

VERSES ON ISRAEL

Genesis 12:1-3 1 Now Yahweh said to Abram, Go from your country, your kindred, and your father's house to the land that I will show you, 2 and I will make of you a great nation. And I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. 3 I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonours you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.

Exodus 4:22 22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says Yahweh, Israel is my firstborn son....

Exodus 6:6-8 6 Say therefore to the people of Israel, I am Yahweh, I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, I will deliver you from slavery to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great acts of judgment. 7 I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God, and you shall know that I am Yahweh your God, who has brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians. 8 I will bring you into the land that I swore to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. I will give it to you for a possession. I am Yahweh.

Exodus 19:4-6 4 You [Israel] yourselves have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. 5 Now therefore, if you will indeed obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession among all peoples, for all the earth is mine. 6 And you shall be to me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the people of Israel.

Exodus 33:16-17 16 For how shall it be known that I [Moses] have found favour in your sight, I and your people [Israel]? Is it not in your going with us, so that we are distinct, I and your people, from every other people on the face of the earth? 17 And Yahweh said to Moses, This very thing that you have spoken I will do, for you have found favour in my sight, and I know you by name.

Exodus 34:9 9 And [Moses] said, If now I have found favour in your sight, Lord (יְיָ), please let the Lord go in the midst of us [Israel], for it is a stiff-necked people, and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for your inheritance.

Leviticus 20:26 26 You [Israel] are to be holy to me, for I, Yahweh, am holy, and I have set you apart from the peoples to be mine.

Numbers 22:12 12 God said to Balaam, You shall not go with them. You shall not curse the people [Israel], for they are blessed.

Numbers 23:8-10 8 How can I [Balaam] curse whom God has not cursed? How can I denounce whom Yahweh has not denounced? 9 For from the top of the crags I see him [Israel], from the hills I behold him. Behold, a people dwelling alone, and not counting itself

among the nations! 10 Who can count the dust of Jacob or number the fourth part of Israel? Let me die the death of the upright, and let my end be like his!¹

Numbers 23:23 23 For there is no enchantment against Jacob, no divination against Israel. Now it shall be said of Jacob and Israel, What has God wrought!²

Numbers 24:5-9 5 How lovely are your tents, O Jacob, your encampments, O Israel! 6 Like palm groves that stretch afar, like gardens beside a river, like aloes that Yahweh has planted, like cedar trees beside the waters. 7 Water shall flow from his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters. His king shall be higher than Gog, and his kingdom shall be exalted. ...9 Blessed are those who bless you, and cursed are those who curse you.

Deuteronomy 4:7-8 7 For what great nation is there that has a god so near to it as Yahweh our God is to us [Israel], whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that has statutes and rules so righteous as all this Torah that I set before you today?

Deuteronomy 4:33-39 33 Did any people ever hear the voice of a god speaking out of the midst of the fire, as you [Israel] have heard and still live? 34 Or has any god ever attempted to go and take a nation for himself from the midst of another nation, by trials, by signs, by wonders, and by war, by a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, and by great deeds of terror, all of which Yahweh your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 To you it was shown, that you might know that Yahweh is God. There is no other besides him. 36 Out of heaven he let you hear his voice, that he might discipline you. And on earth he let you see his great fire, and you heard his words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because he loved (אהב) your fathers, chose their seed after them, and brought you out of Egypt with his own presence, by his great power, 38 driving out before you nations greater and mightier than you, to bring you in, to give you their land for an inheritance, as it is this day, 39 know therefore today, and lay it to your heart, that Yahweh is God in heaven above and on the earth beneath. There is no other.

Deuteronomy 7:6-8 6 For you [Israel] are a people holy to Yahweh your God. Yahweh your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 It was not because you were more in number than any other people that Yahweh set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because Yahweh loves (אהב) you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that Yahweh has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Deuteronomy 10:14-15 14 Behold, to Yahweh your God belong heaven and the heaven of heavens, the earth with all that is in it. 15 Yet Yahweh set his heart in love (אהב) on your fathers and chose their seed after them, you [Israel] above all peoples, as you are this day.

