

## **1.) Asleep with the Ancestors:**

Then David slept with his ancestors and was buried in the city of David  
1Kngs 2:10

We all must die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up.  
2 Sam 4:14

In death there is no remembrance of you; in Sheol who can give you praise  
Psalm 6:5

The dead do not praise Yahweh, nor do any that go down into silence  
Psalm 115:17

Dust you are and to Dust you shall return  
Gen 3:19

For my soul is full of troubles,  
and my life draws near to Sheol.

<sup>4</sup> I am counted among those who go down to the Pit;  
I am like those who have no help,

<sup>5</sup> like those forsaken among the dead,  
like the slain that lie in the grave,  
like those whom you remember no more,  
for they are cut off from your hand.

<sup>6</sup> You have put me in the depths of the Pit,  
in the regions dark and deep.

<sup>7</sup> Your wrath lies heavy upon me,  
and you overwhelm me with all your waves.

Psalm 88:3-7

## **2. )Hope in Yahweh**

God is all powerful and I trust in him- his fidelity to the nation may yet yield something- a ransom, some kind of life after life after death.

Nevertheless I am continually with you;  
you hold my right hand.

<sup>24</sup> You guide me with your counsel,  
and afterwards you will receive me with honour.

<sup>25</sup> Whom have I in heaven but you?  
And there is nothing on earth that I desire other than you.

<sup>26</sup> My flesh and my heart may fail,  
but God is the strength of my heart and my portion for ever.

<sup>27</sup> Indeed, those who are far from you will perish;  
you put an end to those who are false to you.

<sup>28</sup> But for me it is good to be near God;  
I have made the Lord God my refuge,  
to tell of all your works.

Psalm 73: 23-27

Like sheep they are appointed for Sheol;  
Death shall be their shepherd;  
straight to the grave they descend,  
and their form shall waste away;  
Sheol shall be their home.

<sup>15</sup> But God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol,  
for he will receive me.

Psalm 49:14

### **3.) Some of the dead can hope for resurrection after a time of life after death**

Once we get to Exile, the overwhelming question and issue for Israel is how do we get back what we lost

What went wrong? How do we undo that wrong?

What happens to the righteous who have stood with God?

### **Timeline**

*Hosea ~ 755-734 or 720*

722 fall of Samaria

*Isaiah~740-698*

586 fall of Judah and Exile

*Ezekiel* (b622-d 570) ~592-570

*Setting of the Book of Daniel*

538 End of Exile- Cyrus Persians conquer Babylon

520- 167 Second Temple built- Province of Judah within the Persian Empire-Passed from empire to empire- Greeks conquer, Ptolemaic, Seleucids

*Book of Daniel~200-100 emerges*

167- 140 Maccabean revolt leads to the Hasmonean Kingdom- Whole series of battles back and forth. Followed by internal conflict

63 Romans Conquer

### **Texts of Resurrection**

At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. <sup>2</sup>Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. <sup>3</sup>Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

**Daniel 12:1-4**

### **Background**

<sup>15</sup> I will return again to my place  
until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
In their distress they will beg my favour:

‘Come, let us return to the Lord;  
for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup> After two days he will revive us;  
on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup> Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.’

**Hosea 5:15-6:3**

<sup>13</sup> When Ephraim spoke, there was trembling;  
he was exalted in Israel;  
but he incurred guilt through Baal and died.

<sup>2</sup> And now they keep on sinning  
and make a cast image for themselves,  
idols of silver made according to their understanding,  
all of them the work of artisans.  
‘Sacrifice to these’, they say.  
People are kissing calves!

<sup>3</sup> Therefore they shall be like the morning mist  
or like the dew that goes away early,  
like chaff that swirls from the threshing-floor  
or like smoke from a window.

<sup>4</sup> Yet I have been the Lord your God  
ever since the land of Egypt;  
you know no God but me,  
and besides me there is no saviour.

<sup>5</sup> It was I who fed you in the wilderness,  
in the land of drought.

<sup>6</sup> When I fed them, they were satisfied;  
they were satisfied, and their heart was proud;  
therefore they forgot me.

<sup>7</sup> So I will become like a lion to them,  
like a leopard I will lurk beside the way.

<sup>8</sup> I will fall upon them like a bear robbed of her cubs,  
and will tear open the covering of their heart;  
there I will devour them like a lion,  
as a wild animal would mangle them.

<sup>9</sup> I will destroy you, O Israel;  
who can help you?  
<sup>10</sup> Where now is your king, that he may save you?  
Where in all your cities are your rulers,  
of whom you said,  
'Give me a king and rulers?'  
<sup>11</sup> I gave you a king in my anger,  
and I took him away in my wrath.  
  
