



A JERUSALEM JEW.

### THE JEWS IN JERUSALEM.

THE history of the Jews is a most wonderful fulfilment of Holy Scripture. Our Lord foretold that their great and glorious temple should be destroyed and that the abomination of desolation should be set up in the holy place. He wept over the sinful city, but the people whom

He came to save despised and rejected, mocked and crucified Him. "His blood," they cried, "be on us and on our children." Within forty years from the crucifixion of our Lord the Romans came and besieged Jerusalem, and battered down its walls, and burnt the temple, and drove the ploughshare of ruin over its very site, and sowed it with salt — the symbol of utter desolation. Ever

since the Jews have been aliens in the land of their fathers—without a country, without a city of their own, without a temple, and without an altar. They have been persecuted by fire and sword as no people ever were.

About 8,000 Jews, mostly very poor sad eyed men, are permitted by the Turkish conquerors of Palestine to live in the Holy City. But they are compelled to live by themselves in the worst quarter, and are not allowed to enter the sacred enclosure on which stood the temple of their fathers. Every Friday afternoon a number of these Jews may be seen in the Place of Wailing—an open space on the outside of the old temple wall. Here they sit, beating their breasts, and reciting from the prophets the accounts of the former glory and present desolation of Jerusalem, and there they passionately kiss the stones of the wall and wash them with their tears. The sight is quite touching. Would that God would open their eyes to embrace the Messiah whom their fathers rejected! But let us also take heed lest our practical rejection of the Saviour and neglect of His great salvation involve us in a condemnation even greater than theirs.



THE JEWS PLACE OF WAILING.