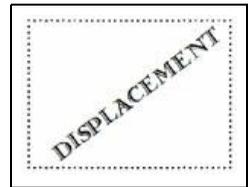
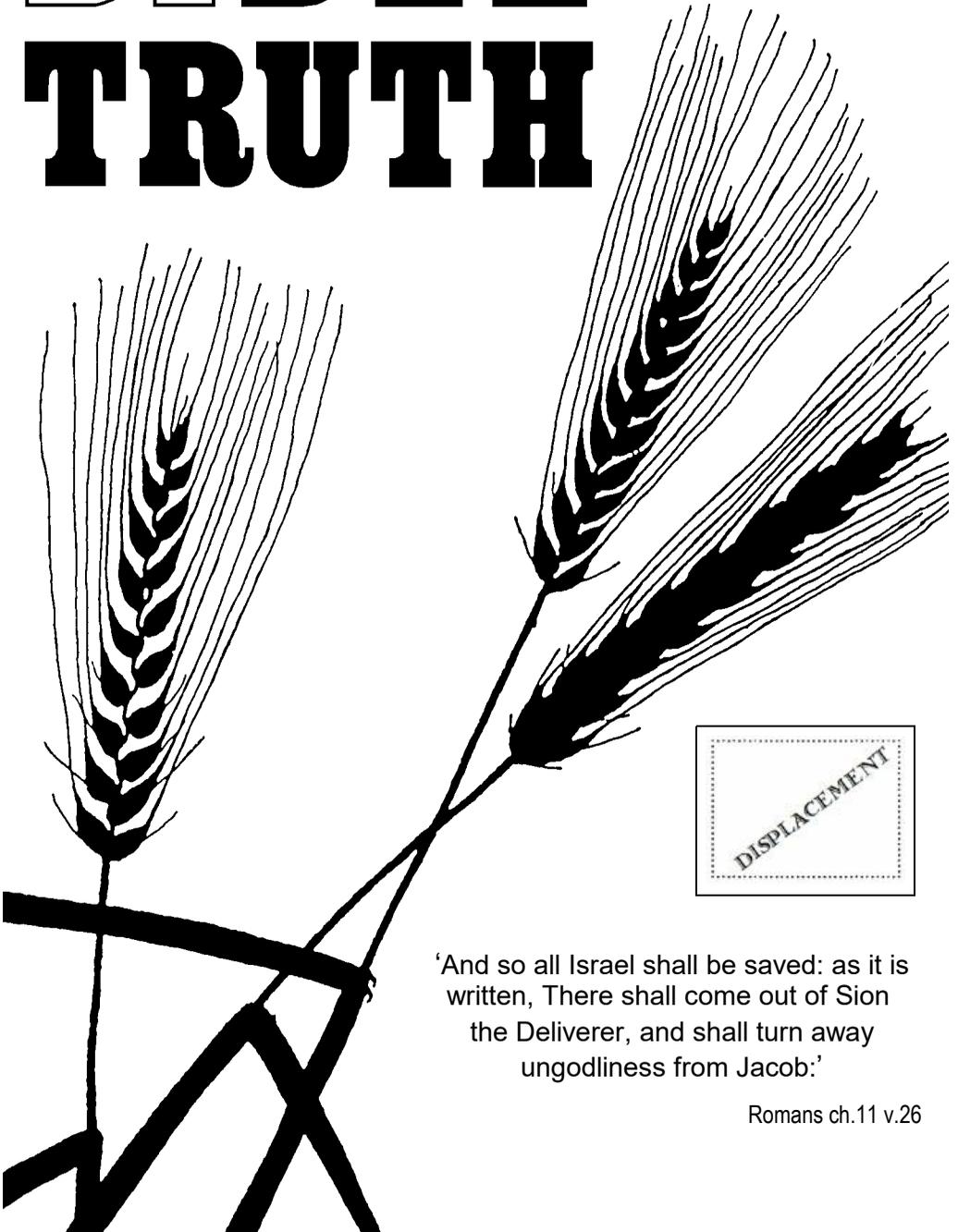


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'And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:'

Romans ch.11 v.26

DO YOU BELIEVE THAT GOD ALWAYS KEEPS HIS PROMISES?

You Do? - Well Now ...

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The Bible, the Word of God, tells us that God promised King David that his throne would continue throughout every succeeding generation, for ever, despite human failings and sins of any individual descendants who would in due season occupy that throne. Some examples of Scriptures containing such promises are as follows.

