

## ISAIAH 14

The 14th chapter of Isaiah covers many subjects. It deals with the restoration of Israel, the "stranger" class, or "regular ones," the fall of babylon with its king, and the establishment of YAHWEH'S earthly Kingdom. The Authorized Version (A.V.) will be used throughout unless otherwise noted.

Verse 1:

**For the LORD will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.**

The *Revised Standard Version* (R.S.V.) says that HE will "again choose Israel, and set them in their own land,..." This verse has confused many unauthorized Bible interpreters. On the surface it would appear, as one would think, that the fleshly nation of Israel would be restored and set in their former mid-east habitat. But this would contradict other passages and blur YAHWEH'S overall plan for mankind.

To begin with, let's look at the original promise given to Israel as recorded in Genesis 28:13,14.

13 And, behold, the LORD stood above it, and said, I am the LORD God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed;

14 And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.

Romans 4:13 adds this:

For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, was not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

So in reality, there is no specific locality that Israel is to inherit. To set them in their own land means that they will dwell in a system that they are in harmony with. It will not clash with their GOD-given attributes of love, justice, wisdom, and power. In other words, they will feel at home in this new system, which is YAHWEH'S earthly Kingdom.

Now to elaborate on who makes up this "Israel" which is to inherit the earth. The name was first given to Jacob after he struggled through the night with an angel for YAHWEH'S blessing, and therefore means: "he who strives with [or "for"] YAHWEH.<sup>1</sup>

However, the offspring of Jacob, for the great majority, did not display these same qualities. All was not lost though, for these people, and what happened to them, only served as types and examples of something greater to come.<sup>2</sup>

As to the Israel of the flesh, or Israel under the law; as a nation it is finished. This does not pertain to individuals though, as we will soon see that a fleshly descendant of Israel can be part of the true Israel of GOD. But to continue on our train of thought we will quote a few more passages.

Hosea 1:6 (R.S.V.):

She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said unto him, "Call her name Not pitied, for I will no more have pity on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.

<sup>1</sup> Refer to Genesis 32:24-28.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to 1st Corinthians 10:11; Colossians 2:16, 17; Hebrews 8:10:1-7.

Amos 8:1,2 from a translation by James Moffatt (Moff.) adds to the thought:

The Lord Eternal showed me this: a basket of ripe fruit. Then said he, "Amos, what do you see?" "A basket of ripe fruit," said I; and the Eternal said to me, "So is the doom ripe for my people Israel; never again will I pardon them."

Matthew 21:43 verifies what is written in the Hebrew Scriptures and shows that others are in line for the typical Israel's position.

Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

Other scriptures include Isaiah 55:5:

Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the LORD thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Also Hosea 1:10:

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.

And finally Romans 9:6-8:

6 Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect. For they are not all Israel, which are of Israel:

7 Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In Isaac shall thy seed be called.

8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these are not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Who then, is this nation of Israel being referred to, especially in light of the fact that there are virtually no true fleshly Israelites left?<sup>3</sup>

It is evident that since, for the most part, the nation will not be made up of what literal descendants of Jacob remain, the gentiles must compromise a major portion of this restored nation of Israel. This is in harmony with Romans 11:25, 26 which states:

25 For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.

26 And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob:

When these "gentiles," or "unbelievers" become believers, they are no longer gentiles, but are fellow-citizens of Israel.

Ephesians 2:11,12, *Modern Language Translation*, states:

11 Keep in mind, therefore, that once you were physically Gentiles and were called uncircumcision by the so-called circumcision that is made with human hands in the

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<sup>3</sup> Refer to 2nd Kings 17:18; Ezra 9:1, 2; Isaiah 1:9.

flesh;

12 that in those days you were separated from Christ, aliens without the right of Israel's citizenship, and strangers to the covenants of promise, living in the world without hope and without God.

Romans 2:28,29, (R.S.V.) sums up this subject neatly:

28 For he is not a real Jew<sup>4</sup> who is one outwardly, nor is true circumcision something external and physical.

29 He is a Jew who is one inwardly, and real circumcision is a matter of the heart, spiritual and not literal. His praise is not from men but from God.

These are True Israel. Those who believe without seeing, or not having a great deal of visible evidence. They are to be distinguished between not only the wicked ones, but those good-hearted people who must see in order to believe, such as doubting Thomas.<sup>5</sup>

This leads us to the "strangers" mentioned in verse 1 who would be joined with Israel. In reality, these are not at all "strange" to YAHWEH. But although they are of a good heart, they do not exhibit the extraordinary characteristics of Israel, hence they will be referred to as "regular ones." Because they did not zealously seek out their GOD and do HIS will, and separate from the world when there was little evidence, they could never be trusted as rulers in YAHWEH'S organization.

This does not mean that they will not be completely happy in YAHWEH'S kingdom, or that Israel will abuse their authority in ruling them. They will remember who did what, when there was a great work to be done. They will appreciate the efforts Israel made in the attempts to enlighten a world that opposed them, with no help from them.

These regular ones begin to come over to Israel when the "abomination of desolation" falls. (To be brief, the abomination of desolation is an organization formed in the last days comprised of the u.s.a. and u.s.s.r. with the vatican at its head. This organization is formed in a last ditch effort to destroy Israel and hold the devil's organization together.)

