

**JOSEPH'S BIRTHRIGHT**

**AND**

**MODERN AMERICA**

**A Biblical Treatise  
on The Nation  
To Whom Jesus  
Entrusted The  
Kingdom of God**

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In writing to the Corinthian Church, the Apostle Paul stated that "moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). In reviewing the life of Robert Bruce Record, one would have to say that he was faithful as a steward of his Lord for the work that he was given to do.

Robert Record was a tireless worker in the vineyard of the Lord and spent the majority of his life in Christian ministry. In preparation for his life work he attended Northwestern Bible College in Seattle, Washington and graduated in 1933. After several months of ministry he was ordained by the First Baptist Church of Rochester, Minnesota. He then preached in Baptist affiliated churches in the Midwest for about five years.

His father, Pastor Warren Bruce Record, was the founder of the National Message Ministry and in 1938 he began a long career in radio broadcasting. His National Message Radio Ministry was launched on December 25, 1938 on KMTR in Hollywood, California. In 1940 his son, Robert Record became associated with him and together their combined radio ministry lasted for over sixty-one years.

Robert Record was one who valued the knowledge of Biblical truth of far greater worth than religious tradition or ecclesiastical acceptance. As a result of sincere and intense Bible study, he said he became convinced "that there had to be an Israel people other than the Jew, for they had fulfilled none of the prophetic history of National Israel." Being thoroughly convinced of this truth, he resigned from his Baptist Association in 1940 and joined with his father in radio broadcasting. He then moved to Portland, Oregon and began broadcasting on radio station KWJJ. In 1947, he became associated with the Kingdom Gospel Institute of Chicago, Illinois. With other pastors in this fellowship, he made yearly trips to visit members of Congress in Washington, D.C. to share with them the national message of the Scriptures. While in Chicago, Robert Record preached the message of salvation through Jesus Christ and the Gospel of the Kingdom of God on radio stations WGN and WJJD. He later broadcasted in the greater Los Angeles area for many years until shortly before his death.

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contained in the following pages is a small sample of his heartfelt passion for God's Word and desire to reach his fellowman with the Gospel of the Kingdom of God. The following chapters contained in this book are a series of messages delivered by Pastor Record and therefore accounts for some repetition in thoughts and style of writing.

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*Chapter One*  
**Biblical Understanding, and the Book of Genesis**

**The Bible**

While the Bible, or, “the Book”, is often thought of as being a book of so many chapters, yet, it is composed of 66 books, written by about 40 different men, covering a period of about 1500 years. Yet these 66 books of the Bible tell one harmonious story. The reason is, that holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Spirit of God [II Peter 1:21]. That is the only way you can account for the Bible. Man, however, has divided it into two books, into what we call the Old Testament and the New Testament. Paul alludes to the first 39 books, which comprise the Old Testament, as, “the Scriptures.” He preached his gospel “according to the scriptures.” They were his authority for the word and the Gospel that he preached. They weren’t just his ideas. Altogether too many preachers today have discarded most of the Old Testament for the New. What have you done? I hope you’re not one of these, because if you are, the chances are that you have never come to understand your Bible as you ought to. People have testified that they’ve read their Bible through, that they’ve memorized great portions of it, yet, most of it is still veiled to their understanding.

**Much of the Bible is Veiled to People’s Understanding**

Why do I say that? Well, in the first place, the first book of the Bible is called, “Genesis.” Genesis is the book of beginnings. It not only records the beginning of the heavens and the earth, and plant, animal, and human life upon it; but it is also the beginning of a progressive revelation of God, and His plan and purpose in the earth. Yet most people read their Bibles without any idea that this is so. The Bible is a progressive revelation of God. You get to know God more and more as you read and study His Word. It says in the first verse, “In the beginning God;” but you don’t know much about God up to this point. Then it goes on to declare of His creation and His plan and purpose in the earth throughout the Scriptures.

**Genesis, the Basis of All Subsequent Bible Revelation**

This book of Genesis enters into the very structure of what we call the New Testament. In a very profound sense it is the basis of all subsequent Biblical revelation. Does this mean anything to you? Well, it should, for if we do not grasp or properly understand the message and the teaching of God in this book, then it is impossible to understand properly the rest of the Bible. This is the reason there is so much confusion and traditional teaching today that has no real Biblical basis. It’s simply theological interpretation, tradition and fable. It neither builds faith nor enlightens the mind. Yet it’s preached for the Word of God. This could have

never happened if people had understood the teaching in the first book of the Bible.

### **Bible Story Built Around Abrahamic Covenant**

The Bible story and the history of man are both built around a covenant that God made with a man named Abraham. This is something else that a great majority of people have never come to see. Did you know that the Bible story and the history of man are both built around the covenant that God made with a man named Abraham? We've all heard of Abraham, and we all know that with Abraham God made a covenant. But how many know that this covenant is actually the basis of all subsequent Biblical revelation? How many know that this covenant was UNCONDITIONAL? In other words, there were no conditions, there were no "ifs" or "ands." People have an idea that because Abraham didn't do, or some of his seed didn't do what they were supposed to do, then the covenant was made void. No, that's not true with this covenant. And the reason is, that this covenant embraced the predetermined purposes of God. These purposes centered in the seed of Abraham; and this seed is nowhere referred to in the Bible as being Jewish. Oh, I know you hear a lot of preachers and Bible teachers referring to Abraham and his seed as Jews. But you cannot find it anywhere in the Bible. The Jews at best are descended from Judah, and you first read of them, in *II Kings 16:5-6*. They at best represent but a remnant of the tribe of Judah, and today are a religious sect, classed with Protestants and Catholics.

May I say to you that these are all Biblical and historical facts that can be proved from the Bible and history. Why do we insist on clinging to traditions that make the Word of God of none effect? You see, it doesn't make any difference whether it's modern day churches or preachers who cling to tradition, or whether it's the Pharisees of old. The traditions have the same effect – they make the Word of God of none effect.

### **Genesis Marks the Beginning of God's Kingdom**

We have said that Genesis is a book of beginnings. It marks the beginning of a Kingdom planned from the foundation of the world, as we read in Matthew 25:34. Verse 31, says, "*When the Son of man shall come in His glory, . . . then shall He sit upon the throne of His glory: And before Him shall be gathered ALL NATIONS: . . .*" Those on His right hand are designated as sheep, and those on His left, as goats. Then in verse 34 we read, "*Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand,*" [or the sheep] "*Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.*" Here we have a clear statement of fact, that this kingdom was something planned from the foundation of the world. Furthermore, this Kingdom was a literal kingdom. It centered in the people who were to spring from the loins of Abraham by promise, and here

designated as “sheep.” Not just anybody, as some people declare, or Gentiles as such, but in the seed or people that were to spring from the loins of Abraham *by promise*. This kingdom embraced the city that Abraham saw whose builder and maker was God.

### **The Evil of Spiritualizing the Kingdom**

Spiritualize this Kingdom and the people whom God chose to be His servants and witnesses in the building of it, or limit the Israel of God to the Jew, both of which a great majority of Christendom have done and are doing, then you have undermined and destroyed the very heart and substance of the Bible story. This teaching has led to Christians disowning the earth for a heaven above, and to denying the glorious hope of the Kingdom, for which Christ taught us to pray. Yes, you often pray for the Kingdom of God to come and the will of God to be done on earth as it is in heaven. Is it possible that you pray this prayer because you think the Lord wants you to pray it – yet you haven’t the slightest idea what you’re praying for? It’s one thing to talk glibly about that “blessed hope”, which many rightly relate to the second coming of Christ, but to say that hope is the coming of Christ to take the saints off to heaven someplace, is something else! That, my friend, is not our hope at all!

### **Abraham Looked for a Great Nation**

Abraham “. . . looked for a city which hath foundations whose builder and maker is God” (Hebrews 11:10). What do you think he was looking for? What was his hope? Yes, it was a “heavenly country” spoken of in the 11<sup>th</sup> chapter of Hebrews, but it was more correctly the Kingdom of God on earth. The Kingdom of God is a heavenly country; it is heaven come to earth. I would remind us that Abraham knew nothing about mansions in heaven, or the Beautiful Isle of Somewhere. And to see what Abraham did envision as his hope, let’s turn to Genesis, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter. Here we read,

*“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 shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and curse them that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*”

I emphasize the fact that the promise made to Abraham had to do with a land and a country, and a people who were to become a great nation, and through this nation all the other families of the earth were to be blessed. This was not something shortly to be realized by Abraham. No, in fact we read in Hebrews 11 that Abraham lived in Palestine as in a strange country. He lived in tents as a sojourner

who expected to realize his inheritance and promise elsewhere. Nor did he expect his seed to become a great nation up in heaven some place, or in the little land of Palestine. We read in Hebrews 11:13 that "*These all died in faith. . .*" They died believing they would yet inherit the promises. The promises of great national development, and this city that Abraham saw. Then the Abrahamic covenant, my friend, is a prophetic preview of subsequent history leading down to these last days, even to the end of the age. Not to see this or to imply that though God promised great national blessings to Abraham and his seed, He did not really mean what He said, but He was referring to a spiritual seed, is to wander far afield from true Biblical teaching.

### **Has God Kept His Promise?**

One of the main features of the Abrahamic Covenant was that of great national development. Let us look for it in history and in the people to whom it was promised. This promise of great national development is repeated and reiterated time and again. In fact Abram's name was changed to Abraham and Sarai's name to Sarah because they were to become the father and mother of what, – many "churches?" No, ". . . many nations. . ." (Genesis 17:4). In Isaac his seed was to be called (Genesis 21:12) – not in Ishmael, or in Esau, or in the sons of Keturah. Now, has God kept His promise to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, or not? It makes all the difference in the world whether He has, because if He hasn't, then the Bible is not reliable. May God open our eyes to the acknowledging of His Truth.

## Chapter Two

### Joseph's Birthright and Modern America The Tragic Predicament of Many

While many do not yet see it, there is much about modern America that can only be understood in the light of the great national purpose of God in the seed that was promised to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. To limit the seed of Israel to the Jew, a religious sect classed with Protestants and Catholics, is to leave one without a people in whom the national promises of God to Israel could ever be fulfilled. Yet, this is the tragic predicament in which many in Christendom find themselves today.

#### God's National Purpose in Abraham's Seed

*Just what was the national purpose of God in the seed that was to come from the loins of Abraham? Is it something we can explain away by spiritualizing Israel? Many in our day would seem to pass over this great truth as being irrelevant and unimportant, and they thus do irreparable harm to the prophetic Scriptures. Yet, the promise of great national development is the very heart of the Abrahamic Covenant, and also the heart of the prophetic message for these last days.*

When people begin to tamper with the Word of God to make it fit their traditions and preconceived notions, especially with respect to Israel and the Kingdom of God they are bound to run into trouble. They base their teaching on these mistaken notions and come up with a host of twisted and confused theological interpretations which make the Word of God of none-effect.

