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WE stand for the truth that the overwhelming portions of the people of the United States and Canada belong to a race known as Israel in the Bible, and as Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples in these modern times.

For centuries the world has wondered where the race of Israel had disappeared to. It seemed impossible that so virile a people should vanish in a day. The Jews keep praying for their reunion with their brethren of Israel—quite ample evidence, it would seem, that the Jews and Israel are different people. The mystery of the "lost ten tribes" has been the theme of the most serious and also the most fantastic speculations since the commencement of the Christian era. (Not before that, for knowelge made speculation unnecessary then.)

The Ten-Tribed People known as Israel were never lost except in the way foretold they should be, namely, to themselves for a time. They were "lost" in the most effective way anything can possibly be lost—by remaining in sight all the time, unidentified.

It is one of the curious things of history that the people of India were never concerned about the Ten Lost Tribes, so-called. The people of China never bothered about them; nor the people of Russia, Germany, Greece, Turkey.

The only people who ever concerned themselves about the Ten Tribes of Israel were the very people who constituted those Ten Tribes in their modern habitations. Lost! Yes, lost in the most absolute sense, in that *they themselves were searching for themselves as* for another people, never realizing that *they themselves were the* people sought.

AND yet the search was not without its value, for in searching for the Ten Tribes they searched the Scriptures carefully for all the clues that might help them. And there they made discovery after discovery, the first and key discovery being the distinction that existed between Israel and the Jews. The Jews belong to one of the thirteen tribes of Israel and have never been "lost"; they have been known to the nations throughout their career. The key to the Old Testament is just this distinction, a thousand times made, between the House of Israel and the House of Judah.

Another discovery was the "chosen" elements rested on Israel and not on Judah, so that at one step all the difficulties about the Jews being the "chosen" people of God were dispersed. And with it came a correct idea of what "chosen" means—it is a servant term; Israel was selected and disciplined to be a servant to the nations.

A third discovery led out into history—followed the people right out of the pages of the Bible, into the ongoing world. As a matter of fact, these people never were *in* the Bible, they were *in* the world; they began before there was a Bible; they continued when the Bible was closed. Their race persists just as truly as the race of the oak-trees persists, and we read of oak-trees in the Bible too. But we don't speak of them as "Bible trees"—they are out there in the street and in the field.

The Bible showed the direction in which Israel marched when its record in the Bible closed. Able and competent investigators set out upon Israel's track in history — traced the people under various names — followed them across Europe—into the British Isles—then into America.

THE names of a people may be very misleading. We say Frenchman, German, Hollander, Englishman with the greatest of ease, as if we were actually identifying people by these territorial designations. Does English descent cease when an English family has lived in Canada a hundred years? Are the Americans originally native to America? So it was with Israel—different names in different places — BUT — always deeper indications than the name which showed us the same people journeying on.

So, Israel was at length found in the Anglo-Saxon people, and such branches of them as we call German Saxons, genuine Bohemians, the men of northern Italy, the Brittany men of France, the Holland Dutch, the Scandinavian people, and the doubtless many a pocket of people left in the way, in Greece, in Spain, in Poland. A great Gulf Stream of Race, allied in spirit in spite of their differing political names, and flowing through the world as the Gulf Stream through the ocean, to warm and bless.

Now, that is more than a curious and interesting fact. It is a Key Fact. It is not merely a minor addition to knowledge, it explains matters that for long resisted all the efforts of scholarship to unravel them.

It is, for one thing—though not the most important—the key to the understanding of the Old Testament. How that ancient depository of Law and History and Philosophy and Devotion has suffered because men, as they say, "could make neither head nor tail of it." If it were some ancient told and finished tale, its importance to us would be limited, we must admit. But as a history of the beginnings and developments of a *people* and of *governing ideas* that rule the world today, it becomes very important.

As long as we thought it concerned the Jews, it was only mildly interesting: the Jews are still here to see. But what puzzled us was that they were in nowise performing what the Bible said Israel should do in these latter times of ours. We could plainly see that the Jews were not doing it. *But, nevertheless it was being done.* And we looked to see by whom? And once more we discovered the Anglo-Saxon and kindred people.

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EDITORIALS—

"A straight line is the shortest distance between two points." — Euclid

A Coming Deliverance

SINCE the publication of our last issue of DESTINY Paris has fallen, Mussolini has entered the conflict and France has capitulated. Thus the panorama of events moves swiftly across the stage of world activity. The first phase of the armed conflict has now ended.

The fall of Paris made inevitable the collapse of French resistance. It is therefore significant that 286.1 days after the Allies entered the War the Germans occupied the city of Paris. This number of days is the displacement factor of the Great Pyramid and also represents nine months from conception to birth.

Jeremiah refers to this nine months of disaster culminating in the crumbling of the defense of Israel's ally in terms of a woman's travail. He says, "Ask ye now, and see whether a man travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness?"

This statement is preceded by, "For thus saith the Lord; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace." Here is depicted the conditions following the Munich conference of 1938 and ending with the outbreak of war in September, 1939. Then follow nine months of travail as described by Jeremiah, closing with the capitulation of France.

Today the Anglo-Saxon world stands alone with dictators conceding that the war has become "A purely Anglo-Saxon struggle against a large part of the rest of the world." Even we here in the United States should not be deceived for we have no real friends on this continent other than the Israel or Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples.

The Israel Commonwealth of nations is now entering the second phase of the war and the third phase of the struggle against dictators. This coming new phase of the conflict is succinctly described by the prophet in these words, "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble."

With the collapse of France the full fury of the dictators will be directed against the Anglo-Saxon world. Israel is now facing a combination of enemies seeking to destroy the national existence of Israel. The prophet Jeremiah says of us today, "Thy bruise is incurable, and thy wound is grievous. There is none to plead thy cause, that thou mayest be bound up: thou hast no healing medicines . . . 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."

Here we have described the cruel or ruthless methods of the dictators who are being used of God to chasten His people. Jeremiah answers those who question why God allows such evil, as the people cry for deliverance, "Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins are increased, I have done these things unto thee." We thus have the answer for the impotency of Israel in the present struggle. *Let America ponder all this.* We are not going to be able to prevent trouble and disaster through supplying material needs! In order to make our weapons of warfare effective there must come a full awakening to spiritual values. This is not just another evangelistical revival but a coming to a full knowledge of the need of a national restoration of the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Lord as the law of the land.

During the terrifying times that are now upon us and in the days that are ahead the question will be asked many times, "Can we be saved from it?" "Yes," says Jeremiah, "For I am with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee." Though all nations are to be destroyed God promises that Israel will be corrected with justice and when she becomes obedient the punishment will cease.

The promise is, "I will break the yoke from off your neck, and snap the shackles, and they shall no longer serve the foreigners, but serve their Everliving God and David their king whom I have appointed for them." (F. F. Trans.)

We are told not to be depressed or fear for rescue is coming and then we will dwell in peace and safety. Those who have devoured, oppressed and plundered Israel are to be devoured, oppressed and plundered, "For I will grant you a restoration, and will cure you of your wounds." The Lord further declares, "I will restore Jacob's captured halls, and will restore his dwellings, and build his city on high, and found his palace on justice. And the sound of song and laughter shall come out from them, and they shall be glorious and not depressed. And his children shall be as of old, with a parliament before me, firm and fixed against all his oppressors."

The prophet goes on to state that the foreigners are to be leaders no more in Israel nor are their governors to be other than of Israel stock. "So shall they be My People and I will be their God." In these dark days and those through which we are to pass (for America faces her baptism of fire) we have this promise of hope. Though we must pass through a furious tempest and many will doubt and thousands will perish yet those who turn to Him will understand and know, so the Lord declares, "When I shall be a God to all the families of Israel, and they shall be My People." (See Jeremiah, chapter 30-31.)

Fifth Column

WE are hearing much about Fifth Column activity! This is the popular reference to enemy work within a nation; the purpose of which is to disrupt a country in a time of

national emergency. That such methods of attack can be well organized is amply borne out by the experience of countries now at war.

We are told that such Fifth Column moves here in America must be suppressed before it is too late. Congress, in cooperation with the Chief Executive, is moving to regulate immigration, to deport aliens and to outlaw Communistic, Bund and other movements thought to be subversive. They are, however, overlooking one thing, and that is, that all the evidence from across the sea indicates that the Benedict Arnolds in office and holding responsible positions in government are a really and truly dangerous spear-head in Fifth Column moves. Up to the present there seems to be no definite program to counteract or frustrate any action that might be taken by men using their public office to further the plans of the enemy.

Did the Germans gain initial successes against the French because of treason among those high in command? The speech of Premier Reynaud, after the Germans broke through the Maginot Line, would so indicate. Certainly the surrender of the King of Belgium leaves an uneasy feeling. We know that treason on the part of high ranking officers in Norway made possible the quick invasion of that country.

It is well and good for Congress to scrutinize and regulate those operating in the fringe of possible Fifth Column moves. However, there is real danger that patriotic men and women who have been subjected to persecution in the past will again be harassed unless we have true, God-fearing, patriotic men in government to carry on these investigations. If America is ever taken over by the enemy it will be because of treason in high office. Patriots are fully aware of the possible presence in responsible government positions of those who constitute the spear-head of the Fifth Column.

The men occupying high places of responsibility should be thoroughly checked both as to their past record and present activities and connections, for they occupy key positions. The ease with which Germany has conquered one country after another teaches a paramount need of beginning at the top to investigate, starting with the greatest and ending with the least in ferreting out possible Benedict Arnolds. The presence of even one, at a responsible post, could nullify our defense and endanger our freedom and liberty.

The present drive against subversive individuals and groups in our country is commendable unless it becomes a smoke screen to hide the greater perpetrators of evil who will be the real leaders of the Fifth Column when the day comes. If public attention is centered on only one phase of such possible Fifth Column moves, leaving those occupying responsible governmental positions free to carry on with their planning, the present drive will accomplish little. It certainly will not protect our nation from this type of trouble. Any investigation which fails to take into consideration the experiences taught by the present war will fail to fully expose the enemy within!

The Day of Prayer

THE armies of the Allies faced a difficult situation in the summer of 1918 A.D. It became apparent that only Divine intervention could hold the Germans. August 4th, 1918, was set aside as a day of prayer. This day was the turning point in the last World War, for from that day and forward the Germans gained no more territory.

God answered Israel's prayers and in so doing tested His people to see whether or no they would turn unto Him after He had intervened in their behalf. The war came to a close with an Allied victory but the people failed to give God the glory and turned further away from His laws. Since the Armistice in 1918 we have witnessed an increase in the desecration of His Holy Day as men have made it a day of pleasure and profit rather than a day set apart for service for Him. Multitudes of our ecclesiastical leaders do not believe in the God of the Bible and are belittling His Word and flouting His Power. The land is full of evil and evil things. The Scriptures are almost entirely neglected and its reading has been barred from our public schools. Hundreds of thousands of Christians do not believe in the Bible of the Christ they profess to follow. While such conditions and innumerable other evils are extant in the Israel lands there came a renewal of armed conflict on September 3rd, 1939 A.D.

As the people prayed in 1918 and received an answer of victory so they expected to be able to pray in 1939 and receive an answer of peace. Though millions were praying on that fateful day in September of 1939 there was no answer. Conditions have since gone from bad to worse as dictators march on to victory. The King of England set aside May 26th, 1940, as a day of prayer. Men and women gathered in the Churches and prayed as they prayed twenty years ago. The enemy was repulsed in 1918. Following immediately after this day of prayer the King of Belgium surrendered, imperiling the Allied armies on the fields of Flanders. This precipitated a retreat under most difficult conditions. It was a major disaster and so recognized by leaders of the British Empire.

No true minister of the Gospel would for one moment expect an evil person who continued in his evil ways to secure relief from trouble through prayer. He would immediately tell such that he must mend his ways before he could even hope for relief. Why do these preachers fail to recognize that the same principle applies to a nation? It is clearly recognized that individuals must keep His commandments, but there are also statutes and judgments the keeping of which are as essential to the righteousness of a nation as the observance of the commandments are essential to the righteousness of the individual. As a nation we are failing to keep these God-given laws of national administration. God requires obedience to those laws and the Anglo-Saxon-Israel nations will not be delivered from their enemies until they are willing to walk in His statutes and keep all His judgments and do them. Unfortunately many of our spiritual leaders teach and declare there is no need of keeping these laws. Thus they fail to recognize the need of a national restoration which is spoken of by all the prophets. This has prevented them from showing the nation the way out of their present difficulties. Until the nation is ready to comply with the national requirements which will

bring Divine protection, prayers for deliverance will be of little avail.

