

The United States in Prophecy

WHERE is the UNITED STATES mentioned in Bible prophecies? Or is it mentioned at all?

We are the wealthiest of nations. And, potentially at least, the most powerful.

We are the same people as the British, and, with them we possess more than two-thirds of all the wealth and resources of the world. All other nations, combined, have little more than a fourth divided between them all. And we have acquired nearly all of it since 1800.

Never has there been anything like it in history. Never did a nation or people spread out and grow so rapidly to wealth and power. Never was a nation or people so rich. WHY?

Could Prophecy Ignore Us?

Consider, too, our people today constitute the HOME,—the last defense, of Christianity. It is *our* people who have sent missionaries into every land on earth—*our* people who have printed and distributed the Bible by unbelievable millions of copies in the language of all peoples.

We know Bible prophecies definitely refer to the Russia, Germany, Italy, Turkey, Ethiopia, Libya, Egypt, of today. *Could* they, then, ignore modern kingdoms like Britain and America? Is it reasonable?

Assuredly it is not. Nor *are* we ignored. The fact is, we are mentioned more often than any other race. Yet our prophetic identity has remained hidden to the many. Modern nations are not spoken of in their modern names, except in few cases. Usually they are referred to by the names of the ancient ancestor from which they sprung. Thus, Turkey is referred to in prophecy as *Esau*, or *Edom*, because the Turks are the descendants of Esau. In like manner, the Arabs are spoken of as Ishmael, the Russians as Magog.

The Bible story of *our* ancestry, and our modern prophetic identity, is the most amazing—yes, astounding—the most fascinating and interesting story ever told. It is really the story-thread of the Bible itself, from Genesis to Revelation.

This story needs at least twelve articles, the length of this one, for the telling. We shall try to condense it in a nut-shell to only two installments, of which this is the first.

Our Wealth Promised Abraham

Centuries ago, this same wealth and power and national greatness was promised by the Almighty to Abraham. Yet few have ever noticed this astonishing fact of Scripture.

The promise of the Messiah, and of salvation thru Him, is well known by the most superficial Bible student. But God made

The prophecies of the Bible have been grievously misunderstood. And no wonder!

For the most vital KEY, needed to unlock prophetic doors to our understanding, had become lost.

That KEY is a definite knowledge of the true identity of the United States, and the British Commonwealth, in Bible prophecy.

Here, condensed in a nut-shell, is the most fascinating story ever told. You will find in this series of two articles an amazing TRUTH, long hidden. It is as plain as A B C, in the Bible. No story of fiction was ever so strange, so absorbing, so packed with suspense.

also another, entirely different, most amazing promise to Abraham. Notice how God called Abraham, and the *two-fold* nature of His promise:

"Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee; and *I will make of thee a GREAT NATION* . . . and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." (Genesis 12:1-).

Notice the TWO-fold nature of the promises:

1) the promise his flesh-born children should become a GREAT NATION—a promise of RACE;

2) the spiritual promise of GRACE: "In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed," or, as the same promise is repeated in Gen. 22:18, "in *thy seed* shall all the nations of earth be blessed." *This* promise refers to GRACE, thru Christ, the "one seed," as clearly explained in Galatians 3:8. And Jesus of Nazareth was a son of Abraham.

RACE, as well as Grace

But that the "great nation" promise refers alone to race—not to the *one* seed, Christ, but to the plural, multiple seed of natural fleshly birth, is made certain by God's repetition of His promise in greater detail later.

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect, and I will make my covenant between me and thee, and *will multiply thee exceedingly* . . . *thou shalt be a father of MANY NA-*

TIONS. Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of *MANY NATIONS* have I made thee." (Gen. 17:1-5).

Notice, the promise is now *CONDITIONAL* upon Abraham's obedience and perfect living. Notice, the "great nation" now becomes *MANY NATIONS* — *more* than one nation. This cannot refer to the "one seed," Christ. The following verses prove that.

"And *I will make thee exceeding fruitful*, and I will make *NATIONS* of thee, and *KINGS*" (more than one) "shall come out of thee." (Verse 6). Notice, these nations and kings shall *come out of* Abraham—generation—multiple seed, not just one descendent *thru whom* scattered individuals may become Abraham's children, by adoption (Gal. 3:29). The scattered, individual Christians do not form *NATIONS*. This is speaking of *RACE*, not grace.

"And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in *THEIR* generations." (Verse 7). The "seed" is *PLURAL*—"in *their* generations."

"And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, *the land* wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan (Palestine) for an everlasting possession; and I will be *THEIR* God." (Verse 8).

Notice, the *LAND*—material possession—is promised to the *PLURAL* seed, of whom He is *THEIR*, not *his*, God. The plural pronoun "their" is used again in the 9th verse—"and thy seed after thee in *their* generations."

Not Fulfilled in Jews

Again, notice carefully,—the *JEWS* have never been more than *one nation*. They are not, and never have been, *MANY* nations.

So here is an amazing prophecy—a solemn promise from Almighty God, that could not be fulfilled in Christ, in Christians, nor in the Jews. We must look for a number of *NATIONS* apart from either the Christians or the Jews. Amazing as it is, we must do it or deny God's promise!

God put Abraham to the test, and Abraham, *thru faith*, *OBEYED*—even to be willing to sacrifice his only son, if need be. And after that the covenant no longer was conditional. Now it became *UNCONDITIONAL*.

"*By myself have I sworn*, saith the Lord, for *BECAUSE* thou hast done this thing, and has not withheld thy son, thine only son, that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sand which is upon the sea shore; and *thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies*;" (so far the material, national promises of

RACE); "and in thy seed" (Christ) "shall all the nations of the earth be blessed;" (this promise spiritual, of GRACE); "BECAUSE thou hast obeyed my voice," (Gen. 22:16-18).

The promise now is UNconditional. God has SWORN to make it good. Abraham already has performed his part of the agreement. Now God MUST perform His part, without fail.

Notice an additional detail of the promise—the nations who are Abraham's racial descendents are to "possess the gate of his enemies." A gate is a narrow passage of entrance or exit. When speaking nationally, a "gate" would be such a pass as the Panama Canal, the Suez Canal, the Strait of Gibraltar. This promise is repeated in Gen. 24:60.

A Nation and a Company of Nations

These tremendous promises were promised to Isaac and to Jacob. Ishmael, and Abraham's other sons were rejected from this birthright. Esau, Isaac's son and Jacob's twin brother, sold it and was rejected. The promise, as confirmed to Isaac is recorded in Gen. 26:1-5. To Jacob in Gen. 27:26-29, where MATERIAL blessing of wealth in the things of the ground is added, with the prophecy that heathen nations shall be ruled by the birthright nations of Israel. And again in Gen. 28:13-14, where the still added detail that these nations of Israel shall eventually spread around the world is added.

Still later, God appeared unto Jacob, whose name was changed to ISRAEL, still further defining the make-up of these "many nations" thus: "And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; A NATION and a COMPANY OF NATIONS shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins." (Gen. 35:9-12).

So the "many nations" are eventually to take shape as A NATION—one great, wealthy, powerful nation; and another COMPANY OF NATIONS—a group, or commonwealth of nations allied.

This promise never has been fulfilled in the Jews. It could not pertain to the Church, for there is but ONE true Church acknowledged in the Bible, and it is not a nation, or group of nations, but a collection of called-out individuals scattered thru ALL nations. Yet this amazing promise MUST stand fulfilled, unless we are to deny the Bible and God's sacred Word!

The BIRTHRIGHT and the Sceptre

Now we come to a most vital distinction, and bit of Bible truth, known to but very few. Note it carefully.

The spiritual promises,—the promise of the "one seed," Christ, and of salvation through Him—the Bible calls "the SCEPTRE." This promise, as nearly everybody knows, was handed down through the Jews. Jesus Christ was of the tribe of Judah, and the House of David. "Salvation," Jesus said, "is of the JEWS." (John 4:22), "To

the JEW first," explained Paul, "and also to the Greek." (Rom. 1:16).

This fact is confirmed in Genesis 49:10; "The SCEPTRE shall not depart from Judah."

BUT—and here is the astonishing vital fact so few ever seem to have noticed—"but the BIRTHRIGHT was Joseph's." Yes, Joseph who was sold by his brothers down into Egypt, where he became food administrator and prime minister—Joseph who was called "a prosperous man," even as his descendents were destined to become. "For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler" (Sceptre promise), "BUT, the birthright was Joseph's." (I Chronicles 5:2).

The birthright which Esau sold to Jacob—the promise of national greatness and material wealth—never was handed to the Jews who are of the tribe of JUDAH. So naturally we should not expect to find this promise fulfilled in the Jews today.

The Birthright is JOSEPH'S

And just what is a "birthright?" It is that which comes by *rights of birth*. The term "grace" means UN-deserved, UN-merited favor—something that is NOT one's right, NOT inherited by birth, but bestowed as a *free gift*. But a "birthright" is inherited, by birth, as one's RIGHT. Consequently, the term "birthright" includes *only* the inheritance of MATERIAL blessings, passed on from father to son—those blessings one cannot take with him, when he dies.

So notice carefully, please! The Sceptre, which is the spiritual promise of GRACE, thru which ALL nations may be blessed, went to JUDAH, while the BIRTHRIGHT went to JOSEPH. And the birthright includes possession of the land, Palestine, possessing the material "gate" of material enemies, inheriting the heathen for a possession and ruling over heathen peoples, spreading and colonizing around the world! The two phases of the promises to Abraham now are separated into *two different tribes of Israel!*

The interesting story of the passing on of this Birthright from the aged Israel to the two sons of Joseph is found in the 48th chapter of Genesis. You should read it there, entirely.

Notice, Jacob adopted these two lads, Ephraim and Manasseh, as his own legal sons because they had an Egyptian mother. Notice, verse 16, he says, "let my name be named on *them*." Hence, THEY were to be called "The House of ISRAEL." It is THEY who rightfully own the name of ISRAEL, *not* the Jews! ". . . and let THEM grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth," continues Jacob, administering the blessing. Let WHO grow into that promised multitude? Notice it,—NOT Judah, *not* the Jews,—but the sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh and THEIR descendents.

