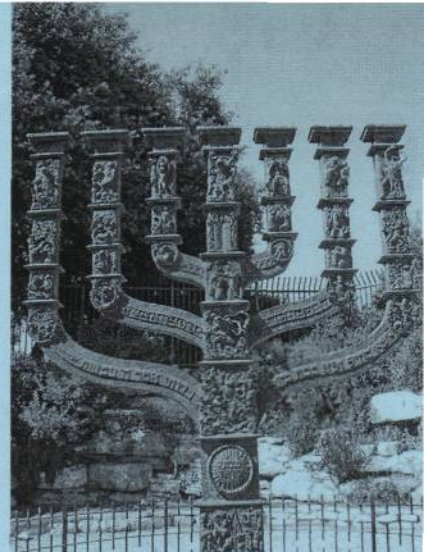


Israel's Travail of Trouble

Jeremiah 30

Vss. 1-3 Theme: Return of Israel to Land

1: The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD, saying,
2: Thus speaketh the LORD God of Israel, saying, Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book.
3: For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and **I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it.**



Vss. 4-8 Not Peace—a Travail

4: And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah.
5: For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and **not of peace.**
6: Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore **do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail,** and all faces are turned into paleness?
7: Alas! for **that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble;** but he shall be saved out of it.
8: For it shall come to pass in that **day,** saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

“I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not.” Jer. 17:4

Lev. 18:26-28

“Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit any of these abominations....That the **land spue not you out also,** when ye defile it, as it spued out the nations that were before you.”

Jer. 16:18

“And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin **double; because** they have **defiled** my land...”

1878 - End of “Jewish Double” Petah Tikva, ‘An Engagement Ring’

Hosea 2:14, 15

“Therefore, **behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Achor for a door of hope;*** and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of the land of Egypt.”

*“Petah Tikva” = door, gate or portal of hope

Prophecies about Regathering of Israel:

Israel, Not to be Forgotten

“Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou [art] my servant: I have formed thee; thou [art] my servant: **O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out,** as a thick cloud, thy transgressions. . .” Isa. 44:21, 22

After Scattered by Gentiles

“Behold, **I will raise them out of the place whither ye [Gentiles] have sold them...**” Joel 3:7



"Graves" to be Opened

"Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, **I will open your graves**, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel..." Ezekiel 37:12



Israel to be Returned to Land Permanently

"And I will bring again the captivity of my people of Israel, and **they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit** [them]; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And **I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be pulled up out of their land which I have given them**, saith the LORD thy God." Amos 9:14

Planted in Land with All God's Heart and All His Soul

"I will rejoice over them to do them good, and I will faithfully plant them in this land with My whole heart and with My whole soul." Jer. 32:41

Travail in the "Day" of the LORD

"Wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail....that Day is great...it is even the time of Jacob's Trouble...It shall come to pass in that Day...Jer. 30:6,8	
"For yourselves know perfectly that the Day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. For when they shall say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." 1 Thes. 5:2,3	
Daniel 12:1 "his people" – "trouble"	Matt. 24:21 "fig tree" – "tribulation"

**"Final Blast" of trouble & distress on regathered Israel - Ezekiel 38
Vol. 4, pp. 553, 554 (First published in 1897 as *The Day of Vengeance*)**

- R2194 (1897) "Poor Jews! **Much of Jacob's trouble lies yet ahead**, before the faithful are gathered back to Palestine..." [Palestine was not the name of the Holy Land in Jesus' day.]
- R2290 (1898) "Very evidently '**the time of Jacob's trouble**' (Jer. 30:7-9) **is not yet ended**. Probably still greater persecutions will shortly overtake them;--to **drive** them to Palestine and thus to fulfill the Lord's predictions through the prophets."
- R2883 (1901) "In every nation of Europe except Great Britain the Jews have suffered persecution, and labor under more or less restriction of privileges. As we have already pointed out from the Scriptures, fleshly Israel is to suffer yet more—'**the time of Jacob's trouble**' is to **last up to the very close of the 'day of vengeance' when they shall be delivered by the setting up of the Kingdom.**"
- R3099 (1902) "**JEWISH WOES IN ROUMANIA** '**It is the time of Jacob's trouble,**' as the prophets foretold. **The poor Jews are subjected to tribulations in one country after another** by so-called Christians who are totally ignorant of real Christianity....**Now it is Roumania that persecutes...**"
- R4610 (1910) "Our heart went out in **sympathy** for the Jewish people. We recalled how they have been nationally "left desolate" for eighteen centuries, and have been persecuted, even, alas, by those who have named the name of Christ! **We specially rejoiced to think that "the time of Jacob's trouble" will soon be over....**"

