

JACOBS TROUBLE
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OVERVIEW OF WHEN AND WHAT IS IT? -
Israels FINAL trouble, not the fishing and hunting of the Holocaust.

JERM. 30:3-7

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.

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

5 For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace.

6 Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?

7 Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it.

After Israel's regathering. Vs.3

Final trouble on Israel 4-7

PURPOSE

Chastening and punishment

(purpose)

Jerm. 30:11-15

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.

12 For thus saith the LORD, Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous.

13 There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines.

14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased.

15 Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee.

(Purpose)

Jerm. 23:7-12

7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that they shall no more say, The LORD liveth, which brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt;

8 But, The LORD liveth, which brought up and which led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all countries whither I had driven them; and they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Mine heart within me is broken because of the prophets; all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of the LORD, and because of the words of his holiness.

10 For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right.
11 For both prophet and priest are profane; yea, in my house have I found their wickedness, saith the LORD.
12 Wherefore their way shall be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness: they shall be driven on, and fall therein: for I will bring evil upon them, even the year of their visitation, saith the LORD.

Prophet & Priest profane. Religious institutions corrupt

(Purpose)

Hosea. 5:15 to 6:1 NAS
15 I will go away {and} return to My place until they acknowledge their guilt and seek My face; in their affliction they will earnestly seek me.
CHAPTER 6
1 "Come, let us return to the LORD. For He has torn {us,} but He will heal us; He has wounded {us,} but He will bandage us.

Till they acknowledge their GUILT-What is it? (Their rejection of Messiah)

NOT UNTIL THEY RECOGNIZE CHRIST, WILL FULL FAVOR RETURN.

(Purpose)

Zech.12:10 = A.W. will teach them of Christ
10 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.

(Purpose)

Ezek. 20: 33-38 Purge out the rebels
33 As I live, saith the Lord GOD, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you:
34 And I will bring you out from the people, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out.
35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.
36 Like as I pleaded with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I plead with you, saith the Lord GOD.
37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:
38 And I will purge out from among you the rebels, and them that transgress against me: I will bring them forth out of the country where they sojourn, and they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am the LORD.

33) "Rule over you." = I will be King over you.

34) Israel is regathered to their homeland

35) "Bring you into the wilderness." = Not a literal wilderness location, but a spiritual wilderness condition of trial, during which the rebels would be purged out.

37)"Cause you to pass under the rod."

Lev. 27:32 1/10th pass under rod

32 And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even of whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the LORD.

Hebrew Metaphor. Animals caused to pass thru a gate single file.

Each counted as they passed under the rod. One, two, three, and every 10th one was marked in red to be given to the Lord.

(Don't read -Point out 37)

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35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.
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37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:
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So Ezek. 20:37 may be implying only a tenth will remain after purging who will be holy unto the Lord.

One tenth to remain after the purging, is also referred to in Amos 5.

Amos 5:1-4 1/10th left

1 Hear ye this word which I take up against you, even a lamentation, O house of Israel.
2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is forsaken upon her land; there is none to raise her up.
3 For thus saith the Lord GOD; The city that went out by a thousand shall leave an hundred, and that which went forth by an hundred shall leave ten, to the house of Israel.
4 For thus saith the LORD unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live:

The ones (1/10th) that will be left, will be those who will seek after the Lord.

(Continue - Just point out 37)

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37) "I will cause you to pass under the Rod"

Thus, as with Israel's tithing system, every tenth one that passed under the ROD became the Lord's, so after the purging out of the rebels there will remain a tenth who will be holy unto the Lord.

37) These will be the ones that will then be brought into the "bond of the covenant."

They will make a consecration to God and will begin receiving the blessings of the New Covenant.

38) - the others called rebels, will be purged out.

38) They will have been brought forth from the nations back to Palestine, but they will "not enter the Land Of Israel."

This is a strange statement!

They will be regathered from the nations but they will not enter the land of Israel???

Where will they be regathered to???

Israel = Means = "He will rule as God."

Thus showing they **will not enter**, or = be a part of the Kingdom blessing class.

38) "Ye shall know I am the Lord." = The faithful remnant

Another question that might be asked is; "how do we harmonize only 1/10th saved with:"

Zech. 14:1-3 Half go into captivity.

1 Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.
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.
3 Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

This is now a change of scene to Jacobs Trouble.

