

## Prophecies Concerning Israel (1)

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.

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