv.11:5)
- Power to prevent rain (Rv.11:6)
- Power to turn water into blood (Rv.11:6)
- Power to smite the earth w/ plagues (Rv.11:6)

MEASURING THE TEMPLE

¹Then I was given a reed like a measuring rod. And the angel stood, saying, "Rise and measure the temple of God, the altar, and those who worship there. ²But leave out the court which is outside the temple, and do not measure it, for it has been given to the Gentiles. And they will tread the holy city underfoot for forty-two months."

REVELATION 11:1-2



MEASURING THE TEMPLE

- ❖ **This measurement of the temple and people is an indictment on the Jewish people.**
- ❖ **This measurement is the basis for the ministry of the two witnesses who exhort the people to trust their true Messiah.**
- ❖ **The time of the Gentiles will be fulfilled officially at the end of Israel's national discipline (Da.9:24, end of the 70th Week).**

TIMES OF THE GENTILES

❖ The time of national discipline upon Israel which began in 70AD will be completed at the end of the 70th Week (Rv.11:2).

❖ “And they will fall by the edge of the sword, and be led away captive into all nations. And Jerusalem will be trampled by Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled” (Lk.21:24).

❖ Luke 21:24 and Rev.11:2 refer to the same thing.

❖ After the fullness of the Gentiles completes, at the close of the 70th Week, then “all Israel will be saved” (Ro.11:26). See Da.12:11-13.

Da.2:32-43; Da.7:2-8



BABYLON



MEDO-PERSIA



GREECE



ROME



FUTURE



**³And I will give power to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy one thousand two hundred and sixty days,
clothed in sackcloth." ⁴These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands
standing before the God of the earth.**

REVELATION 11:3-4





**OLIVE TREES:
Empowered by
the Holy Spirit**

**LAMPSTAND:
Light to Israel**

ZECHARIAH 4:2-14

²And he said to me, "What do you see?" So I said, "I am looking, and there is a lampstand of solid gold with a bowl on top of it, and on the stand seven lamps with seven pipes to the seven lamps. ¹¹Then I answered and said to him, "What are these two olive trees—at the right of the lampstand and at its left?"

ZECHARIAH 4:2,11



**¹²And I further answered and said to him,
"What are these two olive branches that drip
into the receptacles of the two gold pipes
from which the golden oil drains?" ¹³Then he
answered me and said, "Do you not know
what these are?" And I said, "No, my lord."
¹⁴So he said, "These are the two anointed
ones, who stand beside the Lord of the
whole earth."**

ZECHARIAH 4:12-14



TWO WITNESSES BACKGROUND — ZC.4

- The description of the two witnesses as olive trees and lampstands has an Old Testament background (Zc.4:2-14).
- The two olive branches (Zc.4:12) are the two men who occupied the supreme positions in those offices at that time:
 - ZERUBBABEL as Governor and descendant of David
 - JOSHUA as the High Priest and descendant of Eleazar
- Their connection to the lampstands was that they were empowered by the Holy Spirit as symbolized by the olive oil.
- In a similar way the two witnesses of Rv.11:1-14 will be empowered by the Holy Spirit.

