

The Jewish Remnant

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The Jewish remnant is one of the most important people-groups in prophecy. Much of Old Testament prophecy was written for them to understand God's ways in judgment. The Psalms are the prayers and feelings of the remnant, pre-recorded for them to sing as they pass through the experiences of the Prophetic week. Even the teaching of our Lord to His twelve disciples was directed to them as a faithful Jewish remnant, and they have their complete fulfillment in a future day. For example, when the Lord sent out the twelve to the lost sheep of the house of Israel in Matt. 10, He said "*Ye shall not have completed the cities of Israel until the Son of man be come*" (Matt. 10:23). The coming of the Son of Man (the Appearing) was what this remnant was to labor toward. Clearly this passage cannot be limited to the twelve apostles in the first century! The Church exists in a parenthesis. The twelve apostles are representative of the faithful remnant of Jews, and their mission in this chapter was interrupted at the cross, terminated at the destruction of Jerusalem (70 A.D.) and will be resumed after the Rapture. The whole Church period is passed over in silence. What will happen to the Jewish remnant during the Prophetic Week?

1. **Evangelists to Israel.** Some will go out and preach the gospel of the kingdom to the nation of Israel; "*Ye shall not have completed the cities of Israel until the Son of man be come*" (Matt. 10:23).
2. **Evangelists to the World.** Some will take the gospel of the kingdom to the farthest reaches of the world! "*And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations*" (Mat 24:14).
3. **Early Martyrs.** Some will be martyred by the False Church in the first 3 1/2 years of the tribulation. "*Killed for the testimony of Jesus.*" Rev. 20:4.
4. **Sheltered in the Mountains.** The majority will flee to the mountains across the Jordan in the middle of the week -at the Lord's directions: "*When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:) Then let them which be in Judea flee into the mountains: Let him which is on the housetop not come down to take any thing out of his house, etc.*" (Matt. 24:15-17). They will be sheltered by faithful ones from the neighboring countries; e.g. Moab (Isa. 16:3-4).

5. **Later Martyrs.** Many will be martyred by the Antichrist and the apostate Jews in the last 3 1/2 years of the tribulation, for refusing to take the mark of the Beast. They will be hunted like dogs. Family members will betray one another: *“Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence in a guide: keep the doors of thy mouth from her that lieth in thy bosom. For the son dishonoreth the father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the daughter in law against her mother in law; a man's enemies are the men of his own house.”* (Micah 7:5-6)
6. **Two Witnesses.** Some will remain in Jerusalem witnessing against Antichrist (the “two witnesses” of Rev. 11:1-14). *“And I will give power unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred and threescore days, clothed in sackcloth”* (Rev. 11:3). They will be invincible until their testimony is complete, then they will be killed. Their bodies will lie in the streets of Jerusalem for 3 1/2 days, then they will be raised in the last installment of the first resurrection! These will be the last believers to die... ever! See Rev. 14:14.
7. **Rescued by the Lord.** A final group will remain in the city until the 1290 days. The King of the North will return from Egypt, and the remnant will leave the city going towards the mount of olives. The Lord’s feet will touch down on the mountain. *“And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west...”* (Zech. 14:4). The mountain will split in two... one half moving North, and the other south. They will run into that valley for safety while the Lord consumes their enemies with fire!

Old Testament Types. There are many Old Testament types of the Jewish remnant.

- Seth
- Noah
- Keturah
- Benjamin
- Ruth
- Jotham
- Jonathan
- Isaiah
- Daniel's friends
- Esther
- Barruch
- Jonah