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In regards to: Zion, the city of Jerusalem being laid desolate due to the sins committed in the land by Israel—God's chosen people. Our ancestors departed from the law of God with consequences that drastically affect us to this day. But **we will RETURN!**

As it is written;

* * Forget not Zion, But hold in remembrance the anguish of Jerusalem. ^(2 Baruch 31:4 OTP)

* And it came to pass after seven days, that the word of God came to me, and said unto me: * But do thou remain here amid the desolation of Zion, and I will show to thee after these days what will befall at the end of days. ^(2 Baruch 10:1,3 OTP)

* And afterwards come to that place and I will reveal Myself to thee, and speak true things with thee, and I will give thee commandment regarding the method of the times; for they are coming and tarry not.' ^(2 Baruch 20:6 OTP)

* And afterwards I came to that place where He had spoken with me. ^(2 Baruch 21:2 OTP)

* And it came to pass after these things, that I, Baruch, was standing upon Mount Zion, and lo! a voice came from the height and said unto me: 'Stand upon thy feet, Baruch, and hear the word of the mighty God.' ^(2 Baruch 13:1-2 OTP)

AND BARUCH ASKED:

* Is it in one place or in one of the parts of the earth that those things are come to pass, or will the whole earth experience (them)?' ^(2 Baruch 28:7 OTP)

* And He answered and said unto me: 'Whatever will then befall (will befall) the whole earth; therefore all who live will experience (them).

* For at that time I will protect only those who are found in those self-same days in this land.

* And it shall come to pass when all is accomplished that was to come to pass in those parts, that the Messiah shall then begin to be revealed. ^(2 Baruch 29:1-3 OTP)

* And it shall come to pass at that self-same time that the treasury of manna shall again descend from on high, and they will eat of it in those years, because these are they who have come to the consummation of time. ^(2 Baruch 29:8 OTP)



* And ye shall read this book which we have sent unto you, to make confession in the house of the Lord, upon the feasts and solemn days.

* And ye shall say, To the Lord our God belongeth righteousness, but unto us the confusion of faces, ... ^(Baruch 1:14-15 KJVA)

* And they shall praise me in the land of their captivity, and think upon my name,

* And return from their stiff neck, and from their wicked deeds: for they shall remember the way of their fathers, which sinned before the Lord.

* And I will bring them again into the land which I promised with an oath unto their fathers, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and they shall be lords of it: and I will increase them, and they shall not be diminished.

* And I will make an everlasting covenant with them to be their God, and they shall be my people: and I will no more drive my people of Israel out of the land that I have given them. (Baruch 2:32-35 KJVA)

* Ye were sold to the nations, not for [your] destruction: but because ye moved God to wrath, ye were delivered unto the enemies.

* For ye provoked him that made you by sacrificing unto devils, and not to God.

* Ye have forgotten the everlasting God, that brought you up; and ye have grieved Jerusalem, that nursed you.

* For when she saw the wrath of God coming upon you, she said, Hearken, O ye that dwell about Sion: God hath brought upon me great mourning;

* For I saw the captivity of my sons and daughters, which the Everlasting brought upon them. ^(Baruch 4:6-10 KJVA)

* For I sent you out with mourning and weeping: but God will give you to me again with joy and gladness for ever. (Baruch 4:23 KJVA)

* Put off, O Jerusalem, the garment of mourning and affliction, and put on the comeliness of the glory that cometh from God for ever.

* Cast about thee a double garment of the righteousness which cometh from God; and set a diadem on thine head of the glory of the Everlasting.

* For God will shew thy brightness unto every country under heaven.

* For thy name shall be called of God for ever The peace of righteousness, and The glory of God's worship.

* Arise, O Jerusalem, and stand on high, and look about toward the east, and behold thy children gathered from the west unto the east by the word of the Holy One, rejoicing in the remembrance of God.



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* For they departed from thee on foot, and were led away of their enemies: but God bringeth them unto thee exalted with glory, as children of the kingdom.

* For God hath appointed that every high hill, and banks of long continuance, should be cast down, and valleys filled up, to make even the ground, that Israel may go safely in the glory of God,

* Moreover even the woods and every sweetsmelling tree shall overshadow Israel by the commandment of God.

* For God shall lead Israel with joy in the light of his glory with the mercy and righteousness that cometh from him. ^(Baruch 5:1-9 KJVA)

Amen & Amen.

So be it.

All praises, glory, and honor be to the Most High God אדיד the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—in the precious Name of <u>His Son</u> לישי the Messiah Christ—Our Lord, Savior, King and Redeemer! Eternal Blessings upon the Elect of God, now and forever!

KJVA = King James Version Apocrypha | OTP = Old Testament Pseudepigrapha

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