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## Prophecies Respecting Judah and Jerusalem

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## The Bible

“**And Jerusalem** shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled” (*St. Luke xxi:24*).

“**I Have** set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night; \* \* \* And give Him [God] no rest, till He establish, and till He make Jerusalem a praise in the earth” (*Isa. lxii:6, 7*).

“**O Jerusalem**, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets and stonest them which are sent unto thee. \* \* \* Behold, your house is left unto you desolate. For I say unto you, ye shall not see Me henceforth, till ye shall say, blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord” (*St. Matt: xxiii:37-9*).

“**And Now, Brethren**, I wot that through ignorance ye did it [i. e. crucified the Christ] as did also your rulers. But those things which God before had shewed by the mouth of all his prophets, that Christ should suffer, He hath so fulfilled. Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, **when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord**; and He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began” (*Acts iii:17-21*).

“**Thus Saith** the Lord God; Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the heathen [nations], whither they be

gone, and will gather them on every side, and bring them into their own land: 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: Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God. And David my servant shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in my judgments, and observe my statutes, and do them.

“And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers have dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, even they, and their children, and their children’s children forever: and my servant David shall be their prince forever. Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them: it shall be an everlasting covenant with them: and I will place them, and multiply them, and will set my sanctuary in the midst of them forevermore. My tabernacle also shall be with them: yea, I will be their God, and they shall be my people. And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them forevermore” (*Ezek. xxxvii:21-8*).

**I Will Strengthen** the House of Judah, and I will save the House of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the Lord their God, and will hear them. And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the Lord. I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased. And I will sow [scatter] them among the people: and they shall remember Me in far countries: and they shall live with their children, and turn again,  
\* \* \* And I will strengthen them in the Lord; and they shall

walk up and down in His name, saith the Lord" (*Zech.* x:6-9, 12).

**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. 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. \* \* \* In that day will I make the governors of Judah like an hearth of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left: and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the House of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do not magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the House of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the House of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon Me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for Him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for Him, as one that is in bitterness for his firstborn. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon" (*Zech.* xii:2, 3, 6-11).

**In That Day** there shall be a fountain opened to the House of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness. And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the [false] prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. \* \* \* And it shall come to pass in that day, that

the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he hath prophesied; \* \* \* And one shall say unto Him, What are these wounds in Thine hands? Then He shall answer, those with which I was wounded in the house of My friends. Awake, O sword, against My shepherd, and against the man that is My fellow, saith the Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith the Lord, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. And I will bring the third part through the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried: they shall call on my name, and I will hear them; I will say, it is My people: and they shall say, The Lord is my God" (*Zech.* xiii:1-4; 6-9).

**Behold** the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 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. Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when He fought in the day of battle. 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. And ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azal: yea, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah: and the Lord my God shall come, and all the saints with thee.

"And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be clear, nor dark: But it shall be one day which shall be known to the Lord, not day, nor night: but it shall come to pass, that at evening time it shall be light. And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half of them

toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea: in summer and in winter shall it be. And the Lord shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall there be one Lord, and His name one. All the land shall be turned as a plain from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem: and it shall be lifted up, and inhabited in her place, from Benjamin's gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananeel unto the king's winepresses. And men shall dwell in it, and there shall be no more utter destruction; but Jerusalem shall be safely inhabited" (*Zech. xiv:1-11*).

### The Book of Mormon Prophecies

"**And Behold** it shall come to pass that after the Messiah hath risen from the dead, [this prophecy made among the Nephites nearly 600 years B. C.], and hath manifested Himself unto His people, \* \* \* the Jews shall be scattered among all nations; yea, and also Babylon shall be destroyed; wherefore, the Jews shall be scattered by other nations. And after they have been scattered, and the Lord God hath scourged them by other nations, for the space of many generations, yea, even down from generation to generation until they shall be persuaded to believe in Christ, the Son of God, and the atonement, which is infinite for all mankind—and when that day shall come that they shall believe in Christ, and worship the Father in His name, with pure hearts and clean hands, and look not forward any more for another Messiah, then, at that time, the day will come that it must needs be expedient that they should believe these things. And the Lord will set His hand again the second time to restore His people from their lost and fallen state. Wherefore, He will proceed to do a marvelous work and a wonder among the children of men" (*II Nephi xxv:15-17*).

"**And It Shall** come to pass that the Jews which are scattered also shall begin to believe in Christ; and they shall begin to gather in upon the face of the land; and as many as shall believe in Christ shall also become a delightsome people" (*II Nephi xxx:7*).

“Which is to show [i. e. the *Book of Mormon* is to show] unto the remnant of the House of Israel what great things the Lord hath done for their fathers; and that they may know the covenants of the Lord, that they are not cast off forever—and also to the convincing of the Jew and Gentile that Jesus is the Christ, the Eternal God, manifesting Himself unto all nations” (Ancient Preface to the *Book of Mormon* on the title page of all editions).

### **Modern Revelations -- The Doctrine and Covenants**

“In The New Dispensation in which the gospel of Jesus Christ is restored to earth, the Jews have been given a prominent place in the plans of its progress towards its glorious triumph in the earth. While in its restoration the gospel is to be “first preached to the Gentiles” almost always this phrase is followed by—“and secondly unto the Jews”. And the apostles of the Church of the New Dispensation are admonished to “declare My gospel both unto Gentile and unto Jew” (*Doctrine and Covenants* sec. xviii:26, *passim*).