

# Prophetic Insight

## *God is Not Surprised*

Romans 1:16 (NIV)

I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes: first for the Jew, then for the Gentile.

Romans 9:4-5 (NIV)

the people of Israel. Theirs is the adoption as sons; theirs the divine glory, the covenants, the receiving of the law, the temple worship and the promises.<sup>5</sup> Theirs are the patriarchs, and from them is traced the human ancestry of Christ, who is God over all, forever praised! Amen.

### I. A little piece of land.

Psalm 105:7-11 (NIV)

He is the Lord our God; **his judgments** are in all the earth.

<sup>8</sup> He remembers **his covenant** forever, **the word he commanded**, for a thousand generations,<sup>9</sup> **the covenant he made** with Abraham,

**the oath he swore** to Isaac.<sup>10</sup> He confirmed it to Jacob as a decree,

to Israel as **an everlasting covenant**:<sup>11</sup> "To you I will give the land of Canaan as the portion you will inherit."

#### A. The language clearly expresses God's total commitment ---

Ezekiel 47:14 (NIV)

You are to divide it equally among them. Because I swore with uplifted hand to give it to your forefathers, this land will become your inheritance.

#### B. Historical Notes:

Joel 3:2 (NIV)

I will gather all nations and bring them down to the Valley of Jehoshaphat. **There I will enter into judgment against them**

concerning my inheritance, my people Israel, for **they scattered my people among the nations and divided up my land**.

### II. What Should we Anticipate ---

Zech. 12:1-3 (NIV)

This is the word of the Lord concerning Israel. The Lord, who stretches out the heavens, who lays the foundation of the earth, and who forms the spirit of man within him, declares:<sup>2</sup> "I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends **all the surrounding peoples reeling**. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem.<sup>3</sup> On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

#### A. Jerusalem --- a point of contention with all the surrounding nations

#### B. Judah & Jerusalem will be besieged, encircled by hostility.

Judges 7:19-22 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> Gideon and the hundred men with him reached the edge of the camp at the beginning of the middle watch, just after they had changed the guard. They blew their trumpets and broke the jars that were in their hands.<sup>20</sup> The three companies blew the trumpets and smashed the jars. Grasping the torches in their left hands and holding in their right hands the trumpets they were to blow, they shouted, "A sword for the LORD and for Gideon!"<sup>21</sup> While each man held his position around the camp, all the Midianites ran, crying out as they fled.<sup>22</sup> When the three hundred trumpets sounded, **the LORD caused the men throughout the camp to turn on each other with their swords**. The army fled to Beth Shittah toward Zererah as far as the border of Abel Meholah near Tabbath.

C. All the nations of the earth will gather against Israel, **increasing international hostility**.

D. Jerusalem an immovable rock, **God sustains the city & people**.

E. All who try to move it will injure themselves, **resisting God's purposes invites calamity**.

### III. The Resolution

Matthew 23:37-24:1 (NIV)

"O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, you who kill the prophets and stone those sent to you, how often I have longed to gather your children together, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings, but you were not willing. <sup>38</sup> Look, your house is left to you desolate. <sup>39</sup> For I tell you, **you will not see me again until you say**, 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.'" 24:1 Jesus left the temple and was walking away

A. 2 Successive Stages in God's Plan to Bring this age to a Close ---

Romans 11:25-26 (NIV)

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in. <sup>26</sup> And so all Israel will be saved, as it is written: "The deliverer will come from Zion; he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.

1) The Gospel preached to all nations ---

Matthew 24:14 (NIV)

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

2) God reveals Himself to Israel in mercy & grace

Zech. 12:10 (NIV)

"And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

B. Jesus' Return to Jerusalem

Zech. 14:4-5 (NIV)

On that day his feet will stand on the Mount of Olives, east of Jerusalem, and the Mount of Olives will be split in two from east to west, forming a great valley, with half of the mountain moving north and half moving south . . . Then the Lord my God will come, and all the holy ones with him.

#### Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank you for opening my heart and mind to the truth of your word. I pray for the Church today, that we would be awakened to the purposes of God for this generation. We choose to humble ourselves and turn to you in repentance --asking for your mercy upon our nation. We pray for the peace of Jerusalem. Through our lives may your purposes be accomplished and the name of Jesus lifted up. Amen.