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WAR Events Hurl On Toward *Prophesied* CLIMAX

TWO stunning defeats have altered the whole course of the war—in accordance with Bible prophecy!

It is thrilling to follow the trend of the war in the light of prophecy which reveals its predestined path.

Hitler Bends to God's Plan

Hitler, called by some the greatest military genius of all-time, cunningly plans the Grand Strategy for rendering the knock-out blow to Britain. Hitler, shrewdest, most satanically-inspired political opportunist of history, becomes unquestioned master of Europe and lays grandiose plans for a NEW WORLD ORDER. And then the God of heaven brings the German Grand Strategy twice to defeat—frustrates Hitler's boasted plans utterly—bends the course of the mighty German war machine like putty into the path prescribed thousands of years ago in GOD'S PLAN—causes Adolph Hitler, as well as other men, to fulfil His will. BIBLE PROPHECY IS CERTAIN.

Hitler is being used to fulfil God's will. And, regardless of the egomaniac's confident ideas to the contrary, he will simply play his own little part in God's great Plan, and finally the world shall see that he played it God's way, not his own.

In the end men shall learn that the *real* Master is He who said: "Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance . . . all nations before Him are as nothing; and they are counted to Him less than nothing, and vanity. To whom then will you liken God?" (Isaiah 40:15-18).

HERE is revealed Hitler's Grand Strategy for invading Palestine.

Read how Germany's best laid plans have had to bend in accordance with Bible prophecy.

Adolph Hitler felt within himself that he was a *man of Destiny*. And so he is—but not as he thought. He believed he was destined to conquer and to rule the World—to become its sole lord and master—to exalt his own pride and egotism over all his fellows,—to establish his own NEW WORLD ORDER. Instead he is destined to *tear down, to destroy, to play his part in the throwing down* of the old order—of civilization as we have known it—that it may be replaced by GOD'S new order, under Jesus Christ now soon to come again.

Truly God is using Hitler in the tearing down—but he will have no part in the building up. In that the world may take hope.

Hitler Conquers All In His Path

On the 1st of September, 1939, protected by his non-aggression pact with Stalin, Hitler started his predestined course

of destruction by invading Poland. In a few short days the Hitler-planned Blitzkriegs laid Polish cities in ruins; reduced the Poles to conquered people.

Thru the winter the world laughed at the war of inaction.

But Hitler had mapped out his Grand Strategy No. 1; and all winter the German army and air force were intensively drilled, every man for his part. In the spring it was launched, and the world, gasped as the German "Blitzkrieg" subdued Denmark and Norway by utter surprise, then rolled with horrible destruction over helpless Holland, Belgium, Luxemburg, and on into France—and the continent of Europe lay in Hitler's power.

As France fell helpless, Mussolini declared war. Britain appeared doomed. Nothing, Hitler began to think, could stop him now. And the world thought it with him.

Next came Hitler's Grand Strategy No. 2, this time designed to knock out Britain and win the war by the Fall of 1940. This was his cherished plan for the direct invasion by sea and by air of the British Isles. Drunk with success and confidence, Hitler devoted about 60 days to careful planning rehearsing, drilling.

The world knows now that the invasion actually was launched. But the British did not fold up as Hitler and the world had expected. They, too, had been making feverish preparations for defense. And, greatly outnumbered, the Royal Air Force thru superior planes and men hung grimly on in the death-struggle in the air refused to submit to German control of the air and when the actual invasion started from the shores of

Holland, France, and Norway, rained death and annihilation upon the thousands of troop-laden ships and barges shoving off across the Channel. The survivors turned back, and thousands of bodies of German soldiers were seen floating on Channel waters.

Hitler had met his first defeat. He had failed to invade and to knock out England. The British, suffering indescribable punishment from Hitler's "luftwaffe," seeing whole cities virtually destroyed, still hang doggedly on and continue to fight back with a determination that has astonished the world.

German Grand Strategy

It is part of God's prophesied Plan that Britain shall be invaded and conquered. The prophecies foretelling this were partly covered in the August-September number, and on the subject we shall have much more for you later. But God's time had not arrived. And so Hitler's carefully-laid plans came to naught.

It is in the prophesied course of the war that the main fighting, eventually, shall be in the Mediterranean and in the Near-East. Both Palestine and Egypt are to fall. Britain must eventually lose the Mediterranean gateways of Suez and Gibraltar. Ultimately ten powerful dictator-nations of Europe are to give their armed power and might to the "Beast," (Revelation 17), in a gigantic re-birth of the ancient so-called Holy ROMAN EMPIRE that will astound all the world.