2) All nations against Jerusalem = Not actually as we will see,

but those influenced by Russia, and those in heart sympathy against Israel.

2) Half into captivity. = Not equal numerical divisions, but two parts.

One unfaithful part will go into captivity of death, or literally taken captive,

while the other faithful part, will become the HOLY remnant.

These together with the ancient worthies will then teach and help others to become Israelites indeed.

Thus we believe this is in harmony with Ezek. 20:33-38, and the other scriptures.

(Don't Read)

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35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and there will I plead with you face to face.
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37 And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant:
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1/10th who pass under the rod will be Holy and will be brought into the Bond of the Covenant.

The other unfaithful ones will be purged out, they will not enter the "land of Israel," to be part of the blessing class,

This same thought is brought out in Isa.4:3,4, where after the purging, all that will be left will be a holy remnant.

Isa. 4:3,4. Those among the living-Holy

3 And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem:

4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning.

Thus these who remain alive after Jacob's Trouble who will be holy, will together with the Ancient Worthies be the nucleus to teach and bless others.

Isaiah 66 tells us, that later others Jews will be regathered to Israel, (brought back by Gentiles,) and from these some will be chosen as priests, = blessors - teachers - instructors in righteousness, just like the holy remnant.

Isa. 66:18-21 NAS Others regathered to be Priests

18 "For I know their works and their thoughts; the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and see My glory.

19 "And I will set a sign among them and will send survivors from them to the nations: Tarshish, put, Lud, Meshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant coastlands that have neither heard My fame nor seen My glory. And they will declare My glory among the nations.

20 "Then they shall bring all your brethren from all the nations as a grain offering to the LORD, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, and on camels, to My holy mountain Jerusalem," says the LORD, "just as the sons of Israel bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD.

21 "I will also take some of them for priests {and} for Levites," says the LORD.

21) "I will also take SOME OF THEM for priests and for Levites." =

Not all the Jews returned later will become priests, I will take SOME OF THEM.

Just like the remnant who will be holy after Jacob's Trouble, some of these returning later will also be used as priests, to bless and instruct others together with the Ancient Worthies.

(Don't read - point out verse 37)

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They will be the ones (possibly the 1/10th) who will pass under the rod, with all the others purged out. To these God says, - "I will bring you into the bond of the covenant."

We have a similar thought in:

Isa. 61:4-8 Jews to be priests and COVENANT made with them.

- 4 And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations.
- 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers.
- 6 But ye shall be named the Priests of the LORD: men shall call you the Ministers of our God: ye shall eat the riches of the Gentiles, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves.
- 7 For your shame ye shall have double; and for confusion they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess the double: everlasting joy shall be unto them.
- 8 For I the LORD love judgment, I hate robbery for burnt offering; and I will direct their work in truth, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.

7) For shame = double blessings = Mishnah (To priestly class)

8) Everlasting Covenant made with them. Those who will be the righteous, will make a consecration, and will then be blest by the New Covenant arrangement, and will then bless others as priests.

Now we would like to notice Bro. Russell's reasoning of how the New Covenant will be made with them. Notice in the following reprint articles how the Covenant will not be made with Israel directly, but rather it will be made with the Mediator who will be acting on Israel's behalf.

R.-3109

As the World's representative, God will appoint or enter into a covenant with His son on behalf of the people. ...The New Covenant is given to Israel and the world only indirectly; the Father's dealings are not with Israel nor with the world under this New Covenant, but with the Mediator of the New Covenant, - the Christ.

R-4640 NEW COVENANT TO BE MADE WITH MEDIATOR

During the Millennium the world will not be in covenant relationship with God except in and through the Mediator. All their blessing will come through him, and their approach to the Father and all their worship will be through him. In other words, the New Covenant with Israel will be made not with them directly, but with their Mediator, and he will stand between them and God until they are perfected by restitution, ready to be received as sons of God, in covenant relationship with the Father, at the conclusion of the Millennium.

R-4555

God will not make New Covenants with each member of Adam's race and have Messiah mediate thousands of millions of covenants. The correct thought is very different. When the great High Priest shall have finished his offerings, first for his own members and house, and then for all the people, he will present the merit of his sacrifice on the world's behalf redeeming the world...