Together they were to grow to a multitude. But eventually, as indicated by another prophecy, Isaiah 49:20, to be explained

later, the descendents of these two lads were to separate, and Ephraim would lose Manasseh, then to become a separate nation. So, continuing, speaking of Manasseh, Jacob said, "he also shall become a people, and he also shall be GREAT; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude (or a company or commonwealth) of nations." (Verse 19).

And so EPHRAIM, the son of Joseph became the BIRTHRIGHT holder.

WHO, today, are the descendents of Ephraim, and of Manasseh? Somewhere, Ephraim must be a group, or Commonwealth of nations, while Manasseh must be the greatest single nation on earth! Either it is so, or the BIBLE is not so!

David Takes the Throne

After the death of Jacob and his twelve sons in Egypt, their children grew in four hundred odd years to a population probably between three and six millions in that land. Then God raised up MOSES, fitted him in a special way to lead these children of Israel out of the bondage that had come to them in Egypt.

When they reached Mt. Sinai, in the peninsula wilderness, God made a covenant with them establishing them as a NATION—His nation—among the kingdoms of the world. Their government was theocratic, with the civil, as well as the spiritual and religious laws, given direct from God, God Himself was their king, and He ruled them by a system of Judges.

But soon the Israelites demanded a man for king, even as the Gentile nations around them, and so God gave them Saul as their first human king. Saul, however, was not a good king, nor was his heart right with God.

Saul was dethroned. His dynasty ended with him. Then God placed DAVID, a man after His own heart, of no relationship to Saul, upon the throne of Israel.

Because of his obedience and sincerity and honesty of heart, David, like Abraham, received a most astonishing UNCONDITIONAL promise from God, as little known as the Birthright promised to Abraham.

The Davidic Covenant

We have space to quote but briefly from the Scriptures setting forth this amazing Davidic Covenant. Like the covenant with Abraham, God made the Davidic Covenant UNconditional and unbreakable.

David wanted to build a great Temple, as God's house in Jerusalem. The Almighty replied, ". . . when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, which shall proceed out of thy bowels, and I will establish his kingdom." (II Samuel 7:12), This, of course, was his son Solomon, who succeeded David to the throne,

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"He," God continued, "shall build an house for my name,"—and it was Solomon who *did* build the Temple,—*"and I will establish the throne of his kingdom FOREVER."* (Verse 13)

Notice it! The throne of David, occupied by Solomon, was to be established FOR EVER! If that throne ever ceased to exist, then God's promise has failed!

But some say the promise was *conditioned* upon the obedience of Solomon and the future line of kings or their people. Notice the Scriptural answer to this:

"I will be his father, and he shall be my son. IF he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men: BUT—yes, notice this BUT—"my mercy shall not depart from him AS I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee." (Verses 14-15). Saul's dynasty ceased. God promises He will never take away this throne from David's line in this manner. David's dynasty SHALL NEVER CEASE! Continuing, next verse, "And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established FOR EVER before thee: *thy throne shall be established FOREVER.*"

Through ALL Generations

Not only was that throne established FOREVER, it was to exist *continuously* forever,—through ALL GENERATIONS!

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, *'by Seed'* (his dynasty) *"will I establish forever, and build up thy throne to all generations."* (Psalm 89:3-4). That throne was to stand forever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven." (Verses 28-37).

"For thus saith the Lord; David shall *never* want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel." (Jer. 33:17.) So far as is historically known, the last king of David's dynasty to sit upon that throne was King Zedekiah of Judah, who died in 585 B. C., with the Jews a captive people, with all his sons, and all the nobles of Judah killed. There is no historic record of any continuance of that throne from that year. *Did* David want for a man to sit upon his throne, and continue his dynasty, from that day on?

Some say Christ took over the throne. But He didn't. Instead He was crucified, resurrected, and ascended to heaven. He SHALL come, and soon now, to sit upon that throne as the King of kings and Lord of lords. But HOW can Jesus Christ, when He returns again to earth, take over and sit upon a throne that long ago ceased to exist?

Will Christ Come to a Non-existent Throne?

If the throne of David ceased with Zedekiah, then it does not exist today. And if it does not exist, *how shall Christ sit upon a non-existent throne?* See Luke 1:31-32.

And, since it was to continue through *all* generations, how about those many generations between Zedekiah and the birth of Jesus?

"Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season; *then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign

The Next Number

HITLER'S Thousand Year Plan, versus God's. A most astonishing comparison, in contrasts, point by point, between Adolph Hitler's planned "New Europe," and later his "New World," and what actually will take place on earth during the next thousand odd years.

If you want to know exactly what will happen during this next thousand years—a period you and I will actually live on into—as certainly as the sun rises and sets, as revealed in Bible prophecy, you'll surely be interested in this article. So will your friends.

"TURKEY TO BE DESTROYED BY GREAT BRITAIN," is the theme of another remarkable prophecy, interestingly, plainly, clearly explained in the next number.

Another up-to-the-minute analysis of the WAR, in the light of Bible Prophecy, and the final installment of "The United States in Prophecy."

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upon his throne." (Verses 19-21). Day and night still continues. Does David's throne?

But what do *the people say?* "Considerest thou not what this people have spoken, saying, The two families which the Lord hath chosen," (Israel and Judah), "he hath even cast them off? Thus they have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them." (Verses 24).

But what does GOD say? "Thus saith the Lord," (verse 25), "If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; THEN will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob."

Strong words, those! Unless you can stop this old earth from turning on its axis—unless you can remove the sun and moon and stars from heaven, says the Almighty, you cannot prevent Him from keeping His covenant to maintain *continuously, through all generations, FOREVER*, from the time of David and Solomon, a descendant of David in one continuous dynasty on that throne!

Not necessarily ruling over ALL the House of Israel, or of the Jews—but at least some of them, and enough to form a nation.

Remember again, the SCEPTRE promise, which includes this line of kings until it culminates in CHRIST at His Second coming: "The Sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver (margin, ruler's staff) from between his feet, UNTIL SHILOH (Christ) COME; and unto Him shall the gathering of the people be." (Gen. 49:10).

The Test of Bible Truth

Has the Sceptre departed from Judah?

Has the throne ceased? Or does it, as God so bindingly promised, exist today so that Christ can take over and sit upon a living, going continuous throne when He comes?

The infallibility of the Bible is at stake! God's WORD is at stake!

In the next issue, we shall answer these questions with definite, irrefutable PROOF—and show you just where that throne is, today!

In the next issue, we shall continue this amazing, intriguing story, showing how the Birthright and the Sceptre became separated into *two different nations*; showing you the strangest mission ever given a man to perform, the mysterious, secret mission of Jeremiah, almost totally unknown today. We shall give you astonishing Bible proof that the JEWS are *not* the House of Israel, and never were! And we shall identify the so-called "Lost Ten Tribes" of Israel beyond refute, and establish, beyond any doubt, the astounding ancestry and true identity of the people of the United States of America!

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and that God's ways and God's laws are right and just—that we cannot find happiness, prosperity, contentment and joy in any other way. That all our ills and miseries have come from transgression of God's law.

When the ways, the systems, the institutions of this world have been torn down and utterly destroyed—when men have been punished for their sins, then CHRIST shall return to rescue this old world from its own self-inflicted miseries. The KINGDOM OF GOD shall be set up, and it shall rule the world!

Truly, CHRIST, and His KINGDOM, is the only hope of the world!

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PART TWO

THE HOUSE of ISRAEL is not Jewish! Those who constitute it are not JEWS, and never were! That fact we shall now see conclusively, beyond refute.

After David's death his son, Solomon, succeeded to the throne. Solomon taxed the people excessively, reigned in a gorgeous splendor probably never equalled before or since. And because he also married Gentile wives, sacrificed to their idols, and committed other sins God said, "I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and give it to thy servant . . . Howbeit, I will give one tribe to thy son for David my servant's sake." (I Kings 11:11-13).

ISRAEL Separates from David's Throne

Note it! It is THE KINGDOM, not part of it, which is to be rended away. It is the PART, *one tribe*, which is to remain. That tribe, Judah, must remain subject to the throne — why? "FOR DAVID'S SAKE!" David's dynasty must not be broken. God will not break His covenant!

When Solomon died, his son Rehoboam succeeded to David's throne. The people at once demanded the heavy taxes be reduced. Their spokesman, Jeroboam, (Solomon's servant,) pleaded with Rehoboam. "Thy father made our yoke grievous; now, therefore, make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee." (I Kings 12:1-5).

"My father," came Rehoboam's reply, "chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions." (verses 6-14).

Israel rebelled.

The command to the people was, "To your tents, O Israel!" The challenge to the royal house was, "Now, see to thine own house!" (verse 16).

"So Israel rebelled against the House of David unto this day. And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was come again, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over ALL ISRAEL: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of JUDAH only." (I Kings 12:19-20).

Then "Rehoboam . . . assembled all the HOUSE OF JUDAH, with the tribe of Benjamin." (verse 21). Rehoboam started to fight to subdue and bring back the House of Israel, but God said, "Ye shall not . . . fight against your brethren the children of Israel . . . for this thing is from me." (verse 24).

Israel Divided into TWO NATIONS

Notice it carefully! The House of Judah, now including the tribe of Benjamin, under King Rehoboam of David's dynasty,

What Has Gone Before:

WHERE is the United States mentioned in Bible prophecy? The fact is, more is foretold of our people than any other race! But in prophecy, modern nations usually are called by the names of ancient ancestors from which they have sprung.

Centuries ago the wealth, power, and national greatness which has become ours since 1800 was promised by the Almighty to Abraham for his descendants. Few have noticed that the promises to Abraham were TWO-fold in nature—material promises of RACE as well as spiritual promises of GRACE.

