

Survivors

“... out of Jerusalem will come a remnant, and out of Mount Zion a band of survivors..” Isa 37:32

The following quotations are used in the Survivors presentation. Additional references are also given, so that you can explore for yourself some of these themes in greater detail. (All Bible quotations from the New International Version.)

THE JEWISH PEOPLE ARE WITNESS TO GOD'S EXISTENCE

"You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen,
..... You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "that I am God."
Isa 43:10-12
See also Isa 44:6-8

THE HISTORY OF THE JEWS WAS ALL FORETOLD LONG IN ADVANCE

A. They would be scattered from their land and suffer persecution if they forsook God

You will become a thing of horror and an object of scorn and ridicule to all the nations where the LORD will drive you.....
You will live in constant suspense, filled with dread both night and day, never sure of your life. In the morning you will say, "If only it were evening!" and in the evening, "If only it were morning!....."
Deut 28:37,66-67
See also Deut 4:25-28, Isa 42:23-25

B) They would never be totally destroyed

"I am with you and will save you," declares the LORD. "Though I completely destroy all the nations among which I scatter you, I will not completely destroy you."
Jer 30:11
See also Jer 31:35-37, Jer 33:25-26, Deut 4:31

C) They would one day return to their land

"I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!' and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'"
Isa 43:5-6

"O my people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel.....
I will take the Israelites out of the nations where they have gone. I will gather them from all around and bring them back into their own land.
Ezek 37:12, 21

D) Jerusalem would return to Jewish control and would eventually be restored to its former glory.

"... the time will come when not one stone will be left on another; every one of them will be thrown down."
... Jerusalem will be trampled on by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled.
Luke 21:6, 24
See also Isa 4:2-6, Isa 51:31 Isa 52:7-10, Jer 33:10-16

E) After centuries of desolation, the land of Israel would one day be reinhabited and recultivated.

The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden;
Ezek 36:34-35

I will bring back my exiled people Israel; they will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit.

Amos 9:14

See also Ezek 36:8-11

JESUS CHRIST WILL RETURN TO THE EARTH TO FULFILL GOD'S PROMISES

A) God's promise to Abraham

"... through your offspring all nations on earth will be blessed...."

Gen 22:18

See also Gen 12:2-3, Luke 1:68-75, Gal 3:6-9,16,29

B) God's promise to Mary.

"...The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David,
... and he will reign over the house of Jacob for ever; his kingdom will never end."

Luke 1:32-33

C) Jesus' promise to come back.

"... I will come back"

John 14:3

See also Luke 19:11-26, Acts 1:11, 2Thess 1:6-10, Rev 22:7,12,20.

D) A time of World-wide trouble will precede Jesus' coming.

"...there will be great distress, unequalled from the beginning of the world until now ..."

Matt 24:21

"Men will faint from terror, apprehensive of what is coming on the world...."

Luke 21:26

See also 2Pet:3:10,12

E) The Jews will recognise Jesus as their Messiah.

"... They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child...."

Zech 12:10

F) The return of Jesus will bring a time of peace and glory for Israel and the world.

" See, darkness covers the earth and thick darkness is over the peoples, but the LORD rises upon you and his glory appears over you.

Nations will come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.

... all who despise you will bow down at your feet and will call you the City of the LORD, Zion of the Holy One of Israel....

No longer will violence be heard in your land, nor ruin or destruction within your borders, but you will call your walls Salvation and your gates Praise.

..... the LORD will be your everlasting light, and your days of sorrow will end."

Isa 60:2, 3,14, 18, 20

See also Psa 72, Isa 2:1-5, 9:1-7, 65:17-25, Rev 21:1-5