Let us look at a classic example of this. When God changed Abram's name to Abraham in *Genesis 17:4,5*, because he was to become the ". . . father of many nations, . . ." and when God changed Sarai's name to Sarah, because she was to become the ". . . mother of nations, . . ." a popular modern school of interpretation would have us believe that God did not intend for us to believe that these were to be literal nations, but a spiritual seed, which we are to identify with a so-called "Gentile Church." Having thus taken it upon themselves to spiritualize the seed of Abraham, they then proceed to spiritualize the kingdom and apply it either to the church, or a heaven above. It has therefore been wisely said that, "when people begin to spiritualize, it is because they do not have spiritual eyes, and therefore tell spiritual lies."

## To Mistake the Identity of Israel

Actually, this Abrahamic covenant is the basis of all subsequent Biblical revelation. It embraces the predetermined purposes of God, and His plan for the earth. What *God purposed to do* with Abraham and his seed was to build a *kingdom of righteousness here on the earth. Hebrews 11:8-10*. Abraham awaited a “city” which hath foundations whose Builder and Maker is God. The Bible story and the history of man has centered around the unfolding of God’s Kingdom plan. In the building of this Kingdom, God chose the seed of Abraham to be His servants and witnesses. To therefore mistake the identity of this people, to spiritualize them, or limit them to the Jews, is but to produce untold confusion in the thinking of God’s people. This is why religious leaders have no answer for the developing crisis – especially in the Mideast. While the *Word of God* edifies and enlightens, this cannot be said of the fable and tradition which are frequently taught for the Word of God.

## A National Seed-Line

No one can read the Abrahamic Covenant with any degree of intelligence without realizing that one of its main features is that of great national development. *Genesis 12:1-3, 17: 4,5*. It is also important to note that God takes care in choosing a seed line through whom this national seed was to come. Abraham got impatient when he had no children, and Sarai thought to help him out by giving him her handmaid, Hagar, through whom Ishmael was born. But God said, “No.” “. . . in Isaac [or the Isaac sons] shall thy seed be called”. To Isaac were born Esau and Jacob. Esau sold his birthright to Jacob, but it was obviously the intention of God that Jacob have it anyway; and on Jacob, Isaac bestowed it.

## The Birthright and National Development

And what was this birthright which Abraham passed on to Isaac, and Isaac passed on to Jacob? Among other things, it made the recipient the heir, the chief inheritor, of all that God promised to Abraham in the way of national development, and in the way of spiritual and material blessing. Though Ishmael was the son of Abraham, and of him came the Ishmaelites or the Arabs; and though Esau was the son of Abraham, and through him came the Edomites and Amalekites; and though Abraham later had children born to him through Keturah, *none of these* were numbered among the “children of promise.” Though sons of Abraham, and thus his seed, they were not included in the national seed which was to inherit the promises made to Abraham.

## The Birthright and Joseph

When the time came for Jacob to die, *to whom* does he give the birthright? Does it make any difference? It makes all the difference in the world! For while Jacob had twelve sons, and these twelve sons comprise the nation of Israel, only *one* of the twelve received the birthright. Normally the birthright went to the firstborn son. In this instance the firstborn was Reuben. But in I Chronicles 5:1-2 we are told:

*“ . . . but, forasmuch as he defiled his father’s bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph, the son of Israel: and the genealogy is not reckoned after the birthright. For Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler; but the birthright was Joseph’s:”*

After reading this and other related Scriptures, it becomes obvious that Reuben, though the firstborn, was no more destined to inherit the birthright than was Esau, the firstborn of Isaac. Since Simeon was next in line, why was he not chosen? I think the answer lies in the fact that while Jacob had two wives, Leah and Rachel, Jacob was tricked and forced into marrying Leah before his father-in-law would give him Rachel. It is thus that in Genesis 44:27 we find Jacob saying:

*Ye know that my wife [not one of my wives] bare me two sons.*

And in Genesis 46:19 we read:

*The sons of Rachel, Jacob’s wife; Joseph and Benjamin.*

Actually, therefore, Joseph is Jacob’s firstborn by his wife, Rachel, and it is obvious that Joseph was also God’s choice in the matter.

But it must be noted here, that not all the birthright went to Joseph. In I Chronicles 5:2, we are told that *“ . . . Judah prevailed above his brethren, and of him came the chief ruler, . . .”*. In other words, as we read in Genesis 49:10, the sceptre went to Judah. The ruling dynasty, later known as the house of David, was to spring from Judah, and the genealogy of our Lord after the flesh is traced through this Davidic line.

The promise of great national development, however, as contained in the birthright, went to Joseph and to his two sons. This is a truth of paramount importance – for in the finding of the nations who fulfill the prophetic history of this birthright house, you will have found the people of Israel in these last days.

## The Tribal Adoption of Ephraim and Manasseh

Turning here to the 48<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis, we find Joseph and his two sons gathered at the bedside of Jacob/Israel, who is old and feeble and about to die. In verse 5, Jacob adopts Ephraim and Manasseh as his own, and gives them a tribal status in Israel. Having done this, Jacob then proceeds to bestow the birthright on Joseph and his sons. In verses 15 and 16 we read these words:

*"And he blessed Joseph, and said, . . . The Angel which redeemed me from all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be named on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."*

Now in bestowing this blessing, Jacob/Israel guided his hands wittingly so that he laid his right hand on Ephraim, and his left hand on Manasseh. Since Manasseh was the firstborn, Joseph protested to Jacob, thinking perhaps he had made a mistake because Jacob's eyes were dim for age. But his father, obviously directed by the spirit of God, kept his hands where he had first placed them saying,

*". . . I know it my son, I know it: he [Manasseh] also shall become a great people, and he also shall be great; but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations."*(Verse 19)

(The Hebrew word for multitude, here, is "melo," meaning, "fulness.")

### Ephraim and Manasseh To Be The Standard Bearers of Israel

Of all the sons of Israel, only here do we have given a specific promise of national development. Ephraim and Manasseh were to grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. They were to bear the name of Israel, and of Abraham and Isaac. They were to be the standard bearers of Israel. In them Israel would find their great national development in keeping with the promises of God. They were *not* to be *least* among the nations, but a great *multitude* in the midst of the earth. The prophet, Micah, declares that in the last days (sometime between the first and second coming of Christ):

*". . . The mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains. . ."* (Micah 4:1)

Since a mountain in the Scriptures is a symbol of a large kingdom or nation, then Israel through its birthright house, would be *chief* among the nations. Only prejudice and tradition could blind the minds of the people so that they would mistake the identity of a nation like this. You will never find such a nation in a

“spiritual Israel” which may identify with a Gentile Church, nor will you ever find it among the Jews.

### Joseph’s Two Dreams

Before we identify the birthright house of Joseph, however, let us go back for a moment to the 37<sup>th</sup> chapter of Genesis where the leadership of Joseph in Israel reaches much further into history than many are given to believing. Joseph tells the first dream to his brothers in these words:

*“For, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also stood upright; and, behold, your sheaves stood round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. And his brethren said unto him, shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us?” (Genesis 37:7-8).*

In verse 9, we have his second dream which he also tells his brothers saying:

*“Behold, I have dreamed a dream more; and behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me.”*

When his father heard of the dream, he said to Joseph in verse 10:

*“What is this dream that thou has dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth?”*

While these dreams had their initial fulfillment in Egypt when Joseph was made ruler next to Pharaoh, and his brothers came and bowed themselves before him, yet this only typified their greater national fulfillment in these latter days. In the house of Joseph which received the Israel birthright, particularly in Ephraim-Israel, the *dominion of Israel* would be established. In the land of Ephraim the “fulness of Israel” would eventually come, or be regathered, to share in the blessings contained in the birthright. They would, in essence, be bowing before Joseph as per his dreams, in the land of Ephraim.

### Some Birthright Blessings In These Last Days

Before we seek to identify Joseph’s land, let us note some often overlooked blessings that were destined to fall on the house of Joseph, particularly in Ephraim. Turning to Deut. 33:13-17 (Moffatt), we find Moses speaking to the birthright house of Joseph, saying:

*“May the Eternal bless his land with the wealth of heaven above and water from the deep abyss, with wealth of crops from the sunlight, with wealth of produce*

*month by month, with choice fruit from the ancient hills, with wealth from heights of yore! The wealth of all the land contains, and the favour of him who dwelt in the bush, may it all descend on Joseph, the prince of his brothers! May his firstborn be like a splendid bull, with horns like a wild ox, to gore the nations, all of them, even to the far ends of the earth! Such is Ephraim with his myriads, such is Manasseh with his thousands."*

In verse 17 from the King James Version, we read:

*"His glory [Ephraim's] is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns [Joseph's] are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: they [the horns] are the ten thousand of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."*

*Is it not strange that a prophecy of such great importance as this has been left almost entirely alone by most students of prophecy? Are we not duty-bound to locate the land and the people who were to inherit the blessings set forth here by Moses? Where do we find a great and God-blessed land, yea, a land flowing with milk and honey, a people and nation of great affluence, such as is promised to Joseph here? To look for it or them in Old Palestine, or to await the Kingdom Age, is to ignore the words of Jacob-Israel in Genesis 49:1 where he says to his sons:*

*"... Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the LAST DAYS." [emphasis mine]*

These blessings were to fall on Israel in the *last days* – sometime between the first and second coming of Christ. Is it in Palestine today? Only the blind and the foolish would so declare. The answer is an obvious, "No!" Then where do we find it?

### **The Birthright House In Three Parts**

Perhaps I should point out, here, that actually the birthright house of Joseph today, as in the days of its infancy, consisted of three parts. It consisted originally of Joseph, Ephraim, and Manasseh. Nowhere in the Bible does it say that Ephraim takes Joseph's place, leaving just two. When Jacob is about to adopt Ephraim and Manasseh as his own, he says to Joseph, as recorded in Genesis 48:6:

*"And thy issue which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, and shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance." [They would not be called "Joseph."]*

As far as the scriptural record is concerned, Joseph had no more children; so we

find him adopting the children of Machir, the son of Manasseh in Genesis 50:23. This accounts for the two half-tribes of Manasseh. The half tribe east of Jordan was the inheritance of Joseph, called after the name of Manasseh. And this three-fold house, which is a type, has its fulfillment in our day in Britain, Canada, and the United States. Britain the fatherland, or mother country, plays the role of Joseph. America the *greater*, plays the role of Ephraim and her brother to the north, or Canada, plays the role of Manasseh.