"Thou shalt be a father of MANY NATIONS," God promised. The Jews have never been more than one nation. The material, national, racial promises are called the BIRTHRIGHT—meaning right of birth—something inherited by birth as one's RIGHT. Thus the BIRTHRIGHT has nothing to do with salvation, or GRACE, which means UN-deserved pardon, UN-merited favor, the gift of God, RE-birth of the Spirit.

The spiritual promises of GRACE—the promise of a dynasty of kings, culminating in Christ as King of kings—the promise of the "one seed," Jesus Christ, and salvation through Him, the Bible calls the "SCEPTRE." The SCEPTRE was given to JUDAH, of which tribe Jesus was born (Gen. 49:10), but the BIRTHRIGHT was JOSEPH'S! (I Chron. 5:2).

The Birthright included ownership of the promised LAND. In passing the birthright on to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, the aged Jacob (Israel) said, "Let my name (ISRAEL) be named on them . . . and let them grow into a multitude." (Gen. 48:16). They, not Judah, were given the NAME, "House of ISRAEL." Together they were to grow into a multitude, but eventually their descendants were to separate, Manasseh then to become the world's greatest single nation, Ephraim's descendants a still greater company, or commonwealth, of nations. (Gen. 48:19). Thus Ephraim became the Birthright holder. Included in the vast national and material blessings promised was possession of the "gates" of their enemy nations.

Later David, like Abraham, received a most astonishing UNconditional promise from God, in an unbreakable covenant. This covenant guaranteed on God's authority that David's dynasty would never cease. From that day on, through ALL generations, David would never lack a son to reign over children of Israel — at least enough of them to form a nation. The throne was to endure continuously "FOREVER! This promised dynasty of David was part of the SCEPTRE promise. God promised the Sceptre should endure, in Judah's hands, until the second coming of Christ (Gen. 49:10). The world supposes this throne to have ceased 600 years before Christ. Jesus did not take it over, has never done so yet. But He shall sit on that same throne, at His second coming (Luke 1:31-32). COULD He sit on a throne, if it ceased to exist 2500 years ago?

was about to fight against the other ten tribes, headed by Ephraim and Manasseh. The two tribes at Jerusalem under the Davidic king are called, merely, the House of JUDAH. But of Ephraim and Manasseh, sons of Joseph, the dying Israel had said, "Let my name be named on them." And truly they now BEAR the name of ISRAEL. It is the TEN tribes that are called "ISRAEL."

From here on, the tribe of Judah, with Benjamin and a portion of the priests of the tribe of Levi, are called JUDAH, — not Israel. The TEN tribes, headed by Ephraim and Manasseh, from this time on are called "ISRAEL." They are not Jews, and never were called Jews!

From this time on, the children of Israel, twelve tribes in all, are divided into TWO NATIONS!

And now, for the first time, the BIRTHRIGHT goes into one nation, ISRAEL headed by Ephraim-Manasseh, while the SCEPTRE remains in another nation, called the "House of JUDAH." The two phases of the promises to Abraham now are separated into TWO ENTIRELY SEPARATE NATIONS!

For many generations Israel and Judah remained as separate nations, in adjoining territories, having their own separate kings. Why should ministers and professed Bible students be in ignorance of this, when four whole Books of the Bible, I and II Kings, I and II Chronicles, are devoted to explaining it and recording the history of these separate, rival kingdoms? Look at the maps in the back of your Bible. There you will see the territory of each nation plainly shown.

Judah retained the city of Jerusalem its capital, and the territory known as Judea. Israel occupied the territory north of Judea. Samaria became its capital city, and the House of Israel often is called "Samaritis" in prophecy. This, too, is a vital "key" to understanding of prophecy. "Samaritis" never refers to the Jews in prophecy — but always the TEN tribes, the House of ISRAEL.

House of Israel NOT Jews

We want to impress, here, that Israel and Judah are not two names for the same nation. They were, and still are and shall be till the second coming of Christ, TWO DIFFERENT AND SEPARATE NATIONS. The term "Jew" is merely a nickname for "Judah." It applies to the one nation, or House of Judah ONLY — never to the House of ISRAEL.

The first place in all the Bible where the word "JEW" is used is in II Kings 16:6. Notice it!

Ahas began to reign as king of JUDAH (verse 1). He sat on DAVID'S throne, (verse 2). At this time a man named Pekah was king of ISRAEL. With King Rezin of Syria as ally, this king of Israel came against Jerusalem in war, and besieged King Ahas of Judah, but could not overcome him (verse 5). "At that time, Rezin king of Syria" — the ALLY of ISRAEL, fighting *with* ISRAEL, against Judah, — "recovered Elath to Syria and drove THE JEWS from Elath." (verse 6).

NOTE IT! The first place in the Bible where the word "JEW" is used, we find ISRAEL at war against THE JEWS! Israel's ally, Syria, drove THE JEWS out of the town of Elath!

Certainly this proves that the JEWS are a different nation altogether than ISRAEL. It is WRONG to call the Jews of today "Israel." They are not Israel,—they are JUDAH! And wherever ISRAEL is today, remember that ISRAEL *does not mean* JEW! Whoever the lost ten tribes of ISRAEL are today, *they are not Jews!* Wherever you see the name "Israel," or "House of Israel," or "Samaria," or "Ephraim," used in prophecy, remember this—IT NEVER REFERS TO THE JEWS, but to Israel, who was at WAR against the Jews!

No place in all the Bible does the term "ISRAEL" refer to the JEWS. The term "Israel" alone, or "children of Israel," may, and sometimes does, include the Jews, where all twelve tribes are included. Jews are Israelites, just as Oregonians are Americans. But MOST Israelites are *not* Jews, just as most Americans are not Oregonians. The Jews are the House of Judah *only*, A PART of the Israelites. But when these people are spoken of as NATIONS, rather than as collective individuals, the term "Israel" never refers to the Jews. "House of Israel" NEVER means "Jews." On the other hand, "House of Judah" ALWAYS means "Jews."

This distinction is vital, if we are to understand prophecy. Because most so-called Bible students are in ignorance of this basic distinction, they are unable rightly to understand prophecy!

The next place where the term "Jew" is mentioned in the Bible, the House of Israel had been driven out in captivity, lost from view, and the term applies ONLY to those of the House of JUDAH. There are NO exceptions in the Bible!

ISRAEL Driven Out and LOST!

Immediately on becoming king over the House of Israel, Jeroboam (tribe of Ephraim) set up two golden calves, introducing idol worship in the kingdom. The account is found in I Kings 12:28-33.

This idolatry, with Sabbath-breaking (Ezek. 20:10-24), was the great national sin, which became such a curse to Israel. Generation after generation, God pleaded with the House of Israel to turn from tradition—from their fathers ways, and to

return to keeping God's commandments. But, through seven different dynasties under 19 kings, Israel continued these national sins,—sins SO GREAT in GOD'S sight, that finally God caused them to become a conquered, captive nation.

And in the year 721 B. C. the House of Israel finally were driven out of their own land—out of their homes and cities—and carried captives to Assyria, on the southern shores of the Caspian Sea!

"Therefore the Lord was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: *there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.*" (II Kings 17:18).

In Leviticus 26 we find God's solemn warning to all the children of Israel. If they would worship Him *alone*, avoiding idolatry, and keep His Sabbath, walk in His statutes and keep His commandments, they would inherit the national material promises to Abraham. They would become great, rich, and powerful,—the dominant nation of all earth. But, if they refused and rebelled, they were to be punished SEVEN TIMES—a duration of 2520 years—in slavery, servitude, and want.

The House of Israel now entered—721 B. C.—(remember this date)—upon their 2520 long years of national banishment. to last until 1800 A. D.!

And BECAUSE they, of these ten tribes, bore the NAME Israel identifying them as God's chosen people—because God had created this nation for the purpose of showing forth His praise, as an example to other nations, reflecting the glory of God—and because they had become such a liability to His cause, a reproach to His name, God now ordained that they should actually LOSE THEIR IDENTITY. Now they must lose knowledge of their name, Israel. They must be considered as Gentiles, that they continue no longer to cast such a stain upon the name of the Lord their God!

So "the Lord removed Israel *out of His sight* . . . So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria." (II Kings 17:23). They LEFT the land of Samaria, never yet to return! Gentiles were placed in their homes and cities, (v. 24), and it is these Gentiles who were known as Samaritans in the time of Christ.

A more detailed account of the captivity of Israel is found in II Kings 18; 9-12, and 17:5-18.

Now the House of Israel began to "abide many days without a king," (Hos. 3:4). Since THEY were the people who carried the title "Israel," it is THEY, not Judah, who must become LOST in identity! Now they must lose their language, their religion, their land. (Isa. 8:17; Isa. 28:11; Isa. 62:2; Isa. 40:27; Jer. 2:5-6, Jer. 16; 13; Hos. 1:8-10.)

ISRAEL Never Returned

They did NOT return to Palestine with the Jews in the days of Ezra and Nehemiah, as some erroneously believe. Those who returned to rebuild the temple and

restore worship in Jerusalem at that time, 70 years after JUDAH'S captivity were *only* those of the House of Judah whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried to Babylon.

Note well these facts.

1) In 721 B. C. ISRAEL was "carried away out of their own land to Assyria," (II Kings 17:23). They were ALL removed—completely. "There was none left but the tribe of Judah only," (II Kings 17:18). JUDAH, *only*, remained.

2) More than 130 years later, Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon carried the Jews—JUDAH—who *only* remained in Palestine of the 12 tribes away to Babylon. So NONE of the House of Israel dwelt in Palestine at the time of this captivity of Judah.

3) Those who returned to Palestine to rebuild the temple and restore worship 70 years after Judah's captivity, were ALL of the House of Judah—all JEWS,—ALL of those whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away. They returned again "unto Jerusalem and Judah, *every one unto his city*," (Ezra 2:1).