He will then be the owner of the world and prepared to deal with them and to effect restitution for as many of them as will obey him. (Acts 3:23) As a means to this end, he will mediate for Israel the New Covenant as a substitute for their old one, restoring that nation to the place of honor as the favored nation, Abraham's natural seed, through whom the blessings of redemption will extend to all nations.

That New Covenant will not be made with rebellious sinners, however. God's Covenant will be with the Mediator for Israel, guaranteeing forgiveness and reconciliation to all of Abraham's natural seed who will exercise the faith and the obedience of Abraham.

From these three articles we see Bro. Russell is bringing out the point that the New Covenant will not be made with Israel directly, but rather will be made with the Mediator acting on their behalf.

We believe this was also depicted in Ex. 24:27

Ex. 34:27 Covenant with thee (Moses picturing the Mediator) & Israel

27 And the LORD said unto Moses, Write thou these words: for after the tenor of these words I have made a covenant with thee and with Israel.

We can see the logic of Bro. Russell's reasoning that the Covenant will be made with the mediator acting on Israel's behalf, - for the covenant would have to be made sealed and in operation with the Adamic curse removed, PRIOR to the Ancient Worthies being resurrected, which of necessity would also be prior to Israel's conversion under the teaching influence of the Ancient Worthies.

(Don't read)

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Thus the meaning of Ezek. 20:37 of the Holy Remnant being brought into the bond of the covenant, is one by one as they make a Consecration to God, they will begin to receive the blessings of the New Covenant that will already have been inaugurated on their behalf.

(REMNANT Still part of Purpose)

Note the many references to a REMNANT who will be Holy after Jacob's Trouble who will be servants of God, and as they make a consecration they will be blest by the terms of the New Covenant that was already in operation.

Isa. 10:20-23 NIV Remnant who survive return to God

- 20 In that day the remnant of Israel, the survivors of the house of Jacob, will no longer rely on him who struck them down but will truly rely on the LORD, the Holy One of Israel.
- 21 A remnant will return, a remnant of Jacob will return to the Mighty God.
- 22 Though your people, O Israel, be like the sand by the sea, only a remnant will return. Destruction has been decreed, overwhelming and righteous.
- 23 The Lord, the LORD Almighty, will carry out the destruction decreed upon the whole land.

Zeph. 3:11-13 Prideful & Haughty removed. Remnant trust in the Lord.

Zeph 3:11-13

- 11 In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.
- 12 I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.
- 13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.

Zech 8:12-13

- 12 For the seed shall be prosperous; the vine shall give her fruit, and the ground shall give her increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to possess all these things.
- 13 And it shall come to pass, that as ye were a curse among the heathen, O house of Judah, and house of Israel; so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing: fear not, but let your hands be strong.

Joel 2:32 Lord ***CALLED*** the remnant survivors.

- 32 And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call.

Deliverance will come to whoever calls on the name of the Lord, - THRU Zion = Thru the Church.

(And in Jerusalem) = Thru the Ancient Worthies, and the Remnant of holy ones that are referred to here as those CALLED OF GOD. Called to be Israelites indeed.

It will be this holy remnant that will be used together with the Church and the ancient worthies to bless mankind, until they also come to the point of becoming Israelites indeed.

In a similar way as God will purge out the rebels in Israel, we believe God will do likewise with the Gentiles.

Isa 24:5-6 (NAS)

5 The earth is also polluted by its inhabitants, for they transgressed laws, violated statutes, broke the everlasting covenant.

6 Therefore, a curse devours the earth, and those who live in it are held guilty. Therefore, the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men are left.

On reprint page 5041 Bro. Russell was asked a question on the 6th verse.

R5041 = "Therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left." Who are these few men?

Answer: In the great burning day the "Heavens" will be on fire and the earth and the world therein shall be burned up." This time of trouble will involve the whole world, practically everybody.

The Lord speaks of some who will be preserved in the midst of this trouble. Just as the three Hebrews were preserved in the fiery furnace, so we expect that some will be spared in the time of trouble... that it will basically be those mentioned in Zeph 2:3 "Seek ye the LORD, all ye meek of the earth, which have wrought his judgment; seek righteousness, seek meekness: it may be ye shall be hid in the day of the LORD's anger."

