

Zion of Bible Prophecy

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Isaiah

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If we can show and prove from the Scriptures, as I believe we can, that the United States of America is “Zion” of Bible prophecy, we will behold one of the most fascinating, comforting and encouraging revelations that our nation and generation could gaze upon, with the exception of the glories of personal salvation through our blessed Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ. In the prophecy of Isaiah the word “Zion” appears more than forty-five times. In Isaiah 1:27,28 we find the following statement:

“Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruction of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.”

From this first chapter of Isaiah we learn that “Zion” is a nation, which has forsaken the Lord and corrupted itself, but would in the end of the age be brought back to God by judgment and fire.

Verse 4 of chapter 1 reads: “Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the Lord, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.”

A nation that has forsaken the Lord must of necessity be one of the nations of Christendom.

“And it shall come to pass in the last days.”

We learn from Isaiah 2:1-3 that Zion would be a great and wealthy nation in the “last days: “The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

“And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the LORD'S house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

“And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.”

Bear in mind that the words “Judah” and “Jerusalem” as found in Isaiah 2:1 have a symbolic use and meaning as does the word “Zion.” The time for the complete and final fulfillment of the second chapter of Isaiah is very clearly the atomic age in which we are now living. This is very definitely established in verses 10 through 22 where we are told men would be forced to go into the caves of the earth, and seek shelter in the mountains.

“The daughters of Zion are haughty.”

Turning to the third chapter of Isaiah in our study of the word "Zion" as used in Bible prophecy, we find the following in verses 16 and 17: "Moreover the LORD saith, because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet: Therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts."

"The daughters of Zion" undoubtedly refer to our many states with their state constitutions, similar to our United States' Constitution, which are patterned after the national laws of ancient, literal Zion where King David lived and reigned. The symbolical picture and description of Zion in Isaiah 3 is very similar to that in Isaiah 1, namely, an unfaithful and disloyal wife whose conduct is responsible for our secrets having been discovered and stolen by Communists.

An indication as to the time when Zion of Bible prophecy would forsake the Lord and be as an unfaithful wife is found in verses 4, 5, and 12,13. These verses also tell of the judgment and the confusion that would come upon this great nation.

These timely and significant verses read as follows: "And I will give children to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancients, and the base against the honourable."

In verses 12 and 13 we read: "As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err,

and destroy the way of thy paths. The Lord standeth to plead, and standeth to judge the people."

No generation in history has spent more and done more for its youth than the present; and yet, no generation in our nation has witnessed more crime by its youth; and in no previous generation have children behaved more proudly against their parents and teachers; and of no previous generation could it be more truthfully said that we are ruled over by children, babes and women. We shall not argue the right and the wrong involved in this matter. We merely want to note the time in human history when Isaiah 3 with its "daughters of Zion" was to have its complete and final fulfillment.

"And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion ... shall be called holy."

We now come to the fourth chapter of Isaiah. Verse 1 reads as follows: "And in that day seven women shall take hold of one man, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name to take away our reproach."

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Verses 3 and 4 of Isaiah 4 speak of this nation which is called the “branch,” and where “the fruit of the earth shall be excellent,” as being Zion and Jerusalem. This we believe means the new and symbolic Zion and Jerusalem which we have shown was to be a great nation in the last days.

Again we find that the time for the final and complete fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy, as given in chapter 4, is in the last days, a time when the Lord will with a spirit of judgment and a spirit of burning purge and cleanse this great nation known as Zion. Verses 3 and 4 of Isaiah 4 declare: "And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem: When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of burning."

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There is no question but that portions of Isaiah's prophecy were partially fulfilled at the time when Judah was taken to Babylon, and Jerusalem was burned by the Babylonians; but that was by no means the complete and final fulfillment of Isaiah's remarkable prophecy. It is also true that Isaiah's prophecy concerning the nations in his day that forsook God has been repeated in other nations throughout Church history; but there are large portions of Isaiah's prophecy, which could never be fulfilled until the time of the atomic and hydrogen bombs.