¹ This prophecy strongly indicates Israel will continue to be a distinct nation into eternity.

² God has staked his own reputation on what happens to Israel.

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Deuteronomy 23:5 5 But Yahweh your God would not listen to Balaam. Instead Yahweh your God turned the curse into a blessing for you, because Yahweh your God loved (אהב) you.

Deuteronomy 26:18-19 18 And Yahweh has declared today that you [Israel] are a people for his treasured possession, as he has promised you, that you are to keep all his commandments, 19 that he will set you in praise, in fame, and in honour high above all nations that he has made, and that you shall be a people holy to Yahweh your God, as he promised.

Deuteronomy 28:1-2 1 And if you [Israel] faithfully obey the voice of Yahweh your God, being careful to do all his commandments that I command you today, Yahweh your God will set you high above all the nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon you and overtake you, if you obey the voice of Yahweh your God.

Deuteronomy 28:10-13 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that you [Israel] are called by the name of Yahweh, and they shall be afraid of you. 11 And Yahweh will make you abound in prosperity, in the fruit of your womb, in the fruit of your livestock, and in the fruit of your ground, within the land that Yahweh swore to your fathers to give you. 12 Yahweh will open to you his good treasury, the heavens, to give the rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hands. And you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. 13 And Yahweh will make you the head and not the tail, and you shall only go up and not down, if you obey the commandments of Yahweh your God, which I command you today, being careful to do them.

Deuteronomy 32:8-13 8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. 9 But Yahweh's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted inheritance. 10 He found him in a desert land and in the howling waste of the wilderness. He encircled him, he cared for him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. 11 Like an eagle that stirs up its nest, that flutters over its young, spreading out its wings, catching them, bearing them on its pinions, 12 Yahweh alone guided him, no foreign god was with him. 13 He made him ride on the high places of the land, he ate the produce of the field, and he suckled him with honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock.

Deuteronomy 33:26-29 26 There is none like God, Jeshurun, who rides through the heavens to your help, through the skies in his majesty. 27 The eternal God is your dwelling place, and underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrust out the enemy before you and said, Destroy. 28 So Israel lived in safety, Jacob lived alone, in a land of grain and wine, whose

heavens drop down dew. 29 Happy are you, Israel! Who is like you, a people saved by Yahweh, the shield of your help, and the sword of your triumph! Your enemies shall come fawning to you, and you shall tread upon their backs.

1 Samuel 12:22 22 For Yahweh will not forsake his people [Israel], for his great name's sake, because it has pleased Yahweh to make you a people for himself.

1 Kings 8:52-53 52 Let your eyes be open to the plea of your servant and to the plea of your people Israel, giving ear to them whenever they call to you. 53 For you separated them from among all the peoples of the earth to be your inheritance, as you declared through Moses your servant, when you brought our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord Yahweh.

2 Kings 13:22-23 22 Now Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But Yahweh was gracious to them and had compassion on them, and he turned toward them because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, nor has he cast them from his presence until now.

1 Chronicles 17:21-22 21 And who is like your people Israel, the one nation on earth whom God went to redeem to be his people, making for yourself a name for great and awesome things, in driving out nations before your people whom you redeemed from Egypt? 22 And you made your people Israel to be your people forever, and you, Yahweh, became their God.

Psalms 135:4 4 For Yahweh has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

Psalms 147:19-20 19 [Yahweh] declares his word to Jacob, his statutes and rules to Israel. 20 He has not dealt thus with any other nation. They do not know his rules. Praise Yah!

Isaiah 2:3 3 ...And many peoples shall come and say: Come, let us go up to the mountain of Yahweh, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths. For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Yahweh from Jerusalem.

