

## “Why Did Jesus Cry?”

### Prophecies about the 1<sup>st</sup> Coming of Jesus

Micah 5:2 The Messiah to be born in Bethlehem.

### Prophecies about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Jesus

Matthew 24:20 Jesus will come in the clouds.

### Local Short Term Prophecies

Genesis 41:1-32 Seven years of plenty & famine.

### Conditional Prophecies

- A. **Nineveh** Jonah 3:4 & 10 The overthrow of Nineveh
- B. **Jerusalem** 2 Chronicles 7:12-20 The temple to stand forever “IF”. Jeremiah 17:24-27

Jesus weeps over what might have been the future of Israel. Ezekiel 37:24&25, Luke 19:41-44

“If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace!”—Here the Saviour paused, and left unsaid what might have been the condition of Jerusalem had she accepted the help that God desired to give her—the gift of His beloved Son. If Jerusalem had known what it was her privilege to know, and had heeded the light which Heaven had sent her, she might have stood forth in the pride of prosperity, the queen of kingdoms, free in the strength of her God-given power. There would have been no armed soldiers at her gates, no Roman banners waving from her walls. The glorious destiny that might have blessed Jerusalem had she accepted her Redeemer rose before the Son of God.” *Desire of Ages Page 576 & 577*

- C. **Israel** Luke 13:6-9 The parable of the fig tree.

“If the nation had been faithful to its trust and had appreciated the high destiny reserved for it by God, the whole earth would have awaited the coming of the Messiah with eager expectancy. He would have come,

He would have died, and would have risen again. Jerusalem would have become a great missionary center (COL 232), and the earth would have been set ablaze with the light of truth in one grand final appeal to those who had not as yet accepted the invitation of divine mercy.” *Volume 4 SDA Bible Commentary page 29&30*

“Owing to the failure of the Jews as God’s chosen people, many of the prophecies of the Old Testament, such as:

- those affirming the worldwide mission of Israel and the ingathering of the Gentiles (see Gen. 12:3; Deut. 4:6-8; Isa. 2:2-5; 46:2; 49:6; 52:10; 56:6,7; 60:1-3; 61:9; 62:2; Zech. 2:11; 8:22,23; etc.),

- those pointing forward to the eternal rest in Canaan (Is. 11:6-9; 35; 65:17-25; 66:20-23; Jer. 17:25; Eze. 37; 40-48; Zech. 2:6-12; 14:4-11), and

- those promising deliverance from her enemies (Isa. 2:10-21; 24-26; Eze. 38; 39; Joel 3; Zeph. 1; 2; Zech. 9:9-17; 10-14; etc.), have never been and can never be fulfilled to them as a nation.” *Volume 4 SDA Bible Commentary page 34*

Some parts of these conditional prophecies will be fulfilled in the future in connection with the New Earth & New Jerusalem. See Isaiah 65:17-25 & Zechariah 14:1-14

### D. **Our Destiny**

There have been 2 attempts to tell the world about the One True God. **First** After the conquest of Canaan to the Babylonian Captivity. **Second** The return of God’s people from captivity.

Esther 4:14 “We too have come to the kingdom for such a time as this”. If we don’t follow our destiny God will choose someone else.

- E. We are to tell the world about the coming of King Jesus. Israel has failed twice in the past. Will we be more successful than they were in telling of His 2<sup>nd</sup> coming?