

THE LAST DAYS' SUPER SIGN

The Bible prophesies of two departures of Israel from the land of promise and two returns. But both returns take place in phases. The return from the Babylonian Captivity took place in 3 phases.

A Three-Phase Return from Babylon

Phase 1. 536 BC – 50,000 returned under Zerubbabel (cf. Ezra 1-2)

Phase 2. 458 BC – 5,000 returned, led by Ezra (cf. Ezra 7-8)

Phase 3. 445 BC – ? more returned, led by Nehemiah (cf. Neh. 2)

- Altogether about 60,000 Jews returned to the homeland, but it was staggered over a period of about 92 YEARS – in three phases!

It is important to note that the first return actually happened in phases and that the Bible shows that the last day's return will happen in phases as well.

The first phase of the last day's return will involve a return to the land in UNBELIEF in preparation for the judgment period called the Tribulation.

The second phase of the last day's return will happen in conjunction with the Second Coming of Christ, involving national conversion and restoration in preparation for the kingdom.

There are two MAIN Scriptures that speak of the Jews' return to the land in the Last Days. The first is found in Isaiah 11:11-12.

Isaiah 11:11–12 (NKJV)

11 It shall come to pass in that day That the Lord shall set His hand again the **second time** To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah **From the four corners of the earth.**

This Isaiah 11 text, in context, is dealing with Christ's Second Coming and the setting up of His Millennial Kingdom. But note very carefully that Isaiah, in this context, speaks of this being the SECOND TIME that God goes about to recover the remnant of His people who are out of the land. Well, when was the FIRST time?

The only other time Israel as a NATION was returned from being out of the land was after the Babylonian Captivity. So, the return after the Babylonian Captivity was THE FIRST TIME.

Here Isaiah speaks of a SECOND RETURN to the land that will be worldwide in scope and will take place in conjunction with the Second Coming of the Messiah. But don't miss this: this SECOND return actually takes place in phases, as did the FIRST return. Isaiah 11 is actually describing the climax of the second return – a return which started in 1948.

We have seen a progressive return taking place before our eyes for the last 68 years (starting in 1948) where today there are now over 7 million Jews living in Israel – which is about HALF of the Jews in the whole world.

This is the largest influx of Jews back into the Holy Land since the days of Joshua. For this reason, the re-establishment of the nation of Israel in 1948 and the massive migration of Jews back to Israel since that time has been called ***“The Last Days’ Super Sign”***.