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## The Land Afar

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The 30th chapter of Jeremiah is clearly a latter day prophecy foretelling our time, and the place our nation would occupy.

In verse 2 Jeremiah was told, "... Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book." Verse 3 also indicates that this 30th chapter was to have a far distant future fulfillment.

In verse 3 God states: "For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."

Many Bible teachers insist that the expression "the land that I gave to their fathers" refers exclusively to the little land of Palestine, but such can hardly be the case. Early in the first book of the Bible, God promised that the descendants of Abraham, namely, the Anglo-Saxons, now the nations of Christendom, would become many nations and a great multitude of people. It stands to reason that a people that were to become many nations, and also build the greatest single nation in history, would have to have more territory than little Palestine. We shall cite only two of many scriptures which declare that Israel was to have much more space and territory than Palestine.

In Deuteronomy we find a scripture which states that Israel, or the Anglo-Saxons, would have all the territory their number required. This scripture states that the Israel people would be led and directed by God into a land of great wealth, riches and resources.

Deuteronomy 32:8-14. "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD'S portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye. As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her

young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him.

"He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape."

Another scripture which very definitely states that the Israel people, now known as Anglo-Saxons, would possess and occupy territory other than Palestine is II Samuel 7:10. As we read this verse remember that Israel was in Palestine at the time this promise was given. It states:

"Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime."

Going back to our text, verse 3 of Jeremiah 30, we find the statement, "I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah and cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers."

Without any doubt, the Anglo-Saxons will eventually be forced by circumstances to take the jurisdiction of Palestine, as well as that of many other nations, thereby fulfilling God's promises to the fathers and the prophecies of the prophets; but the bringing back of the captivity of Israel and Judah must not be limited to Palestine.

The Moffatt Bible translates the statement "I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah," as found in the King James translation, to "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel and Judah." God has actually begun to restore the fortunes of the Anglo-Saxon people without bringing them all back to Palestine. He has already restored the Anglo-Saxons to a place of world leadership among the nations: He has again made them a very wealthy people, and greatly increased their number.

Verses 4 through 8 of Jeremiah 30 deal with the present time of great distress and danger for the Anglo-Saxons.

Verse 7: "Alas, for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it."

In the time of this distress which Jeremiah foresaw, everything—including trouble, would be on a great scale like it is in America; but Jacob, or the Anglo-Saxons, were to be saved out of trouble. They were not to be destroyed, but rather cleansed and delivered.

Verse 8 of Jeremiah 30 names one great evil and troublemaker from which the Anglo-Saxons are to be saved and delivered. This verse declares "For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him."

The "yoke" is in the singular number, and as we have shown before, it refers to our present unscriptural debt money system, which is the root cause of all sorts of troubles and evils, national and international. It enables non-producing strangers to "serve themselves" of us through usury, mortgage, and by alternating inflation and deflation of our currency.

We shall now consider verse 10 of Jeremiah 30 where we read: "Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD neither be dismayed, O Israel; for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid."

Here we find that Israel's restoration was to take place in a land "AFAR." It was to be a land where Israel, or Anglo-Saxondom, would return to the civil administration of God. In this land these Anglo-Saxons were to find rest, be quiet, "and none shall make him afraid."

Jeremiah lived in Palestine when he prophesied concerning Israel that "I (God) will save thee from afar." America is "afar" from Palestine. Our Founding Fathers returned to, and restored, much of God's civil administration. And certainly, when compared with other nations, the United States of America has been a place of rest and quiet, and no nation has frightened them into submission.

It seems apparent that verses 11 through 15 also deal with the present time of distress, anxiety and danger which "we the people" of the United States of America are passing through, including the dark days immediately ahead. We shall read verse 14: "All thy lovers have forgotten thee; they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound of an enemy, with, the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased." The Moffatt Bible translates the first part of verse 14 as follows: "All your allies have forgotten you, they care nothing for you."

Already we are discovering that our lovers, our so-called

allies, are forgetting us, and are seeking to sell us on the impossible and dangerous idea of co-existence with the leaders of World Communism. Co-existence with the people of Russia is one thing, but co-existence with the world-wide communistic conspirators is something altogether different.

The Lord speaks to our nation in its present affliction and world-wide involvement and trouble as recorded in verses 15 and 16 of Jeremiah 30:

"Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. therefore all they that devour thee shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey." No great and strong nation in history has been devoured, spoiled and made prey of as has the United States of America. While our own iniquity has brought all of this upon us, God has promised to intervene and deliver America.

In spite of our aid and good will to other nations, nation after nation has allowed itself to compromise with the Reds and treat us as outcasts. India is an outstanding example. And while all nations seem to be quite happy to receive our gifts, yet, they seem to have little concern as to whether or not our way of life, called Zion in Bible prophecy, is preserved and protected against the satanic plot of the Communists. But God has promised our nation, "I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds."

Verse 19 of Jeremiah 30 gives several characteristics of this Zion-nation which are clearly seen in our nation. Verse 19 states: "And out of them shall proceed thanksgiving and the voice of them that make merry: and I will multiply them, and they shall not be few; I will glorify them and they shall not be small."

To my knowledge we are the only nation that has legal holiday devoted to thanksgiving. And we have in a very short time become a multitude of people and as prophesied, "they shall not be small." The expression, "I will also glorify them" means God would show forth His blessing and favor upon this nation called Zion.

Verse 20 is equally significant, and is singularly true of the United states of America. It states: "Their children also shall be as aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me, and I will punish all that oppress them."

The Pilgrims and many other early settlers in this North American wilderness came here to establish congregations where they would be free to worship God according to the Scripture. And no oppressor has been able to destroy this precious freedom in America, and none ever will.

Verse 21 gives a further unique characteristic of our nation. It states: "And their nobles shall be of themselves, and

their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD.”

“Their nobles shall be of themselves” means that this Zion nation was to be governed by elected representatives from among the people, and not by a government by kings, monarchs or dynasties such as in the Old World.

The expression, “and he shall approach unto me,” could refer to our first President who was one with his countrymen, and who earnestly engaged his heart to approach unto God as he prayed at Valley Forge.

The next verse is very brief, but it absolutely establishes the fact that this Zion-nation was officially a Christian nation. It states: “And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.”

The fact that God has singularly blessed America no intelligent person will deny. The God of the Bible could speak of no nation as “my people” who did not officially recognize the Christ.

The last verses of Jeremiah 30 very clearly refer to the present time with its world-wide confusion, turmoil and upheaval. These verses read as follows:

“Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked. The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.”

Here we are in the “latter days” considering Jeremiah’s prophecy. The “whirlwind” spoken of in verse 3 refers to the present unprecedented upheaval, turmoil and confusion among men and nations. Certainly the last years have witnessed “the fierce anger of the Lord,” and the end is not yet. God’s purpose with all the trouble and distress of nations, according to Jeremiah and all the prophets, is to subdue and destroy the wicked in preparation for the time when God’s will will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Apostle Peter in II Peter, chapter 3, prophesied concerning these last days. In verses 6 and 7 he wrote:

“Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished. But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.”

In verse 13 Peter wrote: “Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.” “New heavens and a new earth” means a renewed or cleansed heavens and a renewed and cleansed earth.

This cleansing of the earth in preparation for the full manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth does not take place in an instant, neither does it occur in all the earth simultaneously. All prophetic Scripture and the Kingdom

Parables that deal with the cleansing of the earth in preparation for the Millennial Reign of the Christ teach that God will first cleanse the great Zion nation, and then, progressively, all other nations.

Isaiah 61:11 is one such prophecy, and states, “For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all nations.”

God will take one nation that has been cleansed and use it to show all nations the way of righteousness and praise, and that one nation we believe is the United States of America.

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## Marvelous Matchless Grace

*What the law demands from us, grace promises and performs for us.*

The law deals with what we ought to do, whether we can or not, and by the appeal to motives of fear and love stirs us to do our utmost. But it gives no real strength, and so only leads to failure and condemnation. Grace points to what we cannot do, and offers to do it for us and in us.

The law comes with commands on stone or in a book. Grace comes in a living, gracious Person, who gives His presence and His power. The law promises life, if we obey. Grace gives life, even the Holy Spirit, with the assurance that we can obey. Human nature is ever prone to slip back out of grace into the law, and secretly to trust to trying and doing its utmost. The promises of grace are so divine, the gift of the Holy spirit to do all in us is so wonderful, that few believe it. This is the reason they never dare take the vow of obedience, or, having taken it, turn back again.

I beseech you, study well what gospel obedience is. The gospel is good tidings. Its obedience is part of that good tidings— that grace, by the Holy Spirit, will do all in you. Believe that, and let every undertaking to obey be in the joyous hopefulness that comes from faith in the exceeding abundance of grace, in the mighty indwelling of the Holy Spirit, in the blessed love of Jesus whose abiding presence makes obedience possible and certain.

*“For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ” (John 1:17).*

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt, Yonder on Calvary’s mount out-poured, There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

## *Money Answereth all Things*

The only time Christ manifested indignation and used physical force was when He encountered the money changers. He made a scourge, drove them out of the temple, and overthrew their tables. From that day the Pharisees, who were the money changers, sought to kill Jesus. Matthew records that after Christ had driven the money changers out of the temple, the blind and the lame came to Him in the temple.

Solomon, the wisest man that ever lived said, "Money answereth all things." Money can either be used for destructive or constructive purposes. If you are asking how this relates to the Gospel, I ask how much Gospel work can you do without money? Wicked men have realized that "money answereth all things." Yet, very few good men seem to have realized the tremendous power for either good or evil in money. Though our all wise and loving God in His infallible Word has informed us what constitutes an honest money system. In the parable of the unjust steward who had made himself the friend of mammon, Jesus said, "The children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." In other words the wicked are wise enough to take advantage of mammon's Babylonian money system, but we as Christians do not take advantage of the counsel found in the Word of God regarding money. Jesus did not commend the unjust steward because he was righteous but because he was shrewd and knew the power of money.

The Apostle James was inspired to write, "If a brother or sister be naked and destitute of daily food . . . notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? But wilt thou know, O vain man, that faith without works is dead."

Martin Luther speaking of interest said, "Whosoever eats up, robs and steals the nourishment of another commits as great a murder as he who carves a man or utterly undoes him.

Such does a usurer . . . when he ought to be hanging from the gallows." The early Methodists, and other denominations, refused membership to people who charged interest on their money. It is high time that you who are working for economic reform and emancipation begin to realize that without God and His Christ you are doomed to failure and despair, despair in this life and in the life to come. Would to God people would see, and would to God people would reason!

"Come now, let us reason together saith the Lord: . . . If ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land; but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured . . . for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it."

## *How I Love Thy Law!*

"More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine sold sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb." (Psalm 19:10). This psalm speaks of the law of the Lord, which (through the gospel) makes itself loved. To those who desire it, it is more precious than treasure and sweeter than honey. It is undefiled, faithful, right, true, converting the soul, making wise and rejoicing the heart. This is the wonder of the Holy Spirit, who makes all things pleasing which were before displeasing. For what do men seek more zealously than riches and pleasure! Now, however, love for the law of God becomes greater than love for riches and pleasure. As soon as the Spirit comes he not only makes the law of God bearable but also enables us to long for it, so that it becomes more precious than anything we desire and more enjoyable than any pleasure. It is evident from this passage how eminent a prophet David was, what appropriate words, figures and parables he used. He is incomparable in his ability to present profound truths in short simple words. This, then, is the fruit of evangelical preaching—the love of righteousness and the hate of all godless ways.

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## The Valley of Jehoshaphat

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The three chapters of Joel's prophecy deal exclusively with our time. They clearly depict the plot and the strategy of World Communism in its effort to destroy the United States of America.

Verse 12 of chapter 3 has caused some to conclude that Joel's prophecy deals exclusively with the little land of Palestine. We will read this verse and seek to show why Joel used the expression "the valley of Jehoshaphat" in describing the present worldwide struggle between the United States of America and World Communism. Verse 12 declares: "Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about."

As with every other verse of scripture, so this verse must be considered and interpreted in the light of its context and other prophecies dealing with the same subject.

Verse 14 of Joel 3 states: "Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision." Twice in this verse Joel referred to a valley of decision, and twice he used the word multitudes.

Turning back to verse 9 of Joel 3, we read the following in verses 9, 10 and 11: "Proclaim ye this among the Gentiles; Prepare war, wake up the mighty men, let all the men of war draw near; let them come up: Beat your plowshares into swords, and your pruninghooks into spears: let the weak say, I am strong. Assemble yourselves, and come, all ye heathen, and gather yourselves together round about: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord."

In these verses Joel foretold what we are now witnessing; namely, the mustering of the nations and peoples of heathendom by the anti-Christ leaders of World Communism to come against and destroy the United States of America, the bulwark of Christian freedom.

Some will ask, If the final struggle between World Communism and Christendom is to take place in the North American Continent rather than in the little land of Palestine, why did Joel, in chapter 3 and verse 12, use the term "in the valley of Jehoshaphat?"

Perhaps the answer to that question is found in the 20th chapter of II Chronicles where we read how Jehoshaphat and his people faced a threat and danger similar to the threat and

danger that we face in World Communism, and how God intervened in behalf of Jehoshaphat and his nation.

(Valley of Jehoshaphat—the name given to the valley situated between Jerusalem and the Mount of Olives which in modern times has been used by the Jews as a modern burying-ground. There is a typical use of the word, in a sense of divine judgments upon the enemies of God and his people. In this valley Jehoshaphat overthrew the united enemies of Israel. From about the fourth century A.D. the Valley of Jehoshaphat has been identified with the Kidron. This identification is based on Joel and Zechariah, but since no actual valley bore this name in pre-Christian antiquity, Joel's prophetic employment of it is figurative of the place where the judgment of the nations will take place prior to Christ's second advent and the setting-up of the millennial king.—(Selected from Bible Dictionary)

Jehoshaphat was one of the good kings of ancient times. The 17th chapter of Second Chronicles states that Jehoshaphat sought to rule as David ruled, honoring, observing and administering the civil laws of the Scriptures. For this reason God greatly blessed and prospered both Jehoshaphat and his nation.

But Jehoshaphat had one great weakness for which he was rebuked in II Chronicles 19. Verse 2 states: "And Jehu the son of Hanani the seer went out to meet him, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the LORD? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the LORD."

The 18th chapter of II Chronicles relates how Ahab the wicked king of ten-tribed Israel had persuaded Jehoshaphat, the well-meaning king of Judah, to make a league with him and help him in his aggression against Ramoth-Gilead.

By so doing Jehoshaphat and Judah violated God's national and international laws. Jehoshaphat had helped the ungodly and manifested love for them that hated the Lord.

Someone might ask, Are we not commanded to love our enemies? Yes, as individual Christians we are, but civil administrators and judges are ordained of God to punish and destroy the enemies of their nation. We must not confuse the national laws of the Bible with the doctrines and principles of

the Church.

As we consider the growth and spread of World Communism in recent years, we are compelled to realize and acknowledge that it is largely due to the help we (the U.S.A.) have given these haters of Christ. By our unscriptural foreign policy we have helped these ungodly haters of Jesus Christ to capture nation after nation. Therefore, as in Jehoshaphat's time, there is wrath upon the U.S.A. from the LORD.

The United States of America was established upon scriptural principles, with a government patterned after King David's civil administration. For many years our Heads of State followed a scriptural foreign policy. Four presidents even refused to recognize the Christ-hating rulers of the Kremlin. But like Jehoshaphat of old, we allowed ourselves to be persuaded to recognize and do business with the leaders of World Communism who may, or may not, live in Russia.

Through this unscriptural and anti-Christian policy, and our membership in the U.N., we have helped the ungodly haters of Jesus Christ to enslave nation after nation all over the world. We have also helped them to the extent that they now threaten to destroy everything that Christian civilization has given mankind in the past 1,900 years.

God's judgment and punishment upon Jehoshaphat and his nation for helping the ungodly and manifesting love and tolerance for the haters of the Lord is recorded in the 20th chapter of 11 Chronicles.

The first verse of 11 Chronicles 20 states: "It came to pass after this also, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them other beside the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle."

The heathen people had taken advantage of Jehoshaphat's weak, vacillating and unscriptural policies in foreign affairs. His appeasement and compromise had encouraged ancient enemies to unite and attack him. Thus it has always been, and so it is today as we seek to protect and defend ourselves against the all-out military fury of World Communism. Throughout the balance of II Chronicles 20, we find some very timely and important lessons. As the Apostle Paul says in Romans 15:4, "written for our learning and comfort."

Verses 3 and 4 of II Chronicles 20 read as follows: "And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah. And Judah gathered themselves together, to ask help of the LORD: even out of all the cities of Judah they came to seek the LORD."

Due to Jehoshaphat's early instruction and training, and due to the wise and faithful teaching and preaching of the prophet who had rebuked him for helping the ungodly and loving them that hated the Lord, Jehoshaphat did the one and only wise and scriptural thing that could be done. He humbly placed himself and his nation at the mercy of the Lord, and called the nation to prayer, trusting God to intervene and deliver them according to His promises.

Jehoshaphat's prayer, recorded in verse 5 through verse 13 of chapter 20, shows that he was familiar with God's national covenant to deliver the nation that would sincerely turn to Him and pray when confronted with any national emergency.

He reminded God of His promise to Abraham, and he quoted from the great prayer of King Solomon in verse 9 where we read: "If, when evil cometh upon us, as the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help."

Verses 12 and 13 show the seriousness of this national emergency. "O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. And all Judah stood before the LORD, with their little ones, their wives, and their children."

A whole nation—its leaders, men, women and children were being forced to either turn to the Lord and honor and trust His Word or be crushed, destroyed and enslaved by a heathen horde. Fortunately, in that day both the civil and the religious leaders were sufficiently familiar with the national message of the Scripture to know what must be done in such national emergencies and dangers.

One reason why the Prophet Joel spoke of the final phase of our struggle with World Communism as being in the "valley of Jehoshaphat" was because in both cases the enemies were made strong by an unscriptural foreign policy on the part of God's people. In both cases Divine intervention and protection were absolutely necessary in order for God to make good His great covenant of the past, and to consummate His great and glorious plan for the coming age.

After Jehoshaphat and his nation had turned wholeheartedly to the Lord, the Spirit of the Lord came upon a Levite in the midst of the congregation. II Chronicles 20: verses 15-17 records his message.

Let's consider verses 15 and 17: "And he (the prophet) said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus saith the Lord unto you, Be not afraid nor dismayed by reason of this great multitude, for the battle is not your's, but God's . . . Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; tomorrow go out against them: for the Lord will be with you."