R1898 (1895) "[We] are in "**the time of Jacob's trouble;**" and we shall not be surprised if **bitterness** against the race shall reach such intensity as to **expel** them from **Austria, Germany, France, Spain and Portugal...**The Lord has promised to gather the "remnant of *Israel*" that they shall come back to their own land "*with weeping and with supplication.*"

Vss. 9-10 Promise of Eventual Peace when Kingdom is Established

9: But they shall serve the LORD their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.
 10: Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and **Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid.**"

<p align="center">Ezekiel's Affirmation Of Jeremiah's prophecy of Israel's Restoration A "Prince/King of David's line Ezekiel 37:24,25</p>	<p align="center">Jesus' (indirect) Affirmation of Israel's Restoration (Timing not revealed) Acts 1:6,7</p>
<p>"And David my servant [shall be] <u>king</u> over them; and they all shall have one shepherd....And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, [even] they, and their children, and their children's children for ever: and my servant David [shall be] their <u>prince</u> for ever."</p>	<p>"Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power."</p>

Vss. 11-15 Full End of All Nations – Israel Corrected and Established

11: For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: **though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee:** but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.
 12: For thus saith the LORD, **Thy bruise is incurable,** and thy wound is grievous.
 13: There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.
 14: **All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.**
 15: **Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.**

Holocaust – "Furthered the Affliction"

"I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and Zion. But I am very angry with the nations. . .for while I was only a little angry, they **furthered the disaster**" (Applying the principle of Zech. 1:14, 15 NAS)

Vs. 16 Consequences for Israel's Adversaries

"Surely, he that toucheth you [Israel] toucheth the apple of His eye." Zech. 2:8

"Therefore all they that devour thee **shall be devoured;** and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey."



The Final Birth Pain — The Valley of Jehoshaphat — Joel 3

"(2) I will gather all the nations And bring them down to the valley of Jehoshaphat. Then I will enter into judgment with them there. On behalf of My people and My inheritance, Israel, Whom they have scattered among the nations; And they have divided up My land. . .(4) I [will] return your recompense upon your own head

(9) Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare [sanctify-holy] war, wake up the mighty men. . .(12) Let the heathen be wakened and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about, (13) Put ye in the sickle for the harvest is ripe. . .for their wickedness is great."

"Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought 'in the day of battle.'" Zech. 14:1-3

Vss. 17-22 Israel Restored and Built upon its own Tel [heap or mound]

“For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy [incurable-vs. 12] wounds, saith the LORD; because they called thee an Outcast, saying, This is Zion, whom no man seeketh after. Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will bring again the captivity of Jacob's tents, and have mercy on his dwelling places; and the city shall be builded upon her own heap, and the palace shall remain after the manner thereof. And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will also glorify them, and they shall not be small. Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD. And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

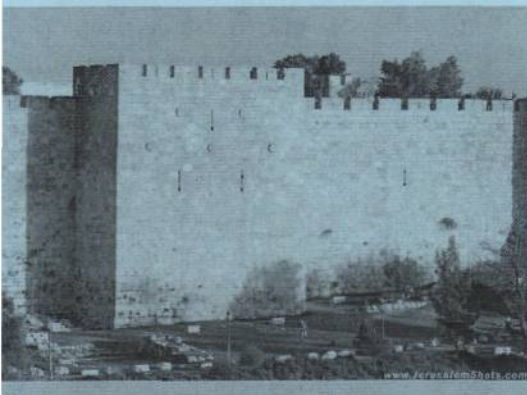
Vss. 23-24 - Climax of Jacob's Trouble

“Behold, the tempest of the LORD! Wrath has gone forth, a sweeping tempest. It will burst on the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the LORD will not turn back, until He has performed, and until He has accomplished the intent of His heart, **In the latter days, you will understand this. . .**”

Sequence in Ezekiel

- Ezekiel 37 – **Regathering** by “shaking” of the “dry bones” of a scattered Israel, ultimately God will pour out his spirit on “all flesh” when he makes a “New Covenant” with Israel
- Ezekiel 38 – **Invasion** of God of Magog from the North with “all nations, but **“I will call for a sword...saith the LORD God; every man’s sword shall be against his brother. ..hailstones...”**
- Ezekiel 39 – **Sanctified**. Mercy on whole house of Israel” and **He will be “sanctified in them** [Gog and his hosts] in the sight of many nations” [*Israel’s enemies will be blessed by Israel!*]

Watchmen on the Wall



Isaiah 52:7-8

“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth! Thy **watchmen shall lift up the voice**; with the voice together shall they sing: for they shall see eye to eye, when the LORD shall bring again Zion.”

Isaiah 62:1,6,7

“I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And **give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth.**”

“The Chariot of Israel!”

2 Kings 2:11-12

“There appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. And Elisha saw it, and he cried, **My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof.**”