Revelation 11:13 describes the beginning of this period of separation.

And the same hour was there a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell, and in the earthquake were slain of men seven thousand: and the remnant were affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

Ten is a symbol of earthly completeness. A tenth part of the city, or organization, shows that it is no longer whole, or has fallen. At this time seven thousand are pictured as being slain in an earthquake. The earthquake represents a great shaking up, as what would happen in the fall of a mighty organization. At this fall, seven thousand (a number associated with the heavens, or that which is religious), are not literally slain, but slain to this world. In other words, they are dead to this world. They are no longer active, or a part of this world. Where these "religious" people (symbolized by the number seven thousand), once put their faith in the abomination of desolation, a supposedly religious organization, they now place their faith in YAHWEH'S Kingdom.

The majority of the regular ones join Israel at the end of a 5 month period described in Revelation 9:1-11 when they see their entire world collapsing around them and are meek enough to admit their failure.

In Zechariah 14:5, in a translation from the Hebrew by Jeremiah, it is brought out that it is only after they are "exhausted" that they join Israel and place themselves in the protection of YAHWEH'S heavenly and earthly organizations. Zechariah 14:5:

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<sup>4</sup> Since only a remnant of the house of Judah was left even before the time of Paul, the name Jew (one from Judah) was used interchangeably with the name Israel.

<sup>5</sup> Refer to John 20:24-29.

And you shall flee in the valley of the mountains<sup>6</sup> because of exhaustion. Valley of the mountains within is set apart.

The regular ones will love Israel because they are truly concerned with the welfare of the people, unlike the self-serving politicians, big-businessmen, and religionists we see ruling the people today. Verse 1 says that they will "cleave to the house of Jacob [or Israel]. This shows that they will latch on to Israel firmly, not ever wanting to let go because they will realize that YAHWEH'S Kingdom is truly blessed and the only system that can bring lasting peace and happiness to mankind.

Verse 2:

**And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the LORD for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.**

What this is basically saying, is that those of Israel are to be the rulers of YAHWEH'S Kingdom, and the others are to be those who are led. Israel is HIS inheritance (Isaiah 19:25). But Israel are not really rulers until they have someone to rule over. Again, as we can see by verse 2, that they shall take Israel to their place, in other words, they will willingly be subject to the authority that YAHWEH has given Israel to rule. This is further clarified in Zechariah 8:23 which states:

**Thus saith the LORD of hosts; In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold out of all languages of the nations, even shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you: for we have heard that God is with you.**

These people will most willingly do the secular work while Israel will be busily engaged in ruling and seeing that everything is done right and fairly.

Verse 2 also mentions that they will take captives whose captives they were. Before these regular ones awaken, they are in the world take part in persecuting the LORD'S people. They don't understand us, so they go by the laws of the land, and blindly treat Israel as lawbreakers and criminals worthy of punishment.

Since they far outnumber Israel, and they have the dominating force on their side, in a sense Israel is "captive" to them. When they submit to Israel, they become captive, where once we were their captive. The tide turns, "and they shall rule over their oppressors."

Their submission is further emphasized in Isaiah 45:14,15; again from a translation from the Hebrew by Jeremiah.

**14 Thus says YAHWEH: The peasants of Egypt and the traders of Cush, and the tall men of Sheba, will submit to you and be yours; they will follow you in chains. They will bow down before you they will pray to you. With you is GOD, and HE has no rival; there is no other GOD.**

**15 Truly GOD is hidden with you, the GOD of Israel the savior.**

Returning to Isaiah 14 verse 3:

**And it shall come to pass in the day that the LORD shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.**

The day comes when YAHWEH gives Israel true rest from their sorrows. Israel is not at rest now by any means. The verse also mentions the hard bondage wherein we are made to serve. Israel presently is working far too hard, and not at all getting the full benefits from their labor. So much is going toward "rulers", taxes, and numerous other parasites that what is left is little more than a meager living.

**6 A mountain is a symbol of an organization. Refer to Isaiah 2:2.**

Israel is also busy in the work of preaching the Kingdom message, and in so doing is meeting opposition from the world. This opposition will increase as Israel grows. Revelation 11:3 mentions that for 1260 days YAHWEH'S two witnesses (explained in its respective study chapter) will preach clothed in sackcloth, indicating a time of great trouble.

But the time will come when Israel will have true rest.  
Psalm 37:10,11 describe this time:

10 For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be: yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place, and it shall not be.

11 But the meek shall inherit the earth; and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

To add to this thought, Revelation 21:4 will be quoted.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

In other words, because of our past experiences, you'll look for the former fears, pain and sorrow. You'll begin to see that a drastic change has taken place and, eventually, every bit of apprehension will be gone.

So in verse 4 YAHWEH tells Israel:

That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

To find the source of this oppression throughout history we must see what this symbolic babylon represents and who is its king.

The name *babylon* in scripture means "confusion." The name was first applied to babel (literally meaning "gate of god") in Genesis 11:1-9 where it speaks of YAHWEH'S confusing the tongues of the disobedient. It is a proper and fitting name for the same confused authorities of commerce, politics and religion that we see in the world today. These are the three main elements of satan's organization.

One of the primary characteristics of babylon was that it was religious. Kings went to babylon to be crowned, much like what was seen with the holy roman empire.