#### **America, The Ephraim “Fulness of Nations”**

Here in America, as history testifies, the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Nordic and English-speaking people migrated from Britain and Europe to found and build what was destined to become the greatest single nation of all time. We are the Land of Israel’s regathering – not little Palestine. No other land in all the world can be found which has been so blessed of God by the dew of heaven and the richness of the earth. In contrast to other nations, we need not look to other countries for the supply of our need. We are the breadbasket and the feeders of the world. This was the role of Joseph in Egypt, and it is the role of America today. We are a people and nation of destiny, and are proven by every Biblical mark of identification to be the literal descendants of ancient Israel. This is our birthright!

*Chapter Three*  
**Many Have Not Yet Discovered The Real America**

Columbus is said to have discovered America back in 1492. Many who have been living in this great and God blessed land have yet to discover the real America. Like the historians who have written about our beginnings, and where our founding fathers came from, most Americans have been wholly unaware of what was taking place here. They are slow to believe it when you point it out to them. That we are, who we are, (a nation raised up of God in fulfillment of His covenant promises), is almost unbelievable in the light of the fable and tradition that we have come to accept as true.

**Our Founding Fathers**

Most Americans are taught from their youth, especially in their churches, that the people who founded and built this country were Gentiles. Without even knowing what the word really means, they assume that they know. Without ever taking the trouble to find out what this word Gentile means, they have assumed that everybody on this earth except the Jews, are Gentiles. Therefore, our founding fathers who came over here from Western Europe to found a nation where they could worship God as they believe they should, must be Gentile – since they are not Jewish.

Who are the people who came here from England and Western Europe to settle in the new world and to face the rigors and the hardships of what was once a great wilderness? It was the Anglo-Saxon, the Nordic, the Germanic and the English-speaking peoples. All of this is a matter of history; they are historical facts. And who were these people, the English, the Irish, the Scots, the Scandinavian, the Dutch, etc., before they were thus known? If we never ask who these people were before they were identified as the nations of Western Europe, you have never really discovered America and what took place here? To all intents and purposes, it “happened”; but it didn’t. It is something that God did in fulfillment of His promises to Abraham and to Isaac, Jacob and Joseph.

**Israel To Have A New Home**

Most Christians today seem wholly unaware that Israel was to develop nationally in a place outside of the little land of Palestine. But it stands to reason that a people destined to be great and mighty could never realize that destiny, they could never become such, in a land hardly bigger than some of our smaller states?

And so it is that God sent His prophet to David shortly after he had become King over Israel; and the prophet, speaking for the Lord, says to David: *“Moreover I will appoint a place for my people, Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in*

*a place of their own, and move no more . . .” (II Samuel 7:10).* A prophecy like this means nothing to those who limit the seed of Abraham to that remnant of Judah which came back from Babylon under Ezra and Nehemiah to comprise that 70-week nation that brought them to Christ. A prophecy like this means nothing to those who are given to spiritualizing the seed of Abraham, and identifying it with a spiritual Israel or so-called Gentile church. But here God specifically states that Israel was to have a new home, a place appointed by God himself. And what is more, God said that he would plant them in their new home. In other words, He would see that they got there. They wouldn’t just drift, and wander, and migrate aimlessly. No, this was going to be providential. God was going to lead them, and plant them in their new home; and once they got there, once they were planted, God said they would move no more.

No other people did God ever make such a promise that He would take them from one place and plant them in another, and once they got there, they would never move again!

### Where Did Israel Go?

Because God never made any promise like this to any other people, (and I’m not referring to that remnant of Judah that came back from Babylon), only national Israel could ever fulfill this prophecy. In Hosea 2:14 we find God saying of Israel, whom He was about to divorce, “. . . *Behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her.*” Both Isaiah and Micah declare that in the last days this national seed of Abraham was to be established in the “. . . *top of the mountains* or “. . . *chief among the nations.*” *Isaiah 2:2, Micah 4:1.* Let us keep in mind that national Israel, taken captive out of their land in about 721 B.C., would have to migrate elsewhere to fulfill their national destiny. The question is, where did they go? Where did they migrate? More particularly, where did God lead them? Some people are heard to ask, “Suppose that Israel had gone some other direction.” But Israel didn’t just *happen* to go where they did; they went under God’s direction.

### Israel’s Westward Migration

When we realize from Deuteronomy 32:8, that almost from the very beginning the boundaries of the nations were set by God according to the number of the children of Israel, thus, only *one people* would have been found migrating. Only one people would be leaving their prescribed national boundaries to go someplace else. Deuteronomy 32:8 says, “*When the Most High divided the nations their inheritance, when He separated the sons of Adam, He set the bounds of the nations according to the number of the children of Israel.*” Therefore, we would expect only one people, of all the peoples of the earth to be moving, to be migrating.

What most people seem not to realize is, that while civilization moved from the East to the West, it actually followed in the wake of the Westward migration of the Israel people. When Israel left some of these lands which they had helped to build, like Greece – when our fathers left those lands, then they reverted to a lesser stature. During this time our Israel forefathers were not known as Israel. They were called by other names, just as God said they would be. They were to be “swallowed up,” or lost among the Gentiles. In earlier times, they were known as the Scythians, the Saxe, etc., and later they were called the Caucasian people. Later still they became known as the Goths, Visigoths and the Ostrogoths; and finally they became the nations of Western Europe. It was from here that God once again allured His people; it was from here that they took ship for the New World.

#### **To Not See God’s Hand**

To not see the hand of God in all this, to not see that this was God fulfilling His promise to Israel: that in the last days He would establish them in the “top of the mountains,” or “chief among the nations,” is not to see America correctly, historically.

#### **America Is God’s Country**

We are the land of regathered Israel. The word Gentile means heathen or nations, as taken from the Greek: *ethnos*? That is exactly what it means, and it doesn’t mean anything else. I know we have given it a meaning. Popular usage has given it a meaning that the Bible doesn’t give to it. Let’s discover the real America by discovering what God has wrought here in fulfillment of His promise to His people, which people we are, and it’s marvelous in our eyes.

*Chapter Four*  
**America The Un-Named Kingdom Of Bible Prophecy**

Bible prophecy has well been referred to as history pre-written. The history of man is not something that has just happened, but it is something that has unfolded in keeping with a Divine plan. As one looks out on the world today and considers the role that America has played and is playing among the nations of the world, it is inconceivable that we should not be mentioned by the prophets when they wrote of our time.

**Unique Among the Nations**

America is truly "God's Country." For thousands of years our great American wilderness with its great resources and the bounties of heaven was hidden and preserved by God until it might become the inheritance of His people and be revealed in these last days as the haven of free peoples and a source of blessing to all mankind.

As the Rev. E. R. Elson, pastor of the National Presbyterian Church, Washington, D.C., wrote concerning the religious tendencies of our nation, he said:

"The truth of the matter is that no one can understand the United States except in terms of religion. America began in a spiritual quest. We achieved national existence by way of a religious emancipation. We have survived because we are a religious people. When America acts any other way than as a religious people, they are not truly themselves." Since the word, religious, is a very loose one and can be applied to any and all religions, it needs to be emphasized that it has been our adherence to the Christian Faith and the Christian ideals that has made us what we are.

The hand of God has been on us from the beginning. We can see His handiwork in our birth, in our phenomenal growth, and in our destiny. It was not in the plan of God that America should be like the nations of Western Europe. We were to be separate and distinct.

**America, and the Forgotten Dream**

Yet few there are in Christendom who conceive of us as being anything more than just another Gentile (or heathen) nation; nor have they been able to find us in the writings of the prophets. Because the Bible does not specifically mention America, many religious leaders seem to think that this justifies them in rejecting America—either as being mentioned by the prophets, or as being God's country.

You will recall that in the second chapter of Daniel the prophet declares to King Nebuchadnezzar his forgotten dream. The king had seen a great image whose head was of fine gold, his breast and arms of silver, and his belly and thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet partly of iron and partly of clay. As Nebuchadnezzar beheld the image, lo, a stone cut out without hands smote it in the feet and broke the image into pieces; and then the stone which smote the image became a great mountain and filled the whole earth.

#### Four Empires Not Named

In interpreting the dream, Daniel says that the image represents four great kingdoms or empires. *You will please note that not one of them is named, yet Daniel identifies them for us in such a way that we cannot mistake who they are.* Nebuchadnezzar and Babylon are the head of gold, and following his kingdom we have the Medo-Persian, then the Grecian and Roman empires. Later in this same book of Daniel, these same kingdoms are set forth as beasts. They are not named, but we know who they are. And so it is with America, God's Kingdom nation.

#### A Fifth Un-named Kingdom

Looking again at this second chapter of Daniel, we find a fifth un-named kingdom that is generally overlooked by most preachers and Bible teachers. The *stone* cut out of the mountain without hands, which smote the image in the feet, breaking it to pieces, *becomes a great mountain* and fills the whole earth.

By no stretch of the imagination can this stone be made to be Christ. Daniel says that it is a kingdom established of God that will never be destroyed, *Dan. 2:44*. It is not a part of the Babylonian Succession, but is used of God to ". . . *break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms.*" Unlike the kingdoms of Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome, this stone kingdom would not be left to other peoples, but it would stand forever. Surely *such a kingdom* as this can be identified, even though it is not named.

#### America, God's Kingdom Nation

On the authority of Daniel's own words, this kingdom is God's Kingdom. It is something which He sets up. This Kingdom is not the Church, but is set forth as *a literal kingdom*; it is something that *might be left* to other people (as were Babylon and the others), but which would *not be*. It is a warring kingdom that would break in pieces and consume the other kingdoms. *This could never be said of the Church.* The facts prove it to be none other than our own United States.

To reject America as being "God's Country", because the Bible does not

expressly state that she is, or to deny that America is referred to by the prophets simply because our name does not appear in the Bible, is therefore wholly unscriptural. As we seek to identify America in the prophets, it is well to keep in mind that the Kingdom of God is something planned of God “. . . *from the foundation of the world.*” (*Matthew 25:34*). This kingdom was first organized into a nation at Mount Sinai. It is not just a spiritual something which we may identify with the church, but it has to do with a throne, a king, laws of administration, a government, a land and a nation.

The custody of this kingdom was taken from the Jews “. . . *and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*” (*Matthew 21:43*). It is the Kingdom for which Christ taught us to pray. This kingdom is something that has a national existence when Christ returns – else He could not cleanse it by gathering out of it “. . . *all things that offend and them which do iniquity; . . .*” (*Matthew 13:41*). And this kingdom which Christ cleanses *must* be the Stone Kingdom of Daniel’s prophecy.