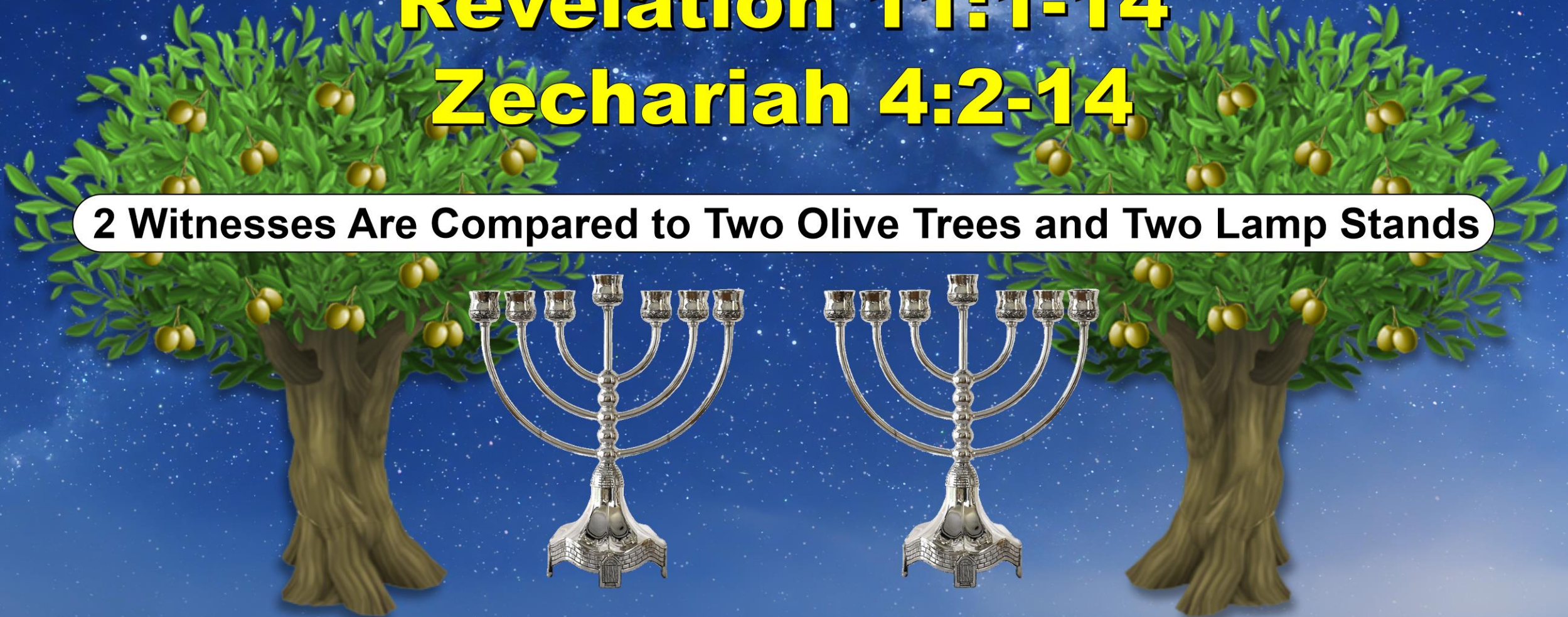


THE 2 WITNESSES

Revelation 11:1-14

Zechariah 4:2-14

2 Witnesses Are Compared to Two Olive Trees and Two Lamp Stands



⁵And if anyone wants to harm them, fire proceeds from their mouth and devours their enemies. And if anyone wants to harm them, he must be killed in this manner. ⁶These have power to shut heaven, so that no rain falls in the days of their prophecy; and they have power over waters to turn them to blood, and to strike the earth with all plagues, as often as they desire.

REVELATION 11:5-6



IDENTITY: TWO WITNESSES

ENOCH & ELIJAH

- Both were taken to heaven by God w/o experiencing death (Ge.5:23; 2Ki.2:11)
- The fact that John the Baptist “could” in some sense be a fulfillment of “Elijah” (Mt.11:13-14) implies that it does not need to be Elijah himself.



MOSES & ELIJAH

- Both appeared at the transfiguration of Christ (Mt.17:3; Mk.9:4; Lk.9:30)
- MOSES' miracle of turning water into blood (Ex.7:14-11:10) is done by the two witnesses
- ELIJAH'S miracles of fire from heaven and no rain for 3 1/2 years is done by the two witnesses
- Malachi 4:5 says God will send Elijah before the Day of the Lord

2 FUTURE PROPHETS

- There is no indication that assumes a famous identity of the 2 Witnesses
- God can take ordinary believers and enable them in the power of the Holy Spirit to perform miracles
- The fact that God gives us the DURATION (1260 days) of their ministry, makes this more important than WHO they are.



⁷When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them.

⁸And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

REVELATION 11:7-8



⁹Then those from the peoples, tribes, tongues, and nations will see their dead bodies three-and-a-half days, and not allow their dead bodies to be put into graves.

¹⁰And those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them, make merry, and send gifts to one another, because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

REVELATION 11:9-10



**And they that dwell upon the earth shall
rejoice over them, and make merry, and
shall send gifts one to another...
(Rv.11:10)**



...because these two prophets tormented those who dwell on the earth.

¹¹Now after the three-and-a-half days the breath of life from God entered them, and they stood on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them. ¹²And they heard a loud voice from heaven saying to them, "Come up here." And they ascended to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies saw them.

REVELATION 11:11-12



DOES THE RAISING REPRESENT RESURRECTION?

