

Prophecies Concerning Israel (1)

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Is it reasonable, is it *possible*, for a believer to read these verses and then deny that Israel is the subject of the prophecy, and deny that God will save and restore Israel?

The time of Jacob's trouble - and salvation

- Jer 30:1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying,
Jer 30:2 "Thus speaks the Lord God of Israel, saying
'Write in a book for yourself all the words that I have spoken to you.
Jer 30:3 'For behold, the days are coming,' says the Lord, 'that I will bring back from captivity My people Israel and Judah,' says the Lord. 'And **I will cause them to return to the land** that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.' "
Jer 30:4 Now these are the words that the Lord spoke **concerning Israel and Judah**.
Jer 30:5 "For thus says the Lord:
'We have heard a voice of trembling,
Of fear, not of peace.
Jer 30:6 Ask now, and see,
Whether a man is ever in labour with child?
So why do I see every man with his hands on his loins,
Like a woman in labour,
And all faces turned pale?
Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day is great,
So that none is like it;
And it is **the time of Jacob's trouble**,
But **he shall be saved out of it**.

Jer 30:10 'Therefore, do not fear, O My servant Jacob', says the Lord,
Nor be dismayed, O Israel...

Jer 30:11 'For I am with you', says the Lord, 'to save you'...

Context of Isaiah's prophecy

- Is 1:1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw **concerning Judah and Jerusalem** in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Sin confessed

- Is 59:12 For our transgressions are multiplied before you,
And our sins testify against us,
For our transgressions are with us,
And as for our iniquities, we know them.

How will Jacob be saved out of his time of trouble?

- Is 59:20 "The **Redeemer will come to Zion**
And to those who turn from transgression in Jacob",
Says the Lord.

The (second) coming of the Lord (i.e. Messiah) to the Mount of Olives (cf Acts 1:9-11)

- Zech 12:2 "Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of drunkenness to all the surrounding peoples when they lay siege against Judah and Jerusalem.

Zech 12:3 “And it shall happen in that day that I will make Jerusalem a very heavy stone for all peoples; all who would heave it away will surely be cut in pieces, though all nations of the earth are gathered against it.”

Zech 12:8 “In that day the Lord will defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem...”

Zech 12:10 And I will pour on the house of David and on the inhabitants of Jerusalem the Spirit of grace and supplication; **then they will look on Me Whom they have pierced;** they will mourn for Him as one who mourns for *his* only *son*, and grieve for Him as one grieves for a first-born.

Zech 14:4 And in that day **His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives,**
Which faces Jerusalem on the east,
And the Mount of Olives shall be split in two,
From east to west,
Making a very large valley;
Half the mountain shall move towards the north,
And half of it towards the south.