And, without realizing how he is being caused to fulfil God's will and bring Bible prophecy to pass, Adolph Hitler next proceeded to map out German Grand strategy No. 3.

This grand Plan was of a two-fold nature, one political, the other military. So Hitler began a frantic diplomatic activity. First, he established the tripartite alliance between German, Italy, and Japan. This was at once a threat to the United States and an expansion of Hitler's "NEW ORDER for Europe" to a "NEW ORDER OF THE ENTIRE WORLD."

Next Hitler rapidly brought Hungary, Rumania, and Slovakia into his Axis as sort of "junior partners." He sent German troops into Rumania to take charge of the very necessary Rumanian oil fields, and now has his troops entrenched as far south-east as the Black Sea.

The military part of this German Grand Strategy designed to render the knock-out blow to Britain involved a two-direction pincer attack on Suez, attacking from East and West simultaneously, thus cutting the British life-line thru the Mediterranean.

Hitler Plans to Invade Palestine

To do this, Hitler began to send some officers and engineers of the German army into Libya, expecting later to send German troops and mechanized equipment to reinforce the Italian armies in Africa for a

blitzkrieg smash across Egypt, striking at Suez from the West.

The plan was to strike simultaneously from the East by sending German mechanized panzer divisions and infantry on down thru PALESTINE!

Turkey stands squarely in the path of Hitler's proposed smash thru the Holy Land. And Turkey is a British ally! To take care of this situation, Hitler made a deal with Molotoff of Russia, promising to bring about a non-aggression pact between Japan and Russia provided Russia would put enough pressure upon Turkey to force Turkey to double-cross the British and permit the Germans to go thru.

This, too, is in line with Bible prophecy. For, as brought out in another article in this number, Turkey is predestined to turn traitor on Britain, siding in Britain's ultimate down fall, and, in turn, after Britain has been rescued and restored to power by the Almighty, to be utterly wiped out by Britain.

But again, GOD'S TIME HAD NOT ARRIVED!

And so, once again, Hitler's Grand Strategy met defeat!

Hitler's Second Great Defeat

Defeat came this time thru his Axis partner, MUSSOLINI. Against the counsel of his own generals, without consulting Hitler who was getting all the spot-light and the glory, Mussolini ordered his army to invade Greece thru Albania. But the greatly outnumbered Greeks, with help from the British air force, drove the Italians back into the middle of Albania, where the fighting continues with Greek success as this is written.

On the heels of this defeat, came the British stroke in Egypt, in which thirty to forty thousand Italian troops, including several generals, were captured and the Italians driven completely out of Egypt.

In addition to this, a few weeks before, the British air force had put out of commission half of the capital ships of the Italian Navy.

Hitler had definitely planned to have all of Palestine, Egypt, and the Suez Canal in his lustful possession—insuring the END of the war with victory for himself—before Christmas. But once again, his plans had to await GOD'S TIME. And so the German Grand Strategy No. 3 was entirely frustrated, and Hitler will not send his legions thru Palestine and on to Suez this winter!

As a result of Italian defeats, Turkey has stiffened, and refuses to let Hitler thru. Hitler's diplomatic program of adding "junior partners" to his Axis for his new World Order also was stopped in its tracks. For Bulgaria, and Jugoslavia, along with Turkey, have stiffened and balked, Hitler's progress thru the Balkans has been delayed many months. Even Hitler must await GOD'S schedule for things to happen! No man, not even with the power of Hitler at

his disposal, can defy or act contrary to God's predestined Plan!

Hitler Makes Overtures to the Pope

Truly, a NEW CONTINENT has been taking shape in Europe. Events rapidly are shaping according to Bible prophecies.

And, in accordance with this, one most significant act is reported to be taking place in Europe,—one which students of the prophecies have looked for for years!

After persecuting Catholics in Germany for years, opposing the Roman Catholic religion, and even setting up and promoting a sort of religion of his own, virtually making of himself the god to be worshipped, Hitler is reported now to have suddenly about-faced, and to be making overtures to the pope, German propaganda now is definitely encouraging Catholicism in Germany. And Hitler is reported to be making definite proposals for a deal with the pope for a Hitler-controlled Europe to be wholly Roman Catholic in religion!

For years we have pointed out to readers of The PLAIN TRUTH that the one who is to be "the BEAST" of Revelation, working for the restoration of the old "Holy Roman Empire," would come to see the influence of the pope was needed to accomplish this aim—that a deal ultimately would be made with the pope, so that the great fallen "woman" of Revelation 17 once again will mount and ride the "beast." Once again as happened in the preceding dynasties of the Empire, the man who becomes "the beast" will be crowned by the pope, the Empire will become Catholic by the power of armed might!

