

# Prophetic Proof

## “The Wandering Jew”

In Dickens' novel, *Bleak House*, the policeman ordered a loiterer called Joe to move on. “*I'm always a moving on Sir,*” cried the boy wiping away his tears with his arm. “*I've always been a moving on ever since I was born. Where can I possibly move to, Sir?*” Some people think that Joe was meant to be a picture of Israel, always being ‘moved on’ from one inhospitable country to another. In fact, this was something which the Bible specifically prophesied in the days of Hosea the prophet, around 755-710 BC. He said: **“My God will cast them away, because they did not obey Him; and they shall be wanderers among the nations” (Hosea 9:17).**



God promised Moses in **Leviticus 26:33** that if Israel turned away from Him, He would eject them out of their homeland and **“scatter you among the nations...”** - and Hosea merely echoed this prophecy in his own day. Sadly, this came true with the Assyrian dispersion of northern Israel in 722 BC and later the Roman dispersion in AD 70. Between then and 1948, the Jewish people had no official homeland and ‘wandered’ from nation to nation suffering persecution wherever they went, being moved on. In fact, *The Jewish Almanac* lists 34 times when they were expelled between 1012 and 1891 alone – including England in 1290. Prophetic proof for the Bible, I’d say.