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**M**y beloved friends,

I want to talk to you today about Israel.

Not the headlines. Not the politics. Not what the news is telling you to feel this week.

I want to talk about the people. The promise. And the plan that God has been running since before any of us drew our first breath.

Stay with me. Because this is one of the most important things you can understand as a believer living in the days we are living in right now.

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**To understand why God chose Israel, you have to back up one chapter before Abraham even enters the story.**

Genesis 11. The Tower of Babel.

The whole earth had one language. And instead of spreading across the earth as God intended, humanity gathered together and said something that revealed everything wrong with the human heart. Let us build a tower that reaches to the heavens. Let us make a name for ourselves.

**Not for God. For themselves.**

God looked down at the nations He had made, the nations He had blessed after the flood, the nations that carried His breath in their lungs and His image on their faces. And every single one of them had turned away from Him.

So God confused their languages and scattered them.

But here is what most people miss about what happened next.

Deuteronomy 32:8-9 tells us that when the Most High divided the nations and set the borders of the peoples, He placed them under spiritual authorities. And then it says this: The Lord's portion is His people. Jacob is the inheritance He chose for Himself.

Read that carefully.

The nations walked away from God at Babel. And His response was not to walk away from them.

**His response was one man named Abraham.**

Israel was not simply a nation God selected from a list. Israel was God's answer to a world that had already turned its back on Him. Israel was His reclamation project. His way back into the story of every people and every nation that had walked away at that tower.

The call of Abram in Genesis 12 is not the beginning of the story. It is God's response to everything that went wrong in Genesis 11.

This is where it gets real.

Israel was placed on the front line of a battle that started at Babel and has not ended yet. God needed a people through whom He could reclaim what the nations had surrendered. A people who would carry His name, demonstrate His power, and bring His promise back to a world that had already forgotten Him.

**That is what it means to be chosen.**

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And so God came to one man.

He was living in a city called Ur, surrounded by a culture drowning in idol worship, and God said something that would change the entire trajectory of human history.

*Go. Leave everything you know. And I will make you into something no one has ever seen.*

That is Genesis 12:1-2.

And then God made a promise in Genesis 12:3 that you need to hear again today. He said:


*I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse. And all peoples on earth will be blessed through you.*

**Genesis 12:3**

That was not just a personal blessing for one man.

That was a mission. A calling placed on a people who did not yet exist. God was building something on purpose, with intention, and He was not going to stop until He finished it.

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**Now I need you to understand something about this covenant that most people never slow down long enough to see.**

In Genesis 15, God made that covenant official. And He did it in a way that should make you stop and catch your breath.

In the ancient world, when two parties made a serious agreement, they would take animals, cut them in half, and lay the pieces across from each other. Then both parties would walk through the middle of those pieces together. It was their way of saying, may what happened to these animals happen to me if I break this promise.

God told Abraham to prepare the animals. Abraham laid out the pieces. And then God put him into a deep sleep.

**Abraham did not walk through.**

**God walked through alone.**

A smoking firepot and a blazing torch, representing God Himself, passed between those pieces without Abraham.

Do you understand what that means?

God was saying this covenant does not depend on you keeping your end. If this promise ever breaks, may it fall on me alone. I am staking everything I am on this commitment to you and your people.

And I need you to notice something else about what God promised in that moment.

God told Abraham in Genesis 15 that He was giving his descendants a specific land, stretching from the river of Egypt all the way to the great river Euphrates. He named real borders. Real geography. Real ground.

*This was not a spiritual metaphor. This was not a symbolic picture of something heavenly.*

**This was a deed.**

And here is something worth sitting with. Israel has never yet fully possessed all the land God described that night. Not under Joshua. Not under David. Not even at the height of Solomon's kingdom. The fullest extent came close, but the complete boundaries God spoke in Genesis 15 are still waiting to be fulfilled.

That means the promise is still open. Still active. Still pointing to a day that has not arrived yet.

God does not hand out promises He does not intend to keep all the way to the final detail.

Now here is something I need you to understand clearly, because it answers a question I know is already forming in your mind.

**The covenant God made in Genesis 15 is unconditional.**

That means His commitment to Israel was never based on their performance. He did not say I will keep my promise as long as you obey me perfectly. He walked through those pieces alone so that the promise would stand on His character and His character alone.

Later on, at Mount Sinai, God gave Israel the law. That agreement had conditions. And yes, Israel broke it, repeatedly. But the law at Sinai never cancelled the covenant at Genesis 15. God has always distinguished between the two. The Sinai covenant governed how they lived. The Abraham covenant governed what God would do.

That is why Israel rejecting their own Messiah has not cancelled God's commitment to them.

His promise was never built on what they would do. It was built on what He swore to do alone.

Let me say that again.

God is still committed to Israel not because they have earned it, but because He made an oath and He does not break His word. Not for any reason. Not for any failure. Not for any amount of time that passes.

**That is the God we serve.**



Fast forward a few generations.