Isaiah has said, "Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear." (Isa. 59:1-2.) May our people awaken soon to their responsibility as Israel and cleanse our land of all evil that God may bless our nation.

A Lesson and Warning

A STUDY of the political conditions in France during the last few years discloses the fact that while Germany was girding herself for a coming struggle France was being betrayed by her leaders. France had her New Deal. Under the administration of Leon Blum there were sitdown strikes with paralyzation of industry and munition making. Curtailed production with governmental inefficiency and interference with business was a contributing factor to the present disastrous situation. The demoralization of the country was accomplished by a program which Blum declared was copied from the Roosevelt New Deal policies. The capitulation of a once great nation resulted from the failure to have made adequate preparation to meet the enemy with modern methods of warfare. Such preparation must be made years in advance of the conflict.

Politicians seem to be incapable of furnishing the type of leadership needed in a time of national emergency. It is certain that radical and subversive tendencies in planned economy will sap the strength of any nation.

What is true of France is also in a large measure true of the United States. We have had our New Deal with sitdown strikes and an administration impotent to deal effectively with this situation. Industry has been hampered and harrasssed by a governmental policy of radicalism that has brought this great country to a state almost paralleling that which existed in France prior to the present war. Perhaps from a military point of view we are even less prepared to defend ourselves against an aggressor. When the enemy strikes, and he is going to strike, it may be found, as the war progresses, that we are in as desperate a situation as that which now confronts the French nation.

The proposed cure is a further regimentation of the nation and a conscription of men and wealth. But conscription will not supply the desire or will to accomplish the unaccomplishable. Only free men, loving liberty and in the pursuit of happiness, have the will to overcome insurmountable obstacles. Regimentation will destroy our effectiveness just as spending money and more money has been destroying our prosperity and wealth, for as money in itself can accomplish little, so also regimentation will not furnish initiative nor supply the spirit or will to conquer. Must we learn a bitter lesson by a similar and as sad an experience as that which has befallen France? God forbid!

Shortened Time

THE world is preparing for a war of long duration. The program of our nation shows such an expectancy. Yet the prophetic outlook would seem to indicate a short but violent struggle resulting in fearful destruction of life and property. The statement is made by Jesus, "Except that the Lord had shortened those days, no flesh should be saved: but for the elect's sake, whom he hath chosen, he hath shortened the days." (Mark 13:14.)

Who are the elect, or chosen, for whose sake this war is to be shortened? Isaiah declares the elect are Israel (Isaiah 65:8-9) while in the forty-third chapter he shows this same people to be His servants whom He hath chosen. The Angle-Saxon peoples possess every blessing the prophets declared Israel would inherit in these latter days. In conformity with the prophetic word Israel is to face an armed world, who seek to destroy her as a nation. Today we see the beginning of the fulfillment of this desire as Hitler and Mussolini move to make total war against the Anglo-Saxon peoples. Thus in this very desire they are but demonstrating the Israel origin of this people, for against Israel *only* the prophets declare will the forces of evil move with the purpose of forever destroying their national existence.

The very methods now used in warefare preclude the possibility of a prolonged struggle. The swiftness with which Hitler has subdued one country after another, and now France, is clear evidence of this fact. Daniel refers to him as the Desolating Brute whose winged things pass overhead and pour out desolation. Here is a clear description of the Blitzkrieg as Hitler's bombers rain destruction upon cities and peoples.

With Israel desperately defending her island kingdom, pressed to the point of exhaustion, Egypt invaded, and the invader moving north into southern Palestine, Russia will see her opportunity. Ezekiel decares she will have an evil thought and come down between seasons into the valley of Megiddo.*

The entrance of Italy into the conflict is strong evidence of the rapidity with which we approach the climax of the ages. When the armies of Russia move into the Balkans and start for Palestine we can be absolutely certain that the end is near.

We are to be the spectators of the greatest drama ever enacted. Jeremiah declares, "A noise will come even to the ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations. . . . Behold evil shall go forth from nation to nation." (Jeremiah 25:31-32.) However, the promise of a shortening of this struggle, which is described as being "quick and vehement," brings comfort even in these troublous times, because the shortening will save His people from complete destruction. Incredulous as it may seem to some, the prophets without exception declare that the climax of this war will find nations face to face with the titanic power of nature in earthquake, storm and meteoric showers against which their weapons will be of no avail. Such are the things we are to witness in the not now distant future, for in the shortening process we will have to carry on only for months rather than for years. The forces of evil will then be destroyed forever and will never again afflict the earth or cause the people to suffer.

*See "Joel's Prophetic Message and Warning" for further details, price $1.00. Destiny Publishers, Haverhill, Mass.

Our Liberty Bell

ON July 8th, 1776 A.D., the "Liberty Bell" pealed forth, summoning the people to assemble to hear the reading of the Declaration of Independence. Cast into that historical bell is a statement from the Great Jubilee call to Israel, "Proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof." The full text of that Jubilee call of rejoicing will be found in Lev. 25:10. Our forefathers coveted these blessings and fought and died that they might bring to fruition the liberty which they had proclaimed and make possible the continuation of freedom for their posterity.

It is well that we remember in these critical days that all which is good and true and fine is not acquired by indolence nor retained by indifference. Even though we received liberty as a gift from our forefathers, it cannot long be enjoyed by a people who fail to appreciate its blessings. Let us never forget that eternal vigilance is the price of retaining such a heritage. If we neglect to carefully guard our inheritance it will one day become but a legion of the past, for nothing worth while will perpetuate itself.

History amply testifies in the wreckage of ancient civilizations strewn along the shores of time that unless a people are as vigilant in steering a course as they were when setting forth upon a venture disaster is inevitable. There must ever be a source of power to propel and a mind to continually direct the ship of state that it may keep to the deep channels of liberty and freedom and thus avoid the shoals of tyranny and oppression.

The greatest of all dangers confronting the United States today is not our enemies but an indifferent citizenry who, enjoying the blessings of liberty and freedom, are failing to be vigilant and alert that they might continue to enjoy their God-given heritage.

Lest we forget—Liberty is easily lost and hard to regain. If men become so engrossed with the trivial things of life in their business and social activities that they neglect to guard the greater principle of justice, equity and peace they will have no one but themselves to blame if their constitution is ground under the iron heel of a Dictator, their property confiscated and they and their loved ones enslaved. Because our people have been asleep we are perilously near such conditions now. May America awaken to the seriousness of these evil times for tomorrow will be too late.

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IT is also a key to history. How gloriously Palestine rose to be the birthplace of the profoundest law and the most abiding political and economic ideas! And then Palestine receded to what we see it today. Why? Israel had moved out. Palestine received the Jews again, but Palestine was nothing after Israel *moved out,* and remained nothing until Israel *moved in* again, as she did when General Allenby lifted the Turkish yoke and placed Palestine under the protection of that other branch of Israel—the British people. Greece arose, and Greece receded. Why? The people that made Greece, moved on. If you seek the continuance of Greek temple building today, seek it in the Isles and in the United States. Rome arose, and Rome fell. Why? The people on whom Rome arose moved out.

Where did these people go? They went wherever you are able to trace today their characteristic work—principally in the lands now called Anglo-Saxon. These characteristics are all Israel characteristics. They mark unmistakably one people and one people only, and have continued to mark them through the long story of the rise and fall of world empires. This people has never fallen, never been enslaved, have preserved their freedom, and stand today *the only monitors of freedom in the world.*

Thus, when we say that this fact is also the Key to these times, you will see that we have anticipated it. The meaning of the present and the future is being revealed where Israel is—that is, by the Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples. They hold the principles, the methods, the power which are the determinative ingredients of these times.

When we announce this truth we are naturally asked how it squares with the Bible. We feel it would be a serious matter if it did not square with the Bible. But our experience is this—for one person to whose mind this truth is proved by the Bible, there are five persons to whose minds the Bible is proved by this truth. A living people before our eyes cannot be doubted; often the page of Scripture is. Because of this doubt the testimony of the people to the truth of the Book has often been more startlingly effective than the testimony of the Book to those people. That is to say, those who really know the Book—and they are few today—are easily convinced by an appeal to the Book; but because there are such multitudes who do not know and do not want to know the Book, this truth of the People has come to them as such an effective revelation that they instantly see it to be an integral part of Biblical revelation as well.

By history, biology, psychology, artifacts, along a score of lines, the same truth comes to light, namely, we are part of that ancient stream of people, now mighty in the earth, whose duty and destiny it is to be the light-bringers to all the struggling peoples of the globe.

You are a member of Israel. Your pedigree, your racial map, your orders for the day as individuals and as a nation, are on record. Does it not become you to know *who* you are and *how* you ought to view your times, and *what* you ought to do?

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If you are not now a subscriber to this publication we invite you to become a regular reader. DESTINY MAGAZINE *is set up to explain the true function of the Celto-Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples in the plan of God as modern Israel; with special reference as to their history, true identity, and responsibility as revealed by the Bible and in the light of modern archaeological and ethnological research.*

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Bible Prophecy Is the Blue Print of God's Great Plan!

Editor's Note: This is the transcript of an address given in the Masonic Temple in Detroit, Michigan, on May 21, 1936, by the late Dr. William Pascoe Goard of London, England. It was originally published in DESTINY Magazine in June, 1936! We are impelled to publish it again because it is such an outstanding example of the importance of the knowledge of Israel and her destiny. Lucidly expressed, it is remembered vividly by those who heard Dr. Goard deliver it. In presenting it again, we believe that it will be of even greater interest and value today than when it was originally published, especially in view of the recent happenings in world events and those which are soon to occur! It is well to keep in mind, when reading it, that this address was given over four years ago!

IN speaking of the Anglo-Saxon people as the Israel people one is faced immediately with the question, "Are we Jews then?" I answer that from history which we ought to be acquainted with, that while Judah has its own place in the prophetic and historic Scriptures, from 975 B.C. there has been no tribe of Judah in Israel.

Some may say that Israel has disappeared and the Christian church has taken its place. The Apostle Paul, in writing to the strangers of Rome concerning the Israelites said that they had not submitted themselves to the righteousness of the faith and indeed could not do so because, "how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard, and how shall they hear without a preacher." Surely a people that have never heard of Christ could not be the Christian church.

The Lord has had in his mind and in his hand certain factors with which he has operated in controlling the ultimate course of world history. Among these there have been three leading factors: 1—Israel; 2—Judah; 3—and the Continental system of empires beginning with Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, and coming down in unbroken succession to the central powers of 1914-18, which pivoted then, as you know, upon the Emperor of Germany. These are the three great factors which have been used in unfolding and developing all world history and prophecy.

PROPHECY, writing before the event, predicted the course of world history; predicted the theological course of world history; predicted world history in all its great outlines; laid it down as a blue print to which God Almighty would work. Then historians have written after the event, and if you take that which the historians have writen and lay it down upon the blue print plan, *you will find the same story told!* History today has fulfilled prophecy up to at least 95 per cent of the volume of both.

If the things which were prewritten in prophecy concerning world history had been left out of the world, and those things had not taken place, that which remained would never have been written as world history. In fact the things that are outside the great three-fold sweep have been written only as interesting side details. Prophecy and history have merged into one.

We are, as a people speaking racially, playing a major part in world history. I think you won't be offended with me, and I believe you would admit yourself quite freely, that the United States is playing a major part in world history; and I am willing to confess that the British Empire is also. When you combine the two together we are, as a race, playing a very important part in history. Now if history included the Anglo-Saxon race and prophecy left it out, they would not answer one to the other.