As a people and as a nation we need to realize that the plot and plan of World Communism is directed primarily against the Lord Jesus Christ. The reason our enemies are aiming their lying propaganda in the U. N. O. and everywhere else against the United States of America is because the United States is the bulwark of Christendom and the beginning of the restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth.

The hatred by our enemies and the strategy they employ against the United States is satanic.

Whether we realize it or not, Satan is quite aware of what God is bringing forth in the North American wilderness. Satan is sufficiently familiar with the Scriptures to recognize that the United States is the great nation of Bible prophecy that God is to use to usher in the restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. For this reason when the leaders of World Communism unleash the heathen hordes they have mustered

to come against the United States, the battle actually becomes the Lord's battle.

Verse 18 of II Chronicles 20 states: "And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem fell before the LORD, worshipping the LORD."

Faith, trust and worship had now replaced Jehoshaphat's fear and anxiety. Therefore, we read the following in verse 20: "... Jehoshaphat stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; Believe in the LORD your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

These words are as true and timely for the United States, as we face the threat of the enemies of Christ and Christianity, as they were in the time of Jehoshaphat. If we are to believe in the Lord and be established, and believe His prophets and prosper, we must know what the Lord has planned, purposed, and promised. We must know what the prophets have spoken. We are, as Hosea prophesied, "being destroyed for the lack of knowledge."

One of the most effective blows Satan ever struck our nation was when he through his agents persuaded us to take daily Bible reading out of our public schools. We have paid a dreadful price for this defiance of our God and Saviour, and the end is not yet.

How different world conditions could have been today if our national leaders during the past forty years had honored and observed God's national laws concerning foreign and international affairs.

How different things could have been if our national leaders of the last forty years had in their youth daily heard about and read about such wise and successful civil administrators as Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, and many others. Even the sins and failures of Jehoshaphat's administration, with its virtues, would have been a source of instruction and guidance showing our civil administrators why we are in the present dilemma in international affairs, and what they must now do to overcome the threat of World Communism.

While we must not neglect civilian defence and military preparedness, we might well do as verse 21 of II Chronicles 20 states Jehoshaphat did: "And when he had consulted with the people, he appointed singers unto the LORD, and that should praise the beauty of holiness, as they went out before the army, and to say, Praise the LORD; for his mercy endureth for ever."

This was not as strange as it might seem, neither was singing and praising God springing from hysterical and overwrought emotional strain. It was an orderly and confident singing and praising of God based on a quiet and confident faith which in turn was based on an intelligent understanding of the national promises and covenants of God.

They did not know how God would give them the victory. Nevertheless, they knew and believed God's promise. They knew and believed that their enemies were pitting themselves

against the plan and purpose of God thus making the ensuing battle God's battle.

So it is today. World Communism is actually an attempt by Satan to hinder and destroy God's plan and purpose to establish the Kingdom of God on earth. Therefore when the enemies of Christ and Christianity—World Communism—come against the North American Continent the battle becomes the LORD'S.

It is not merely a question of whether or not we as a people in the North American Continent, the continent that has blossomed as a rose, are worthy of Divine intervention and deliverance. The main issue involved will be, Is God able to overcome World Communism and bring into full manifestation and fruition His promised Golden Age here on earth?

Those of us who are familiar with the great racial covenants of the Bible, and are studying God's blueprint for the ages as outlined in the Scriptures, are as confident in the face of World Communism as Jehoshaphat and his nation were in the face of the threat of the heathen horde of that day.

We recognize the United States of America as the beginning of the restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. The great nation of Bible prophecy that the Lord will use to usher in His glorious reign throughout the earth is our Nation.

To those who have spiritualized the Kingdom of God on earth, and made the Church the Kingdom of God, it must almost appear to be blasphemy to hear us teach that the marvels that have come forth in the North American wilderness in the last two to three hundred years is actually the beginning of the restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. These good people mean well and they sincerely love the Lord, but they have failed to distinguish between the Church of Jesus Christ—which is the body of Christ, and the Kingdom of God on earth.

The fact that the Church of Jesus Christ and the Kingdom of God are not synonymous terms will become very evident to anyone who will consider what the New Scriptures teach and prophesy concerning both the Church and the Kingdom.

For instance, Jesus, in Matthew 21:43 — when speaking to the scribes and Pharisees who accused Jesus of being demon possessed—said, "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."

If the Kingdom of God was to be taken away from the scribes and Pharisees, they must have been in possession of the Kingdom. But they certainly were not in possession of the Church of Jesus Christ. The church is a spiritual body based on the confession that Jesus is the Son of God, the very confession for which the scribes and Pharisees demanded the Lord's crucifixion.

If we can discover what the scribes and Pharisees were in possession of to the exclusion of other nations in the time of Christ, we can learn what constitutes the Kingdom of God on earth. On one occasion Jesus, as recorded in Matthew 23, spoke to the multitudes and to His disciples and said: "The

scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not." Note, the Lord spoke this to both the multitudes and His disciples. It was something everyone should know and understand; namely this that since the scribes and Pharisees sat in Moses' seat, everyone should observe and do what the scribes and Pharisees bid them observe, but the people were not to follow and do what the scribes and Pharisees personally did.

What was Moses' seat? What did Jesus mean when He said, "the scribes and Pharisees sit in Moses' seat?"

We learn about Moses in Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers and Deuteronomy. These four books of the Bible are largely devoted to the life and ministry, or service, of the man Moses. From these four books we learn that the man Moses from his infancy lived his life in civil affairs. First he was trained in all the legal wisdom of Egypt; then for forty years God trained Moses in the desert of Midian. The balance of Moses' life was devoted to leading Israel out of Egypt and forming them into a nation, giving them laws, statutes, judgments and commandments by which they were to be governed. So Moses' seat was a seat of civil administration administering the laws of God in all phases of life and living.

The fact that Jesus said, as recorded in Matthew 21:43, that the Kingdom of God would be given to a nation indicates further that the Kingdom of God involves the administration of God's national laws. The function of the Church is the preaching and teaching of the Word of God.

We should have little difficulty in finding the nation to whom the Kingdom of God was given, for Jesus said that that nation would bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom of God. In Matthew 25 Jesus lists the fruits of the Kingdom of God as giving food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty,

clothing to the naked, and comfort and hope to those less fortunate.

These things the United States of America, founded upon the civil law given by Moses, has done more than all other nations in all history combined. Thus the leaders of World Communism are seeking to destroy the Kingdom of God on earth when they attack the North American Continent. They will discover, as we will see, that the battle is the LORD'S.

Coming back to our text in II Chronicles 20 we will read verses 22 and 23: "And when they began to sing and to praise, the LORD set ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moeb, and mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moeb stood up against the inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every one helped to destroy another."

While the Lord has many ways of doing battle and bringing defeat and failure to an army, the strategy of causing an enemy host to fight among themselves, as God did in Jehoshaphat's time, will perhaps be one factor in the final collapse of World Communism.

However, God will not cause World Communism to collapse until it has served its purpose in the plan of God. From both Bible history and Bible prophecy, we learn that one of God's purposes in allowing World Communism to become so powerful is to drive the nations of Christendom back to the Word of God.

The New Order of the Ages, the restoration of the Kingdom of God, is upon us; therefore the United States of America must be cleansed of all anti-Christ elements. It must also as destined lead the other nations into a worldwide New Order of the Ages, the worldwide Kingdom of God on earth.

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# America's Hope Monthly

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## *This Whole Mess*

By C.O. Stadsklev

This whole ungodly mess that our bedeviled generation is in is due to our disregard and ignorance concerning God's national laws. It is absurd and preposterous to teach that God ordained and established human government, and that God punishes and judges nations; and at the same time take the position that there are no national Divine laws in effect today.

Both the Old and New Scriptures teach that it is not in man to direct his ways. Apart from the wisdom and counsel of God, men and nations will invariably do things that are harmful and destructive, both to themselves and others.

The prophet Jeremiah had this fact very dramatically and tragically demonstrated in his day. It caused him to exclaim, as recorded in Jeremiah 10:23, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

Two times in Proverbs, chapter 14 and again in chapter 16, Solomon the man to whom God gave great wisdom, wrote, "There is a way that seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."

In First Corinthians 1:21, 25 we read, "... the world by wisdom knew not God ... because the foolishness of God is wiser than men; and the weakness of God is stronger than men." The Moffat Bible translates the statement in verse 21, "... the world with all its wisdom failed to know God in his wisdom."

Since this is the case, God certainly must have given national laws, judgments, statutes and commandments when He established human government and chose the Anglo-Israel race to be His servant nation through whom He would bless all nations.

Moses was the man God used to give to the Anglo-Israel people their national laws. These laws are found largely in the book of Deuteronomy. The fact that the Anglo-Saxons, formerly called Israel were chosen of God to be a special people unto Himself is also repeatedly stated in Deuteronomy. In chapter 7 verse 6 of Deuteronomy we read: "For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."

Due to the erroneous idea that some people receive when

they read the words "holy" and "peculiar" they fail to comprehend the true meaning of Deuteronomy 7:6. "Holy" means to set aside; "peculiar" means exclusive ownership. We shall read Deuteronomy 7:6 from the Moffat Bible which is a more recent translation of the Scriptures. "For you are a people sacred to the Eternal your God; the Eternal your God has chosen you to be his prized possession, out of all nations on the face of the earth."

God chose the Anglo-Israel race to be a special people unto Himself and they have a distinct and definite service and destiny here on earth. This fact must be constantly kept in mind to understand either the Old or the New Scriptures, whether it be Bible history or Bible prophecy.

There is a tradition which teaches that God cast off the Israel people—now known as Anglo-Saxondom, when they so grievously sinned, as we find recorded in the Old Scriptures. However, this is not the case. God severely punished the Anglo-Israel people as is also recorded in the Old Scriptures, but God never cast them off causing them to cease being His special, chosen servant people.

The Apostle Paul answered the tradition that God cast off the Israel people and has no special, earthly servant race in this age in Romans 11:1, 2 by saying, "... Hath God cast away his people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away his people which he foreknew." Notice, Paul did not spiritualize the expression "his people" by saying I also am a Christian. He said, "I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin."

Certainly God has a spiritual people, namely those who have been born again among all races; but He also has an earthly people and they are the Anglo-Saxons

As unscriptural tradition has cast off God's people and made much of God's Word of none effect, so unscriptural traditions have cast off God's national laws and made fully one half of the Bible of none effect as far as the present afflicted and harassed generation is concerned

The very laws, counsel, and instruction which we as a race need today, given to us by our God in His ever living Word, has been canceled out and made of none effect by the

tradition that God cast off His people and canceled His national laws and counsel.

As a race we are like a child lost in the woods at night; the more we grope and stumble in our confusion the more lost we become. The Anglo-Saxon race has become so confused and so lost in the woods it does not know where it came from, where it is, nor where it is going. But we need not despair. This was all foreseen by our God and Redeemer; He will soon lead us as a people out of our confusion, darkness, and despair.

Even now God is beginning to allow circumstances to develop nationally and internationally that will compel us as so-called Christian nations to return to the ways of national righteousness in fulfillment of our God appointed destiny: a race chosen of God to administer His wise and righteous national laws, not only in Anglo-Saxondom but throughout the entire earth.

David is recognized by all Christians as one of the greatest saints of all ages. His psalms have been a source of comfort, hope, light, and strength to believers of all nations and all ages. Even David's fall has been used of God to help millions to repent and trust God for forgiveness as David did. David was a deeply spiritual individual even from his youth. He knew God; he was filled with the Spirit of God. His life and ministry was Spirit-directed and Spirit-anointed in a most extraordinary manner and degree. What did this Spirit-filled and Spirit-led man of God have to say about the national laws of God?

Few men in the history of the Anglo-Israel race have been in a position where they could see or realize the value and importance of God's national laws as David was. For forty long years he was king over Israel and Judah.

In Second Samuel 5:4, 5 we read, "David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. In Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and in Jerusalem he reigned seven and three years over all Israel and Judah."

Before we read from the Psalms some of the things David wrote concerning God's national laws we shall read First Kings 2:13, David's deathbed exhortation to Solomon his son: "Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, I go the way of all the earth; be thou strong therefore, and shew thyself a man; And keep the charge of the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his judgments, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself."

Notice, David did not tell Solomon to keep God's national laws in order that his soul might be saved and that he might go to heaven when he died. No, David knew that personal salvation was not by the law. Personal salvation through regeneration was then as it always has been, and is now, by grace through faith. David knew this from reading the Old Scriptures and from his own experience.

David, after forty years as the head of a nation during

both war and peace, knew the value and importance of God's national laws, and therefore exhorted Solomon to keep, observe, and honor these laws in order that Solomon might prosper and be successful in his responsibilities as the nation's chief administrator.

Apparently, many people, including Christians, have the mistaken idea that men like David, Solomon, Hezekiah and Josiah, and the other good and successful kings of ancient time, made and dictated the civil laws for their respective day and age. Such was definitely not the case. These men merely administered and insisted on a strict observance of the national laws God gave the nations through his servant Moses.

In Second Kings 23:25 we read the following concerning Josiah, one of the good and beneficent kings of Judah: "And like unto him was there no king before him, that turned to the LORD with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him."

If you will read the first few verses of Second Kings you will see that Josiah brought the whole Judah nation back to God by causing all the people to hear all the words of the book of the covenant, or the Old Testament as we call it, and to keep God's national commandments, testimonies, and statutes.

Incidentally, that is the only way a nation can repent and turn to God. We can never have a national revival by merely preaching personal salvation. All the Church Fathers, such men as Luther and Wesley, taught and preached the national laws of God. The early Methodists did not permit any one taking interest on money to become members of their organization. Luther's stand on the national laws of God was very militant and uncompromising. He said that men who live on usury ought to be hung.

We shall now read a few quotations from the Psalms of David which show what David thought of God's national laws. The first Psalm opens with a warning and exhortation relative to the law of God: "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the Lord; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper."

Notice there is no promise of personal salvation or everlasting life through the law, but there are promises of blessing and prosperity through the observance of God's law. The very thing this generation is spending billions to obtain and is failing to realize would come to us all automatically if we would honor and observe God's national laws.

In Psalm 119, verse 72, we read, "The law of thy mouth is better unto me than thousands of gold and silver." David found that God's national laws were of more value than thousands of gold and silver. The present generation is going to be made to realize this fact also, but we will have to learn it the hard way.

Verses 97 through 100 of Psalm 119 state, "O how love I thy law! it is my meditation all the day. Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies; for they are ever with me. I have more understanding than all my teachers: for thy testimonies are my meditation. I understand more than the ancients, because I keep thy precepts."

David meditated in God's laws daily. He found God's commandments made him wiser than his enemies.

What a different world we would be living in today if our national leaders would have studied God's national laws. They certainly would not have been outwitted and outmaneuvered by the world conspirators as they have been if they had possessed the wisdom and counsel found in God's national laws.

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## God's Greatest Gift to Man

"For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Romans 6:23).

Imagine! God offers to give eternal life to each person who receives Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Who does not desire eternal life? Men will spend their last dollar to prolong their physical life for even a few days. And that, even though their physical life may be full of suffering and sorrow.

What is eternal life? It is the life or spirit which brought Jesus from the grave and transformed His body into a glorious body no longer subject to the limitations of the physical life such as death, weariness, or pain.

How is this life received? It must be received as a gift. It cannot be received as a reward or as a prize for good deeds done in the physical life. Physical life, which we receive from our parents, is selfish and proud in its very nature. Eternal life is another specie altogether, and we must be born into the eternal just as truly as we had to be born physically in order to have the physical. You do not become a Christian by living good physically any more than a monkey becomes a human as a reward of being a good monkey.—Darwin and his "devilution" not withstanding.

This eternal life, which is God's greatest gift to man is in the inspired Word of God. Jesus said, "... the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

As corn life is in the kernel of corn, as wheat life or germ is in the grain of wheat, so eternal life is in the promises of God. Hence the importance of daily reading the Word of God.

The Scriptures speak of the experience of receiving the gift of eternal life as the New Birth. In First Peter 1:23 we read, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth forever."

Physical life is corruptible, that it is subject to sin and death. Eternal life, which inspired into His Word, is incorruptible and is not subject to sin and death.

After a person has been born again or regenerated the

Word of God he becomes a dual natured person. It is this which the Apostle Paul deals with in the 7th and 8th chapters of Romans.

In Galatians 5:17 the Apostle Paul wrote, "For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would." "The flesh" means the physical life which we received at our physical birth. "The Spirit", means the eternal life which we received when we were born by the Spirit which is in the Word of God.

The victorious and fruitful Christian is one who submits his will to the will of the Eternal Spirit by which he was born again. On the other hand, the Christian who refuses to submit to the Spirit of God will be overcome by selfishness and pride, which Paul calls the flesh.

Many unregenerated people stumble over the fact the people who claim to be born again are not perfect. Christians can be perfect only to the extent they have perfect knowledge and are directed by the Spirit of God. Since no mortal has perfect knowledge there can be no perfect human. However, a Christian can and should be perfect in his submission to God.

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## The Source of True Greatness

The real significance of Washington's true character looms greater when we realize that God placed a great spiritual leader at the head of this new nation which the Lord Himself ordained and established for His own people.

Isaac Potts, a prosperous farmer who witnessed General Washington on his knees at Valley Forge spoke in clear prophetic tones: "If there is anyone on this earth whom the Lord will listen to, it is George Washington; and I feel that under such a commander there can be no doubt of our eventually establishing our independence, and that God in His Providence has willed it so."

Dr. Albert Barnes wrote: "The Commander-in-chief of the American armies was observed constantly to retire, for the purpose of secret devotion. The Father of his country went alone, and sought strength and guidance from the God of armies and of light. The independence of our country was laid, not only in valor and patriotism and wisdom, but in prayer."

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"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1).

## The Joy with which He will Receive Us.

"Thou hast purchased us to God by Thy blood."—that gives us the pledge of the joy with which He will receive us. When a sinner has been urged to give himself to the Lord, and he declares his willingness to do so, he is, alas, often hindered by the fear that he is unworthy to be received. He feels himself so sinful, so dead; he feels he is greatly lacking in humility and real earnestness, and in that heartfelt love, which befits one who desires to give himself to such a Lord, that he cannot believe the Lord will receive him so instantly, so fully and so eternally. He cannot understand it, still less does he feel in his heart that it is true. What a glorious answer to all these questionings is in this word, "Thou hast purchased us to God by Thy blood." Do you not know that if a person buys anything he will surely take possession of it, if it is brought to him? You have, I suppose, sometime bought something? As you have paid your money for it and it was given or brought to you, were you not willing to receive it and take possession of it? The higher the price you paid for it, the less was there any doubt that you would take possession of what you had paid for.