Isaiah 41:8-14 8 But you, Israel, my servant, Jacob, whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham, my friend, 9 you whom I took from the ends of the earth, and called from its farthest corners, saying to you, You are my servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off— 10 fear not, for I am with you. Be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. 11 Behold, all who are incensed against you shall be put to shame and confounded. Those who strive against you shall be as nothing and shall perish. 12 You shall seek those who contend with you, but you shall not find them. Those who war against you shall be as nothing at all. 13 For I, Yahweh your God, hold your right hand. It is I who say to you, Fear not, I am the one who helps you. 14 Fear not, you worm Jacob, you men of Israel! I am the one who helps you, declares Yahweh. Your Redeemer is the Holy One of Israel.

Isaiah 43:1-7 1 But now thus says Yahweh, he who created (ברא) you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Fear not, for I have redeemed (גאל) you. I have called you by name,

you are mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you, and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you. When you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. 3 For I am Yahweh your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Cush and Seba in exchange for you. 4 Because you are precious in my eyes, and honoured, and I love you, I give men in return for you, peoples in exchange for your life. 5 Fear not, for I am with you. I will bring your seed from the east, and from the west I will gather you. 6 I will say to the north, Give up, and to the south, Do not withhold. Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the end of the earth, 7 everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.

Isaiah 44:1-5 1 But now hear, O Jacob my servant, Israel whom I have chosen! 2 Thus says Yahweh who made you, who formed you from the womb and will help you: Fear not, O Jacob my servant, Jeshurun whom I have chosen. 3 For I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground. I will pour my Spirit upon your seed, and my blessing on your descendants. 4 They shall spring up among the grass like willows by flowing streams. 5 This one will say, I am Yahweh's, another will call on the name of Jacob, and another will write on his hand, Yahweh's, and name himself by the name of Israel.

Isaiah 44:21 21 Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel, for you are my servant. I formed you. You are my servant. O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

Isaiah 45:17 17 But Israel is saved by Yahweh with everlasting salvation. You shall not be put to shame or confounded to all eternity.

Isaiah 45:25 25 In Yahweh all the seed of Israel shall be justified (צדק) and shall glory (הלל).

Isaiah 49:3-6 3 And he said to me, You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” 4 But I said, I have laboured in vain. I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity. Yet surely my right is with Yahweh, and my recompense with my God. 5 And now Yahweh says, he who formed me [Jesus] from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him. And that Israel might be gathered to him—for I am honoured in the eyes of Yahweh, and my God has become my strength— 6 he says: It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel. I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

Jeremiah 4:1-2 1 If you return (שוב, LXX ἐπιστρέψω), O Israel, declares Yahweh, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence, and do not waver, 2 and if you swear, As Yahweh lives, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory.

Jeremiah 13:11 11 As the loincloth clings to the waist of a man, so I made the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah cling to me, declares Yahweh, that they might be for me a people, a name, a praise, and a glory, but they would not listen.

***Jeremiah 31:35-37** 36 If this fixed order departs from before me, declares Yahweh, then shall the seed of Israel cease from being a nation before me forever. 37 Thus says Yahweh: If

the heavens above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth below can be explored, then I will cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, declares Yahweh.

Jeremiah 46:27-28 27 But fear not, O Jacob my servant, nor be dismayed, O Israel. For behold, I will save you from far away, and your seed from the land of their captivity. Jacob shall return and have quiet and ease, and none shall make him afraid. 28 Fear not, O Jacob my servant, declares Yahweh, for I am with you. I will make a full end of all the nations to which I have driven you, but of you I will not make a full end.

Ezekiel 39:25 25 Therefore thus says Lord Yahweh: Now I will restore the fortunes of Jacob and have mercy on the whole house of Israel, and I will be jealous for my holy name.

Zechariah 2:8-13 8 For thus said Yahweh of hosts (after his glory sent me) regarding the nations that plundered you: Truly, one who touches you touches the apple of my eye. 9 See now, I am going to raise my hand against them, and they shall become plunder for their own slaves. Then you will know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter Zion! For lo, I will come and dwell in your midst, says Yahweh. 11 Many nations shall join themselves to Yahweh on that day, and shall be my people, and I will dwell in your midst. And you shall know that Yahweh of hosts has sent me to you. 12 Yahweh will inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and will again choose Jerusalem. 13 Be silent, all people, before Yahweh, for he has roused himself from his holy dwelling.