We have been participants in movements that are too big for us to realize. For instance, I am hustled about quite a bit, and during the last year it has been my fate to make quite a large journey, in fact I have had the privilege, the inescapable privilege, of traveling something like five hundred and fifty million miles during the last twelve months. This is quite a journey, and one is quite justified in feeling a little tired. There has been jolly good companionship too, for we have both been on the same journey and made the same trip. I refer, of course, to the swing of the earth around the sun. May that illustrate the fact that, as business men we are involved in great movements that are so sweeping we have not realized them any more than we have realized the fact that we are travelers in the astronomic world. We happen to be a part of the great sweeping events of world history that bear down upn this generation as they have never borne down on any generation preceding us.

FOR instance, two and one-half thousand years ago there was a reorganization by the Divine government of earthly affairs, to depress certain powers, to exalt certain other powers, to issue certain charters, to pass certain sentences, and to send the three great groups destined to work out world history upon their mission through the ages. It degraded Israel who had been ruling with God. He took away the name of Israel and fell back upon a still older name by one generation, and sent them out to the capitol of Israel and there definitely renamed it the house of Isaac, and when Israel went out of Palestine it did not carry the Israel name, but it bore the Isaac name. That name in 34 or 35 generations has continued right down to the present time.

Israel was degraded from rulership and sent upon a four-fold course. It was indicated that first they should be carried into another land, Assyria; then they should be scattered out among other nations; then they should be gathered into a place of their own and moved no more—after that they should receive strength again from God and restoration, and stretch out to the North, South, East, and West, and their government

should be true; and finally they should be restored to the possession of the land which God originally gave to the fathers, namely the land of Palestine. All these things have taken place.

Then Judah was cast off from God and sentenced to punishment for a period of 2,520 years. The two families upon whom rested the position of world administration had vacated, and to fill their place God exalted Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, and the Babylonian power. He issued to them a charter — valid, perfect; no legal mind on earth could draw a more perfect charter than that described in the 42nd chapter of Daniel. In it was conveyed the right to rule in the world of human wisdom, and it was stated what the succession of empires should be as it passed on from one to another through the centuries; then after half of the seven times of prophecy it was to be broken up under two religious powers, the Papal power and the Moslem power, and that under these, kingdoms and empires should arise and succeed each other, and then at the end of the charter they should all pass away. This charter ran from 603 B. C. to 1918 A. D.

We can think of the last days of that charter, 1900-1910. I can remember in those days that there was a good deal of talk about the empires of the world. It was considered that there was one empire which would disappear at the first shock of world war, the British empire. But the charter was running, day by day, hour by hour. With full confidence of strength the empires went into the struggle of 1914-18, believing that the British commonwealth would break up, and the empires of Europe strengthen. When we emerged, to the amazement of all, the empires were gone. China went in 1812, Russia in 1917, Turkey in 1918, Austria-Germany in 1918; they were all gone, because their charter had ended.

THE punishment of our race ended in 1779 to 1799. That allowed us to enter the 19th century free from any sentence from the superior throne. We had been emerging from the time of the reformation when we were six million strong, until 1800 when we were 16 million strong, and America had set up her own household. Britain had the outline of the empire as it is to-day. Thus in the United States and in the Empire, what wonderful developments did we see, and what a marvelous increase there has been. 650 million of the human family under the two flags. That is where we stand to-day.

Judah went under her punishment in 603-587, during that period. She began to emerge 2520 years after (in 1917) and she emerges from her last quota of punishment in 1936.

Now the world is in distress. Administrative distress, economic distress, and religious distress; but that great organization which is named in the new Testament, Babylon the Great, has come to its end. It has crashed. If you take all the debris of the empires which history has seen destroyed from ancient Assyria right down to the fall of the Roman Empires, you won't get such a tremendous assembly of debris as you get from the destruction of the empires from 1912 to '18. The economic system has crashed, the social order has been shaken, administration has passed into other hands, and the world is disturbed, especially the European world.

There is no going back to the old situation. God gave a charter and that charter has been exercised to the very last day and hour, and it is gone, and with the lapsing of the charter the organizations which were appointed under it have crashed, and while Europe is striving to rebuild it it can never succeed, because prophecy, which is God's pre-writing of history, points the other direction of world movement.

It was written 1800 years ago that when the empires disappeared ten dictators would take their places. We wrote of that long before the event, because we read it in the Bible. About two years ago the *Financial Times* in London, England, published the list of the ten dictators who had power and seized power in Europe. Then we read still further on that the ten would group themselves into three groups, each group animated by a separate, definite, distinct purpose; working miracles in the sight of the people. In the Press and in conference we do not hear much about the ten now, but we do hear constantly about the three. The three have not superseded the ten but have grouped the ten: Stalin, Mussolini, and Hitler. These three each are animated by a spirit that is separate and distinct, but driving toward one common end, and we are there to-day. Read it in the 16th, 17th, and 18th chapters of Revelation, and the 7th chapter of Daniel if you will, and in the daily Press.

Because of these things all our relationships are shaken. The question is: What is about to transpire? I will read a little further in prophecy, but history has not yet caught up; that these three dictators shall all have one mind, and will give their power to the central power of Europe. Never yet has world history deviated one iota from the word of prophecy.

UNLESS you make use of the advance information that God has supplied you, do not complain if you back the wrong horse. I am not saying that the Lord is going into our economic system and giving us tips on what is to happen, but he has laid down these general rules in history. It cost Great Britain alone ten thousand million pounds Sterling; and a million lives because of the fact that they refused to take seriously the advance information that God had outlined before 1914. It is just as important in these days if we would attain prosperity and avoid disaster.

We have the league of nations. I will give to America credit for this, that following instinctive guidance and wisdom she very early withdrew from the league of nations. I have no fault to find with the league, I say it has been one of the greatest examples of human goodwill that history has ever shown; but there was one great weakness, it was human; it lacked the driving power and authority which would enable it to do the work of God. It is a fact that the league of nations did undertake to do in the world the work of God, but they excluded him from their councils. It has failed to keep peace.

There are three other leagues of nations. We shall be very foolish if we do not take them seriously into consideration. The league which centers in Moscow, for instance. The countries around have entered into a league and that group stretches from outer Mongolia in the far East to the English Channel, including

France. It is a mighty powerful league and it has in the heart of it the greatest military organization that the world has ever dreamt of.

There is an organization including 17 million men equipped with such warlike machinery as has not been dreamt of until long after the last war finished. There is a league with a punch behind it, and it has a definite object in view. If that object did not cut across the life of other nations we would disregard it, but it is the declared purpose of that league of nations to bring about world revolution.

Then there is the Fascist League, with headquarters in Rome. Mussolini is the great outstanding leader of that. All the power and all the influence of the League of Nations has been unable to restrain it in its inception. What its plans are for the future probably you know. They have been proclaimed openly to the world and because they cut across the course of other nations they do not promise peace.

The third league centers in Berlin, which has behind it the burning zeal of all that great people of 70 million and its Nazi infiltration in Austria Hungary, and it is backed by the very forces united under the great Germanic peoples.

We are industrious, for our race is a commercial race and we do not like to hear of these things. Each of these countries have spent oceans of treasure on their military organizations and the production of military machinery. They haven't developed these things for the pleasure of it. They are machines intended for use.

THERE is more deadly danger in the air to-day than there was in Europe in 1913-14. The times are filled with terrific danger, and this danger is going to materialize into reality, there can be no doubt of that; and we are going towards a time of storm and tempest for the world such as it has not passed through in the past, and will not be called on to pass through again.

You are interested in economics, and I could spend the afternoon in speaking of that, but won't you see this; the moment the first gun is fired in Europe your economic system and ours goes into the melting pot; however that isn't the direction at the present moment that our minds should be engaged in, *because we are going to be caught by surprise!*

Now is the time for us to decide how we shall meet that storm which threatens the very foundations of civilization in the world to-day. I have no hesitation in saying this, that the conviction has come to me that we shall find a European Foundation fighting for the restoration of European supremacy striking at the nonwarlike peoples, one after another, and there is no one of them strong enough to stand up against the combination. I am quite sure that Austria could not defend itself for a day; I am quite sure that France, standing alone, would be overwhelmed; I am quite sure that with the French gone Belgium and Holland would be absorbed; I am quite sure that when these things have taken place Great Britain will have on her hands the fight of her life, and humanly speaking may expect disaster except for God's help.

HOW may these things be met without struggle, without the disturbance of peace? They may be met by the unification of that race of nations, that one great race which the Bible terms Israel. In other words, we must hang together or hang separately; we can take our choice. If what I have said is reality; if the point that we have reached in this thought is real; there can be no question so vital to the interest of our various nations, and to the interest of the world at large, as to militarize them; for in the strength of unity which God has developed in the Israel family on the earth there is sufficient potentiality to keep the peace.

If our statesmen were God-illuminated men following the direction of Scripture, they would look to the unification of the Celto-Saxon race as the major problem before them at the present time. Once that were brought about whatever might happen among the antagonistic elements within Europe and that part of Asia in relation with Europe, the peace of the world would be established outside of the boundaries of that combination, and the nations would learn war no more.

I speak to any of the members of the Clergy here and say that we cannot escape our responsibility for this gospel that we were ordained to preach; the gospel of the Kingdom and of our Lord. We read that Paul dwelt two whole years in his hired house preaching the Kingdom of God and teaching those things concerning our Lord Christ. These two always go together. If we had instructed our people they might have been much further on in regard to the establishment of the peace of the world. I recommend to us, as an order of ordained men, called to preach the gospel, that we take on this duty; and to you as business men, to realize that here is the crux of the world situation at the present moment.

WHAT is going to be the end of it all? I want to say to you men that we all surely have passed under a new government. I wonder if you knew it. I could illustrate that. We spent some tense days in the Empire when King George was ill, and then came the word, "The King is Dead," but attached to them were the words, "God Save the King." We passed under a new reign without the falling of a leaf throughout the Empire. You Americans, of course, fight hard to elect a new president and say to us, "what a lot of fun you missed." But there has been a higher change of government than that. The 7th chapter of Daniel which suddenly came alive:—"I beheld till the thrones were cast down," referring to the thrones of the empires. It is 15 years past in our day. They went on a certain day, and the Ancient of Days came. Thousand thousands ministered unto him and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him, and the judgment was set and the books were opened. President Roosevelt would say, for the new deal. It was for the new race, when the thrones were cast down in 1918. That is past. Then there was the first act, and that was the coronation of the Son of Man. Then he came before the Ancient of Days and to him was given dominion and power and glory and a kingdom; then the first judgment was issued and what was the judgment? The judgment was that the sons of the most high should take the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever. They are the children of Israel, and they, God the

Father, Christ the Son, and his people Israel, are reunited together again, and he has established the new rule in the earth. While we haven't begun to realize it, he has; while we haven't begun to act upon it, he has; and with the direct power and light and authority flowing from the throne of God, he is directing the course of world history in the one possible line indicated in the scriptures, and I say to you, with that course of history, that Britain, America, and the kindred nations and remnants of nations, are now charged with the task of the reconstruction and regeneration of the society of man on earth. That is our job.

In order to do that there must be unification of knowledge, purpose, and strength. We preach Celto-Saxon union, and that these become one, thus we shall see the upspring of a new prosperity; of equity and righteousness and judgment, and the things that are not in God's planning will be taken away by Divine grace and power, and all that remains will be that which God's right hand has planted.

We plead with you whose experience and powers of thought and mind would make you so valuable to God in this His great purpose; we plead with you to join with us in sweeping on this great truth, which, doctrine for doctrine, will overcome the doctrines of devils which make for war, and which will bring the reign of everlasting peace under Jesus Christ our Lord.

The International Situation

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WE come to the consideration of the international situation. The attention of the world has been drawn irresistibly to Italy by the movements of Italy. This is focused at the moment on the invasion of Ethiopia. We have not dealt at large with this matter, and we have avoided having much discussion on it in *The National Message*. It is important, and the events will be the measure of the importance. But after all, it is but a detail of the larger plan. Italy is moving; Russia is quiescent, and Germany active only within her own boundaries. We consider that Italy is less of a menace to ultimate world power than either Russia or Germany. We turn to our Book and there find our instructions. We give, in connection with this article, a map of the heart of the world. We call to mind that the City of Jerusalem is placed exactly in the center of the world"s population. We further call to mind that the Great Pyramid is the center of the land surface of the world. Around those two centers, including them, we find the Mandated Territories and possessions of Britain. Taking Jerusalem as a center, and looking Eastward and North and South, we have Palestine, Trans-Jordania, Iraq, Arabia. Again, taking our stand at Jerusalem and looking Southwards, we have Egypt, and the Sudan; with the countries beyond that we do not now deal; they do not come into the picture. The map shows the British Mandated Territories and possession as the heart of the world, and this they are. Whoever possesses them a quarter of a century from now, will dominate the world. God has said that Israel shall possess them. We believe that the Celto-Saxon world is Israel. Therefore, Israel, the sons of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, with Ishmael, will possess the land.