"But"—you will perhaps answer—"If I buy something, I know what it is, and that it is worth the price I paid. But I, with my sinful heart, with everything so dead and miserable—there is reason for me to fear that He who purchased me will not receive me. I am not what I ought to be. When I buy an article and another of less worth is sent to me, I refuse to receive it; I send it back with the message: 'This is not what I bought and for which I have paid.'" You are right, but consider what the difference is between Him who has bought us by His blood, and human purchasers. He bought what He knew was bad, because it was bad; and which He will accept as bad, that His love may have the joy and glory of making it good. How wonderful this is I—it is nevertheless true; the worse you are, and the deeper you

have sunk in the helplessness of your sin, the more fit you are for Him. The Scripture says: "Christ died for the ungodly; while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." It says, further, that the price of Christ's blood was paid for those who denied the Lord, for those who sold Him, even for His rejectors. Understand, I pray you, that Jesus has paid an eternal price for you, as one who is an enemy, as one who is a lawful slave of Satan, as one entirely dead in sin. He comes to you who are in this condition with the request that you will surrender yourself to Him, and with a promise that He will receive you just as you are. I pray you, do not any longer allow yourself to be kept by Satan from your Lord and Saviour. It is Satan who whispers to you that you are too unworthy, that mercy is not for you because you are so sinful. It is a lie—a lie born in hell. You are utterly unworthy, but not too unworthy; for mercy is only for unworthy persons. If you have no desire to serve this Lord, if His love and His blood have no value in your eyes, say so openly, and refuse to give yourself to Him, as His purchased property; but if your heart acknowledges that you by right belong to Him,—oh, come, I pray you, and believe that He will receive you instantly, and let every doubt depart under the power of that one word: "Thou hast purchased me by Thy blood." It is impossible for the Lord Jesus to refuse to receive you. Between Him and the Father there is an eternal covenant concerning you. The Father has, righteously, given Him right and authority over you; He has paid your ransom at the great price that has freed you from the tyranny of Satan. He has been constantly calling you to come to Him. He now entreats you again to give yourself up to Him.

How can you be so foolish as to think that He will not receive you? Then doubt no longer. Although you are devoid of feeling, and everything appears cold and dead, come and cast yourself down before Him, and say to Him that as He has bought you, you rely upon Him to receive you. He will certainly do so.

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# America's Hope Monthly

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## "He That is Left"

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In First Thessalonians 5:3 the Apostle Paul was inspired to write, "For when they say, Peace and safety; then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape." It is interesting to note the pronouns used in this scripture.

In the next verse Paul states, "But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

In verse 9 of First Thessalonians we read these words, "For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

On the one hand the apostle places *they* and *them*. On the other hand we find those whom he addresses as *ye*, *you* and *us*.

Sudden destruction is to come upon one group. The other group is "to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ."

Who are those who have been and are now saying, "Peace and safety," and why are they saying, "Peace and safety?"

Certainly peace and safety is a righteous and honorable and worthy cause. And we are not to imply that God does not desire that men and nations should live in peace and safety.

When we consider First Thessalonians 5:3 and compare it with other scriptures we discover that the Apostle Paul implies and indicates that at the end of this age there would be a group using the slogan and propaganda of *Peace and Safety* in an effort to destroy and subjugate us "who are of the day" (v. 8), that is, we who desire things done in the open and above board.

As we consider the methods and tactics employed by the world conspiracy, commonly called Communism, we find that by saying, *peace and safety* (or security), this evil destructive force has taken over nation after nation with the result that all nations are now face to face with terrible sudden destruction.

It was undoubtedly this lying, deceptive propaganda that Isaiah had in mind when he wrote in Isaiah 32:2,

"The vile person shall be no more called liberal." By calling themselves and one another liberals, some of the most vile Communists have gotten themselves or their

representatives into some very important key positions throughout Christendom, to say nothing of their control over heathendom.

The Scriptures have a great deal to say about the sudden destruction that is to come upon the earth in these last days, and there can be no world peace until we have passed through this time of destruction.

While we have already witnessed much destruction, *this* destruction will not be over until those who are using the slogans and propaganda of *Peace, Safety, Security, and Liberal* to enslave mankind are themselves destroyed.

As we face this time of inevitable destruction prophesied to come upon all the earth, we must individually and nationally avoid unscriptural and presumptuous extremes.

One extreme and dangerous position to take for us as a nation and a race is that we can do anything and everything. This is definitely not the truth. And one of the great lessons God intends to teach us as a nation and a race in this coming destruction is our dependence upon Almighty God.

On the other hand, God's national laws demand and command that we the Anglo-Israel nations maintain a strong military force ready and able to repel attacks, and to assist one another when confronted with a common enemy, as we are at the present.

Individually, most people take the position that there is nothing they can do to prepare themselves and others for the time of judgment and destruction we are now in.

First of all, and most important of all is that we be spiritually prepared for the strange and trying days that lie ahead.

The only way to be spiritually prepared is to be born again by the Spirit of God through personally receiving Jesus the Christ as one's Lord and Saviour. This is a work in our individual spirits that can only be accomplished by the Spirit of God.

The Bible is the inspired word of God. God placed His life, or spirit, into His Word. Therefore as Peter states in First Peter 1:23, "Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever."

If you desire to be born again begin to daily read the Word of God. God will thus speak to you as you believe and receive His Word, the life-giving Word. The Word will bring forth new life and light in you and make the new birth a reality to you. The new birth is a definite experience, but God uses His Word to accomplish this work of regeneration in you.

It is my duty as a clergyman and a watchman in Israel to warn and inform my fellowmen relative to the prophesied sudden destruction coming upon all the earth. This we have endeavored to do through every avenue available to us.

The clergyman's position and responsibility in times of great wickedness—as is the case today—with its consequent punishment and judgment from God is stated in Ezekiel 3:17-19: "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life (not his spirit); the same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at thine hand. Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul."

Due to an unwarranted and speculative teaching on the rapture of the Church, many, in fact, most Christians, are giving little or no thought or attention to their own or any other person's survival during the fiery judgment that must precede the earthly reign of the Christ.

It is true that the Scriptures teach, as stated in First Thessalonians 4:16-18 that the surviving believers will be caught up to meet the Lord when he returns to earth.

I shall read this passage as given in the Moffat translation: "The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a loud summons, when the archangel calls and the trumpet of God sounds; the dead in Christ will rise first, and then we the living, who survive, will be caught up along with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and so we shall be with the Lord for ever. Now then, encourage one another with these words."

Notice it said those "who survive" shall be caught up to meet the Lord in the air. The Lord does not then turn and go back to heaven. We who survive and are caught up turn and come back with the Lord to the earth where the Lord, with the believers of all ages, will administer the national kingdom law of God.

Then the prayer "Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven," will be answered.

Meanwhile, what should or should not, we as individual believers and as individual citizens do?

One of the great obstacles, when one seeks to awaken and arouse the public to the seriousness of our day, is the idea among both saved and unsaved people that God is only interested in the spirit of man.

Anyone with an open mind who will read the Scriptures dealing with our day will realize that God is very much interested in the physical survival of as many people as possible in this time when God must pour his wrath upon the nations of the earth.

Speaking of the closing days of the present age Jesus in Matthew 24:21-22 spoke the following: "For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved; but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

Here the Lord's concern is clearly the physical survival of the Anglo-Israel people, repeatedly called "mine elect" in the Old Scriptures.

In stating, as recorded in Luke 17, that as it was in the days of Noah and Lot so it would be in the end of this age, Jesus implied and indicated that physical survival would be a very important matter in the judgment of the nations.

Noah was commanded to build the ark for the physical survival of his family and himself. He was also told to lay up a supply of food.

Lot was ordered out of Sodom in order to survive physically.

In neither the case of Lot nor Noah was it a question of their souls' salvation; it was entirely a matter of physical survival in order to be used of God after the judgment was over.

It is clearly taught in the Scriptures that until, and unless, an Anglo-Saxon is regenerated by the Spirit of God through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ there is nothing he can actually do that will enable him to survive the judgment period and enter into the Kingdom Age. For God's purpose in bringing the coming terrible judgment upon the earth is to cause every Israelite, and then every one in heathendom, to confess and acknowledge that Jesus is Lord to the glory of God.

On the other hand, Scripture also indicates that as the judgment and punishment increases and intensifies upon the Anglo-Israel nations many people will call upon the Lord and be saved.

For instance, in Joel 2:30-32 the prophet Joel was inspired to write, "And I will shew wonders in the heavens and in the earth, blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. The sun shall be turned into darkness, and the moon into blood, before the great and the terrible day of the LORD come. And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the LORD shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."

Some might imagine that those who will call upon the Lord are only and primarily concerned with their souls' salvation, but that will most likely not be the case. The context would seem to convey the thought that it is largely physical danger that will cause men to call upon the Lord.

# The Labourers

Matthew 20:1-16

The fourth chapter of Isaiah indicates the terrible loss of life, especially among the men, as God undertakes to cleanse the Anglo-Israel nations preparatory to the return and reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. I shall read this chapter and comment briefly as we read; it has only six verses:

"In that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, to take away our reproach. In that day shall the branch of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely, *for them that are escaped of Israel*. (Notice it says, "For them that are escaped of Israel." I believe the word branch refers to the United States as is the case in Genesis 49:22 and Psalm 80:15.)

Verse 3 of chapter 4. "And it shall come to pass, that *he that is left* in Zion, (Notice it says, "He that is left." Zion means Christian nations.) And he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem. (Again notice, it says, Everyone that is written among the living. Instead of listing the dead they will list the living.) It is important that we keep in mind the fact that the word *Jerusalem* as used in Bible prophecy is often used as one of the names of the Israel people. The same is true of the word *Zion*, which means scriptural government.)

Now we shall read verse 4 of Isaiah 4: "When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion (*Daughters of Zion* means the Christian nations), and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and the spirit of burning."

Verse 5. "And the Lord shall create upon every dwelling place of mount Zion, and upon her assemblies (Legislative bodies) a cloud of smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night: for upon all the glory shall be a defence."

Every Bible student knows that a *cloud of smoke by day, and the shining of a flaming fire by night* means the presence of God over his people, protecting and directing them as he did in their wilderness journey into the Promised Land.

Verse 6 of Isaiah 4. "And there shall be a tabernacle for a shadow in the daytime from the heat, and for a place of refuge, and for a covert from storm and from rain." This beautiful verse seeks to convey to us the great blessing, peace and security that will come to mankind after this present time of fiery indignation and judgment is over.

Matthew 20:1-16 is a kingdom parable dealing with economics. It is called the Parable of the Labourers.

In this parable an householder hired labourers to work in his vineyard. Some began to work early in the morning, some at 9:00, some at noon, others at 3:00 in the afternoon and still others at 5:00.

In the evening when the householder paid his labourers he gave each the same pay. Twice in this parable the householder said when he hired the labourers, "Whatsoever is right I will give you."

Those who had been hired first had agreed to labor throughout the day for a certain amount, but when they saw that those who had labored only a few hours received the same as they did they murmured against the goodman of the house.

The householder answered, "Is it not lawful for me to do what I will with mine own? Is thine eye evil, because I am good?"

There are undoubtedly many lessons and applications in the parable, but one seems to stand out very clearly; namely, that human beings, as such, have certain rights. They are entitled to the necessities of life and every person is entitled to enough buying power so that his or her daily necessities can be supplied. While the householder seemed to be overly generous to the late comers, and not so generous with those who labored all day, he twice said he would do what was right.

Our old age assistance, social security, unemployment compensation are all based on this Christian and scriptural principle.

These provisions are not perfect nor are they adequate, but they are steps in the right direction. If the present administration would do what is lawful and what is right, it would do as this good householder, and place buying power in the hands of the people. It would keep buying power in balance with goods and services at all times, avoiding both inflation and deflation.

As the Lord indicated in the parable, when that is done some will murmur, but as the Lord said, it will be because "thine eye is evil." They, too, will say "something for nothing," which is not true. A dividend from a prosperous business is not something for nothing.

One of the most important functions of any civil administration is to constantly provide the people with an adequate and a controlled buying power. And this could and should be done without creating a debt and without any interest payment. This will come, and no amount of evil murmuring will be able to stop it.

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*It is by the often repeated choice in little things that our characters are fixed.*

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding" (Proverbs 9:10)*

# Be Prepared

By C.O. Stadsklev

Luke 12:35-48 Christ speaks of his second coming. In verse 47 we read: "And that servant, which knew his lord's will, and prepared not himself, neither did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes."

The "servant" in this verse undoubtedly represents people who know the will and the word of God, but do nothing about it. Neither do they prepare themselves to do anything for the will and the word of God in the end time. They "shall be beaten with many stripes."

Verse 48 states that those who did not know the will and the word of God for this present end time shall be beaten with few stripes.

It also clearly states: "For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required."

Christians who have light and understanding on the Israel truth and the Gospel of the Kingdom have been given much. And much will be required of them when that which Christ decreed in Luke 19:27 is fulfilled. And when Ezekiel's prophecy in chapter 35, and Zephaniah's prophecies in chapters 1:18 and 2:1-2, and Obadiah's prophecy come to pass. This is our time to prepare for that time.

The above prophecies are beginning to be fulfilled and when they are fulfilled, many Christians will be thrown into consternation and confusion confounded. Christendom will be asking who and where is Israel? And who can teach us the Gospel of the Kingdom which Christ said must be preached to all nations, before the end could come?

In Luke 16:10 Christ said: "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

## "I will meditate in thy precepts."

*Psalm 119:15*

There are times when solitude is better than society and silence is wiser than speech. We would be better Christians if we spent more time waiting on God and gathering, through meditation on His Word, spiritual strength for labor in His service. We ought to meditate on the things of God, because we thus get the real nutrition out of them.

Truth is something like the cluster of the vine. If we would have wine from it, we must bruise it. We must press and squeeze it many times. So we must, by meditation, tread the clusters of truth if we would get the wine of consolation from it.

Our bodies are not supported by merely taking food into the mouth. The process which really supplies the muscle, nerve, sinew, and the bone is the process of digestion. It is by digestion that the outward food becomes assimilated with the inner life.

Our souls are not nourished merely by listening awhile to this and then to that and then to the other part of divine truth. Hearing, reading, marking, and learning all require inward digesting to complete their usefulness. The inward digesting of the truth lies for the most part in meditating on it.

Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make slow advances in the divine life?

Because they do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it. They want the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it. The fruit hangs on the tree, but they will not pluck it. The water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it.

Lord, deliver us from such folly as we resolve to meditate on Your Word.

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## The Historical and Futuristic Interpretation of Revelation

By C. O. Stadskev

Because some Bible teachers have overlooked the fact that the Book of the Revelation was written in symbols, and because they have been unable to find anything in history which literally fulfills these prophecies, they have adopted what is known as the Futuristic Interpretation of the Book of the Revelation.

In order to understand this book it is necessary to keep constantly in mind the three first verses of the first chapter, which is really an introduction and a key to the book. Both verses 1 and 3 state that this revelation which John was about to receive must shortly come to pass, and that the time was at hand in John's day. This fact outlaws the Futuristic Interpretation of Revelation which teaches that after almost 1,900 years chapters 4 to 19 are still unfulfilled.

One of the greatest inconsistencies on the part of those who teach the Futuristic Interpretation is that they hold to the Historical and Symbolical Interpretations, which is correct, for the first three chapters and then switch to the Futuristic and Literal Interpretation for the balance of the book. And this they do in spite of the fact that the very first verse states that the Revelation given John was signified. "Signify" means to make known by signs. Thus we find that the first verse of Revelation outlaws the Literal and Futuristic Interpretation, and so does verse 10 of the last chapter which says, "Seal not the sayings of the prophecies of this book: for the time is at hand."

This, mark you! was 90 A. D. The prophet Daniel, much of whose prophecies covered the same period as the Revelation of John but who wrote 600 years earlier, was told "Shut up the Words, and seal the book." Consequently, the expression "the time is at hand," and the command "Seal not the sayings for the time is at hand" found in the Revelation of John must have meant that the Book of the Revelation began to be fulfilled in the days of the Apostle John. In other words, it was to have an historical fulfillment.

For emphasis I repeat that if we are to understand the Book of the Revelation we must remember that it was written in symbols. In Revelation 13: 1-2 John wrote: "I . . . saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and

ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his head the name of blasphemy. And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority."

In Revelation 6:12 John says, "I beheld . . . and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the moon became as blood; and the stars of heaven fell unto the earth." If the sun, moon, and stars as used here mean the literal sun, moon, and stars then the beast with seven heads and ten horns in Revelation 13 is a literal beast which came up out of the literal sea and rules over that literal sea, which, of course, it is not. A "beast" in symbolic scripture represents unscriptural forms of human government which devour and crush people. The "sea" in symbolic scripture signifies people.

In Revelation 17:15 we read: "The waters which thou sawest . . . are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues." The "sun, moon, and stars" signify rulers' in symbolic scripture. See Genesis 37:9, 10. Therefore the darkening of the sun and moon, and the falling of the stars signify the overthrow and the fall of the then existing rulers.

Furthermore, I insist that if the two-edged sword, the candle-sticks, and the seven stars are symbolical in the first chapter of Revelation, and if the messages to the seven churches in chapters 2 and 3 are symbolical and have historical fulfillment as all who teach even the Futuristic Interpretation admit and teach, then chapters 4 to 19 are also written in symbols and have also an historical fulfillment.

The church fathers and the immediate associates of the apostles—such men as Irenaeus, and Polycarp the contemporary of St. John, taught the Historical and not the Literal and Futuristic fulfillment. The Futuristic Interpretation of Revelation was originated by a clergyman in Spain at the end of the 16th century.

If you will read the preface to your King James Version of the Bible you will find that the seventy outstanding Christian scholars of England at that time, who gave us the King James Bible (that is, they translated it from the original

Hebrew and Greek) believed that the Man of Sin was present in the world in their day. In other words, they believed the Historical Interpretation.

In teaching that the “darkening of the sun, the moon becoming as blood, and the falling of the stars” in Revelation 6:12, 13 has had its symbolical fulfillment in the fall of Imperial Rome, I do not mean that there is not a time coming when God will actually shake terribly the earth and at which time the sun, the moon, and the stars will be affected—for so we are told in Isaiah, Zechariah, and by the Lord Himself.

This 6th seal has much in its symbolical message that will be literally fulfilled when Christ returns, but its primary purpose was not to picture the end of this age, for the 7th seal which follows the 6th seal gives in symbols the terrible judgments which a few hundred years later came upon religious Rome.