‘I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, **Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations.** Selah.’

Psalm 89 vv 3-4

‘Then thou spakest in vision to thy holy one, and saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people. I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him: With whom my hand shall be established: mine arm also shall strengthen him. The enemy shall not exact upon him; nor the son of wickedness afflict him. And I will beat down his foes before his face, and plague them that hate him. But my faithfulness and my mercy shall be with him: and in my name shall his horn be exalted. I will set his hand also in the sea, and his right hand in the rivers. He shall cry unto me, Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. Also I will make him my firstborn, higher than the kings of the earth. My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. **His seed also will I make to endure for ever,** and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments; Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn

by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. **His seed shall endure for ever**, and his throne as the sun before me. **It shall be established for ever** as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven. Selah.'

Psalm 89 vv 19-37

Throughout each succeeding generation. God has sworn by His Holiness that He would not lie unto David and to quote the *Revised Standard Version*, 'His line shall endure for ever' (v36). *The Amplified Version* expresses God's promise in these words; '**His offspring shall endure for ever**, and his throne shall continue as the sun before Me'.

Has the sun continued to perform its God-given functions since the day of its creation? Indeed it has, and likewise God has watched over His sacred promise to His servant David. See 2 Samuel ch.7 vv 11-29, and note again,

'And thine house [family, *New English Bible*] and thy kingdom shall be established **for ever** before thee: thy throne shall be established **for ever**'.

verse 16

The LORD could not be more definite than that!

'And since the time that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel. Moreover I will subdue all thine enemies. Furthermore I tell thee that the LORD will build thee an house. And it shall come to pass, when thy days be expired that thou must go to be with thy fathers, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, which shall be of thy sons; and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build me an house, and **I will stablish his throne for ever**. I will be his father, and he shall be my son: and I will not take my mercy away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee: **But I will settle him in mine house and in my kingdom for ever: and his throne shall be established for evermore**. According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. And David the king came and sat before the LORD, and said, Who am I, O LORD God, and what is mine house, that thou hast brought me hitherto? And yet this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; for thou hast also spoken of thy servant's house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O LORD God. What can David speak more to thee for

the honour of thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. O LORD, for thy servant's sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou done all this greatness, in making known all these great things. O LORD, there is none like thee, neither is there any God beside thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem to be his own people, to make thee a name of greatness and terribleness, by driving out nations from before thy people, whom thou hast redeemed out of Egypt? For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, LORD, becamest their God.'

1 Chronicles ch.17 vv 10-22

(See also 1 Jeremiah ch.33 vv 17-26)

'For ever more' - No honest Christian could possibly misconstrue the declarations contained in this passage.

'For thus saith the LORD; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;'

Jeremiah ch.33 v.17

This verse is emphatic indeed or to quote the *New English Bible*, 'David will never lack a successor on the throne of Israel'. So then, since God solemnly promised David that the throne of David was to continue in the world, generation after generation, awaiting the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who will occupy that same throne when He returns, (see Isaiah ch.9 vv 6-7 and Luke ch.1 vv 31-33). Where do you think that the throne of David is right now in the World? For God cannot lie, He always keeps his word.

Alongside God's promises to David and his descendants, stand another set of promises that God made. Promises, just as definite, being His Word to and regarding His people Israel. For, just as the Lord stated that the House of David would never cease to rule over His people Israel, He also promised that Israel would always continue in the earth. Indeed the two sets of promises stand side by side and are interlinked. For God's eternal purpose involve both parties, they are interdependent. Find the throne of David in the world today and you have found the true Bible people Israel. Find Israel and you will have found the throne of David. Here now are a few of the scriptures showing God's ever-faithful care for Israel, His covenant people.

‘For thou hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou, LORD, art become their God.’

2 Samuel ch.7 v.24

‘Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts is his name: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD.’

Jeremiah ch.31 vv 35-37

‘For the LORD will not forsake his people for his great name's sake: because it hath pleased the LORD to make you his people.’

1 Samuel ch.12 v.22

‘For the LORD will not cast off his people, neither will he forsake his inheritance.’

Psalms 94 v.14

And from the New Testament record there are the writings of the apostle Paul.

‘I say then, Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew ...’

Romans ch.11 vv 1-2

To sum up the matter, somewhere in the world today are God's ancient people Israel, having the House of David as its royal throne.

WHEREVER COULD THEY BE?
