

Judgment of the Nations for How They Treat Israel

The first mention of nations (Heb: *goyim*) is in Genesis 10, when after the flood, the 70 nations were divided. They rebelled at Babel (Genesis 11). Then the Lord introduced His separated nation, Israel (Genesis 12). This nation was separated *from* the nations and *unto* God. Israel has the calling of *revealing God to the nations*. In God's revelation to the church regarding Israel in Romans Chapters 9, 10, and 11, He avers that He does not change His mind regarding this calling (Romans 11:29). Nations, as nations, therefore are judged as to how they treated the chosen nation with the holy call to reveal God to them.

“He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are judgment: a God of truth and without iniquity, just and right is He” (Deuteronomy 32:4).

“Another glorious characteristic of the ‘Rock of Israel’ is that: ‘*All His ways are judgment.*’ This word *mish’pat* (judgment) stands in the Hebrew Bible not only for God’s *acts* of judgment, but for His just and righteous decisions, as the Judge and Moral Governor of the Universe.”

Quote, David Baron, *Israel in the Plan of God*, page 36

The Scriptures

Remember *to rightly divide the Word*, always see to whom the Scripture speaks.

The following list of Scriptures regarding the judgment of nations as nations is by no means exhaustive.

Gen. 12:1 Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen. 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen. 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Is. 49:25 But thus saith the LORD, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered: for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children.

Is. 49:26 And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy Saviour and thy Redeemer, the mighty One of Jacob.

(BBrim note: The Scriptures often refer to the physical offspring of Abraham as Jacob. Why not Abraham or Isaac? Abraham had other sons. Isaac had another son. But all 12 of Jacob's sons constituted the nation of Israel.)

(BBrim note: Most people know half the following verse, but it is important to know all of it as evidence that many nations who persecuted Israel [Jacob] are even now gone, but Jacob is still here and is back home just as God said they would be.)

Mal. 3:6 For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.

Cup of Judgment

Quoting David Baron's book, *Zechariah: A Commentary on His Visions and Prophecies*, page 426:

"The cup of reeling, or giddiness, is frequently used in Scripture as a symbol of the judgment of God which brings man into a

condition of helplessness and misery like unto that of the staggering, intoxicated man who is unable to walk.”

In Isaiah 51:17, 21-23 it is used of the cup drunk by Jerusalem and Israel, and then it will be given to those who mistreated His people.

Is. 51:17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out...

Is. 51:21 Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine:

Is. 51:22 Thus saith thy Lord the LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury; thou shalt no more drink it again:

Is. 51:23 But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over.

Psa. 75:8 For in the hand of the LORD there is a cup, and the wine is red; it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same: but the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall wring them out, and drink them.

Baron, Zechariah, page 426

“In those passages, it is the *kos* (cup) that is spoken of, but in Zechariah 12 it is the *saph*, the *basin*, or basin of reeling; the thought expressed in this instance is that of a vessel large enough for all nations to drink out of it, either together, or one after another in succession. And they shall all drink of this intoxicating cup of God’s judgment and stagger and fall, not to rise again.”

Zech. 12:1 The burden of the word of the LORD for Israel, saith the LORD, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him.

Zech. 12:2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem.

Zech. 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Jeremiah

Jer. 10:25 Pour out thy fury upon the heathen (*goyim*=nations) that know thee not, and upon the families that call not on thy name: for they have eaten up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him, and have made his habitation desolate.

(Brim note: God's Plan A for Israel was to live in the Land He promised them—which is a land bridge between three continents, Europe, Asia, and Africa—exhibiting to caravans and armies that would march through that Jehovah is the real God. (Deuteronomy 28:1-14, note verses 9 and 10).

Plan B was, if they did not obey Him, they would be scattered to the four corners of the earth. Then in the end of days He would bring them back to their Promised Land and this would be **a sign to the nations**, thereby Israel would still be operating in their call, *revealing God to the nations*. [**Many** scriptures speak of this Ingathering. For example: Isaiah 11:10-12; Isaiah 43:1, 5-12.)

God's will for their treatment in the dispersion was Jeremiah 29:4-7. When the nations mistreated them, the LORD was "sore displeased." See Zech 1:15. And the word translated heathen here is *goyim*, nations.)

Jer. 29:4 Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all that are carried away captives, whom I have caused to be carried away from Jerusalem unto Babylon;

Jer. 29:5 Build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them;

Jer. 29:6 Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; that ye may be increased there, and not diminished.

Jer. 29:7 And seek the peace of the city whither I have caused you to be carried away captives, and pray unto the LORD for it: for in the peace thereof shall ye have peace.