ONLY those of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and Levi, who constituted the house of JUDAH returned at that time (Ezra 1:5). Consequently those in Jerusalem in the time of Christ were of these three tribes, NOT of the House of ISRAEL. And most, if not all, of those converted were of the tribe of Benjamin, as Paul said he was.

The House of Israel became known as the LOST Ten Tribes! Now known by ANOTHER name, speaking a different language!

By WHAT name are they known today? Whoever they are, wherever they are, it is THEY, and not the Jews, who are the BIRTHRIGHT possessors, it is THEY not the Jews, who, after the ending of their punishment in 1800 A. D. must inherit the UNbreakable promises to Abraham of national greatness, resources, wealth and power. It is MANASSEH who, after 1800 A. D. was to become the world's greatest single nation — Ephraim a still greater COMMONWEALTH of nations! Who can they be, today?

In the next issue we shall conclude this amazing story bringing to light the strangest mission ever given a man to perform—the mysterious, secret mission of the prophet Jeremiah, so little understood. We shall identify the "lost Ten Tribes" of ISRAEL, and establish, beyond refute, the astounding and true identity of the "lost" HOUSE OF ISRAEL today!

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"But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of God, he is none of His."

The United States in Prophecy

PART THREE

Jeremiah's Strange Commission

When Israel was driven out to Assyria, 721 B. C., Judah had not yet sinned as a nation. Through Hosea, God said, "Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend." (Hos. 4:15).

But later "her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also," and God finally said, "The back-sliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous sister Judah." (Jeremiah 3:8-11).

And so, 117-140 years after Israel's captivity, the time came when God drove out the Jews, too, in national captivity, and banishment, for their 2520 years of national punishment.

For this purpose God raised up a very special prophet, whose real call and commission few, indeed, understand.

This prophet was Jeremiah. He was one of the three men, only, who were sanctified before they were born. The other two were John the baptist and Jesus Christ. (See Jer. 1:5).

Jeremiah, when first given his vital call and commission, was a young lad of 17. Before he finally completed it, he was an aged white-haired patriarch. The commission is recorded in Jeremiah 1:10:

"See," God says to Jeremiah, "I have this day set thee over the nations and over kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, TO BUILD, AND TO PLANT."

There it is! Jeremiah was set over THE nations—more than one. He was a Jew, living in Judah. He was set a prophet over Judah—but not Judah *alone*. Over THE nations—Judah and ISRAEL! He was set over them to do two things: to tear down something, and then to build and to plant something.

Jeremiah was used of God as a prophet to warn Judah of their sins, and of the coming invasion and captivity at the hands of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon unless they repented. He was used as a mediary, a go-between, between the kings of Judah and Nebuchadnezzar the Chaldean king. It is well known that Jeremiah was used in destroying the kingdom of Judah.

But—note it in your Bible!—he also was commissioned to PLANT and to BUILD! What was he to plant and build? Why, naturally, that which was pulled down and rooted out of Judah—the THRONE OF DAVID. He was set over THE KINGDOMS—Israel as well as Judah. He was used in throwing down that throne from Judah. Then what was he commissioned to do to ISRAEL? Ah! Note it! The *second* half of his strange and little

What Has Gone Before:

WHERE is the United States mentioned in Bible prophecy? The fact is, more is foretold of our people than any other race! But in prophecy, modern nations usually are called by the names of ancient ancestors from which they have sprung.

Centuries ago the wealth, power, and national greatness which has become ours to Abraham for his descendants. Few have noticed that the promises to Abraham were TWO-fold in nature—material promises of RACE as well as spiritual promises since 1800 was promised by the Almighty of GRACE.

"Thou shalt be a father of MANY NATIONS," God promised. The Jews have never been more than one nation. The material, national, racial promises are called the BIRTHRIGHT—meaning right of birth—something inherited by birth as one's RIGHT. Thus the BIRTHRIGHT has nothing to do with salvation, or GRACE, which means UN-deserved pardon, Unmerited favor, the gift of God, RE-birth by the Spirit.

The spiritual promises of GRACE—the promise of a dynasty of kings, culminating in Christ as King of kings—the promise of the "one" seed," Jesus Christ, and salvation through Him, the Bible calls the "SCEPTRE." The SCEPTRE was given to JUDAH, of which tribe Jesus was born (Gen. 49:10), but the BIRTHRIGHT was JOSEPH'S! (I Chron. 5:2).

The Birthright included ownership of the promised LAND. In passing the birthright on to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, the aged Jacob (Israel) said, "Let my name (ISRAEL) be named on them . . . and let them grow into a multitude." (Gen. 48:16). They, not Judah, were given the NAME, "House of ISRAEL."

Later God made an UNconditional, unbreakable covenant with David, tribe of Judah, guaranteeing a perpetual dynasty, thru all generations, forever. At His second coming, Christ is to sit on David's throne FOREVER. This He could not do, if that throne, as the world believes, ceased to exist 2500 years ago!

Later the Birthright and the Sceptre were separated into TWO NATIONS. Because of the sins of King Solomon, son of David, God rended the kingdom of ISRAEL away from his son, King Rehoboam, leaving only two tribes, Judah and Benjamin, called The HOUSE OF JUDAH, to be ruled from Jerusalem by David's dynasty. The Ten Tribes, named The HOUSE OF ISRAEL, headed by the tribe of EPHRAIM, ruled by 19 kings and seven dynasties from Samaria, held the BIRTHRIGHT.

The House of Judah came to be called "JEWS," a nickname for JUDAH. The House of Israel never were called Jews! In II Kings 16:6 Israel was at war against the Jews!

Because of continuous idoltry and Sabbath-breaking, ISRAEL was driven out of their own land to Assyria in 721 B. C. They lost their identity, their language, came to be looked upon as Gentiles, are now called "The LOST TEN TRIBES." The world does not know who, or where they are. Where is that BIRTHRIGHT, today?

understood commission—to PLANT AND TO BUILD!

So far as the world knows, the last king to sit on that throne of David was Zedekiah of Judah. He was thrown down off it, and the throne rooted out of Judah in the year 585 B. C.—nearly 600 years before Christ!

What, then! Did God forget His covenant with David? Did the throne CEASE? True, the KINGDOM—the GOVERNMENT of Judah ceased, as had the kingdom of Israel more than 130 years before! But see what *else* Jeremiah was commissioned to do—to PLANT AND TO BUILD! To plant and re-build among the House of Israel, lo, these many days without a king—among LOST Israel, now supposing herself to be GENTILE! Therefore the identity and location of the re-planting must remain hidden until this Time of the END in which we live today!

JUDAH Taken Captive to Babylon

If you will carefully re-read the important Book of Jeremiah, you will notice the first few chapters are devoted to his ministry in WARNING the Jews of their impending invasion and captivity unless they will repent. But they would not repent.

And so, finally, the invasion came. The first siege was in 604 B. C. On the exact date corresponding to December 9th, (as calculated by the Roman calendar) Nebuchadnezzar marched into Jerusalem, taking it captive. However, he did not at once drive out all the Jews. He did not even drive out their king, Jehoiakim, but made him a vassal king, the servant of Nebuchadnezzar. As such he continued on his throne, as did two more kings after him, Jehoiachin, his son, and Zedekiah, his brother, until the year 585 B. C. (Read II Kings 24).

In that year, Zedekiah's 11th year as king, the Chaldean armies again besieged Jerusalem, entered it, the city was broken up, the palace and temple destroyed. ALL the sons of King Zedekiah were killed before his eyes. That there would be no man to carry on his dynasty, all the princes of Judah were killed. King Zedekiah's eyes were put out, and he was bound in chains and carried to Babylon where he died. You will read of all this captivity in II Kings 25, II Chronicles 36, Jeremiah 39, and 52

Jeremiah's Mysterious Movements

And now the first part of Jeremiah's strange commission is accomplished! So far as the world could see, or has seen since, the dynasty of David had ENDED! No king remained on the throne Judah's last king was dead. All his sons were dead. All

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The WAR, at the moment, in

WAR EVENTS thunder on, rapidly approaching the prophesied climax!

Since the last issue of the PLAIN TRUTH — November-December — many things have occurred, every one in accordance with prophecy!

HITLER now emerges as the, "BEAST" of Revelation! For years we have told our listeners and our readers that the "BEAST" who revives the Empire of ancient Rome, and fights Christ at ARMAGEDDON, would Mussolini — or his successor.

But in the past few months Hitler has taken over Mussolini and all Italy are now in Hitler's power. Germans are placed in every branch of the Italian government, and no step may be taken today without their approval. Hitler's "NEW WORLD ORDER," described elsewhere in this number, will go far enough to establish the seventh head of this "BEAST." — by a union of the ten "horns," (junior-partner dictatorships) — which will restore the Roman Empire to the complete world-domination of the old.

For years we have told listeners and readers that this last war would either start in the Mediterranean, or its main theatre of action soon would gravitate to that region. During the winter this has occurred. And in the past few weeks, Hitler's Nazis have gone thru the Balkans, conquered Yugoslavia and Greece, after the other Balkan nations had capitulated to Hitler under the mere threat of force. Today Hitler controls all Europe, to the Turkish frontier.

Prophecy

In the November-December PLAIN TRUTH we gave you Hitler's grand strategy for taking Palestine and Suez. The plan calls for a two-way pincer attack—from the west thru Libya and Egypt, and from the East thru Turkey and Palestine. At the time we told you German technical experts already were in Libya, soon to be followed by troops, and an attack on Egypt. This now has occurred, and at this writing the British are desperately holding on to Tobruk against the most savage Nazi attack. Its loss may well mean the loss of Suez.

In the Plain TRUTH of December, 1938, we gave our readers the inside plot, laid by Mussolini, with all its historic Bible background, for precipitating a holy war between the Arabs (descendants of Ishmael,) and the Jews and the British. The war now has reached that region, and Hitler has carried out the plot Mussolini laid. As this is written the battle rages in Iraq, over possession of British oil, and the German propaganda machine desperately tries to fan up the flames of ancient hatreds into a general holy war.

