

The End of Diaspora — A New Path to Redemption

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POSITION

The Jewish Diaspora is ending. The ancient dispersion of Jews across the globe is nearing its final chapter. I submit a radical—yet increasingly self-evident—position: **the Moshiah will not bring about the end of the Diaspora. The Diaspora will end first, and the Moshiah will arrive only when all Jews have gathered in the contemporary State of Israel.**

This reversal of long-standing eschatological belief is not merely theoretical. It is unfolding now, before our eyes, driven by historical precedent, prophetic tradition, and above all, the undeniable signs of a world turning hostile once again toward its Jewish populations—including in places once thought eternally safe.

1. THE DIASPORA: A DIVINE PLAN THROUGH HISTORY

From the destruction of the First Temple through the Babylonian exile, and even more definitively after the Roman destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, Jews have been scattered across the world. This dispersion—*galut*—was never random. It has been understood by generations of Jews as part of **God's plan**: a phase in the covenant that would ultimately lead to redemption.

Judaism has always seen exile as both punishment and preparation. Prophets and sages taught that Jews were dispersed among the nations to serve a purpose—either to be tested, to bear witness to God's moral law, or to bring divine awareness to the world. Yet the promise remained clear: **one day the Jews would return to their land**, gathered from the four corners of the earth, led by the *Moshiah*—the true redeemer.

Over centuries, many imposters and false messiahs—Shabtai Zvi, Bar Kochba, Jacob Frank, among others—have risen and failed, misleading and fracturing Jewish communities. But the belief remained unshaken: when the true *Moshiah* comes, he will gather the Jews to the Land of Israel, rebuild the Temple, and usher in a new era of peace, justice, and divine unity. **The End of Diaspora was to be the effect of Moshiah's arrival.**

2. A BOLD REVERSAL: THE MESSIAH WILL FOLLOW, NOT LEAD

Here I diverge, deliberately and unapologetically, from the long-held assumption of cause and effect by stating that **The End of Diaspora must precede the arrival of the Moshiah.**

And this is not theological speculation. This is a reflection of what is happening now. Jews are not waiting to be gathered. They are fleeing. And they are gathering themselves—to *Israel*.

- Antisemitism is no longer a historical echo. It is a living, growing, and metastasizing force.
- Europe, whose blood-soaked soil should have immunized it forever, is again bristling with anti-Jewish hate.
- The Arab and Muslim world remains largely inhospitable.
- But the most disturbing trend—unimaginable just a decade ago—is the eruption of **American antisemitism.**

This country, long seen as a haven, a second Jerusalem, is showing cracks. Synagogues are under attack. Universities, once proud bastions of pluralism, now churn out antisemitic rhetoric under the guise of social justice. Jews are demonized, their loyalty questioned, their existence challenged. **The illusion is breaking. America is ceasing to be a sanctuary.**

3. ISRAEL: THE CENTER THAT HOLDS

Against this backdrop, Israel is not just a homeland. It is the only logical, moral, and prophetic destination for the Jewish people.

- **Militarily**, it is unmatched in the region.
- **Economically**, it is a powerhouse, leading in science, technology, and innovation.
- **Culturally and spiritually**, it is once again the center of Jewish life and identity.

The once-fragile state surrounded by hostile neighbors has become a formidable global actor, engaging with Arab states, Africa, Asia, and even parts of the Muslim world. **This is no longer a reborn state; it is a mature one.** It can protect its people—and it can protect the Jewish people.

That protection, I argue, is the necessary condition for redemption.

4. AMERICA: THE GREAT LETDOWN

Let us not mince words. **The American Jewish golden age is ending.**

The slow-rolling antisemitism of the 20th century—country clubs, quotas, polite exclusion—has transformed into overt hostility. Jews are shouted down on campuses, targeted in media, assaulted on the streets, and threatened in their homes. And this is not only from the fringe. The political mainstream increasingly tolerates, even endorses, antisemitic tropes—whether from the far-left or the far-right.

And worse: **American Jews themselves are divided, demoralized, and disarmed by their own complacency.**

Many believe it cannot happen here. But history has always punished that belief. *It always happens where they thought it could not.*

5. THEOLOGICAL IMPLICATIONS: THE NEW PATH TO REDEMPTION

If the Jews do not wait for the *Moshiah* to bring them home—but instead come home first—what then? Then, I believe, **the stage is set for his arrival.**

This flips the script. It is not the Moshiah who gathers the people, but the people's gathering that calls forth the Moshiah.

This is consistent with a deeper understanding of redemption in Jewish thought. Redemption is not passive. It is active. It requires preparation, agency, courage. If the Jews wait endlessly, they may miss the window. But if they act, the divine will respond.

And so I say:

When the last Jew arrives in Israel, and the Diaspora is over—not by miracle but by necessity—then the Moshiah will come.

And only then.

6. POST-MOSHIAH WORLD: THE VISION REVERSED

Traditional Jewish eschatology promises that the Moshiah will usher in an era of:

- Peace among nations
- Justice under divine law
- A rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem
- The end of suffering and death
- Universal recognition of God

But perhaps these are not consequences of the Moshiah's supernatural power. Perhaps they are **consequences of Jewish unity** in one land, under one destiny, with one purpose.

Perhaps the Messianic Age is a **natural culmination** of Jewish survival, strength, and return—not a mystical interruption of history but its divine fulfillment.

7. CONCLUSION: A CALL TO RETURN BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE

This is not a sermon. This is a **warning**.

Do not wait for America to finish turning. The signs are already here. Jews have always lingered too long in exile—until the doors slammed shut. There will be no excuse this time. The gate to Israel is open. The Jewish state is strong. The people are ready.

It is time to gather. Not as refugees, but as builders. Not as survivors, but as sovereigns. And when the gathering is complete, **then**, and only then, **the Moshiah will come**.

The Diaspora is ending.

Let it end with dignity.

Let it end with faith.

Let it end with the Jews themselves bringing the Moshiah—not by waiting, but by coming home.

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