

The Tabernacle of David, Israel, and Prayers for the Middle East

Amos 9:8-15

8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord GOD are on the sinful kingdom, And I will destroy it from the face of the earth; Yet I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob," Says the LORD.
9 For surely I will command, And will sift the house of Israel among all nations, As grain is sifted in a sieve; Yet not the smallest grain shall fall to the ground.
10 All the sinners of My people shall die by the sword, Who say, 'The calamity shall not overtake nor confront us.'
11 On that day I will raise up The tabernacle of David, which has fallen down, And repair its damages; I will raise up its ruins, And rebuild it as in the days of old;
12 That they may possess the remnant of Edom, And all the Gentiles who are called by My name," Says the LORD who does this thing.
13 Behold, the days are coming," says the LORD, "When the plowman shall overtake the reaper, And the treader of grapes him who sows seed; The mountains shall drip with sweet wine, And all the hills shall flow with it.
14 I will bring back the captives of My people Israel; They shall build the waste cities and inhabit them; They shall plant vineyards and drink wine from them; They shall also make gardens and eat fruit from them.
15 I will plant them in their land, And no longer shall they be pulled up From the land I have given them," Says the LORD your God.

Acts 15:1-17

1 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved."
2 Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.
3 So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren.
4 And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them.
5 But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."
6 Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter.
7 And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: "Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe.
8 So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us,
9 and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear?
11 But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."
12 Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles.
13 And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: 14 Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name.
15 And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:
16 After this I will return And will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, And I will set it up; 17 So that the rest of mankind may seek the LORD, Even all the Gentiles who are called by My name, Says the LORD who does all these things.'

World Redemption is connected to the regathering of the Jewish people...

The prophets foresaw, in the midst of national judgment and calamity for their sins, a DAY of world peace in which the LAW would go forth from Jerusalem and the word of the Lord from ZION.

Isaiah 11

1 There shall come forth a Rod from the stem of Jesse, And a Branch shall grow out of his roots. 2 The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon Him, The Spirit of wisdom and understanding, The Spirit of counsel and might, The Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD. 3 His delight is in the fear of the LORD, And He shall not judge by the sight of His eyes, Nor decide by the hearing of His ears;

[The earthly ministry of Jesus at His FIRST coming were all marked by these...]

4 But with righteousness He shall **judge the poor**, And **decide with equity for the meek of the earth [This is a human king and judge in a position of human leadership on the earth]** ; He shall strike the earth with the rod of His mouth, And with the breath of His lips He shall slay the wicked **[Psalms 2 and Revelation 19 all speak of the rule of iron that the Messiah will have one day]** 5 Righteousness shall be the belt of His loins, And faithfulness the belt of His waist.

[There must FIRST be a judgment... the earth is FIRST going to be STRUCK... the LORD is FIRST going to send forth the ROD of His mouth.... As a WARRIOR ... The WICKED shall be destroyed... This is a specific reference to the TRANSITION into the millennial kingdom ... a physical human king reigning on the earth]

6 The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, The leopard shall lie down with the young goat, The calf and the young lion and the fatling together; And a little child shall lead them. 7 The cow and the bear shall graze; their young ones shall lie down together; And the lion shall eat straw like the ox. 8 The nursing child shall play by the cobra's hole, And the weaned child shall put his hand in the viper's den.

[NOW.. after the JUDGEMENT, there would be a great change. This is a specific reference to the millennial kingdom ... a change in the order of the planet earth... even animal life]

9 They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain, For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD As the waters cover the sea.

[This is the HOPE of the prophets: the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. KNOWLEDGE in the OT had to do with intimacy! We will KNOW... from the greatest to least]

10 And in that day there shall be a Root of Jesse, Who shall stand as a banner to the people; For the Gentiles shall seek Him, And His resting place shall be glorious."

11 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD shall set His hand again the second time To recover the remnant of His people who are left, From Assyria and Egypt, From Pathros and Cush, From Elam and Shinar, From Hamath and the islands of the sea.

[IN THAT DAY: the generation when all of this happens. A 2nd time to recover the REMNANT of His people who are left]

12 He will set up a banner for the nations, And will assemble the outcasts of Israel, And gather together the dispersed of Judah From the four corners of the earth.

[There is a role for Israel to play in issuing in world redemption... the purpose of Israel was and IS connected to the establishment of God's law and God's Kingdom ALL over the earth]

THE KNOWLEDGE of the LORD will cover the EARTH....

13 Also the envy of Ephraim shall depart, And the adversaries of Judah shall be cut off; Ephraim shall not envy Judah, And Judah shall not harass Ephraim. 14 But they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines toward the west; Together they shall plunder the people of the East; They shall lay their hand on Edom and Moab; And the people of Ammon shall obey them. 15 The LORD will utterly destroy the tongue of the Sea of Egypt; With His mighty wind He will shake His fist over the River, And strike it in the seven streams, And make men cross over dry-shod.

16 There will be a highway for the remnant of His people Who will be left from Assyria, As it was for Israel In the day that he came up from the land of Egypt.

God's judgment will come in an intense way preceding the coming of the Kingdom of God in fullness...