We also saw that the babylon of old fought against, and held in bondage, the LORD'S people. Likewise in the fulfillment, babylon in the last days will fight against the LORD'S people, hold them in bondage, and for a time, overcome them.

It is undeniable that the babylon being referred to by Isaiah and other prophets was to have its major fulfillment in the last days. Hundreds of years after the destruction of babylon, the same warnings of a coming destruction was being repeated in the book of Revelation. Furthermore, in Isaiah 13:6 the destruction of babylon is associated with the "day of the LORD," which pertains to the last days, in which we are living.

So in reality, the city of babylon that YAHWEH pours HIS fury on is not just a city in history, for that would not vindicate HIS name, or have any lasting benefit. It is the entire world of satan's that will receive this just recompense for all the havoc it has reaped throughout the ages. It is the entire world of satan's that is confused, has always, and continues to oppose YAHWEH. It is the entire world of satan's whose destruction will bless all righteously disposed people.

This city is referred to as being golden. In other words, it appears to be pure and precious organization. But in the book of Revelations it is also called blasphemous, adulterous, and thoroughly wicked.

And who is the king or leader of this wicked organization? Need it even be said that it could only be satan the devil as scriptures clearly bring out that he alone is the god of this world.

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7 Refer to 2nd Corinthians 4:3, 4; 1st John 5:19.

**Verse 5:**

**The LORD hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers.**

YAHWEH is picturing the wicked holding a staff and beating their subjects. HE not only breaks this, but the sceptre of the rulers, which is a symbol of ruling authority. All this transpires at the end of the system when the nations are destroyed and there are no more rulers to oppress the LORD'S people.

**Verse 6:**

**He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.**

The "he" referred to is none other than satan. his striking the nations with a continual stroke shows that they suffered constantly, as if being beaten continuously. This has continued from generation to generation. Poverty, disease, wars, famine, heartache, misery and death are some of the results of his rule.

Being pictured as one ruling in anger shows that he caused the people to suffer, as though he had a grudge against them, or wanted to punish them. If he loved his people he wouldn't cause them to suffer, but on the contrary, would see to it that they were blessed.

**Verse 7:**

**The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.**

Anyone who would try to fit these conditions to this, period of earth's history has really missed the boat. Historically, the world power to follow babylon was assyria, which was known for little more than its destructiveness. Daniel 7:5, in referring to assyria as a beast, is given these instructions: "...Arise, devour much flesh."

The whole earth, as you remember from verse 1, is Israel's inheritance. This is the land that they are set upon.

These conditions are met when there are no more problems and the wicked are gone, as the verses quoted in Psalm 37 expressed. Yahshua said that out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh. The people breaking forth into song shows that there will come a time when there will be such joy and peace in the hearts of all humankind that it will simply burst out.

This is the full establishment of YAHWEH'S Kingdom on earth, not the conquest of one satanic nation by another.

**Verse 8:**

**Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.**

The fir trees and the cedars of Lebanon are tall upright trees that are used to represent the upright people of the earth. They are pictured as trees who are no longer worried about a woodcutter coming to cut them down; for since the demise of satan, there is no one to threaten them.

**Verse 9:**

**Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.**

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**8 Refer to Matthew 12:34.**

"Hell", or the abode of the dead, is symbolically illustrated as a scene wherein the dead are able to stir, or awaken so as to watch the devil coming down to join them. And who is in "hell"? All the kings and chief ones of the earth. The ones that the world honors and respects. The big-businessmen, the politicians, the religious leaders. And where are they? In "hell", or the grave. Furthermore, the devil is portrayed as going down to join them because he has richly earned this reward.

Verse 10:

All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?

Or, did the same thing happen to you that happened to us? Is it possible that one so mighty was able to die too? It is worded as a surprise, as if this was unexpected of one so powerful. But die he will, and be as weak as the rest of those who followed him.

Verse 11:

Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.

The pomp and noise of his viols are the propaganda, the patriotic music, the celebrations used to incite patriotism and keep the people under control. All this goes down to the grave with him.

The worms beneath and covering him shows that as a man is mortal and can die and be consumed by worms, so satan is mortal and can die. No place of fiery torment, no "here-after", just death.

The one being spoken of here is given a name in verse 12.

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

The question is in reference to lucifer, or haylale, who was put in charge of Eden and turned out to be the devil. he is referred to as "son of the morning," or a morning star, which literally refers to the planet Venus. Now this heavenly body, for its size, outshines everything else. What this is alluding to is the outstanding beauty with which satan was created.

It was he who was in heaven and labored to bring rebellion. Who also through his lies and deceit caused 1/3 of the angels to be cast out of heaven with him and face the sentence of everlasting death.<sup>9</sup>

It is he who caused the nations to sin, to meet with YAHWEH'S disapproval, and to bring about the destruction of the nations.

Verse 13:

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:

The stars that satan would exalt himself above are the angels. Yahshua is also pictured as a "bright and morning star" in Revelation 22:16 because, once again, for its size, the morning star (the planet Venus) outshines everything else in the heavens. With satan (or "haylale" before his rebellion), they were known as the morning stars that sang together.<sup>10</sup>

satan in attempting to elevate himself above the stars, or angels, shows that he craves a position above the angels. This is further evident as he also desires to sit upon the mount, or head, of the congregation. The sides of the north spoken of is where the ruling authority comes from, or

<sup>9</sup> Refer to Revelation 12:4,8-12.