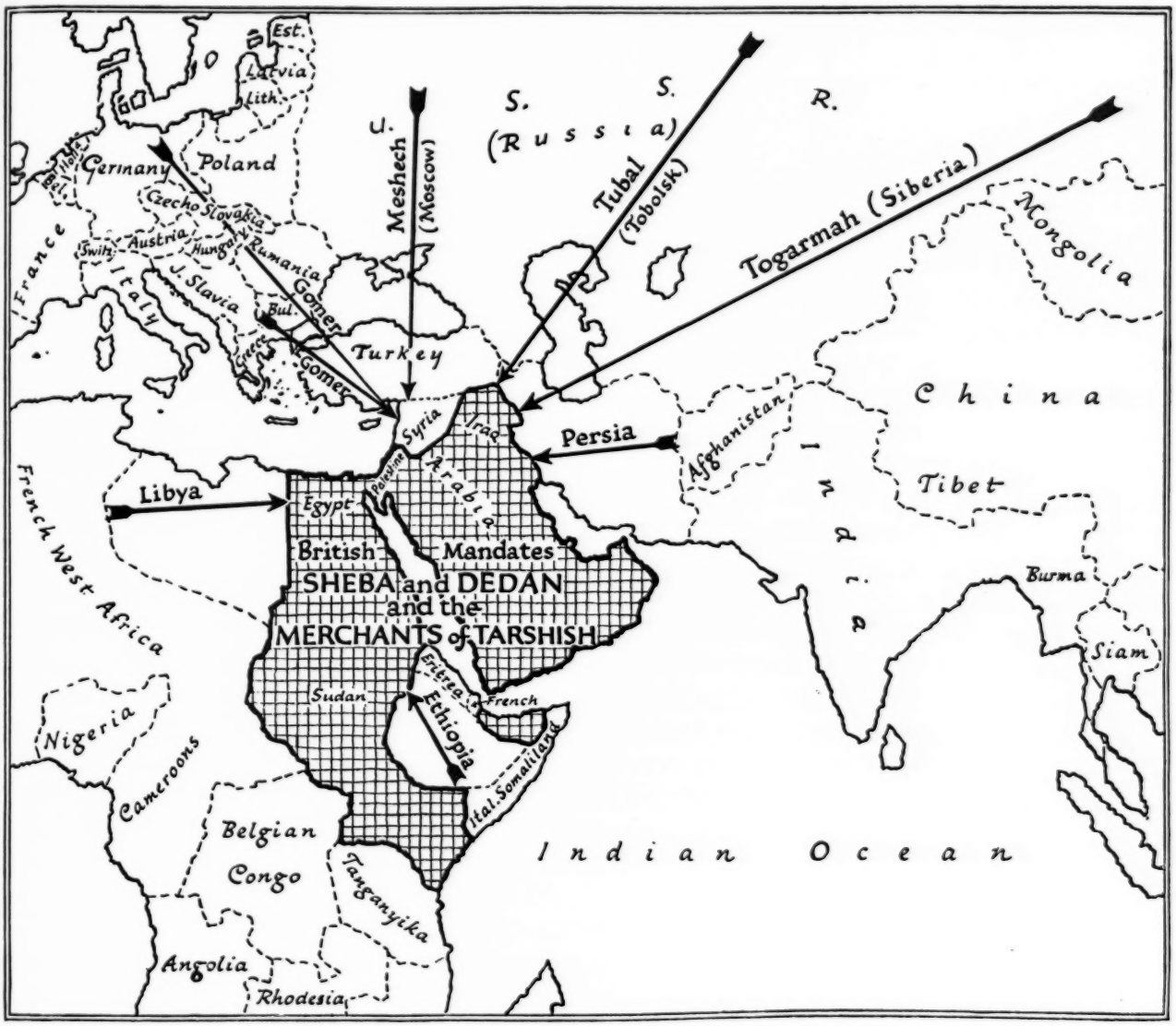
But Russia* has long announced her intention and has every plan made to take possession of the Euphrates Valley and Palestine at the least. That also is historic, plain and needs no interpretation.

Italy** has announced the intention to regain that which once constituted the Eastern part of the Roman Empire. That is plain enough and needs no explanation.

Germany*** in the last war, made a definite attempt to hold the land which, through Turkey, she had occupied. She lost the war, but not the cause, and has by no means given up hope or intention in regard to such possession.

The Bible takes foreknowledge of all this, and prewrites the history of the three-fold attempt to obtain possession of the land. The 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel are very definite on the matter. We shall later quote the necessary passages to illustrate this. The minor prophets have had very clear vision of this upheaval, as they had very clear vision of that upheaval which ended in the destruction of Jerusalem. We recommend the reader to turn to Joel and read that wonderful prophecy. In my copy of the Oxford Bible, it begins at page 1112. It embraces less than four pages, and can be read in half-an-hour. I would recommend then that the reader should turn to Zechariah, chapter xii, and read it to the end. In my copy it is page 1152, and two and a half pages of the Bible embrace it all. In chapter xiv, verse 2, there is this statement: *"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle."* Now this is a prophecy which would not have fitted any former period of world history. It is a prophecy which will fit no future period of the world history. It is a prophecy which will have fulfillment now.

All nations then are to be gathered against that territory now under the British Throne, which has Jerusalem for its center. Three groups will move against that territory, with the intention of occupying the whole or a part thereof. *First** among them will be the chief prince of Meshech (Moscow) and Tubal (Tobolsk). The *second*** group listed are Persia, Ethiopia and Libya. The *third**** group listed are Gomer (Middle Europe) and all his bands, the house of Togarmah of the North quar-



ters, and all his bands, and many people with him. In the map (shown above) we have traced arrows to show the lines of approach by which the various peoples will invade the British territories, all aiming at Jerusalem as the central point. Here is the map:

Translated into modern phraseology, Russia*, *that power*** *which holds Ethiopia and Libya* and Central Europe*** will be marching towards a common center with one definite purpose, namely, the seizing of the land. Those who would read what will be the final issue of the matter may read the passages already named in Joel and Zechariah and more specifically the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel.

The following passages furnish those details:—

*"And say, Thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:

"And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords:

**"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."—Ezekiel xxxviii, 3-6.

The Lord's army who shall oppose them are:—

"Sheba and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?"—Ezekiel xxxviii, 13.

The gathering of the nations is expected and provided against by the Lord; the King of Israel.

"For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

"Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as he fought in the day of battle."—Zechariah xiv, 2-3.

A Creed That Matters

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IS it possible to be a Christian without a creed? This question grows in importance as an increasing number of professed Christians accept the idea that it doesn't matter what they believe. It is now considered the smart thing to announce blithely that it really doesn't matter what one believes—anything or nothing — about the Bible, or Christ, or God. The pronouncement is usually made in a cocky manner indicating that one has arrived at a level of intelligence never attained by an average person. It is something to glory in that one's mental powers are no longer hampered by adherence to outmoded creeds. It is new and clever—this declaration of independence from divine restraint.

But is it new? An ancient garden scene comes to mind, a lovely garden it was, where even the Lord of Creation walked in the cool of the evening and communed with His children. Then one day Satan persuaded Eve to accept the theory that it made no difference what she believed about the words God had spoken. She passed the idea along to her husband and coaxed him into the same opinion. They plunged themselves and their posterity into sin and sorrow; they brought grief into Heaven, where it was known that nothing could overcome the consequences of their folly and disobedience save the death of God's only begotten Son. Did their unbelief matter? And was it clever?

Likewise Cain decided that it made no difference what he believed. Being a "modernist," Cain didn't approve of the old-fashioned plan of shedding blood for the remission of sin. So he devised a nice, refined offering instead. To his amazement it was rejected. Anger, retaliation and murder were the fruits of the experiment, "And Cain went out from the presence of the Lord — a fugitive and a vagabond in the earth." (Genesis 4.) Evidently it did matter what he believed.

Scores of similar stories may be cited from the Scriptures illustrating the natural perverseness of the human heart and the tragic results which never fail to accompany acts based upon arrogant unbelief. "How long will this people provoke me?" God said to Moses, "and how long will it be ere they believe me, for all the signs which I have showed among them?" (Numbers 14:1.) Even Israel in the wilderness, led of the Lord day and night by cloud and fire, were not spared when they indulged in doubt and unbelief.

"Yea, they spake against God; they said, Can God furnish a table in the wilderness? Behold, he smote the rock, that the waters gushed out, and the streams overflowed; can he give bread also? can he provide flesh for his people? Therefore the Lord heard this, and was wroth: so a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also came up against Israel; because they believed not in God, and trusted not in his salvation." (Psalms 78:19-22).

II Chronicles 20 is good reading for these troubled times. Jehoshaphat, king of Judah, learned that a great multitude from several enemy nations planned a joint invasion of his land. What did the king do? "And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek the Lord, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah." What did the people do? "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."

The king stood before the assembly and prayed as the rulers of Christian nations should pray today. The Spirit of the Lord answered the earnest plea of king and people with words of comfort and assurance; more than this, He gave them specific instructions as to when, where and how to meet the charge of their enemies.

The next morning, as they rose early and went forth into the wilderness of Tekoa, King Jehoshaphat stood in their midst and strengthened every waiting, eager soldier with this thrilling command: "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."

HERE is a creed that really matters. It is universal and timeless. It is something the whole panic-stricken world needs in order to steady itself and get its bearings. Does it matter what a nation of people believe? Let us continue the story of Judah for the answer. Judah—believing, repentant, reverent, worshipful—went forth early in the morning on the appointed day. "And when they began to sing and to praise, the Lord sent ambushments against the children of Ammon, Moab, and Mount Seir, which were come against Judah; and they were smitten. For the children of Ammon and Moab 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. And when Judah came toward the watch tower in the wilderness, they looked unto the multitude, and, behold, they were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none escaped."

When the soldiers of Judah arrived on the scene their enemies had already destroyed one another. Judah had not lost a man, though it took them three days to carry away the spoils of victory. Then they remembered the words God had spoken the day before: "Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the Lord with you."

Alas for Judah that she ever discarded the creed that wrote this day of triumph into her history!

ISAIAH, in his seventh chapter, states the same truth in its negative form when he tells King Ahaz, "If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established." He follows this statement with one of the great prophetic signs: "Therefore the Lord himself shall give you a sign; Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." Isaiah prophesies here the vir-

gin birth of Jesus; Matthew records its fulfillment in the first chapter of his gospel.

In Isaiah 9:6-7, the prophet tells us that this child who is to be born of the virgin will take upon his shoulder the government of the world and establish it upon the kingdom and throne of David. Luke 1:26-33 gives the angel Gabriel's announcement to the virgin Mary that the Lord God shall give to her son, Jesus, the throne of David; and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever.

Judah had been given many signs by which to know the Messiah when he came. "Believe in the Lord your God; believe his prophets." But when He came exactly as the prophets said, the people of Judah and Jerusalem cast Him out with scorn and hatred. They rejected the evidence of His virgin birth; they repudiated His words and works; they determined, "We will not have this man to rule over us;" and they denied His resurrection.

Where was the creed which had sustained them in the days of Jehoshaphat? It had been superseded by the traditions of men who attempted to change the laws and plans of God.

"We believe in God," the Jews told Jesus. "If you believed in God, you would believe me," he answered. "Abraham is our father," declared the Jews. What did Jesus say then? "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." "We believe Moses," they said. No. "Had you believed Moses," Jesus replied, " you would have believed me: for he wrote of me. But if you believe not his writings, how shall you believe my words?" "We believe the prophets," the Jews claimed. Did they? Jesus says they stoned and killed the prophets of God, and taught for doctrines the commandments of men.

