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My Chosen People Will Inherit My Mountains Isaiah 65: 9

My chosen people will inherit My mountains DIG: What four covenants that are the basis of Isra'el's final restoration? What geographical and topographical changes will take place in the Land during the Messianic Kingdom? How will the priesthood and sacrifices change? What twelve tribes will be given land?

REFLECT: Since the LORD is faithful in His promises to Isra'el, what does that say about His promises to you? What aspects of the Kingdom described here do you see yourself participating in? Why? How?

Once a Jew is resurrected, whether the righteous of the TaNaKh before the cross or a New Covenant believer after the cross, and the Messianic Kingdom begins, he or she will be the center of Gentile attention (**Isaiah 14:1-2**). The nation of **Isra'el** will continue to be **God's chosen people (Isaiah 65:9)**, and the **apple of His eye (Deuteronomy 32:10)**. This is a major theme and high point in the prophets of the Hebrew Scriptures (see my commentary on **Isaiah, to see link click Je - The Restoration of the Wife of the LORD**). To spiritualize or allegorize away such a vast amount of the Bible is to confuse the whole discipline of interpretation. There is no reason to spiritualize any of these prophecies any more than there is reason to spiritualize the prophecies concerning the First Coming of **Christ**, such as the virgin birth, **His** birth in Bethlehem, **His** death or **His** physical resurrection.⁴³⁸

*Dear Holy and wise Heavenly **Father, You** are so wonderful! Before **You** will rule during the Messianic Kingdom, **You** were willing to take on human form. May we also have this same attitude, being willing to love **You** so much that we will live for **You** in all we do and think. **Have this attitude in yourselves, which also was in Messiah Yeshua, Who, though existing in the form of God, did not consider being equal to God a thing to be grasped. But He emptied Himself - taking on the form of a slave, becoming the likeness of men and being found in appearance as a man. He humbled Himself - becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. For this reason, God***

highly exalted Him and gave Him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Yeshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on the earth and under the earth, and every tongue profess that Yeshua the Messiah is Lord - to the glory of God the Father (Philippians 2:5-11). You are Awesome! In the holy name of Yeshua and the power of His resurrection. Amen.

Due to the considerable amount of revelation on **Isra'el** in the Messianic Kingdom, this section will be divided into eight paragraphs: **(1) The four facets of Isra'el's final restoration, (2) other characteristics of Isra'el's final restoration, (3) the Millennial Mountain of the Lord's House, (4) the Millennial Temple, (5) the messianic Priesthood and system of sacrifice, (6) the Millennial River, (7) Millennial Isra'el and (8) Millennial Jerusalem.**

(1) There are four components of Isra'el's final restoration, and each is based on a specific covenant. Each covenant is developed more extensively later in the Scriptures. **First, is the regeneration of Isra'el, which is based on the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:31-34).** The fact that **Isra'el** was to undergo a national regeneration is not confined to the words of the New Covenant alone. There are many other scriptures to support it (**Isaiah 29:22-24, 30:18-22, 44:1-5, 45:17; Jeremiah 50:19-20; Ezeke'el 11:19-20, 36:25-27; Hosea 1:10-11, 14:4-8; Joel 2:28-32; Micah 7:18-20; Zephaniah 3:9-13 and Romans 11:25-27**).

The second component is the regathering of Isra'el, which is based on the Land Covenant (Deuteronomy 29:1 to 30:20). The regathering of **Isra'el**, following the regeneration, is another high point of prophetic revelation to be found in many of the prophets (**Isaiah 11:10 to 12:6, 27:12-13, 43:5-7; Jeremiah 16:14-15, 23:3-8, 31:7-10; Ezeke'el 11:14-18, 36:24; Amos 9:14-15; Zephaniah 3:18-20; Zechariah 10:8-12 and Matthew 24:31**).

