

## Why Was Israel Scattered?

Over the past 2730 years, the people of Israel have continued to provoke YHWH to anger. They have continued following the ways of Baalim and have forsaken the Torah which was the cause of their scattering into all the nations of the earth so many years ago. Moses tried to warn them, but they refused to listen.

*Deu 4:1 Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which YHWH Elohim of your fathers giveth you.*

*Deu 4:2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of YHWH your Elohim which I command you.*

*Deu 4:3 Your eyes have seen what YHWH did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, YHWH thy Elohim hath destroyed them from among you.*

We diminish YHWH's word by not obeying it. We are instructed to "Shema – hear and do" the statutes and judgments which YHWH has commanded us to obey. Think Torah! We are not to add to it nor take away from it. We are not to change it in any way.

Numbers 25:3 tells us that Israel joined itself to Baal Peor, which angered YHWH who sent a plague that killed 24,000 Israelites. Baal Peor means "Lord of the opening or gap". The root word "Peor" is defined as "idolatry based on exposure of genitals" (Ety. Dict. Bibl. Hebr.) She was the goddess of love in whose honor many of the Midianite and Moabite women prostituted themselves. She is the female counter part of Chemosh. She is also known as Ishtar or Ashtarte. They practiced prostitution with the men of the army of Israel. Because of the prostitution in the Camp of Israel, Elohim sent a plague upon Israel.

Balaam, who was not allowed to curse Israel told the Moabite king, Balak, how to get Israel to destroy themselves. Balak would seduce the Israelites with beautiful temple prostitutes and get them to worship Baal Peor. The blood of 24,000 Israelite men is now on Balaam's head.

*Deu 4:3 Your eyes have seen what YHWH did because of Baalpeor: for all the men that followed Baalpeor, YHWH thy Elohim hath destroyed them from among you.*

*Deu 4:4 But ye that did cleave unto YHWH your Elohim are alive every one of you this day.*

*Deu 4:5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and judgments, even as YHWH my Elohim commanded me, that ye should do so in the land whither ye go to possess it.*

Statutes (choqim) - enactments or appointed times.

Judgments (mishpatim) - sensible right rulings of things that make sense.

*Deu 4:6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the nations, which shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.*

*Deu 4:7 For what nation is there so great, who hath Elohim so nigh unto them, as YHWH our Elohim is in all things that we call upon him for?*

*Deu 4:8 And what nation is there so great, that hath statutes and judgments so righteous as all this Torah, which I set before you this day?*

*Deu 4:9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes have seen, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life: but **teach them thy sons, and thy sons' sons;***

We are to diligently teach YHWH's instructions to our children and their children. As long as we obey Torah and teach our children to do likewise, all will go well for us.

*Deu 28:1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of YHWH thy Elohim, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that YHWH thy Elohim will set thee on high above all nations of the earth:*

*Deu 28:2 And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of YHWH thy Elohim.*

*Deu 28:3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field.*

*Deu 28:4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep.*

*Deu 28:5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store.*

*Deu 28:6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.*

*Deu 28:7 YHWH shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways.*

*Deu 28:8 YHWH shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which YHWH thy Elohim giveth thee.*

*Deu 28:9 YHWH shall establish thee an holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee, if thou shalt keep the commandments of YHWH thy Elohim, and walk in his ways.*

*Deu 28:10 And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of YHWH; and they shall be afraid of thee.*

*Deu 28:11 And YHWH shall make thee plenteous in goods, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which YHWH sware unto thy fathers to give thee.*

*Deu 28:12 YHWH shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.*

*Deu 28:13 And YHWH shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of YHWH thy Elohim, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:*

But Moses knew that in the latter days we would forget Torah and would teach our children lies (Jer 16:19). The Dead Sea scrolls (Words of Moses) adds that what he commands them will not be to their liking or of their descendents. They will abandon YHWH and follow the idols of the gentiles and worship false gods and they will violate every sacred assembly and covenant Sabbath, even the very ones he is commanding them to observe. In Lev 26:18 YHWH says that if Israel did not repent, He would multiply their punishment 7 times more. This is in addition to the 390 years prophesied in Eze. 4:4-5 which is where the 2730 year "times or fullness of the gentiles" is derived.

*Deu 4:25 When thou shalt beget children, and children's children, and ye shall have remained long in the land, and shall corrupt yourselves, and make a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, and shall do evil in the sight of YHWH thy Elohim, to provoke him to anger:*

How often do we see icons, statues, angels and pictures of J-sus, that are worshipped especially in the Catholic Church?