### Why America Not Mentioned

The reason that America is not specifically mentioned by the prophets is because the people who were destined of God to build that kingdom in these last days were to be lost and hidden from the knowledge of mankind. The Kingdom was therefore to come into being in these last days “. . . not with observation:”, as we read in *Luke 17:20*. People would see it, and yet they would not see it.

The Kingdom of God centers in Israel, most of which are not Jewish and never were. The Jews are a religious sect classed with Protestants and Catholics, and could not possibly comprise the national seed promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When national Israel was divorced of God in 721 B.C., we are told in Hosea 1, that in that divorced state, they would no longer be God’s people. They were no longer living in covenant relationship to God, and were no longer worthy to bear the name, Israel, which means “ruling with God.” As Hosea writes of their captivity and divorcement, he says,

*“Israel is swallowed up; now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure” (Hosea 8:8)*

The fact that Israel would be “swallowed up among the Gentiles” implies a loss of identity and the assumption of other names. How else could you lose a nation in the world, or among the Gentiles? In Isaiah 65:15, God declares that He would “. . . *call His servants by another name.*”. To therefore look for Israel among the Jews, or as being a people called, Israel, is to look for them amiss and in vain.

## The Nation with Israel's Marks

We must rather look for Israel in that people and nation which has fulfilled or is fulfilling the prophecies made of that people. *Find* that people and nation, and you have *found God's Kingdom nation*.

Hardly had the nation of Israel been divorced and put away when the prophets began to write of their restoration in these last days. Back in the days when David was king over Israel, he was told that Israel was to have a new home. It would be a place of their own, in which God would plant them, and from which they would “. . . *move no more.*” (*II Samuel 7:10*). This new home would be the land of their in-gathering in these last days.

### Not Israeli

By no stretch of the imagination could this land of Israel's regathering be the old land of Palestine. In the first place it is too small: In the second place it is run down and depleted and anything but a land of “milk and honey”. In the third place the land of Palestine is partly in possession of the Arabs, who are the sons of Ishmael.

### Israel's Wilderness Home

Turning to Hosea 2:14 we find God saying of divorced Israel:

*“Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness and speak comfortably unto her.”*

Here we are told that the people which had been taken captive northward into Assyria, and who were last heard of in the region of the Caspian Sea, would be allured of God into the wilderness, and there He would bless and prosper them.

In *Revelation 12:6* we are told that, “. . . the woman [Israel] fled into the wilderness, where she hath a *place prepared of God*. In the 14<sup>th</sup> verse of this same chapter we are told that “. . . *to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness into her place, . . .*”.

This prophecy has had its fulfillment on this North American Continent, chiefly in America. When our founding fathers came here from England and Europe, they came to a great wilderness. Here they found refuge; here they prospered and were blessed of God in keeping with His promise. Then America must be the wilderness of this prophecy.

## America In Ezekiel 38

In *Genesis 48:16* we are told that Ephraim and Manasseh, heirs of the birthright through Joseph their father, were to “. . . grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.” Turning to Ezekiel 38 which speaks of Gog and Magog, or Russia and its leaders, and their attack against God’s people in these last days, in verses 11 and 12, we are told that he is come down against a people who “. . . are at rest and dwelling safely. . . in a land of unwalled villages, having neither bars nor gates”. He comes down to take a spoil from a people that are “. . . gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, and that dwell in the midst of the land . . . ” – a picture of national affluence and prosperity.

There is no country in the world, that these verses describe, like the United States of America. No nation in the world has so dwelt in peace, separated as it is from the rest of the world by the world’s two largest oceans. No nation can show, as we can, that we are in truth a people “. . . gathered out of the nations, . . . ” – primarily of Europe and the Anglo-Saxon, Nordic, and English-speaking peoples.

Here, as the nation of regathered Israel, we have been blessed and prospered as has no other nation. Ours is a land that has flowed with milk and honey. All this is in keeping with the promises made to the birthright house of Joseph in *Genesis 49:22-26*, and *Deuteronomy 33:13-17*.

### Chief Among the Nations

The land of restored Israel is described by Micah as being established in the “top of the mountains”. In Micah 4:1 we read these words:

*“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountains of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow into it.”*

The “last days” is that period of time between the first and second coming of Jesus Christ, particularly the latter part of those days. In Scripture a mountain is the symbol of a great earthly power, and hills, the lesser powers. In these last days the kingdom of the house of the Lord would be in the top of the nations, or chief among them. *And to this nation people would flow.*

Now where do we find such a nation? Do we find it in Palestine today? We most certainly do not! We find it fulfilled alone in these great United States. America today stands out among the nations of the world as the greatest single nation of all time – greater by far than Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece or Rome ever thought of being.

In less than four generations after we had secured our national independence, our forefathers hewed out of what was once a great wilderness, this the greatest of all nations. And they did it without the help of foreign aid, and the internationalists of our day. All this is in fulfillment of the promises made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Here is the great nation of Genesis 12, through whom all other families of the earth were to be blessed.

### **Israel to Be a Christian People**

A further mark of identification and a prophecy that fulfills in America, is that of Hosea 1:10 where we are told:

*“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and it shall come to pass that where it was said unto them, ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.”*

Here is a prophecy which declares that *Israel was to become a Christian people*. Only people who are born of God through faith in Jesus Christ are ever called, “. . . the sons of the living God”, and since to Israel was given the promise of the New Covenant, and since this covenant was made and confirmed with Israel by Jesus Christ with His blood, we should expect Israel, above all others, to be a Christian people.

### **America Today**

And where, above all others, do we find a Christian people who have been God’s servants and witnesses in this Christian dispensation? Statistics show that approximately 90% of the world’s Christians live in that 9% of earth which is English-speaking. It is also common knowledge that 90% of the world’s missionary activity has been carried on by the United States and Britain.

Here in America is a land that was founded by a people seeking religious freedom. Our Constitution is based upon Biblical law, the Bible is our book of faith, and Jesus Christ is our God. Our land is dotted with churches who, in their creed at least, are basically Christian. We have even been decreed by our Supreme Court as a Christian Nation.

### ***Chapter Five***

#### **The Nation To Whom Jesus Entrusted The Kingdom Of God**

That the kingdom of God was entrusted by our Lord to a nation, is a subject to which most of the people of Christendom have never given serious thought. What “kingdom” they know anything about is either something in their hearts, or it was given to the church, which they hold to be largely Gentile.

## Are Christ's Words Not Important?

But in Matt. 21:43, we find the Lord addressing the leaders of Jewry and saying,

*"Therefore I say unto you, The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof."*

Is this statement by our Lord of little consequence? Or is it rather of the greatest importance if we are to Scripturally identify God's Kingdom or nation in the world today, and is it a great declaration of fact to which we would do well to give some serious thought? When Jesus uttered these words, it is well to keep in mind that there was no such thing as a book called, "The New Testament." Neither did they know anything about a New Covenant Church.

Then when Jesus addressed the Jews and said He was taking the Kingdom of God from them and giving it to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof, we must turn to "the Law and the Prophets", or "the Scriptures" from which our Lord and Paul preached their message, if we are to understand the meaning of our Lord's words.

### Not a Gentile Church, or Spiritual Israel

What Kingdom did Jesus take from *whom*, and where is the nation to whom He gave it? Most of the attempted explanations ever given to these questions are usually to the effect that, because the Jews rejected Christ the Kingdom was taken from them and given to a Gentile Church. And of course, the Jews are held by many today as being the whole House of Israel.

### The Nation Addressed by Peter

Peter says, *"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvelous light: Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."*

This 10<sup>th</sup> verse is a direct reference to *Hosea 1*, where God was about to divorce His people and put them away: and in effect He says, "You are not my people. I'll no longer have mercy upon you:" and He divorced them. But then in *Hosea 2*, He proffers mercy. The people who were not His people, who had been put away, were to be restored. Who was? Israel! As Peter opens his letter in the

first chapter, he addresses it, not to the Gentiles, but to “. . .*the strangers scattered abroad.*” The marginal reference for this verse speaks of these strangers as the “sojourners of the dispersion.”

The sojourners of what dispersion? Peter’s letter was written in about 60 A.D. and the destruction of Jerusalem didn’t take place for another 10 years. This dispersion would have to take place, or have to do with, a previous dispersion, or the divorcement and captivity of Israel in 721 B.C.

### God’s Vineyard

There is only one way to understand what Jesus is talking about when He says to the Jews that “. . . *The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruit thereof*”, and that is, to study this verse in the light of its context, and see what it was that led up to this statement by our Lord. In verse 33 of this same 21<sup>st</sup> Chapter of Matthew, we find Jesus saying,

*“Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.”*

To understand what our Lord is here referring to in this parable, let us turn to Isaiah 5:1-2 where we have a similar description of a vineyard. Here we read,

*“Now will I sing to my wellbeloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: And he fenced it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also made a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.”*

This vineyard represents the people and nation of Israel who were chosen of God to bear fruit.

### The Kingdom in Custody of the Jews

Getting back now to Matt. 21:43 and to the 1<sup>st</sup> century A.D., we find the Kingdom of God in the custody of the Jews (not Israel) and Jesus says,

*“When the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, that they might receive the fruits of it. And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise.”*

What we need to see here is, that at certain times, as this Kingdom grew and developed, the people who were its builders and custodians were to bear “fruit”, as evidence that they were serving the Divine purpose. But there was repeatedly no fruit. Then in verse 37 we read,

*“But last of all He sent unto them His son, saying, They will reverence my son, but when the husbandman saw the son, they said among themselves, This is the heir; come let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance. And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him. When the Lord therefore of the vineyard cometh, what will he do unto those husbandmen?”*

Notice their reply: *“They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons.”*

See how the Lord leads the Jews to condemn themselves by their very words. And all this leads to Matt. 21:43.

### **The Jews Not Bearing Kingdom Fruit**

Now who are the husbandmen whom our Lord destroys because of their wickedness – because of what they did to the son on the householder? And who is it that He rejects because they were not bringing forth the fruits of the Kingdom? The answer to these questions should be obvious. Daniel declared that 70 weeks of years were to bring them to Christ and to His public ministry. They were brought back to Jerusalem to provide the environment for His first coming. When He came, our Lord repeatedly accuses the Jews of not bringing forth the fruit of the Kingdom. And as being the builders who had rejected Christ, the Chief Corner Stone of the Kingdom; and as the leaders of the 70-week nation which brought them to Christ, they were facing the judgments of God.

Yes, 70 A.D. was staring them in the face when Titus would come against the city to destroy it. They had failed in their stewardship, they had rejected the King of the Kingdom. The nation they represented was shortly to be destroyed, and the Kingdom restored to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.

It was after the leaders of Jewry had condemned themselves by their answer, that our Lord says, *“Therefore I say unto you, the Kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.”* He did not say that He was giving the Kingdom to the Church! He said a nation!