The 18th chapter of Revelation, which deals with the fall of symbolical Babylon, affords a good illustration of how the Futuristic Interpretation makes the Scripture to contradict itself. Taking Babylon to mean the ancient literal city of Babylon, the Futurists teach that this ancient city will be rebuilt and will rule the entire world; but in Isaiah 13:19-20 we read: “And Babylon the glory of the kingdoms, the beauty of the Chaldees excellency, shall be as when God overthrow Sodom and Gomorrha. It shall never be inhabited, neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. In Revelation 11:8 we read, “. . . The great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.” Literally the Lord was not crucified in either Egypt or Sodom, but symbolically He was because in symbolic scripture “city” is used to signify systems—and “Babylon” signifies unscriptural systems. |

The Futuristic and Literal Interpretation of Revelation causes sincere Christians to teach things which are absolutely unscriptural. For instance, it teaches that the beast of Revelation I 3, whose number is 666, is yet to come and that he will rule the entire world for 42 months (which is taught to be three and a half years); but 42 months is not three and a half years in symbolic scripture anymore than a beast means a literal beast. Forty-two months equals 1,260 years, and the reign of both the beasts in Revelation 13 is past. If not, then the Lord cannot return for at least 1,260 years.

The Futuristic Interpretation cannot be made to harmonize with the second Psalm which says, that when the heathen rage and when the rulers take counsel against the Lord saying, Let us break asunder God’s standards and restraints, then He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh; He shall speak unto them in His wrath and vex them in His sore displeasure—in other words, they will not succeed. Neither can the Futuristic Interpretation be made to harmonize with the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel. The last verse of the second Psalm reads as follows: “Kiss the Son (that is, receive the Son of God as your personal Saviour), lest He be

angry, and ye perish from the way, when His wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him.”

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## God’s Economic Statutes

*By C. O. Stadsklev*

**G**OD’S ECONOMIC STATUTES, as all of God’s statutes, are right, rejoicing the heart. God’s economic commandments, as all of God’s commandments, are pure, enlightening the eyes. God’s economic laws, as all of God’s laws, are perfect, converting the soul. God’s economic testimonies, as all of God’s testimonies, are sure, making wise the simple. God’s economic judgments, as all of God’s judgments, are true and righteous altogether.... Moreover, by them is thy servant warned, and in keeping of them there is great reward. See Psalm 19:7, 11.

After giving one of God’s economic statutes in the 15th chapter of Deuteronomy, Moses was inspired to make the following statement, “Save when there shall be no poor among you.” Or, as another translation reads, “To the end that there be no poor among you.” This is, indeed, a very significant statement for every fair and open-minded person knows that with our present power and possibility of production no person in this country would be in distress for the want of any good material thing, providing we had a sane and sensible system of distribution, or in other words, a righteous money system.

The fact that we do not have a Scriptural and a scientific money system has thrown our country wide open to Judgment. Our present money problem, brought on by our unsound money system, has robbed millions of citizens of all their possessions. It has caused many men and women who pioneered this country and made it the wealthiest nation in all history to end their days in poverty. The sons and the daughters of our brave and hard working pioneers oft become economic slaves.

Verily the thing that Thomas Jefferson feared has actually come to pass. He said, “If the American people ever allow private banks to control the issue of the currency, first by inflation and then by deflation, the banks and corporations that will grow up around them will deprive the people of all property until their children will wake up homeless on the continent their fathers conquered.”

The Apostle James foresaw and forewarned concerning the economic evils which our unscriptural money system would bring upon us. He says it would cause riches to corrupt and garments to be moth-eaten because gold and silver, which were supposed to serve as a medium of exchange, would be hoarded to rust and canker while the producers would be defrauded and oppressed. All this in turn

would bring sure and swift judgment from God—as we are now witnessing.

Gold and silver and especially gold can never be a satisfactory basis for the issuance of money. Gold is too scarce, and too easily cornered and controlled. The belief that money must have a metallic base such as gold and silver is a delusion. It is this delusion that has given the International Bankers control of our money and our nation.

Would to God Congress would even in this eleventh hour adopt a true money system. It would do more for this world and especially for the Anglo-Saxons than any human can tell.

The late Dr. Goard of England suggests that there is much economic significance in the third chapter of Daniel where we read concerning Nebuchadnezzar's image of gold. Dr. Goard writes, "By the great dedication the whole gold system apparently typified in the image was rendered sacred and was placed under the protection of the religion and the superstition of the mingled peoples . . . the God of Heaven gave the kingdom to Nebuchadnezzar. But the king, and not the God of Heaven, set up the image on the plains of Dura, and the system for which it stood." This third chapter of Daniel begins by saying, "Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold." Six times in this chapter we are told it was a golden image. God in a most emphatic manner manifested His disapproval of the Babylonian Gold Standard Money System by delivering the three believers from the fiery furnace. This might also be said to foreshadow the fact that unless there were Divine interventions, the present Money System would take all truth and liberty from the face of the earth

When the king of Babylon saw the deliverance which God wrought for the three men who stood by God's Word, he was overwhelmed; he blessed the God of Shadrach, Meshack, and Abednego and made a decree that no person speak anything against their God. May God help us! for if we who today say we believe the Bible to be the inspired Word of Almighty God would stand together and protest against the Babylonian Money System, we too would have an overwhelming demonstration of the wisdom and goodness of our God. By ignoring and doubting that which the Word of God teaches concerning economics we shut the wisdom and power of God out of that particular realm.

Unbelief says, "Show us God's power and wisdom and then we will believe." God says, "Believe my Word and then I will show you my wisdom, power and love."

No intelligent person has thought on the problem of Economics without realizing that one of our greatest problems is the problem of keeping money in circulation. There are those who believe that we would have plenty of money even today providing we could get it into circulation. Whether or not this is true, the fact is hoarded money or money in the banks is the same as no money as far as the public is concerned. All this and the evils which come from the concentration of wealth on the one hand and poverty on

the other, God foresaw. In order to offset these evils, one of God's economic statutes as recorded in Leviticus 25 commands that the wealth of the land be redistributed every fiftieth year. Such a law, as anyone can see, would keep money in circulation at the service of the people instead of being cornered and controlled and made master of both the government and the people as it is today. This fiftieth year was called the Year of Jubilee, and indeed it would be not only for the poor but the rich as well, for there is no greater joy than bringing joy to others. The word "jubilee" means acclamation of joy.

It is true that the Bible does not deal with the technique of economics, but in no uncertain manner it lays down the basic economic principles which no people at any time or place can violate without incurring economic disaster.

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### *The Faith by which we become Partakers of the Power of the Blood.*

"Be it unto thee according to thy faith." We know that this foundation law of the kingdom of grace is applicable to every circumstance of the spiritual life. Faith is a disposition of heart, without which God's most glorious blessing is offered to us in vain; but by which, on the other hand, all the fullness of God's grace can be most certainly received and enjoyed. It is therefore of great importance for us to remind ourselves of those things which are necessary for a right exercise of that faith in the precious blood, by which alone we can press through to the enjoyment of all that the blood has obtained for us; but before considering these things it must be noted that faith is born from a sense of need.

The great event which moved heaven, earth, and hell; for which the world had to be prepared and for which it had to wait for four thousand years; the results of which will endure for ever—the shedding of the blood of the Son of God on the cross—had an unspeakably great object:— It was to bring about the destruction of sin itself, and of its consequences,

Only he who is in agreement with this object, and who seeks to attain it, is capable of entering into the full fellowship of faith in the blessing of that blood. He who desires to be delivered only from the punishment of sin, or from sin as far as  $\epsilon$  unfits him for heaven, is certainly not in a condition to appropriate by a strong faith, what the Word promises through the blood. But when the soul truly seeks, above everything else, to be cleansed from sin itself, and to live in abiding fellowship with a holy God—truly surrendering itself, with a fixed intention of experiencing all that is possible to be experienced in appropriating the power of the blood—it possesses the first requisite for a true faith in it. The deeper the dissatisfaction with what is wrong and deficient in our spiritual lives, the stronger the longing to be really delivered from sin; the more lively the desire to have unbroken intercourse in the presence of God in "the Holiest," so much the more is such a soul prepared to

receive by faith what God promises, and will bestow. Oh! if our eyes were only opened to see what God is willing to become to us; if wandering and alienation from God became entirely unbearable; if the whole soul thirsted and cried out for the living God and His love; then salvation "through faith in His blood" would acquire a new meaning, and a new desire for it would be awakened,

Where the sense of need exists, the first requisite for a full faith in the blood is:—

1. A spiritual knowledge of the Word of God.

As surely as mere knowledge of the Word, by itself, profits but little, so surely faith cannot grow and become strong, apart from the Word applied by the Holy Spirit. There are many who think that as they have always hoped in the blood, as the ground of their salvation, there could not be much more for them still to learn about it. They are convinced that they are well acquainted with, and hold fast, the teaching of the Church, and they do not expect the Word to unlock anything new for them about the blood. They think so because they have so little understanding of what it means to place themselves under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, so that He, by His heavenly teaching, might inspire the well-known words or truths of Scripture with a new meaning.

They forget that it is only "the anointing" that teaches all things (I John 2:27), and that "we have received the Spirit which is of God that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God" (I Corinthians 2:12).

The believer who desires to understand aright the efficacious and blessed power of the blood must submit entirely to the teaching of the Word through the Holy Spirit, in private, He must understand that the words of God have a much wider meaning than man himself can attach to them; and that the matters on which God speaks have a reality and power and glory of which he himself can form no conception; but the Holy Spirit will teach him to understand these things—not at once, but only as he devotes time and

takes trouble to learn.

Believing in the rich, spiritual, living content of each Word of God, the learner must understand that "the blood of the Son of God" is a subject the glory of which God alone knows, and He alone can reveal. He must believe it is possible for each effect which is ascribed to the blood, to be brought about by a manifestation of divine power that is beyond our conception. In this attitude of mind he should take up, and meditate on, first what one portion of Scripture says about the blood, and then what another portion says, so that the Holy Spirit may apply to his soul something of its life-giving power. It is only by such a use of "the Word," in dependence upon the teaching of the Holy Spirit, that faith can be strengthened so as to recognize and receive what the blood has to bestow.

By this means it will be experienced how necessary it is to devote time to these things. Time must be found for meditation on the Word in private, so that it may sink into the heart, To read a portion, to get hold of a fresh thought, and then to go away in the hope that a blessing will follow, is of little use. The soul must give the Word time, in silence before God, to get fixed in the heart, otherwise it will be driven away again by the rush of the world. The thought may remain but there will be no power. Time must be given not merely occasionally, but regularly and persistently. Day after day, perhaps week after week, I must place myself under and give myself up to "the Word" which I desire to appropriate. It can become in reality the possession of my soul only by obtaining a lodging place in, and by becoming part of, my spiritual being. It is thus "faith cometh by the Word of God."

All have sinned and come short of the glory of God. — St. Paul

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## Chariots of God

By C. O. Stadskev

Psalm 68:17 states, "The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands of angels: the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place."

This scripture declares that God has chariots. The Hebrew word for chariots is rider and wagon. We are also told that God's chariots are very many—20,000. Thousands of angels are associated with God's chariots, and "the Lord is among them, as in Sinai, in the holy place."

Exodus 19:20-21 states, "And the LORD came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the mount: and the LORD called Moses up to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. And the LORD said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto the LORD to gaze, and many of them perish."

Moses relates, in Deuteronomy 5, that when "the LORD came down on mount Sinai" there was strange fire which the people feared would consume them. "Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the LORD our God any more, then we shall die" (Deuteronomy 5:25).

Both the prophets Elijah and Elisha saw and had experiences with chariots that came from heaven and ascended to heaven:

"And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven.

"And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and the horsemen thereof. And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent them in two pieces" (II Kings 2:11,12).

It is interesting to note that Elisha called the chariot which took Elijah to heaven, "the chariot of Israel." "Horses of fire" means that it was some sort of fire that powered and propelled the chariot. The horse is used often in the Scripture to symbolize power, as in Revelation 19:11:

"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war."

We refer to the power of a motor as horsepower. Note Elisha saw both, "a chariot of fire" and "horses of fire." Fire or what appeared to be fire powered the chariot. Later in Elisha's ministry, when he and the Israel nation were threatened by the Syrian army, "chariots of fire came round about Elisha."

"And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, an host compassed the city both with horses and chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do?

"And he answered, Fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them.

"And Elisha prayed, and said, LORD, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And the LORD opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha.

"And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto the LORD, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha" (11 Kings 6:15-18).

"The chariots of fire" enabled Elisha to take the Syrian army into captivity

In chapters 6 and 7 of 11 Kings we read that the Syrians had besieged Samaria, capitol of ten-tribed Israel. This was so severe that there was a famine in Samaria. Elisha gave forth God's word and prophesied that there would be divine intervention and help from heaven. In verses 5 through 7 of 11 Kings we read the following:

"And they rose up in the twilight, to go unto the camp of the Syrians: and when they were come to the uttermost part of the camp of Syria, behold, there was no man there. For the Lord had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us.

"Wherefore they arose and fled in the twilight, and left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, even the camp as it was, and fled for their life."

On this occasion the Syrians merely heard "a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses (power)" and "fled for their life."

It is significant that both Elijah and Elisha preached and prophesied in ten tribed Israel. Jeremiah was the principal prophet in the Judah kingdom. It seems that "the chariots of fire" were associated with Israel; and as we read in 11 Kings 2:12 Elisha called Elijah's chariots "the chariot of Israel."

In chapter 66 Isaiah prophesied concerning a nation in the end time which he called "Zion" and "Jerusalem." This is clearly the new Jerusalem, here in the North American wilderness, which the prophet also called "the daughter of Jerusalem," meaning a peace making nation.

We shall quote verses 12 through 16 in chapter 66 of Isaiah's prophecy:

"For thus saith the LORD, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the Gentiles like a flowing stream: then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne upon her sides, and be dandled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

"And when ye see this, your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like an herb: and the hand of the LORD shall be known toward his servants, and his indignation toward his enemies.

"For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire.

For by fire and by his sword will the LORD plead with all flesh: and the slain of the LORD shall be many."

This is a marvelous and a very reassuring prophecy for this Zion nation. All other world powers, of the past and present, have used their power to make war and conquer nations and peoples. The United States of America has used its strength and wealth to extend peace and freedom throughout the earth. And God has brought more of the comforts and the good things of life to this nation than any nation in all history, and this is merely the beginning.

Those who believe this prophecy, "your heart shall rejoice, and your bones (stiff and old) shall flourish like an herb." Note the distinction between the Lord's servants and the Lord's enemies. The hand of the Lord will protect and deliver His servant people and bring God's indignation toward his enemies. Throughout the Scriptures the Isaacsons are called God's servant people. For a sample, see verses 1, 2 and 21 in chapter 44 of Isaiah. Who the Lord's enemies are will soon become apparent to all the earth.

Immediately after referring to the Lord's enemies in verse 14, Isaiah wrote in verse 15 in chapter 66: "For, behold, the LORD will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire."

"The LORD will come . . . with his chariots like a whirlwind." The Hebrew defines "whirlwind" to mean a hurricane that terminates and consumes. Apparently his

chariots will have a place and part in terminating and consuming all opposition to the world wide reign of the Christ. "For the Lord will plead with all flesh;" The word "plead" means to vindicate or punish.

There is a beautiful and a very precious prophecy for the Anglo Israel people in this end time in verses 26 through 29 of chapter 33 of Deuteronomy. This is the last prophecy Moses, the man of God, gave before he died. We shall consider this passage verse by verse. Verse 26 states:

"There is none like unto the God of Jeshurun, who rideth upon the heaven in thy help, and in his excellency on the sky."

"Jeshurun" is another name for Israel, the many nations of Christendom God promised Abram in Genesis 17:1 through 7. While the word "chariot" does not appear in verse 26 of Deuteronomy 33, the word "rideth" in the Hebrew is the same word "chariot" used in Isaiah 66:15 and in 11 Kings chapters 2, 6 and 7. In Deuteronomy 33:26 we are definitely told that God "rideth upon the heaven (or has chariots in the heaven) in thy help." Help for Israel comes from heaven. Jeshurun is another name, for Israel. So what we read in 11 Kings was prophesied by Moses.

Verse 27 of Deuteronomy 33 is a beautiful scripture and is clearly a prophecy and a promise to Israel, the nations of Christendom. It states:

"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them."

This verse has been the history of the Isaac-sons from the time of Abram to the present time. Read Bible history, secular history and church history The greatest fulfillment of verse 27 of Deuteronomy 33 will come when communism and heathendom are destroyed, for God "rideth upon the heaven to help and protect Israel."

It would be humanly impossible to completely set forth the fulfillment of the prophecies Moses gave in verse 28 of Deuteronomy 33. It states:

"Israel shall dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew."

"A land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew"—a land of great wealth and abundance of food, and the spiritual and material blessings of God. Corn, wine and dew symbolize a large and powerful nation. Is this the small Israeli nation in the Mid-East or is it the land Moses foresaw in Deuteronomy 32:28, the United States and the great North American continent?

In Isaiah 27:6 we read: "He shall cause them that come of Jacob to take root: Israel shall blossom and bud, and fill the face of the world with fruit." Is it the small Israeli nation which is filling "the world with fruit" and the good and necessary things of life? Or is it the Anglo-Saxons, the real and true Israel?

Moses wrote: "Israel then (when God destroys Israel's enemies, as we read in verse 27) shall dwell safely alone."

Four times in chapters 38 and 39 of Ezekiel, where Ezekiel prophesied that Russia and her confederacy would attack America, we are told that America would “dwell safely.” Safely means to trust and have confidence in.

In spite of all the communists have said and done since World War II, our leaders continue to trust and make agreements with the Reds. The word “safely” in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 and in Deuteronomy 32:28 is also rendered “carelessly.” And we have certainly been careless in regards to the aggressions and advancements of communism.

Verses 5 and 6 of Ezekiel 38 give the names of some of the nations that will be with Russia in its attack: “Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet: Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee.”

Persia is Iran. Ethiopia and Libya are in Africa where Russia is making great gains with help from America and Britain. Gomer and Togarmah are Turkey and that area, “and many people with thee”—Russia.

While there is no reference to chariots from heaven in chapters 38 and 39, Ezekiel states very clearly that God will protect and defend this kingdom nation when Magog and Russia make their attack. In verses 22 and 23 of Ezekiel 38 we read:

“And I will plead against him with pestilence and with blood; and I will rain upon him, and upon his bands, and upon the many people that are with him, an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone.

“Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the LORD.”

As for “dwell in safety (carelessly) alone” as prophesied by Moses in Deuteronomy 33:28, if Russia continues to use the domino strategy against us in Asia, Africa and Europe, we will find ourselves alone in every way. But that apparently is what is necessary to bring America to repentance and prayer.

For forty very difficult and trying years Moses had ministered to and led the Isaac-sons, now the Saxons and kindred people. Again and again Moses had seen God save these Israel people from their enemies and physical destruction—the most spectacular and visible being the exodus and the deliverance at the Red Sea.

