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The LORD will have Compassion on Jacob

14: 1-3

The LORD will have compassion on Jacob DIG: What is the positive side and real purpose of this judgment? What is the basis for God acting on Israel's behalf (see 40:1-2)? On the Gentiles behalf? Is this the near historical Babylon or the far eschatological Babylon? When will the Gentiles return Isra'el to the Land and serve as menservants and maidservants? Are you surprised by any of the Gentile nations that survive the Great Tribulation and enter the Messianic Kingdom? What does that tell us about ADONAI?

REFLECT: What encourages you about the restoration of Isra'el? What does this prove about the trustworthiness of God? What does His faithfulness to Jacob have to do with you? Is ADONAI will not abandon Isra'el despite her sins, what does that have to say about your eternal security? Does eternal life mean eternal life? How do you feel about the Arab states turning to Yeshua Messiah? Why?



Isaiah teaches us that the time of **Babylon's** final destruction is also the time of **Isra'el's** final restoration. **He** says: **For the LORD will have compassion on**

Jacob; once again He will choose Isra'el and will settle them in their own Land (14:1a). The prophet's vision is not limited to **Judah** alone. No, **ADONAI** will remember **His** entire **people**, as the parallel use of **Jacob** and **Isra'el** indicates. For the purpose of **Isra'el's** restoration, **Babylon** must be destroyed. But while **God** will reject **Babylon**, **He will choose Isra'el** and make good **His** promises to **the house of Jacob** because **He** is **the Promise Keeper**. A sub-theme here is that **Isra'el** will **possess the Gentiles**. **Isaiah** says three things. First, **Aliens**, or **the Gentiles will join them and unite with the house of Jacob (14:1b)**. Secondly, the choosing will bring **Isra'el** back to her own soil again. **The nations**, or **the Gentiles, will help to bring the Jews back to their own place, or Land (14:2a)**. Thirdly, **the Gentiles will serve the Jews as menservants and maidservants in the LORD's Land (14:2b)**. The obvious question is *when* does this happen?

Israel's role will be reversed; rather than **Isra'el** being exiled as **captives** to other **nations**, other **nations** will serve **Isra'el**. **They will make captives of their captors and rule over their oppressors (14:2c)**. This never happened in **Isaiah's** lifetime, in **Jeremiah's** lifetime, or the lifetime of any of the prophets. The only place where this reversal of fortunes could possibly happen is in **the far eschatological future**, where the tables will be turned. A united **Isra'el** will not be dependent upon **the Gentiles**, **the Gentiles** will be dependent upon **Isra'el (2:3, 60:1-3, 61:5-7)**. When viewed from the context of all eternity, the pride of the **Gentiles** will be only passing. The **Sh'khinah** glory of **Isra'el's God**, however, is eternal (**to see link click [Ay - A Cloud of Smoke by Day and a Glow of Fire by Night](#)**). **Marduk**, **Ba'al** and **Chemosh** are long dead and gone, but **God** lives on. In like manner, the kingdoms of **Assyria** and **Babylon** have long since been gone, but the people of **Isra'el** live on.

Thus, **Isaiah** connects **the far eschatological** fall of **Babylon** with the final restoration of **Israel**, which is the message of **Chapters 40** through **66** in a nutshell. Here **Isaiah** reminds **his** readers, both in **his** time and in future times, that any punishment that may come to **God's chosen people (65:5)** did not mean abandonment. **He** would choose **Isra'el** again. So, it is with the Church. **God's** purposes for it remain unchanged. But how the Church experiences **the LORD** in any generation will depend on the obedience of that generation of believers. This much is certain: whatever bondage the Church will fall into, **God** will choose **His** Bride once again (see the commentary on **Revelation Fg - Blessed Are Those who are Invited to the Wedding Feast of the Lamb**).

On the day of the LORD, He will give Isra'el relief from suffering and turmoil

and cruel bondage (14:3). The analogy with the **Exodus** is very clear throughout these verses. As **God** choose **Isra'el** before (**Deuteronomy 4:37, 7:6-7; Psalm 135:4**), **He** will choose **her** again (see [Kg - The Second Coming of Jesus Christ to Bozrah](#)). **God** will give relief from the pain and suffering of slavery. Those who formally bowed down will stand over the fallen king of **Babylon**, once so mighty. While believers need to seek reconciliation with their enemies, we need not be sad when those who oppose **ADONAI**, deny **His Son**, and destroy **His** people, are overthrown.

Therefore, while on the one hand **the Gentile nations** will be subject to **Jesus Christ**; on the other hand, **they** will also receive **His** justice (**42:1**). At that time, in a special way, **He** will become the **light to the Gentiles (49:5-7)**. Those who are rightly related to **the King** will be able to worship at **His** Temple where the Sh'khinah glory will be seen by all (**56:1-8**). However, the lost souls of the unfaithful will be clearly visible throughout the Millennial Kingdom (**65:20**). As a result, for a thousand years **God's** grace to the faithful and **His** judgment to the lost will be clearly seen (**66:18-24**).