Common Post-Tribulational Viewpoint

RESURRECTION LANGUAGE IS MISSING

The passage does not describe them as having been resurrected. If they represent the church being resurrected, this would be a good time to describe it. Now the two witnesses may be resurrected at that point but the text does not signal this. This would be an anticlimactic event at best.

RAISING OCCURS BEFORE TRUMPET

Post-Tribbers teach the resurrection occurs at the seventh trumpet, which they identify as “the last trumpet.” But watch the order of events.

The two witnesses come back to life (11:11) then the seventh trumpet is blown (11:15). You would expect the trumpet to be blown followed by the resurrection.

RESURRECTION BETWEEN WRATH EVENTS OF GOD

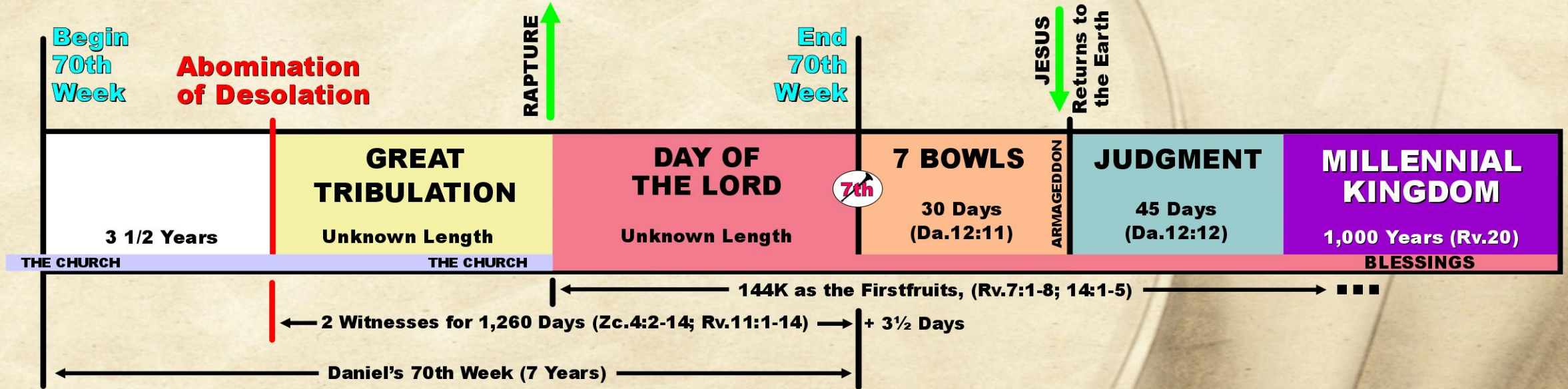
Resurrection comes before wrath. The death and rising of the two witnesses occur between the sixth and seventh trumpet. “The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly” (11:14). Yet the Bible teaches that the resurrection takes place before God's wrath not after it (1Th.4-5; Mt.24:29-31; Rv.6-7).

¹³In the same hour there was a great earthquake, and a tenth of the city fell. In the earthquake seven thousand people were killed, and the rest were afraid and gave glory to the God of heaven. ¹⁴The second woe is past. Behold, the third woe is coming quickly.

REVELATION 11:13-14



ISRAEL: FUTURE INFLUENCE



TWO WITNESSES

Revelation 11:1-14
Zechariah 4:2-14

2 Witnesses Are Compared to Two Olive Trees and Two Lamp Stands

144,000

SEALED

ISRAELITES

Revelation 7:1-8; 14:1-5

144,000 BECOMES NATIONAL ISRAEL



The 2 Witnesses

THE 144,000
(Rv.7:1-8; 14:1-5)
The Firstfruits

Believers Believers Believers
GROW GROW GROW

**FUTURE BELIEVING
NATION ISRAEL**

“All Israel Shall Be Saved”

⁷"Awake, O sword, against My Shepherd, Against the Man who is My Companion," Says the LORD of hosts. "Strike the Shepherd, And the sheep will be scattered; Then I will turn My hand against the little ones. ⁸And it shall come to pass in all the land," Says the LORD, "That two-thirds in it shall be cut off and die, But one-third shall be left in it:

