

Israel, Judah and the Jews

'THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL' is not synonymous with the 'HOUSE OF JUDAH'. The House of Judah and some of the Jews are of Israel, that is, descended from Jacob. The distinction we wish to emphasise is that while some Jews are Israelites, all Israelites are not necessarily Jews. In a similar way, all Scots are British, but all the British are not Scots. When the general blessings were apportioned at Jacob's death, the Messiah was promised, with the sovereignty, to Judah; but the 'multitude of nations' and the temporal grandeur of the birthright were given to Joseph.

The House of Israel was to obtain these in the latter days, or the Christian era. Ten-tribed Israel was to be divorced from the Mosaic law and its identity temporarily lost to history, but known to God; it was to be recovenanted in Christ to enjoy the Israel birthright in the Isles of the Sea, to be His nation of evangelists in the world, and the inheritor of the Kingdom of God. The prophets display meticulous care in their address to the 'House of Israel', the 'House of Judah' and 'the inhabitants of Jerusalem' (the Jews). To apply to one 'House' a prophecy which refers to the other is clearly to misapply the message and confuse the issue. A careful regard of this distinction is prerequisite to the correct understanding of the prophetic Scriptures.

PROPHECIES CONCERNING

ISRAEL

- Israel to have a change of name (ISA 65:15).
- Israel to be called by a new name (ISA 62:2).
- Israel to be called after Isaac (GEN 21:12).
- Israel to be blind to their identity (ROM 11:25; ISA 42:16-19).
- Israel to be a multitudinous people (GEN 13:16; GEN 15:5).
- Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth truth (ISA 60:21; 26:2).
- Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (GEN 35:11).
- Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place - the Isles of the Sea (2.SAM 7:10; ISA 24:15; ISA 49:1; JER 31:10).
- Israel to be a Nation for ever (JER 31:35,36).
- Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (JER 33:17).
- Israel to come under a new covenant (JER 31:31-34).

THE JEWS

- The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (ISA 3:9).
- The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
- The Jews' name to be a curse to them (ISA 65:15).
- The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.
- The Jews to be bereft of children (JER 15:7).
- The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (JER 24:9).
- The Jews to be scattered in all the '*kingdoms of the earth for their hurt*' (JER 24:9).
- The Jews have been strangers in all lands (JER 15:4).
- The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (DAN 9:24-27; JER 19:11).
- The Jews have no king.
- The Jews have remained under the old law.

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