

stu: Your exposition suggests another thought. It says, would that the briars and thorns were against me. Contrary to fact, they are not, who is against him, is it Israel himself that is against him? Would that the briars and thorns were against/ me, I would destroy them. But Israel is against him, but I'm not going to utterly destroy them. (14)

MacR: Maybe. I'm not quite sure whether it makes much difference to the thought (14 1/4) I'm not quite sure. I was trying to think that, would that the briars and thorns were against me in battle, I was inclining to think, here are the briars and thorns against Israel, let them turn against me and I'll (14 1/2) Interesting possibilities. The matter is to get that which fits the words as closely as possible and that raises the least possible objection and difficulty of having to read things in, without sufficient warrant. (14 3/4) record unclear to end)

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...verse 6, in days to come shall Jacob and so on. What about taking this as ----- the same illustration that's it's telling how Jacob and Israel shall be drafted back into the (1) branch, and then carrying that same thought back into 5. For Jacob will take hold once again in the strength of the Lord, and make peace with the Lord.

MacR: Yes, oh, I think ~~you're apt to~~ your application of verse 6 is excellent it seems to me. But as to fitting verse 5 into it, is it calling on Israel to do this, or is it stating an opportunity for the enemies of Israel, in the interim, before this time. Of course that's an idea we hardly think of without (1 3/4)

That doesn't mean it's an impossible idea, but to my mind one of the interesting things about N.T. truth contained in the O.T. is, when