Also, at the moment, Turkey stands at the very brink of her fateful decision under Nazi pressure, to double-cross her British ally. The prophecy of this, with all its Bib-

lical background, was published in the November-December PLAIN TRUTH.

Bible prophecy, outlined in past issues, shows the Roman Axis forces will take Egypt, Suez, Palestine — even Gibraltar. They show the United States will be drawn in, and we are now on the very brink of actual participation. Britain will go down. And, unless we turn as a nation to God, acknowledge our sins, stamp paganism out of our land and even out of our churches, our beloved United States will have to go under. God must bring us to our senses — by defeat, if we will not heed otherwise. In our defeat we shall acknowledge our sins. And then Christ shall come, in person, and deliver us from our shackles.

We lack space for more detailed comment on specific prophesied events in this number. Momentous days are ahead — days fraught with hardship, sacrifice, and suffering. If America will add MORAL and SPIRITUAL RE-ARMAMENT to her great military effort, this nation will yet turn the tide of war. But without it we lack TOTAL Defense, without which we shall never win. We are at the END of the present order. ARMAGEDDON is now just a short way off. But the silver lining to this darkest cloud of all history is the assurance of Christ's soon coming, and the restoration of our people — and of PEACE and prosperity to the world. It can come only thru GOD'S WAYS — but it shall come. Let us keep praying, "THY KINGDOM COME!"

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other princes, who might be, possible heirs to carry on that dynasty, had been killed. No possible heir to the throne, so the world then believed, remained alive.

But, how about the SECOND part of Jeremiah's great commission? Was God able to keep His covenant with David? Was He able to PLANT, and REBUILD that throne?

Jeremiah was among these captive Jews. Yet he must remain free to carry out the second part of his mission. So, "the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him . . . behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which were upon thine hand. If it seem good to thee to come with me into Babylon, come; and I will look well unto thee but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear; behold all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and convenient for thee to go, thither go . . . So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a reward (expense money) and let him go." (Jer. 40:1-5).

Jeremiah was left FREE, to perform the

second half of his commission. Where did he go? We come now to an amazing, fascinating, thrilling part of the Book of Jeremiah which has been almost entirely overlooked.

"Then went Jeremiah unto Gedeliah . . . to Mizpah; and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land." (6th verse.)

Now this Gedeliah had been made governor over a remnant of Jews in the land by the king of Babylon, and since Jerusalem was destroyed, had made Mizpah his headquarters. But the king of Ammon plotted with a Jew named Ishmael to assassinate Gedeliah. The plot was executed, the governor, and part of the Jews, were slain. Jeremiah was among the survivors.

"Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king's daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard (from Babylon) had committed to Gedeliah . . . and carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the Ammonites." (Jer. 41:10).

Ah! Did you catch it? Read that passage again. Among these Jews were the

king's daughters! Daughters of Zedekiah, King of Judah and of David's dynasty!

King Zedekiah had died. All his sons had been killed. All the princes of Judah had been killed. All possible heirs to David's throne had been killed — except the king's daughters! Now we see why Jeremiah went to Mizpah!

Jeremiah, with Royal Seed for Replanting, Escapes

Soon a man named Johanan replaced Ishmael as leader. And in fear of reprisals from Nebuchadnezzar and the Chaldean army, they appealed to the prophet, "and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we beseech thee, our supplication be accepted before thee, and pray for us unto the Lord thy God . . . that the Lord thy God may show us the way wherein we may walk." (Jer. 42:2-3).

The word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, and He told them not to fear, that He would protect and deliver them. But the people wanted to flee to Egypt. This the Lord warned them not to do. If they did, the sword of Nebuchadnezzar which they feared would overtake them there, and they would die. (Jer. 42:7-16).

But, as people usually do, they rejected God's warning.

"Thou speakest falsely," Johanan answered Jeremiah. (Jer. 43:2-3).

And so Johanan "took all the remnant of Judah . . . even men, and women, and children, and the king's daughters, . . . and Jeremiah the prophet, and Baruch, the son of Neriab (Jeremiah's scribe, or secretary). So they came into the land of Egypt." (Jer. 43:5-7).

Baruch was Jeremiah's constant companion and secretary. It is important to note here God's promise of protection to him: "Thus saith the Lord, the God of Israel, unto thee, O Baruch: . . . Behold, that which I have built I will break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up, even this whole land . . . but thy life will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest." (Jer. 54:2-5). His life, like Jeremiah's, was under divine protection!

On reaching Egypt, God warned these Jews again through Jeremiah that they should die there by the sword and famine, and "none shall return but such as shall escape!" (Jer. 44:12-14). Yes, a few in this company are under divine protection. A divine mission is to be performed. They shall ESCAPE! The Lord continues: "Yet a small number that escape the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah." (Jer. 44:28).

Jeremiah, Baruch, and the royal seed for replanting and rebuilding David's throne, all under divine protection, were to escape, and return to the land of Judah!

Then Jeremiah and his company were to journey to a strange land which they knew not (Jer. 15:11-14).

Now let Isaiah complete this prophecy: "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts shall do this. And the remnant that escaped of the house of Judah shall AGAIN TAKE ROOT DOWNWARD, AND BEAR FRUIT UPWARD." (Isa. 37:32, 31).

This remnant with Jeremiah—at least one of the king's daughters—shall take root downward! That is, BE RE-PLANTED!

And then bear fruit upward! Be BUILDED!

Has God failed in His solemn covenant to keep alive David's throne? Where was this planting and building? Can we find it in God's Word?

We can! The place, and the people among whom the throne was re-established, are clearly identified!

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What Kind of Faith?

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liver us from the burning fiery furnace!" (Verses 16,18).

Sometimes God tries our faith. He tried theirs. You might think He should be expected to have fixed it all up at once on the spot, but He permitted their faith to be tested.

Then Nebuchadnezzar was full of fury, and he form of his visage was changed; . . . therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace one seven times more than it was wont to be heated . . . Then these men were bound in their coats, their hosen, and their hats, and their other garments,"—surely the God whom they trusted would have them released now? But no—there was no physical evidence whatever that God so much as heard!—"and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace!" (Verses 19-21).

The furnace was so hot the flames leaped out and slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego." And they fell down "bound, into the midst of the burning fiery furnace!"

God permitted them actually to be thrown in! Was He unmindful of those who trusted in Him to make possible the keeping of His Commandments? Not God!

The king looked into the furnace, and said "Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the form of the fourth is like the Son of GOD!" (Verse 25). So Nebuchadnezzar came near the mouth of the furnace, and called to them.

"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! ye servants of the most high God, come forth, and come hither! Then Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego came forth of the midst of the fire, . . . these men, upon whose bodies the fire had no power, nor was a hair of their head singed, neither were their coats changed, nor the smell of fire had passed on them. Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent His angel, and DELIVERED his servants that TRUSTED IN HIM!" (Verses 26-28).

THERE was an example of living FAITH! A faith that TRUSTED God to make it possible to live the way of His Law! Yes, WITH GOD, it is possible to keep all His Commandments—and don't let any man deceive you to the contrary!

Can You Believe and Worship Christ IN VAIN?

When God's Word says, "BELIEVE on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved," it does not mean the DEAD faith now popularly taught! The common teachings of this day distort this to mean a mere belief in the FACTS of Christ's existence, His sacrifice, and His saving work. Just accept these FACTS, and accept HIM—without any obedience to God's Laws! But the devils believe these things—and they TREMBLE!

Christ was the Messenger of the New Covenant—a Messenger sent from God. You cannot BELIEVE on such a divine Messenger, unless you believe, and obey the MESSAGE that He brought! "If thou wilt enter into LIFE," was His teachings "KEEP THE COMMANDMENTS!"

"REPENT," said the inspired Peter, and then believe and be baptised for the remission of sins, and "ye SHALL receive the gift of the Holy Ghost." (Acts 2:38). God

gives His Holy Spirit *only* to them that OBEY HIM (Acts 5:32). And His Holy Spirit is the LOVE which God gives us to fulfill and to keep His Commandments! And it all comes BY FAITH!

Christ came to save us FROM, not *in* our sins! To FREE us from the enslavement of sin and the unhappiness and wretchedness it brings—not to make us free to commit sin!

Is it possible to BELIEVE in Christ—to worship Him—in the customary manner of the day, and yet be lost? Christ Himself says, "YES!"

"Not every one that saith unto me, Lord! Lord!" shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but *he that DOETH the will of my Father* which is in heaven." He said. (Mat. 7:21).

Hear Him again!
"Howbeit IN VAIN do they worship me, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men. For laying aside the commandment of God, ye hold the tradition of men!" (Mark 7:7-8).

There it is! From Jesus' own lips! Such a dead faith—such worship—is IN VAIN! Those who trust in it, and in the men and denominations which teach it, ARE LOST! And the quicker we come to realize it, the better!

God's PURPOSE in salvation is to rescue men from SIN, and its resulting unhappiness, misery, and death! To REPENT of sin is the first step! Then the BLOOD OF CHRIST, upon acceptance and faith, cleanses of all past sins! And by FAITH we are kept from sin in the future. Thus the resulting righteousness is of FAITH—the righteousness imparted from God. We are not justified BY the law—we are justified by the blood of Jesus Christ! But this justification will be given only ON CONDITION that we REPENT of our transgressions of God's Law—and so it is, after all, only the DOERS of the law that shall be JUSTIFIED. (Rom. 2:13). How Plain, and how beautiful, is God's TRUTH!

Hitler's Thousand Year Plan

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devil himself is imprisoned, restrained, in the symbolic "bottomless pit," for a duration of ONE THOUSAND YEARS. He would never rest voluntarily from his labor of deceiving the world. He shall be forcibly restrained during this millennial Sabbath from activity.

