

Zephaniah 2:7~ **And it must become a region for the remaining ones of the house of Judah. Upon them they will feed. In the houses of Ashkelon, in the evening, they will lie stretched out. For Yehowah their God¹ will turn his attention to them and certainly gather back the captive ones of them.**

Footnote: Their God Hebrew, '*Elo-heh-hem*'

1· Then also, their inheritances of land will become the possession of the sons of Judah, and there they will feed upon them. There, in the royal houses of Ashkelon, where the axis lords once lived, they will themselves lie stretched out, unconcerned in the evenings. For Yehowah will certainly turn his attention upon them, and gather back all the captive ones of Judah.

[Question] Who then, would take possession of the land of the Philistines, and who would come to sit in their once royal houses?

[Question] When would Judah then come to inhabit the territory of the Philistines?

2· And it must occur in that day that **Yehowah will** again offer his hand, a second time, to acquire the remnant of his people who **will** remain over from Assyria and from Egypt and from Pathros and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the islands of the sea. **(Isaiah 11:11)**

[Question] Where would Yehowah God gather his people back from then?

3· For this is what **Yehowah** has said; **CRY out** loudly to Jacob with rejoicing, and **CRY** shrilly at the head of nations. **PUBLISH** it. **GIVE** praise and **SAY**; Save, O **Yehowah**, your people, the remnant of Israel. **(Jeremiah 31:7)**

[Question] What cry did Jeremiah tell Jacob to make, and what did this cry request of Yehowah God?

4· I shall positively **gather** Jacob, all of you, I shall without fail collect the **remaining ones** of Israel together. In unity I shall set them, like a flock in the pen, like a drove in the midst of its pasture, they **will** be noisy with men. **(Micah 2:12)**

[Question] What did Yehowah God promise to do for his people after exiling them to foreign lands?

[Question] How then, would he gather them together?

- 5· And I shall **certainly** make her that was limping, a remnant, and her that was removed far off, a mighty nation, and **Yehowah will** actually rule as king over them in Mount Zion, from now on, and into time indefinite. (**Micah 4:7**)

[Question] What then, would he make of her that was once limping, and of the one removed far off?

[Question] Who then, would rule over them to time indefinite?

- 6· And Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the High Priest, and all the **remaining ones** of the people began to listen to the voice of **Yehowah their God**, and to the words of Haggai the prophet, as **Yehowah their God** had sent him, and the people began to fear because of **Yehowah**. (**Haggai 1:12**)

[Question] Whose words did the returning ones from exile begin to listen to, and what work did they get busy doing?

- 7· Be in severe pains and burst forth, O daughter of Zion, like a woman giving birth, for now you **will** go forth from a town, and you **will** have to reside in the field. And you **will** have to come as far as to Babylon. There, you **will** be delivered. There, **Yehowah will** buy you **back out** of the palm of your enemies. (**Micah 4:10**)

[Question] What would then happen to Zion, and where would she come to reside, rather than in a city during her exile?

[Question] What though, would Yehowah God later do for her there?

- 8· Blessed be **Yehowah the God** of Israel, because he has turned his **attention**, and performed deliverance toward his people. (**Luke 1:68**)

[Question] Why did Zechariah the priest bless Yehowah God, for what had he performed for his people, by bringing forth the Messiah, Jesus Christ?

- 9· When **Yehowah** gathered **back** the **captive ones** of Zion, we became like those who were dreaming. (**Psalms 126:1**)

[Question] What did those returning ones come to feel like, upon re-entering the Promised Land?

- 10· And I myself shall collect together the remnant of my sheep, **out** of all the lands to which I had dispersed them, and I **will** bring them **back** to their pasture ground, and they **will certainly** be fruitful and **become** many. (**Jeremiah 23:3**)

[Question] What did Yehowah God promise to do for his people after seventy years in exile?

[Question] What would he then return them to?

- 11· And I **will** let myself be found by **you**, is the utterance of **Yehowah**. And I **will gather** **your** body of **captives**, and collect **you** together **out** of all the nations, and **out** of all the places to which I have dispersed **you**, is the utterance of **Yehowah**. And I **will** bring **you back** to the place from which I caused **you** to go into exile. (**Jeremiah 29:14**)

[Question] Who would Yehowah God let his people then find, and where would he regather them to?

- 12· And as for you, do not be afraid, O my servant Jacob, is the utterance of **Yehowah**, and do not be struck with terror, O Israel. For here I am saving you from far off, and your offspring, from the land of their captivity. And Jacob **will certainly** return, and be free of disturbance, and be at ease, and there **will** be no one causing trembling. (**Jeremiah 30:10**)

[Question] Why would Jacob and Israel not be afraid, while there in the land of captivity?

[Question] What did Yehowah God through Jeremiah, promise to his people then, after their returning to their homeland?

- 13· Therefore this is what the Sovereign Lord **Yehowah** has said; Now is when I shall bring **back** the **captives** of Jacob, and actually have mercy upon all the **house** of Israel, and I **will** show exclusive devotion for my holy name. (**Ezekiel 39:25**)

[Question] How did Yehowah God promise to treat those returning exiles?

- 14· And I **will gather back** the **captive ones** of my people Israel, and they **will** actually build the desolated cities, and inhabit them, and plant vineyards, and drink the wine of them, and make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. (**Amos 9:14**)

[Question] Where would Yehowah God then plant his people, and how would he make them fruitful again?

- 15· At that time I shall bring **you** people in, even in the time of my collecting **you** together. For I shall make **you** people to be a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I **gather back your captive ones** before **your** eyes, **Yehowah** has said. (**Zephaniah 3:20**)

[Question] What would Yehowah God then make of his people in all the earth, when he gathers them back to their homeland?

- 16· And in the second year of their coming to the **house** of the true **God** at Jerusalem, in the second month, Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua the son of Jehozadak, and the rest of their brothers, the priests and the Levites, and all those who had come **out** of the captivity to Jerusalem, started, and they now put in positions, the Levites from twenty years of age upward, to act as supervisors over the work of the **house** of **Yehowah**. (**Ezra 3:8**)

[Question] When, and under whose direction, did Yehowah God gather back his people?

- 17· The cities of Aroer that have been left behind **become** mere places for droves, where they actually **lie** down, with no one to make them tremble. (**Isaiah 17:2**)

[Question] What did Yehowah God show that Aroer would become while they were in exile?

- 18· And as for you, do not be afraid, O my servant Jacob, and do not be terror-stricken, O Israel. For here I am saving you from far away, and your offspring from the land of their captivity. And Jacob **will certainly** return, and have no disturbance, and be at ease, and without anyone causing trembling. (**Jeremiah 46:27**)

[Question] Why should Jacob not be afraid while in exile, for what land would Yehowah God return them to in time, and how would they dwell there then?