Roman Empire to be Revived

Gradually the mighty European stage is being set for this colossal prophesied event.

Look, briefly, at the prophecy itself.

"I will show thee," says the angel to John in his prophetic vision, "the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters." (Rev. 17:1). The Bible explains its own symbols. In II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 5:23-32 and Rev. 12, a "woman" is explained as the symbol of the church—in these instances a chaste, pure woman symbolizing the true Church, the Body of Christ. This fallen woman, then, is a fallen, unfaithful, apostatizing, deceiving church. She is called a GREAT CHURCH. The many waters she sits on in verse 1 are described in verse 15 as "peoples, multitudes, and nations, and tongues." A great fallen church, then, controlling many nations speaking different languages.

Verse 2 shows she has deceived the nations, mixed in politics, formed alliances with worldly kings. Her name is called "BABYLON THE GREAT," and she is a MOTHER church. (Verse 5). Her daughter churches, which have come out of her in protest, are called in this Scripture, "FARLOTS." She is guilty of the martyrdom of

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TURKEY *wiped out* by Britain

THE Big question-mark of the world war, now, is TURKEY.

The future course of the war from now on—the fate of nations—hinges on what Turkey does during the next few weeks or months—and on what the great warring powers do to Turkey.

Will Hitler's new order—his Rome-Berlin-Tokyo Axis—rule the world? In the Holy Land lies the answer. Palestine, gateway to the far-east, and the chief source of wealth and power of the British Commonwealth—Palestine, corridor to the rich oil fields of Mesopotamia—Palestine, key to the all-important gateway of the Suez Canal, the very life-line of the British Empire, holds the answer to the future course of the war.

Turkey Blocks Hitler's Path

And TURKEY holds the keys to the battle for Palestine. In the article beginning page 1, you will find described Hitler's plan to take Suez by first sending his blitzkrieg Panzer divisions thru Palestine, in order to reach and capture the Suez Canal. This is Hitler's present plan—the German grand strategy, to knock out England.

But Turkey happens to be located due north, and also north-east, of Palestine, directly at the cross-way, squarely in Hitler's path! Turkey occupies and controls the two narrow entrances from the Black Sea into the Mediterranean. The sudden extension of German power clear to the Black Sea with German troops in control of Rumania, has provoked violent reaction in Turkey.

For Turkey happens to be *an ally of Great Britain!* And Hitler is now moving rapidly toward a show-down to force Turkey to determine whether she dares remain a British ally, or whether she becomes now the ally of Hitler's Axis and permits Hitler's march thru Palestine and on to Suez!

Whole Book of Bible Foretells

The situation just now arising is of such vast moment to the future of the world that one whole Book of the Bible is devoted to a prophecy foretelling its outcome.

It is a prophecy almost no one has understood until now. It is the Book of Obadiah, shortest Book in the Old Testament, containing only one short chapter. This Book always has been a big question to the Critics, the Commentators, the supposedly learned Bible scholars. It has had them baffled.

Like some of the prophecies in Daniel, it undoubtedly has been "sealed,"—closed to human understanding, *until the "Time of the End."* But we now are in the "Time of the End," and those who have God's Spirit to guide them now can understand.

Here is an amazing prophecy you never saw before. Read it . . . then watch it actually happen!

The Book of Obadiah is a prophetic message from "the Lord God concerning EDOM." (verse 1).

Who is "Edom?"

To understand such prophecies, we must know the modern identity of nations called by the names of the ancient ancestors from which they have sprung. For the origin and identity of "Edom" we must turn back to Genesis 36:9. These are the generations of ESAU the father of the Edomites in Mount Seir." And in verse 19: "These are the sons of ESAU, *who is Edom.*"

"Edom," then, is ESAU, the twin-brother of Jacob, and the name in prophecy, along with "Mount Seir," the land in which they dwelt, (also sometimes called "Idumaea,") refers to the descendants of Esau, identified as the TURKISH nation today.

The prophecy of Obadiah, then, is about TURKEY. And it foretells events of the present, and the immediate future.

Ancient Grudge to be Settled

This prophecy tells of the final settlement of one of the most ancient grudges of history.

