

## Covenant with Israel

God's covenant with Israel is an unconditional covenant. He will bring about His covenant with Israel over time.

### READ ALL of Deuteronomy 30:1-20

Israel is God's chosen land, and the Jews are God's chosen people. He brought them out of Egypt into the Promised Land (Israel). Over time the Jews have been dispersed all around the world, but now is the time for them to return to the land of their forefathers and claim it as the rightful heirs that they are.

### The purpose of this covenant:

- God set forth the conditions regulating possessions of the Promised Land.
- He entered into Covenant with His people just before they crossed the Jordan River into Canaan.
  - Deuteronomy 29:1
- **God is telling them what will happen.**
  1. World-wide scattering of Israel.
    - Deuteronomy 30:1 "When all these blessings and curses I have set before you come upon you and you take them to heart wherever the LORD your God disperses you among the nations"
  2. Repentance of Israel.
    - Deuteronomy 30:2 "And when you and your children return to the LORD your God and obey him with all your heart and with all your soul according to everything I command you today"
  3. Regathering of Israel to the land he has given them.
    - Deuteronomy 30:3 & 5 "Then the LORD your God will restore your fortunes and have compassion on you and gather you again from all the nations where he scattered you. He will bring you to the land that belonged to your fathers, and you will take possession of it. He will make you more prosperous and numerous than your fathers."

4. Turning back to love Him.
  - *Deuteronomy 30:6 “The LORD your God will circumcise your hearts and the hearts of your descendants, so that you may love him with all your heart and with all your soul, and live.”*
5. Judgment on their enemies.
  - *Deuteronomy 30:7 “The LORD your God will put all these curses on your enemies who hate and persecute you.”*
6. A rebellious people that God reclaims again and again.
  - *Ezekiel 39:25-29 “Therefore this is what the Sovereign LORD says: I will now bring Jacob back from captivity and will have compassion on all the people of Israel, and I will be zealous for my holy name. They will forget their shame and all the unfaithfulness they showed toward me when they lived in safety in their land with no one to make them afraid. When I have brought them back from the nations and have gathered them from the countries of their enemies, I will show myself holy through them in the sight of many nations. Then they will know that I am the LORD their God, for though I sent them into exile among the nations, I will gather them to their own land, not leaving any behind. I will no longer hide my face from them, for I will pour out my Spirit on the house of Israel, declares the Sovereign LORD.”*