*Deu 4:26 I call **heaven and earth to witness against you** this day, that ye shall soon utterly perish from off the land whereunto ye go over Jordan to possess it; ye shall not prolong your days upon it, but shall utterly be destroyed.*

*Deu 4:27 And **YHWH shall scatter you among the nations**, and ye shall be left few in number among the heathen, whither YHWH shall lead you.*

*Deu 4:28 And there ye shall serve elohim, the work of men's hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell.*

Here we are told that if Israel failed to keep Torah that YHWH would scatter them into all of the nations. He calls the two witnesses, heaven and earth, to witness against them what would happen if they disregarded Torah. This warning is again repeated.

*Deu 28:25* YHWH shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt **be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.**

And again...

*Deu 28:64* And YHWH shall **scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other;** and there thou shalt serve other elohim, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone.

*Deu 28:65* And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, neither shall the sole of thy foot have rest: but YHWH shall give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind:

Here we have another prophecy of the future scattering of Israel into all nations of the world. Jeremiah also prophesies of their being scattered for forsaking Torah.

*Jer 9:13* And YHWH saith, Because they have forsaken my Torah which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein;

*Jer 9:14* But have walked after the imagination of their own heart, and after Baalim, which their fathers taught them: (See Jer. 16:19)

*Jer 9:15* Therefore thus saith YHWH of hosts, the Elohim of Israel; Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink.

*Jer 9:16* **I will scatter them also among the heathen,** whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send a sword after them, till I have consumed them.

To make sure Israel understands they are not to forsake Torah, the two witnesses are again called to attest to this stern warning.

*Deu 30:15* See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

*Deu 30:16* In that I command thee this day to love YHWH thy Elohim, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and YHWH thy Elohim shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

*Deu 30:17* But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other elohim, and serve them;

*Deu 30:18* I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

*Deu 30:19* I call **heaven and earth** to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

*Deu 30:20* That thou mayest love YHWH thy Elohim, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which YHWH sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

And once more just in case they are hard of hearing ....

*Deu 31:24* And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this Torah in a book, until they were finished,

*Deu 31:25* That Moses commanded the Levites, which bare the ark of the covenant of YHWH, saying,

*Deu 31:26* Take this book of the Torah, and put it in the side of the ark of the covenant of YHWH your Elohim, that it may be there for a witness against thee.

*Deu 31:27* For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against YHWH; and how much more after my death?

*Deu 31:28* Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, **and call heaven and earth to record against them.**

*Deu 31:29* For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the **latter days;** because ye will do evil in the sight of YHWH, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

Moses says that they will utterly corrupt themselves in the latter days. Now, is it any wonder why Yahshua also invoked the two witnesses, heaven and earth, when he reaffirmed that the Torah would not be abolished in even the least detail? He was repeating the warning that Moses gave in Deuteronomy.

*Mat 5:17* Think not that I am come to destroy the Torah, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.

*Mat 5:18* For verily I say unto you, Till **heaven and earth pass**, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the Torah, till all be fulfilled.

*Mat 5:19* Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

The two witnesses are still here. The heaven is still above and the earth is here below. In fact, I'm standing on it. This means that the Torah is still in effect and Yahshua came because it was.

*Mat 5:20* For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.

Remember back in Deut 4:2 where we are warned not to add to or take away from the words of the Torah? Yahshua is also addressing this in verse 20 above. The Pharisees had added much to the Torah commandments and changed others by their oral traditions. This was what Yahshua came down so hard on them for. They will not be allowed to enter into the kingdom of Yahweh for this act. Yahshua said our righteousness would have to surpass theirs for us to enter in, so it is obvious from this statement that they won't.

*Pro 30:5* Every word of Eloah is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.

*Pro 30:6* Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

How can we be so blind today to even imagine the statutes, Judgments and all Commandments of YHWH are not to be observed and obeyed? It is true that our fathers have inherited lies and taught them to us (Jer 16:19).

But the mercy of YHWH endures forever. If we will seek him and turn from our wicked ways, he has promised to forgive our sins and heal our land.

*Deu 4:29* But if from thence thou shalt seek YHWH thy Elohim, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul.

*Deu 4:30* When thou art **in tribulation**, and all these things are come upon thee, even **in the latter days**, if thou turn to YHWH thy Elohim, and shalt be obedient unto his voice;

This verse alone proves that the law or Torah is still in effect and we are expected to keep it today. This is addressed to us in the tribulation of the end times. Why did these things come upon us/Israel? It is because we/they made graven images and worshipped other gods and disregarded Torah (the law).

