

# Jeremiah 44:14

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

So that none of the remnant of Judah, which are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or remain, that they should return into the land of Judah, to the which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return but such as shall escape.

## Analysis

**None of the remnant of Judah...shall escape or remain**—(אֵלֹא־יָהִי פָּלִיט וְשָׁרֵיד) The paired terms paliyt (פָּלִיט, escapee) and sarid (שָׁרֵיד, survivor) form a comprehensive negation. Those who thought themselves 'remnant' (שְׁאָרִית, she'erit) by surviving Jerusalem's destruction will themselves become extinct through their rebellion.

**They have a desire to return**—(מְנַשְּׁאִים אֶת־נֶפֶשׁם לְשֻׁבָּה) literally "lifting up their soul to return," expressing intense longing. The tragedy: they will desire the land of promise but never possess it, having forfeited it through disobedience. Only a tiny remnant who escape (פְּלִיטִים, peleytim)—likely those who didn't participate in idolatry—will return, fulfilling God's sovereign preservation of a faithful seed.

## Historical Context

The Jewish community in Egypt grew substantially in the post-exilic period, eventually centered in Alexandria. However, the specific generation that fled to Egypt in 586 BC perished there, unable to participate in the return under Cyrus (538 BC). Historical records suggest few if any from this rebellious group survived to see Judah again.

## Related Passages

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**John 15:13** — Greatest form of love

**1 John 4:8** — God is love

## Study Questions

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1. How does presuming on remnant status while living in disobedience reflect modern church complacency?
2. What does 'lifting up your soul' toward something reveal about the relationship between desire and obedience?
3. Why does God preserve a remnant even within a judged community?

## Interlinear Text

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לְשֹׁאָר יִתְּשַׁרְּךָ וְלֹא  
H3808 H1961 there shall escape or remain So that none of the remnant  
פָּלָטִים: וְשָׁרֵיד  
H6412 H8300 H7611

מֵצֶב יִם אֶרְזָ שְׁמָן יְהוּדָה  
of Judah which are gone to sojourn into the land of Egypt  
H3063 H935 H1481 H8033 H776 H4714

הַפָּה אֲשֶׁר יְהוּדָה אֶרְזָ שְׁמָן וּבָנָה  
that they should return into the land of Judah a desire that they should return to dwell  
H7725 H776 H3063 H834 H1992 H8033

שְׁמָן לְשֹׁבֶת מִנְשָׁא יִם אֶת נְפָשָׁם  
to the which they have a desire that they should return to dwell  
H5375 H853 H5315 H7725 H3427

לֹא כִּי וּשְׁמָן אֶמְכִּי פָּלָטִים: וְשָׁרֵיד  
H3588 H3808 that they should return H3588 H518 H6412

## Additional Cross-References

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**Romans 9:27** (Parallel theme): Esaias also crieth concerning Israel, Though the number of the children of Israel be as the sand of the sea, a remnant shall be saved:

**Isaiah 4:2** (Parallel theme): In that day shall the branch of the LORD be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel.

**Isaiah 10:20** (Parallel theme): And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.

**Jeremiah 42:17** (References Egypt): So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into Egypt to sojourn there; they shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence: and none of them shall remain or escape from the evil that I will bring upon them.

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