<sup>10</sup> Refer to Job 38:7.

**YAHWEH'S position, as Psalm 48:1, 2 brings out.**

**1 A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.**

**2 Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King.**

**As the Bible bears out, the audacity and arrogance of satan has absolutely no bounds. he simply thinks he is the greatest, as the next verse confirms.**

**Verse 14:**

**I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.**

**his desire was to be "like the most high." he wasn't taking instructions from anyone, instead he wants to issue orders, to be the supreme one.**

**Anyone trying such a thing will definitely meet with YAHWEH'S disapproval because no one is qualified to match YAHWEH. Regardless of how long one has been alive, or how powerful they are, YAHWEH is the only supreme being, the only one from everlasting to everlasting. HE is the only one who was not created. All others are creatures, so no one could rightfully claim to be YAHWEH'S equal. However, the devil, not one to be bashful, figured he was going to make this proclamation in spite of everything.**

**At this point let us examine what the proper attitude is of a righteous hearted individual. The case in point is Yahshua, who was the first and only direct creation of YAHWEH. The account is best described in Philipians 2:5-11:**

- 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Yahshua the Messiah,**
- 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,**
- 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.**
- 8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.**
- 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name,**
- 10 that at the name of Yahshua every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,**
- 11 and every tongue confess the Yahshua the Messiah is Lord, the the glory of God the Father.**

**So we have an obedient son who was already in the form of GOD, or in spirit form. He did not grasp at equality with GOD, as satan did, but instead gave up all and became as a man which was lower than the angels. And in this human form was obedient, and sacrificed his life that others might live.**

**For this reason, YAHWEH elevated Him to the highest position, knowing full well (even beforehand) that He could be trusted with all.**

**Returning now to the slime who would rival YAHWEH, we shall see what his reward shall be.**

**Verse 15:**

**Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**

**So instead of gaining the highest position, this vermin gains the lowest, which is death. The word "hell" in the Hebrew is "sheol," which means "pit" or "grave."**

**Verse 16:**



They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms;

Or, "is this the one who caused all the trouble?" Yes, it is the devil, who through his own disobedience caused all mankind to disobey. By rebelling against YAHWEH, and not following HIS all wise guidance, he brings upon himself and his organization problems that cannot be solved. This will be proven shortly when all wicked mankind will turn on one another and destroy themselves.

In verse 17 HE continues with the question:

That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?

A wilderness is a place with no security. There is no food, shelter, or companionship. Where one is alone and abandoned.

The whole world is this way. It's every man for himself no matter where he is, even (and especially so) in the cities. satan has directed man not to seek his GOD, but to try to solve his own problems, and seek his own blessings.

The verse also brings out that satan is responsible for the destruction of the cities. At the final war, since the cities will be destroyed, this prophecy will have a literal fulfillment. Finally it mentions that he opened not the house of his prisoners. This is not speaking of literal prisoners (although there are literal prisoners in jail). People are prisoners in this system through their lack of understanding.

John 8:32,36 states:

32 And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.  
36 If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed.

But the great deceiver doesn't allow the truth to easily reach the people. he keeps it hidden through force, or by diversion. So people are imprisoned through the teachings of false religion. They have fears of disobeying the religious leaders and suffering some divine retribution. For example, the catholics said that if you ate meat on Friday you would go to hell. These fears were totally unfounded as they were just more lies made up by satan to hold the people in bondage. But in knowing the truth, you would be freed from these fears and inhibitions, as verse 17 indicates that the prisons would be opened.

Verse 18:

All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.

When a ruler of a nation dies, the ignorant people bury their deceased hero with great pomp and ceremony, thinking that YAHWEH had appointed him ruler. They lie in elaborate monuments ("...every one in his own house."), demonstrating how the masses glorify their fallen idol. Not so with the death of satan, as verse 19 shows.

But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.

Verse 19 is a bit clearer in the R.S.V.:

but you are cast out, away from your sepulchre, like a loathed untimely birth, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the Pit, like a

**dead body trodden under foot.**

is power of deceit being gone, and his organization destroyed before his eyes, only the enlightened remain. This being the case, when satan goes down, all will know who and what he is. There will be no "honorable burial" for this wretched misbegotten creature. No patriotic or somber music; only eulogies giving tribute to all the good he has done in his life. He will go down in disgrace, as unworthy of a decent burial.

verse 20:

**Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.**

Satan is a spirit creature and cannot be literally buried as a human. His not joining the fallen leaders clearly shows that he will not get the same misplaced honors when he dies. The reason being that he has destroyed his land, and slain his people.