## Israel, the Vessel of Clay

Let us turn here to Jeremiah 19 for further light on God's Kingdom nation. In the 18<sup>th</sup> chapter of Jeremiah we have the parable of the Potter's House, where the potter was molding a vessel. Because of impurities, the vessel was marred in the making and so he took it off the wheel to remold it again. Then God says to Israel, ". . . so are you in my hand." (Verse 6). God would remove from Israel her impurities and make her again into a new vessel pleasing to Him.

### The Jews, and the Broken Bottle

Then over in the 19<sup>th</sup> chapter we have another incident that does not have to do with National Israel, but with Jerusalem and its inhabitants. Notice it carefully.

*"Thus saith the Lord. Go and get an earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee, And say, Here ye the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem . . ." (Verses 1-3).*

This is not national Israel of the previous chapter. And God says,

*"Thus saith the Lord of hosts. The God of Israel; Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, the which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle."*

Going down to verses 10 and 11, we find the Lord saying to the prophet Jeremiah,

*"Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: . . ."*

Please note that this wasn't mouldable clay. This was a bottle, broken in many pieces so that it could never be made whole again. And God says that in like manner He would break this Judah remnant (or the Jews) once they had fulfilled their 70 weeks of years. Once this 70 week charter had expired, it would be the end of the Jewish nation. They would never be a nation again.

### Jewry and the Cursed Fig Tree

Let us now go back to Matthew 21. Earlier in the chapter as our Lord was alluding to this Judah remnant, we find Him saying in verses 18 and 19,

*“Now in the morning as he returned into the city, he hungered. And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever, And presently the fig tree withered away.”*

There is much more to this incident than simply the Lord cursing a fig tree. This fig tree represented this Judah remnant, or the Jews brought back to Jerusalem and Palestine, and because there was no fruit on this fig tree, He used it to illustrate this people. When He cursed it that it dried up from the roots, it signified again the failure of the Jews to bring forth the fruits of the kingdom, and the final end of this nation. It could never be restored or made whole again. It was dried up from the roots.

### **The Kingdom Given to a Nation Serving the Divine Purpose**

What Kingdom did Jesus take from the Jews in the first century? Remember, they were the husbandmen; they were the temporary builders of the Kingdom. After the captivity of Israel in 721 B.C., the Kingdom of God had been given in custody to this Judah remnant, and they were to have it in custody from the time of the restoration to Jerusalem, under Zerubbabel and Nehemiah, until their rejection of Christ. The Kingdom was taken from their custody because they were no longer bringing forth the fruits of the Kingdom. Therefore the Kingdom was to be given to a nation who would serve the Divine purpose as its builders.

### **The Role and Importance of God’s Kingdom**

Again, to whom was it given? In spite of the fact that most Bible preachers and teachers leave this prophecy almost completely alone – as being of little consequence; or, they declare that the transfer was made to a Gentile church, it so happens that the Kingdom of God is the central theme of the Bible. The covenants and the promises concerning this Kingdom were made with Israel, who were its builders. And if the Lord here summarily voids those promises to Israel and transfers the whole thing to a so-called Gentile church, to whom no such promises were given, then God is not sovereign, and he has failed to keep His promises to Israel.

### **The Sheep Who Would Hear His Voice**

To what nation was the Kingdom of God given? Turn to the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter of John where we have the words of our Lord concerning the people of this Kingdom. In verse 14 He says, *“I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.”* In verse 15 He says, *“As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the*

*Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep.” He does not say “the world”, here; He says “the sheep!” “And ‘other sheep’ which are not of this fold.” Not of what fold? This Judah remnant, or the Jew. “Them also I must bring and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd.” Notice, these “other sheep” would hear Christ. Now verse 24, “Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? If thou be the Christ, tell us plainly.” Then Jesus answered them,*

*“I told you, and you believe not: the works that I do in my Father’s name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish.”*

Our Lord is making it very clear that the sheep of this divided sheep fold would hear His voice; they would embrace Christianity and they would be His servants and witnesses. Only Israel are called God’s sheep. Here, then are the people and nation to whom Jesus entrusted the Kingdom.

### **The Dispersed Among the Gentiles**

Turn back to the 7<sup>th</sup> chapter of John where we find our Lord saying, beginning with verse 33,

*“Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go back unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles?”*

*“What manner of saying is this that he said, ‘Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, thither ye cannot come?’”(Verse 36). Here we find the Jews saying to the Lord, “Whither will he go, will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles?”(Verse 35). Who was dispersed among the Gentiles? Well that is where National Israel went when they were divorced. Hosea 8:8 says, “. . . now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure.”*

### **Called “Sons of the Living God”**

In Hosea 1:10. It says,

*“Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which*

*cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, ye are not my people" (or, you're not Israel), "there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God."*

Who would be called this? The Israel people, the Isaac sons, the people to whom Jesus entrusted the Kingdom in Matthew 21:43. I say to you that in the light of such Scriptures as these, we can come to but one conclusion: the nation to whom Jesus gave the Kingdom would be basically a Christian nation. It is only thus that they could and would bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom. It is only a nation thus rooted and grounded in Jesus Christ that could be a blessing to the other peoples and nations of the world as per Genesis 12:3.

### **The U.S.A. Is God's Kingdom Nation**

Who is this nation to whom Jesus gave the Kingdom? It's that Kingdom and nation of whom Daniel said that the God of heaven would set up. Daniel 2:44. In the days of the Roman Empire, when it was at its zenith, Jesus Christ began rebuilding and re-constituting the Kingdom Nation on the sure foundation of faith in Jesus Christ, the Chief Corner Stone. The National house of Israel, to whom this was promised, has embraced Christ and Christianity. In Jeremiah 31:10 we are told that the God who scattered Israel will gather them. In the old Promised Land? What kind of nation would this be to whom the Kingdom was given? A small insignificant anti-Christ people? The least among the nations? No! Isaiah and Micah both declared that the Kingdom Nation would be the chief among the nations in these last days. Isaiah 2:2, Micah 4:1. Is there such a nation which has served as God's witnesses, one who has been used of God to carry the Gospel to the rest of the world? Not only a Christian nation, but one bringing forth the fruits of the Kingdom, and chief among the nations? There *must* be, or God has failed in His Word. There *is* such a nation; it's our own United States of America! We are God's people; we are the beginning of the restoration of the Kingdom of God.

*Chapter Six*  
"A Chosen Race, and An Holy Nation"

**The Church? or America?**

In I Peter 2:9 Peter says, "*But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light:*" The Weymouth translation of this verse is somewhat clearer and I believe a little more correct. It reads, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, an holy nation belonging to God that you may make known the perfections of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.*" The language here, should be at once familiar to any student of the Scriptures and should point to the fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy, or to a prophecy that has been in the process of fulfillment during this Christian dispensation. Yet more often than not it is mistakenly applied to a "Gentile" church, or a spiritual Israel, or to a people of whom no such prophecy was ever made! Now you will notice that this verse deals with a race, nation and people, who were chosen of God for a specific job.

When Peter says, "*But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God*", of whom was Peter speaking? Well, one has but to examine the context and the facts of Biblical history to obtain the answer. But what saith the Scriptures? That's what we want to know. Turn back to the first chapter of I Peter and you'll discover the people to whom Peter addresses his epistle. In I Peter 1:1, the Weymouth translation, we read these words, "*Peter an apostle of Jesus Christ, to God's elect of the dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.*" Peter's epistle, then, is directed to "God's elect of the dispersion." To God's elect of what dispersion? It could not possibly have had to do with the dispersion that followed the capture and destruction of Jerusalem by Titus in 70 A.D. No, because Peter was writing this in about 60 A.D. and this dispersion hadn't taken place yet.

In Deuteronomy 7:6, we read where God says of Israel, "*For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God; the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.*" Now this ties right in with I Peter 1:1. Israel was chosen to be God's servants and witnesses to the rest of the world. In 721 B.C., they incurred the curse of the Law. They were divorced of God and they were taken captive as a nation out of their land into Assyria. From Assyria they later migrated into the region of Asia Minor and from Asia Minor into the coasts of Europe and finally into America. The historians record all this but they do not recognize that this was Israel migrating, that this was God moving Israel toward their new home. At the time of Christ,

where was national Israel? They were in the region of Asia Minor. It is into this area that Paul made most of his missionary journeys. These people had to be reached with the Gospel of Christ. They were also the concern of Peter's letter.

Peter says *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation."* Any allusion to a race, to a priesthood or a holy nation would have to come from the Old Scriptures. By no stretch of the imagination could these words be applied to a few individual Christians who might possibly have been scattered by persecution before the siege of Jerusalem in 70 A.D. These words are addressed to a particular race and nation. This race and nation were even then in the process of being rebuilt on the true and sure foundation, the Rock, Christ Jesus.

The prophet Isaiah refers to this spiritual change to be made in God's people when, in Isaiah 28:16 (Moffatt), we read, *"This is the Lord God's word, Here I lay Zion's foundation, a rare and tested stone, secure and solid (he who has faith in me will never flinch); I will build up Zion with justice and mold it upon equity."* This is the verse to which Peter refers in I Peter 2:4-6 (Weymouth) where he says,

*"Come to Him, the living Stone, rejected indeed by men, but in God's esteem chosen and valuable. And yourselves also like living stones be built up into a spiritual house as a holy priesthood to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it is contained in Scripture, See I am placing in Zion a Cornerstone chosen and valuable. And he whose faith rests on Him shall never be disappointed."*

Peter is here declaring that through faith in Jesus Christ, the living Stone, we ourselves in effect, become living stones and are built up into a spiritual house to comprise a holy priesthood to serve the kingdom purposes of God. To put it in other words, we, through faith in the Son of God, so ourselves become sons of God, and are thus prepared for citizenship in that "city" which Abraham saw whose builder and maker is God (Hebrews 11:10).

Herein is the secret of the "Stone Kingdom" of which Daniel prophesied in Daniel 2:34, 35, and 44. It is the Stone Kingdom because through faith in Christ, the Living Stone, we become living stones which make up the citizenship of that kingdom. It is in truth a spiritual house and a holy nation. That Christian leaders should attempt to apply such expressions as, "a chosen race", and, "an holy nation," to the church, which has no racial or national characteristics whatever, is a sorry example of Bible exegesis. They try to excuse themselves on the grounds that God doesn't mean for us to take this literally, but a spiritual race and nation is meant. Just how would you go about describing a "spiritual" race and a "spiritual" nation? Why do these religious leaders thus strain at a gnat and swallow a camel by spiritualizing the people whom Peter designated as a race and nation? The

answer lies in the fact that they have succumbed to the tradition that all that remains of the great national house of Israel, is that remnant of Judah which God brought back to Palestine from Babylon under Zerubbabel and Nehemiah, more commonly known as The Jew.