You remember the story of Jacob and Esau, twin sons of Isaac the son of Abraham. The BIRTHRIGHT God had promised Abraham was handed down to Isaac. Esau was first-born of the twins, and therefore natural inheritor of this precious BIRTHRIGHT. But Esau undervalued this most precious material and national gift

God has ever bestowed, and sold it to Jacob for a "mess of pottage." In plain English, this "mess of pottage" was red soup. "Therefore his (Esau's) name was called "EDOM" (Gen. 25:30). The meaning of "Edom" in Hebrew, is "red soup."

Esau was red and hairy-skinned, Jacob white and smooth-skinned. They were to become the fathers of "two manner of people," (Gen. 25:23-26; 27:11). Afterward, Esau hated Jacob for taking away his Birthright, and sought to kill him. Down thru the centuries Esau's descendants have kept that old enmity smouldering, with a perpetual hatred for the children of Israel (Ezek. 35:3). They have felt that the Birthright, including title to the land of Palestine, should have belonged to them.

History of the Turks

As Jacob's twelve sons headed the twelve tribes of Israel, so Esau's grandsons became dukes, or chiefs, (Gen. 36). As these people grew into a nation they inhabited the land of Edom (Idumaea) the "Red Land," so called from the red color of the sandstone cliffs. It embraced the ranges of Mt. Seir, south of Jerusalem and the land of Judah. These Edomites had kings before there was any king in Israel (Gen. 36:31-39). They continually warred against Israel and Judah (Numbers 20:14-21; 21:14; I Sam. 14:17; II Sam. 8:13-14; I Kings 22:17.)

Just as Isaac had prophesied, (Gen. 27:37-40), they were conquered by and served Israel and Judah, as the above texts show but finally revolted and again "made a king over themselves," (II Kings 8:20-22). When Judah was captured by Nebuchadnezzar, the Edomites aided him, and occupied southern Judah. Finally Judas Maccabaeus drove them from their land south of Judah in 164 B. C.

Next, we pick them up in history as roving Tartars, who overran all Asia, and conquered Turkestan, from which is derived the name "Turkey." (From Encyclopedia Americana) As "Turks" they are first mentioned in history in the 6th Century. History says they sprung from barbarians, ever roving to and fro in the vast sandy desert of Arabia, preying upon one another. They grew into the Ottoman Empire, so named from its founder, Othman. They accumulated much territory, totaling 710,000 square miles by 1916. In 1517 these Edomites captured Palestine, occupying this promised land of the Birthright for 400 years during "brother Jacob's" time of national punishment, until Jacob's general-

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Editor's Note

In connection with this article, as well as the one beginning page 5, be sure to get your Bible before you begin reading the article.

Turn to every text given, and read it in your Bible. Many texts are listed in connection with this article, which are not quoted here. You will get much more of interest and value from this article if you will turn to every text, in your Bible, and read and study it there carefully, as you come to it in this article.

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TO OUR READERS: There was no
issue of The PLAIN TRUTH published
during October. This is the first number
since the August-September number. We
hope, the Lord willing, to publish the next
number about February first. We are greatly
handicapped for lack of help, but we plan
to publish The PLAIN TRUTH regularly
every month within the near future. Later
we expect to enlarge it to 16 pages, just
double the present size.

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CHURCH OF GOD are *non-denomina-
tional*—utterly independent of denomina-
tions, sects, religious organizations or church
government—wholly *dependent* upon our
heavenly Father for guidance and for funds
to carry on this great work for Him. We
pay as we go, day by day, running no bills.
The true Gospel can go, therefore, only as
funds are received. We ask all believers
whose hearts are in this work to PRAY,
earnestly, that God will lay it upon a suffi-
cient number to send in tithes and generous
offerings, week by week, that the Gospel of
the Kingdom may now go out over more
and more radio stations, until "this Gospel
of the kingdom shall be preached in all the
world for a witness!" PRAY, as never be-
fore, for a continued great harvest of souls.

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"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but UN-
DERSTANDING what the will of the
Lord is . . . a good understanding
have all they that do His commandments."

Turkey Wiped Out . . .

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Allenby, forced the Turkish surrender Dec-
ember 9th, 1917.

The vast territory of the former Turkish
Empire was greatly reduced by the Balkan
wars ending in 1913, and by the end of the
World War had shrunk to its present 294,
000 square miles, the area of Oregon,
Washington, Idaho and the western third of
Montana combined. Turkey's present popu-
lation is 16 million, equal to the popula-
tion of the states of New York and New
Jersey. To understand the prophecy it is
necessary to know, too, that their old land,
south of Judaea, embraced the high cliffs
and ranges of Mt. Seir, and their present
land, north of Palestine, is a high plateau
in a mountainous region.

Turkey's religion is Mohammedan,
mostly.