That one man became a family. That family became a nation. And that nation found itself enslaved in Egypt for four hundred years.

Do you think God forgot them?

**He did not.**

He raised up a man named Moses and moved against the most powerful empire on earth. He sent ten plagues that dismantled every false god Egypt worshipped one by one. He parted the Red Sea and walked two million people through on dry ground.

And when He brought them to Mount Sinai, He said something extraordinary.

*You will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation.*

**Exodus 19:6**

Think about what that means.

God did not just want Israel to be a nation among nations. He wanted them to be His representatives. His voice on the earth. A living demonstration of who He is and how He moves, not just to the people around them, but to the spiritual authorities watching from the unseen realm.

Remember what happened at Babel. The nations were placed under other authorities. But God kept Israel for Himself. And now He was telling them why. You are my priests. You carry my name to a world that has forgotten me. Every time I move through you, every miracle, every deliverance, every restoration, it is a message to the watching world that I am still here and I still reign.

Deuteronomy 7:6 says it plainly: You are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on the face of the earth to be His people, His treasured possession.

**Treasured possession.**

Not because they were the biggest or the strongest or the most impressive. Deuteronomy 7:7 says He did not choose them because they were numerous. They were the fewest of all peoples. He chose them because He decided to. Because He made a covenant and He keeps His word.

Every time God moved through Israel He was sending a message to the entire universe.

**He is the God who does what He says He will do.**



**Now here is where the story gets darker before it gets brighter.**

And this is the part I need you to really hear.

The moment God placed a calling on that people, a target went on their back. And that target was not random. It was strategic.

Go all the way back to Genesis 3:15. When God spoke to the serpent after the fall He said:

*I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers. He will crush your head and you will strike his heel.*

Genesis 3:15

That is the first prophecy in all of Scripture about Jesus.

Right there in the garden, God told Satan that a seed, a specific human bloodline, would one day produce someone who would destroy him completely.

Satan heard that.

And from that moment forward he had one mission. Find the bloodline. Cut it off. Stop the seed before it can become the Savior.

**That is why every attack on Israel across four thousand years of history is not just cruelty. It is strategy.**

Pharaoh ordered the murder of every Hebrew baby boy. He was not just being cruel. He was trying to cut off the lineage before it could grow, before the deliverer could come.

Haman in the book of Esther convinced a king to sign a death warrant for every Jewish man, woman, and child in the Persian empire. One signature away from wiping out the people through whom the Messiah would come.

Antiochus Epiphanes desecrated the temple and tried to erase Jewish faith entirely.

And in our own lifetime we watched Adolf Hitler attempt to eliminate the Jewish people from the face of the earth.

Every single time, someone tried to finish them.

**And every single time, God said no.**

Because you cannot stop a promise God made before the foundations of the world.

Ezekiel 37 shows you a valley full of dry bones. God asks the prophet, can these bones live? And then He breathes life back into them and a dead nation stands up as a great army.

That is not just poetic imagery. That is a pattern. Israel has been pronounced dead more times than history can count. And they are still here.

**You cannot destroy what God is not finished with.**

Isaiah 46:10 says God declares the end from the beginning and from ancient times what is still to come. He says: My purpose will stand, and I will do all that I please.

That includes His purpose for Israel.



**Now I want you to stop for a moment.**

Because before we talk about where Israel is going, I need you to understand what Israel has already given you.

This might be the most important thing I say today.

Your Bible is a Jewish document. Every book in it, from Genesis to Revelation, was written by a Jewish author. Every prophet who spoke the words of God was Jewish. Every psalm you have ever prayed was written by a Jewish poet. The moral law that shaped the conscience of Western civilization came through Jewish hands at a mountain in the desert.

And here is something that should move you deeply.

Those Jewish families carried those scrolls through exile. They copied them by hand through centuries of persecution, through seasons when owning them could get you killed. Generation after generation of Jewish scribes gave their lives to preserving words they believed were sacred, words that you now hold in your hands. Your Bible survived because they refused to let it disappear.

The concept of one God, a personal God, a God who is just and loving and present, that was Israel's gift to a world drowning in stone idols and empty temples.

Jesus was Jewish. Born in a Jewish town, raised in a Jewish home, trained in the Jewish scriptures, crucified during a Jewish feast, and raised in fulfillment of Jewish prophecy.

The twelve disciples were Jewish. The apostle Paul was Jewish. The early church was built on Jewish foundations by Jewish believers who gave everything they had to tell the world what they had seen.

Every promise you stand on today, every verse that has carried you through a dark night, every prophecy that gives you hope about what is coming, it came through Israel.

**You owe them something.**

**We all do.**



**Now here is what I need you to wrestle with honestly.**

Right now, as a people, many in Israel are walking in spiritual blindness.

They have the scrolls. They have the prophecies. Isaiah 53 describes the suffering servant in such precise detail that it could only be Jesus. That prophet wrote those words seven hundred years before the crucifixion. And still many do not see it.