Another important part of this reversal that the Bible deals with, as far **the Gentiles** in the Millennial Kingdom is concerned, are **the Arab states**. The most important charge against them was their hatred of **Isra'el**. This hatred that characterized the descendants of Esau and Ishmael can be traced back as early as **Numbers 20:14-21**, all the way through the prophets until today. **Psalm 83:1-8** summarizes their hateful attitude.

The place of **the Arab states** will be determined by a history of anti-Semitism and how closely they are related to **Isra'el** by blood. Peace will come between **Isra'el** and **the** various **Arab states** during the Millennial Kingdom, but it will come in one of three forms: *conversion, occupation or destruction*.

Peace will come between **Isra'el** and **Lebanon** by means of *occupation* (**Ezeki'el 47:13 to 48:29**). Lebanon was always part of the Promised Land, but it was the part that **Isra'el** never possessed. However, during the Kingdom, there will not be a country called **Lebanon** because it will be part of Millennial **Isra'el**.

As for **Mo'ab**, or present-day central Jordan, it, too, will suffer destruction, but it will not be total (**Jeremiah 48:1-46**). Those who survive will repent and a faithful remnant will live during the Kingdom (see [Du - The Oracle Concerning Mo'ab](#)). Therefore, peace will come between **Mo'ab** and **Isra'el** by means of a *partial*

destruction that will lead to a national regeneration of Mo'ab. As a result of the grace of **ADONAI**, there will be a saved nation called **Mo'ab** during the Millennial Kingdom.

Ammon, or modern northern Jordan, will also suffer *partial destruction* and become a possession of **Isra'el** (**Jeremiah 49:1-2**). But their destruction will not be total. A believing remnant will survive and believe that **Jesus is the Messiah** (**Jeremiah 49:6**). Consequently, peace will come between **Isra'el** and northern Jordan by the means of a partial destruction, followed by their conversion. Because of the mercy of **the God of Abraham, Issac and Jacob**, there will be a saved nation in the Kingdom called **Ammon**.

Consequently, peace will come between **Isra'el** and the three parts of modern Jordan by means of destruction, but not all to the same degree. **Edom**, in southern Jordan, will suffer *complete destruction* by the people of **Isra'el** (**Ezeki'el 25:12-14**), and there will be no nation called **Edom** in the Millennial Kingdom (see **Gi - Edom's Streams Will Be Turned into Pitch**). Founded by the descendants of **Jacob's** twin brother **Esau**, it is especially condemned for their hatred of Israel (**Jeremiah 49:7-13; Ezeki'el 35:1-9; Obadiah 5-21**). Edom's sin against **Isra'el** is the greatest because she betrayed her family. Both **Mo'ab**, or central modern Jordan, and **Ammon**, or northern modern Jordan, will suffer partial destruction but a believing remnant will survive in both countries. There will be a nation of **Mo'ab** and a nation of **Ammon** in the Millennial Kingdom. Both of these nations are descendants of Lot, the nephew of Abraham, and therefore, are distantly related by blood.

Peace will come between **Isra'el** and **Egypt** initially by means of destruction. Because of **Egypt's** ancient hatred of **Isra'el**, they will initially suffer the same fate as **Edom** and be desolate for the first forty years of the Millennial Kingdom (**Ezeki'el 29:1-16**). But after that, **they** will be regathered and a national regeneration of **Egypt** will take place. Therefore, peace will eventually come between **Isra'el** and **Egypt** by means of conversion (**Ef - The LORD Will Make Himself Known to the Egyptians**).

Ancient **Assyria**, is today encompasses northern Iraq, another ruthless enemy of **Isra'el**. But peace will come between Iraq and **Isra'el** by means of conversion (see **Eg - Blessed Be Egypt, Assyria and Isra'el**). There will be economic, religious and political unity because they all worship the same **God**.



Like **Edom**, **Babylon** will become a desolate spot during the entire Millennial Kingdom (see [Dk - Babylon, the Jewel of Kingdoms, will be Overthrown](#)). While **Egypt's** desolation will be limited to forty years, because of Babylon's unique violence against **Isra'el**, **her** desolation will last for a thousand years. Throughout the Millennial Kingdom, while the entire earth will be beautiful and fruitful, **Edom** and **Babylon** will be places of continual burning, where the owl dwells (see the commentary on [Jeremiah Ad - The Owl as a Symbol of Judgment](#)). Smoke will rise and be visible for the entire thousand-year period. While Satan will be confined to the Abyss, his demons will be imprisoned in **Edom** and **Babylon** during the entire Millennial Kingdom period.