(BBrim note: I've wondered, how could the prophet Jeremiah have done what the Lord commanded in verse 15? For it involved taking the cup *"to all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon the face of the earth"*? The ancient sages say, that when he spoke it, it was done.)

Jer. 25:15 For thus saith the LORD God of Israel unto me; Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all **the nations**, to whom I send thee, to drink it.

Jer. 25:16 And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them...

Jer. 25:17 Then took I the cup at the LORD's hand, and made all **the nations** to drink, unto whom the LORD had sent me:...

Jer. 25:26 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. (Sheshach is Babylon.)

Jer. 25:27 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword which I will send among you...

Jer. 25:31 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.

Jer. 25:32 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.

(BBrim note: Jeremiah 30 and 31 is a Book within a Book revealing God's Plan for Israel. You should read both chapters together. Following are some select verses according to our subject.)

Jer. 30:3 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...

Jer. 30:4 And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah...

Jer. 30:10 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.

Jer. 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...

Jer. 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...

Jer. 30:20 Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them.

Jer. 50:4 In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping; they shall go, and seek the LORD their God.

Jer. 50:5 They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come, and let us join ourselves to the LORD in a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten.

Jer. 50:6 My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace.

Jer. 50:7 All that found them have devoured them: and their adversaries said, We offend not, because they have sinned against the LORD, the habitation of justice, even the LORD, the hope of their fathers...

Jer. 50:10 And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD.

Jer. 50:11 Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of ****mine heritage**, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;

*Israel here refers to the northern kingdom (the ten tribes), Judah refers to the southern kingdom (two tribes).

****Deut. 32:9** For the LORD's portion is his people; **Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.**

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Joel 3:1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:2 I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land.

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Joel 3:1 FOR BEHOLD, in those days and at that time when I shall reverse the captivity *and* restore the fortunes of Judah and Jerusalem,

Joel 3:2 I will gather all nations and will bring them down into the Valley of Jehoshaphat, and there will I deal with *and* execute judgment upon them for [their treatment of] My people and of My heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations and [because] they have divided My land.

(BBrim note: Judgments are pronounced against various nations because of their treatment of Israel. See Ezekiel 25, for instance, noting verses 6 and 7, 10, 12, 14, 15.

Ezekiel 28:24-26 is inclusive of all around them who despised them.)

Ezek. 28:24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor any grieving thorn of all that are round about them, that despised them; and they shall know that I am the Lord GOD.

Ezek. 28:25 Thus saith the Lord GOD; When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the people among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the heathen, then shall they dwell in their land that I have given to my servant Jacob.

Ezek. 28:26 And they shall dwell safely therein, and shall build houses, and plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell with confidence, when I have executed judgments upon all those that despise them round about them; and they shall know that I am the LORD their God.

(BBrim note: For an indepth study of Zechariah and its place in prophecy of the end of days, see David Baron's excellent commentary as mentioned herein.)

Zech. 1:15 And I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease: for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction.

Zech. 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.

Zech. 2:9 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.

Zech. 12:3 And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it.

Zech. 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.

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

Zech. 14:12 And this shall be the plague wherewith the LORD will smite all the people that have fought against Jerusalem; Their flesh shall consume away while they stand upon their feet, and their eyes shall consume away in their holes, and their tongue shall consume away in their mouth.

Jesus and the Judgment of the Nations at the End of the Tribulation Period

(BBrim note: Following the Marriage Supper of the Lamb, the Master leaves to go to earth and fight against those nations, led by the Antichrist, in one last attempt to destroy Israel.)

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

Zech. 14:4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

(BBrim note: Then, comes the judgment of the nations. This is when the Son of man comes in His glory. It is the nations, not the Jews, and not the Church, that are before Him for judgment. These are the nations who were on earth during the tribulation. There is no mention of a resurrection of the dead here. This is a works judgment based on how they treated “His brethren” the Jews. Micah 5:2, 3 shown at the end of the Matthew portion, calls Israel “His brethren.”)

Matt. 25:31 When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory:

Matt. 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:

Matt. 25:33 And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left.

Matt. 25:34 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world:

Matt. 25:35 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in:

Matt. 25:36 Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.

Matt. 25:37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink?

Matt. 25:38 When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee?

Matt. 25:39 Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee?

Matt. 25:40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

Matt. 25:41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels:

Matt. 25:42 For I was an hungered, and ye gave me no meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me no drink:

Matt. 25:43 I was a stranger, and ye took me not in: naked, and ye clothed me not: sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not.

Matt. 25:44 Then shall they also answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungered, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee?

Matt. 25:45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not to one of the least of these, ye did it not to me.

Matt. 25:46 And these shall go away into everlasting punishment: but the righteous into life eternal.

Mic. 5:2 But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.

Mic. 5:3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.