But here is what you need to know.

**This is not an accident.**

*A hardening in part has come upon Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in.*

**Romans 11:25**

That word "until" is everything.

The blindness is temporary. God planned for it. God is not surprised by it. And it will not last forever.

Romans 11:1 asks the question plainly: Has God rejected His people? And Paul answers his own question without hesitation. By no means.

They are still His. Even now. Even in the blindness. Even in the rejection of their own Messiah. The covenant God made alone while Abraham slept has never been cancelled.



**And the day is coming when everything changes.**

*They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for Him as one mourns for an only child.*

**Zechariah 12:10**

That is a national moment of recognition. An entire people finally seeing what was always true, finally meeting the One they have been waiting for all along.

Romans 11:26 says: And in this way all Israel will be saved.

**All Israel. Not some. All.**

God finishes what He starts.

Luke 21:24 says Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. We are living in those times right now. The clock is moving.

Now let me tell you what that clock is moving toward.

The prophet Daniel was given a vision of the final chapter of human history. In Daniel 9:27 we learn that God has reserved a final seven-year period specifically for His dealings with the Jewish people. This is the period most people call the tribulation. And the reason it is centered on Israel is because God has unfinished business with His chosen people. When the church is taken home to be with the Lord, God turns His full attention to completing the covenant He made in Genesis 15.

**That seven-year period is not about punishment. It is about completion.**

It is God fulfilling every promise He ever made to Abraham while the whole world is watching.

And remember the land God promised that night in Genesis 15. The real land. The specific borders. The deed that has never been fully claimed.

That promise is part of what gets settled in the final chapter.

During that time, Revelation 7 tells us that 144,000 Jewish believers, 12,000 from each of the twelve tribes of Israel, will be sealed as God's servants and sent out to declare His truth to the ends of the earth. Israel becomes the evangelists of the final hour.

Think about that. The same people the enemy has tried to destroy since Babel. The same people he has hunted through every generation of human history. In the last days they become the loudest voice on the earth declaring that Jesus is Lord.

**They are not an afterthought. They are the starting point all over again.**

And then comes the moment that brings the whole story full circle.

Zechariah 14 describes Jesus literally returning and placing His feet on the Mount of Olives, the very mountain He left from when He ascended to the Father. The mountain splits in two. He comes to defend Jerusalem in its darkest hour. Every nation that has gathered against His people faces the God who walked through the pieces alone and kept every word He promised.

**That is not a metaphor. That is the finish line.**

That is the moment every promise spoken over Abraham, every deed recorded in Genesis 15, every word the prophets declared reaches its ultimate fulfillment.

Amos 9:14-15 says: I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel. They will rebuild and live in the land. And I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them.

**He will finish what He started. He always does.**



**So now I am asking you something directly.**

How do you see them?

The people who gave you your Bible. The people who copied those scrolls through centuries of persecution so that your hands could hold them today. The people who carried your Savior in their bloodline from the garden all the way to a manger in Bethlehem. The people that God has protected, revived, and refused to abandon across four thousand years of history.

The people that God Himself chose as His answer when the whole world walked away at Babel.

The people that God walked through fire alone to keep His word to.

How do you see them?

You can disagree with decisions made by their leaders. You can have hard questions about politics and policy. That is a fair conversation to have.

But do not let disagreement with leadership become contempt for the people.

Do not look at what is happening in the news and let your heart grow cold toward a people God has never stopped loving.

Genesis 12:3 still stands today as firmly as it did the day God first spoke it: I will bless those who bless you and whoever curses you I will curse.

**That promise did not expire.**



**Here is what I want you to do with everything you just heard.**

Pray for them.

*Pray for the peace of Jerusalem. May those who love you be secure.*

Psalm 122:6

That is a direct command. Not a suggestion. Pray for them by name. Pray for the peace of that city and that people. Ask God to lift the blindness. Ask Him to fulfill every promise He made. Ask Him to protect them and draw them to the Messiah they do not yet see.

And the next time you open your Bible, remember whose hands preserved those words so that you could hold them today.

The next time you call on the name of Jesus, remember whose people brought Him into the world.

The next time a promise from Scripture carries you through something hard, remember that it came to you through a people God chose at Babel, called in Genesis 15, and has refused to let go of every single day since.

You love them because of what God did through them.

You love them because God still loves them.

And you love them because the story is not finished yet.

Zechariah 14 is still coming. The Mount of Olives is still waiting. The land God promised with specific borders on a specific night in Genesis 15 is still being held open. And the God who made an unconditional oath to one sleeping man is still walking toward the moment when every single word of that promise lands exactly where He said it would.

### **God is not done with Israel.**

He never was. He never will be.

And the fact that they are still standing after everything the enemy has thrown at them, from Babel to Pharaoh to Haman to Hitler to this very moment, is proof that the God we serve keeps every word He speaks.

*Even now.*

*Even always.*

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