

...God's sending punishment upon Israel and then the question is is that the end of Israel? Does that finish them, or is there mercy? And the answer is no, that doesn't finish them. God has a great purpose for Israel, he has a great plan, he has a (8 3/4)

for Israel and the nation. I incline to think it is ----- a parallel, so that 24, I incline to think, starts not with the enemies of God ~~but~~ destroyed at the beginning of the Millennium but with the people of Judah punished for their sin and sent into exile but the assurance that this is not the end, there is a Millennium coming, and before the Millennium the wicked nations are to be punished.

stu: Do you think the hinge then really is 24:23. Jehovah will reign in Zion. He's presented the problem then he answers it, the basic answer is there's a time coming when Jehovah will reign, and that brings ~~with~~ the blessing that he'll send on this mountain and the resurrection and development of the succeeding chapters.

MacR: And of course it also brings with it the preservation of Israel up to that time when he reigns (stu: which is brought out here in 27) Yes.

Stu: ~~Would there~~ ^{Could this} be an answer to the problem of Israel in her suffering, that in ~~that~~ he has already taken up the thought of the reign of Israel or the blessing of the Lord over Israel, now it's taken up, explaining some of the problems.

(MacR: yes) closing, ~~and~~ then it closes with a blessing, takes two verses there, as I recall, --

MacR: Yes, it seems to rather specifically to be a blessing on Israel, the last two verses, which relate again to the beginning of this apocalypse where Israel, punished for her sins, Israel glorified and ~~re~~ (1 0 1/4) reclaimed.

stu:
in this holy mountain of Jerusalem, kept local there.

MacR: Yes, yes I think there's a definite promise of future blessing in the place