In the last verse (29) of Deuteronomy 33 we have the last words of Moses before “Moses the servant of the Lord died”:

“Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places.”

This one verse should be cherished and kept in mind by every believing Israelite; for when God saves the Anglo-

Israel people from their enemies in the developing Armageddon, it will be the greatest manifestation of the sovereign power of God in all human history. It will then become apparent to all who the “liars” are. “And thou shalt tread upon their high places.”

“Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the LORD.” What beautiful words from Moses as he closed his life and ministry. King David evidently had visions of this end time when he was inspired to write:

“Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.

“As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.

“Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.”

The word “JAH” in the Hebrew means “The Lord most vehement.” Vehement means acting with great force, furious. The enemies of the Lord and those who hate Him will soon see and experience the fury and great force at the Lord’s command. This fury and great force will be seen in both the destruction of the Lord’s enemies and the deliverance of God’s servant people. And here again we are exhorted to be glad and rejoice. We are commanded to “Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: extol him that rideth upon the heavens by his name JAH, and rejoice before him.”

“Him that rideth upon the heavens” is the same prophecy and promise given by Moses in Deuteronomy 33:26. There the words “in thy help” are added. Why should and how could Christendom be glad, rejoice and exceedingly rejoice if this kingdom nation, the land of Israel’s regathering, is destroyed and brought under the reign of some antichrist. Thank God forever, that is not the destiny of this Zion nation.

The first four verses we read and considered in Psalm 68 should also be considered in the light of the prophecy and promise we find in Psalm 67.

Psalm 68 opens with “Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him.” Psalm 67 opens with “God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah.”

Both of these Psalms very clearly deal with the present time. Psalm 68 prays for God’s destruction on those who hate the Lord. Psalm 67 prays for God’s mercy and blessing upon a land and nation the prophet calls “us” three times in the first verse. In the seven verses in Psalm 67 “earth” appears four times; “nations” appears three times.

We will quote Psalm 67 and try to identify the land and nation the prophet called “us” five times in seven verses.

“God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and cause his face to shine upon us; Selah. That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.

“Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. O let the nations be glad and sing for joy: for thou shalt judge the people righteously, and govern the nations upon earth. Selah.

“Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us.

“God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.”

Read Psalm 67 again and when you come to the word “us” read U.S.

We have the following booklets which will be helpful in identifying “us” in Bible prophecy: *America in the Kingdom Parables*, *The United States is Zion of Bible Prophecy*, *The United States in Prophecy*, *The United States in Joel and Zephaniah*, *The United States in Ezekiel 36*, and *Our Christian Beginnings*.

It is not the destruction of the United States that will cause all the ends of the earth to fear, worship and serve the Lord. It is God’s blessing and intervention, sparing and delivering the United States which will cause the nation to be glad and sing for joy. In Psalm 67 the psalmist prophesied that it would be God’s mercy and blessing upon the land and the nation he called “us,” that God’s “way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations” causing the nations to be glad and sing for joy. Having seen the Lord’s righteous judgments and government over the nations upon the earth,

“Then shall the earth yield her increase; and God, even our own God, shall bless us. God shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.”

Prior to our baptism of fire and our national repentance and cleansing, the U.S. has begun to make known to many nations a better and a more healthful way of life. Already the earth has yielded her increase, enabling us to send food and aid throughout the earth. And this is only the beginning.

## Giving God the Glory

*O ye sons of men. how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after lying? — Psalm 4:2.*

To glorify God is simply to believe God, to rely upon and to love God. The man who believes God gives him the glory, certifying that he is trustworthy in all his words and promises. The man who hopes in God believes that he is mighty, wise and righteous—one from whom he can receive comfort, salvation and blessing. Such alone recognizes the power of God wherewith he can do all things, the wisdom with which he knows all things, and the goodness with which he comes to our aid.

One who does not believe in God thinks God a liar. One who does not hope in God thinks God ignorant of man’s problems, unable or unwilling to help. Man will then despair of God. When man relies upon man—for the heart must believe, hope in and love something—he will trust either in riches or in friendship, his own power or some foolish fable preached by man, whether it be true or false. If he finds a crumb of comfort in it, he embraces it with his whole heart. So is the goodness of God maligned, while credit is given where it is undeserved.

### Prayer

DEAR Father, may thy name be hallowed in us. I confess that I have dishonored thee, and with pride and the seeking of my personal honor and glory I blaspheme thy name. Help me, therefore, by thy grace that my name may diminish, that I may become nothing; so that thou alone and thy name and honor may be in me. Amen.

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## OBLIQUITY

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Some of the strangest and most startling words Christ spoke while on earth are recorded in Matthew 7, verses 21 through 23, and they might be some of the most timely words for Christians: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity." The first thing to note is that Christ spoke concerning the kingdom of heaven on earth, and not the church. Entrance into the kingdom will not be determined by a person saying, "Lord, Lord," "but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven." In the kingdom God's will will "be done in earth as it is in heaven."

The prevalent but erroneous teaching that the church is the kingdom of God has made most of what Moses, the prophets and Christ taught concerning the kingdom of none effect. The kingdom is and has always been a physical, material and earthly institution. The church is a spiritual institution consisting of only those who have had a spiritual birth. The church and the kingdom are as distinct and separate in the Scriptures as church and state are in our nation today, and rightly so.

The kingdom was established during the administration of Moses as recorded in Exodus 19. Here God and Moses sanctified the Isaac sons to be God's special servant and kingdom people. In verses 5 and 6 in Exodus 19 God said, "Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."

This was more than 2000 years before there was a Jewish nation and Jewish religion. The covenant in Exodus was by God and with the progenitors of the Anglo Saxons and kindred people. True, the Isaac sons broke their part of the old covenant. But in Jeremiah 31, verses 31 through 34, God made a new covenant with the same people.

In the new covenant God assumes all and full responsibility for the implementation of the new covenant. In the old covenant the condition was "if ye will obey my voice (word) indeed, and keep my covenant." There are no ifs or conditions in the new covenant with Israel and true Judah. God states, "I will" and "they shall." Do not confuse this new covenant with God's kingdom people with the covenant of personal salvation. There are very definite and clear conditions in your personal salvation. See I John 5, verses 9 through 13.

According to the new covenant stated in Jeremiah 31, verses 31 through 34, and in Hebrews 8, verses 6 through 13, God will bring forth the kingdom of heaven on earth in spite of all that men and devils can do to hinder it. The kingdom of heaven on earth must become a reality because God made it a promise to His Son, Jesus Christ. There are many questions as to who will enter and live in that kingdom.

We who preach and teach the gospel of the kingdom as well as the gospel of personal regeneration must be careful that we do not bring God's special servant kingdom people back under the old covenant. That is a hopeless condition. The kingdom people are now under the new covenant. When Christ died for the redemption of Israel, He brought God's kingdom people out from under the old covenant into the new covenant "which was established upon better promises" than the old covenant had. The old covenant was established upon what Israel promised. (Exodus 19, verses 7 and 8)

In Matthew 26, verses 28 and 29, at the last supper Jesus said: "For this is my blood of the new testament; which is shed for many for the remission of sins. But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom." The word "testament" is rendered covenant in the marginal reference. There is only one new covenant in the scriptures and that is the covenant or testament in Jeremiah 31:31-34 and restated in Hebrews 8:6-13. The covenant of personal salvation is neither old or new. It has been the same since Adam and Eve. See Hebrews chapter 11 and note "by faith."

In II Corinthians 3:7-11 Paul compared the old and the new testaments. The old covenant was based on law which

Israel did not and could not keep. Therefore it was “done away” and “abolished.” The new covenant was based on the Spirit of God, and the power and the working of God. The glory of the new covenant will be greater and more enduring than the old. “For if that which is done away was glorious, much more that which remaineth is glorious.” (II Corinthians 3:11) The new testament or covenant will bring forth the kingdom of God on earth which will be much more glorious than the glory manifested at the forming of the old covenant as recorded in Exodus chapters 19 and 20, and chapters 4 and 5 in Deuteronomy.

Do not limit what Christ accomplished on Calvary to the church, the body of Christ. Christ also died for the redemption and restoration of the kingdom. Apart from blood atonement for the kingdom, as typified in the Old Scriptures, there could be no kingdom of heaven on earth. Can you imagine people who deny the Deity of Christ and His blood atonement entering or remaining in the kingdom? In Matthew 22:13 Jesus said, “Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.”

With the above scriptures in mind we return to our text in Matthew 7 and again verse 22: “Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works?” This is clearly an end time prophecy. The next verse is one of the most startling in the Bible. Jesus said, “And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” Here we have Christ prophesying that “in that day” many, not a few, who have preached, “cast out devils . . . and have done many wonderful works” in the name of Jesus Christ will hear Christ say, “depart from me, ye that work iniquity.” The words “I never knew you” must mean more than not knowing a person existed. The next verse gives a clue to what Jesus meant: “Therefore whosoever heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them, I will liken him unto a wise man, which built his house upon a rock.” The only way and means of knowing and being known by Christ is the Word which became flesh in Jesus Christ. See John 1:1, 14 and II Corinthians 5:16. A person is known by Christ and knows Christ to the extent one knows and conforms to “these sayings of mine.” Read the rest of Matthew 7.

There is practically no preaching or teaching on the sayings of Christ today. Christians can attend church for 40 years and never hear a verse by verse exposition on one of the Lord’s kingdom parables. If the sayings of Christ and His kingdom parables were expounded, they would make dust of the iniquity in Christendom today. When Jesus said, “Ye that work iniquity” He did not necessarily refer to the gross sins of the flesh. Jesus did not deny that those who said, “Lord, Lord” had not done what they said they had. The word “iniquity” is similar to the word obliquity which means out of line and deviation. “Ye that work iniquity” are workers whose preaching and teaching are out of line and deviate from God’s Word.

In Matthew 7:1 Jesus said, “Judge not; that ye be not judged.” In I Corinthians 2:15 Paul wrote, “But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.” Jesus used the word “judge” which means to condemn and decree punishment. Paul used “judges” which means to examine, investigate and scrutinize. As Christians we are not to condemn and sentence others, but if we are spiritual we will examine and scrutinize all teachings and doctrines. We are all as grass, here today and gone tomorrow. Doctrine, right or wrong, goes on for thousands of years, blessing or cursing millions. Jesus said, “For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned” (Matthew 12:37).

The apostle Paul in Philippians 3:1 gives his reason and purpose for writing “the same things.” He wrote: “To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not grievous, but for you it is safe.” Paul was not repeating what he had written before merely to have something to write; it was for the Christians’ spiritual and doctrinal safety. Verse 2 reads: “Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers, beware of the concision.” “Dogs” symbolize those who hunt for a prey to carry away.

Why did Moses write the same things in Deuteronomy that he had written in Exodus, Leviticus and Numbers? Why are I and II Chronicles almost a repetition of I and II Kings? Why did Jeremiah and Ezekiel prophesy practically the same that Isaiah prophesied? and the smaller prophetic books limited to the same prophecies? Why did the four gospel writers relate the same miracles, parables and sayings of the Christ? Why did Paul write in Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians and Colossians the same to a great extent which he wrote in Romans?

The answer to the above questions are given in Isaiah 28:9 and 10 where we read: “Whom shall he teach knowledge? and whom shall he make to understand doctrine? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept; line upon line; here a little, and there a little.” The reason and purpose for repetition in God’s Word is to teach knowledge and to understand doctrine. For this to be accomplished the Christian must be weaned from the milk of the word and be willing and able to meditate (chew) on the meat of the word. See I Corinthians 3:1 and 2, and Hebrews 5:11 – 14.

Luther said: “If Christianity is not doctrine; it is nothing,” and that needs to be repeated. To millions in Christendom today Christianity is nothing but one of the world’s religions, lacking Bible doctrine. Luther also said; “Others attack persons; I attack unscriptural doctrines.” And that needs to be emphasized. It was Luther’s demand and uncompromising stand on Bible doctrine that brought forth the great Reformation and the Renaissance. It was the preaching and teaching of Bible doctrine relative to human government that brought forth “the New Order of the Ages” and the “new Jerusalem” in the great American wilderness.

There has never been either in Bible history or church history, a genuine Holy Spirit revival apart from a faithful and

fearless preaching and teaching of Bible doctrines. It does not seem possible that "in that day" when "every man's work shall be made manifest" that Christ will say, "Depart from me, ye that work iniquity" to many who have preached, cast out devils and done many wonderful works in the name of Christ and Christianity. These words by Christ before whose judgment seat we must all appear must not be taken lightly. Christian workers are clearly involved in the Lord's prophecy.

The first thing to note and understand is that Christ in Matthew 7:21 spoke of "the kingdom of heaven" on earth and not the church, the body of Christ. No one works to enter the body of Christ, but works and doctrine clearly determine a person's position in the kingdom of heaven on earth. The Greek word "depart" appears only this one time in the New Scripture. It is defined as meaning: go away or get out of the way. It does not convey the same teaching as in Matthew 13:40-43 which is a more severe saying. "Depart from me" could also be rendered, step aside. There is a saying by Christ in Matthew 5:17-19 which should help us to understand what He said in Matthew 7:21-23. Here as in chapter 7 Jesus spoke of "the kingdom of heaven on earth and not the church, the body of Christ and prophesied that those whose preaching and teaching had been out of line (iniquity) with the Word of God "shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven" on earth. But those whose teaching and faith had been in line with the Word of God, "the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven" on earth.

In Matthew 7 Christian workers come before the judgment seat of Christ saying "Lord, Lord." They relate how in the name of Christ they had "done many wonderful works. . . cast out devils" and prophesied or preached "in thy name," thinking that because they were great in this present age, they would also be great in the kingdom. But they hear Christ say to step aside ye that were out of line with the Word of God. If these were unsaved religious workers, how could they even be the least in the kingdom of heaven on earth? We better not take a chance on that. The wise thing to do is to examine our preaching and teaching and that which we support. Is it in line or out of line with the eternal Word of God? This will determine our position "in the kingdom of heaven" on earth.

To misuse, abuse and "handling the word of God deceitfully" is not a new thing. In II Corinthians 4:2 Paul wrote, "But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God." Is it possible to be dishonest, crafty and deceitful in handling the Word of God? ("Handling" means to adulterate.) It apparently was done in Paul's time and Paul renounced it.

In I Thessalonians 2:5 Paul wrote, "For neither at any time used we flattering words, as ye know, nor a cloke of covetousness; God is witness." Is it possible to use "flattering words" for "a cloke of covetousness" in the ministry? Why should and why would Christian ministers flatter those who deny the Deity of Christ, His blood atonement and His

resurrection? Jesus said, "I and my Father are one. Then the Jews took up stones again to stone him." (John 10:30, 31) "Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth; and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." (John 14:6) "If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no cloke for their sin. He that hateth me hateth my Father also. If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." (John 15:22-24) Why do and how can Christian ministers teach that some people come to God by Abraham and Moses; and that Abraham and Moses are a "cloke for their sin"?

In John 8:38 to 40 we read, "I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham." And John 5:44-47: "How can ye believe, which receive honour one of another) and seek not the honour that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?"

We should also have before us some of the scriptures regarding Christ's statements concerning His own words: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away" (Matthew 24:35). "Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38). "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my words, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken, the same shall judge him in the last day" (John 12:48).

There are great numbers of Christians including popular preachers today who are ashamed of many of the Lord's sayings. When confronted with some of the Lord's parables and Christ's sayings such as in Matthew 23 and chapter 8 in John, present day fundamentalists are embarrassed and insist that Jesus did not mean what He said. Read John 12:48 again. The only way to reject or receive Christ is to reject or receive the words of Christ. "The same (word) shall judge him (us) in the last day." There will be serious and age long consequences for Christians who are ashamed and offended by any of the Lord's sayings. Augustine said, "If you believe what you like in the gospel, and if you reject what you like; it is not the gospel you believe, but yourselves."

With the above scriptures in mind we turn back to our first text in Matthew 7:21-23. In verses 24 through 27 of this chapter we find a clue to the Lord's prophecy "that in that day many who say Lord, Lord" will be told their Christian work was out of line "with these sayings of mine." The "house" or ministry which was in line with Christ's sayings would not

fall. But "great was the fall" of the work or ministry which was out of line with the sayings of Christ. The apostle Paul sets forth the same teaching in I Corinthians 3:13-15: "Every man's work shall be made manifest: for the day shall declare it; because it shall be revealed by fire; and the fire shall try every man's work of what sort it is. If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon; he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire." Neither the Christ or the apostles were dealing with personal salvation in the above scriptures. It has never been by works. They were dealing with Christian ministries. It seems Christian ministers and churches who assume themselves judges and arbitrators on what sayings of Christ are relevant and which are not are bringing upon themselves a sad and tragic experience at the judgment seat of Christ. True, there are different ministries and callings, but no person has ever been called to refute and cancel any of the sayings of Christ.

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## Judgment is Certain

We are living in the days of which Scripture has spoken, when scoffers, walking after their own lusts, say: "Where is the promise of His coming, for all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." God is longsuffering, and extends the days of grace, but the day of judgment will surely come. No power or force, no wisdom or cunning, no riches or honor can enable man to escape it. It comes certainly. So surely as there is a God in heaven who is a righteous judge, so surely as there is sin on earth opposed to God's holy law, so surely as there is in every child of man consciousness that sin must be punished by a judge, so surely that day will come. Although the thought of the millions who then will be lost, and of the terribleness of the breaking loose of the long pent-up fire of God's wrath,

and of the misery of destruction and separation from God's presence is too terrible to rightly apprehend or bear—it is true and certain. There hangs over the whole world, and over every soul, a dark cloud of the wrath of God, which will speedily break loose.

The danger is unexpected. In Egypt they were busy buying and selling, building and trading, living delicately and boasting about their power and wisdom, when in one night the whole land was plunged into the deepest sorrow. "And Pharaoh rose up that night, he and all his servants and all the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt." It was in Egypt, as in the days of the flood, and of Sodom and Gomorrah; in an hour when they thought not, the angel of destruction came. It will ever be so.

The devil lulls men to sleep by the business and enjoyments of this world: Death comes—unexpected. Judgment comes—unexpected. While one still puts off to a more convenient season; while another comforts himself with the assurance that he will yet sometime be delivered; while still others do not trouble themselves at all about these things—judgment ever draws nearer. It has happened more than once that a man has fallen asleep on the railway line; everything around him seemed restful and still; suddenly the express train came rushing on, and crushed him to death.

God's judgment draws near with incomprehensible rapidity and power. Because everything around you is quiet and safe and appears joyous, I beseech you, do not deceive yourselves. Judgment comes unexpectedly, and then—then it is too late. Believe this, I pray you, the danger is greater and nearer than you imagine; make haste to be delivered.