WE believe this meek and righteous class will speedily become Israelites indeed as we read in Isa. 44:5. Speaking of the Kingdome if says:

Isa 44:5

5 One shall say, I am the LORD's; and another shall call himself by the name of Jacob; and another shall subscribe with his hand unto the LORD, and surname himself by the name of Israel.

The first class that says, "I am the LORD'S refers to the Ancient Worthies.

The second class, Calls himself by the name of Jacob, refers to the holy remnant of Natural Israel.

The third class" Surnames himself (that is he addresses himself by another name) by the name of Israel, referring to Gentiles who will become Israelites indeed.

Thus the nucleus of how the Kingdom message will be spread is brought to our attention in one verse. It will start with the Ancient Worthies, then spread to the Holy Remnant of Israel, and then on to the "Meek and Righteous class of Gentiles who will become Israelites indeed.

But how thankful we are it will not just end there with the relatively few righteous ones.

No but we realize that all those who were previously purged, as well as all mankind, will then be gradually raised from the tomb of death and be given every opportunity and help to change their ways, that they too may become Israelites indeed.

From this it will be seen, that Israel's present GOVERNMENT, which seeks to support and defend Israel by armed force, must give place to one of which it can be said, in the words of Zechariah:

Zech. 12:5 NIV

5 Then the leaders of Judah (led by the Ancient Worthies) will say in their hearts, 'The people of Jerusalem are strong, because the LORD Almighty is their God.'

Role of Ancient Worthies is shown in the next three scriptures:

Isa. 1:25,26 NIV

25 I will turn my hand against you; I will thoroughly purge away your dross and remove all your impurities.

26 I will restore your judges as in days of old, your counselors as at the beginning. Afterward you will be called the City of Righteousness, the Faithful City."

Jerm. 23:3-4

3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and increase.

4 And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.

Jerm.3:14-17

14 Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:

15 And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding...

17 At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart.

Notice in verse 14) Only the faithful (one of a city, two of a family) are considered being brought back to Zion, and then are given pastors (The Ancient Worthies) to feed them.

(A.W. Role)

Zech. 12:6-9 NIV

6 "On that day I will make the leaders of Judah like a firepot in a woodpile, like a flaming torch among sheaves. They will consume right and left all the surrounding peoples, but Jerusalem will remain intact in her place.

7 "The LORD will save the dwellings of Judah first, so that the honor of the house of David and of Jerusalem's inhabitants may not be greater than that of Judah.

8 On that day the LORD will shield those who live in Jerusalem, so that the feeblest among them will be like David, and the house of David will be like God, like the

Angel of the LORD going before them.
9 On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem.

A.W. will be instrumental in directing the destructive forces of God against the enemy.

This brings us to the question, WHO will be ISRAEL'S ENEMY in Jacobs Trouble?

Ezek.38:15 NAS
15 "And you will come from your place out of the remote parts of the north, you and many peoples with you, all of them riding on horses, a great assembly and a mighty army;

Out of REMOTE parts of the NORTH, which begins the pointing to Russia.

(Rosh)

Ezek. 38:2, & 39:1 NAS on Map showing Magog
Ezek 38:2 (NAS)
2 "Son of man, set your face toward Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, and prophesy against him,
Ezek 39:1 (NAS)
1 "And you, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, 'Thus says the Lord GOD, "Behold, I am against you, O Gog, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal;

This is the prime enemy. Other allies are mentioned in chapter 38, but only Gog prince of Rosh Meshech and Tubal in 39.

Gog was of the land of Magog. Magog was one of the sons of Noah's son Japeth, who settled the area north of the Caucasus Mountains in what is now southern Russia. (point out)

We notice it refers to Gog as "prince of ROSH."

Language scholars say this is the basic root word from which the name RUSSIA comes from.

This is further corroborated when we consider the title of the old Czars of RUSSIA.

Comparison of The Name of Jacob's Trouble Enemy
With Title of the Czars of Russia
GOG ...PRINCE OF ROSH - MESHECH - TUBAL
Title of the Emperor of Russia (The Czars)
PRINCE OF RUSSIA - MOSCOW - TOBOLSK
Moscow and Tobolsk were not built until several Centuries after Ezekiel's time. However it may be that those cities took their names from the ancient people who lived there that Ezekiel referred to.