ZECHARIAH 13:7-8



**I will bring the one-third through the fire,
Will refine them as silver is refined, And
test them as gold is tested. They will
call on My name, And I will answer
them. I will say, 'This is My people'; And
each one will say, 'The LORD is my God.'**

ZECHARIAH 13:9



“THROUGH THE FIRE” — ZC.13:7-9

-  **The general idea is suffering of one form or another**
-  **The remaining third will be put into the fire but preserved**
-  **Only one-third of the Jewish people will survive the Great Tribulation**
-  **These years are called the time of Jacob's trouble (Je.30:7)**
-  **Jesus said the Great Tribulation will be the most horrific time in human history (Mt.24:21)**
-  **The surviving remnant will be restored to their covenant relationship with the Lord**
-  **The 144,000 will make up the core of a restored Israel as the “firstfruits to God” (Rv.14:4)**



ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR OFFENSE

¹⁴For I will be like a lion to Ephraim, And like a young lion to the house of Judah. I, even I, will tear them and go away; I will take them away, and no one shall rescue. ¹⁵I will return again to My place Till they acknowledge their offense. Then they will seek My face; In their affliction they will earnestly seek Me."

HOSEA 5:14-15



THEY WILL SEEK MY FACE

- ❖ **Ho.5:15, “their affliction”. This refers to the persecution of Daniel 12:1. Specifically, this is the oppression by the Beast (Rv.13:3-7; Da.11:36-39).**
- ❖ **Ho.5:15, “seek My face”. This is not getting saved. It is an expression of hunger for the truth.**
- ❖ **After Jesus comes for believers, the 144k bond servants (Rv.7) are the firstfruits or beginning of national Israel trusting in Jesus as Savior.**

LET US RETURN TO THE LORD

¹Come, and let us return to the LORD; For He has torn, but He will heal us; He has stricken, but He will bind us up. ²After two days He will revive us; On the third day He will raise us up, That we may live in His sight. ³Let us know, Let us pursue the knowledge of the LORD. His going forth is established as the morning; He will come to us like the rain, Like the latter and former rain to the earth.

HOSEA 6:1-3



LET US RETURN TO THE LORD

- ❖ **The message of Hosea is to the people of Israel who will be alive at the time of the great affliction.**
- ❖ **Ho.6:2, “He will raise us up”. This refers to the 144K as God's bond servants. They become the official embodiment of the nation of Israel.**
- ❖ **The 144K are the official firstfruits of the nation of Israel (Rv.14:4). More will be saved.**

THEY WILL MOURN FOR JESUS

¹⁰"And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; then they will look on Me whom they pierced. Yes, they will mourn for Him as one mourns for his only son, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a firstborn. ¹¹In that day there shall be a great mourning in Jerusalem, like the mourning at Hadad Rimmon in the plain of Megiddo.

ZECHARIAH 12:10-11



PERSONAL FAITH ON JESUS

¹²And the land shall mourn, every family by itself: the family of the house of David by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of the house of Nathan by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹³the family of the house of Levi by itself, and their wives by themselves; the family of Shimei by itself, and their wives by themselves; ¹⁴all the families that remain, every family by itself, and their wives by themselves.