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them:"—here comes a NEW ORDER on earth and it is *not* Hitler's Order!—"and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus and for the Word of God, . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ A THOUSAND YEARS! Blessed is he that hath part in the first RESURRECTION . . . they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him A THOUSAND YEARS!" (Rev. 20:4-6)

The United States in Prophecy

PART FOUR

The Mysterious "Breach"

WHERE did Jeremiah go, with Baruch his secretary and one of more of the royal daughters of History stops short at this point. Enlightened students of Bible history have long known that the Ten Tribes—called by the name "House of ISRAEL"—have been lost, and exist today among the Gentile nations, unrecognized.

Their identity, and location, is one of the things God has hidden from the world. Yet, in this end-time, when knowledge is to increase, when the "wise" are to UNDERSTAND (Dan. 12:4,10), we shall find the secret revealed thru PROPHECY which could not be understood until now.

But first, we must now consider a mysterious "breach" that occurred in the days of Judah, son of Jacob.

Judah was the father of twin sons. The first born was royal seed, for thru him the SCEPTRE promise was to be carried down. It seems the midwife knew twins were about to be born. It is recorded that just before birth one of the twins "put out his hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, "This came out first." But the child drew back his hand, and the other was actually born first. The midwife exclaimed, "How hast thou broken forth? this breach be upon thee: (margin, wherefore hast thou made this breach against thee?). therefore his name was called Pharez," meaning "Breach." (Gen. 38:27-30).

WHY should this strange occurrence be recorded in Bible history, unless this breach was to be HEALED between the sons or their descendants at some future time? Yet it never occurred in their life-time.

Zarah, of the scarlet thread, had five sons (I Chron. 2:6). Only Solomon was wiser (I Kings 4:29-31). Did a descendant of Zarah finally get the throne, in a manner healing the breach?

David, Zedekiah, Christ, all were of the PHAREZ branch—none of Zarah. Now consider, 1) the fact of the breach means the transfer of the Sceptre from the Pharez to the Zarah line. 2) such transfer never occurred before King Zedekiah of Judah, who was descended from Pharez. 3) Therefore it had to occur after Zedekiah's death. 4) Since David's line (Pharez) is to remain on the throne thru all generations FOREVER, it could only occur at an OVERTURN of the throne by a marriage between a Pharez heir to the throne and one of the Zarah line, thus healing the breach.

History shows the descendants of Zarah became wanderers, journeying to the north-west and founding the Scythian nation, their descendants joining the Ten Tribes.

What Has Gone Before:

WHERE is the United States mentioned in Bible prophecy? To answer, we must first go back to the beginning of the strangest, most fascinating story ever told, that of God's chosen people, Israel.

Few have noticed that the promises God made unconditionally to Abraham were TWO-fold: First, material promises of RACE. "Thou shalt be the father of MANY NATIONS," God promised. The Jews are but one nation. These material, national promises of RACE the Bible calls the "BIRTHRIGHT" an inherited right by birth. Under the BIRTHRIGHT, God promised Abraham for his fleshly descendants the national wealth, resources, and greatness that have become ours since 1800 A. D.

Second, God gave Abraham spiritual promises of GRACE—a dynasty of kings, culminating in Christ to become King of kings—the "one seed" (Gal. 3:8,16), thru whom ALL nations are to be blessed—salvation, eternal life. This promise the Bible calls the SCEPTRE. The SCEPTRE was given to JUDAH, of which tribe Jesus was born (Gen. 49:10), but the BIRTHRIGHT was JOSEPH'S! (I Cron. 5:2).

In passing the BIRTHRIGHT on to the two sons of Joseph, Ephraim and Manasseh, (Genesis 48), Jacob said: "Let my name (ISRAEL) be named on them . . . and let them grow into a multitude." (the "many nations").

When the twelve tribes had become a nation, God made an UNconditional, unalterable covenant with King David (tribe of Judah), guaranteeing a perpetual dynasty thru all generations FOREVER. The world believes that dynasty ceased in 585 B. C.

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But meanwhile, the Pharez-David-Zedekiah line possessed the Sceptre—was HIGH—exalted. The Zarah line feeling it rightfully should possess the Sceptre, and some day would be low, abased—so far as royal power was concerned.

Now consider a much misunderstood passage of prophecy:

The Three Overturns

If you will begin reading at the 18th verse of the 21st chapter of Ezekial, you will see plainly that Jehovah is here speaking of the captivity of Judah by the king of Babylon. And, beginning with the 25th verse, He says: "And thou, profane wicked prince of Israel (Zedekiah), whose day is come, when iniquity shall have an end, Thus saith the Lord God; 'Remove the diadem, and take off the crown: (as did happen, thru the first half of Jeremiah's commission). This (the crown) shall not be the same: exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: and it shall be no more until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.' "

Let us understand that clearly.

"Remove the diadem, and take off the crown." King Zedekiah, of David's dynasty, had the crown. This says it is to be removed. It was removed. He died in Babylon, his sons and all the nobles of Judah were killed.

"This shall not be the same." The diadem is not to cease, but a change is to take place—the throne is to be overturned—another is to wear the crown. God's PROMISE to David is not to go by default!

"Exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high." Who is "high?" King Zedekiah of Judah. Now he is to be abased. He is to lose that crown. Judah has been "high," while Israel has been "low"—lo, these many years without a king (Hos. 3:4). The Pharez line has been "high"—the Zarah line has been "low."

"I will overturn, overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more until he come whose right it is." What was to be overturned? The diadem, and the throne. Not once, it is to be OVERTURNED three times. Overturned by abasing Zedekiah, the House of Judah, the Pharez line, and exalting, now, the House of Israel, and one of the Zarah line! The first of the three overturns was accomplished as the first half of Jeremiah's commission.

"And it shall be no more." Does this mean the throne—the crown—is to cease to exist? Not at all! How could it be OVERTURNED three times—that is, TRANSFERRED from one to another, if it ceased to exist? How, after these three transfers of the crown, could it be given to HIM—Christ—whose right it is, at His second coming, if it ceased altogether to exist? How could he who was "low" be now exalted by the crown, if that crown was to be

no more? No, the meaning is, "It shall be no more *overturned* until the Second Coming of Christ!" And then it shall be once again overturned, and given to Him! God will not break his unalterable promise made to David! Thru every generation David shall have a son wearing that crown! The SECOND half of Jeremiah's commission must now be performed. That throne must be transPLANTED, and again BUILDED. The crown must be overturned—*transferred* to another!

But WHERE? To WHOM?

A "Riddle" and a "Parable" Tells!

The strange TRUTH of the PLANTING and the REBUILDING of David's throne is revealed in a "riddle and a parable," couched in symbolic language never understood until this latter day. Yet it stands, today, so clearly explained a little child could understand!

It fills the 17th chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy. The whole chapter should be carefully read. Notice, first, this prophetic message is addressed, NOT to Judah, the Jews, but to the House of ISRAEL. It is a Message to give light to the lost Ten-Tribed House of ISRAEL in these latter days!

First, Ezekiel is told to speak a riddle, and then a parable. The riddle is found in verses 3 to 10. Then, beginning verse 11, Jehovah explains its meaning.

"Say now to the rebellious house," God says,—the "rebellious house being Ten-Tribed ISRAEL (Ezek. 12:9), to whom Ezekiel is set a prophet (Ezek. 2:3; 3:1, etc.) "Know ye not what these things mean? tell them . . ." and then the riddle is clearly explained. A great eagle came to Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar. This is explained to represent King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, who came to Jerusalem, and took captive the king of Judah. The cropping off of the cedar's young twigs and carrying them to a land of traffic is explained to picture the captivity of the king's sons, "He took also of the seed of the land," means Nebuchadnezzar took also of the people, and the mighty of the land of Judah. "He set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature," means the Jews were given a covenant whereby, altho they were ruled over by the Chaldeans, they might live in peace and grow. The other "great eagle" is explained to represent Pharaoh of Egypt.

Thus, the riddle covers the FIRST half of Jeremiah's commission. Now notice what is revealed concerning the SECOND part—the PLANTING of David's throne!

It comes in the parable, verses 22-24.

"Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar." From God's own explanation we have learned that the cedar tree represents the nation of Judah; its highest branch is Judah's king. The riddle told us Nebuchadnezzar took the highest branch—the King. The parable now tells us God—not Nebuchadnezzar, but GOD, will take *of* the highest branch. Not the branch, but OF the branch

—of Zedekiah's children. But Nebuchadnezzar took, and killed, all of his SONS.

God, thru his prophet Jeremiah, is now going to take OF this highest branch, and "SET IT." (Verse 22).

"I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a *tender one*, and will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent," continues the Almighty! Ah! "A tender young twig!" The twigs of this highest branch represent the children of King Zedekiah! Certainly a tender young twig, then, represents a DAUGHTER!

" . . . and will PLANT it." Could symbolic language say plainer this young Jewish Princess is to become the royal seed for the PLANTING again of David's throne? Where?

" . . . upon an high mountain and eminent." says Jehovah! A "mountain" in symbol always represents a NATION. But WHICH nation?

"In the mountain of the height of ISRAEL will I plant it," answers the Eternal! David's throne now is to be planted in ISRAEL, after being thrown down from JUDAH! Could language be PLAINER?

" . . . and it (the tender young twig—the king's daughter) shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar." Did David's throne cease with Zedekiah of Judah? Did God forget His covenant? NO! Compare this language with the passage in Isaiah 37:31-32: "the remnant that escaped of the House of Judah shall again take root downward (be planted) and BEAR FRUIT UPWARD." It was PLANTED in ISRAEL, who removed from Judah! After this Hebrew Princess is "planted" on the throne, now in ISRAEL—lost from view—that throne is to BEAR FRUIT. She is to marry, have children, and her sons are to continue David's dynasty!

" . . . and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell." (Verse 23). "Lost" Israel, now having acquired the throne and become again a self-ruling nation, shall, in time, spread around the earth dominance and power. They shall inherit the unconditional promises of the BIRTHRIGHT, according to God's covenant with Abraham!