**CHECK FOLLOWING INFORMATION]**

Remember that the position given satan in the garden of Eden was that of overseer. His job was to see to it that the new creation of man and woman would not go astray.<sup>11</sup> Now even though everyone was cast out of Eden, the position given satan was not revoked. Understanding this, we see that the order made to Yahshua by satan, of all the nations<sup>12</sup> was legitimate. Instead of loving the people in his charge, satan has done his level best to turn the people away from YAHWEH and HIS Kingdom. Instead of leading them to life and happiness, he has led them to misery and death. He has created a system which is the reflection of his own demonic attributes: greed, hatred, stupidity, confusion, twisted values and priorities. Lusting for power, wealth and all the temporary benefits of this world, those who display his attributes find a fit habitat. On the other hand, the righteous cannot possibly endure in such an environment because it goes contrary to the way we are made. Therefore, "the seed of evildoers" will never be allowed to rise again and inhabit the land. Yahshua will see to it that the Kingdom is ruled with a rod of iron (Revelation 12:5; 19:15), meaning that you will not have the so-called "freedom" that you see today wherein people are allowed to follow an unguided, unguided course they please. The lessons will have been learned, and the meek teachers that remain will be most willing to be guided by an all-wise and loving FATHER.

verse 21:

**Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.**

Now the children that are going to be killed are the ones who have followed their fathers. In reality, both the fathers and the children will all be destroyed so that they will not be able to continue in authority. There will be no one to raise up children to continue in their place.

Nothing that would serve to perpetuate, or preserve "Babylon," or its ways, will be cut off forever. A system of competition that sets one man against another will never be allowed to raise its ugly head again, as Nahum 1:9, in a translation from the Hebrew by Jeremiah, states: "...rivalry shall not rise a second time."

The study covering the 28th chapter of Ezekiel goes into great detail about how satan was created with great beauty and wisdom. It further details how he was placed as the covering, or protecting cherub who was to guide the new creatures, man and woman in the proper course.

Refer to Matthew 4:8, 9.

Verse 22:

For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD.

So it is YAHWEH who rises against babylon, or the devil's organization. HIS cutting off the name means that it will no longer be around so as to be mentioned. Cutting off the remnant means that any remains of babylon will be removed. Cutting off the son and nephew means that anything even related to babylon will be cut off so that there is no possibility of babylon ever coming up again.

Verse 23:

I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts.

Making it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water means that the system is unfit for human habitation. The semi-aquatic bird mentioned lives in an environment different than what man is accustomed to. These creatures feel at home in a swamp, man does not. It is an environment suited to them, not to us.

YAHWEH will sweep it with the besom or "broom" of destruction, which means that HE will sweep it away once and for all. Very simply put, YAHWEH is telling us that the system is like a swamp, that HE does not want HIS servants to live in such a condition, and that it will be destroyed for evermore.

Verse 24:

The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:

In other words, what HE set out to do, HE will do and no power in heaven or on earth can interfere with HIS will. To quote Isaiah 55:11:

So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

Continuing with verse 25:

That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

The word Assyrian in the Hebrew means "successful, or flourishing." This refers not only to the successful ones of the earth, but to those who prefer this system over YAHWEH'S Kingdom.

When YAHWEH refers to breaking these in HIS "land" and upon HIS "mountains", HE is referring to what is legally HIS; whatever YAHWEH possesses for HIS people.

The yoke spoken of departs, or is taken off, when the system is destroyed. At this time, the burden we endure is the work we must do that makes the successful ones rich. Long hours and short pay is the order of the day, with the poor getting poorer, and the rich getting richer. Injustice is an accepted way of life, as there are grossly unequal burdens which men must bear. Insecurity is capitalized on by enterprising insurance companies who feed on the fear of the masses. And it is these vulnerable individuals who stand to lose all in a system where man is pitted against his brother.

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21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

23 They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the LORD, and their offspring with them.

24 And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

Returning to Isaiah 14, verses 26 & 27 will be read together.

26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

27 For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?

YAHWEH does not hope for something to happen, or try to make something happen. What HE wills happens, and nothing can interfere with the full realization of these plans. Nor would anyone who is utilizing HIS four attributes of love, justice, wisdom, and power, wish to interfere.

Those who would selfishly desire to further their own selfish, egotistical ambitions will fail miserably without the shedding of a single tear from the righteous. They will have had their opportunity to prove whatever they were trying to prove, and will have only succeeded in destroying themselves.

At this point in the chapter, the subject changes. Therefore, no further verses will be used for this study.

## ISAIAH 14 (Jeanne Deola)

### Introduction:

Yahweh has promised His people a Kingdom, He tells us to pray for that Kingdom. He says, "Thy Kingdom come, they will be done on earth as it is in heaven." He says, "eye has not seen nor ear heard the blessings that are in store for those who love Him. (1 Corinthians 2:9)" He says there shall be pleasures forevermore. "Heaven is my throne, the earth is my footstool (Isaiah 66:1). "I will make the place of my feet glorious" (Isaiah 60:13). So the earth is going to be turned into a paradise and man will live with eternal blessings. This is the purpose of the Almighty God. This will be His system which is not ruling today. Today it is the devil's organization and we feel the effects of it. Now the way this blessing is going to come about is through the restoration of Israel, the restoration of His nation. Israel becomes His Kingdom. Israel were and always shall be His people. But one point should be made clear: The Israel of the flesh are not the Israel of God. These are not the only ones. The word *Israel* means "he who strives for God's blessings. And anyone of any nationality who does strive for Yahweh's blessing, who has the characteristics of a true Israelite does become Israel. He says that those who are not my people, become my people (speaking of the gentiles) and Israel shall be as the sands of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered (Hosea 1:10). Paul says blindness has fallen upon Israel until the fullness of the gentiles come in, and then all Israel shall be saved (Romans 9:25), indicating that the gentiles would be included in Israel.

Isaiah 14 brings out about the restoration of Israel.