Isaiah 24:21-23

21 It shall come to pass in that day That the LORD will punish on high the host of exalted ones, And on the earth the kings of the earth.

22 They will be gathered together, As prisoners are gathered in the pit, And will be shut up in the prison; After many days they will be punished.

23 Then the moon will be disgraced And the sun ashamed; For the LORD of hosts will reign On Mount Zion and in Jerusalem And before His elders, gloriously.

2 Cor 3:14-17

But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament, because the veil is taken away in Christ. 15 But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. 16 Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away.

Isa 25:6-9

6 And in this mountain The LORD of hosts will make for all people A feast of choice pieces, A feast of wines on the lees, Of fat things full of marrow, Of well-refined wines on the lees.

7 And He will destroy on this mountain The surface of the covering cast over all people, And the veil that is spread over all nations.

8 He will swallow up death forever, And the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces; The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth; For the LORD has spoken.

9 And it will be said in that day: "Behold, this is our God; We have waited for Him, and He will save us. This is the LORD; We have waited for Him; We will be glad and rejoice in His salvation."

Something will happen in ISRAEL that will be part of God's destroying the veil which keeps ALL men from receiving the TRUTH

Isa 45:22-25 -> Phil 2

22 "Look to Me, and be saved, All you ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.

23 I have sworn by Myself; The word has gone out of My mouth in righteousness, And shall not return, That to Me every knee shall bow, Every tongue shall take an oath.

24 He shall say, '**Surely in the LORD I have righteousness and strength.** To Him men shall come, And all shall be ashamed Who are incensed against Him.

25 In the LORD all the descendants of Israel Shall be justified, and shall glory."

There is COMING an age in which the WORLD will bend the knee to God and to Yeshua... and in which the KNOWLEDGE of God will cover the earth as the water covers the sea.

Isa 49:3-6

3 "And He said to me, 'You are My servant, O Israel, In whom I will be glorified.'

4 Then I said, 'I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and in vain; Yet surely my just reward is with the LORD, And my work with my God.'"

5 "And now the LORD says, Who formed Me from the womb to be His Servant, To bring Jacob back to Him, So that Israel is gathered to Him (For I shall be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, And My God shall be My strength),

6 Indeed He says, 'It is too small a thing that You should be My Servant To raise up the tribes of Jacob, And to restore the preserved ones of Israel; I will also give You as a light to the Gentiles, That You should be My salvation to the ends of the earth.'"

Romans 11:26 ALL Israel will be SAVED

1) The ultimate salvation of Israel

2) God's judgment of the nations

3) A time when the KNOWLEDGE of the LORD will cover the earth

Isaiah 66

Isaiah 60:1-3

Isaiah 59

Joel 2:28-32

Jeremiah 31:31-37

Judgement Precedes Redemption

Judgement is Followed by Salvation

The KINGDOM of GOD is HERE!

ACTS 10: Early Disciples and the CONTEXT

Matt 23:37-39

37 "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the one who kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to her! How often I wanted to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing! 38 See! Your house is left to you desolate; 39 for I say to you, you shall see Me no more till you say, 'Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!'

HE WHO COMES

Acts 3:18-26

18 But those things which God foretold by the mouth of all His prophets, that the Christ would suffer, He has thus fulfilled. 19 Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord, 20 and that He may send Jesus Christ, who was preached to you before, 21 whom heaven must receive until the times of restoration of all things, which God has spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began. 22 For Moses truly said to the fathers, 'The LORD your God will raise up for you a Prophet like me from your brethren. Him you shall hear in all things, whatever He says to you. 23'And it shall be that every soul who will not hear that Prophet shall be utterly destroyed from among the people.' 24 Yes, and all the prophets, from Samuel and those who follow, as many as have spoken, have also foretold these days. 25 You are sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying to Abraham, 'And in your seed all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' 26 To you first, God, having raised up His Servant Jesus, sent Him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities."

THEY UNDERSTOOD:

1) Repentance of the leadership (remnant of Israel)

2) Deliverance from her enemies

Gen 25:1-6

25:1 Abraham again took a wife, and her name was Keturah. **2** And she bore him Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak, and Shuah. **3** Jokshan begot Sheba and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, Letushim, and Leummim. **4** And the sons of Midian were Ephah, Epher, Hanoch, Abidah, and Eldaah. All these were the children of Keturah. **5** And Abraham gave all that he had to Isaac. **6** But Abraham gave gifts to the sons of the concubines which Abraham had; and while he was still living he sent them eastward, away from Isaac his son, to the country of the east.

Isa 19:24-25

24 In that day Israel will be one of three with Egypt and Assyria-- a blessing in the midst of the land, **25** whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, "Blessed is Egypt My people, and Assyria the work of My hands, and Israel My inheritance."

Gen 17:17-22

18 And Abraham said to God, "Oh, that Ishmael might live before You!" **19** Then God said: "No, Sarah your wife shall bear you a son, and you shall call his name Isaac; I will establish My covenant with him for an everlasting covenant, and with his descendants after him. **20** And as for Ishmael, I have heard you. Behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly. He shall beget twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation. **21** But My covenant I will establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear to you at this set time next year." **22** Then He finished talking with him, and God went up from Abraham.