In these two verses Peter turns from the “elect of the dispersion”, he turns from the believers scattered throughout Asia Minor, to the “builders” which had rejected Christ. Yes, these Judeans had been builders. These builders were primarily the leaders of this Judah remnant residing in Judea and Jerusalem. They said, *“We will not have this man to reign over us, away with him! To them He was a “rock of offence, a stone of stumbling.”*

In verse 9, Peter leaves the builders again, and he turns to another people who were now to be the builders. He says, “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a people belonging to God that you may make known the perfection of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.” Here are the people whom Jesus said were His sheep who would hear His voice. John 10:26-27. To the Jews Jesus said, *“You believe not, because ye are not of my sheep.”*

While believers in Christ are said to become a part of the church, it is not the church, as such, that Peter has in mind here, but believing Israel. You see, God promised that he was going to pour out His spirit on His people Israel. He would put His spirit within them and give them a new heart: Ezekiel 36:26,-27. Why should it be so difficult to believe Peter was talking about believing Israel? Religious leaders in our day would seem to have forgotten that when God gathered His people before Mount Sinai where He organized them into a kingdom and nation, that He said unto them, *“You shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation.”* Exodus 19:6. Now isn't this the same language that Peter is using in I Peter 2:9? In Deuteronomy 14:2 we also find God saying, *“For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.”* Does not Peter say of these elect of the dispersion that they were God's “peculiar people?” The word *peculiar* doesn't mean “odd.” It rather indicates a people belonging to God. Shall we ignore these obvious references to Israel? Shall we pervert the clear intent of Peter to identify these people in Pontus, Galatia, etc., by trying to make out what he meant by a so-called Gentile church? He was referring to a chosen race, a holy nation which was predestined of God to become a “kingdom of priests.”

The reason many stumble over this is that they have previously erred in assuming that the builders, which rejected Christ, were one with the nation of Israel. We have forgotten that to Israel was promised the New Covenant of

salvation and redemption. We seem to have ignored the fact that Christ came to confirm this promised covenant to His people with His blood. We have blindly ignored the fact that Paul said in Romans 9:4, *"to Israel pertaineth the sonship, the covenants, the service of God and the promises."*

Peter further points out that these people to whom he is writing in Asia Minor were especially called and chosen of God to "make known the perfections of him who had called them out of darkness into his marvelous light." Whom has God used as His servants and witnesses in this Christian dispensation? Where do we find the people who have been the instruments of God in carrying the Gospel to other peoples and nations? In America and Britain. Fully 90 percent of the world's Christians live in that 9 percent of earth which is English speaking!

Peter was not referring to Gentiles, as such, is clear in verse 10, where he adds, *"Which in time past were not a people, but now are the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy."* The interpretation usually placed upon these verses ignores the fact that they are quotations from the first two chapters of Hosea. *"The Gentiles"*, they say, *"which were once strangers to the covenants and the promises, are now the people of God through faith in Christ."* But that is not what Peter is saying! Peter is bearing witness to the fulfillment of promised mercy to the Israel of God. In Hosea 1:9 we are told that when Israel was divorced and put away, they became "not God's people." And in verse 6 of this same chapter God says, *"I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel."* This, of course, refers to the coming divorcement and the captivity of Israel. It didn't mean that at a future date He would not show mercy, but at this particular time He was going to take them captive out of their land and put them away. Then in Hosea 2:23 God says,

*"I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them which were not my people; Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God."*

From these words of Peter and the prophet Hosea, we can come to but one conclusion: that God in this Christian dispensation has been rebuilding His kingdom and nation on the firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. Peter makes it clear that while the salvation of God is free to all who believe, the fact remains that the kingdom of God centers in a people, a race, a nation chosen and prepared of God, to serve His purposes.

In keeping with the prophecies of Daniel and Micah, God has set up His kingdom nation on this North American Continent, particularly in America. Here in America is a nation whose God is Jesus Christ! The Bible is our book of faith! We are the greatest single nation of all time! **We are the beginning of the**

**restoration of the kingdom of God on the earth in preparation of the return of Jesus the Christ.** While our land is full of sin, and corruption, and evil and wrongdoing, and remains to be cleansed, we are told one of the first things that our Lord does when he comes is to cleanse His kingdom. We are not saying that the non-Israel people are not going to share in this kingdom. What we are saying is that God has a people whom He chose to be His builders, and the beginning of it in the earth.

They would be a Christian people. One of the first things Our Lord does when He comes as the Deliverer of His people, is to gather out of His kingdom all the sinful, the offenders, and those who practice lawlessness. Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their father. Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43. When our nation is cleansed, when we are rid of those who have corrupted our nation, then we will truly be a kingdom of priests unto God, and an holy nation.

*Chapter Seven*  
**The Lost Perspective**

**National Israel and Times of Gentiles**

National Israel is not Jewish and never was. What is more, if Israel was ever set aside, it was some 700 years before Christ when God divorced His people because of their sin and idolatry, and they were taken captive into Assyria. It was at this time, and not in 70 A.D., that the "Times of the Gentiles" began, and was to hold sway until the time arrived for Israel's restoration and remarriage to God.

The Christian world is sadly and badly confused at this point. Instead of recognizing that Israel has developed nationally as God said they would (into many nations, and into a great and mighty nation), they have tried to show that with the Jewish rejection of Christ, there has been a great gap in which no Bible prophecy could be fulfilled until the Gentile Church had run its course, and Israel (the Jew) was reinstated. In other words, they would have you believe that Israel has remained scattered all during this Christian era, and did not become a nation again until 1948, when the UN forces partitioned the Land of Palestine and gave a portion of it to some Zionist Jews. While this rape of the Arabs was hailed by many preachers and politicians as a fulfillment of Bible prophecy, it has actually been a travesty of justice that has been a source of untold trouble ever since.

**Why Noah's Day Is Being Repeated**

If this is not true, then you explain why America and the world are going to hell in spite of all the church activity, in spite of all the religious radio and TV programs, and the hundreds of millions of dollars that are spent each year in an effort to win the world for Christ. Never has it been possible to reach so many as it is today. Yet never has the preaching from our pulpits been so ineffective. Are we to understand that the days of Noah are being repeated because Christ said they would, and there is nothing we can do about it? Or, are these days being repeated because the churches of Christendom have lost their light and savor? Will not the light of truth dispel the darkness if it is allowed to shine? Will not the "salt" preserve society and keep it from going to moral and spiritual decay, if the Word and Law of God are preached? Then there is something wrong with modern preaching. Something is to be found in the fact that tradition, fable and the mistaken theology of men have been making the Word of God of none effect. Our people are being fed on straw and stubble, on skim milk and pablum. As a result, the wicked and the lawless are having a heyday. Turn to Rev. 3:17,18, and note the words of our Lord, the Amen, which he addressed to this Laodicean Church.

*“Because thou sayest, ‘I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing;’ and knowest not that thou are wretched, and miserable; and poor and blind, and naked; I counsel thee to buy of Me gold tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment, that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve that thou mayest see.”*

### **The Message of the Hour**

The message of the hour has to do with the Kingdom which is nigh at hand. Jesus declared that this gospel of the Kingdom would be preached as a witness unto all nations, and then the end would come. *Matthew 24:14*. The reason that this “. . . gospel of the Kingdom” was preached, is that the “. . . times of the Gentiles; . . .” was over; and God’s people which had been blinded by fable and tradition, needed to be alerted to the fact that the Kingdom for which they had often prayed was right at hand. This was to be “good news,” but how many preachers do you ever hear preaching it? Very few indeed, and the reason is they have lost sight of the Kingdom and all they can talk about is a space flight they expect to take momentarily. They do not see that Israel (the peoples of England and Western Europe) have been regathered here in America into a great and mighty nation preparatory to the Kingdom Age; nor do they see that, to our people, this good news of the Kingdom needs to be preached for a witness.

When the events that bring this age to a close become manifest, we are exhorted to “. . . *then look up and lift up your heads, for your redemption draweth nigh.*” (*Luke 21:28*). A great national deliverance is about to be ours as God delivers us from our enemies, and from the hand of all who hate us. Praise ye the LORD!

### **Are The Jews Also Mistaken?**

Because the Israel of God were taken captive out of their land and scattered among the nations, only to lose their identity and be called by other names, most of modern day Israel labors under the delusion that they are Gentiles. This they have been told by the clergy, while at the same time they have been told that the Jews are the Israel people of the Bible.

### **Strange, Isn’t It?**

So indoctrinated have our people become with this fallacy that it is nigh unto impossible to convince them that they are, in truth, the Israel of God, even when you present them with the facts. Strange that we are basically a Christian people,

and have served as God's witnesses to the rest of the world? Strange how we have the Israel Bible, while the people generally accented as Israel, have the Talmud as their Bible? – a book that has little or nothing in common with our Bible? If we are Gentiles, or heathen (for that is what the word means), how does it happen that we have embraced Christ and Christianity, that we have adopted the Israel Bible and have translated it into many languages, while the Jews, supposedly Israel, use the Talmud and are largely antiChrist? Does this make sense to you? The New Covenant was promised to Israel, and ratified to them by Jesus Christ on the night of the last Passover. It was on Israel that God promised to pour out of His Spirit (*Isaiah 44:1-3, and Joel 2:28,29*), and who were to be God's witnesses to the rest of the world.

### The Jews Also Mistaken?

Now since Israel has been deluded into believing that they are Gentiles, when they are not; is it not also possible for the Jews to be deluded into believing that they are Israel, when they are not? They have been called "Israel" by most Christians for many years, and many Bible commentators have made the words, Jew, and Israel, to be synonymous. They speak of the "Jews in Egypt", of "Abraham the Jew," etc. From this common and popular usage, even the Jews could be deceived.

### Jews Not A Race

The Jews are not a race, but a religious sect classed with Protestants and Catholics. And you cannot trace religion in terms of a racial genealogy. When the word, Jew, first appears in the Bible, it is used of King Ahaz and his army. In other words it is a corruption of the word, "Judean," or "Judahite." Ahaz and Judah were but a section of Israel called, "Jews." As time passed, however, the word Jew took on a religious connotation. The Judah remnant comprising the 70-week nation that were brought back to Jerusalem and Palestine under Ezra and Nehemiah, became a religious cult known as the Jews. Many of its Pharisaical leaders were simply Jews by religion. They were not Judean, but Edomites. They could claim Abraham as their father, but they were not the "children of promise" through Isaac. Thus it is that we find John declaring in *Revelation 2:9* (and also in *3:9*), that there are those ". . . who say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan." The language here is *not* that of race, but of religion. It is much like a man claiming to be a Christian, but in reality he is an imposter. Paul says much the same thing in *Rom. 2:28,29*, where he says in essence that ". . . he is not a Jew which is one outwardly [either by his dress or his facial features] but he is a Jew which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart." In other words, a true Jew is one who believes in Israel's God, and adheres to the faith set forth in the Scriptures. He is one who is circumcised in heart.