The Prophecy

With this history and summary of facts,
we are ready now to look to the prophecy.

Read it yourself, in your own Bible, as
you study what now follows, and compare
with Jer. 49:7-22, almost word-for-word
with parts of Obadiah.

Verse 1—It is the vision that came to
Obadiah. It relates the message of the Lord

HOW THE PLAIN TRUTH IS PUBLISHED

Some ask, "How can you publish
a magazine without a subscription
price and without advertising?"

We have set out to conduct this
work GOD'S WAY, and we have
faith that way will succeed.

We are endeavoring to spread the
TRUE GOSPEL, and the Gospel
must go FREE! Jesus said "FREE-
LY ye have received, freely GIVE!"
The things of God are "without
money and without price." (Isa. 55:1).

God's PLAN for financing His
work is thru the TITHES and free-
will OFFERINGS of His children.
We believe God expects every Christ-
ian to take active part in spreading
the Gospel to others, and we know of
no place where your tithes and offer-
ings can more effectively serve the
Lord than in helping publish The
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spreading the true Gospel to
OTHERS! This work is conducted on
God's principle of "GIVE," not the
gentile principle of "GET."

Every dollar to carry on this great
work must come by FAITH, in an-
swer to believing prayer. There is a
plenteous harvest, but the laborers
are SO few! We ask every believer to
PRAY with us, that the Lord will send
forth MORE LABORERS into His
vineyard, helping with tithes and
offerings, that every bill may be paid!

God concerning Edom, the descendents of
Esau, identified as Turkey today. God sends
a message thru the nations, summoning
them to make war on Turkey.

Verse 2—God has made Turkey small
among nations, and greatly despised. This
already has been done. The time of the pro-
phesy is THE PRESENT.

Verses 3-9—Turkey has been proud and
self-exalted, settling and living in high
mountainous country, with army and navy
(710,000 trained men), saying "Who shall
bring me down to the ground?" Yet Turkey
is to be completely wiped out. Her cities are
to be laid waste (Ezek. 35:4). The nations
with which she has been at peace (Ger-
many) have laid a cunning plot against her.
Turkey's allies (Russia) have deceived her,
aiding in the plots, "plots you had no wit to
see," (verse 7, Moffat translation). Finally,
everyone of the "mount of Esau,"—Turkey
—shall "be cut off by slaughter." (Compass
Ezek. 25:13,14).

Now WHY is this total destruction des-
tined to come to the Turks?

"For thy violence against thy brother
Jacob," replies verse 10. (Ezek. 35:5).

And who is "brother Jacob" today?
WHO is the true "Birthright" nation? If
you have read the first two installments of
"The United States in Prophecy" you have
seen that the Birthright was handed by
Jacob on to Ephraim (together with Man-
asseh his brother), sons of Joseph. That
Ephraim headed the TEN Tribes of the
House of Israel, driven out in 721 B. C.
and lost from view while the Jews, or
Judah, remained. The next issue of The
PLAIN TRUTH will prove conclusively
that Ephraim is Great Britain today, and the
United States, Manasseh. It is Great Britain
who took possession of Palestine from the
Turks on the very day the "Times of the
Gentiles" began their ending.

Today Turkey is an ally with Great
Britain pledged to aid the British in war in
case the war entered the Mediterranean. Al-
ready Turkey has broken her pledged al-
legiance. She is dominated completely by
Russia, who is plotting with Hitler to use
Turkey to accomplish their own ends. But
underneath that alliance with Britain, the
Turks HATE the British, and have publicly
declared, since the world war, that Great
Britain is their chief enemy. An official Tur-
kish government report, issued in 1926, de-
clared: "The Turkish government is obliged
to conclude that its chief enemy is Great
Britain." Yes, in its heart Esau still hates
brother "Jacob!"

Prophecy Yet to be Fulfilled

The "higher Critics" who pose as Bible
authorities, apply verses 10-16 to the cap-
ture of Jerusalem by Nebuchadnezzar. But it
does not describe that captivity, except as a
mere fore-runner of a still greater captivity,
yet future.

"In the day that thou stoodest on the
other side (you stood aloof—Moffat), in

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The United States in Prophecy

PART TWO

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

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

ISRAEL Separates from David's Throne

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

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

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

Israel rebelled.

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

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

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

Israel Divided into TWO NATIONS

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

What Has Gone Before:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

House of Israel NOT Jews

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ISRAEL Driven Out and LOST!

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ISRAEL Never Returned

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

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

Note well these facts.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Turkey Wiped Out . . .