"And all the trees of the field" (verse 24). A "tree" is this riddle and parable is likened to a nation. In other words, "All the nations of the earth."

" . . . shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree." Judah, the high tree, having the throne for 131 years after Israel had been taken captive, now is brought down to the low stature of slavery.

" . . . have exalted the low tree." For 131 years Israel had been a "low tree." Now Israel is exalted, becomes again a nation with a King.

" . . . have dried up the green tree"—JUDAH, "and have made the dry tree to flourish." ISRAEL, headed by the tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh, who possessed the BIRTHRIGHT, now shall flourish, become prosperous in due time. "I the Lord have spoken and have done it." Yes, that

BIRTHRIGHT is in ISRAEL. Tho LOST—tho supposed to be a Gentile nation, They are the people who were to grow into the promised multitude—the great nation, and the company of nations, possessing the gates of their enemy nations, becoming a colonizing people spreading around the world, being blessed with national resources and wealth. And, when they become thus powerful and nationally dominant, remember David's throne is transplanted among them!

But WHERE did Jeremiah, with his royal seed for the transplanting, go to find the lost House of Israel? WHERE are they today? HOW was the "breach" healed, and how did a son of Zarah ascend the throne? Can we tell?

We CAN! The exact, precise location is revealed in Bible prophecy! We can pick up Jeremiah's trail in actual history, besides!

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In the next issue, the exact location of Jeremiah's transplanting of David's throne will be clearly revealed by many prophecies, and by history. "Lost" Israel will be definitely located and identified among earth's nations, TODAY—with Bible proof beyond dispute. Don't miss this most thrilling installment of this series!

Why Does God Permit . . .

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Thank God, we are near the END of the six working days allotted to Satan's dominion. God's thousand-year Sabbath day is just about to dawn!

There is a saying that it is darkest just before the dawn. Now we see on every hand the final fruitage of men's ways. War, famine, disease, poverty, squallor, sickness, insanity, crime, DEATH! Is anyone HAPPY today? Written in unerasable blood, in human misery, anguish and despair, is the six-thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE!

Even now men will not heed this horrible lesson—not until they are FORCED to see it!

But, as Satan's sixth "working day" closes, God is about to step in and supernaturally to interfere!

The coming seventh millennium shall see Satan restrained. Christ will return to rule the earth with all the power of God. God's New Order for the next thousand years will restore peace, happiness, and joy.

Then men may look back over this present world, and COMPARE! Never will God FORCE a single human being, against his own will, into salvation and eternal life.

But, with the seven thousand-year record of EXPERIENCE set plainly before seeing eyes, do you think anyone will *want* to return to these ways we seem now to love? Not many, you may be sure of that! Yet some, even then, will rebel.

Finally we shall acknowledge, of our

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The United States in Prophecy

PART FIVE

Israel's New Land

We are ready, now, to search out the actual location of the lost tribes of the out-cast House of Israel. We know they exist today as a nation, and a company of nations; powerful; looked upon as Gentiles. And when we find them, we shall find a king, still today occupying the throne of David!

Many passages of prophecy tell of these people in these latter days. Prophecies not to be understood until this "time of the end." Prophecies containing a Message to be carried to these people by those to whom God reveals it!

First it is necessary to fix in mind these facts:

The prophet Amos wrote, in the days of the 13th of the 19 kings of the House of Israel, (Amos 1:1): "Behold the eyes of the Lord are upon the sinful kingdom (House—of Israel—Judah had not yet sinned), and I will destroy it (the kingdom, or government, not the people) from off the face of the earth. For, lo, I will command, and I will sift the House of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." (Amos 9:8-9).

This prophecy usually is applied to the scattered condition of the Jews. But it has nothing to do with the Jews, or the House of JUDAH, but refers to ten-tribed House of ISRAEL—driven to Assyrian captivity, then migrating from there and scattering among other nations BEFORE the Jews were taken to Babylon. This prophecy says that ISRAEL, (not Judah), was to be sifted among other nations—these Israelites losing their identity—yet God has protected and kept them—"not the least grain shall fall upon the earth."

It was during this time that the children of the House of Israel were to "abide many days without a king," (Hos. 3:4). That these people did sift thru all nations is clear. Many New Testament passages indicate this. Although many of them still were scattered among various nations in the first century, A. D., a portion of them had become established in a definite location of their own by Jeremiah's time—131 years after their original captivity.

But these Israelites who possessed the Birthright eventually were to come to a new land of their own. Jehovah says, in II Samuel 7:10, and I Chron. 17:9: "Moreover, I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will PLANT THEM," (Jeremiah was commissioned to do the PLANTING of the throne among them.) "that they may dwell in a place of their own and *move no more!*" The context of the whole passage shows this refers, not to Palestine, but a different land where these scattered Israelites were to

What Has Gone Before:

WHERE is the United States mentioned in Bible prophecy? To answer, we must first go back to the beginning of the strangest, most fascinating story ever told, that of God's chosen people, Israel.

Few have noticed that the promises God made unconditionally to Abraham were TWO-fold: First, material promises of RACE. "Thou shalt be the father of MANY NATIONS," God promised. The Jews are but one nation. These material, national promises of RACE the Bible calls the "BIRTHRIGHT," an inherited right by birth. Under the BIRTHRIGHT, God promised Abraham for his fleshly descendants the national wealth, resources, and greatness that have become ours since 1800 A.D.

Second, God gave Abraham spiritual promises of GRACE—a dynasty of kings, culminating in Christ to become King of kings—the "one seed" (Gal. 3:8, 16), thru whom ALL nations are to be blessed—salvation, eternal life. This promise the Bible calls the SCEPTRE. The SCEPTRE was given to JUDAH, of which tribe Jesus was born, (Gen. 49:10), but the BIRTHRIGHT was JOSEPH'S! (I Chron. 5:2).

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Notice carefully! After being removed from Palestine, being sifted among all nations, abiding many days without a king, losing their identity, they are to be "planted" in a far-away strange land now to become their own. And, NOTE IT!—after reaching this place, *they are to move no more!* That is, of course, during this present world.

While other prophecies indicate these Birthright holders were to become a colonizing people, spreading around the world, it is plain that the spreading out must be from this appointed place, which must remain the "home" seat of government for David's throne.

Mark this clearly! Once this "place of their own" was reached, and the thrones of David planted there, THEY WERE TO MOVE NO MORE. Therefore, *the location of this people TODAY is the place where Jeremiah planted David's throne more than 2500 years ago!*

Therefore prophecies pertaining to *this* day, or the location of this people at Christ's return, will tell us the location of Jeremiah's planting. The House of Israel is yet to return, at Christ's coming, to Palestine—yet to plant grapes in Samaria their original country. Prophecies telling where they shall, in that future day, migrate FROM, will reveal the location of "lost" ten-tribed ISRAEL! The two succeeding "overturns" of the throne, too, must be located in this same place.

Lost ISRAEL Located!

Without further suspense, let us see where prophecy locates these Birthright holders, now possessing the throne of David and earth's richest national blessings.

Remember they are distinguished from Judah—the Jews—by various names, "Ephraim," "Joseph," "Jacob," "Rachel," (the mother of Joseph), Samaria, their former home, "Israel," etc.

According to Hosea 12:1, "Ephraim followeth after the east wind." And "east wind" travels west. Ephraim must have gone west from Assyria.

When the Eternal swore to David to perpetuate his throne, He said: "I will set his hand (sceptre) *in the sea!*" (Psalm 89:25). The throne is to be "set," planted, "in the sea,"

Thru Jeremiah the Eternal said: "Backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words toward the NORTH and say, Return thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord." (Jer. 3:11-12). Israel is clearly distinguished from Judah. And in these last days messengers are to go "toward the NORTH" (of Jerusalem) in order to loc-

ate lost Israel and proclaim this warning. So the location, we now find, is toward the north, also west, and in the sea.

The 18th verse, same chapter, says: "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel, (margin, *to the House of Israel*), and they shall come together *out of the land of the north* to the land that "I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers." At the future Exodus, at Christ's coming, they are to return to Palestine out of the land of the NORTH!

After saying, "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?" the Eternal, speaking thru Hosea, says; "then the children shall tremble from the WEST." (Hos. 11:8,19).

Again: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth." (Jer. 31:8). This prophecy is for consideration in the "latter days" (Jer. 30:24; 31:1), and is addressed to "Israel," (verses 2, 4, 9), to "Ephraim," (verses 6, 9), and "Samaria," (verse 5). Here is added another hint—"the coasts of the earth"—evidently they are dominant at sea.

Referring to the House of ISRAEL (not Judah), (Isaiah 49:3,6), God says: "Behold these shall come from far: and lo, these from the NORTH and from the WEST; and these from the land of Sinim." (Isa. 49:12). In the Hebrew, the language in which this was originally inspired, there is no word for "NORTHWEST," but this term is designated by the phrase, "the north and the west." It means, literally, the NORTHWEST! The Vulgate renders "Sinim" as "Australi," or "Australia." So we now have the location NORTHWEST of JERUSALEM!

Hence, Israel of TODAY—Israel of the day of Jeremiah's "planting" of David's throne—is located specifically as NORTH, WEST of JERUSALEM, and IN THE SEA!

Let us locate this land more specifically!

The same 49th chapter of Isaiah begins with this: "Listen, O Isles, unto me." The people addressed Israel, are called "O Isles" in the first verse and "O Israel in the 3rd verse.

The 31st chapter of Jeremiah, locating Israel in the "north country," says: "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first born . . . Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations"—(Ephraim, Manasseh)—"and declare it in the isles afar off." (Jer. 31:9-10).

Again: "Keep silence before me, O isles . . . thou, Israel, art my servant Jacob whom I have chosen." (Isa. 41:5,8).

In Jer. 31:7, the message to be declared "in the isles afar off" (verse 10), is to be shouted in "the CHIEF OF THE NATIONS."