*Deu 4:31* (For YHWH thy Elohim is a merciful El;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

This is again repeated that YHWH is merciful and would again restore Israel to fellowship with Him if they would keep His Commandments.

*Deu 30:1* And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither YHWH thy Elohim hath driven thee,

*Deu 30:2* And shalt return unto YHWH thy Elohim, and shalt obey his voice according to all that I command thee this day, thou and thy children, with all thine heart, and with all thy soul;

*Deu 30:3* That **then YHWH thy Elohim will turn thy captivity**, and have compassion upon thee, and **will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither YHWH thy Elohim hath scattered thee.**

*Deu 30:4* If any of thine be driven out unto the outmost parts of heaven, from thence will YHWH thy Elohim gather thee, and from thence will he fetch thee:

*Deu 30:5* And YHWH thy Elohim will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers.

*Deu 30:6* And YHWH thy Elohim will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love YHWH thy Elohim with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live.

*Deu 30:7* And YHWH thy Elohim will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee.

*Deu 30:8* And thou shalt return and obey the voice of YHWH, and do all his commandments which I command thee this day.

If we will return and obey the voice of YHWH, observe His Torah, and keep His commandments, He will re-gather us from all the nations of the earth where we have been scattered. This is the Messianic Redemption. We are not talking about the Jews only, **but ALL 12 tribes of Israel**. Scripture records that the House of Israel (Ephraim) would be scattered over the face of the whole earth (Ezek 34:6,12; 36:19; 37:21; John 11:52). Deuteronomy 32:26 says, "I said, I would scatter them into corners, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men." The ArtScroll Stone Edition Chumash comments, "This refers to the exile of the Ten Tribes, who were scattered to an unknown place where they have never been heard from again. They have never been heard from again because they have forgotten who they are.

Deut 30:6 is the first hint of a renewed covenant in scripture. All covenants are cut. It refers to the one mentioned in Jer 31:31.

*Jer 31:31* Behold, the days come, saith YHWH, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:

*Jer 31:32* Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith YHWH:

*Jer 31:33* But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith YHWH, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.

*Jer 31:34* And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know YHWH: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith YHWH; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

There are many more scriptures that prophesy that Israel will be re-gathered.

*Isa 11:11* And it shall come to pass in that day, that YHWH shall set his hand again the second time to recover the remnant of his people, which shall be left, 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.

*Isa 11:12* And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth.

*Isa 11:13* The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim.

The time frame above is the beginning of the millennium when Yahshua returns.

This will be the second re-gathering for Judah and the first for Israel. Judah was never in Assyria, only Israel was. YHWH set His hand the first time to re-gather a remnant of Judah and a smaller remnant of Israel from Babylon back into their land. The second time is in progress right now. Judah is returning now and Ephraim will follow. Judah and Israel will no longer be at each others throats and will join together and throw their adversaries out of the land (Isa 11:14).

There are many more scriptures that foretell the scattering and re-gathering of Israel, but we will limit our list and conclude with the following for brevity's sake.

- Eze 37:16* Moreover, thou son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children of Israel his companions: then take another stick, and write upon it, For Joseph, the stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his companions:
- Eze 37:17* And join them one to another into one stick; and they shall become one in thine hand.
- Eze 37:18* And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not shew us what thou meanest by these?
- Eze 37:19* Say unto them, Thus saith the Master YHWH; Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his fellows, and will put them with him, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in mine hand.
- Eze 37:20* And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thine hand before their eyes.
- Eze 37:21* And say unto them, Thus saith the Master YHWH; Behold, **I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen, whither they be gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land:**
- Eze 37:22* **And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:**
- Eze 37:23* Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwellingplaces, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their Elohim.
- Eze 37:24* And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

This means we will keep the Torah, observe the Sabbaths, Feasts, Kashrut, and all of the Commandments of YHWH.

- Eze 37:25* And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David shall be their prince for ever.
- Eze 37:26* Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore.

This refers to the renewed covenant mentioned in Jer 31:31 and Heb 8:8 that is made with the House of Israel and the House of Judah. This covenant is made with no one else. All have to be grafted into the tree of Israel to be saved. That is done by a belief in Yahshua as the Messiah, his finished work upon the cross for our sakes, repentance of our sins and our following in his foot steps.

- Eze 37:27* My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their Elohim, and they shall be my people.
- Eze 37:28* And the heathen shall know that I YHWH do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

This says it all. HalleluYah!