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the day that the strangers carried away captive his forces, and foreigners entered into his gates, and CAST LOTS upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one of them." (V. 11).

This Cannot Refer to the Past

It was *not* Israel, but JUDAH, who was taken captive when Nebuchadnezzar captured Jerusalem 604-585 B. C. And at that time no one CAST LOTS for possession of Jerusalem. One nation alone, took it them, Nebuchadnezzar's Chaldean Empire. There is no record anywhere of lots being cast for Jerusalem then.

However, in Joel 3:3, is a prophecy *yet future*, foretelling the time when God will restore Israel and Judah, when He brings ALL NATIONS together in war—this last WORLD WAR—and then the Gentile invaders shall cast lots for God's people, and Jerusalem. At that time "the Beast" and his armies will take Palestine (Rev. 19:19; Dan. 11:41, 45). And it begins now to look as if Hitler will be "The BEAST" who restores the ancient Roman Empire to power, and does this invading. Just as Hitler and Stalin have been dividing up Poland, Rumania, and other countries in that region, so may Hitler divide up Palestine by a shake of the dice!

For, make no mistake about it, Palestine and Egypt are to be captured by the Roman Axis powers! The British, ultimately, are to fall, contrary to general belief. Once more Israel is to go into captivity, as we explained in the last issue, and will explain further in future articles.

And here is the prophecy foretelling exactly what Turkey is now doing!

Turkey Occupies the Crossway

Turkey, allied with Britain, already has broken her pledge. She was pledged to join England as soon as Mussolini declared war in the Mediterranean.

But Turkey, as the Bible foretold, stands aloof. In fear of Russia, Turkey is doing exactly as Stalin dictates. And Hitler has laid a plot—made a bargain with Stalin during the past few weeks. He has promised Stalin to bring about a non-aggression treaty between Japan and Russia, *provided Stalin would bring pressure to force Turkey to doublecross Great Britain and aid the Axis powers!*

The British have a half million men in the Near-East, where Turkey occupies the Cross-way. Fully equipped with mechanized power, and with the aid of the powerful Mediterranean Fleet and the Royal Air Force, Great Britain could ably defend herself in the Near-East—*with Turkey's help!* It is Turkey's duplicity which will tip the balance, resulting in Britain's ultimate defeat in Palestine and in Egypt!

Verse 12—"But thou shouldst not have looked on the day of thy brother in the day

that he became a stranger (you should not have gloated over your brother's fate on his day of disaster—Moffatt translation); neither shouldst thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah in the day of their destruction." This is TODAY. We are now in the "time of Jacob's trouble," (Jer. 30:7)—the day so many prophecies in Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and elsewhere describe as the day of disaster for Jacob, or Britain—undoubtedly to include, also, later, the United States

Verse 13—"Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my people in the day of their calamity; . . . nor have laid hands on their substance in the day of their calamity." Turkey occupied southern Judea following Judah's captivity until 164 B. C. They again occupied the Birthright land and Jerusalem for 400 years, 1517 to 1917. This verse undoubtedly means they will *again* occupy a part of Palestine, as their part of the booty, for aiding the Axis in their forthcoming captivity of that Holy Land.

Verse 14—"Neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape," or, as the Moffatt translation has it, "never have stood at the passes to cut off their fugitives, never betrayed their survivors, on the day of distress."

Turkey occupies the strategic "crossway" or "pass," of the Near East the Dardenelles and the Bosphorus, narrow passes between the Mediterranean and the Black Seas.

At Time of Day of the Lord

"For," continues verse 15, "the DAY OF THE LORD is near upon all the heathen."

And what is the "Day of the Lord? It is a time, *now soon to come*, prophesied in more than 30 different places in both Old and New Testaments—the time of God's judgments upon the nations for their sins—the time of supernatural plagues. It follows the complete ending of the Times of the Gentiles. It marks the *turning point in all history*, when the *New Era of BLESSING* for ISRAEL shall be inaugurated by God, and people will KNOW that there is a God! It is time that climaxes, in its first phase, in the Second Coming of Christ. It is a time to occupy the latter period of this present war, which shall end at Armageddon!

The "DAY OF THE LORD" has not yet begun. It may be upon us within one to five years. Mention of it in this prophecy shows that the message of Obadiah is for the present and the *yet future!*

The Moffatt translation says this Day carries "DOOM for all the nations."

Verse 16—"For as ye have drunk upon my holy mountain." That is, as the Turks have, lo, these 400 years occupied Palestine, God's "holy mountain," "all the nations shall drink upon you," (Fenton translation). "And they shall be as tho they had not been."—they shall *perish!*—cease to exist!