Matthew 10:5-6 5 These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them, Go nowhere among the Gentiles and enter no town of the Samaritans, 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.

Matthew 23:37-39 37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! 38 See, your house is left to you desolate. 39 For I tell you, you will not see me again, until you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

John 4:22 22 You [Samaritans] worship what you do not know. We [Jews] worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews.

Acts 1:6-8 6 So when [the apostles] had come together, they asked [Jesus], Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? 7 He said to them, It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. 8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.

Acts 13:23 23 Of this man's [David's] seed God has brought to Israel a Savior, Jesus, as he promised.

Acts 13:46 46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly saying, It was necessary that the word of God be spoken first to you [Israel]. Because you thrust it aside and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, behold, we are turning to the Gentiles.

Romans 2:28-3:4 28 For no one is a Jew who is merely one outwardly, nor is circumcision outward and physical. 29 But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. 1 Then what advantage has the Jew? Or what is the value of circumcision? 2 Much in every way. To begin with, the Jews were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 What if some were unbelieving? Does their unbelief nullify the faithfulness of God? 4 By no means! Let God be true though every one were a liar, as it is written, That you may be justified in your words, and prevail when you are judged.

***Romans 9:3-8** 3 For I [Paul] could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Messiah for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. 4 They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, *the covenants*, the giving of the law, the worship, and *the promises*. 5 To them belong the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Messiah, who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen. 6 But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, 7 and not all are children of Abraham because they are his seed, but Through Isaac shall your seed be named. 8 This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as seed.

Romans 10:1-4 1 Brothers, my heart's desire and prayer to God for them [Israel] is that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God but not according to knowledge. 3 For, being ignorant of the righteousness of God, and seeking to establish their own, they did not submit to God's righteousness. 4 For Messiah is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone who believes.

Romans 11:1-6 1 I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. 2 God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. Do you not know what the Scripture says of Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel? 3 Lord, they have killed your prophets, they have demolished your altars, and I alone am left, and they seek my life. 4 But what is God's reply to him? I have kept for myself seven thousand men who have not bowed the knee to Baal. 5 So too at the present time there is a remnant, chosen by grace. 6 But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works. Otherwise grace would no longer be grace.

***Romans 11:11-32** 11 So I ask, did they stumble in order that they might fall? By no means! Rather, through their trespass salvation has come to the Gentiles, so as to make Israel jealous. 12 Now if their trespass means riches for the world, and if their failure means riches for the Gentiles, how much more will their full inclusion mean! 13 Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry 14 in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. 15 For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? 16 If the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, so is the whole lump, and if the root is

holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, although a wild olive shoot, were grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing root of the olive tree, 18 do not be arrogant toward the branches. If you are, remember it is not you who support the root, but the root that supports you. 19 Then you will say, Branches were broken off so that I might be grafted in. 20 That is true. They were broken off because of their unbelief, but you stand fast through faith. So do not become proud, but fear. ...23 And even they, if they do not continue in their unbelief, will be grafted in, for God has the power to graft them in again. 24 For if you were cut from what is by nature a wild olive tree, and grafted, contrary to nature, into a cultivated olive tree, how much more will these, the natural branches, be grafted back into their own olive tree. 25 Lest you be wise in your own sight, I do not want you to be unaware of this mystery, brothers and sisters: a partial hardening has come upon Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles has come in. 26 And in this way all Israel will be saved, as it is written, The Deliverer will come from Zion, he will banish ungodliness from Jacob; 27 and this will be my covenant with them when I take away their sins. 28 As regards the gospel, they are enemies for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. 30 For just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, 31 so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. 32 For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

Ephesians 2:11-13 11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called the uncircumcision by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Messiah, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the *covenants of promise*, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Messiah Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Messiah.