### Verse 1:

**For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.**

This particular verse has caused many would be interpreters to become confused. They reason that when Israel is restored, they will have the original territory that they once had. But, in the original promise given to Israel, Yahweh did say that He would set them in their own land, give them a certain land, but also that they would spread out to the north and the south, to the east and the west. So actually there was no specific portion of ground; they would continue to spread out. So we find the truth of the matter is that Israel will possess the entire planet. He says Israel is My inheritance (Jeremiah 51:19; 10:16; Psalm 78:1). When He says He will set them in their own land He means Israel will feel at home. He means His People will dwell in a system where they will feel comfortable and at home. They will find that they are living in a system which is in harmony with the attributes that Yahweh has created in man. He has created man with love, justice, wisdom and power, and the ruling organization will rule with these attributes. The Kingdom will actually be governed with love and justice and wisdom backed by the almighty power of Yahweh. So this is the land that He sets them in; He sets them in a system where they will feel at home. He says at that time will will the righteous flourish. Now, when He restores Israel He says strangers or aliens will be joined with them and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. Now these are people who are not Israel, they are people who did not manifest their faith when there wasn't much evidence. Yahweh says to Thomas, when he didn't believe that the Messiah had been resurrected (he actually had to be shown the imprints of nails, and then he believed), "you believe because you have seen, blessed are those who believe without seeing" (John 20:24-29). So He was referring to a specific class of people who would have the faith to believe without having everything fulfilled before them. They would believe what Yahweh had to say and put their trust in Him and would be willing to suffer for the understanding. So these are the ones that are blessed, these are the ones that are true Israel. Now the strangers have to have a lot of evidence. Strangers, or aliens meaning that they are outsiders, they are not part of Israel. These will be joined to them when they are convinced. Now the time that they are convinced will be during the five month period when they realize that the nations are going to destroy themselves, and finally they say they see that God is really with you, "we want to join you," and they flock over to us. Israel will be given the

authority over the Kingdom because Yahweh could trust them when there was no evidence, when the going was really rough, so it will be a simple matter to trust them when everything is going smoothly. The others will receive the instruction from Israel. Israel will work to bless the strangers and the strangers will work to bless Israel. Both sides be delighted in their position; they would not change for the world. The strangers will love Israel because Israel will be a loving people, a people who rule with concern, not just using people like the rulers of today. The strangers will love Israel for this. Verse one says "strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of jacob," indicating that they will latch onto it firmly not wanting to ever let go. They will find that this is truly a blessed system, a Godly system, the *only* system that could bring peace and happiness to mankind.

Verse 2:

**And the people shall take them, and bring them to their place: and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids: and they shall take them captives, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors.**

Possess them in the land of the Lord for servants and handmaids, meaning that they will take instruction from Israel and do the bidding of Israel. In other words, the stranger class will do all the secular work while Israel will be busily engaged in ruling and seeing that everything is done properly. "And they shall take them captive, whose captives they were; and they shall rule over their oppressors." Before the stranger class wakes up, they are members of this world and they are persecuting Israel. They do not understand Israel, so they go by the laws of the land, and they treat Israel as lawbreakers, as criminals, as those worthy of punishment. And because they far outnumber Israel, they have the dominating force on their side and Israel in a sense is captive to them, because of the supremacy of power in their favor. When they become submissive to Israel, they become captives whose captives we were. The tide turns. "And they shall rule over their oppressors." The ones who once oppressed Israel will be ruled over by Israel.

Verse 3:

**And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve.**

Yahweh is speaking to Israel here, that in the day when this happens, when Israel are made rulers in the Kingdom, they shall have rest from sorrow and from fear and from hard bondage. Those things they had in satan's system.

The day comes that Yahweh gives Israel true rest from the sorrow. Israel is not at rest now. Israel is engaged vindicating Yahweh's name. Meeting opposition with this world and the opposition is going to increase. The Scriptures tell us for 1260 days His witnesses preach in sack cloth, indicating they will be persecuted, they will be in misery. This is the sorrow that Israel is undergoing. "And from the fear and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve." Working in this system is working far too hard, and you are not getting the benefit of your labor--so much of it goes to the rulers, so much for taxes, so much goes for parasites, political and religious, war, everything else, so that the working man does not get the full benefit of his labor. The time comes when it is all over and Israel has rest. When this time comes there will be a decided change. All of a sudden we will look around for the oppression: it's all over! There is no more. You will look for the former fears, the former pain, and every bit of apprehension that was within your heart--it's all gone! You will begin to notice what a drastic change has taken place.

Verse 4:

**That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!**

Yahweh tells Israel that "thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say how

hath the oppressor ceased, they golden city ceased." The king of babylon is satan the devil. The devil is the true king of babylon because Yahweh calls the entire world babylon. And it is the devil who is the god of this world. So when the world goes down we will take this proverb against the king of babylon and say "the golden city ceased," the golden city is the organization of the devil, babylon, which they would have you believe is a precious holy organization, a christian organization, a Godly organization. But Yahweh tells us plainly that it is a blasphemous organization a harlot, a wicked and disobedient organization, and this is why Yahweh says that it comes to an end. If it truly were a godly organization that they claim it is, there would be no reason to bring an end to it; it would endure forever. But it has to end because it is wicked. It is actually going against the dictates of Yahweh.