MAP OF RUSSIA

(Point out Moscow-below UNION OF)

(Point out river Tubal-between socialist & republic. Tobolsk-above)

Tobolsk is a city built on the river TUBAL, which tends to corroborate further the thought that TUBAL settled in RUSSIA.

Thus giving another indicator that the primary enemy will be RUSSIA and those influenced by her.

In addition notice how close Russia is to Israel.

Now we would like to go on to note additional names that are given in Ezek. 38: associated with the enemy.

Israel's Enemies In Jacobs Trouble As Noted In Ezekiel 38 – Are all Descendants of either:	
Japeth Gen 10	Or Ham Gen. 10
Magog Gomer Meshech Tubal Togarmah	Ethiopia Libya
Persia	
Notice the Arabs who are descendants of Shem are NOT included	

NO SHEMITES - We'll touch on later

We'll get back to Persia Ethiopia & Libya later.

Lets consider Magog, Gomer, Meshech, Tubal & Togarmah

CHART OF BARBARIC ATTACKERS OF ASSYRIA ABOUT 800 B.C. - FROM ASSYRIAN HISTORICAL INSCRIPTIONS			
They came from a area North of the Caucasus Mountains which is present day Russia.			
MUSHKU	TABALU	GIMIRRAI	TIL-GARIMU
Note the corresponding Biblical names!			

MESHECH TUBAL GOMER TOGARMAH

CHART WITH MAP TO SHOW ENEMIES

These attackers came from the area North of the Caucasus Mountains which is present day RUSSIA.

(Point out Caucasus Mts.)

Thus again pointing to RUSSIA as the prime enemy.

Assyria - another name given to help identify Israel's enemy.

Isa 10:5-6 (NIV)
5 "Woe to the Assyrian, the rod of my anger, in whose hand is the club of my wrath!
6 I send him against a godless nation, I dispatch him against a people who anger me, to seize loot and snatch plunder, and to trample them down like mud in the streets.

Assyria comes from the root word Asshar:

Asshar - Strongs 833 833 'ashar (aw-shar'); or 'asher (aw-share'); a primitive root; to be straight

which means upright straightness.

It became identified with idols called Asserim or Asherah Poles, which were set upright and were bowed down to.

Isa 17:7-8 (NIV)
7 In that day men will look to their Maker and turn their eyes to the Holy One of Israel.
8 They will not look to the altars, the work of their hands, and they will have no regard for the Asherah poles and the incense altars their fingers have made.

Thus the Lord gave us this additional information of calling the enemy Assyria, to help identify Israel's enemy as being NON-CHRISTIAN.

They do not worship the true God.

Thus the Atheistic Communist philosophy of RUSSIA is again pointed to.

The enemy BEING Assyria is also referred to in:

Micah 5:5-7 Rotherham
As for Assyria- when he shall enter our land, and when he shall tread down in our palaces, Then will we raise up against him seven shepherds, and eight princes of mankind. Then shall they shepherd the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof, So shall he deliver from Assyria, when he shall enter

our land and when he shall tread down within our bounds.

7 Shepherds = Church

8 Princes of mankind = Ancient Worthies

Now let's go on to notice from other scriptures that EDOM who pictures Christendom in prophecy, is not the enemy of Israel in Jacob's Trouble. But rather Edom picturing the Western World of Christendom is portrayed as an Ally of Israel who was to protect her from the Assyrian enemy the Armies from the north.

Obadiah 1:8,10-12 NE

And on that very day I will destroy all the sages of Edom and leave no wisdom on the mount of Esau. This is the very word of the LORD.

For the murderous violence done to your brother Jacob you shall be covered with shame and cut off for ever. On the day when you stood aloof, on the day when strangers carried off his wealth, when foreigners trooped in by his gates and parceled out Jerusalem by lot, you yourselves were of one mind with them. Do not gloat over your brother on the day of his misfortune, nor rejoice over Judah on his day of ruin.

Notice Edom or Christendom was to be Israel's ally and protector, but Edom stands ALOOF, that is they just stand by and do nothing, and let the strangers attack Israel.

But to add insult to injury, notice how they not only fail to help Israel, by just standing aloof, but they then Gloat over it's destruction.

Ezek. 35:5 brings out similarly how Edom or Christendom was to be Israel's ally to help defend her.

