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 - Jer. 4:10-13 _____
 - Hosea 5:1-3. _____
 - Even Messianic prophecy, though it promises fulfillment and blessing, also carries the specter of judgment and final accounting.
 - Zech. 12:10. _____
 - **Elements of judgment prophecy:**
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 - There is a promise or offering of reconciliation. 27:5, 9. _____
 - Some will never learn. 27:11. _____
 - Some will never submit. 27:4 _____
 - There will be an end to it. 27:13 _____
 - **The question or questions of judgment.**
 - **The absolutes**
 - There will be punishment. 26:21. _____
 - There will be conquest in battle. 27:4, 12. _____
 - (The big one) There is, and always has been, an offer on the table of pardon and forgiveness.
 - 27:5. _____
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 - **The questions**
 - Who will escape judgment? 26:20. _____
 - What act, or acts of reconciliation, will result in pardon and escape from judgment? 27:5. _____

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 - **The goal.**
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 - Jer. 4:13, Is. 6:5. _____
- **One final question and one final answer.**
 - What of Israel, Judea, Jerusalem, and the remainder and remnant of all Israel throughout the world today?
 - Is. 27: 13. The gathering.
 - Zech. 12:10. The mourning.
 - Zech. 12:8-9. The refining.
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 - Acts 13:46-48. _____
 - Acts 15:9-20. _____
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 - Rom. 9:3-5. _____
 - Rom. 9:30-33. _____
 - Rom. 11:12. _____

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