Verse 5:

**The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the scepter of the rulers.**

A staff supports or sustains. A scepter is carried by a ruler as a symbol of royal power or authority. He has broken this staff, and the sceptre, or the right to rule of the rulers. In other words, He has taken whatever authority they had away from them, whatever authority they gave to themselves. This only takes place at the end of this world or system when the nations are destroyed and there are no longer any rulers to oppress His People.

Verse 6:

**He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he that rule the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.**

He who smote the people in wrath is referring to the devil. What He's referring to here, as a continual stroke, means that they suffered continuously as though they were being beaten continuously without let up. This means that the agony in this world continues all the time. "He that ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth." The one who ruled the nations in anger is satan the devil and the reason Yahweh brings out that he ruled them in anger, is because satan has caused the people to suffer as though he has a grudge against them. If satan really loved the people he would not allow them to suffer, he would see that they were blessed. But the way people suffer it appears the devil is actually angry at them and punishing them all the time.

Verse 7:

**The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing.**

This is a beautiful verse. He says, "the whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing." (See Daniel 7:5.) This is referring to the whole earth, this is the land that Israel is set upon. Set them in their own land. What is their own land? The whole earth. The whole earth is at rest when Israel is restored. Indicating that Israel will inherit the whole planet. The meek will inherit the earth, Yahshua brings out in Matthew 5:5. Now when everything is at peace and all your problems are gone and there is no agony for you to face whatsoever, nothing but joy and blessings, automatically the whole human race will break into singing. This is just a natural devotion. Yahweh says that from the abundance of the hearth, the mouth speaks ().

Verse 8:

**Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid down, no feller is come up against us.**

Here He uses symbols. He is referring to the fir trees and the cedars of Lebanon. The fir trees are tall upright trees so He's using these as symbols of the righteous ones. The righteous ones say, "since He is laid low no one has come to chop them down." The devil is cut down and no one is persecuting

them anymore.

Verse 9:

**Hell from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations.**

He is referring to the devil going down into hell, which is the place of the dead. And He pictures it as though the dead were able to stir or awaken and watch him coming down to join them. "Even all the chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations." These are the ones that the world looks up to. These are the rulers, politicians, kings, dictators, big businessmen, and religious leaders. These are the chief ones of the earth. Where are they? In hell. And the devil is going down there to join them. "It hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations." Indicating that they were down in hell, they get up, and see the devil coming down to join them.

Verse 10:

**All they shall speak and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us?**

In other words, has the same thing happened to you that has happened to us? Did you also die? Is it possible that one so mighty was able to die too? It refers to this as though it were a surprise to them because one so mighty could never have anything like this happen to them. But the devil is also going to be destroyed along with all wicked ones.

Verse 11:

**Thy pomp is brought down to the grave, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee.**

Pomp means stately or showing a display of magnificence. His pomp, or his celebrations, his patriotic music and all of his claims, his propaganda that he used to control the people of the earth, and the noise of his viols or his musical instruments to incite patriotism and keep people under control. They take every opportunity they can to use these "tricks." All kinds of meeting, gatherings, even sporting events begin with the flag saluting and songs claiming the beauty and glory of these nations.

But, the glory and credit for the beauty of this earth should go only to Yahweh. He is the Creator, not the nations. So all this propaganda will all go down to the grave, everything dies, everything is done away with once and for all.

"The worm is spread under thee, and the worms cover thee." This is an indication of absolute death. This is what happens to a person who dies, and this is what happens to the devil. In other words, there is no hereafter for him or anything. He is going to die and be destroyed.

Verse 12:

**How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!**

He asks a question concerning Lucifer. Now Lucifer was the one that Yahweh put in charge over Eden. In Ezekiel 28 he is called the covering cherub. He is the one that turned out to be the devil, he is the one who disobeyed and caused man to disobey (Revelation 12:9). "Which didst weaken the nations." In other words, he is the one who caused the nations to sin and meet with Yahweh's disapproval, and brings about the destruction of the nations of this world.

Verse 13:



**For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:**

Now this is what he said. he has said in his heart, "I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God." The stars symbolize the angels. Yahshua is pictured as being the bright and morning star. So the devil being elevated above the stars means that he would have a position above the angels and this is what he craved, he wanted to be above everyone. "I will sit at the head of the congregation in the sides of the north," or at the seat of authority. "I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the most high." This was his desire, to be like the Most High. He wasn't taking instructions from anyone; he wasn't going to give orders that someone gave to him; he was going to issue orders; he was going to be the supreme one. Anyone who tries anything like this is definitely going to meet with the disapproval of the Supreme One, because no one is qualified to match Yahweh, regardless of how long he has been alive, even if it were for thousands of years, Yahweh is from everlasting to everlasting. Yahweh is the Supreme One. Yahweh is the only Creator. Yahweh is the only Being, all others are creatures, they have been created. So no one can claim to be equal to Yahweh. But the devil figured he could.

Verse 15:

**Yet thou shalt be brought down to hell, to the sides of the pit.**

He wanted to get the highest position, but he's going to get the lowest position. Incidentally, the word *hell* is "sheol," or "hadies," the grave, where people go when they die.