The third component is the possession of the Land, which is based on the Abrahamic Covenant (Genesis 12:1-3). At the time that the Covenant was first made, Abram was merely told to go to a Land that **ADONAI** would show him. When he arrived in the Land, **God** again revealed **Himself** to Abram (**Genesis 12:7**), and promised **the Land** to him and his descendants forever (**Genesis 13:14-17**). Later, the exact boundaries were given (**Genesis 15:12-21**). This covenant was reconfirmed through Isaac (**Genesis 26:2-5**), and Jacob (**Genesis 28:13-15**). The possession and productivity of **the Land** was developed further by both Torah and the prophets (**Leviticus 26:40-45; Deuteronomy 30:5; Isaiah 27:12-13,**

30:23-26, 35:1-2, 65:21-24; Jeremiah 31:1-6 and 11-14; Ezeki’el 20:42-44, 28:25-26, 34:25-31, 36:8-15, and 28-38; Joel 2:18-27; Amos 9:13). So for the first time in **Isra’el’s** history, she will possess all of **the Promised Land** while **the Land** itself will greatly increase in its productivity and be well watered, all on the basis of the Abrahamic Covenant.

The fourth component is the reestablishment of the throne of king David, which is based on the Davidic Covenant (Second Samuel 7:11b-16; First Chronicles 17:10b-14). **The Messiah** holds three offices: prophet, priest and king. However, **He** does not function in all these offices simultaneously. Rather, the functioning of these three offices is to be carried out in a chronological sequence. During **His** first ministry on earth at **His** First Coming, **Yeshua** functioned in the office of a prophet. But this ceased at the time of His death. Since **His** death and resurrection, and until **He** returns, **He** is functioning in the office of a priest. This ministry will cease at the Second Coming. **Jesus** has never yet functioned in the office of a king. For **Him** to do so, there must be the reestablishment of the throne of David upon which **He** will sit to rule as **King** over **Isra’el** and **King** of the world (**Psalm 89:3-4, 29, 34-37; Jeremiah 33:17-26; Amos 9:11-12 and Luke 1:32-33**). This ministry will begin at the Second Coming. Therefore, the promises that **God** made to **Isra’el** have not been rendered null and void. **Isra’el** is yet to enjoy all the promises of the four unfulfilled unconditional covenants, each of which points respectively to the four components of **Isra’el’s** final restoration.⁴³⁹

(2) There are also other characteristics of Isra’el’s final restoration. There are three other points that deal with **Isra’el’s** final restoration that are not connected with any specific covenant. First, one of the major characteristics of the final restoration will be that **Isra’el** will be reunited as a nation, never to be divided into separate kingdoms again (**Jeremiah 3:18; Ezeki’el 37:15-23**). Secondly, **she** will become the center of Gentile attention (**Isaiah 14:1-2, 49:22-23, 61:4-9; Micah 7:14-17; Zephaniah 3:20; Zechariah 8:23**). At the time of the restoration, the Jews will no longer be treated with contempt. Instead, they will be treated with reverential respect, for they will be known as the ministers of **God**. Thirdly, **she** will be characterized by righteousness, holiness, peace, security, joy and gladness (**Isaiah 32:16-20, 35:5-10, 55:12-13 and 61:10-11**).

(3) The Millennial Mountain of ADONAI’s House. At the time of the Second Coming, **Isra’el** will experience some incredible geographical and topographical changes. One of the most striking changes will be the rise of a very high **mountain** that will become the highest **mountain** in the world. On top of this **mountain** will

stand the millennial **Jerusalem** and **Temple**. There are several passages that describe this Millennial **Mountain of the Temple**, of **ADONAI's House (Isaiah 2:2-4)**. Later, **Isaiah** tells us that this high **mountain** will become the center of Jewish (**Isaiah 27:13**) and Gentile (**Isaiah 56:6-8**) worship. In fact, the Gentiles will bring the people of **Isra'el** there (**Isaiah 66:20; Ezekei'el 17:22-24; Micah 4:1-2**). Later, **Ezekei'el** prophesies how the **holy mountain** will be the center of Jewish worship in the Millennial Kingdom (**Ezekei'el 20:40-41**). And only in the closing chapters of **his** scroll does **Ezekei'el** fill us in on the details of what the Millennial Temple will be like (**Ezekei'el 40:1-4, 45:1-8 and 48:8-20**).