ZECHARIAH 12:12-14



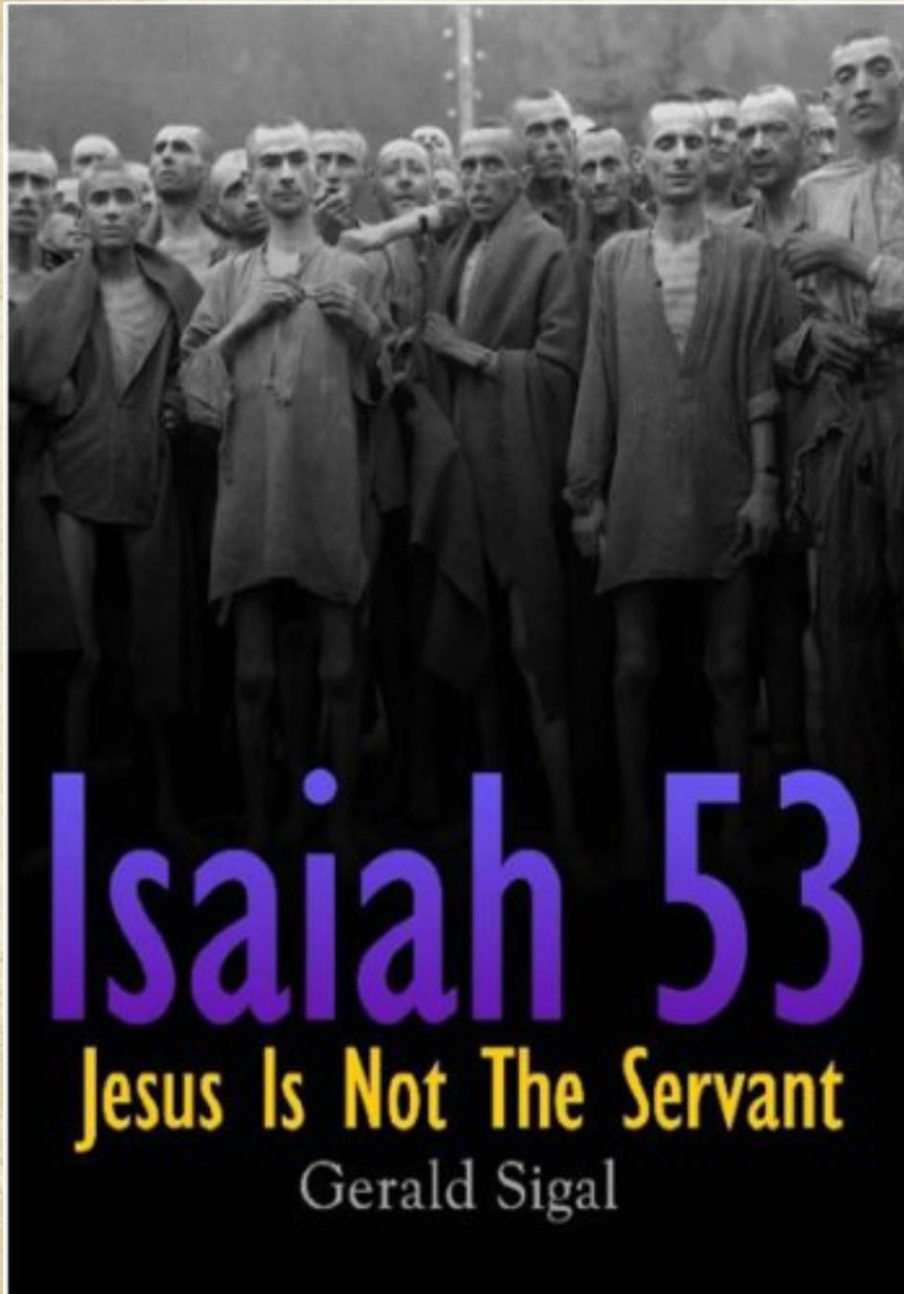
כְּסִיף אֶלֶף שָׁנִים



CONFESSIO



NATIONAL ISRAEL

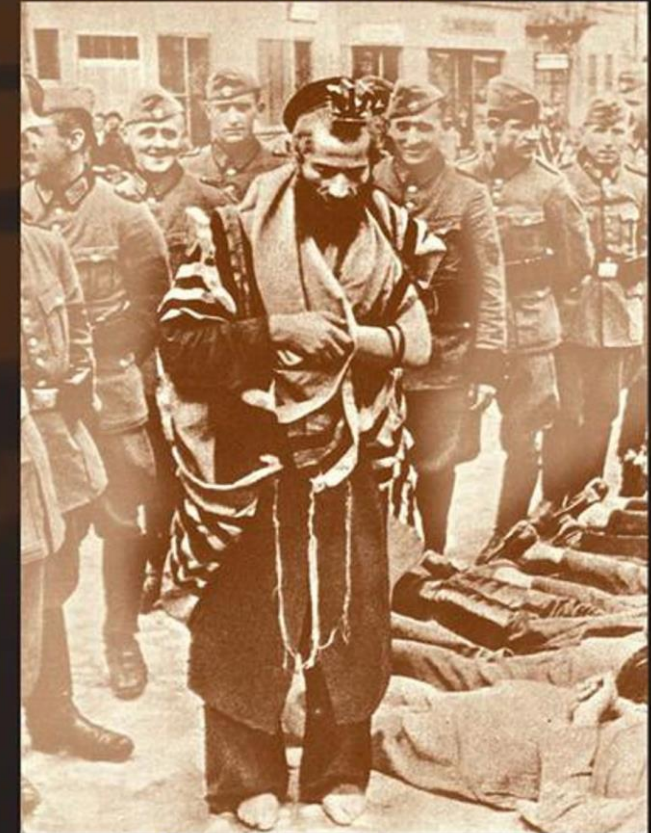


**One nation's
identity stolen
and given to
a single person:
Israel's identity
hijacked and
given to
Yeshua/Jesus**

**MESSIAH
OR
ISRAEL?**

Isaiah 53

Who is the Servant?