*"Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof. Let the field be joyful, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the wood rejoice before the LORD: for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth: he shall judge the world with righteousness, and the people with his truth." (Psalm 96:11-13).*

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## *The Redemption of the Isaac-sons*

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I believe the Anglo-Saxons are modern Israel for the same reason that I believe Jesus is Christ the Son of God. As Christ fulfilled the prophecies pronounced upon the Messiah, so the Anglo-Saxons have and are fulfilling the prophecies pronounced upon Ten-tribed Israel.

There are scores of prophecies pronounced upon Ten-tribed Israel which the Jews never have and never can fulfill. The discovery of the fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the descendants of the Israel people of the Bible has done a great deal to open up and demonstrate the truthfulness of the Scriptures. It also corroborates the fact that Jesus is God.

Christ died for the personal salvation of "whosoever will" and for the redemption, of Israel. For more than 1900 years the Gospel of Personal Salvation has been proclaimed. Christ has been taking out a people for His name.

The time has now come for the redemption of Israel. Israel is the name of God's earthly kingdom people now known as the Anglo-Saxons.

The word "Jew" does not appear in Bible history until II Kings 16:6, and that is about 1000 years later than the word "Israel" appears in the Scriptures. Abraham was no more a Jew than Adam was a Jew.

If Abraham was a Jew then the Arabians and the Turks are Jews. Ten-tribed Israel lost their name Israel about the same time the word "Jew" was given to a portion of Judah. Isaiah and Hosea prophesied that Ten-tribed Israel would be called by another name, namely Isaac-sons, as was also prophesied in Genesis 21:12. Israel means "he will rule with God." When both the ten tribed and two tribed Israel kingdoms backslide and were taken into captivity they were no longer worthy of the name "Israel."

The redemption, cleansing and restoration of the Anglo-Saxons and true Judah are clearly and repeatedly prophesied and promised in the Scriptures. In Psalm 25:22 David prays as follows: "Redeem Israel, O God, out of all his troubles." That prayer has not been answered yet. But thank God, it will be!

In Psalm 130:7, 8 we read the following: "Let Israel hope in the Lord: for with the Lord is mercy, and with him is

plenteous redemption. And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities." In other words, God shall redeem the Anglo-Saxons from all their iniquities.

In Ezekiel 36 we read, "Therefore say unto the house of Israel (not the Church), Thus saith the Lord God: I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went. And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them (the Church, which is the body of Christ has not profaned the Lord's name): and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.

"And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them. And ye shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people, and I will be your God. I will also save you from all your uncleannesses: and I will call for the corn, and will increase it, and lay no famine upon you."

In these verses God promises to sanctify and cleanse Israel from all their filthiness and from all their idols. God also promises to give Israel a new heart and a new spirit which will cause them to walk in His laws and statutes.

"Clean water" means clean doctrine. This task of cleansing the Anglo-Saxons is a super human task. Jesus repeatedly states in the Kingdom Parables of the Gospels that angels will be sent forth to cleanse God's kingdom people. We are also promised a mighty moving of the Holy Spirit at the closing of this age and the ushering in of the next age.

The great upheavals which we are now witnessing in every realm are the breaking up and removing of unscriptural systems and methods. God's judgments are judgments unto victory. God Almighty is going to let both Capital and Labor

find out that there is a God in whose hand their breath is.

When Labor and Capital turn to the Old Book and conform to its wise laws and statutes then our God will send peace and prosperity. You say, They never will; God says they will. Make no mistake about it, the Anglo-Saxons will pray. It may require much more judgment to break our pride and arrogance, but break we will. The days when a people can receive the blessings and benefits of God and at the same time blaspheme His Son and ignore His word is closing. Thank God, Jesus is not only the Lamb, He is also the Lion. He is not only the suffering Saviour; He is King of kings and Lord of lords. You may not think so now, but wait.

When this earth is moved exceedingly and reels to and fro like a drunkard we, the Anglo-Saxons, will find our place and gladly give God His place. I am not glad for calamities, but we may all rejoice in the fact that our God can handle this whole situation, and is anxiously waiting for us to seek His power and wisdom.

In the 37th verse of Ezekiel 36 we read, "Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them."

In Hosea 5:15 God speaks of Israel and says, "I will go and return to my place till they acknowledge their offence, and seek my face: in their affliction they will seek me early." This prophecy that the Anglo-Saxons will in their affliction seek God early is a source of great joy and comfort. Turning from God in the time of prosperity and turning to God in the time of judgment has always been a peculiar characteristic of Ten-tribed Israel, the Anglo-Saxons.

In Psalm 78:34, 35 we read, "When he slew them, then they sought him: and they returned and enquired early after God. And they remembered that God was their Rock, and the high God their redeemer." When the un-American elements are removed from our midst, as the Scriptures clearly teach they will be, it will not take us as a nation long to do as our forefathers did, namely, turn to God. This time the Anglo-Saxons will turn to God "for keeps." The amount of pressure that God will have to apply upon His earthly kingdom people depends upon how stubborn and ignorant we are.

The disciples, who heard the preaching and teaching of Christ, understood that the Messiah was to redeem Israel. In Luke 24:21 we read, "But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel." In this chapter Jesus expounded to these disciples the fact that it was first necessary for Him to suffer and die for the sin of the world and thus also accomplish the redemption of Israel. While the disciples understood and believed the Kingdom Truth of the cleansing and restoration of Israel, they did not understand the mystery of the Church and the Church Age. The Church Age is the period in which God would take out of all peoples, kindreds, and tongues a people for His name, that is, a people who will rule with the Christ over redeemed Israel. The disciples understood this after the Holy Spirit came.

In Acts 15:16, 18 we read, "After this (that is, after the Church Age) I will return, and will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen down; and I will build again the

ruins thereof, and I will set it up: That the residue of men might seek after the Lord, and all the Gentiles (tribes), upon whom my name is called, saith the Lord, who doeth all these things. Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world."

The Apostle Paul knew and taught the redemption of Israel. In Romans 11:26, 27 the Apostle wrote, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins." Keep in mind that Israel is the name of God's earthly kingdom people now called Isaac-sons or Saxons.

When God says that He is going to cleanse Israel that means Israel is going to be cleansed. God evidently intends to do a thorough work of cleansing, for in Ezekiel 39:7 we read, "So will I make my holy name known in the midst of my people Israel: and I will not let them pollute my holy name any more: and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, the Holy One in Israel."

In verse 29 we read, "Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord God." This generation needs not only to realize that God is angry and that His judgments are in the earth; this generation, especially Israel, needs to know that God stands ready to forgive and deliver as soon as we repent and pray.

In considering the redemption of Israel, which provides for the cleansing of Israel, keep in mind that being an Anglo-Saxon does not mean that a person will be permitted to enjoy and partake of the blessings and benefits in redeemed Israel.

In Matthew 8:11, 12 we read, "And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven (or the heavenly kingdom on earth). But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

In redeemed Israel every person who will not conform to and conduct himself according to the Word of God will be deported out of the Israel kingdom, then these verses relative to outer darkness will be literally fulfilled. "Outer darkness" is darkness outside the kingdom.

The expression "outer darkness" is found only three times in the Bible, and only in the Gospel of Matthew, and always in connection with a kingdom parable. According to the kingdom parables, the deportation of un-Constitutional aliens is scriptural and righteous. Since the Anglo-Saxons are Israel, we will eventually deport un-American elements. Even after the 1000 years' reign of Christ, Gog and Magog come up in rebellion against the Lord and His earthly people Israel. It may be that the descendants of these enemies of our God and country will be among those gathered by Satan in Revelation 20:7, 9.

Since being an Israelite does not even guarantee to a person a part or place in God's coming earthly kingdom, surely no one is so foolish as to think that being an Israelite

gives him a place in the glorious body of Christ called the Church. Only those are Christians and truly members of the Church of Jesus Christ who have been born again or regenerated by the Spirit of God. "Marvel not that I (Jesus) said unto thee, Ye must be born again."

On the day of Pentecost Peter preached a sermon which resulted in the conversion of 3,000 souls. Since the Apostle Peter did not realize that there was to be a Gospel of Personal Salvation for "whosoever will" regardless of race until God by a special revelation directed him to the house of Cornelius, as recorded in Acts 10, we are not surprised to find that Peter's sermon on the day of Pentecost dealt primarily with the Gospel of the Kingdom (or the restitution of the Israel people). The Apostle tells of the signs which will precede that great and notable day of the Lord. He closes by saying, "Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made that same Jesus, whom ye have crucified, both Lord and Christ."

In the next chapter, Acts 3, we read of the lame man being healed through the prayer and faith of Peter and John. This brought the people together in the porch called Solomon's, where the Apostle Peter spoke to them again.

Among other things Peter said, "Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord . . . For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you. And it shall come to pass, that every soul, which will not hear that prophet, shall be destroyed from among the people . . . Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities."

This is a discussion on the Gospel of the Kingdom. The Apostle Peter quotes from the writings of Moses to show that there is coming a time when every soul "which will not hear that prophet (namely, the Christ) shall be destroyed (or extirpated, which in the Greek means to remove) from among the people." What people? God's earthly servant Kingdom people, the Anglo-Saxons.

The Church Age has continued for more than 1900 years during which time multitudes among the Anglo-Israel people have paid no attention to the Word or the will of God. This, according to Bible Prophecy and the Covenants of God, will soon be impossible.

When the Kingdom Age (which all students of Bible prophecy believe will follow the Church Age) is ushered in, all from the least to the greatest among the Anglo-Saxons must conform their lives to the national laws and statutes of God or be removed from among this people

This removal does not mean physical death, it means physical deportation for those who object to our Constitutional Republic, which is patterned after God's national laws and the principles laid down by our Lord, the Christ of God.

Although it is clearly and repeatedly stated in the

Scriptures, it seems very difficult for even many Christians to realize that the Christ died for the redemption of the Anglo-Israel people as well as the personal salvation of "whosoever will" in the whole world. National redemption provides that the Anglo Israel people will be purged, cleansed and restored to a national setup which is in harmony with God's requirements for His earthly Kingdom people.

Let me read that which Zacharias when filled with the Holy Ghost said national redemption provided. We shall read from the first chapter of Luke:

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, . . . That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; . . . That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life (our life here on earth, not in heaven).

"And thou, child (John the Baptist), shall be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his way."

In this scripture we learn that because Christ died for the redemption of Israel, the Anglo-Israel people will some day—perhaps sooner than most people think, be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all that hate us, and be able to live without fear in righteousness all the days of our life.

As we would expect, the Apostle Paul writes considerably concerning the redemption of the Isaac-sons. In Galatians 4:4, 5 we read the following,

"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law . . ."

If redemption, as Paul states, is for them that were under the law then redemption is for the Anglo-Israel people for they alone were under the law. They were the only people to whom God gave the law. Thus we understand why Peter even after Pentecost had to have a special commission and vision from God before he could be persuaded to go and preach personal salvation to Cornelius who was a Roman.

It is only as we understand the Gospel of the Kingdom (or the message of national redemption) that we understand why the other apostles and brethren contended with Peter when they heard he had preached salvation to the uncircumcised. The early followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, including his eleven disciples, at first comprehended only the Gospel of the Kingdom (or the redemption of the Israel people now called Saxons or Isaac-sons).

We today have gone to the other extreme. Most Christians today seem unable to comprehend the fact and the significance of national redemption which Jesus preached and which He called "This Gospel of the Kingdom." He also said this Gospel of the Kingdom would be preached as a witness to all the Israel nations before the end of this age.

In the third chapter of Zephaniah we find a very timely prophecy as to what will befall God's dispersed beyond the rivers of Ethiopia (or Africa). The land beyond the rivers of Ethiopia is none other than the United States of America.

We shall read a few verses from Zephaniah 3: "From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughter of my dispersed (the Anglo-Saxons are the dispersed of Israel), shall bring mine offering. In that day shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doing, wherein thou hast transgressed against me (We certainly will be ashamed of our unscriptural and impractical policies): for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride (or them that take advantage of human pride to lead men away from the Christ), and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain . . . The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies (or lying propaganda which is a greater evil than any of us realize); neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid."

In verse 15 we read, "The Lord hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more."

The 15th verse says God shall take away "thy judgments." The word "judgment" is defined as meaning verdict, statutory, or customary or even a style. It has to do with crime and penalty, rights, and privileges. So in other words Zephaniah foretells that God will cleanse our jurisprudence and make it to conform to the righteous judgments of God.

This verse also states that God will "cast out thine enemy." This would indicate that there are those who do not love our Constitutional Republic, and that as stated in many other scriptures, these enemies will be cast out as the Anglo-Saxons are prepared and cleansed for the Kingdom Reign of the Lord Jesus Christ.

When will all this come to pass? No man knows the day nor the hour, but in verse 8 of Zephaniah 3 we read:

"Therefore wait ye upon me, saith the Lord, until the day that I rise up to the prey: for my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon

them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger: for all the earth shall be devoured (or purged) with the fire of my jealousy."

In the 21st chapter of Luke Jesus gave us the following signs as to when this age would end. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring." There have been many signs in the sun, moon and stars causing floods and droughts. As for "distress of nations," the world has had nothing except distresses.

Now note what the Lord says in verse 28: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh." Jesus did not say when ye see these things begin to come to pass to look around for some place to hide lest the forces of some great Anti-Christ destroy you as he takes over world ruler ship. No, Jesus said, "Look up, and lift up your head; for your redemption draweth nigh." Redemption as used here does not mean the rapture of the church, it means the restoration, the cleansing, and the deliverance of the Anglo-Israel people from all our enemies and all that hate us. It means a purging from among us of all who will not heed the Great Prophet of whom Moses wrote. The fact that national redemption is for the Anglo-Israel people is definitely and clearly a Bible doctrine. It is also a truth which must be given full recognition if we are to understand and appreciate developments which will shortly come to pass among the Anglo Israel people.

According to Jeremiah 16 the redemption and deliverance which God accomplished for the Israel people when He brought them out of Egypt will seem small and will almost be forgotten after the Anglo Israel people experience the deliverance and cleansing which God has promised and purposed for them in the closing of the Church Age and at the opening of the Kingdom Age. David said, "Thou (God) hast confirmed to thyself thy people Israel to be a people unto thee for ever: and thou Lord art become their God."

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## The Sin of the Good People of America

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We have in America today one of the strangest paradoxes in all history. We have millions of good people fighting God's program and purpose with all their might and main. While on the other hand we find that God is using evil men with wicked and destructive purposes to accomplish that which must be done before God's will can be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The unprecedented trouble and confusion which has befallen Americans can be accounted for in one word—ignorance. The good people of America are too ignorant of God's Holy Word to realize that we are in a transition period and that the Old Order must be removed. Since the good people, including the clergy, do not realize this and are consequently unable to provide intelligent leadership in this the greatest exodus of all history, it has become necessary for Almighty God to use the Communists and the Internationalists, many of which have no love for either God or America, to shake and break the old ideas which have made it impossible for this generation to enter their Promised Land. Since we are too ignorant of God's Word, especially the Old Scriptures which the Apostle Paul said were written particularly for our day, to be lead and directed as intelligent human beings we must, as we now are, be driven as dumb cattle are driven.

We as clergymen have failed our generation not by what we have said and done but by that which we have NOT said or done. For instance, if the clergymen of America had preached God's economic statutes as found in the Word of God there would never have been any Communism in America.

There are those who are presenting themselves to us as leaders who know nothing of their identity nor the God-appointed destiny of America. Neither are they familiar with God's national laws which made this nation great. How in the name of common sense could anyone who is absolutely ignorant of your blueprint and what is more, unable and unwilling to read your blueprint, direct the building of your house. No amount of sincere or hard work could be substituted for a working knowledge and under-

standing of the blueprint. Many of these good, sincere, and loyal Americans imagine they are too busy preserving the Old Order to study God's blueprint. These good people are to be pitied, for they do not know that much of the Old Order which they are risking their lives to defend must, according to the more sure word of prophecy, be eliminated.

For this reason, God is allowing the Communists and other "isms" to carry on their destructive work. They are serving as God's wrecking crew. This does not mean that good, loyal Americans should approve of Communism or any other unscriptural system. But the good people of America must realize that God has a plan and a purpose for America, and that that plan and purpose is clearly revealed in the Bible. Those who will not learn this through their heads will learn it through their noses. The so-called good old days, which were good for a few, are gone forever. Those who fight to restore the Old Order of free enterprise, which was only free to the rich, and rugged individualism, which resulted in millions of ragged individuals, will find themselves fighting against Almighty God.

In Psalm 17, David cries to God for deliverance from his enemies. Verses 13 and 14 read, "Arise, O Lord, disappoint him, Cast him down: deliver my soul from the wicked which is thy sword: From men which are thy hand . . ."

How many of our good loyal Americans are, like David, crying to God for deliverance from our enemies which destroy our Constitutional Republic! How many good loyal Americans are there who realize that wicked men and unscrupulous rulers is God's sword? If they did, would they not attempt to eliminate the sins and evils for which God is sending the sword and the rod upon our nations? There are those who seem to imagine they can wrest the sword and the rod out of God's hand and continue in what they term "the good old days."

"The good old days" are gone forever! They were not good enough for God's New Order. Since we did not have sufficient faith and Bible knowledge to forsake the so-called good old days and order, God is compelled to force us to do so by allowing wicked desolators to spoil and rob us. It is

the good people of America God is dealing with at the present time. When the good and loyal people of America have had enough hardship and disappointment, they will begin to realize that "the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth over it the basest of men." (Daniel 4:17).

God sets wicked and oppressive rulers over His earthly kingdom people, the Anglo-Saxons, each time they forsake and forget God and His Word. The 28th chapter of Deuteronomy is as much in effect today as the law of gravity is in effect today. The blessings and the curses of this chapter are as much for us today as they were for our forefathers in the days of Moses or David. We shall read a few verses from the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy:

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice (word) of the LORD thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice (word) of the LORD thy God. . . . The LORD shall command the blessing upon thee in thy storehouses, and in all that thou settest thine hand unto; and he shall bless thee in the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee. . . . And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the LORD; and they shall be afraid of thee . . . But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee: Cursed shalt thou be in the city and cursed shalt thou be in the field. Cursed shall be thy basket and thy store. Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep. Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out . . . The LORD shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one way against, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth. . . . Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but thou shalt not enjoy them; for they shall go into captivity, . . . The stranger that is within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. . . . Because thou servedst not the LORD thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, for the abundance of all things; Therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies which the LORD shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed (desolated) thee."

There is not a word in this 28th chapter of Deuteronomy concerning personal salvation or heaven. It all deals with the condition for national peace, prosperity, victory and security.