Verse 17—"But upon Mount Zion shall be deliverance, and there shall be holiness

and the House of Jacob shall possess their possessions." Mt. Zion refers to the *spiritual* Mount—Christ and the Church, This, then, refers to the Second Coming of Christ, and deliverance for Israel (compare Isa. 11:11 and Rom. 11:25-26).

The coming captivity and dispersion of the British, and probably also of *our* people, will be of short duration. The coming of Christ will end it. Then will follow an Exodus, once again back to Palestine, so great and vast that the Exodus from Egypt in the days of Moses will be forgotten (Jer. 16:14-15).

A Whole Nation Destroyed!

Verse 18—"And the House of Jacob shall be a fire, and the House of Joseph a flame, and the House of Esau for stubble, and they shall kindle in them, and devour them; and there shall not be any remaining of the House of Esau; for the Lord hath spoken it." God has decreed that JOSEPH—Great Britain and the United States—are to utterly consume and annihilate the Turks from off the earth!

I will employ my people *Israel* to carry out my vengeance upon Edom," says God in Ezekiel 25:14 (Moffatt translation).

An entire nation WIPED OUT—destroyed!

Not one is to remain! God has decreed it! Surely this is the most fateful doom ever pronounced upon any people. But the Turkish double-cross, which you will now see take place, will result in Britain's defeat. Is the punishment too great to fit the crime?

It all started when Esau undervalued the most precious *material* gift God had ever bestowed—the BIRTHRIGHT—that national wealth and greatness which the British and the American people have inherited and enjoyed! Then, after rejecting this colossal gift of God, Esau and his descendants have HATED Jacob and his descendants, with jealousy scheming to gain back the Birthright by foul means, finally double-crossing brother Jacob, as the Turks now are beginning to do in his hour of sorest need.

And, just as those who undervalue and reject God's still more precious *spiritual* gift—salvation and eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord—are to receive the wages of DEATH in a hell-fire that will leave them ashes under the soles of the feet of the saved, (Malachi 4:1-3), so all Esau—Turkey today—shall be destroyed.

Turkey will cause British defeat. But God will rescue and restore the British and cause Turkey utterly to be wiped out. That is God's great judgment, the end of the ancient grudge.

Then, finally Jacob's descendants shall possess Esau's ranges as well as Palestine, *—at, and after the Coming of Christ—* and the KINGDOM SHALL BE THE LORD'S—for Christ shall come and deliver Israel, restoring our people to their promised land, restoring peace, prosperity, plenty—and, above all, HAPPINESS, LOVE, AND JOY IN THE HUMAN SOUL!

War Events Hurl On Toward Prophesied Climax

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saints (verse 6). Between fifty and one hundred million were martyred for the true Bible faith, at the behest of the Roman church, during the middle ages, according to historic record!

This "woman" was seen riding on this scarlet-colored "beast." The "beast" had seven heads and ten horns (verse 3). The "woman" rode *all seven* of these heads (verse 9). This "BEAST" is acknowledged by all, Protestant and Catholic alike, to be the old ROMAN EMPIRE. You will even find this acknowledgment in the footnote appearing in connection with this chapter in the Roman Catholic Douay version.

"And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth." Or, as the American Revised versions has it, "hath a kingdom over the kings of the earth." (Verse 18). That great apostate church, which is a great city and is called by the NAME of that city, which did have a kingdom over every great dynasty of the "Holy" Roman Empire, is ROME! It stands identified beyond any question!

This "beast" was, and is not, at this present time. (Verse 8). The TIME of the vision is the present and the approaching "DAY OF THE LORD," (Ch. 1:10). But this "beast"—the old Roman Empire—is again to come to life—"shall ascend out of the bottomless pit," (verse 8). Of the seven kings, chief rulers or dynasties, five are fallen, one is, at a time when the Empire does not exist except in germ, and one is yet to come. The five that are in the past are the great peak dynasties of Justinian, Charlemagne, Otto the Great, Charles the Great, and Napoleon. All acknowledged the supremacy of the pope. All were crowned by the pope. All carried the Catholic church as a horse carries its woman rider, doing the bidding of the church by its stronger physical power. The one that is, is the present Italian dynasty. The one yet to come is the great "BEAST" that shall briefly revive to life the overwhelming armed power and military and political dominance of the Empire of old.

The Time Is Not Yet

But the time is *yet* premature. The "ten horns," joined to this seventh and last head of this beast (the beast itself, with its seven heads, is the eighth—it does not itself have an eighth head—verse 11), are ten European rulers to receive power a short time *with* the head emperor, called "the BEAST." They shall give their armed power—on land, sea, and in air—to the "beast."