Gerald Sigal

PROBLEM: SUFFERING SERVANT

IS NOT ISRAEL

ARGUMENT:

Isaiah 52:15 are the words of gentile kings who did not realize Israel is the Godly servant of the Lord.

CONTRADICTION:

- If Israel was Godly they would not be suffering as they were (Lv.26, Blessing and Cursing)**
- If Israel was righteous her enemies would fall by the sword (Lv.26:7)**
- When Israel suffered at the hands of the nations, it did not bring healing (forgiveness) to the nations, but the Servant will (Is.52:15)**
- Ps.44:17-22 refers to the righteous remnant of Israel. Just as Daniel prays on behalf of the nation as if he was guilty of the same evils.**

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. ²Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. ³And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!"

ISAIAH 6:1-3



**Behold, My Servant shall deal
prudently; He shall be exalted
and extolled and be very high.**

ISAIAH 52:13



THE SERVANT WILL BE GOD

ISAIAH 6:1

“the Lord sitting on a throne, high [H7311, rûm] and lifted up [H5375, nâsâh]”

The “holy, holy, holy” One is God on His throne. He is “high” and “lifted up”

H7311, *room*

H5375, *naw-saw*

ISAIAH 52:13

“He shall be exalted [H7311, rûm] and extolled [H5375, nâsâh]”

That which is said of God in chapter 6 is said of the Servant here.