<sup>12</sup> Ephraim's iniquity is bound up;  
his sin is kept in store.  
<sup>13</sup> The pangs of childbirth come for him,  
but he is an unwise son;  
for at the proper time he does not present himself  
at the mouth of the womb.

<sup>14</sup> Shall I ransom them from the power of Sheol?  
Shall I redeem them from Death?  
O Death, where are your plagues?  
O Sheol, where is your destruction?  
Compassion is hidden from my eyes.

#### **Hosea 13: 1-14**

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.'<sup>4</sup> Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. <sup>5</sup>Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. <sup>6</sup>I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'<sup>7</sup> So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its

bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, ‘Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.’ <sup>10</sup>I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

<sup>11</sup> Then he said to me, ‘Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, “Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.” <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. <sup>14</sup>I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.’

<sup>15</sup> The word of the Lord came to me: <sup>16</sup>Mortal, take a stick and write on it, ‘For Judah, and the Israelites associated with it’; then take another stick and write on it, ‘For Joseph (the stick of Ephraim) and all the house of Israel associated with it’; <sup>17</sup>and join them together into one stick, so that they may become one in your hand. <sup>18</sup>And when your people say to you, ‘Will you not show us what you mean by these?’ <sup>19</sup>say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am about to take the stick of Joseph (which is in the hand of Ephraim) and the tribes of Israel associated with it; and I will put the stick of Judah upon it, and make them one stick, in order that they may be one in my hand. <sup>20</sup>When the sticks on which you write are in your hand before their eyes, <sup>21</sup>then say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I will take the people of Israel from the nations among which they have gone, and will gather them from every quarter, and bring them to their own land. <sup>22</sup>I will make them one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king over them all. Never again shall they be two nations, and never again shall they be divided into two kingdoms. <sup>23</sup>They shall never again defile themselves with their idols and their detestable things, or with any of their transgressions. I will save them from all the apostasies into which they have fallen, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be my people, and I will be their God.

**Ezekiel 37:1-23**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup> And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup> he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the Lord has spoken.

<sup>9</sup> It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

<sup>10</sup> For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain.

### **Isaiah 25:6-10**

O Lord, you will ordain peace for us,  
for indeed, all that we have done, you have done for us.

<sup>13</sup> O Lord our God,  
other lords besides you have ruled over us,  
but we acknowledge your name alone.

<sup>14</sup> The dead do not live;  
shades do not rise—  
because you have punished and destroyed them,  
and wiped out all memory of them.

<sup>15</sup> But you have increased the nation, O Lord,  
you have increased the nation; you are glorified;  
you have enlarged all the borders of the land.

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, in distress they sought you,  
they poured out a prayer  
when your chastening was on them.

<sup>17</sup> Like a woman with child,  
who writhes and cries out in her pangs  
when she is near her time,

so were we because of you, O Lord;

<sup>18</sup> we were with child, we writhed,  
but we gave birth only to wind.

We have won no victories on earth,  
and no one is born to inhabit the world.

<sup>19</sup> **Your dead shall live, their corpses shall rise.  
O dwellers in the dust, awake and sing for joy!**

For your dew is a radiant dew,  
and the earth will give birth to those long dead.

**Isaiah 26:12-19**

### **The Suffering Servant**

See, my servant shall prosper;  
he shall be exalted and lifted up,  
and shall be very high.

Just as there were many who were astonished at him  
—so marred was his appearance, beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that of mortals—

so he shall startle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which had not been told them they shall see,  
and that which they had not heard they shall contemplate.

Who has believed what we have heard?

And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty that we should look at him,  
nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by others;  
a man of suffering and acquainted with infirmity;  
and as one from whom others hide their faces  
he was despised, and we held him of no account.

Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,  
struck down by God, and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions,  
crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.  
All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have all turned to our own way,  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,  
yet he did not open his mouth;  
like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,  
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,  
so he did not open his mouth.

By a perversion of justice he was taken away.  
Who could have imagined his future?  
For he was cut off from the land of the living,  
stricken for the transgression of my people.  
They made his grave with the wicked  
and his tomb with the rich,  
although he had done no violence,  
and there was no deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him with pain.  
When you make his life an offering for sin,  
he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;  
through him the will of the Lord shall prosper.  
Out of his anguish he shall see light;  
he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.  
The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,  
and he shall bear their iniquities.  
Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,  
and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;  
because he poured out himself to death,  
and was numbered with the transgressors;  
yet he bore the sin of many,  
and made intercession for the transgressors.

**Isaiah 52:13-53:12**