It is true there are a goodly number of public men who speak of Christian principles and who refer to Christ and the

Bible, but these good and sincere men are woefully ignorant of the national message of the Bible and the God appointed destiny for the Anglo-Saxon people as revealed in Bible prophecy. These good men are too ignorant of God's plan and purpose for today to be of much real positive service to either their God or their country.

In Isaiah 42:24-25 we find the following timely and significant question and answer: "Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel (now known as Anglo-Saxons) to the robbers? Did not the LORD, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law. Therefore he hath poured upon him the fury of his anger, and the strength of battle: and it hath set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart."

We have been spoiled and robbed by the internationalists and the money changers. We have had and are now having the fury of battle poured upon us. Yet the good people of America do not have sufficient knowledge relative to their identity and destiny to realize that Almighty God has reasons for all this which has befallen us. It is not enough to fight communism and internationalism and other "isms." We must discover why God has allowed these evils to distress us. The answer is found in the prophecy we read, "for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law."

The law? Yes, the law of Almighty God. Millions of good Americans, and even Christians, believe the laws of God were intended only for those who lived before Calvary. While it is true that the Christ put away the laws or ordinances pertaining to the sacrificing of animals, the Christ most certainly did not cancel God's national laws.

Speaking of God's national laws in Matthew 5:17,18 Jesus said, "Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law till all be fulfilled." Jesus not only did not cancel God's national law, He confirmed them and said they would be fulfilled and would be put into operation here on earth.

We have now come to the time when according to Bible prophecy God's national laws must rule the Anglo, Israel people. Due to our national ignorance of this fact and due to our ignorance and disregard for the national laws recorded in the Bible Hosea prophesied, "My people (the so-called Christian nations) are destroyed (or being desolated) for the lack of knowledge." In the same verse, Hosea 4: 6, we also read, "Because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest (preacher) to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children."

If the clergy of the Anglo-Saxon nations would preach and teach the national message of the Bible as well as the personal message, if they would proclaim the laws of God as well as the grace of God, this generation would not need to

be desolated for the lack of knowledge. Millions of good Americans pay little or no attention to the Church or Clergy. They have said, "the Church has nothing for them," which is largely true. The average clergyman has neither the necessary knowledge, of God's national laws nor the necessary faith in God to deal with national issues in the light of God's national message.

Jeremiah 23:18,22. "For who hath stood in the counsel of the LORD, and hath perceived and heard his word? who hath marked his word and heard it? (There are many things a preacher does not have to know, but he must know the LORD's counsel. He must hear, mark, and perceive the word of God if he is to minister the WORD and COUNSEL of God.) Behold, a whirlwind of the LORD is gone forth in fury, even a grievous whirlwind; (war and world judgment) it shall fall grievously upon the head of the wicked. The anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the thoughts of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it perfectly. I have not sent these prophets (preachers) yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. (Note carefully the following verse.) But if they had stood in my counsel, and had caused my people to hear my word, then they should have turned them from their evil ways, and from the evil of their doings."

It is very evident from this and other scriptures that it is the failure of the clergy to preach the full counsel of God that is responsible for the state of affairs as it exists today. As clergymen we may attempt to excuse ourselves by saying, that the people would not listen to God's national message. The truth is the people have not heard God's national message, and God said if they had they would have turned from their evil ways. I repeat, if the clergy of America had preached God's economic statutes there would not have been any money panics nor depressions, which in turn make fertile soil for Communism and all sorts of evil "isms."



## The Greatest Discovery of the Century

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If the little known knowledge and fact that the Anglo-Saxons are the descendants of ten-tribed Israel becomes general knowledge, it would be the most important event in this century. We shall use the same procedure to prove that the Anglo-Saxons are Israel as we do when we prove that Jesus is the Christ, namely Bible prophecy and its fulfillment.

In the 48th chapter of Genesis God inspired Jacob to prophesy that Manasseh, Joseph's oldest son, would become a great nation and that Ephraim, Joseph's youngest son, would become a company of nations.

In order to see the great significance and find the

remarkable fulfillment of the 48th and 49th chapters of Genesis, it is very necessary that we keep in mind the fact that the last days as spoken of in the Scripture refer to the time between the first and the second coming of the Christ. Jacob did not say he would tell his sons in the 48th chapter of Genesis what would befall them in their personal last days, but what would befall their descendants in the period known as the last days.

In Acts 2 the Apostle Peter speaking on the day of Pentecost said, "This is that which the Prophet Joel said would come to pass in the last days." In other words, the last days or the last age began in the days of Peter.

In Hebrew. 9:26 we read, "Christ hath appeared now in the end of the age (that is in the last or ending age) to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

And in Hebrews 1:1, 2 we read, "God . . . hath in these last days spoken to us by his Son . . ." Thus we learn that the period known as the last days began with the first coming of the Christ. However, the Scriptures also speak of the last days as the closing days of this age. In each case the context makes plain which period is meant.

About 200 years after the death of Jacob, Moses in Leviticus 26 warned the descendants of the twelve sons of Jacob, including the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, that if they did not walk in the laws and statutes of God, God would punish them for a period of seven times. In the Book of the Revelation, we learn that three and one-half times equals 1260 years. Therefore, and for other reasons, we know that seven-times equals 2520 years. With Genesis 48 and 49 and Leviticus 26 in mind, we shall trace Ephraim and Manasseh and see if God fulfilled His promises to these two sons of Joseph.

Five hundred years after the death of Moses the descendants of Jacob separated and became two kingdoms. This is recorded in I Kings chapters 11 and 12, two very important chapters if you desire to understand Bible history and Bible prophecy. Both the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh joined in the rebellion of ten-tribed Israel against the House of David. As nearly everyone knows, both ten-tribed Israel and the Judah kingdom finally turned their backs on God and became subject to the 2520 years of punishment spoken of in Leviticus 26.

According to I Chronicles 5:25 and 26 the King of Assyria carried the tribe of Manasseh with two other tribes into the Assyrian captivity in 741 B.C. Twenty years later, 721 B. C. according to II Kings 17, the tribe of Ephraim was also taken into the Assyrian captivity. This date is the beginning of the seven times of punishment for Ephraim. 2520 years from the time that Ephraim's punishment began brings us to 1800 A.D. Ephraim, you remember was prophesied to become a company of nations, and certainly no one is so foolish to imagine that that promise was fulfilled to Ephraim while he was still on his little plot in Palestine.

Strange as it may seem, in 1800 A.D. England, Scotland,

and Ireland, who were all Anglo-Saxon people, united forming the only company of nations in all history. 2520 years from the time that Manasseh's punishment began brings us to 1780 A.D. Manasseh, you remember, was prophesied to become a great nation, and certainly no one is so foolish as to imagine that Manasseh, which was always divided into two parts while in Palestine and one of the smallest tribes, was a great nation on its plots in Palestine. In 1780 A.D. the greatest nation of all history was beginning to be formed, namely the United States of America.

Manasseh was the 13th tribe, originally there were 12 tribes, but in Joshua 14:4 we read, "... the children of Joseph were two tribes, Ephraim and Manasseh." Manasseh became the thirteenth tribe or the last tribe because in Genesis 49:20 we learn that Jacob set Ephraim before Manasseh. For this reason a great number of students of history and prophecy see significance in the fact that the number thirteen is conspicuously stamped upon the emblems of the United States, and also in our history.

There were thirteen colonies, later thirteen states, and thirteen stripes in Old Glory. There are thirteen thirteens on the United States' seal—six on the obverse side and seven on the reverse side. Below the thirteen stars on the obverse side of our seal we read, "E PLURIBUS UNUM." It has thirteen letters and means "one out of many," that is one out of many tribes. The reverse side of our seal has the pyramid with thirteen layers of stone. Above the pyramid is the all-seeing eye of God.

In Genesis 37 we read that while a boy Joseph dreamed a dream in which he saw thirteen heavenly bodies, and if the United States is Manasseh as we believe, then there is an indication that God intended the number thirteen to indicate that He rules in the affairs of men and nations on earth. In the first World War our first troops sailed on the 13th of June. They sailed in thirteen ships. It took them thirteen days to cross the ocean. On September 13th, John J. Pershing, on his

own birthday, won his greatest victory. If a sparrow does not fall to the ground without the knowledge of God, do you suppose that God has nothing to do with these great and important things in a nation, such as its seal and its warfare?

Ephraim, that is England, not only received the promise of becoming a great company of nations, Ephraim also received the birthright, that is the right or the mandates to Palestine. In I Chronicles 5 we read that the birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph thus making United States co-heir to the birthright.

Exactly 2520 years after Palestine had been taken away from both the Israel and the Judah kingdoms, the British (covenant man) took Jerusalem in 1918 as Isaiah had prophesied more than 2000 years ago. This historical event not only demonstrates the faithfulness of our God; it also proves that England is Ephraim.

In view of the promises and the covenants God has made to Israel, including Ephraim and Manasseh, it is an insult to God to ask, "What difference does it make who Israel is?" If it is not necessary and not important to find ten-tribed Israel then it is not necessary and it is not important to believe the Word of God. While personal salvation is of greatest importance, there are many people who have been unable to have faith for personal salvation because they were unable to see how the prophecies pronounced upon Israel have been fulfilled by the Jews.

## Commit thy Works Unto the Lord

Never mind where you work, care more how you work; never mind who sees if God approves. If He smiles, be content. We cannot always be sure when we are most useful. You have less to do with being successful than with being faithful. Your main comfort is that in your labour you are not alone, for God, the Eternal One is with you.

—Spurgeon

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## Our Nation in Prophecy

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It would indeed be strange if the United States, the greatest single Christian nation (not a nation of Christians but officially a Christian nation) was not spoken of in Bible prophecy. As we would expect, much space is given to the United States in prophetic Scripture, and holy men of old foresaw the birth and destiny of our great nation.

We believe the United States is Manasseh, the thirteenth tribe of Israel for the same reason that we believe Jesus is the Christ of God. Manasseh was promised and prophesied to do and be that which the United States has done and been. Manasseh was the first born of Joseph. Joseph was one of the twelve sons of Jacob. In Genesis 48:19 Jacob promised that the one tribe of Manasseh would become a great people. In Genesis 49:20-27 Jacob prophesied that Joseph's branches or tribes would cross the waters and the wall, meaning barriers and obstacles and prosper greatly. According to the 48th chapter of Genesis, Jacob had adopted the two sons of Joseph whom he blessed in the 49th chapter, stating that these two tribes would have wealth and prosperity in abundance. It is important that we remember that this according to Genesis 49:1 was to come to pass upon the two tribes of Joseph in the period known as the last days which extends from the first to the second coming of the Christ.

According to the 1st chapter in the book of Numbers, the tribe of Manasseh was the smallest tribe in Israel at the time of the Exodus. It is interesting to note that according to the 17th chapter of Joshua Ephraim and Manasseh spoke of themselves as a great people using the same expression which Jacob had used in his prophecy upon them 245 years before. God, as we shall see, had something a thousand times greater in mind for Ephraim and Manasseh than either one of them could possibly be, while on their little plots in Palestine.

When the Assyrians came to take Israel into the Assyrian captivity, the tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the one-half tribe of Manasseh were the first to be taken because they lived on the east side of Jordan. See I Chronicles 5:26.

Later as we read in II Kings 17:6 the other seven and

one-half tribes, the one-half tribe being of Manasseh, who lived west of the river Jordan, were also deported by the Assyrians and placed in the region between the Black and the Caspian Seas.

With this knowledge as to what happened to Manasseh from the time of his birth until 700 years before the birth of Christ, we shall go back and consider Genesis 48:19 where we read, "And his father (that is Jacob) . . . said . . . he (that is Manasseh) shall also become a people, and he also shall be great." Again I remind you that according to Genesis 49:1 Jacob spoke of what would come to pass in the last days or the last age commonly known as the Church Age. Genesis 49:1 says, "And Jacob called unto his sons and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days (note in the last days)."

It is very evident that Jacob did not mean that which would befall them in the last days of their individual lives but rather that which should befall their descendants or their tribes in the period in history known as the last days, or last age, which is the present age. Christ was to come from Judah, but that didn't happen in Judah's lifetime. When Jacob foretold that which would befall Joseph's sons, he said, "Joseph, a fruitful bough . . . by a well (or waters); whose branches (descendants) ran over the wall. The archers (the Hessians during the Revolutionary War) have sorely grieved him, and shot at him . . . but his bow abode in strength."

In Deuteronomy 33:17 Moses prophesied the following upon Joseph's descendants, "His glory is like the firstling of his bullock (that's Ephraim whom we have nicknamed Johnny Bull) and his horns are like the horns of unicorns (the unicorn is on the British coat of arms) with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: they are the ten-thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh." Thirty thousand pilgrims left England between 1620 and 1650. This branch came to America and separated from England as prophesied in Isaiah 49:20. Since then England and the United States have been pushing back various people all over the earth, as the

Indians were pushed back in our own nation, as Moses foretold. In addition to prophesying that Ephraim and Manasseh would be pioneers and would organize to the ends of the earth during the last age, Moses in Deuteronomy 33, verses 13 to 16, states that Joseph's two tribes were to be blessed with the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof. In other words, as Jacob had prophesied, these two tribes were to have an abundance of wealth and be rich in natural resources and in all the good things of life.

In Genesis 49:25 Jacob said, "Even by the God of thy fathers, who shall help thee; . . . who shall bless thee with the blessings of heaven above (that is spiritual light and truth and the freedom of worship as established by the founders of this nation) blessings of the deep that lieth under (that refers to natural resources: coal, mineral, oil, etc., of which the United States and Great Britain have possessed one-half of the world's supply)."

If the United States is the great people God said Manasseh would become, then we ought to find this people referred to by the prophets, and so we do. Isaiah devotes the whole of the 18th chapter of his book to this people which we shall consider, "Woe, (or more correctly, ho, a word of greeting) to the land shadowing with wings (that is a land that protects or covers, a land of refuge for the oppressed) which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia (the land beyond the rivers of Ethiopia is the land now called the United States).

In verse 2 Isaiah describes this people and their land. "That sendeth ambassadors (or soldiers) by the sea even in vessels of bulrushes upon the waters (or vessels driven by water as one translation reads which we call steamships) saying, Go, ye swift messengers, (the first American expeditionary force crossed the Atlantic in thirteen days, now they are even much swifter)." Isaiah continues, ". . . A nation scattered and peeled (or outspread and polished as we read in the margin, referring perhaps to the fact that this was the first great army in which every man was clean shaven and the tallest army on record)."

Again we quote Isaiah, ". . . A people terrible from their beginning hitherto." This nation was so terrible, it defeated the greatest empire, England, the Ephraim branch of Joseph, while it was still in its fancy in the Revolutionary War. Isaiah gives two more identification marks on this land which we believe is the United States, "A nation meted out and trodden down, (or as we read in the margin, a nation that meteth out and treadeth out)." This is a description of our method of surveying our land. We were the first people to measure off our land by meting and treading it out. Another mark, "Whose land the rivers have spoiled (or divided)." By looking at the map of the United States you will note how the rivers cross our nation, north, south, east, and west.

In verse 3 of Isaiah 18 the Prophet writes, "All ye in habitants of the world, . . . see ye, . . . and when he bloweth the trumpet, hear ye." The trumpet is the symbol of war and when this nation declared war, it involved the whole world.

Verses 5 and 6 are very important and encouraging. They apparently refer to the great purging and cleansing which will come to the United States as a result of the present time of world judgment. In Matthew 13:39 Jesus said, "The harvest is the end of the world." With this in mind, note verse 5 of Isaiah 18, "For afore (or before) the harvest, . . . he (that is this people terrible from their beginning) shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning hooks, and take away and cut down the branches." The word "sprigs" and "branches" in this verse according to the Hebrew means "worthless offshoots" or "prodigals" or "tares" as they are called in Matthew 13:38.

Now note verse 6 of Isaiah 18, "They (that is the sprigs and the branches) shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains and the beasts of the earth (fowls and beasts in the scripture symbolize evil and destructive forces and heathen nations) shall summer upon them (that is devour them) and . . . shall winter upon them." To winter upon them is defined in Hebrew as meaning to pull off and expose. This prophecy given by Isaiah is in harmony with other scriptures which clearly reveal that as a result of the tribulation the Anglo-Saxon nations are now passing through a cleansing and purging of anti-Christian and un-American activities will come upon this people. The last verse in this remarkable 18th chapter of Isaiah is very comforting. It reads as follows, "In that time (that is when the sprigs or rebels are cut off) shall the present (note the present) be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people . . . terrible from their beginning hitherto (namely the United States) a nation . . . whose land the rivers have divided to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the mount Zion." Zion in scripture means scriptural or constitutional government. The word "present" is defined as meaning to equalize, to adjust, or to yield. Thank God for this wonderful revelation. According to God's more sure word of prophecy this great people whom God has blessed above and beyond all other people will be equalized. They will reestablish under God a stronger and purer constitutional form of government which is the only scriptural form of government. This people will yield to the Word and Will of God and be adjusted to His glorious plan. God's Will will be done on earth as it is in heaven. God's judgments are judgments unto victory. The cleansing of the Anglo-Saxons, God's kingdom people, is now upon us. Everything unscriptural and unconstitutional will be shaken to pieces and removed together with those who have other ideas of government and rule, whether they be warlords or money-lords.

Religion is the tie that binds  
Man to his Creator.  
If that tie be broken, he floats away  
A worthless atom in the universe,  
His whole future darkness, desolation  
and death.

—Daniel Webster

# Doth this Offend You?

By C. O. Stadsklev

“From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life” (John 6:66–68).

In the above passage we read that some of the disciples were offended and when they called Christ's attention to this He said, “Will ye also go away?” Two questions arise here: what was it that offended these disciples and why did the Christ speak the way He did? Let us go back in this same chapter and begin reading at verse 48:

“I am that bread of life. Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead. This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.”

Before we read further, let me call your attention to two things. First, in John 1:1 we read, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” The reason these people were offended was because they were not sufficiently familiar with the Scriptures to understand what the Lord was saying to them. In this same chapter we read in verse 14, “And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.” This is the first thing we must keep in mind—that Christ is the Word and the Word is Christ.

Another thing we must keep in mind, which is apparently something the disciples did not do, is in Leviticus 17:11. “For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.” The disciples understood Christ's use of the words flesh and blood in the literal sense which is wrong. However, the Christ must have had a very good reason for using such terminology.

Let us turn back to John 6:53 and read it using another word for “flesh” and “blood” which will show us what Christ meant. “Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the (Word) of the Son of man, and drink his (Spirit), ye have no life in you.” When you read and understand the scriptures in this way there is nothing that would offend anyone, let alone a disciple. Then he states, “Whoso eateth my (Word), and drinketh my (Spirit), hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my (Word) is meat indeed, and my (Spirit) is drink indeed. He that eateth my (Word), and drinketh my (Spirit), dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever.”