Ezek 35:5,15 NE

For you have maintained and immemorial feud and handed over the Israelites to the sword in the hour of their doom, at the time of their final punishment.

I will do to you as you did to Israel my own possession when you gloated over its desolation. O hill country of Seir, you will be desolate, and it will be the end of all Edom. Thus will men know that I am the LORD.

Edom handed over Israel to the sword, in the hour of their doom.

As a result Edom will be destroyed.

Edom's destruction in turn will take place thru the hand of Israel.

Ezek. 25:12-14 NE

Because Edom took deliberate revenge on Judah and by so doing incurred lasting guilt, I will stretch my hand out over Edom, says the Lord God, and destroy both man and beast in it, laying waste the land from Teman as far as Dedan; they shall fall by the sword. I will wreck vengeance upon Edom through my people Israel.

Now we would like to notice how Edoms or Christendom's destruction partially takes place on the mountains of Israel during Jacob's Trouble.

Notice how the forces of Gog and Magog are destroyed **first** on the mountains of Israel.

Ezek. 39:1-4

1 Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
2 And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:
3 And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.
4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Now notice after Gog is destroyed, there is another destruction that takes place on the mountains of Israel in vss 17-20.

Also notice the language is almost exactly the same as that which describes the destruction of the false vine of the earth in Rev.19.

Ezek.39:17-20 and Rev.19:15-18

17 And, thou son of man, thus saith the Lord GOD; Speak unto every feathered fowl, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh, and drink blood.
18 Ye shall eat the flesh of the mighty, and drink the blood of the princes of the earth, of rams, of lambs, and of goats, of bullocks, all of them fatlings of Bashan.
19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you.
20 Thus ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord GOD.

Rev 19:15-18

15 And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.
16 And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.
17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the fowls that fly in the midst of heaven, Come and gather yourselves together unto the supper of the great God;
18 That ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of mighty men, and the flesh of horses, and of them that sit on them, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, both small and great.

The language is the same because it's describing the same event. First Gog's forces are destroyed, then the Christian worlds armies.

It appears that the destructiuon of Christendom takes place in two different localities.

One being in the cities of Christendom itself, and the other being referred to here in

Ezek.39:17, as being on the mountains of Israel during Jacob's Trouble.

Our next scripture 1 kings 21:23,24 describes how the destruction of Christendom does take place in two different places.

In the CITY, that is in the domain of Christendom, -- or In the field, that is outside the domain of Christendom, (on the mountains of Israel.)

1 Kings 21:23,24 NAS

23 "And of Jezebel also has the LORD spoken, saying, 'The dogs shall eat Jezebel in the district of Jezreel.'

24 "The one belonging to Ahab, who dies in the city, the dogs shall eat, and the one who dies in the field the birds of heaven shall eat."

Notice how these verses show the two locations for the destruction of Christendom.

Ahab = King of the idolatrous 10 tribes – pictures the civil power of Christendom

He married a pagan wife Jezebel, who instituted the worship of Baal. She pictured Babylon, the mother of harlots, because of her illicit union of church and state.

Thus Ahab and Jezebel together pictured the union of church and state. Jezreel, was the city in which they ruled, and thus pictured Christendom overall.

Coming back to our scripture in 1st Kings, we notice Jezebel will be destroyed or eaten by dogs in the city of Jezreel.

Picturing how the false church of Babylon, meet its downfall in the city of domain of Christendom.

Notice however that Ahab the civil element = will meet part of its down fall in the city, That is in Christendom itself, and part of its downfall in the field. That is outside of Christendom proper.

And those of Ahabs forces that die outside the city of Christendom, will in turn will be eaten by the fowls of the air.

Thus we can see the harmony of

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Part of the winepress feature of the destruction of Christendom, takes place in the field, that is outside Christendom proper-on the mountains of Israel. It will be there, that part of Christendom's armies will be destroyed as one of the last features of Jacob's Trouble.

And as we previously saw, there destruction will be by Israel.

And as in Ahabs prophecy, those who would die in the field, that is outside the city, - they would be eaten by the fowl of the air so it is true in this scripture.

Notice this same lesson is brought to our attention in Rev.14:19,20

<p>Rev. 14:19,20</p> <p>19 And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God.</p> <p>20 And the winepress was trodden without the city, and blood came out of the winepress, even unto the horse bridles, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.</p>
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Notice the winepress is trodden without the city. That is, it's similarly showing us, that the trodding of the winepress feature which is the last phases of the time of trouble, will be outside the city or domain of Christendom. Which we have seen will be on the mountains of Israel, where all the nations will be gathered representatively.

