

# Deuteronomy 28:64

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

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## Analysis

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**And the LORD shall scatter thee among all people, from the one end of the earth even unto the other**—Hebrew *wěhəpîṣəkā* YHWH (וְהִפִּיצְךָ יְהוָה, 'and the LORD will scatter you') describes the diaspora with prophetic precision. The phrase **from the one end of the earth even unto the other** is hyperbolic but historically accurate—Jews were scattered from Spain to India, Ethiopia to Russia. **And there thou shalt serve other gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have known, even wood and stone**—this predicts forced idolatry or cultural assimilation.

This is one of the clearest prophecies in Scripture—the Jewish diaspora has lasted 2,000+ years. The irony is bitter: Israel worshiped false gods voluntarily in Canaan, so God scattered them where they'd be pressured to worship false gods involuntarily. 'Wood and stone' refers to pagan idols (Deuteronomy 4:28), but also implies lifelessness—the gods of exile offer no help.

## Historical Context

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The Assyrian and Babylonian exiles scattered the Northern and Southern kingdoms. After AD 70 and especially AD 135, Jews were dispersed globally—to Europe, North Africa, Asia. During the Inquisition and pogroms, Jews were forced

to convert or faced death. The modern return to Israel (1948) represents a prophetic reversal of this scattering.

## Related Passages

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**John 3:16** — God's love and salvation

**Romans 10:9** — Confession and belief for salvation

## Study Questions

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1. How does the Jewish diaspora demonstrate both God's judgment and His preservation of a remnant?
2. What does it mean that even in judgment, God maintains His covenant people?
3. How does the ingathering of Israel in modern times relate to prophetic fulfillment?

## Interlinear Text

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וְהִפְצִיצָהּ	וְהוֹה	בְּכָל	הָ עַמִּי יִם	קִצְהָ	
shall scatter	And the LORD	H3605	thee among all people	even unto the other	
H6327	H3068		H5971	H7097	
הָאָרֶץ	וְעַד	קִצְהָ	הָאָרֶץ	וְעַבְדָּהּ	
of the earth	H5704	even unto the other	of the earth	and there thou shalt serve	
H776		H7097	H776	H5647	
שֵׁם	אֱלֹהֵי יָם	אֲחֵרֵי יָם	לֹא	יָדָעוּ	אֵת הָ
H8033	gods	other	H834	H3808	have known
	H430	H312		H3045	H859
וְאֲבֹתֶיךָ		עֵץ	וְאֲבָנִים		
which neither thou nor thy fathers		even wood	and stone		
H1		H6086	H68		

## Additional Cross-References

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**Leviticus 26:33** (Parallel theme): And I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you: and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste.

**Jeremiah 16:13** (References God): Therefore will I cast you out of this land into a land that ye know not, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; where I will not shew you favour.

**Nehemiah 1:8** (Parallel theme): Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye transgress, I will scatter you abroad among the nations:

**Deuteronomy 28:36** (References God): The LORD shall bring thee, and thy king which thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone.

**Luke 21:24** (Parallel theme): And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

**Jeremiah 50:17** (Parallel theme): Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones.