

**Nations, God's judgment of**  
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**God Judges nations through nature**

**Genesis 7-8** The flood.

**Exodus 9:** God judged Egypt with hail.

Deuteronomy 11:13-17 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love the LORD your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, That I will give *you* the rain of your land in his due season, the first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil. And I will send grass in thy fields for thy cattle, that thou mayest eat and be full. Take heed to yourselves, that your heart be not deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; And *then* the LORD'S wrath be kindled against you, and he shut up the heaven, that there be no rain, and that the land yield not her fruit; and *lest* ye perish quickly from off the good land which the LORD giveth you.

**Leviticus 26:3-4** If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; Then I will give you rain in due season, and the land shall yield her increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit.

Jeremiah 3:3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; and thou hadst a whore's forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed.

**Leviticus 26:18-20** And if ye will not yet for all this hearken unto me, then I will punish you seven times more for your sins. And I will break the pride of your power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your earth as brass: And your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits.

**Isaiah 50:2-3** "Wherefore, when I came, *was there* no man? when I called, *was there* none to answer? Is my hand shortened at all, that it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stinketh, because *there is* no water, and dieth for thirst. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering."

Isaiah 51:15 “But I am the LORD thy God, that divided the sea, whose waves roared: The LORD of hosts is his name.”

**Jeremiah 3:13-16** Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding. And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD: neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it; neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more.

**Jeremiah 10:13** When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures. [spoken in midst of verses concerning judgment of nations etc.

**Jeremiah 12:13** They have sown wheat, but shall reap thorns: they have put themselves to pain, but shall not profit: and they shall be ashamed of your revenues because of the fierce anger of the LORD.

**Je. 51.16** and surrounding verses for context “Jeremiah 51:16 When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.”

**Am. 4.7-13. Amos 4:7:** And also I have withholden the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest: and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. **Amos 4:9-10:** I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: when your gardens and your vineyards and your fig trees and your olive trees increased, the palmerworm devoured them: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD. I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have taken away your horses; and I have made the stink of your camps to come up unto your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.

**Na. 1.2-8** “God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth *wrath* for his enemies. The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*: the LORD *hath* his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of his feet. He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.”

**Zec. 10:1** “Ask ye of the LORD rain in the time of the latter rain; so the LORD shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field.” N1 to **Zec. 10:1**, p974: “Cf. **Ho 6:3**; **Joe 2:23-32**; **Zec 12:10**. There is both a physical and spiritual meaning: Rain as of old will be restored to Palestine, but, also, there will be a mighty effusion of the Spirit upon restored Israel.”

**Zec. 14:17-19** “And it shall be, *that* whoso will not come up of *all* the families of the earth unto Jerusalem to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, even upon them shall be no rain. And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that *have* no *rain*; there shall be the plague, wherewith the LORD will smite the heathen that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles. This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all nations that come not up to keep the feast of tabernacles.”

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### In general

**Looking through troubles to the kingdom age: Is. 24.1-12.** Behold, the LORD maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. And it shall be, as with the people, so with the priest; as with the servant, so with his master; as with the maid, so with her mistress; as with the buyer, so with the seller; as with the lender, so with the borrower; as with the taker of usury, so with the giver of usury to him. The land shall be utterly emptied, and utterly spoiled: for the LORD hath spoken this word. The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, the haughty people of the earth do languish. The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryhearted do sigh. The mirth of tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. The city of confusion is broken down: every house is shut up, that no man may come in. There is a crying for wine in the streets; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is gone. In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction.

**N2 p. 23 to Gen. 14 “18.** “And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he *was* the priest of the most high God.” “‘Most High’ or ‘most high God’ (Heb. *E*; *Elyon*). ‘*Elyon*’ means simply ‘highest.’

“(1) The first revelation of this name (v. 19) indicates its distinctive meanings. Abram, returning from his victory over the confederated kings (Gen. 14.1-17), is met by Melchizedek, King of Salem . . . the “priest of the most high God” (*El Elyon*), who blesses Abram in the name of *El, Elyon*, “possessor of heaven and earth.” This revelation produced a remarkable impression upon the patriarch. Not only did he at once give Melchizedek ‘tithes of all’ the spoil of the battle, but when the King of Sodom offered other of that spoil to Abram, his answer was: ‘ I have lift up mine hand unto the LORD [Jehovah], the most high God (*El Elyon*), the possessor of heaven and earth, that I will not take from a thread even to a shoelatchet,’ etc. (Gen. 14.18-23).

“(a) The LORD (Jehovah) is known to a *Gentile* king (Melchizedek) by the name ‘most high God’ (*El Elyon*); (b) a *Gentile* is the priest of *El Elyon* and (c) His distinctive *character* as most high God is ‘possessor of heaven and earth.’

“Appropriately to this *Gentile* knowledge of God by His name ‘Most High,’ we read that ‘the Most High divided to the nations [i.e., *Gentiles*] their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam,’ etc. (Deut. 32.8). As ‘possessor of heaven and earth,’ it was the prerogative of the Most High to distribute the earth among the nations according to whatever principle He chose. That principle is declared in Deut. 32.8. To the same purport is the use of the name in Daniel, the book of *Gentile* prophecy (Dan. 3.26; 4.17, 24, 25, 32, 34, 35; 5.18, 21).

“(2) As ‘possessor of heaven and earth,’ the most high God has and exercises authority in both spheres: (a) the heavenly authority of *El Elyon* (e.g., Deut. 4.35, 37 [“35 Unto thee it is shewed, that thou mightest know that the LORD he is God; there is none else beside him. 37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out in his sight with his mighty power out of Egypt;]; Isa. 14.13, 14 [“13 For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north” 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.”]; Mt. 28.18); (b) the earthly authority of *El Elyon* (e.g., Deut. 32.8 [“When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.”]; Psa. 9.2-5 [“I will be glad and rejoice in thee: I will sing praise to thy name, O thou most High. 3 When mine enemies are turned back, they shall fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; thou satest in the throne judging right. 5 Thou hast rebuked the heathen, thou hast destroyed the wicked, thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.”]; 21.7; 47.2-4; 56.2, 3; 82.6, 8; 83.6, 7, 16-18; 91.9-12; 2 Sam. 22.14, 15; Dan. 5.18). See, for other names of Deity: Gen. 1.1, *note*; 2.4, *note*; 2.7, *note*; 15.2, *note*; 17.1, *note*; 21.33, *note*; 1 Sam. 1.3, *note*.”

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### God’s judgments to apply to the nations

**Le. 18.3:** “After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do: neither shall ye walk in their ordinances.” Le. 18.26-27 [after naming the abominations]: “Le. 18:26-27 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my judgments, and shall not commit *any* of these abominations; *neither* any of your own nation, nor any stranger that sojourneth among you: (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, which *were* before you, and the land is defiled;)” **Also, Le. 18.24-25, 28.**

**Le. 20.22-23:** “Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all my judgments, and do them: that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, spue you not out. And ye shall not walk in the manners of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they committed all these things, and therefore I abhorred them.”

## God destroys some peoples:

- **De. 2:20-23** “(That also was accounted a land of giants: giants dwelt therein in old time; and the Ammonites call them Zamzummims; A people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakims; but the LORD destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead: As he did to the children of Esau, which dwelt in Seir, when he destroyed the Horims from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day: And the Avims which dwelt in Hazerim, even unto Azzah, the Caphtorims, which came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.)”
- **De. 2:31-33** “And the LORD said unto me, Behold, I have begun to give Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, to fight at Jahaz. And the LORD our God delivered him before us; and we smote him, and his sons, and all his people.”
- **Deuteronomy 2:34-37** “And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed the men, and the women, and the little ones, of every city, we left none to remain: Only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, and the spoil of the cities which we took. From Aroer, which is by the brink of the river of Arnon, and *from* the city that is by the river, even unto Gilead, there was not one city too strong for us: the LORD our God delivered all unto us: Only unto the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not, nor unto any place of the river Jabbok, nor unto the cities in the mountains, nor unto whatsoever the LORD our God forbad us.”
- **De. 3:1-3 (See also, vv. 4-22)** “Then we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to battle at Edrei. And the LORD said unto me, Fear him not: for I will deliver him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon. So the LORD our God delivered into our hands Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote him until none was left to him remaining.”

**Ez. 5.6** [The nations refused God’s judgments and statutes and have not walked in them] To Israel God said: “And she hath changed my judgments into wickedness more than the nations, and my statutes more than the countries that are round about her: for they have refused my judgments and my statutes, they have not walked in them. [see verses following]”

**Ez. 5.8-9 “Ezekiel 5:8-9** “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I, even I, **am** against thee, and will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations.”

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“all nations” search

**Da. 5.19** And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, **trembled and feared** before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.

**Da. 7.14** And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should **serve him**: his dominion is an **everlasting dominion**, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed.

**Ps. 72.11** Yea, all kings shall **fall down before** him: all nations shall **serve** him.

**Ps. 22.27** All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall **worship** before thee.

Ps. 86.9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and **worship** before thee, O Lord; and shall **glorify thy name**.

**Ps. 67.2** That **thy way** may be known upon earth, **thy saving** health among all nations.

**Ps. 72.17** His **name shall endure** for ever: his name shall **be continued** as long as the sun: and men shall be blessed in him: **all nations shall call him blessed**.

**Is. 66.20** And they shall bring all your brethren for an **offering unto the LORD out of all nations** upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, **to my holy mountain Jerusalem**, saith the LORD, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the LORD..

Je. 3.17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

**Je. 9:25-26** “Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will punish all *them which are* circumcised with the uncircumcised; Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all *that are* in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all *these* nations *are* uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel *are* uncircumcised in the heart.”

Je. 25 (whole chapter)-God will judge Israel & Judah as well as all the nations of the earth. Some sample verses: “26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them. 29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts. 31 A noise shall come even to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the LORD.”

N1 p798 to Jere. 25 “11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.” (Cf. **Le** 26:33-35; **2Ch** 36:21; **Da** 9:2 The 70 years may be reckoned to begin with the first deportation of Judah to Babylon. **2Ki** 24:10-15. B.C. 604 according to the Assyrian Eponym Canon, or B.C. 606 according to Ussher; or from the final deportation **2Ki** 25:1-30; **2Ch** 36:17-20; **Jer** 39:8-10. B.C. 586 (Assyr. Ep. Canon), or B.C. 588 (Ussher). In the first case the 70 years extend to the decree of Cyrus for the return **Ezr** 1:1-3 B.C. (Assyr. Ep. Canon), or B.C. 536 (Ussher). In the second case the 70 years terminate B.C. 516 (Assyr. Ep. Canon) with the completion of the temple. The latter is more probable reckoning in the light of **Da** 9:25.).

**Je. 25.15-38 (*The sign of the wine cup of fury*). God names the nations and says he will judge them all. “26 And all the kings of the north, far and near, one with another, and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth: and the king of Sheshach shall drink after them.”**

N1 to **Je. 25.29, p799** “Jeremiah 25:29 For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.” (The scope of this great prophecy cannot be limited to the invasion of Nebuchadnezzar. If Jehovah does not spare His own city, should the Gentile nations imagine that there is no judgment for them? The prophecy leaps to the very end of this age. (See "Day of the Lord," Isa 2:10-22; Re 19:11-21 "Armageddon," Re 16:14; 19:11-21. *Margin*: I will call Cmt. on Isa 2:12.).

**Je. 27.1-8.** God decrees that all nations will serve Nebuchadnezzar.

**Je. 30:11** “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.”

De. 29.24 Even all nations shall say, Wherefore hath the LORD done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger?

Jos. 23.3 And ye have seen all that the LORD your **God hath done unto all these nations** because of you; for the LORD your God is he that hath fought for you.

2 Chr. 32.13-14 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the people of other lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands any ways able to deliver their lands out of mine hand? Who was there among all the gods of those nations that my fathers utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of mine hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of mine hand?

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**God will persecute the Jews**

Je. 29.18 And I will persecute them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be removed to all the kingdoms of the earth, to be a curse, and an astonishment, and an hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them:

Je. 36.2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

Je. 46.28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

Ez. 5.14 Moreover I will make thee waste, and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by.

Zec. 7.14 But I scattered them with a whirlwind among all the nations whom they knew not. Thus the land was desolate after them, that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

Lu. 21.24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

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### Israel special

De. 28.12 The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and **thou shalt lend** unto many nations, and thou shalt **not borrow**.

De. 14.2 For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God, and the LORD hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, **above all the nations** that are upon the earth.

De. 26.19 And to make thee **high above all nations** which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.

De. 28.1 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on **high above all nations** of the earth:

Mal. 3.12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.



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### Israel to be regathered

Ez. 37.22 And I will make them one nation in the land upon the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be king to them all: and they shall be no more two nations, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all:

Ez. 38.8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them.

De. 30:3 That then the LORD thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither the LORD thy God hath scattered thee.

Je. 29.14 And I will be found of you, saith the LORD: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the LORD; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive.

Je. 30.11 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.

Je. 31.1 At the same time, saith the LORD, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. Je. 31: *Israel in the last days.*

Je. 46.28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

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### God and all nations

Ac. 17.26 And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation;

Ac. 14.16 Who in times past suffered all nations to walk in their own ways. [see commentaries on this].

Ro. 16.26 But now is made manifest, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the everlasting God, made known to all nations for the obedience of faith:

Mt. 24.9 Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and **ye shall be hated of all nations** for my name's sake.

Mt. 24.14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

Mt. 25.32 And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats:

3. 13.9-10 9 But take heed to yourselves: for they shall deliver you up to councils; and in the synagogues ye shall be beaten: and ye shall be brought before rulers and kings for my sake, for a testimony against them. 10 And the gospel must first be published among all nations.

Da. 5.19 And for the majesty that he gave him, all people, nations, and languages, **trembled and feared before him: whom he would he slew; and whom he would he kept alive; and whom he would he set up; and whom he would he put down.**

Ps. 82.8 Arise, O God, judge the earth: for thou shalt inherit all nations.

Ps. 113.4 The LORD is **high above all nations**, and **his glory** above the heavens.

Is. 34.2 For the **indignation of the LORD is upon all nations**, and his **fury upon all their armies**: he **hath utterly destroyed them**, he hath delivered them to the slaughter.

Is. 52.10 The LORD hath made bare his holy arm in the eyes of all the nations; and all the ends of the earth shall **see the salvation of our God.**

Je. 9.25-26 Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that **I will punish all them which are circumcised with the uncircumcised**; Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

Je. 25.13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath **prophesied against all the nations.**

Je. 25.15-38[all the nations named]

**N1 to Je. 25.29 p799** "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts." (The scope of this great prophecy cannot be limited to the invasion of Nebuchadnezzar. If Jehovah does not spare His own city, should the Gentile nations imagine that there is no judgment for them? The prophecy leaps to the very end of this age. (See "Day of the Lord," Isa 2:10-22; Re 19:11-21 "Armageddon," ">Re 16:14; 19:11-21. *Margin*: I will call Cmt. on Isa 2:12.)

Je. 25.31.33: “A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.”

Je. 30.11 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.

Je. 30.16 “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.”

Je. 36.2 Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day.

*Prophecies against Gentile powers (Jer. 46.1-51.64).*

**N1 to Je. 46.1 p822** “The word of the LORD which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Gentiles;” (A near and a far fulfilment of these prophecies against Gentile powers are to be distinguished. In Chapter 46, the near vision is of a Babylonian invasion of Egypt, but verses **Jer** 46:27-28 look forward to the judgment of the nations. Cmt. on Mt 25:32, after Armageddon ">**Re** 16:14, Cmt. on Re 19:17 and the deliverance of Israel ("Israel," **Ge** 12:2-3 Cmt. on Ro 11:26). **Jer** 50:4-7 also looks forward to the last days.)

Je. 46.28 Fear thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the LORD: for I am with thee; for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee: but I will not make a full end of thee, but correct thee in measure; yet will I not leave thee wholly unpunished.

Je. 51.7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore **the nations are mad**.

**N1 to Zep. 1.7, p959** “Hold thy peace at the presence of the Lord GOD: for the day of the LORD is at hand: for the LORD hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath bid his guests.” (As in the other Prophets, the approaching invasion of Nebuchadnezzar is treated as an adumbration of the true day of the Lord in which all earth-judgments will culminate, to be followed by the restoration and blessing of Israel and the nations in the kingdom. See "Day of the Lord" Isa 2:10-22; Re 19:11-21 "Israel" Ge 12:2-3; Ro 11:26. CF. Joel 1.,2.)

Ez. 31.6 All the fowls of heaven made their nests in his boughs, and under his branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under his shadow dwelt all great nations.

Zep. 3.8-13 Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the LORD, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy. For then will I turn to the people a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of the LORD, to serve him with one consent. From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain. I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD. The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Zec. 12.9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Ze. 14.2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Ze. 14.16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations which came against Jerusalem shall even go up from year to year to worship the King, the LORD of hosts, and to keep the feast of tabernacles.

Mal. 3.12 And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the LORD of hosts.

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### **All nations shall honor the Lord**

Je. 33:9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Re. 12.5 And she brought forth a man child, who was **to rule all nations with a rod of iron:** and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.

Re. 15.4 Who shall not fear thee, O Lord, and glorify thy name? for thou only art holy: for **all nations shall come and worship before thee; for thy judgments are made manifest.**

Is. 61.11 For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

Is. 66.18 For I know their works and their thoughts: it shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory.

Je. 27.7 And all nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until the very time of his land come: and then many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of him.

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### **Satan will temporarily rule all nations**

See “Babylon” under “Topical Index.”

Re. 13.7 And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

Re. 14.8 And there followed another angel, saying, Babylon is fallen, is fallen, that great city, because she made all nations drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication.

Re. 18.3 For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

Re. 18.23 And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for **by thy sorceries were all nations deceived**.

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### **Misc. teachings**

Zechariah 2 “8 For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake mine hand upon them, and they shall be a spoil to their servants: and ye shall know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion: for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the LORD. 11 And many nations shall be joined to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the LORD of hosts hath sent me unto thee.”

Psm. 9.17: “The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and* all the nations that forget God.”

Psm. 47.2-3: “For the LORD most high *is* terrible; *he is* a great King over all the earth. He shall subdue the people under us, and the nations under our feet.”

**De. 8:19-20: “And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day**

**that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face, so shall ye perish; because ye would not be obedient unto the voice of the LORD your God.**

**De. 9:4-29** “4 Speak not thou in thine heart, after that the LORD thy God hath cast them out from before thee, saying, For my righteousness the LORD hath brought me in to possess this land: **but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD doth drive them out from before thee.** 5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thine heart, dost thou go to possess their land: but for the wickedness of these nations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may perform the word which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. 6 Understand therefore, that the LORD thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou *art* a stiffnecked people....”

**Deut. 6.14-15, 7.3-4, 25-26; “[I]f thou . . . walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face . . .” Deut. 8.19-20. Deut. 11.16-17.**

**“The heaven, *even* the heavens, *are* the LORD’S: but the earth hath he given to the children of men.” Psm. 115.16.**

**Deut. 29:16-18 (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:) Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;**

***Idolatrous practices forbidden.*** Deuteronomy 18:9-14 “When thou art come into the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. For all that do these things are an abomination unto the LORD: and because of these abominations the LORD thy God doth drive them out from before thee. Thou shalt be perfect with the LORD thy God. For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the LORD thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.” Deuteronomy 29:16-18: (For ye know how we have dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we came through the nations which ye passed by; And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:) Lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from the LORD our God, to go and serve the gods of these nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood;

**Israel:** Psm. 106:34-48: [The wicked doings of Israel enumerated and the judgments of God, His deliverances, His repentance because of the covenant, He carries them captive.]. II Kings 17.7-23: The sins for which Israel was carried into captivity.

Psm. 113.4: “The LORD is high above all nations, *and* his glory above the heavens.

Gen. 15.18 N3 clause 6 p25 (“And curse him that curseth thee.” Wonderfully fulfilled in the history of the dispersion. It has invariably fared ill with the people who have persecuted the Jew—well with those who have protected him. The future will still more remarkably prove this principle (Deut. 30.7; Isa. 14.1, 2; Joel 3.1-8; Mic. 5.7-9; Hag. 2.22; Zech. 14.1-3; Mt. 25.40, 45)).

**Deut. 6.14-15, 7.3-4, 25-26; “[I]f thou . . . walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish. As the nations which the LORD destroyeth before your face . . .” Deut. 8.19-20. Deut. 11.16-17.**

In Jer. 25.11-14 the Lord tells Judah they will go into captivity for 70 yrs. See N1 p798 for explanation of when that period begins and ends. Then the Bible says, “And it shall come to pass when seventy years are accomplished, *that* I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith the LORD, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans, and will make it perpetual desolations. 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, *even* all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands.”

We are told in Jer.. 25.15-38 the names of many nations which God will judge: 29 Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.”

De. 29:17 “And ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them:)”

Deut. 9.3-6: God tells Israel to understand that the LORD is he who goes before them, as a consuming fire & destroys their enemies; not to speak in their hearts that he has cast out the nations before them bc they are righteous (for they are a stiffnecked people), but because the people in the land are wicked.

Psm. 135.6-12: “Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. \* \* \* Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: \* \* \*.” See also Psm. 136.17-21.

**N1 p775 to Jer. 3.6:** The general character of Jeremiah’s 2<sup>nd</sup> message to Judah is: (1) of reproach that the example of Jehovah’s chastening of the northern kingdom (2 Ki. 17.1-18) had produced no effect upon Judah, e.g. 3.6-10; (2) of warning of a like chastisement impending over

Judah, e.g. vs. 15-17; (3) of touching appeals to return to Jehovah, e.g. 3.12-14; and (4) of promises of final national restoration and blessing, e.g. 3.16-18.

Predicted **judgment on Assyria, God's rod on Samaria**. Isa. 10.5-19 & N1 p722 (The Gentile nations are permitted to afflict Israel in chastisement for her national sins, but invariably and inevitably retribution falls upon them (verses cited)). N2 p722 to Isa. 10.20 (final destruction of all Gentile world-power at the return of the Lord in glory 10.28-34, Rev. 16.14; 19.11).

**Ps. 2:** God pleads with a nation to repent before he judges. This Psalm gives the order of the establishment of the kingdom. See N1 p600.

The wicked shall be turned into hell and all nations that forget God. Psm.9.17.

If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do? Ps. 11.3.

**Ps. 135.6-12:** “Whatsoever the LORD pleased, *that* did he in heaven, and in earth, in the seas, and all deep places. \* \* \* Who smote great nations, and slew mighty kings; Sihon king of the Amorites, and Og king of Bashan, and all the kingdoms of Canaan: ...\* \* \*.” See also Psm. 136.17-21.

Righteousness exalteth a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people. Pro. 14.34.

A wise king scattereth the wicked, and bringeth the wheel over them. Pro. 20.26.

Mercy and truth preserve the king: and his throne is upholden by mercy. Pro. 20.28.

“Take away the wicked *from* before the king, and his throne shall be established in righteousness.” Pro. 25.5.

“When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn.” Pro. 29.2.

**Is. 10.5-19.** *Predicted judgment on Assyria, God's rod on Samaria.* God will use Assyria to judge Israel, then he will judge Assyria for its pride in boasting that Assyria did this. “Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? *or* the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? \* \* \*” 15.

**N2, p724 (Babylon** here in Isa. 13 refers to the “confusion” into which the whole social order of the world has fallen under Gentile world-domination. Also, discusses the 2 Babylons of Rev. The city Babylon is not to be rebuilt.) “I will punish the world for *their* evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible.”

Isa. 13.11. N1 p725 (predictions of the destruction of the literal Babylon, never to be rebuilt.



N1 p727 to Isa. 14.18-27 (final crash of this present world system. "This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations." Isa. 14.26).

The destruction of Moab. Isa. 15-16. The destruction of Damascus. Isa. 17. The burden of Egypt. Isa. 19. The prophecy that Assyria will waste Egypt and Ethiopia. Isa. 20. The burden of Tyre. Isa. 23. The woe of Ephriam. Isa. 28.

Armageddon. Isa. 34 ("the indignation of the LORD is upon all nations, and *his* fury upon all their armies: he hath utterly destroyed them . . . ." v2).

Isa. 40.15-41.29: "Behold, the nations *are* as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. \* \* \* All nations before him *are* as nothing; and they are counted to him less than nothing, and vanity." Isa. 40.15, 17. *It is* he that sitteth upon the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof *are* as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: That bringeth the princes to nothing; he maketh the judges of the earth as vanity. Yea, they shall not be planted; yea, they shall not be sown: yea, their stock shall not take root in the earth: and he shall also blow upon them, and they shall wither, and the whirlwind shall take them away as stubble. \* \* \*. Lift up your eyes on high, and behold who hath created these *things*, that bringeth out their host by number: he calleth them all by names by the greatness of his might, for that *he* is strong in power; not one faileth. \* \* \*."

Judgment of Babylon. Isa. 47.

**Isa. 49.22-26, Isa. 51: Judgment on Israel's oppressors.**

**Is. 51. (6) *Israel to be redeemed: oppressors punished.***

Jere. 25.11-14, 15-38; 26.18-38 (all nations to be judged). Jeremiah prophecies that God will punish Babylon, the land of the Chaldeans, and many nations (Egypt (Pharoah, his servants, his princes, and all his people, all the mingled people, all the kings of the land of Uz, and all the kings of the land of the Philistines, etc. (listing many others)) after the 70 yrs. captivity for their iniquity.

Jeremiah 25:29: "For, lo, I begin to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the LORD of hosts.

N1 p799 to Jer. 25.29: (The scope of this great prophecy cannot be limited to the invasion of Nebuchadnezzar. If Jehovah does not spare His own city, should the Gentile nations imagine that there is no judgment for them? The prophecy leaps to the very end of this age. (See "Day of the Lord," **Isa 2:10-22; Re 19:11-21** "Armageddon," ">**Re 16:14; 19:11-21. Margin: I will call** Cmt. on Isa 2:12.)

Jeremiah 25:31-33 A noise shall come *even* to the ends of the earth; for the LORD hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them *that are* wicked to the sword, saith the LORD. Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great whirlwind shall be raised up from the coasts of the earth. And the slain of the LORD shall be at that day from *one* end of the earth even unto the *other* end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the ground.”

**Je. 44.30** “Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give Pharaohhophra king of Egypt into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of them that seek his life; as I gave Zedekiah king of Judah into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, his enemy, and that sought his life.”

**Prophecies against Gentile nations. Je. 46-51; N1 p822** (Egypt, Philistia, Tyre, Moab, Ammonites, Edom, Damascus, Elam, Babylon, Chaldea, etc.)(Notice reasons given for destroying these nations))(Notice 2 long chapters given to Babylon only—chapters 50&51 Babylon destroyed bc Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, scattered Israel. 50.17-18. because they [strove] against the LORD. 50.24; the LORD will take vengeance on Babylon bc of the violence and evil done to Israel 51.24, 35-36). Prophecy against the Ammonites (bc they rejoiced when Israel desolate & Judah went into captivity); Moab (48 because Moab magnified themselves against the LORD 48.26, 42); Edom (bc of their pride of heart 49.16 and bc took vengeance on Judah); Damascus (49.23-27); Philistia(47 bc took vengeance w/a despiteful heart to destroy it for the old hatred. Eze. 25.15); Tyre (bc she said against Jerusalem . . .); Zidon; Egypt.

**Ez. 25-32** (Judgments against various nations—the reason for each judgment given and the judgment)(See N1 p868—the final fulfillment is in the future). Prophecy against the Ammonites. 25.1-7; against Moab 25.8-11; Edom 25.12-14; Philistia 25.15-17; Tyre Ezk. 26-27; Zidon Ezk. 28.20-24; Egypt Ezk. 29-32. Mount Seir. Ezk. 35 (“5 Because thou hast had a perpetual hatred, and hast shed *the blood of* the children of Israel by the force fo the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time *that their* iniquity *had* an end. \* \* \*”). Prophecies against Gog Ezk. 38-39 ([See N1 p883. The primary reference is to the northern European powers, headed up by Russia. Noted gives other important reference verses. Destruction shall fall at the climax of the last mad attempt to exterminate the remnant of Israel in Jerusalem. The whole prophecy belongs to the yet future “day of Jehovah” (Isa. 2.10-22; rev. 19.11-21), and to the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16.14; 19.19, *note*), but includes also the final revolt of the nations at the close of the kingdom-age (Rev. 20.7-9).]**Ezk. 38.23: “\* \* \* and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.” Ezk. 39.6b, 7c: “\* \* \* and they shall know that I am the LORD.”**), Persia, Ethiopia, Libya, Gomer, etc. Eze. 38-9.

The most high ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the basest of men. **Daniel 4.17, 25** (God made Nebuchadnezzar like an animal for 7 yrs. (that he “**might know that the most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will.**” Dan. 4.25, 32) before he realized this. See N1 p906 for the progress in Nebuchadnezzar’s apprehension of the true God.

**Da. 5.** The writing on the wall. Daniel tells King Belshazzar that since he knew all that God did regarding Babylon and his Father, Nebuchadnezzar, but nonetheless “22 . . . hast not humbled

thine heart, though thou knewest all this: 23 But hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heaven; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou, and thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk wine in them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver, and gold, of brass, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know: and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified. . .” his “. . . 28 kingdom is divided and given to the Medes and Persians. . . .”

**Ho. 4** “1 . . . for the LORD hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because *there is* no truth, nor mercy, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 By swearing, and lying, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery, they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of heaven; the the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. . . .” Verses 6-11 speak of the willful ignorance of Israel. (6 . . . because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no more priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.”)

N1 p930 to **Joel** 1.4: “\* \* \* The whole picture is of the end-time of this present age, of the “times of the Gentiles” (Lk. 21.24; Rev. 16.14); of the battle of Armageddon (Rev. 16.14; 19.11-21); of the regathering of Israel (Rom. 11.26, *note*), and of kingdom blessing. It is remarkable that Joel, coming at the very beginning of written prophecy (B.C. 836), gives the fullest view of the consummation of all written prophecy.

“The order of events is: (1) The invasion of Palestine from the north by Gentile world powers headed up under the Beast and false prophet (Joel 2.1-10; “Armageddon,” Rev. 16.14, *refs.*); (2) the Lord’s army and destruction of the invaders ) **Joel** 2.11; Rev. 19.11-21); the repentance of Judah in the land (Joel 2.12-17: Deut. 30.1-9, *note*); (4) the answer of Jehovah (Joel 2.18-27); (5) the effusion of the Spirit in the (Jewish) “last days” (Joel 2.28, 29); (6) the return of the Lord in glory and the setting up of the kingdom (Joel 2.30-32; Acts 15.15-17) by the regathering of the nation and the judgment of the nations (Joel 3.1-16); (7) full and permanent kingdom blessing (Joel 3.17-21; Zech. 14.1-21; Mt. 25.32, *note*).”