So, finally, today, as in Jeremiah's day, the House of ISRAEL is IN THE ISLES, which are "in the sea," the CHIEF of the nations, NORTHWEST of Jerusalem! A coast-dwelling, and therefore sea-dominant people!

Certainly there can be no mistaking that identity!

Take a map of Europe, Lay a line due

SCIENCE and the SPADE

For years learned men of Science maintained that the art of writing was not known until long after the days of Moses. This proved, they argued, that Moses could not possibly have written the Pentateuch. Therefore the Bible, which claims Moses wrote these Books, could not possibly be true,

Even Jesus said plainly that Moses wrote these Books (Mark 10:5; John 5:46). Science answered that Jesus merely shared the ignorance and prejudices of His day!

But the spade has since dug up the

PROOF, out of the ground, that it was these "scientists," and not Jesus, who were full of ignorance and prejudice. In the British Museum today you can see the Tel-el-Amarna tablets containing writing in the cuniform inscriptions dating 100 years before Moses! In another part of the Museum you will now see the huge black stone eight feet high discovered by M. de Morgan at Susa in December, 1901. It contains the written laws of King Hammurabi, who lived 500 years before Moses!

NORTHWEST of Jerusalem, across the continent of Europe, until you come to the sea, and then to the islands in the sea!

This line take you direct to the BRITISH ISLES!



In the next number we continue this series, with amazing proof of Israel's identity today.

Democracy's FATE.

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turned from His commandments, took up with the ways of the Gentiles around them. They were righteous in their own eyes—even as we today. But evil sinners in the sight of God—even as we today! So the House of ISRAEL—the ten tribes who carried the Birthright—were driven into captivity, taken by Shalmanezar to Assyria, in 721 B.C. For 2,520 long years the Birthright inheritance was denied our race—because of disobedience.

But God had promised Abraham unconditionally. The promise must be kept. That is why God limited the punishment during which the material blessings should be withheld. The 2520 year limit expired in 1800 A.D. Beginning that year two little insignificant nations began suddenly to spurt to riches and material possessions in a manner unparalleled in all history. By 1804 London had become the financial hub of the world. We grew rich and powerful. In war we always blundered, the British always "muddled through"—but somehow things always seemed to "break" for us—and we always won that last battle!

Today, with these six world-spanning "gates" the world's most gigantic fortresses—today, rich and increased with goods because Abraham kept God's commandments,—today, in full possession of the Birthright Inheritance denied our forefathers 2520 long years because they disobeyed the Eternal God, WE are disobeying His commandments as grievously as any generation of the past!

How We Break God's Laws

Today we are a self-righteous nation, We exalt ourselves for our righteousness, look with contempt upon "the poor heathen." We boast of the missionaries we

send to other lands, the number of Bibles we print. Our land is full of churches—but it is full of idols, too! And today we are AT WAR, facing HARD TIMES just ahead!

Here is our prophetic description, as Paul wrote it to Timothy:

"Mark this, there are HARD TIMES coming in the last days. For men will be selfish, fond of money, boastful, haughty, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, irreverent . . . they will be treacherous, reckless and conceited, preferring pleasure to God—for though they keep up a form of religion, they will have nothing to do with it as a FORCE." (1 Tim. 3:1-5).

Yes, our land is full of churches. So people join a church, and think they have it all fixed with God! Then they go ahead and still have other gods before the Creator—still put worldly pleasure, material desires, their business, profession, social or worldly interests FIRST in their hearts, and relegate the Kingdom of God to secondary interest. It is not the MAIN thing in their lives,—just a formal and occasional incidental. They still worship at the shrine of materialism, and even add a new form of idolatry by idolizing their particular denomination.

They still take God's name in vain—yes, even in their churches, by calling upon His name while their hearts are far from Him. "In vain," Jesus said, "do they worship me teaching for doctrines the commandments of men," thus making "the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition." (Mark 7:7; Mat. 15:6). Such worship is actual profanity! (See also Titus 1:16, and 1 John 2:4). They still profane God's holy Sabbath—still dishonor their parents—still harbor jealousy, malice, envy, resentment, hatred, which the Bible says is the spirit of murder—still divorce and remarry and thus live in adultery according to God's commandments (Mark 10:6-12), until this, far more than that of Jesus' day, is "a wicked and adulterous generation!"

They still are selfish, even dishonest in business dealings, taking advantage where possible; still steal God's tithe which rightly belongs to God's work (see Mal. 3:8). They still carry tales and bear false witness against their neighbors—still covet the ma-

the sea." (Isa. 11:9). In world-wide peace, prosperity equality and justice, men shall find happiness, in LOVE—and with it ETERNAL LIFE!

What a picture—and it is REAL! Soon to dawn upon this earth!

No wonder Jesus taught us to pray, "THY KINGDOM COME! Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven!" Yes, let us PRAY!

The JAP Plan . . .

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with its false ways and customs and ideas, all CONTRARY to God's ways that would bring happiness?

The civilization we have loved is a MATERIALISTIC civilization, actuated by the SELFISH motive, inspired by PRIDE and VANITY, lived by the COMPETITIVE system of strife. We have blindly supposed it is more blessed to GET than to give. In seeking to reach out and GRASP happiness, we have driven it far from us, until we are blind and wretched and discouraged and miserable. Happiness is something you HAVE only by GIVING IT AWAY! It comes from practising Jesus' saying, "It is more blessed to GIVE than to receive."

It comes from LOVE, and love is on the GIVING side. And true love always attracts a return of love, and only thus can we be happy. What blind, deluded fools we have been!

But a NEW ORDER is coming! Not rule by a Jap mikado posing as a god! Not Hitler's fantastic Order of imposed international slavery and bondage, thank God!—but rule by the true CREATOR GOD, who shall soon now send JESUS CHRIST to rule this whole earth as KING of kings and Lord of lords!

God speed the day!

But in the meantime, God grant our American people may see, and understand, and HEED the handwriting on the wall. The DAY OF RECKONING IS HERE! God help us to learn our lesson now, before we have to suffer more and more, until we find ourselves defeated, to be rescued only by CHRIST'S COMING!

It COULD happen here!

And the solemn, grim warning to you who read these lines is that prophecy says it will, UNLESS AMERICA REPENTS, TURNS TO GOD'S RIGHT WAYS OF LIFE, and CRIES OUT TO THE ALMIGHTY FOR PROTECTION AND DELIVERANCE!

When Swords Become Plowshares Again!

But, even if we must learn our lesson the HARD WAY, our people, God's chosen, SHALL LEARN! And out of this present mess shall emerge the bright and glorious KINGDOM OF GOD!

Then, "MANY nations shall come, and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain (kingdom) of the Eternal, and to the house of God of Jacob, and He will teach us of HIS WAYS, and we shall walk in HIS PATHS; for THE LAW SHALL GO FORTH FROM ZION, and the Word of the Eternal from Jerusalem. And He (Christ) shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; AND THEY SHALL BEAT THEIR SWORDS INTO PLOWSHARES, and their spears into pruninghooks. Nation shall not lift up sword against nation, NEITHER SHALL THEY LEARN WAR ANY MORE!" (Micah 4:2-3).

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OUR ISRAELITISH IDENTITY

TO OUR READERS: With this number we are discontinuing the articles which have been appearing serially on "The UNITED STATES IN PROPHECY," proving our national identity as the HOUSE OF ISRAEL.

Instead, we are issuing, in the near future, the entire series of fascinating articles, completed, in separate booklet form.

We realize that our mailing list has grown so rapidly that most of our present readers have not read the early chapters of this series. Consequently, we believe, it will prove more acceptable to our readers to permit you to read the entire series complete in one booklet, rather than to publish the final two installments in The PLAIN TRUTH.

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through trial and test, through development of Christian character according to the principles of God's law, for a position as king or priest in the KINGDOM! (Rev. 5:10; 20:4, 6).

But God cannot set up His KINGDOM upon earth until every plan and device of man has had full opportunity to DEMONSTRATE, through every conceivable test, its utter failure. Over thousands of years of time, God is permitting man to put his every idea and theory to every possible test. Only thus will the deceitful, selfish heart of man ever be brought to acknowledge that God's ways are RIGHT ways, and only thus can God's perfect LAW ever stand vindicated in man's eyes!

And when God's Kingdom finally rules the world, brings PEACE and JOY to human hearts, RESTORING all things as God first created them,—men will be forced to look back upon the wreckage of every human effort in opposition to God. What a colossal RUIN! What CHAOS. What utter, complete, total FAILURE!

Man must be forced to learn his own entire helplessness—his utter DEPENDENCE upon God. How dependent we are upon Him—for understanding, as well for power! But with God's KINGDOM will come PEACE—HAPPINESS—PROSPERITY—and then JOY will spring from the human heart! War, strife, competition, will be but a memory of the folly of the past. LOVE will rule, and achievement and success will be gaged by SERVICE and LOVE, not in terms of dollars. There will be PLENTY, then, for all! God speed the day!

And, in the meantime, let us COME OUT OF BABYLON, that we receive not of her plagues, and that we come under the divine protection during the soon-coming terrible DAY OF THE LORD. (Rev. 18:4). Let us accept GOD'S WAYS now, while we may, and escape these dreadful things shortly to come to pass! (Luke 21:36).

Today we are so bound up into a Gentile civilization, so steeped in the false religious teachings that have emanated from paganized Rome—from BABYLON!—that it is difficult, indeed, for many to realize they have been deceived, misled, and have grown up as a part of this false system. But all who oppose GOD'S LAW—His SPIRITUAL LAW, the TEN COMMANDMENTS— are most certainly IN BABYLON, and it is UPON THEM that the wrath of God's PLAGUES will soon fall. And so, we plead,—DO NOT BE OFFENDED! God helping us, we know of no one else who is warning you—and someone must have the boldness, the COURAGE to warn you, before it is finally too late! Do not hate us for it—HEED the warning, and COME OUT!

Let us pray, "THY KINGDOM COME!"

Even so, Lord Jesus, COME!