



SCATTERING OUT;  
GATHERING IN

Isaiah 6:8-13; 10:20-22; 11:10-12

Isaiah 65:8-9

Jeremiah 4:27; 5:18-19

Jeremiah 30:11

Never destroy you completely  
Always a remnant

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Romans 9:27 – only the remnant (Isaiah)

Romans 11:1-5 – did God reject His people?

Romans 11:25-26 – ALL? Israel saved?

Romans 9:6-8 – not all Israel, Abraham descendants

Romans 11:11-24 – grafted into LIVE tree

Never destroy you completely

Always a remnant

Still working with Israel

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Israel – sovereign civil nation – ends 586BC

1<sup>st</sup> Temple destroyed – 586BC

2<sup>nd</sup> Temple dedicated – 516BC

Foreign rulers over territory 586BC – 1948AD

Babylon, Persia, Greece, Rome

2<sup>nd</sup> Temple destroyed, temple worship ends – 70AD

125-135 – Hadrian, Palestina

Rome, Byzantine, Islam, Crusades, Ottoman (Islam), British

NEVER a sovereign nation of Palestine

The land NEVER devoid of Jews from 1440BC to present

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- \* Land forever (unconditional)
- \* Land production (conditional)
- \* Descendants innumerable
- \* Never destroy completely – always a remnant
- \* Scatter you – Gather you
- \* When you are away – land lies waste (rest)

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**Jeremiah 9: 11**

Jerusalem a heap of ruins

**Luke 21:24**

Trampled on by the Gentiles

**Matthew 24:15-16**

**II Thessalonians 2:1-4**

**Revelation 11:1-2**

A 3<sup>rd</sup> Temple



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“There was hardly a tree or a shrub any where. Even the olive and the cactus, those fast friends of a worthless soil, had almost deserted the country. No landscape exists that is more tiresome to the eye than that which bounds the approaches to Jerusalem.”

Mark Twain

The Innocents Abroad - 1867

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To this region one of the prophecies is applied:  
"I will bring the land into desolation;  
and your enemies which dwell therein  
shall be astonished at it. And I will scatter you  
among the heathen, and I will draw out a sword  
after you; and your land shall be desolate  
and your cities waste." [Leviticus 26:32-33]

No man can stand here by deserted Ain Mellahah  
and say the prophecy has not been fulfilled.

**Mark Twain**

**The Innocents Abroad - 1867**

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“We traversed some miles of desolate country whose soil is rich enough, but is given over wholly to weeds—a silent, mournful expanse, wherein we saw only three persons—Arabs

It is a hopeless, dreary, heart-broken land.

Palestine is desolate and unlovely.

And why should it be otherwise?

Can the curse of the Deity beautify a land?”

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“In the twelve and a half centuries between the Arab conquest in the seventh century and the beginnings of the Jewish return in the 1880’s, Palestine was laid waste. Its ancient canal and irrigation systems were destroyed and the wondrous fertility of which the Bible spoke vanished into desert and desolation.”

**From Time Immemorial – Joan Peters  
Quoting Carl Hermann Voss - 1953**

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## Isaiah 66: 7-11

“Can a country be born in a day  
or can a nation be brought forth  
in a moment?”

May 14, 1948

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## Has the desert bloomed?

Irrigated land

1948 = ~100 sq mi

Only about 20% of Israel land mass is arable land  
8019 sq mi – half is desert

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## Has the desert bloomed?

Irrigated land

1948 = ~100 sq mi

2021 = 780 Sq Mi

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**Has the desert bloomed?**

Cultivated land

**1948 = 637 Sq Mi**

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Cultivated land

1948 = 637 Sq Mi

2020 = 1719 Sq Mi

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**Has the desert bloomed?**

Vegetable Exports

**1948 = 0 tonnes**

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### Vegetable Exports

1948 = 0 tonnes

2020 = 1.25 million tonnes

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**Has the desert bloomed?**

Total Agricultural Land Area

**1948 = 750 sq mi**

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Total Agricultural Land Area

1948 = 750 sq mi

2018 = 2400 sq mi

Farming, ranching, dairies, greenhouses, etc

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**Has the desert bloomed?**

The Gaza Strip “Experiment”

2005 All Jews removed from Gaza

**“Land for Peace” didn’t work**

W.E. Blackstone  
1891

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### **Are the Jews returning?**

The petition stated: “Why shall not the powers which under the treaty of Berlin, in 1878, gave Bulgaria to the Bulgarians and Serbia to the Serbians now give Palestine back to the Jews? ...

“We believe this is an appropriate time for all nations and especially the Christian nations of Europe to show kindness to Israel. A million of exiles, by their terrible suffering, are piteously appealing to our sympathy, justice, and humanity. Let us now restore to them the land of which they were so cruelly despoiled by our Roman ancestors.”

Rev. William E. Blackstone, who later corresponded with Theodor Herzl, called for the first international conference: “to consider the Israelite claim to Palestine as their ancient home, and to promote in any other just and proper way the alleviation of their suffering condition.”