(4) The Millennial Temple. The **LORD** spoke through the prophet **Ezekei'el** when **He** said: **I will make a covenant of peace with the nation of Isra'el; it will be an everlasting covenant. I will establish them and increase their numbers, and I will put My sanctuary among them forever** (see my commentary on **Exodus Fi - The Sanctuary in the Tabernacle**). **My dwelling place will be with them; I will be their God, and they will be My people. Then the nations of the world will know that I, ADONAI make Isra'el holy, when My sanctuary, or the Millennial Temple, is among them forever (Ezekei'el 37:26-28).** **Ezekei'el** goes into much more detail about the Millennial **Temple** later in **his** scroll (**Ezekei'el 40:5 to 43:27**). It will be the center of Jewish and Gentile worship during the Millennium (to see a video of **Ezekei'el's Temple** click [here](#)).



(5) The Messianic Priesthood and system of sacrifice. Ezeki'el 44:1 to 46:24 describes the various **regulations** concerning the millennial priesthood and its system of sacrifice. As there are similarities with the commandments of the Torah, there are also some obvious differences. Therefore, the millennial system of priesthood and sacrifice cannot be seen as merely a reestablishment of the Torah, which permanently ended with the death of **Christ**. During the Millennial Kingdom a brand new system will be established. It will contain some old commands and some new commands, and be instituted for an entirely different purpose (see my commentary on [Isaiah Db - The Nine Missing Articles in the Messiah's Coming Temple](#)).



(6) The Millennial River. There will be a millennial river flowing from the millennial **Temple (Joel 3:18; Ezeki'el 47:1-2)**. It will flow east from the Temple until it passes the eastern gate, then it will head south toward **Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:8)**. There it will divide into two branches. The western branch will flow down **the mountain** and empty into the Mediterranean Sea (see my commentary on [Isaiah - Ge Your Eyes Will See the King in His Beauty](#)). The

eastern branch will flow to the Dead Sea, which will change it dramatically, being teamed with life (**Ezeki'el 47:8-10**).

(7) Millennial Isra'el. For the first time in **Isra'el's** history, the Jews will possess and settle in all of **the Promised Land**, or millennial **Isra'el**. It will be divided among the twelve tribes, but they will be divided differently than those described in the book of **Joshua**. The northern boundary will extend from the Mediterranean Sea, incorporating much of modern-day Lebanon and parts of modern Syria over to the Euphrates River. The eastern border will move south from the Euphrates River, including the Golan Heights and portions of Syria almost up to Damascus, and continue south to the Jordan River where it will extend to the Sea of Galilee. The border will then run along the Brook of Egypt, the modern *Wadie-el-Arish*, to the point where it reaches the Mediterranean Sea, that will serve as the western border. The tribes will run from north to south in the following order: **Dan, Asher, Naphtali, Manasseh, Ephraim, Reuben**. The mountain of **ADONAI's** House will serve as a dividing line between the seven northern and five southern tribes. Then the five remaining southern tribes are described running from north to south in the following order: **Benjamin, Simeon, Issachar, Zebulun** and **Gad**.

(8) Millennial Jerusalem. While **Ezeki'el** closes the final section of his book with a short description of millennial **Jerusalem**, other inspired writers of the Hebrew Scriptures give us more detail. The Psalter tells us that **the LORD** will establish **His** beautiful **City**, where **Zion** will be glad and rejoice (**Psalms 48:1-14**). **The City of God (Psalm 87:1-7)** will be known for its strength and peace as a result of the reestablishment of the throne of David (**Psalms 122:1-9, 147:2-20; Isaiah 66:10-14**). It will be characterized by holiness, justice and righteousness (**Isaiah 1:26-27, 33:20-24, 52:1-2; Jeremiah 31:38-40; Joel 3:17**), because **the Messiah** will reign there (**Isaiah 52:7-10; Micah 4:6-8; Zephaniah 3:14-17**). **Jerusalem** will become the center of worldwide attention for the sheep Gentiles and their descendants (**Isaiah 60:10-14; Jeremiah 3:17; Zechariah 8:20-22**). The Gentile nations, who in the past afflicted **the City of Jerusalem**, will, at that time, bow in submission to its authority (**Isaiah 62:1-12**). Peace and joy will return to **Jerusalem (Jeremiah 33:9-11)**, because **ADONAI Himself** has chosen to rebuild **her** and dwell there (**Zechariah 1:14-17, 2:1-12, 8:1-8**). At that time **the City of Peace** will finally live up to its name. The golden age of **Jerusalem** is yet to come (**Zechariah 14:20-21**).⁴⁴⁰