

# THE WHOLE COUNSEL OF GOD

**A Journey Through the  
Old Testament**

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Exodus 6:7' Then **I will take you for My people, and I will be your God**; and you shall know that I am the **LORD** your God, who brought you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians.

Leviticus 26:12' I will also walk among you and **be your God, and you shall be My people**.

Jeremiah 7:23“... 'Obey My voice, and **I will be your God, and you will be My people**; and you will walk in all the way which I command you, that it may be well with you.'

Jeremiah 24:7 I will give them a heart to know me,  
that I am the Lord.

**They will be my people, and I will be their God, for  
they will return to me with all their heart.**

Jeremiah 30:22 **'You shall be My people, And I will  
be your God.'**

Jeremiah 31:1 "At that time," declares the LORD,  
**"I will be the God of all the families of Israel, and  
they shall be My people."**

Ezekiel 11:20 Then they will follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws.

**They will be my people, and I will be their God.**

Ezekiel 36:28 "You will live in the land that I gave to your forefathers;

**so you will be My people, and I will be your God.**

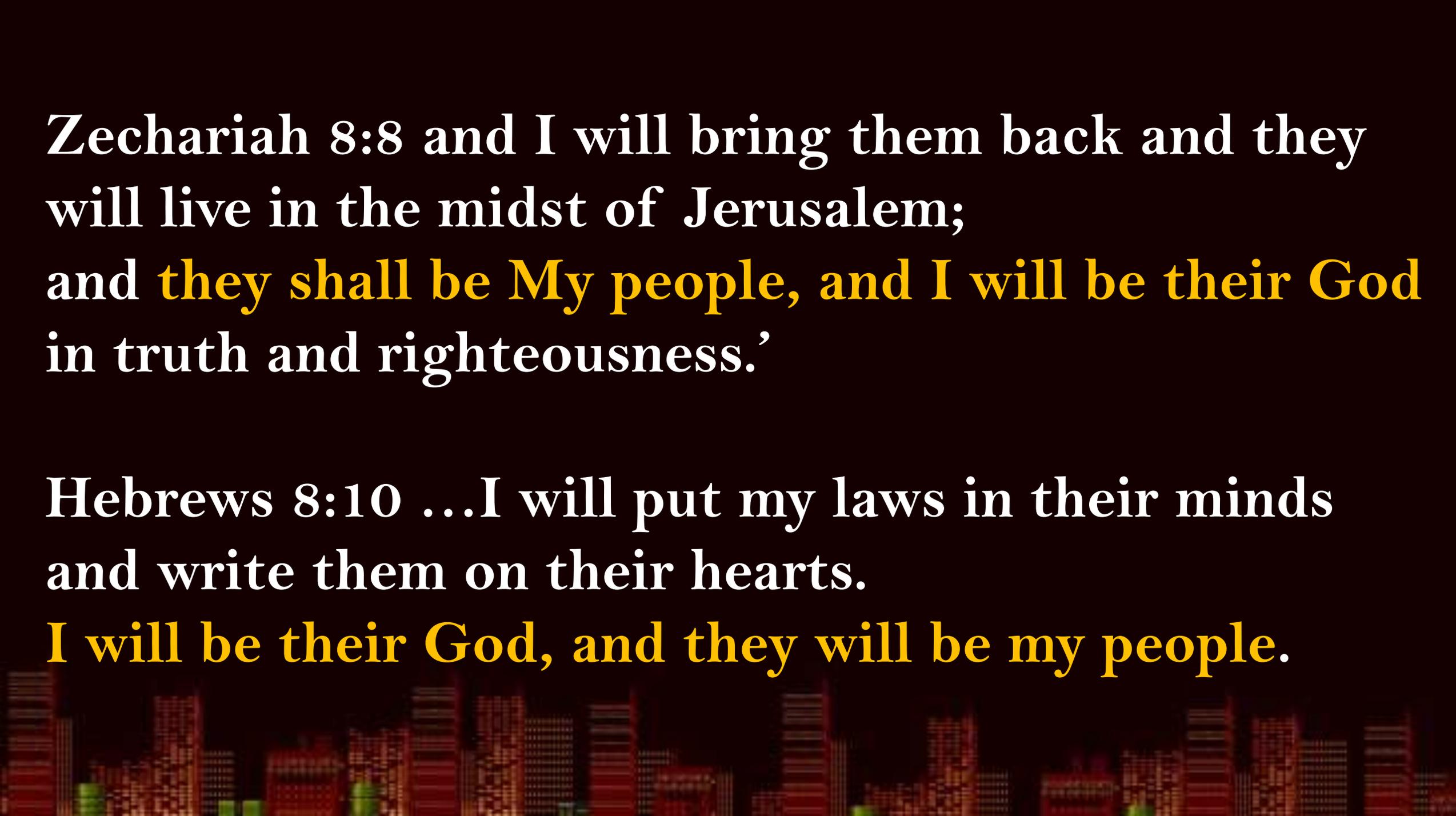
Ezekiel 37:27 My dwelling place will be with them;

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**Zechariah 8:8 and I will bring them back and they will live in the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be My people, and I will be their God in truth and righteousness.'**

**Hebrews 8:10 ...I will put my laws in their minds and write them on their hearts.**

**I will be their God, and they will be my people.**



## Revelation 21

3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them.