This is plain, simple gospel. You eat the Word and you

receive Christ's Spirit.

“These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? “When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you?”

All down through history and the Old and the New Scriptures there is one thing above everything else that offends the natural man and that is the fact that “ye must be born again.” Churches today are filled with people who sincerely believe that they are followers of Christ but they have never been born again.

Why didn't Christ explain and clarify his use of the words “my flesh” and “my blood”? Apparently He had to shock the disciples in order to establish the truth and the reality of the word and the Holy Spirit.

“It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.” Christ was setting forth the basic doctrine of the Christian faith and that is: “ye must be born again.”

Let us turn to Luke 6:46 where we read, “And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?” All through His ministry, especially here in the gospel of John, Christ tried to wean these disciples from the physical to the spiritual. He is trying to get them to step over and out of the soulish and material into the spiritual. If they are going to do that their emphasis would have to be on the Word.

We have an example of this in Peter. Before Pentecost, Peter was loyal and faithful, a diligent follower of the man Jesus. But he broke down. Why? He broke down because he had not transferred this loyalty and devotion to the Word. He was still a follower of Jesus the man when Christ tried to tell Peter that He had to be crucified, and about the things that had to happen. Peter failed because he did not take hold of the Word. After Pentecost, in the book of Acts, Peter's emphasis was not on the physical man Jesus, but his loyalty was to the Word. There are a great host of people today who think that they are disciples of Christ but their loyalty is to Jesus the man and not to the Word.

Verse 47: “Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock . . .” The foundation is the Word of God and apart from the Word of God you cannot prove the deity of Christ.

“But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth . . .”

In Matthew 13:18 we have the kingdom parable of the sower. Hear ye therefore the parable of the sower: When any one heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the wicked one, and catcheth away that which was sown in his heart. This is he which received seed by the way side.” That was the trouble in John 6. They were offended because they did not and could not give a spiritual application and interpretation to the scripture.

“But he that received the seed into stony places, the same is he that heareth the word, and anon with joy receiveth it.”

I am convinced beyond any doubt that there are a great number of people in the Israel movement including pastors who have never gone beyond the man Jesus. In other words, they have never been born again. I say this because people that have been quickened and regenerated by the Word and Spirit of God would never take the position that many in the Israel movement are taking. They hear the identity message and that the Anglo-Saxons are Israel and accept that as tremendous news about themselves, therefore getting a certain amount of soulish comfort and satisfaction. I believe many have substituted this for true regeneration and rebirth.

Unless these things are made plain and brought out to our young people, they too will grow up following Jesus the man and not the Word. Anyone can learn to act like a Christian, talk like a Christian and even pray like a Christian. A truly born again Christian will take a militant stand on the doctrine of personal salvation.

Verse 21: “Yet hath he not root in himself . . .” in other words, the Word did not enter the inner man to do its transforming and regenerating work. It was a soulish and counterfeit experience. “. . . by and by he is offended.” Some Israel believers that have been offended at my challenge and my rebuke in regards to this heresy—and because of that I question their salvation. Actually, I am doing them a favor by calling their attention to this. It is one thing to know you must be born again, but it is something else to imagine you have been born again and come to the judgment seat in your own righteousness.

We turn back to John 6:26: “Jesus answered them and said, Verily, verily, I say unto you . . .” When Christ says, “Verily, verily,” it is because He is disturbed and what He is about to say is emphatic. “. . . Ye seek me, not because ye saw the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and

were filled.” Christ knew His followers and why they followed Him, and He tried constantly to turn them to the Word. “Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life, which the Son of man shall give unto you . . .”

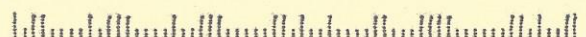
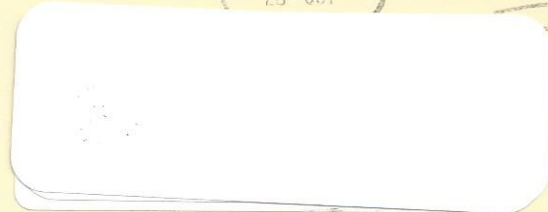
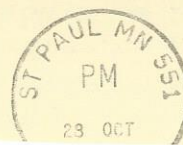
John 8:31. “Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, if ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.”

John 14:23 and 24. “Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words . . .” The word “keep” in the Greek means a fortress or a full military line of apparatus. Christ was saying, “If a man love me, he will be militant (an activist) for my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. He that loveth me not keepeth not my sayings: and the word which ye hear is not mine . . .”

John 15:18. Here Christ refers to something which is quite revealing. “If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you.” Why did the world hate Christ? It was because of the Word. Anytime anyone in Bible history has stood for the Word they have been hated. And most of the hatred comes from the religious world. It was the religious world that put Christ to death and put 80 million martyrs to death. What was the issue? It was the same as the issue is today—how are we saved? Or personal salvation through the Word and the Spirit.

Verses 19 and 20: “If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you.” Take a firm, uncompromising stand on the Word and you will discover and experience a strange hatred from Christians who are neutral on God’s Word. “Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep yours also.”

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## The Elements Shall Melt

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As we study what the Scriptures teach concerning the cleansing of the earth by fire we shall consider the 3rd chapter of II Peter and verses 10-13, remembering that as Peter wrote in chapter 1, verse 20, "no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation." That means that no single or isolated prophecy must be taken as a complete scriptural prophecy concerning any given matter.

Peter's prophecy relative to the cleansing of the earth by fire must be compared with and interpreted in the light of other Bible prophecy that deals with the cleansing of the earth by fire. Peter wrote concerning this matter under the direct inspiration of the Holy Spirit and a good understanding of what holy men of old had written concerning this same subject.

Those who give a private interpretation to verse 10 of II Peter 3 teach that the physical earth and everything in it will be burned up. However, this is clearly not the teaching of Bible prophecy as is evident from verse 13 of II Peter 3. Peter wrote,

"But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up. Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

As we analyze what Peter wrote in this passage we find that he foretold what modern science teaches today, and what has been demonstrated by the splitting of the atom and nuclear fission.

Science teaches that there are a limited number of basic elements and that various combinations of these basic elements constitute the physical universe. To a great extent

storms, sickness, disease, disorder and upheaval result from a wrong and improper combination of elements.

If this is true, Peter's teaching that God would cleanse the earth and fill the universe with harmony and order by dissolving the present arrangements and combinations of elements become a startling scientific revelation.

Prior to our time II Peter 3:10-13 was a very difficult passage to understand and interpret correctly, and it is not strange that some taught that this world is to be literally burned. But as we have seen, Peter's prophecy must be interpreted in the light of other similar prophecy.

In view of the fact that King David's entire life was devoted to the administration of God's civil laws, and since King David was constantly harassed and threatened by those who despised and defied God's civil laws, it is not strange that David was inspired to write extensively concerning the cleansing of the earth by fire.

In Psalm 11:5, 6 David wrote,

"The Lord trieth the righteous, but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. Upon the wicked he shall rain snares, fire and brimstone, and an horrible tempest: this shall be the portion of their cup."

David identifies the wicked upon whom God in some future time would rain fire and brimstone as men of violence. Communists are not ordinary sinful men. They are wicked men who love violence.

Psalm 18 gives a tremendous revelation of the end time when God destroys the wicked from off the face of the earth. This vision was given to King David at a time when he had cried to God for deliverance from the flood of ungodly men that compassed him constantly, attempting to subvert and corrupt his administration.

David's prayer is recorded in verses 3 through 6 of Psalm 18. His vision of some future time when God would destroy these ungodly men is given in verses 7 through 15, which read as follows:

"Then the earth shook and trembled; the foundations also of the hills were moved and were shaken, because he was wroth. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, and

fire out of his mouth devoured: coals were kindled by it.

“He bowed the heavens also, and came down: and darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly: yea, he did fly upon the wings of the wind. He made darkness his secret place; his pavilion round about him were dark waters and thick clouds of the skies.

“At the brightness that was before him his thick clouds passed, hail stones and coals of fire. The Lord also thundered in the heavens, and the Highest gave his voice; hail stones and coals of fire.

“Yea, he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; and he shot out lightnings, and discomfited them. Then the channels of waters were seen, and the foundations of the world were discovered at thy rebuke, O Lord, at the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.”

Another Psalm that foretells the destruction of a certain group of wicked men is Psalm 21:8-10. Notice that those who are to be destroyed from the earth are “all thine enemies” and “those that hate thee.” (In other words, they are the antichrists.)

These verses state: “Thine hand shall find out all thine enemies: thy right hand shall find out those that hate thee. Thou shalt make them as a fiery oven in the time of thine anger: the Lord shall swallow them up in his wrath, and the fire shall devour them. Their fruit shalt thou destroy from the earth, and their seed from among the children of men.”

From Bible prophecy we learn that the time of God’s anger and wrath is the present end time.

If the fruit and the seed of the haters of the Lord Jesus Christ is to be destroyed from among the children of men, and it will be, then the plots, schemes and systems established by these enemies and haters of the Lord will also be destroyed with the plotters and the schemers.

In Psalm 50:3 we read, “Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: a fire shall devour before him, and it shall be very tempestuous round about him.”

Psalm 68:1-3 states, “Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered: let them also that hate him flee before him. As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. But let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.”

Thus we learn that the cleansing of the earth by fire is a very real thing foretold in both the Old and the New Scriptures.

Psalm 83 is clearly an end time prophecy. It is very similar to Psalm 2 and sets forth world conditions as we have them today.

As the Psalmist gives his vision of the threat of world communism as it musters the heathen world to attack the great Israel nation of the end time, he opens this Psalm with an earnest cry to God for help and intervention in behalf of Israel, whom he calls “thy people” and “thy hidden ones.” They are called “thy hidden ones” because, as prophesied, multitudes of Anglo-Saxons are blind to their own identity

being ignorant of the fact that they are Israel. They are called “thy people” because they are the covenant people and the people of Christendom.

In listing those who are engaged in this great conspiracy to cut our Israel nation “off from being a nation” the first people mentioned are “the tabernacles of Edom.” The word “Edom” is defined in the Hebrew as meaning red. Therefore we could read “the tabernacle of the Reds.”

The word “tabernacle” means a covering, inferring that this crafty counsel by the Reds to cut us off from being an independent nation is covered and concealed to us as a people—at least, the true identity of the Reds or Edomites is covered and concealed.

In naming the other peoples who are confederated in the Red anti-Christ and anti-Christian conspiracy the Psalmist, as we would expect, uses the names of Israel’s ancient enemies although these people may not be known by these names today though as of old they are all the heathen people mustered by the Reds or Edom.

In verse 9 of Psalm 83 the Psalmist makes a very definite petition to God in our behalf. Verses 9 through 11 state, “Do unto them as unto the Midianites; as to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the brook of Kison: Which perished at Endor: they became as dung for the earth. Make their nobles like Oreb, and like Zeeb: yea, all their princes as Zebah, and as Zalmunna.”

In other words, the Psalmist asked God to do to the communists and the leaders of world communism as He did to the Midianites and to Sisera. What God did to the Midianites, to Sisera, to Oreb, Zeeb, Zebah and Zalmunna is recorded in the book of Judges, chapters 4, 6, 7 and 8.

Judges 4:22-23: “And, behold as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will shew thee the man whom thou seekest. And when he came into her tent, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the nail was in his temples. So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel.”

Judges 7:25: “And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb. and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan.”

Judges 8:21: “Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength, And Gideon arose, and slew Zebah and Zalmunna, and took away the ornaments that were on their camels’ necks,”

Violent death at the hands of the Israel people was the common lot of the heathen and anti-God leaders mentioned in Psalm 83:9-11.

Will God answer the Psalmist’s prayer of long ago and do to the leaders of world communism as He did in the time of the judges?

Yes, this God-inspired prayer will be answered.

Verse 12 of Psalm 83 identifies the present world-wide conspiracy as the anti-Christ leaders of world communism.

It gives the chief characteristics and the purpose and policy of these anti-Christ. Verse 12 states, "Let us take to ourselves the houses of God in possession."

"The houses of God" are the institutions of government, religion, education and so forth established by the people of Christendom. This verse not only identifies the communists as those who have taken crafty counsel against "thy people," it also helps to identify "thy people," for the only people who have established Christian institutions are the Anglo-Saxons, the people of Christendom.

In verse 13 the Psalmist resumes his prayer that God would destroy those who plot and plan the destruction of Christendom. The earnestness and the very strong words used in this prayer indicates that the vision the prophet had of our day made him fear for our safety. As you read this prayer note what the Psalmist prays for:

"O my God, make them like a wheel; as the stubble before the wind. As the fire burneth a wood, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire: So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame; that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art the most high over all the earth."

The Psalmist prayed that God would use "fire," "thy tempest" and "thy storm" to destroy, confound and bring shame upon the vast military might of world communism. And so He will. This will be the greatest display of God's power, might and dominion through the elements that this world has ever witnessed since the Flood. It will convince all nations that our God is the one true and living God. Men will know that Jehovah is the Most High over all the earth.

Psalm 97 gives us a preview of the Lord's earthly reign, and states that fire and lightning will be used to prepare the earth and usher in the bloom of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Verses 1 through 6 state, "The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice; let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgment are the habitation of his throne. A fire goeth before him, and burneth up his enemies round about. His lightnings enlightened the world: the earth saw, and trembled. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth. The heavens declare his righteousness, and all the people see his glory."

The fire that goeth before the Lord and burneth up His enemies round about is evidently a spiritual and invisible fire that will become more real and consuming to the enemies and haters of Christ as we move closer to the end of the present age.

This fire—which is really the Holy Spirit—seems like a burning fire to wicked and Christ-hating people. Every Christian who has experienced conviction for sin has in a very limited sense experienced this burning light.

When this burning light of the Holy Spirit (the presence of God) is, in the time and purpose of God, brought to bear upon our nation, it will achieve what is prophesied in Isaiah 33:13, 14.

We have reason to believe that what God did at Mount Sinai in a limited manner He will again do on a nation-wide scale in our Zion nation when the time comes for the full revealing and unfolding of the Kingdom of God on earth.

In Deuteronomy 5:23-26 Moses gave a partial report of what happened at Mount Sinai: "And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, (for the mountain did burn with fire,) that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; And ye said, Behold, the Lord our God hath shewed us his glory and his greatness, and we have heard his voice out of the midst of the fire: we have seen this day that God doth talk with man, and he liveth. Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then we shall die. For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived?"

Did you notice the people said, "this great fire will consume us?" This fire was not an ordinary fire. It was a spiritual fire but very real and consuming, nevertheless.

There are two more scriptures on the cleansing of the earth by fire with which Peter was undoubtedly familiar when by inspiration of the Holy Spirit he wrote concerning the same. One is Isaiah 66:15,16:

"For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many."

The other passage is Malachi 4:1-3:

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up as calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts."

In these passages we find a very important truth inferred and indicated; namely this, that the spiritual fire which God will send forth upon His earthly kingdom people, the Anglo-Saxons, will burn, consume, unnerve and frighten wicked doers but it will revive, invigorate, strengthen, heal and rejuvenate people who are Christian in their thinking and purpose.

While God will undoubtedly use many different types of fire as He brings judgment and cleansing to the earth, it is the fire of the Holy Spirit that will bring about the necessary changes in the minds of men.

# Are Miracles Coming Again?

*A Bible Study*

That great wonders are to be done for Israel in the latter days, utterly beyond the belief of man seems quite clear from God's Word. Isaiah 28:21. And again, the confounding of the scientists' science, and the expectation of earth's scholars is clearly seen in the following: Isaiah 29:14.

Teaching by type alone can never be regarded as safe and trustworthy; for even in the best and clearest type there always comes a point where it breaks off, and will not run. But in the instance about to be quoted, it is not mere inference from a type, which may or may not materialize, but is a direct and positive prediction that future happenings to the same people will be similar to what occurred in Egypt when old Israel came out, indicating that the great events of the Exodus from Egypt are to be equaled, or repeated, Malachi 7:15.

The four outstanding miracles of that time were:

1. The Deliverance of Israel when the Destroying Angel passed over at the dead of night.
2. The passage of the Red Sea.
3. The pillar of cloud and fire.
4. God speaking with audible voice.

Everyone of these was a literal happening; and all are predicted to come again! Isaiah 11:15, 15. So then, there is the crossing of the waters dry-shod! When Israel left Egypt, a very startling thing was seen shortly afterwards, the pillar of cloud by day, and by the pillar of fire by night. Is it possible that they will return? Isaiah 4:5; 52:12. God before, and God behind! Isaiah 60:1, 2; 60:19, 20; Ezekiel 43:2.

The earth acted like a mirror reflecting the dazzling glory of God! also verses 4 and 5; It was something Ezekiel could see! When Israel left Egypt, one of the startling things that happened to them was that God spoke to them with an audible voice! Exodus 20:19.

Whether this terrifying experience is ever to come again is not certain, but if the words of the Book are to be taken literally, then we must be prepared even for that! As has been shown in Ezekiel 43:2. A real voice! And Hosea too, when predicting the return and restoration of the wayward house, seems to shew forth an actual literal voice. Hosea 1:10; 2:23; Isaiah 52:6. But when will God speak to Israel? When will He lift the veil and make Himself known to them nationally? The whole of Scripture evidence shows that it is at the same hour and moment of her supernatural deliverance!

But there is a passage in Ezekiel 35:3-11 which indicates the order in which the great event occurs, though no time is named! also verses 12, 13. In Isaiah 30:27, 31 God is speaking in anger to the nations, though verse 29 is to Israel. What about that strange First Passover? Does Scripture suggest that something of the same kind will happen again? Isaiah 26:20, 21. This most certainly is a passing over of Israel, and refers to the time of the punishment of the wicked nations in the latter days, and is an actual and literal hiding, exactly as it was in Egypt. In this command to Israel, "Go, My people, to your homes," as Ferrar Fenton translates it, the word "homes," or "chambers" (as the authorized version has it), is in the plural number, and refers to the individual homes of Israel, thousands of them, nay, millions of them; all are to hide as Israel did on that memorable night before their deliverance of Egypt! And there was not one of all of old Israel's thousands who dared to spiritualize that Divine command! It was a literal command, and they took it literally, and it saved them! Every one! There will be no jazz music in Israel that night but songs of deliverance as the dawn of morning comes, they will come forth a changed, renewed, saved race to begin a new made world as did Noah. That morning the sun will shine seven-fold. Isaiah 30:26; Psalm 46:10; Ezekiel 39:22. Please notice, He is to them both Saviour and Redeemer. Isaiah 49:26.

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