"If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established." The truth of this edict has been forced into the history of the Jews for almost two thousand years. "The kingdom shall be taken from you . . ." (Matthew 21:43.) Since that day the leaders of international Jewry have been trying to take by treachery and force the kingdom which they lost through unbelief. *Does it matter what a nation believes?*

SOME will call this "old stuff" and say that it has no application to our modern world; that under the freedom of grace in the Christian era we are not bound by ancient creeds and are privileged to think as we please. But are we? Only to the extent that we are willing to take the consequences of substituting our opinions for divine truth. We need to consider carefully what we discard: whether it be the ideas of men, or the truths of God.

Let us examine briefly some of these facts in their relation to the present time. First, let us ask, to what nation was Christ's kingdom given when it was taken from the Jews? To none other than the ten-tribed Israel people who have continued to function nationally, apart from Judah, from the time of their separation under Jeroboam to this very hour.

Established in the isles under the banner of Jacob and the throne of David, they have now expanded into the commonwealth of nations and the great people promised to the house of Joseph in Genesis 48. Accepting the Messiah and His Gospel rejected by the Jews, they have done the work which the prophets assigned to Israel, and constitute today the main body of Christian nations. But do the Christian people as a whole know this fact? Herein lies their sin and shame. They have done Israel's work blindly and unconsciously, all the while calling themselves Gentiles, and refusing to believe in their heritage as God's chosen people.

Like Esau, they have despised their birthright. Because of their blindness and failure to believe the prophets they can't even interpret aright their own Scriptures! Their stupidity in not assuming their responsibility as God's Israel is one of the chief causes of the tragic and overwhelming tide of evil sweeping over them now!

IT is significant to note some of the basic principles wherein Christian Israel is becoming increasingly like unbelieving Judah. Naturally the more apostate Christians are the more they revert to the false doctrines of Talmudical Judaism.

Take the prophecy of the virgin birth of Christ, already referred to, as an example. The "liberal" adherents of the Christian churches are in perfect agreement with Judaism on this doctrine. Both denounce it with vehemence and derision. Next, consider the matter of our Lord's return to take the throne of David and the kingship of the world, vouched for by prophets, angels and Christ Himself. Here we find not only the atheistic wing of the church, but a majority of conservative ministers and church members, united with Jewry in opposing this glorious Bible truth. Strange to say, there seems to be no truth under heaven that riles its opponents to such a frenzy as the mention of Christ's return to earth. Yet these same so-called Christians pray unitedly and piously each Sunday—"Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, ON EARTH as it is in heaven." Yet how can the kingdom be established and function perfectly on earth without the king?

MODERN Christendom is also guilty — not wholly, but to a very large extent—of repudiating the work of God's prophets. Millions of people call themselves Christians and believe not the prophets who were used of God to prepare the way for Christ and to reveal His plans to the world. They have no more regard for the word of these Spirit-filled men than do unregenerate Jews and infidels. They, too, teach for doctrines the puerile theories of men. Many do not believe in the resurrection of Christ.

Perhaps this explains the growing fellowship between Christians and Jews. Creedless Christians have much in common with unbelieving Jews. The bars are down between the two groups, not because Jews are becoming more Christlike, but because church leaders and laymen are becoming less Christian—"men of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith." (II Timothy 3:8.)

Creedless Christians are *easy marks for subversive doctrines.* Anchored to no firm convictions, no positive Christian principles, they are unstable! Eager to maintain freedom of thought where the Bible is concerned, they yield to the snares and mental slavery of pagan ideologies. False philosophies take root in minds that hedge against a definite "I believe"

in God and Christ as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Shying off from divine verities they back into false religious cults. Ignorant of the Lord's kingdom plan of government and economics they permit totalitarian systems to fasten their poisonous tentacles into every phase of life — the home, the state, the church, the school.

The most horrible war in history marches on because Christians have scuttled the creed that matters: "Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper."

Is it possible to be a Christian without a creed? We shall let Paul give the final answer to this question from II Thessalonians 2:8-14.

"And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; BECAUSE THEY RECEIVED NOT THE LOVE OF THE TRUTH, THAT THEY MIGHT BE SAVED. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie; that they all might be judged WHO BELIEVED NOT THE TRUTH, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit AND BELIEF OF THE TRUTH: whereunto he called you by our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ."

Needed: Conscientious Fighters

BEFORE us is a letter written to ministers. It is sent out by the Social Service Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention for the purpose of enlisting ministerial support in a campaign to create conscientious objectors. In a leaflet accompanying the letter, aggressive warfare is repudiated. With this we agree. The pledge, however, which is to be signed is subtle for it makes no distinction between a war of aggression and one of defense. To sign the pledges places one on record as opposed to war for any purpose. One clause reads, "Therefore, I set down my name to make concrete my purpose not to participate in the prosecution of any war of any nature or origin."

Every sane man recognizes the evils of war and agrees that every other form of violence and strife, whether it be carried on by a lone criminal or by an organized group of gangsters, must be suppressed. However, he also knows that so long as there are unregenerated men and nations upon earth there will be aggression and he must be prepared to meet it or forever forfeit his liberty and freedom.

Those responsible for issuing the above pledge seem to be obsessed with the idea that criminally inclined individuals or nations will immediately respect their rights if they refuse to fight to maintain their position. What fools! The pledge is so worded that the signer agrees that the taking up of arms for any cause is to deny Jesus Christ. Furthermore, a booklet accompanying this literature entitled *War or Peace in the Light of the Scripture* tries to make out that no Christian is ever justified to take part in any armed conflict. Quotations are given, but as is usual in such matters, they are misapplied in trying to prove a case not in accord with Biblical instruction. For instance, Matthew 26:52 is cited as condemning all war, "For all they that take the sword shall perish by the sword." The writer seems to be completely ignorant of the fact that there are two swords mentioned here. Just ordinary common sense teaches that if there is an armed conflict there of necessity must be at least two opponents, one the aggressor and the other the defender. The first sword in the above passage is in the hand of the aggressor while the second is held by the defender. One sword is overcome by the other and not overcome by some other method, such as being a "conscientious objector." Our Lord has *blessed those holding the sword of defense*. Even aggressor nations recognize the moral strength of those who fight in defense and try to make all men believe they are thus fighting!

THE usual lack of understanding of the practical application of Biblical teaching is in evidence in the entire literature. The author is completely confused regarding the administration of justice, which is fundamental to government, and the laws covering individual relationships. Let us illustrate. The law says to the individual, "Thou shalt not kill." Jesus confirmed and emphasized this by the statement that hating a brother without cause is murder in the sight of God. So far we are dealing with the individual. What is to be done with the criminal who commits murder? The ecclesiastical leaders are as confused here as they are regarding the matters of defense against mass murder. That confusion will not disappear until they rightly divide the teachings of Scripture as between individual conduct and the administration of justice and recognize the distinction between wars of aggression and wars for defense.

The Lord said to the nation, "Who so killeth, the murderer shall surely be put to death." If the commandment to the individual be from God, then this command to the nation becomes mandatory.*

The purpose of establishing His Kingdom at Mount Sinai was that there might be perfection in the administration of law. To this end Israel received the most perfect system of laws governing both individual and national requirements. The nations around were aggressive and armed. Because this was so a system of national defense was laid down in these laws. It was required that every man twenty years old and upwards must be mustered in the national militia, keeping his weapons ready for service when attacked.

*See "Capital Punishment" (Reprint from November, 1937, DESTINY.) Price 10c.

The Kingdom organized at Mount Sinai is none other than the House of Jacob. This people constitute the Kingdom over which Jesus Christ is to reign (Luke 1:32, 33). Today they face a desperate situation. The ruthless tramp of armed forces has lain one country after another in ashes. Criminals are on the rampage and these men who are presuming to be Christian leaders are trying to get men to say they will not take up arms in defense of our freedom so that we may continue to enjoy liberty in spite of such evil aggression.

WE challenge the honesty of men who accept everything and give nothing. These who advocate signing this pledge and those who sign will continue to accept the protection of organized society and at the same time are refusing to stand in the line of defense in a coming day of trouble. Furthermore such men are doing their best to prevent our nation from marshalling its full strength when the invader threatens our land and our homes by influencing others to follow their example.

This is not a personal matter but a question of the continuation of the life of a nation. The continuation of the Kingdom people as a nation is as important in the sight of the Lord as is the continuation of the life of an individual. This is clear from the condemnation of those who would prevent the nation from standing against her enemies in the day of batttle. "Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel . . . Thus saith the Lord; Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! O Israel thy prophets are like the foxes in the desert. Ye have not gone up into the gaps, neither made up the hedge for the house of Israel to stand in the battle of the day of the Lord." (Ez. 13:1-5.)

Because these foolish men have prevented Israel from being fully perpared, destruction is pronounced upon them. Thy may smile and say they will refuse to fight, but do neutrals and non-combatants escape the strafing from the bombing and diving planes in these modern battles?

Jesus confirmed the law, even the least of the commandments. But these ecclesiastical leaders would set aside all the laws of defense. If Jesus' words mean anything such men are destined to be the least in the restored Kingdom because of treasonable acts against the Kingdom and its laws (Matt. 5:18, 19). Those who oppose their country's means of defense are worse than the enemy who attacks, as their opposition places an extra burden upon all the rest of the people. It isn't the foe without we fear but the fools within.

The Social Service Committee of the Northern Baptist Convention is using funds in an effort to enlist as many as possible to become conscientious objectors? Is this the purpose for which Christian people contributed this money? There must always be war between right and wrong and our Lord, whom they profess to follow, is shown by John as FIGHTING for righteousness and in order to establish equity, justice and judgment (Rev. 19:11).

LET all those who are not willing to protect our nation in a time of emergency move, with their families, to an unprotected land. For them to continue to partake of the freedom provided by those who have fought and died and which will yet be preserved by those who will yet fight and die, is not only dishonest and cowardly but it isn't Christian. If they truly have the courage of their convictions let them thus pass out beyond the barriers of defense and not continue to enjoy the blessings of freedom assured us by an army and navy ready to fight to preserve the liberty for which our forefathers died.

Just what have these Church leaders to say regarding Jesus Christ? Isaiah prophesies that His garments will be dyed in blood in the day of His anger. It is useless for them to say the New Testament is contrary to this, for there we read of Him as riding at the Head of His armies descending to the field of battle. It is said of Him that in righeousness, that is, for the establishment of the law, He doth judge and MAKE WAR. Jesus Christ declaring war! If these deluded men would only follow Him whom they profess to serve they would declare war on all aggression and aggressive leaders, for He is not only the Prince of Peace, but, lest we forget, He is also the Lord of Battles and as such fights to establish justice and peace.

We need men today, righteous men, filled with indignation and anger against unrighteousness, against lust, greed and oppression; ready and willing at all times to fight injustice and evil.

A normal twelve year old child would have sufficient common sense to know that Germany today would not be destroying one neutral after another had the nations around held a powerful sword of defense. Evil and aggression are always alert and active and yet certain members of this religious denomination have gone on record that they will not oppose such evil. The men responsible for this program are lacking in knowledge and are deficient in understanding and certainly have no discernment or they would long ago have recognized that a nation must defend itself against evil men. Their very acts are now contributing to increase the coming horrors of war when it breaks upon our shores. Had they but known the Scripture they would not now be guilty of trying to bind America with cords that her locks might be sheared and their country become a prey, as Sampson became a prey, to those who hated him.

THE ANGLO-SAXON-ISRAEL people are His battle ax and weapons of war. For aggression? No! To establish peace and break every yoke, to set the prisoners free and liberate the slaves, to establish the earth and cause the desolate places to be inhabited and to be His salvation to the ends of the earth. Leaders in this denomination have gone on record, and are trying to enlist thousands with them that they will not be used of God for the above purposes if it requires WAR to fulfill His word and establish His Kingdom and its righteousness.

Why not be consistent? Why do they not advocate the same policy regarding Israel's internal conditions as is being advocated by them regarding the external? Surely, if it is wrong to fight to protect the nation from enemies without it is as wrong to fight against enemies within. Perhaps they would like to live where there is no police protection. We certainly would be interested to see how they could handle evil men and criminals so that they would not steal, rob and murder in the midst

of an unprotected and defenseless society. We believe they would be the very first to clamor for protection.