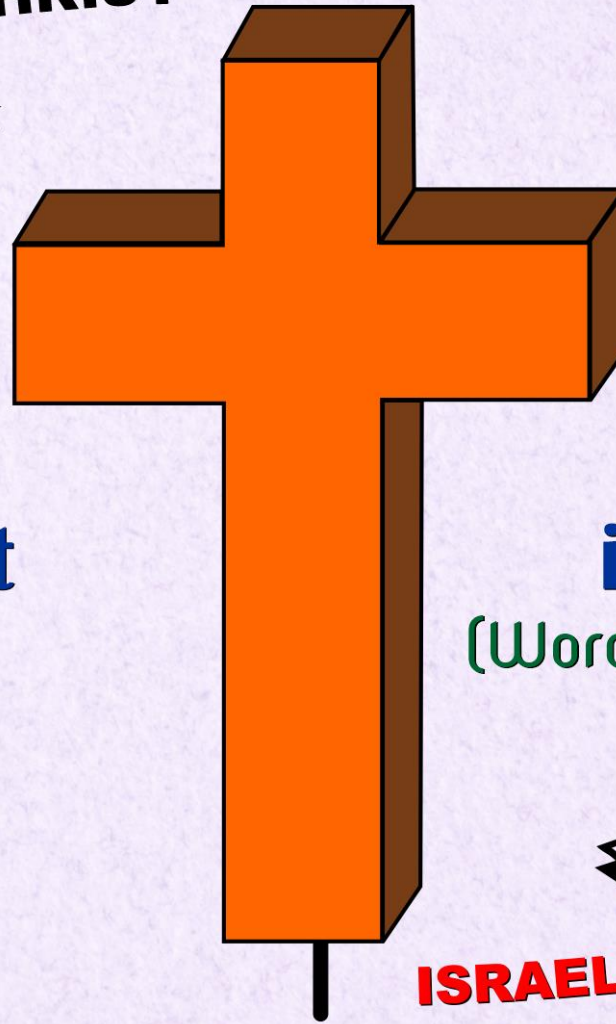
ISAIAH 53

ISAIAH PROPHESED CHRIST



**WRITTEN
in the Past**

740-680BC



32AD

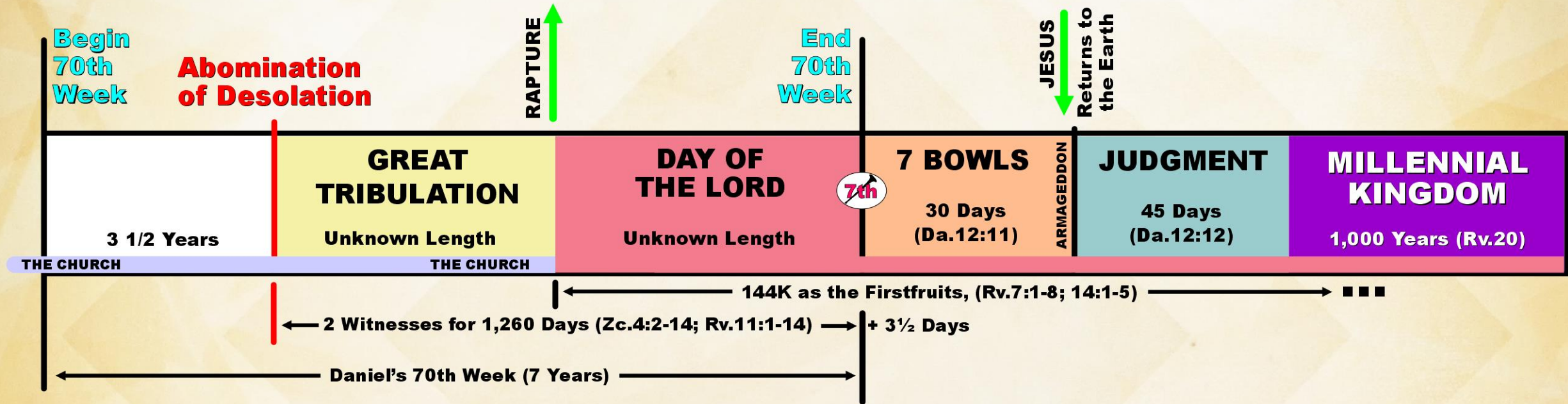
ISRAEL WILL PROPHECY CHRIST

**SPOKEN
in the Future**
(Words of Israel's Confession)



FUTURE

SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S FUTURE



End of Daniel's 70th Week
End of the divine discipline
End of the Times of the Gentile

- **Begins the process resulting in "all Israel will be saved" (Ro.11:26).**
- **"Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days" (Da.12:12). This is 75 days after the close of the 70th Week.**

SUMMARY: ISRAEL'S FUTURE

- ❖ **The testimony of the two witnesses will be instrumental in impacting the 144k Jews to come to faith in Christ.**
- ❖ **The 144K are representatives of believing Israel as they seek God in truth (Ho.5:15; Mt.23:39; Zp.2:13) and recognize Jesus as their Messiah and Savior.**
- ❖ **A large number of Jews will trust in Christ. It is likely some Gentiles will also come to faith.**
- ❖ **After the removal of all unbelieving Jews (fat and lean sheep, Ek.34:17-22), only believing Jews will be left on the earth so “all Israel will be saved” (Ro.11:26). These will go into the Kingdom in natural bodies.**

NATIONAL ISRAEL: PROGRESS TO FAITH

TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE

Zechariah 13:7-9

- 2/3 cut off (die)
- 1/3 remnant goes into the kingdom



1

HUNGER FOR THE TRUTH

Hosea 5:15—6:3

- Israel affirms their sufferings are from God (**Ho.6:1**)
- Let us return to the Lord (**6:1**)
- Israel considers whether Jesus is their Messiah

2

INDIVIDUALS BELIEVE ON JESUS

Zechariah 12:10-14

- “house of David” (**v.12**) *King*
- “Nathan” (**v.12**) *Prophet*
- “Levi” (**v.13**) *Priests*
- Israel’s History: It has been the prophets, priests, and kings who often led the people astray
- This is personal faith: “by itself” (**v.12-14**)
“by themselves” (**v.12-14**)
- Remnant saved (**Je.3:14**)

3

PUBLIC NATIONAL CONFESSION

Isaiah 53

- The words of Israel’s National confession
- **Is.52:13—53:6**, Written in the past, yet spoken in the future
- “Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days” (**Da.12:12**)

4

ALL ISRAEL SAVED

Romans 11:26

- “Blessed is he who waits, and comes to the one thousand three hundred and thirty-five days” (**Da.12:12**)
- The six objectives fulfilled especially, “to finish the transgression” (**Da.9:24**)

5