20) Blood to horses bridles.

Bridles are what controls the horse. Thus showing us the controllers or leaders of society will all fall from power.

1600 furlongs = 40 x 40 = The ultimate trial for Christendom.

Now notice how Joel 3 also harmonizes with the thought that part of the winepress feature is in Israel.

<p>Joel 3:1,2, 12-13 NAS</p> <p>1 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring again the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>12 Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about.</p> <p>13 Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great.</p>
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Now we would like to come back to our original list of the enemies mentioned in Ezek.38

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<p>Japeth Gen 10</p>	<p>Or Ham Gen. 10</p>

Magog
Gomer
Meshech
Tubal
Togarmah

Ethiopia
Libya

Persia

Notice the Arabs who are descendants of Shem are NOT included

We haven't touched on Persia which is present day Iran, which was settled by descendants of Japeth. Or Ethiopia and Libya which were settled by descendants of HAM.

Map of Persia Ethiopia Libya

These nations are all very opposed to Israel and are in the Russian sphere of influence.

They too will no doubt side with Russia in the final attack.

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But the point we especially want to note is that there are no descendants of Shem mentioned. And we realize that the ARAB'S who are Israel's greatest enemy are all descendants of Shem. They're Israel's blood brothers.

But we have no mention of Lebanon, Jordan, Syria, Saudi-Arabia mentioned in Ezek. 38 & 39.

We suggest the reason there are no Arabs mentioned, is because there will be peace between the Arabs and Israel before Jacob's Trouble comes.

We believe this is also shown in Ezek. 38:8,11. For at the time of the attack of Gog and Magog were told:

Ezek.38:8,11 NIV

8 After many days you will be called to arms. In future years you will invade a land that has recovered from war, whose people were gathered from many nations to the mountains of Israel, which had long been desolate. They had been brought out from the nations, and now all of them live in safety.

11 You will say, "I will invade a land of unwalled villages; I will attack a peaceful and unsuspecting people-- all of them living without walls and without gates and bars.

This is describing a scene that is the exact opposite of what you might use to describe Israel's position today. Israel is armed to the teeth with walls bars and gates, to defend themselves from the Arabs who are intent on her destruction.

No! Ezek 38 describes a time of peace, of tranquility, no walls bars and gates, all depicting armament for defence.

One of the scriptures which refers to the present Arab/Israelis conflict at first reading might imply they will be part of the enemy in Jacob's Trouble is Psalm 83.

Psm. 83:2-8 KJ

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.
3 They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.
4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.
5 For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:
6 The tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes;
7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre;
8 Assur also is joined with them: they have holpen the children of Lot

It refers to the present United Arab league who's intent is to destroy Israel.

But it's interesting to note what follows:

Ps 83:9-18

9 Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison:
10 Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth.
11 Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna:
12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession.
13 O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind.
14 As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire;
15 So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm.
16 Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O LORD.
17 Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish:
18 That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth.

As we have considered in another discourse, Jeremiah chapter 25 and chapters 49-51 bring out that the enmity wukk ebd becayse tge Arabs will be defeated in battle by the armies of Babylon, or the Western Christian nations with Israel allied with the West.

(Don't Read)

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So that at Jacob's Trouble she is a nation recovered from war, Peaceful and without walls gates or bars.

Now we come to the final outcome of Jacob's Trouble

In Hosea 2, where it speaks of Israel's final trouble as "the valley of Achor," or the valley of trouble, it goes on to tell of her blessings that will follow the trouble.

Hosea 2:23 NAS

23 "And I will sow her for myself in the land. I will also have compassion on her who had not obtained compassion, and I will say to those who were not My people, 'You are My people!' And they will say, 'Thou art my God!'"

Israel will be sowed as seed when all mankind will be raised from the tomb of death and be given an opportunity to become God's people, Israelites indeed.

Hosea 1:10 NAS

10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.

Thus will all mankind become the seed of Abraham, Israelites indeed. Thus we can see the purpose of Jacob's Trouble. As with all God's plans, it will ultimately redound to the praise and Glory of all mankind.