We hate war and all the oppression, suffering and misery that follows in its wake; but we detest and hate oppression and slavery the more. Rather than see those we love become the prey of ruthless conquerors we will fight with all the God-given power at our command. The best possible insurance for peace until He comes is a spiritually awakened people keeping Israel's laws of defense.

May God have pity on our people if they become so foolish as to listen to this ecclesiastical mishandling of Scriptural teachings regarding defense and war. So long as there exists on earth an armed but unregenerated nation (which will be until this age closes) we must be vigilant and alert, always ready to fight in the cause of righteousness and to protect our freedom. This must not only be against an enemy without but also against the insidious propaganda of the enemy within.

Thank God there are still thousands of MEN, redblooded and true, within our land among whom are numbered many fine ministers of the Gospel who are still willing to stand for right, for justice, for equity and in defense of that freedom for which our forefathers paid a price with their blood. Such men are not willing to let slip from their grasp the independence that cost so much, even though it means we must experience the horrors of war in order to retain these God-given privileges as a heritage for coming generations!

The Yoke!

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ALMOST from the beginning of time the *yoke* has been an emblem of servitude. One dictionary definition of the word is "enslave."

The experience of the Israel nation of economic slavery under Pharaoh of Egypt has become the folklore of the people. Leviticus 26:13 refers to this period of economic slavery as a yoke—"I brought you out of Egypt and broke the bands of thy *YOKE*." It would seem one such experience would be sufficient.

Yet, even after this experience we have the marvelous account of the exodus and God's protection from the armies of Pharaoh; then his care and training in the wilderness and the establishing of the kingdom in the promised land.

Here we find God's warning, stating conditions of a further chastisement. Deuteronomy 28:47, 48 tells us "Because thou servedst not the Lord . . therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies . . . and he (thine enemies) shall put a *YOKE* of iron upon thy neck." Verse 68—"The Lord shall bring thee into Egypt again . . . by the way whereof I spake unto thee. Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall be sold unto your enemies for bondmen and bondwomen . . ."

Later in their history, when Israel demanded a King, we have the story in I Samuel 8:7-16. ". . . They have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me . . . I brought them out of Egypt . . . they have forsaken me. . . . Now, therefore, . . shew them the *manner* of the King that shall reign over them . . . He will take your sons and appoint them to himself . . . and set them to ear his ground, and to reap his harvests, and to make his instruments of war . . . and he will take your daughters to be confectionaries, and . . . cooks . . , and bakers . . . and he will take your fields . . . and give them to his servants . . . and he will take the tenth of your seed . . . and give to his officers . . . and he will take your menservants and your maidservants . . . and *put them to His work*."

Still this was not sufficient. The division of the Kingdom followed and Jeroboam of Israel promised a "more grievous *yoke*" and made two golden calves.

Finally Jeremiah tells Israel plainly (Chapter 27) "The king of Babylon shall put their (Israel's) neck under the *yoke*."

Verse 12, "I spake to Zedekiah king of Judah . . . Bring your necks under the king of Babylon and serve him. . . .

Chapter 28:14. "Thus saith the Lord God of Israel; I have put a *yoke* of iron upon the neck of all these nations and they shall serve Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon."

WHEN WE therefore DISCOVER our IDENTITY as Israel and discover ourselves as the Anglo-Saxon peoples of the ten tribes—WE DISCOVER ALSO OUR STATUS of having an economic *yoke* about our necks. We identify this yoke from the "Golden Calves" of Jeroboam, the "Gold Standards of Nebuchadnezzar," the economic system of the "Great City Babylon" with its supporting "Statutes of Omri."

With this realization comes the question of when and how we can be released from this servitude.

Isaiah 10:27, "And it shall come to pass in that day (see battle of Armageddon) that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulders and his *YOKE* from off thy neck and the *YOKE* shall be destroyed . . ."

Here we have the time element for removal of this *yoke* of economic bondage. It is to be at the time of the supreme test of the final Gentile Kingdom for world dominance over Israel.

Ezekiel 34:27, "Tree shall yield fruit, earth its increase—They shall be safe and know God *WHEN* I have broken . . . the *yoke* and delivered them."

The *yoke* must be removed before the release of God's bounty from the earth.

Jeremiah 30:8, "In that day . . . I shall break his yoke from off thy (Israel's) neck."

Here again the time is connected with the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" of verse seven in the seed of the nations and leads us to a study of seven years of world overproduction followed by seven years of dearth. Government records prove such overproduction from 1927 to 1934 and the "dearth" years of 1934-1941 so far

conform to the pattern. In this thought we find answer to the question of "HOW" this yoke is to be removed.

Now when we turn to the words of our Lord in Matthew 11:29, 30 and hear Him say, "Take my yoke upon you . . . My *yoke* is easy and my burden is light," we understand that He offers us the Kingdom of God on earth in exchange for Gentile world dominance; the great city, the Holy Jerusalem, in exchange for the Great City Babylon. A world economic peace in exchange for a world economy of confusion. Here, and here alone, is the foundation for the long period of world peace and freedom from war among the nations.

CLEARER, too, become the words of Jeremiah in Lamentations 3:27, "It is good for a man that he bear the *yoke* in his youth."

And in Jeremiah 31:18 where our God says, "I have surely heard Ephraim bemoaning himself thus; Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as a bullock (John Bull) unaccustomed to the yoke."

So also can we understand the present war conditions of the world, for again in Jeremiah 51:19-24, "Israel . . . the rod of his inheritance . . . Thou are my battle axe and weapons of war; for with thee will I break in pieces the nations (ten-toed nations of Daniel, now three evil spirit nations of Revelation or three eagle heads of II Esdras, last form of Gentile world dominance), and with thee will I destroy Kingdoms (Last of the *yoke* kingdoms whose yoke shall be upon Israel's neck) . . . and with thee will break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces captains and rulers and I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all the evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith the Lord."

Galations 5:1, "Stand fast—Be not entangled again in the *yoke* of bondage."

Acts 15:10, "Why tempt God to put a *yoke* on our necks . . . But we believe through the gace of our Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved *even as they* (our fathers)."

A Study in Revelation

Part 6: Onward March of the Kingdom

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THE sixth seal closed with aggressive nations and their leaders coming to judgment, for the great day of His wrath had come. Before John was shown the events of the seventh seal, which portray the judgments of God, the scene changed and he watched the onward march of the Kingdom people. The account begins with the history of the Kingdom as it comes into contact with the western world.

It was necessary for John to witness the activity of the Kingdom beginning with the contact with Rome in order that he might understand the significance of the events of the Christian era. Without that knowledge of the Kingdom and its activities it is impossible to clearly follow the historical fulfillment of prophecy. In order that we may understand the events now seen by John we must know the previous history of the Kingdom that we may rightly identify the Kingdom people. That can be done only by reviewing the history of the Kingdom prior to the events as depicted by John in his preview of the onward march of the Kingdom.

The Stone Kingdom

The King of Babylon had a famous dream in which he saw a Stone cut out of the mountain without hands. He watched it smash against world empires, saw it grow into a mountain, and finally fill the whole earth. Every true Bible student recognizes this Stone as the emblem of Christ's Kingdom. With this we agree. However, when it comes to defining the Kingdom, of which this Stone is the emblem, we cannot agree with those who declare that it represents a spiritual Kingdom only, or that it is to be organized at some future date.

If we accept the fact that the Stone represents Christ's Kingdom then we must be logical and accept it as the emblem of the Kingdom over which Jesus Crist will reign and rule. There can be no other conclusion, for that Kingdom over which Jesus is to rule must be none other than His Kingdom. But the Angel Gabriel said of Jesus, "God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end." (Luke 1:32-33.)

The House of Jacob

Two facts are here set forth: First, that the Kingdom of our Lord is the House of Jacob; Second, that the Throne of David is established over that Kingdom. This is in accord with the declaration of Jeremiah that the Throne of David is established forever over the House of Israel, with a man of the line of David upon that Throne reigning over the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob (Jer. 33:14-26). The coming One who will finally occupy that Throne, according to the fourteenth verse, is the Branch of Righteousness, which is none other than Jesus Christ.

The Organization of the Kingdom

God confirmed the fact that Israel was His Kingdom when he organized them at Mount Sinai. Through Moses He addressed the people assembled at the foot of the Mount as follows, "Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel . . . ye shall be unto me a kingdom

of priests, and a holy nation." (Ex. 19:2-6.) Here we have the very people who the Angel Gabriel tells Mary will constitute Jesus' Kingdom, being organized into God's Kingdom at Mount Sinai and so declared to be His Kingdom by God Himself.

The Throne in the Kingdom

If the House of Jacob is His Kingdom then the throne in that Kingdom must be the Throne of the Lord (see Part Three, April 1940 DESTINY). This is confirmed in the statement, "Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father, and prospered; and all Israel obeyed him." (I Chron. 29:23.)

The Bible is never ambiguous! All its statements contribute to make up the entire picture of God's dealings with His people and the organization and forward march of His Kingdom. The above quotation, and many other passages, confirm the fact that the Kingdom of God was organized upon earth when the House of Jacob became a nation at Mount Sinai. The little Stone was being cut out of the mountain without hands for God brought this Kingdom into being, wrote its laws and directed its work of administration.

The physical birth of the Kingdom occurred at Mount Sinai. It would require many centuries of schooling to bring that Kingdom to the spiritual birth. Thus many years must separate the birth of the Kingdom from the time of the great spiritual awakening. In that day, yet future, the Kingdom will be truly born again —which second birth, or spiritual awakening, is depicted by John in Revelation.

His Government

The government of our Lord is established in Israel in the giving of the commandments, statutes and Judgments to the House of Jacob. Of this government Isaiah was prophesying when he said, "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even forever." (Isa. 9:7.)

The History of the Kingdom

The Kingdom people were schooled in the administration of the law and in the righteousness of our Lord's government during their forty years in the wilderness. Just before his death Moses admonished them in the need of observing and keeping all the law. Under Joshua the Kingdom moved into the promised land. At first the administration of the Kingdom was carried on by Judges and then kings came to the throne. When the people observed the law and obeyed its requirements they were prosperous, but when they refused there was trouble and difficulties, with the enemy invading their territory.

Rebellion

The golden age of opportunity and splendor became a reality during Solomon's reign. It could be said of his day that every man could sit under his own vine and fig tree and none make him afraid. (Micah 4:4.) In the course of time first the King, and then the people, turned aside from keeping the law. With the death of Solomon and the ascension of his son Rehoboam to the Throne, the House of Israel rebelled and set up a government of their own with Samaria as their capital.

Division in Israel

From the day that the House of Israel seceded, all Israel has been divided. The House of Israel constituted the Northern ten-tribe Kingdom, while the House of Judah was represented in the Southern Kingdom. The House of David continued its rule over the Southern Kingdom until the Babylonian captivity.

The Captivities

The Northern Kingdom, or House of Israel, was carried away captive by the Assyrians in 740 to 721 B.C. About one hundred and fifty years later the Southern Kingdom, or House of Judah, was taken captive to Babylon. At the end of seventy years a remnant from those carried away to Babylon returned to Palestine and Jerusalem. This group, mostly composed of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin, became known as the seventy week nation of the Jews referred to by Daniel (Dan. 9:24). They rebuilt the Temple and the City and were present in Palestine to meet the coming Messiah. The Messiah came. The Galileans, or Benjamites, accepted Him but the Jews rejected Him and His message and sealed the doom of their nation and city. The Temple and City of Jerusalem were destroyed by the Roman army under Titus in 70 A.D. Thus ended the Jewish nation and of the Jews Daniel prophesied, because of their rejection and crucifixion of the Messiah, "And the Jews they shall be no more his people.' (Dan. 9:26 *Margin.*)

The House of Israel

The House of Israel was not involved in the return from Babylon to Palestine but had already begun the great migration from Assyria north and west toward the land of Arsareth as they moved on the way to the apointed place in the Isles of the sea. Part of Israel had already reached the appointed place by the sea route, but the great bulk of the tribes went by land, taking centuries to make this westward journey.