Many Jews today labor under the delusion that they are Israelites, just as many Christians labor under the delusion that they are Gentiles. There are Jews of every race, just as there are Christians of every race. Then where would you begin in trying to trace their racial origin?

### The Tares Among the Wheat

Our Lord's parable of the Tares among the Wheat is very *apropos* here. In the world our Lord sowed good seed, or the children of the Kingdom, or Israel. They were his servants and witnesses in the building of His Kingdom. But while men slept, an enemy came and sowed tares. The tare here is a counterfeit Israel. It is not just a weed, but a grass, a darnel, that looks like wheat in the early growing stages, so much so that it might fool the ignorant and the uninformed. But in the harvest time, it stands straight up and empty-headed, and its seed is harmful if eaten. From this we gather that in the world there is a people who profess to be Israel, who are accepted as being Israel by the ignorant and the misinformed, and who are claiming Israel's blessings and promises. *All this happened while men slept.*

Of this we can be sure. The veil over peoples eyes must at last be lifted. The tradition and fable that have blinded our people for centuries must at last be exposed, and the truth recognized and believed. Just what it will take to convince some of the hard-heads in Christendom, remains to be seen. But the truth must eventually triumph, and only the truth will set us free.

### A Nation Chosen to Witness

With a view to keeping the nations on course, God chose and called a nation in Abraham to be His witnesses and servants to the rest of the world. To this nation God revealed Himself through His prophets, and to them God gave His Law. As a result of this revelation to the Israel people, they had light and understanding that the other nations did not have.

This is especially true of the instruction and teaching contained in the Law. The first five books of the Old Testament are called, "The Books of the Law." This Law was given to a nation, and it is the Divine standard of right and wrong. The Law of the LORD was to be the authoritative basis for all legal and moral decisions, both for the individual and for the nation. If God's people would obey this Law, as they promised that they would, then God promised to bless them and prosper them in all their ways. But if they turned aside from following the LORD and from walking in His ways, they would be guilty of sin and bring down upon themselves the judgments of God.

## **Not Exercising Our Power**

But we are not wielding or exercising the power that God has placed in our hands, and for two reasons. First, we labor under the delusion that we are just another Gentile nation. And secondly, we have thus lost sight of the Kingdom purpose of God in our nation. Instead of exercising a role of leadership to put down the evil and uplift the good, we have allowed ourselves to become enslaved by the enemies of Christ who are working day and night to reduce this nation to the level of pagan and heathen nations so as to form "one world".

## *Chapter Eight* The Blood Of The New Testament

As we think on the blood of the New Testament, turn to the 26<sup>th</sup> chapter of Matthew and think on the words that were uttered here by our Lord. While it is oft referred to as the night of the last Passover, this is not really the case, because immediately after they sang their hymn, they went out. According to the rules for keeping the Passover, they were not to go out until the morning. Here we read in verses 27 and 28,

*“And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”*

### What Did Jesus Mean?

The question is, what did He say, and what did He mean, when He said, “. . . *this is my blood of the New Testament?*” I doubt if the disciples knew what He meant. This was the first time that Christ had ever had occasion to make such a statement.

What I would like to ask is, How many today, after 1900 years, have the slightest idea of what Jesus was talking about when they read: “. . . *this is my blood of the New Testament?*” Actually, Jesus was instituting a new order; He was creating a fresh relationship between Israel and God. The Law Covenant had been violated, or broken. The Law Covenant was a marriage vow, and thus it was when our fathers went a whoring after other gods and refused to turn back to Jehovah, in spite of all His pleadings, God divorced them. He put them away and said, “*You are not my people and I will not be your God.*”

### Was The Law Obsolete?

This necessitated a new covenant. And I think we need to see that the law, statutes and judgments were not obsolete, as some would like to have you think. God did not say the law was obsolete. I have read after men who have written on this, some of them say that the law was obsolete; they had outgrown it, and they were now ready to receive something larger and more spiritual.

It is true that the Law Covenant, because it had been broken, had been annulled like a marriage contract when you get a divorce. It was no longer binding. Yet how could it be said that Israel had outgrown the Law, and was now ready to receive something bigger? Israel had sinned, and by refusing to repent of that sin, had brought about their divorcement. How in the world could it be said

that they were ready for something larger and better in their present spiritual state? In Rom. 7:12-14, Paul says, "*Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.*" And in *Verse 14* he adds, "*For we know that the law is spiritual: but I am carnal, sold under sin.*" Now in the light of such statements as this, just how did Israel who had grown sinful and wicked, outgrow the law? In what way did the law become obsolete? How does something holy and spiritual become obsolete? How do you replace that which is holy and spiritual with something better? What was needed here was a new covenant. In a very real sense, the old covenant had served its purpose. It was a step in the unfolding of the plan of God in dealing with His people. It was God's way in getting them out of old Palestine and getting them started and on their way to their new home in the West. While the Law Covenant is often compared to, and contrasted with, the New Covenant; it must be kept in mind that Israel's divorcement under the Law Covenant did not disannul the promises that God made to Abraham. May I say that this Abrahamic covenant is an eternal covenant; it is the basic covenant of the Bible, and all the other subsequent covenants are actually predicated upon this Abrahamic Covenant.

### **The Ceremonial Law Our Schoolmaster**

What was the schoolmaster that brought Israel, our fathers, to Christ? The Ten Commandments? No. It was the ceremonial law of sacrifices that was instituted to make atonement for the sin and the transgression of the Law. Every year the high priest went into the holy of holies with the blood of the lamb and he made atonement for the sins of the nation. And every time that that atonement was made, it was a reminder of the need of the shedding of blood for the atonement of sin. When Christ came, the ceremonial law was no longer necessary, because He made the one perfect and complete sacrifice so that we might be justified by faith. Man was never justified by the deeds of the Law. What was it that justified our fathers? The offering of the lamb each year by the high priest, for the sins of the people, and it had to be repeated every year. The day was to come when the type was to fulfill in the Antitype. When Christ came, He offered himself as the perfect sacrifice for sin, and then there was no longer the need of the schoolmaster. It doesn't say we were no longer in any need of the law, because "*... by the law is the knowledge of sin.*" (Romans 3:20).

### **The New Covenant Promised To Israel**

Consider once again Jesus' words when He said, "this is my blood of the new covenant." Do you know to whom God promised the New Covenant? There are very few in Christendom who seem to know. In Jeremiah 31:33, we are told, "*But*

*this shall be the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel. After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*” You just cannot ignore this New Covenant promise when you read the words of our Lord in Matthew 26:28, “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.” This Covenant was not promised to, or was it made, with the Jews. It was made with National Israel. But there seems to be very few people in Christendom today who seem to know this.

I call your attention to the fact that Jesus puts a strange emphasis upon His blood. *“This is my blood of the New Covenant.”* He said that it was shed for “many”, there are those who say well, that’s for the world. Perhaps so. It says *“God so loved the world”*; but Christ also says He had not been sent, “. . . but to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.” (Matthew 15:24). It also is true that the New Covenant was promised to, and made with, the House of Israel. But because the Jews rejected Christ, and because a so-called Gentile people have embraced Christianity, they somehow have the idea that His blood was shed for nobody in particular, and everybody in general.

### Jesus, The Testator Of The New Covenant

But Jesus died as the testator of the New Covenant, and He hadn’t died yet when He said, “this is my blood.” He was looking at His death as an accomplished fact. It was Israel who had violated the *old* covenant—the Law Covenant. They had incurred the curse of the Law, and so Paul says, *“Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the Law.”* Who? Israel. *“Being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree.”* (Galatians 3:13).

In Hebrews 9, beginning with verse 16, we are told that Jesus died as the testator of the New Covenant. Here it says, *“For where a testament is there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.”* Verse 17, *“For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.”* Who promised this New Covenant? Who made the Covenant? Actually, Jesus died in fulfillment of the promise made in the Abrahamic Covenant, but this New Covenant was in force only when the testator died. That is why Jesus died on the cross. It says that *“a testament is of force after men are dead.”* In v. 18, we are told, *“Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.”* The “first” covenant is the Law Covenant.

*“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water and with scarlet wool, and hyssop and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled*

*with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood; is no remission." Heb 9:19-22*

### Why The Shedding of Blood?

Well might we ask ourselves, "Why the blood?" In doing so, I want you to notice here the reference of Moses to the Law Covenant which was ratified or sealed with blood. Let us turn to Exodus 24:7,8, and notice what it says here.

*"And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient. And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words."*

Here is the beginning of that Law which pointed to the blood that was shed for the Covenant that was to be ratified. When Jesus said, "This is my blood of the new covenant," He was ratifying and confirming to Israel this covenant.

Why the blood? In Leviticus 17:11 we read: *"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."* He was talking here about the blood of bulls, and goats, and lambs; but these were only types of the Anti-type, which was Christ. The reason He is called the Lamb of God is because He gave His life: He shed His blood for the sins of the world. Like as a lamb is dumb before her shearers, so our Lord quietly submitted Himself to His enemies.

### Christ Died That We Might Live

Christ, then, gives His life for us. He gives us *His life*. In other words, ". . . I am come that they might have life . . ." (John 10:10). Who? The people who incurred the curse of the Law – the people who were dead in their trespasses and sins. He is the great sacrifice for our sins. When Jesus said, *"this is my blood,"* He was saying, "I am going to die as the testator of this covenant – I am going to die for you and for your sins."

Turn to Rev. 5:2, (Weymouth) and note the supreme importance of Christ's death for us. *"And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof?"* And while the answer in the King James Bible would seem to be, *"No man,"* Weymouth makes it more inclusive, *"And no one in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon."* And in verse 4, John says, *"And I wept*

*much, because no one was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon.*" Now all this has to do with the salvation and the redemption of Israel. It declares that no man or angel was able, or worthy, to effect that redemption. And this caused John to weep. But one of the elders saith unto John: *"Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof."* How did He prevail to do this? By His sinless life, and by His death, and burial and resurrection. Reading on in v. 6, *"And I beheld, and lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb."* Here the "Lion" of verse 5 is set forth as a Lamb, the Lamb of God. It is a lamb that looked as though it had been slain. The Weymouth translation of the latter part of verse 6 says, *"And I saw, between the throne (with the four living creatures) and the elders a lamb standing, looking as if it had been slain, and it had seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God."* The seven horns speak of complete authority, and the seven eyes speak of the fulness of strength and the fulness of spirit which were in Christ.

