

c. Summary note for this section:

This may well be a consolation passage against the background of the unhappy ending of chapter 11.

The scene:

Jerusalem is surrounded by foes...
 The Lord moves to deliver..
 The Judaeans are a great burden to the enemy..
 The Jews rise with force..
 The foe is overthrown
 Jerusalem is reestablished

We observe that whatever else may be true, this prophecy was not fulfilled in the wars of the time of Titus.

Now...if the Judaeans had gotten into the trouble they were in chapter 11 because they did not believe and gave no value to the true chepherd, consequently were put in judgment by the Divine will..what has happened to change this? Again, a strict chronology may not be in view but the general sequence is promising.

3. More detailed study in 12:9 -13:1 (our arrangement of material is a bit updated and if I ever revise the syllabus I will try to show it in better form)

a. The overall character of the section:

To make a long story short, I think these verses provide the understanding for the change in sequence as noted in the question of the previous page. The "missing link" is involved that shows us how Judah and Jerusalem again become the people of God in a practical realm.

b. Verse by verse study...

12:9...I think this goes with 12:2 and would suggest that the text sequence could be arranged something such as this:

	12:1	introductory	
12:2	parallels		12:9
12:3-8	parallels		12:10-13:1

"I will seek"
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