

bring you to Zion" (Jer. 3 : 14). Never before in their history have so many of their race been found as at present, "to ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward, saying, Come and let us join ourselves unto the Lord in a perpetual covenant" (Jer. 50 : 5).

Surely this question, studied in both of the aspects, referred to above is worthy of the closest attention of thinking men, and especially of believers. But alas ! it is not only the wise men of this world who are indifferent to it ; they are little more so, it is to be feared, than the vast majority of professed Christians, and even of those who are believers in our land ; and yet who should take a deeper interest in the restoration of the seed of Abraham according to the flesh than those who, "as Christ's, are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" ? (Gal. 3 : 29). It is in the hope of stirring up to their duty in this matter those believers who admit their indifference to it, and care not to be aroused out of it, that I write this letter.

Have they any warrant in Scripture for such indifference ? Surely they cannot suppose that the Lord is indifferent to it. There is a very solemn warning in His Word to men of the world who hold aloof from doing good to Israel. He says, "I am jealous for Jerusalem with a great jealousy, and I am very sore displeased with the heathen that are at ease, for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction" (Zech. 1 : 15). But more solemn still are these words to His own people, "*Woe unto them that are at ease in Zion, but are not grieved for the afflictions of Joseph*" (Amos 6 : 9). How very many there are among us who are at ease in their church Zion, but who in their utter indifference to God's chosen race practically say of it, "Am I my brother's keeper ?" Was such the spirit of our Lord toward the race of Israel ? How very many believers there are who daily wait on the Lord in prayer for blessings desired by them, and yet care not for the special blessing promised in the words spoken to Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee," and in those uttered by the Psalmist, "Pray for the peace of Jerusalem ; they shall prosper that love thee" (Ps. 122 : 6).

How very strange, too, that this indifference prevails very largely among believers who are deeply interested, if not actually engaged in, missionary efforts for the salvation of Gentiles at home and abroad, as if their Bibles did not contain the ninth, tenth, and eleventh chapters of the Epistle to the Romans ; as if they had never heard these words of the writer of it, concerning Israel, "Now if the fall of them be the riches of the world and the diminishing of them the riches of the Gentiles ; how much more their fulness" (Rom. 11 : 12), and these, "For as in times past ye have not believed God, yet have now obtained mercy through their unbelief, even so have these also now not believed, that through your mercy they also may obtain mercy" (Rom. 11 : 30, 31).—*The London Baptist.*

THE JEWS IN PALESTINE AND SYRIA.

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This article is a modest attempt at a rejoinder to one on the same theme, contributed by Dr. Jessup in the December (1895) number of the REVIEW. Dr. Jessup does not believe that the Jews are ultimately to return to the land of their fathers, and restore their ancient kingdom, and rebuild their