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The Promise, the Prophecy, the Remnant, and the Recovery

- I. God chose the children of Israel and made them His people as a type of the church.
- II. Jehovah promised to turn the captivity of Israel and bring them back to their land—Jer. 16:15.
- III. Jeremiah prophesied that the captivity of Israel in Babylon would be for seventy years.
 - Jer. 25:11 And this whole land will become a desolation and a waste, and these nations will serve the king of Babylon seventy years.
- IV. Jehovah said that He would gather the remnant of His flock out of the lands where He had driven them and that He would bring them back to their pasture, and they would be fruitful and multiply—Jer. 23:3.
 - Jer. 23:3 Then I will gather the remnant of My flock out of all the land where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their pasture; and they will be fruitful and multiply.
- V. Jehovah said that He would bring recovery to the children of Israel—Jer. 30:17.
- VI. The return of the children of Israel from their captivity typifies the recovery of the church—Ezra 1:3-11; Neh. 2:11, 17:
 - B. The church needs to be <u>restored</u> according to God's original intention.
 - C. The recovery of the church involves a <u>return</u>.
 - D. The children of Israel went back to Jerusalem, the God-ordained unique ground, with all the vessels of the temple of God, which had been brought to Babylon.
 - Deut. 12:11 Then to the place where Jehovah your God will choose to cause His name to dwell, there you shall bring all that I am commanding you, your burnt offerings and your sacrifices, your tithes and the heave offering of your hand and all your choice vows which you vow to Jehovah.
 - E. The recovery of the church is also typified by the rebuilding of the temple of God, the house of God in Jerusalem, and the rebuilding of the city of Jerusalem.
 - Ezra1:3 Whoever there is among you of all His people, may his God be with him; and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and let him build the house of Jehovah the God of Israel-He is God-who is in Jerusalem.