The judgment of the Gentile nations after Armageddon. **Joel** 3.2-8 (Cf. Mt.25.32, *note*).

Judgments on people surrounding Israel. Amos 1-2.3. Judgments on Judah and Israel. **Amos** 2.4-16.

Wherever “Roar occurs it is connected with the destruction of Gentile dominions. See N1 p934 to Amos 1.2.

Am. 1.1-2.3: Judgments on nations surrounding Israel and Judah.

Amos 2.4-16: Judgments on Judah and Israel.

N3 p935 to **Amos 3:2**: “Jehovah’s controversy with the Gentile cities which hated Israel is brief: “I will send a fire.” But Israel had been brought into the place of privilege and so of responsibility, and the LORD’S indictment is detailed and unsparing. Cf. Mt. 11.23; Lk. 12.47, 48.”

**Amos 4.6-13**: God reminds Israel of all His judgments against them and in spite of those judgments, “yet have ye not returned unto me, saith the LORD.” God says, “Prepare to meet thy God, O Israel.” V12. The same can be said of America today.

God wanted Amos to tell Israel exactly what he was about to do. They rejected his message. In fact, they didn’t even want to hear him preach. They rebelled at the message and the messenger.

God wanted Amos to preach 3 things to Israel: (1) the people did not respect the preaching of the Word of God Amos.7.10-14; (2) Israel did not honor the Sabbath; (3) they did not detest sin any more. 8.14.

Judgments on certain nations. Zephaniah 2.4-15 (in 2 “3 Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD’s anger. 10 This day shall they have for their pride, because they have reproached and magnified *themselves* against the people of the LORD of hosts.”). The judgment of the nations. Zephaniah 3.8-13 (Cf. Zech. 14.1-21; Mt. 25.32, *note*.)

The moral state of the nation which made the captivity inevitable: See Zephaniah 3.1-5 (Specifically refers to the states of the princes, the judges and the prophets.)

Zephaniah 3.8-13. The judgment of the nations.

The conversion of the nations will occur after the smiting of the nations. N1 p961.

Judgments on certain nations. Zephaniah 2.4-15. The judgment of the nations. Zephaniah 3.8-13.

N1 p961 to Zephaniah 3.9 (This passage gives clear testimony as to when the conversion of the nations will occur. It is *after* the smiting of the nations. Cf. Isa. 11.9 with context; Dan. 2.34, 35; Psa. 2.5-8; Acts 15.15-17; Rev. 19.19-20.6.)

Haggai 2.20-23. *Part V. The future destruction of Gentile power.*

Headnote to Zechariah: “Zechariah, like Haggai, was a prophet to the remnant which returned after the 70 years. There is much of symbol in Zechariah, but these difficult passages are readily interpreted in the light of the whole body of related prophecy. The great Messianic passages are, upon comparison with the other prophecies of the kingdom, perfectly clear. Both advents of Christ are in Zechariah’s prophecy **Zec 9:9**; **Mt 21:1-11**; **Zec 14:3-4**. More than Haggai or Malachi, Zechariah gives the mind of God about the Gentile world-powers surrounding the restored remnant. He has given them their authority **Da 2:27-40** and will hold them to account; the test, as always, being their treatment of Israel. Cmt. on Ge 15:18 note 3, clause 6; **Zec 2:8**.

Zechariah, therefore, falls into three broad divisions: I. Symbolic visions in the light of the Messianic hope, 1.1-6.15. II. The mission from Babylon, 7., 8. III. Messiah in rejection and afterwards in power, 9.-14.”

Zechariah 9. 1-8. Burden on the cities surrounding Palestine.

The judgment of the nations at the return of Christ. Mt. 25.32 & N1 p1036.

“But thou [Jeremiah] shalt say unto them, This is a nation that obeyeth not the voice of the LORD their God, nor receiveth correction: truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.” Jere. 7.28 and following. [In America today, preachers are cowed, afraid to proclaim that the catastrophes happening to America are the result of America’s sin—the judgment of God on America for her sins.]

**N1 p1029** to [Mt. 21 “43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.”] “Note that Matthew here as in verse 31 uses the larger word, kingdom of God. (Cf. Mt.6.33, note.) The kingdom of heaven (Mt. 3.2, note 1 Cor. 14.24, summary) will yet be set up. Meantime the kingdom of God and His righteousness is taken from Israel nationally and given to the Gentiles (Rom. 9.30-33).

N1 p1036 to Mt. 25.32 Judgment of the nations.