In the early Christian centuries Rome was endeavoring to expand her empire and extend her rule north into southern Europe. It was a critical period in the westward trek of Israel. Had Rome been able at this particular time to have accomplished her purpose it would have materially interfered with the westward march of Israel. It was at this particular time in the history of God's Kingdom that John saw the people of that Kingdom coming into contact with the Roman Empire.

Four Angels

John beheld four angels standing on the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth. The earth is the Roman world and here we see four mighty angels holding the winds of war that conquest and devastation might not interfere with the westward march of Israel.

The Angel of the Lord

As John watched he beheld a guardian Angel ascending from the east, leading the vanguard of the Israel people as they moved across central and southern Europe. They were trekking toward the appointed place (Sam. 7:10) in the Isles (Isa. 41:1; 49:1). This is none other than the Angel of the Lord going before His people to prepare the way.*

Micah, the prophet, is given a vision of Israel passing from the east

*For further information on Israel's westward trek see 1938 DESTINY for October, November and December.

towards the west through the gates of the Caucasus Mountains. He says, "The breaker is come up before them they have broken up, and have passed through the gate, and are gone out by it; and their king shall pass before them, and the Lord on the head of them (or at their head)." (Micah 2:13.)

The Assyrians came up against Israel and carried the people away into captivity. Here they broke up into small groups and as such trekked from the land of their captivity, moving toward the north and west. In that trek toward the west, they moved out of Asia into Europe. There is a pass in the mountains known even today as the Israel Pass.

The King of the line of David had gone on before them as described by the prophet Micah. The Royal line arrived in the Isles many centuries before the tribes gathered to this appointed place.** As Micah saw the Lord leading them, so John described the Angel of the Lord preparing the way for His people in their westward move. John beheld Israel coming in contact with Rome. He heard the command of the Angel directed to the four angels, demanding that they hold the four winds so that war would not interfere with Israel's westward trek. Each tribe was sealed for a safe passage through this danger zone. The Roman world, or earth, was soon to be in the grip of devastating war. The Goths, Vandals and Huns were preparing to invade their territory while internal conflict with one military ruler after another coming to power was to bring to an end that mighty Empire. But Rome was not to be disturbed until Israel had passed safely beyond the area of disturbance so that these coming judgments upon the pagan empire would not interfere with the westward move of the Kingdom.

The Earth and the Sea

John declared that the four angels were given power to hurt the earth and the sea. The earth is the Apocalyptic, or Roman, world. The sea represents peoples in agitation and the vegetation of the earth represents the peoples and citizens of the Roman world.

**See February, 1939, DESTINY — "The Throne in the Kingdom."

The Four Angels

The fact that John declared that these four angels were holding four winds from blowing upon the earth while Israel is being sealed designates them as the four trumpeting angels of the next chapter who let loose four great disasters that swept over Rome. Meantime, while the four awaited the signal to let loose the judgments upon Imperial Rome, the Angel of the Lord proceeded with the sealing of the tribes of Israel.

This holding of Judgment is clearly indicated in the command to the four angels, "Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads." Judgment was thus stayed upon Rome for the protection of Israel.

The Numbering of the Tribes

John said, "I heard the number of them that were sealed: and there was sealed an hundred and forty and four thousands of all the tribes of Israel." Twelve thousand of each tribe were thus numbered. Thus sealed they were protected from interference by Rome and destruction by the forces that would soon invade this Empire.

The number one hundred and forty-four thousand is the numerics of completion and does not signify the exact quota sealed in each tribe. The tribes thus sealed do not represent the same body of people referred to in the 14th chapter as the one hundred and forty-four thousand who stand with the Lamb in Mount Zion. There again the number signifies completion rather than the actual numerical strength of those who stand with Him, completing His Government. This second one hundred and forty-four thousand will be dealt with in a later chapter.

The Missing Tribe

Twelve of the thirteen tribes are numbered and sealed. Joseph represents Ephraim, as the headship passed from Joseph to Ephraim according to the blessing given to Ephraim and Manasseh by Jacob (Gen. 48:15-20). But Joseph had a double portion granted unto him (Ezekiel 47:13) so we find Manasseh, Joseph's other son, represented in this numbering, for Manasseh constitutes the thirteenth tribe. One tribe is missing. This is the tribe of Dan. The question naturally is asked, *Why was Dan not numbered?*

There have been many conjectures regarding the omission of Dan in this numbering. Some have gone so far as to even declare that this tribe was excluded because of idolatry. Yet if that were the reason then many of the other tribes should not have been numbered. No, that is not the reason and not until we know the identity of Israel today and retrace her history and recognize the period in that history when John saw the tribes moving westward, do we have the reason for Dan's omission.

Deborah asked the question, "Why did Dan remain in ships?" (Judges 5:17.) She didn't understand and in fact was disturbed because Dan did not come to the help of Israel. History, however, gives the answer for with Dan remaining in his ships this tribe passed out through the gates of Hercules (Gibraltar) centuries before Israel reached the critical period in her trek west, as described by John. At the time the twelve tribes were being numbered against interference by Rome, or by the judgments that were about to come upon that Empire, Dan was already hidden in the Isles far beyond the power of Rome to interfere, or her later downfall to affect this tribe. Thus, it was not necessary to include Dan with those who were marked for special protection. It is clear, however, that Dan is numbered among the tribes of Israel who will inherit a portion in the coming new order, while the name of this tribe appears on one of the gates of the new Jersualem (See Ezekiel 48:1, 2, 32).

A Great Multitude

"After this," so John says, "I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands."

This multitude declared that salvation is from God who sits upon the Throne and from the Lamb. All Israel acquiesced in this acclamation; ascribing blessing, glory, vision, thanksgiving, honor, power and might to God throughout all eternity.

We know that the elders and four beasts spoken of here as glorifying God represent the Israel organiza-

tion. This was clearly brought out in our dealing with the Kingdom and the Throne as recorded in the fourth chapter of Revelation. But who are these arrayed in white robes? One of the elders asked John this question and also if he knew from whence they came. John disclaimed any knowledge of them and their origin. The elder then said, "There are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."

Here we have a description of the multitudes suffering tribulations for the sake of Jesus Christ who have come out from among all nations and peoples. They have put on the robes of righteousness and are an innumerable company that will inherit the blessings of the Kingdom. Those who are not of Israel by birth thus partake of Kingdom blessings by the acceptance of Christ.

Citizenship in the Kingdom

There were certain specific requirements for citizenship in the Kingdom. Under the Old Covenant every individual of the seed of Abraham had to comply with these requirements or lose their rights of citizenship in Israel. If, after having become a citizen, an Israelite violated the law and refused to make the required atonement he forfeited his future citizenship in the Kingdom. Strangers could become Israelites upon complying with certain requirements of the law.

Because these facts have not been recognized, men have seen the evil acts of individuals in Israel and this has disturbed them. What they had overlooked was that these evil men, or men of Belial, as the Bible sometimes calls them, while outwardly a part of Israel had already forfeited their citizenship and their names were removed from the registry of Israel in the coming great restoration. They continued to live and to have a part in Kingdom history but will have no part in the future of that Kingdom. Jesus was describing such men in the Kingdom when He said, "Violent (men) take it by force." (Matt. 11:12.)

The New Covenant

Under the terms of the New Covenant (Jer. 31:31-34, Heb. 8:10-11) every Israelite must be recovenanted to God through His Son Jesus Christ. Formerly circumcision was of the flesh, now it is of the heart. Moses looked forward to the day when Israel would accept Christian circumcision for he said, "And the Lord thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live." (Deut. 30:6.) Every Israelite, under the terms of the New Covenant, must accept the new type of circumcision in order to secure citizenship in the coming new order. The stranger who is not an Israelite by birth can also become a citizen by the same means, that is, circumcision of heart.

The great multitude whom John described had thus become citizens through Jesus Christ. The way has been opened that every Israelite may secure His citizenship and every non-Israelite may become a citizen by the simple process of accepting Jesus Christ and keeping all His commandments.

The Blessings of the Kingdom

The apostle says of the future of those who have thus complied with the requirements of citizenship, "They shall hunger no more; neither shall the sun light on them, nor any heat. For the Lamb which is in the midst of the Throne shall feed them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes."

Here we have freedom from trouble and want and the full blessings of peace, with safety and happiness the coming lot of the Kingdom people. As Isaiah contemplated the future it is no wonder that he exclaimed, "For since the beginning of the world man hath not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him." (Isa. 64:4.)

The next installment will deal with the Judgments of God, as recorded by the events of the seventh seal.

—Ed.

The Vision of the Ephah

(Continued from the June Issue)

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Irrigation of the rich fertile soil will mean the re-peopling of the district on a grand scale, and the rebuilding of Babylon—thus literally fulfilling the prophecies relating to that "geographical" locality.

All this is being quietly planned and commenced and no one seems to appreciate its real significance — as usual! All the while we in the West (in G. B. and the U.S.A.) are talking and writing about Mystical Babylon, Babylonian Banking and Usury, Symbolical Babylon, Papal Babylon, and all the other Babylons of the Theologians, and the inspired foreknowledge of God is twisted to mean anything and everything but what it says.

Geography Will Win

But the geography of prophecy will yet be proved to be the safer guide to prophetic exposition. Here in *The Observer* (the London Sunday Weekly) is one of the first announcements about the coming development of the Euphrates Valley, a few miles north of Babylon, near the point where Cyrus deflected the Great River Euphrates! Now British engineers are to regulate its overflow at the same place!

Thus does history repeat itself, 2480 years afterwards!

Will it require say 40 years (?) before Babylon is re-built, and repeopled, and is ripe for judgment? 2480 years, plus 40 years, equals 2520 years—the significant Seven Times of prophecy! A. D. 1940 plus 40 years brings us to A.D. 1980, which is getting very near the end of the third 2000 years, after which—*The Millennium!*

Symbolical Interpretations

A FINAL word about the interpretations of the symbology of the Ephah Vision.

The Three Women naturally invite the attention of the symbolising experts. Some overlook the fact that the first woman is definitely identified by the Angel as representing "Wickedness." She represents, symbolises, typifies Wickedness in Commerce, and as this is to be the resemblance throughout all the earth, obviously there can be no special nation, or people, singled out by that unenviable symbol of universally concealed Wickedness.

A writer on this vision, in the period of the "Berlin to Bagdad" railway scheme, promptly and quite naturally identified the Two Women agents for the re-building of Babylon as Germany and Great Britain. But time has proved that surmise to be incorrect.

Then there are the two great sections of Ten-Tribed Israel, namely Great Britain and America, which would necessitate much greater readiness on the part of the U.S.A. to cooperate with Britain in the Middle East, than she manifests at the present time.

France, many years before the Great War, suggested that the Euphrates Valley should be internationalised, as it is far too valuable strategically to be under the control of any single European Power.

The prophecies certainly indicate that all nations will be involved in the exploitation of the wealth and commerce of the district, where East and West meet.

These thoughts give rise to another suggested interpretation of the "two women with wings like the wings of a stork, and the wind was in their wings." This simile indicates great rapidity of flight. May not this refer to the great increase of travel in the Latter Days, mentioned by Daniel, both by land and air (Daniel 12:4)? My recent serial article on "The Great Divide" referred to Railways and Aeroplanes as mentioned by Isaiah.

In view of the difficulty of naming any two "women" nations working in partnership, may it not refer to the present-day craze for speedy travel, which is bringing all the peoples of the world only a few days, or even hours, distant from each other? Note there is no hint in the Vision-Prophecy that any nations (not even Israel and Judah) are here symbolised by the two women. In the absence of any hint, I prefer to leave the question an open one—the Scottish verdict of "not proven"—especially as the first woman is labelled "Wickedness."

A Final Word on Revelation 18

HERE are a few of Mr. Sturt's quotations about the future Commercial Babylon of Rev. 18:

"The former chapter gave us the *moral* picture of Babylon in the height of its evil glory, until the corrupt system, represented by the Harlot, is destroyed by the power that first supports it. But one form of error may be displaced only to make way for another that is worse, even as the worship of false gods may be followed by the denial of every god. This is what the Word of God foreshadows, as following the destruction of the Harlot.

"In this chapter we have a picture of the commercial greatness of Babylon, given, however, in connection with its fall.