**They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God.**



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*- where we are children by natural birth*

# 2. The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

*- the pride of a city built by man*

*- God scatters the peoples on the earth*

# 3. Our New Heavenly Family (Genesis 12)

*- where we are children by a promise (new birth)*

*- God unites a people who are set apart for Him*

*- waiting for a city built by God*

## 2. The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

*- the pride of a city built by man*

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## Genesis 9

1 And God blessed Noah and his sons and said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth.



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ANATOLIA

CYPRUS

Mediterranean Sea

CANAAN

LOWER EGYPT

SINAI

Carchemish

Haran

Nineveh

Padan-Aram

Calah

Ebla

Hamath

Assur

ASSYRIA

Ugarit

Byblos

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

Mari

Hasor

AMMON

Jerusalem

MOAB

EDOM

Tanis

Raamses

Memphis

Carchemish

Haran

Nineveh

Padan-Aram

Calah

Ebla

Hamath

Assur

ASSYRIA

Ugarit

Byblos

Sidon

Tyre

Damascus

Mari

Hasor

AMMON

Jerusalem

MOAB

EDOM

Tanis

Raamses

Memphis

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MESOPOTAMIA

PERSIA

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BABYLONIA

Babylon

Ur

SUMER

ANCIENT  
NEAR EAST

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2 And as people journeyed eastward, they found a plain in the land of Shinar and settled there.

3 And they said to one another, “Come, let us make bricks and bake them thoroughly.”

So they used brick instead of stone, and tar instead of mortar.

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4“Come,” they said, “let us build for ourselves a city with a tower that reaches to the heavens, that we may make a name for ourselves and not be scattered over the face of the whole earth.”



# Ziggurat



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5 Then the LORD came down to see the city and the tower that the sons of men were building.

6 And the LORD said, “If they have begun to do this as one people speaking the same language, then nothing they devise will be beyond them.

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7 Come, let Us go down and confuse their language, so that they will not understand one another's speech.”

8 So the LORD scattered them from there over the face of the whole earth, and they stopped building the city.

9 That is why it is called Babel, for there the LORD confused the language of the whole world, and from that place the LORD scattered them over the face of the whole earth.

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## Acts 17

**24** The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples made by human hands.

**25** Nor is He served by human hands, as if He needed anything, because He Himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

**26** From one man He made every nation of men, to inhabit the whole earth; and He determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their lands.

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## 2 Thessalonians 2

3 Let no one deceive you in any way, for it will not come until the rebellion occurs and the man of lawlessness (the son of destruction) is revealed.

4 He will oppose and exalt himself above every so-called god or object of worship.

So he will seat himself in the temple of God, proclaiming himself to be God.

## **2 Thessalonians 2**

**5 Do you not remember that I told you these things while I was still with you?**

**6 And you know what is now restraining him, so that he will be revealed at the proper time.**

**7 For the mystery of lawlessness is already at work, but the one who now restrains it will continue until he is taken out of the way.**

**8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord Jesus will slay with the breath of His mouth and abolish by the majesty of His arrival.**

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## Revelation 18

1 After this I saw another angel descending from heaven with great authority, and the earth was illuminated by his glory.

2 And he cried out in a mighty voice:

“Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great!

She has become a lair for demons and a haunt for every unclean spirit, every unclean bird, and every detestable beast.

## Revelation 18

3 All the nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her immorality.

The kings of the earth were immoral with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown wealthy through the extravagance of her luxury.”

4 Then I heard another voice from heaven say:

“Come out of her, my people, so that you will not share in her sins or contract any of her plagues.

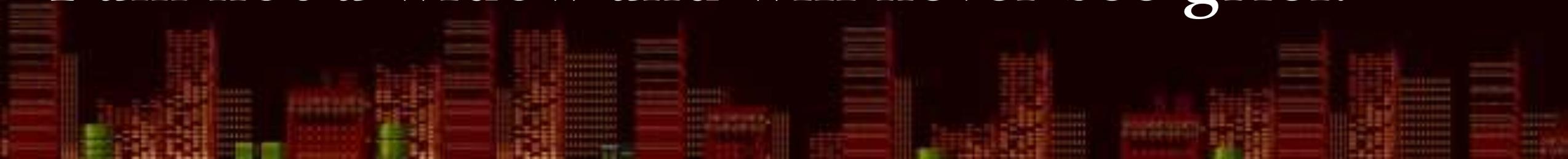
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5 For her sins have piled up as high as heaven,  
and God has remembered her iniquities.

7 As much as she has glorified herself and  
lived in luxury, give her the same measure of  
torment and grief.

In her heart she says, 'I sit as queen;

I am not a widow and will never see grief.'



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8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day— death and misery and famine— and she will be consumed by fire, for mighty is the Lord God who judges her.”

9“And the kings of the earth, who committed acts of immorality and lived sensuously with her, will weep and lament over her when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance because of the fear of her torment, saying, ‘Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’

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**6. The gospel of Christ will unite the nations to God**

## Revelation 5

9 And they sang a new song:

“Worthy are You to take the scroll and open its seals,  
because You were slain,  
and by Your blood You purchased for God  
those from every tribe and tongue and people and  
nation.

10 You have made them into a kingdom,  
priests to serve our God,  
and they will reign upon the earth.”

## Revelation 7

9 After this I looked and saw a multitude too large to count, from every nation and tribe and people and tongue, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.

They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

10 And they cried out in a loud voice:

“Salvation to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

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