### Israel, God's Purchased Possession

Once Christ had opened the book and broken the seals, the people represented by the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders, sing a new song:

*"Worthy art thou to take the book and break its seals; Because thou hast been slain and hath purchased for God with thine own blood Men out of every tribe, and tongue, and people and nation, And has formed them into a kingdom to be priests to our God, and they shall reign over the earth."* (Revelation 5:9-10).

Who was thus formed into a kingdom to be priests unto their God? This is the promise that God made to Israel in Exodus 19:5-6. It was Israel in their captivity and divorcement who were scattered into every tribe, tongue and nation, and they are here regathered and formed into a kingdom to be priests unto God. This same promise is repeated in Revelation 1:6 (Weymouth), and here we read: *"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins with his own blood and has turned us into a kingdom to be priests unto God."* He is talking about Israel. *"Thou art worthy . . ."*, writes John, *" . . . to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;"* Do you realize that Israel is God's purchased possession? The very meaning of redemption has in it the thought of a price having been paid. Israel, who had incurred the curse of the Law, was under condemnation, and was to be redeemed.

Note again the fact that Israel belonged to God. Why? Because they had been purchased. They were His peculiar possession, His peculiar treasure. In Romans

3:24, speaking of this paying of a price, we read, "*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus.*" What did we say redemption meant? To deliver by paying a price!

### **Redeemed Israel: God's New Assembly**

Just one other Scripture: Acts 20:28,

*"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."*

Yes, the blood of the New Covenant is the blood of the covenant that God promised to Israel. Do you know what happens when God redeems a people? They are made white; they stand with robes that are white. What does this mean? It means that all of the sins that we have committed as a people have been blotted out.

Let us realize the blessings that come from this to our country, as well as to the individual.

*Chapter Nine*  
**The Difference It Makes Whether We Be Israel Or Not**

**The Truth Often Suppressed**

The bringing to light of truth that has long been hid, and which has been buried for years beneath a vast amount of traditional teaching, is a monumental task, indeed. This is especially true with respect to the correct identity of national Israel as distinct from the Jew, a religious sect. Once people accept a theory or doctrine as true, whether it be in the realm of science or religion, it is a difficult and often thankless path that one must travel as he seeks to turn his fellowmen from the error of their way.

It is no wonder, therefore, that even a great Biblical truth, such as the identification and recognition of the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Nordic, and kindred peoples, as modern national Israel, is often met with indifference, unbelief, and blind opposition. Our difficulty here is enhanced by the fact that the rank and file of people are like sheep who must be led by a shepherd. When the shepherds and leaders of the people, whether religious or political, are mistaken or in error, then it is a case of the blind leading the blind.

When our Lord was speaking one day toward the end of the Feast of Tabernacles, many of the people were becoming convinced that He was indeed the Prophet or Messiah that was to come. However, there was a division among them. Certain officers who spoke in defense of Christ's claims said to the Pharisees, "*Never man spake like this man.*" And the Pharisees replied, "*Are ye also deceived? Have any of the rulers or of the Pharisees believed on him?*"

Right here is an attitude or the position that many take today with respect to our being the literal descendants of ancient Israel. They point to some religious leaders of prominence and they ask, "Does so-and-so believe it?" Or they say, "If what you say is true, why doesn't the Reverend so-and-so believe and teach it?"

**What Truth Stands On**

Let us be reminded here that truth does not stand or fall upon its acceptance or rejection by certain leaders who are themselves blinded by tradition and preconceived notions. The rejection of Jesus by the Pharisees and religious leaders of His day did not change the truth of His being the Christ, the Son of the Living God. And whether we be Israel or not, does not depend upon its acceptance by certain religious leaders, but upon the facts of history and the teaching of the Word of God.

When you present the facts concerning our identification with Israel, and the opposition has no reply to offer, save their blind unbelief, they will sometimes come up with a question something like this, "Suppose we are Israel, what of it? What difference does it make?"

While such a response to our being Israel may seem to imply a superior wisdom and understanding of the Bible on the part of those who raise such a question, yet it is at once evident that there exists in such people a very shallow knowledge of the Bible and practically no understanding of the role that Israel was destined to play in the establishing of a kingdom of righteousness here on the earth.

Such a question as "What difference does it make if we are Israel?" reveals a confused mind as to the relation of the Old Testament to the New. It suggests that such an one believes that what was started in the Old Testament has been done away and has been supplanted by the church. It would also seem to imply that all racial distinctions are done away in Christ. But nothing could be further from the truth.

### The Role of Israel in The Christian Era

There is a complete continuity between what God began in the Old Scriptures and what He has been doing during this Christian era. The new covenant of salvation and redemption through Christ was made with, and promised to, Israel—not Gentiles (*Jeremiah 31:33*)

In this Christian era, therefore, we would expect Israel, above all others, to embrace the salvation this new covenant provided and be the witnesses, preachers, and evangelists of God to the rest of the world. God has never changed in His purpose of reaching the heathen, Gentile world through Israel.

Statistics show that fully 90 percent of the world's missionary activity has been carried on by the peoples of America and Britain. And it is deeply significant that Christianity has taken root largely in the land of the Western European man. More significant still is the fact that approximately 90 percent of the world's Christians live in that 9 percent of earth which is English-speaking.

This did not just happen! It is God keeping His Word and fulfilling His purpose through His people. It is one of many evidences which prove that the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Nordic and kindred peoples are the literal descendants of ancient Israel. And yet you ask, "Suppose we are Israel, what difference does it make?"

No thinking, informed Christian who understands the call of Abraham, and

the great unconditional covenant that God made with him and his seed (*Gen. 18:16-18; 22:15-18*) can ever raise the question, "What difference does it make?" without showing irreverence for His Word. All subsequent Biblical revelation is based on what God promised to Abraham and to Israel.

There is another serious implication to the declaration, "Suppose we are Israel; What difference does it make?" It seems to make no difference to some people whether God keeps His promises to Israel or not. If God fails to keep promises made to Israel, what assurances have we that He will keep His promises to us in this Christian era?

What many would seem not to see is that Israel's failure under the law covenant in no way violated the previous promises to them in the Abrahamic Covenant. **The promises made to Israel under the law were conditional, but those made to Israel through Abraham were unconditional.** In other words, nothing that Israel did as a nation could ever keep or prevent God from doing for His people that which He had predetermined to do.

### The Key to Biblical Understanding

What difference does it make if we are Israel? It makes all the difference in the world when it comes to understanding the Bible, especially the prophetic scriptures. The Bible story centers around the covenants, the promises, and the prophecies that God made with, and to, the people of Israel. To mistake the identity of this people, or limit them to the Jew, as so many are given to doing, leads to all sorts of confusion and misunderstanding.

Mistaking the identity of national Israel has led many to imagine that when we come to the New Testament era, "God's time clock" stopped (ever heard that?), and that since then God has been dealing largely with Gentiles, or a non-Israel people.

It has led many to think that the Old Testament is for Israel and the New Testament for Gentiles; and it has caused many to ignore the Old Scriptures as being obsolete. The Old Testament is somehow associated with the law of Moses, which they hold to have been abolished.

Therefore to know who Israel is, is the key which opens up the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. It is the key to the progress and development of the Kingdom of God from its beginning in Abraham to its completion under Jesus Christ.

While the Bible has been called by some as "God's love story," it is more correctly the story of the birth, growth, and development of a Kingdom planned "... from the foundation of the world." The people whom God chose to be His servants in the building of that Kingdom is Israel. And you ask, "What difference does it make if we are Israel?"

Because of the role that Israel was destined to play in the kingdom of God, fully 65 percent of the Bible is addressed to His nation. Now if it doesn't make any difference who Israel is, then you are practically suggesting that we may as well scrap this portion of the Bible. The fact is, many who pride themselves on being "New Testament saints" have practically done that very thing. Some have even gone so far as to say that all they need is the Pauline epistles.

It is this attitude, "What difference does it make," that has made the Bible a grab-bag of beautiful texts to which preachers go for sermons without a proper reference to their context, or as to where the truth they declare fits into the divine plan of things. It is no wonder, therefore, that great multitudes of Christians remain untaught in the overall message of the Bible, though they attend church regularly year after year.

You will please note that through no merit or worth on the part of Israel, but wholly on the basis of the covenant promise, which He had made to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, God had respect unto them and sent a deliverer in the form of Moses. And for the same reason, and at various times and ways in the subsequent history of Israel, God came to their rescue and delivered them for His sake, as well as theirs.

The glorious conclusion of all this is that this same Abrahamic covenant is still our covenant today, and it is the hope of our deliverance in the crisis that lies before us. What could be more wonderful and reassuring than that? And this is only a part of our heritage as God's Israel.

What difference does it make if we are Israel?

In *Genesis 12:2-3* we are told that God was to make of Abraham "... a great nation." This nation was to be blessed of God, and it would have the protection of God. In addition to this, through this nation all other families or nations would be blessed. Jesus said that the kingdom of God would be found in a nation bringing forth the fruits of righteousness. (Matthew 21:43).

In *Genesis 17:6-7* God says of Abraham and the seed to come from his loins:

*“And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee. And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.”*

Much of what is promised here has been realized in the past, in the present, and will yet be realized by God’s people in these last days as this age comes to a close. Take Micah 4:1 for example, we read, *“But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain [or kingdom] of the house of the LORD shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.”* Here is a prophecy that has been fulfilled, is being fulfilled, and will yet be fulfilled in our own United States of America. And then you ask, “What difference does it make?”

To take the position, “Suppose we are Israel?,” is but to make light of the honors bestowed upon us as His people. In *Deuteronomy 7:6*, for instance, we are told that Israel was set apart and chosen of God “. . . to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.” In *Isaiah 43:4* we are told that Israel was especially loved and precious in His sight.

In *Psalm 135:4* we are told that God chose Israel for a “. . . peculiar treasure.” No nation has been more significantly honored of God than this nation. Surely it *does* make a difference whether we be Israel or not.

#### **We are the Bride Who Must Make Herself Ready**

Suppose we *are* Israel – then we *are* the bride which must “*make herself ready.*” *Revelation 19:7*. Here we are in the midst of a world crisis that will bring this age to a close, and one among the nations of earth is God’s country, God’s people, who must needs be awakened to that fact and called to a national repentance so as to make the “*crooked paths straight.*” *Isaiah 40:4*, *Luke 3:5*. But as the bride of God, we have this promise in *Isaiah 54:17*: “*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper.*”

Need we ask any further, “Suppose we are Israel, what difference does it make?” It makes all the difference in the world. Let us therefore take courage, for as God’s Israel our destiny lies in His hands and in His plan for a kingdom of righteousness here on the earth.