"The two are evidently one; and whatever city is meant by Babylon in the one chapter, must also be referred to in the other.

"This seems conclusive against the idea that Rome is that city. For the commercial greatness here so vividly portrayed has never characterized Rome in the past any more than it does now. Nor is there the least probability that it will ever be so in the future.

"The Euphrates, however, is not only clearly pointed to and named as the locality of this "great city, which will hold sovereignty over the Kings of the Earth," but it is admirably suited for the purpose described.

"Much of the early greatness of Babylon is no doubt attributable to the remarkable geographical advantages she enjoyed.

"In a position nearly central, the chief city of a land watered by two of the finest rivers in the world, Babylon must have been very early in history the foremost state in Western Asia, and the natural center for receiving and transmitting onward the international commerce of Asia.

"Verses 9 to 19 contain a marvelous description of commercial greatness, both by land and sea, which is totally inappropriate to Rome, and exactly suited to the city named. The suddenness of the desolation so repeatedly mentioned, should be noted and compared with Isaiah's and Jeremiah's predictions.

"I regard this final and complete destruction of Babylon as following the sounding of the trumpets, and contemporaneous with the closing part of chapter 19. The swiftness of it, moreover, as described here and in Jeremiah, is in marked contrast to the slow decline of ancient Babylon through so many years. The predictions of the prophets are still awaiting their fulfillment, but not one jot or tittle will fail."

My task of presenting these unusual views about a future Babylon to the readers of DESTINY is now ended, and my hope is that it will induce a much more extensive and intensive study of these great prophecies of the Old Testament.

Will the heaven prospered cry of "Westward Ho!" be reversed? Will the cry of "Eastward Ho!" be the call of all nations to assmble themselves for judgment in this center of the earth, where the three continents of Europe, Asia and Africa are linked up, and thus fulfill those "unfulfilled remainders"?

As the greatest crisis in the world's history approaches its climax, all Israel will be summoned to sever their connection with Babylon.

"And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not her plagues."

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Trailing the Ten Tribes....

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IT is indeed strange how the Wheel of Fate turns in the life of man! It is, perhaps, a blessing that the individual cannot see into the future, for such ability would prove both a blessing and a curse. The great Creator has thought best not to give this power, and deprive the genus homo the thrill of surprises both good and bad.

As an historian, I returned forty-six years ago from an expedition, and gave the first college lecture relating to that expedition on May 6th, 1894. The purpose of that expedition was an attempt to settle the old moot question of "The Ten Lost Tribes." The results of that expedition were beyond the wildest expectations.

In order to understand the archaeological setting, it is necessary that we study the known historical factors that entered into the situation that produced the phrase: Ten Lost Tribes.

To-day we are of the opinion that we are living under conditions never before experienced; but in this we are mistaken. Let us get back to about the period of 730-725 B.C. At that time there were two great powers that dominated the affairs of the world: The Egyptian, and the Babylonian Empires. Egypt was the British Empire of antiquity. It had been a world-power for nearly 4,000 years. All other nations were mere children in swaddling clothes in comparison. But it had one companion nation that was almost, if not quite, equal in age and development—Babylonia.

Egypt had the complete control of all the commerce of the Mediterranean Basin, including the southern wheat fields of what is now Russia. On the other hand, Babylonia (or Assyria as it was known during the period of our study) had no share in this trade. It had one sea-port only, and that a small one—the northern end of the Persian Gulf. If the Assyrians wished to get into the Mediterranean sea, it was necessary to circumnavigate the continent of Africa, and enter the sea via Gibraltar; provided, of course, that the Egyptians would allow it.

Assyria, as a world-power, wanted her share of the world trade. From Nineveh to the Mediterranean Sea it is only 1,500 miles as against nearly 4,000 via the circumnavigation of the African continent. What Assyria needed was a "corridor to the sea." There was only one obstacle to such a corridor—the Northern Kingdom of Palestine. This kingdom was small and insignificant as related to world powers. But the corridor "must be created at all and any cost."

So far as history determines, there was no excuse for war with the Northern Kingdom except that might is right. Thus in an undeclared war Shalmaneser IVth of Assyria put into motion his great and formidable war machine to the westward to cut the desired corridor to the Western Sea.

Samaria resisted this invasion, and held the Assyrian army in check for three and one-half years. The campaign was so strenuous that it sapped the strength of the old Emperor, Shalmaneser, and, as a result of the hardships, he died in the field. He was succeeded immediately by his son, Sargon II, in 722 B.C. This young man was with his father at the siege. He prosecuted the siege vigorously, reduced the city within six months, and extended his corridor to the sea.

To be sure that his newly created corridor would suffer no incursions, the new Emperor transported the entire population of the Northern Kingdom to a point 400 miles *east* of Nineveh, and "placed them in Halah, and in Habor by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes." (Ref. II Kings 17:6.) This simply means that these people were settled in such a manner as to form a "buffer" state on the eastern boundary of the Assyrian Empire. At the same time the Assyrian Emperor took an equal number of Assyrians and transplanted them in the once Northern Kingdom. These transplanted people became known as Samaritans.

IN the year 625 B.C. or thereabout, the Assyrian Empire was overthrown by Nabopallassar, and established the New Babylonian Empire through the help of the grandchildren of the deported Ten Tribes. Their reward for helping to establish the New Babylonian Empire was the entire loot of Nineveh and surrounding territory. After the conquest they went back home to enjoy the fruits of their victory, while Nabopalassar began the task of re-building the ancient city of Babylon, and stabilizing his empire.

While the empire was being established, the people of the once "buffer" state got restless, and had the urge to go elsewhere. From this point we get the legend of the "Ten Lost Tribes" of Israel. This has proven to be one of the most popular traditions of history.

Savants have had preconceived notions which they wished to prove and as a result they twisted, tortured, and squeezed the known facts until these facts *seemed* to fit their theories. The ones working in this manner completely ignored history, philology, and archaeology.

We have no pet theory to prove. We want the truth only, for the truth shall set us free. We shall adopt the motto of King Akhenaten: "Living in Truth." As we study this problem, let us do so without colored glasses to distort the perspective. Let us examine known FACTS and see what pattern they form.

BY family ties Abraham was a Hebrew; but by nationality he was a Babylonian, and a subject of the famous Hammurabi, perhaps the greatest Emperor of the Old Babylonian Empire. Abraham was neither an Israelite nor a Jew; nevertheless he was the great ancestor of the Israelites and Jews. This patriarch was the grandfather of Jacob. Jacob's name was changed during his lifetime to Israel by God Himself. Jacob's twelve sons and their offspring came to be known as Israelities, i. e. the descendants of Israel, and they were also often called "the twelve tribes of Israel." The number increased, while

they sojourned in Egypt, to such an extent that when they entered what is known as Palestine today, the land was parceled, or divided among them.

Ultimately the Israelites formed a Monarchy in order to be on an equal footing with surounding nations. After about 120 years the kingdom was divided, due to the short-sighted policy of the son of Solomon. Ten of the twelve tribes rebelled against this son of Solomon, and established the Northern Kingdom. This kingdom embraced the majority of the Israelites *in* Palestine, and it also had the name of the Kingdom of Israel, or the House of Israel. The other kingdom was composed of the tribe of Judah, the small tribe of Benjamin and just a sprinkling of the tribe of Levi. This kingdom took the name of Kingdom of Judah, over whom ruled the House of David. Because the members of this tribe were the descendants of Judah, the people were called Judahites, or in derision, "Jews." Samaria was the capital of Israel, while Jerusalem remained the capital of Judah.

In 587 Nebuchadnezzar, son of Nabopalassar, founder of the New Babylonian Empire, carried all the people of Judea to Babylonia in what is known as the Seventy Years of Captivity. Cyrus, the Great, allowed those who wished to do so to return to their native land and rehabilitate it. About 40,000 took advantage of the decree.

Ezra 2:1 states that the returned ones were the children of those taken to Babylonia by Nebuchadnezzar. Ezra 4:1 and 10:9 plainly state that the tribes which returned to Judea were named "Judah and Benjamin." Nothing is said about the Tribes of Israel, or the ten Tribes. Ezra and Nehemiah are the books that discuss the return to Judea from the Babylonian Captivity, and not once do they mention the return of any of the Tribes of the Kingdom of Israel. It must be remembered that the Ten Tribes were not taken to Babylonia, but to Assyria—hundreds of miles *north* of Babylon, and their captivity took place almost 150 years *before* that of the Judahites. Josephus about 70 A.D. wrote: "The Ten Tribes did *not* return to Palestine; only two Tribes served the Romans after Palestine became a Roman Province." In 1918 the Chief Rabbi said: "The people known at present as Jews are the descendants of the Tribe of Judah and Benjamin with a certain number of descendants of the Tribe of Levi."

On the surface, for centuries, it appeared that the Ten Tribes were really and completely lost by having been absorbed by other nations, and thus their identity entirely lost.

NOW the question is: What became of the Ten Tribes after they set out upon the trek while Nabopolassar was establishing the New Babylonian Empire? Let us see if we have any written records concerning the matter.

2 Esdras 13:40-45 says that the Ten Tribes took counsel amongst themselves and went from Assyria to Arsareth, which is a territory north of the Black Sea, where there is still a river by the name *Sareth*.

Something over a year ago an archaeologist of Wheaton College said to me that it would have been impossible for a great mass of people to pass through the passes of the Caucasus Mountains. He affirmed that the passes are too narrow and difficult. He further stated that he knew because he was born in that region. However, with due regard to the Professor's nativity, I do not agree with him. The passes are narrow and difficult, but that does not mean that a group of people could not and did not pass that way. Any American traveller will tell you that the passes of the Rockies through which our pioneers passed were impassable, yet we know as a matter of fact that they did so. It has been contended for centuries that the traditional route of the Exodus was impossible, yet we know to-day from archaelogical evidence that this traditional route is the real historical one.

Some way or other the average man's conception of the movements, and waves of migrations of the peoples of ancient times is entirely wrong. Four thousand years from now what will the student of history think when he reads that the American continent was completely settled in less than 300 years by the descendants of 50 persons who landed at Plymouth one stormy day in November 1620 A.D. and those who later followed them to these shores. Will he say that such a thing was utterly impossible, and a figment of someone's imagination, or will he accept is as an historical truth? The case is parallel with that which we are studying. In the process of settling the American continent there were several lines of procedure employed: (1) the group, or trek movement; (2) the "filtering," or individual movement. This has always been the procedure in migratory movements of mankind. The movements of the Ten Tribes were no different excepting the mass deportation by Sargon II.

Herodotus, Books IV and VII, confirms the statements of 2 Esdras when he says: "a great people who had previously settled south of the Araxes moved en masse into Europe and settled in the country to the north of the Euxine" (Black Sea). Herodotus calls these people *KHUMRI*, which is a transliteration of the Assyrian Kumri, which, in turn, is the Babylonian *Ghimri*, or as another form of the Babylonian, *Gimiri*. In the Old Persian this form takes the spelling Sakae, and this form is found upon the Binistun Rock, and they continued to be called by that name after they migrated into south-eastern Europe. The Greeks were fully acquainted with them, and called them *Scythians*, or "Wanderers"; which name Herodotus uses in the main in his History. He also tells us that the Scythian nation crossed the Araxes river and migrated into Europe in the latter half of the VIIth century B.C.

"By their tombstones ye shall know them" is a wise saying, and just exactly in that manner the migratory movements of the peoples have been traced. When the grandchildren of the deported Ten Tribes aided Nabopalassar to overthrow the Assyrian Empire, they were known as *Sakae, Saki, Saks*, and were not only the "buffer" state to the east; but were the dominant power in that region. At the very time that Nebuchadnezzar took Judah to Babylonia, the major wave of migration took place from this region across the Araxes river and through the Caucasus mountains *into southern* Russia, where they became known as Scythians which is a Latin word for the Greek *Skuthai*, or *Skolotoi*, as other Greek historians than Herodotus call them. The territory in which Sargon II settled them took the name of the people and was known as *Sakland*, which was located between the present Tabriz river and the Caspian sea. They crossed the Araxes, crossed the passes in the Caucasus mountains, moved westward along the shores of the Black Sea, and to the Carpathian mountains.

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