Verse 16:

**They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms.**

In other words, is he the one that caused all the trouble? Yes. It is the devil, through his disobedience caused all mankind to disobey, and man has followed the course of disobedience, and has been led astray, and has brought upon himself problems which he could not solve. This will be proven shortly when all wicked mankind will turn on one another and destroy each other.

Verse 17:

**That made the world as a wilderness, and destroyed the cities thereof; that opened not the house of his prisoners?**

A wilderness is a place where there is no security, no food, no shelter, nothing, no humans around you might say, where you're left alone and abandoned. The whole world is that way, actually, it's every man for himself, regardless of where you are, even in the cities. "And destroyed the cities thereof." At the final war the cities will truly go down. He is the one that brought this all about. "That opened not the house of his prisoners." Now these are not literal prisoners but a man is imprisoned through lack of understanding. Yahweh says, "know the truth and the truth shall make you free." But the devil does not allow the Truth to be preached to the people, he keeps the truth hidden and the people are imprisoned through tradition, through teaching of false religion and they have unfounded fears to disobey these religious heads. For instance in the catholic church, you weren't allowed to eat meat on Friday--you're not allowed to do this, you're not allowed to do that, otherwise you're going to go to hell. They had these unfounded fears because the devil originated these lies and he held the people in bondage. Knowing the truth you would be free from this, and this is referred to as the prison being opened.

Verse 18:

**All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house.**

This means that the kings of the earth the rulers of this world have had an honorable burial. The ignorant people of this world who thought they were God's appointed rulers did provide quite a ceremonial burial for these rulers and they were buried in honor. Even though they were not Yahweh's rulers. But concerning the devil he says:

Verse 19:

**But thou art cast out of thy grave like an abominable branch, and as the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a carcase trodden under feet.**

*Revised Standard Version:*

**But you are cast out, away from your sepulchre, like a loathed untimely birth, clothed with the slain, those pierced by the sword, who go down to the stones of the Pit, like a dead body trodden under foot.**

Now the devil does not get an honorable burial. At the time he goes down everyone will know who he is. His organization goes down first and the people who remain are the enlightened ones and the devil is going to die a disgraceful death. Never will he regain this honor.

Verse 20:

**Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, and slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned.**

"Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial." He will not be joined with these kings in burial meaning that he will not get the same honor that his kings did, because it was the ignorant people who honored these kings, but when he goes down he goes down the last of his organization, and people will be awakened by this time. Now the reason he will not be joined with them in burial is because "thou hast destroyed thy land [the land that Yahweh gave him authority over, the authority he gave him to rule over His people: the devil has destroyed it]." "Slain thy people: the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned." The devil had brought about a condition where men actually slaughtered one another. Instead of loving his people and trying to care for them, he doesn't care what happens to them. All of these atrocities that you see in a war is a result of the devil's rule. This certainly is not a system that a person created in Yahweh's image can possibly endure or be happy in, thrive in, it goes contrary to the way we are made. We could never rightfully be satisfied. We are not saying this because we are complainers. Yahweh is also complaining even louder than we are, because the system is altogether unrighteous and to prove it Yahweh says that it will come to an end. He will destroy this world.

Verse 21:

**Prepare slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers; that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities.**

These are the ones who have been in this world, and meaning that fathers and children will not be able to continue in authority. They will not be able to raise up children and continue in authority in this world. Nahum 1:9 states:

**What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: rivalry shall not rise up a second time.**

Verse 22:

**For I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the Lord.**

Yahweh rises up against this babylon, which is the devils organization. The word *babylon* means "confusion." He is going to cut off the name, meaning that it will never be named, it will never be mentioned. The reason it will not be mentioned is because it will not be around to be mentioned. The remnant, any remains of babylon will be cut off, the son, the nephew, anything that is even closely associated or related to babylon will be destroyed. So that there will be no possibility of babylon (satan's organization) ever coming up again.

Verse 23:

**I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord hosts.**

In making it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water, He is likening the system to a place which is uninhabitable for man. Meaning that man will never dwell in there anymore--it will never be restored again. He will never live in this unrighteous system again. So making it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water means that the semi-aquatic birds or birds who live in a different environment, who require a different habitation will possess it. Indicating that it is not, nor ever was made for man. When these other creatures take over, he is telling you in plain language that it was made for them. What He is really bring out is that if it were made for them, it was never made for us. These creatures will feel at home there. The system is what he is referring to, it was never made for man.

"Sweep it with th besom [or with the broom] of destruction" means He will sweep it all away once and for all, destroy it completely.

Verse 24:

**The Lord of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:**

What Yahweh sets out to do, He will do. Yahweh says the words which come out of His mouth shall not return unto Him void. The shall accomplish that which He sends them to accomplish.

Verse 25:

**That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart form off their shoulders.**

Yahweh will break the Assyrian. These would be the successful ones in this world. "In my land, and upon my mountains." This would be what is legally Yahweh's. Whatever Yahweh possesses for His people. "Then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders." This yoke or burden would be the work we do that makes the successful ones rich, through taxes and soforth. This is an inefficient, selfish system. Yahweh will make an end of all this, and the burden will be removed. We will be at peace in an efficient system.

Verse 26,27:

**26 This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.**

**27 For the Lord of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?**

**Yahweh will do away with all manner of oppression and His people will be free. This is Yahweh's purpose, it is certain. Who can turnback, who can oppose? The answer is no one!**