And they shall make war with—WHOM? Note it! Not Great Britain,—not the United States, as so many have assumed—they shall make war with THE LAMB, who is the KING OF KINGS and the

LORD OF LORDS — JESUS CHRIST AFTER HIS SECOND COMING! (Verse 14).

They are to rule but a short time. They come to a horrible end (Rev. 19:19-20). It follows, certainly, that this ten-nation revival of the ancient Roman Empire cannot take place UNTIL THE TIME OF THE SECOND COMING OF CHRIST! That will occur within the comparative near future—much sooner than the world expects. Yet it cannot occur immediately—many other events must happen first! So the time is not yet here—GOD'S time has not arrived—for the restoration of this Roman Empire, by alliance of the dominant European leader with his ten lesser-dictator nations, and the pope!

The Next Number

HITLER'S Thousand Year Plan—his amazing "NEW WORLD ORDER"—compared, by contrast, to GOD'S Plan for the next Thousand odd years on earth. This vital, absorbing article had to be omitted from this number due to lack of space, but will appear in the next issue of The PLAIN TRUTH.

Another up-to-the-minute analysis of the WAR, as it fulfills Bible prophecy, and the concluding installment of "The United States in Prophecy."

Also we have planned for the next number an eye-opening article throwing NEW LIGHT on God's marvelous Plan of Redemption You will see the real purpose—the common-sense of it—as you never saw it before. You can't afford to miss it.

That is why Greece was inspired to fight back so successfully! That is why Britain was inspired to administer the recent overwhelming defeat to Italy in Africa. That is why Hitler's plans to invade Palestine have been indefinitely postponed. That is why Hitler was not permitted to *continue* lining up the *other six* "junior Axis partners" after he added Rumania, Hungary and Slovakia.

Who Will Emerge as "The BEAST?"

A most interesting question of the hour is, "WHO will finally emerge as 'THE BEAST' of Revelation? Who will finally bring the Roman Empire out of its 'bottomless pit' by a union with ten other nations and a working alliance with the pope?"

To accomplish this has been Mussolini's sole dream and effort ever since the Blackshirts marched on Rome. We have therefore supposed, in the past, that he would prove to be the man.

But remember the Bible *does not name the man!* We shall have to wait and see.

At present, however, Mussolini's star is fast falling, and Hitler's rapidly rising. The past three months, for the first time, HITLER has appeared to be shaping events to this end. At present, Hitler looms up as the most likely candidate. But, we repeat, *the time is not yet!* Hitler, too, may sink to oblivion and an altogether different man step suddenly on the stage to become the dread "BEAST." Or, it is not beyond possibility that Hitler's New Order might, during the coming year, crumble completely and Mussolini once again rise to leadership in Europe. Time alone can tell.

The Present Outlook

Which brings us to the present outlook.

Hitler has attempted three gigantic efforts, each a supreme "Grand Strategy." In the first, he succeeded beyond his wildest dreams, and all Europe lay prostrate at his feet. In his second, however, he failed to invade and conquer England. And in his third, likewise, he has been checkmated from completing his diplomatic line-up and his military death-blow to the British Empire by severing its life-line at Suez, this time thru the blunders and failures of Il Duce.

What is the German Grand Strategy No. 4? At present that remains a German military secret. But the best information at the moment is that Hitler now plans another and greater attempt to invade the British Isles direct. Churchill has warned England and the world such an attempt probably will be made by Spring. It might come much sooner—any moment, in fact. There is evidence that preparations are being made.

This time he may succeed. As we outlined briefly in the last number, Britain is destined to go down—and probably our own United States as well. That, we know, is almost impossible to believe. We lack space in this issue, but in coming numbers we shall give our readers much more of the prophecies that make this catastrophe certain.

Our people have been proud. We have rebelled against the Almighty God and his laws. We follow tradition. We are steeped in paganism disguised as "Christianity." We have departed from God and the Bible. Our land is literally soaked in sin. For our own good, we must be brought to our knees.

But then, when we are in defeat—unthinkable as it seems—God's chosen birth-right people Israel once again in captivity, and this time also in TRUE REPENTANCE, God will send our King, Christ Jesus, who will rescue our people from captivity. Once again an exodus to the Promised Land will occur, so great it will blot the former one from memory. (Jer. 16:14-15)—Our people will be restored to power—but only after we have been humbled, and have learned our lesson, and turned unitedly as a people to God!