**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.