For instance, no nation in the past has had a complete fulfillment of Isaiah 1:27,28 where we read: "Zion shall be redeemed with judgment, and her converts with righteousness. And the destruc-

tion of the transgressors and of the sinners shall be together, and they that forsake the Lord shall be consumed.” This remarkable prophecy will have its complete fulfillment in our nation, which is even now being prepared for its baptism of fire. Neither has Isaiah 2:19 had its final and complete fulfillment at any time in the past.

It reads: “And they shall go into the holes of the rocks, and into the caves of the earth, for fear of the Lord, and for the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth.” Since our nation is the great nation “in the last days,” spoken of as Zion in Isaiah 2, we must expect this 19th verse to be fulfilled in our nation. Anyone who will study the prophecy of Isaiah, recognizing the fact that the United States of America is the Zion of Isaiah's prophecy, will behold a panoramic view of the future destiny of our blessed and favored nation.

Those in our midst who are fearful should constantly remember verse 10 of Isaiah 3; those in our midst who are arrogant and defy our Christ should consider the 11th verse of Isaiah 3. These two verses declare: “Say ye to the righteous, that it shall be well with him: for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him: for the reward of his hands shall be given him.”

“O my people, that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian.”

We shall now turn to the 10th chapter of Isaiah in our study of the word “Zion” as used in Bible prophecy. Let us begin with verse 20, which reads: “And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again stay upon him that smote them; but shall stay upon the LORD, the Holy One of Israel, in truth.”

This verse and its context clearly indicates that a remnant, a comparatively few people of Anglo-Saxondom, would in the present era form a nation in dependence upon God. This began to be fulfilled when the Pilgrims and Founding Fathers of our Nation established the United States of America. We now have on both our coins and postage stamps the declaration: “In God we trust.”

In verse 24 of Isaiah 10, the prophet speaks to this people as follows: “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people, that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.”

In other words, this nation which has declared its trust in God lives or dwells in a land called “Zion,” and God speaks of them as, “O my people” Therefore it must be a nation of Christendom. The Lord God tells them “be not afraid of the Assyrian.” “The Assyrian” is one of the Bible names for those who have developed, and are now directing, World Communism.

Verse 24 of Isaiah 10 also states that the Assyrian would smite the people that dwell in the land of Zion — which is America, and that it would be “after the manner of Egypt.” Therefore we are to expect that that which Pharaoh and Egypt tried to do to our Anglo-Saxon forefathers in the days of Moses will be the desire and purpose of World Communism as it works out its evil design against “we the people” of the United States of America and Canada.

But we need not be afraid, for in verses 26 and 27 of Isaiah 10 we read: “And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of

Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing." That we might understand the meaning and the message of the expression, "according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb," we must turn back to the 6th, 7th and 8th chapters of the Book of Judges. There we read that due to our forefathers' sin and backsliding, God allowed the heathen Midianites to afflict and oppress our forebears.

Finally, they cried to God; God directed them to His Word, and gave them a civil and military leader by the name of Gideon. In dependence upon God, Gideon and his men challenged and fought the Midianites. God gave them a great victory at the rock of Oreb. Concerning the rock of Oreb we find the following in Judges 7:25: "And they took two princes of the Midianites, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb upon the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian, and brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon on the other side Jordan."

The expression, "according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb," and the expression "after the manner of Egypt," throw much light on our present struggle with World Communism, for according to these expressions the United States will be used of God to slay the leaders of World Communism.

Pharaoh sought to enslave our forefathers in Egypt. When he failed — due to Divine intervention, Pharaoh and the Egyptians attempted to conquer and enslave our progenitors by military might.

And so it is in our day. World Communism has sought to enslave our nation by infiltration, but because of Divine intervention they have failed. Soon they will seek to subdue our nation by an all out sneak attack as Pharaoh did, very likely at night "after the manner of Egypt."

But God will intervene "after the manner of Egypt," and as Pharaoh's military attack on ancient Israel resulted in the downfall of Pharaoh and all his armed might, so will the military attack of World Communism upon the North American promised land of modern Israel result in the destruction of World Communism and all its military might.

The 27th verse of Isaiah 10 is so significant, revealing and comforting that we must note it carefully: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

According to this verse and other related scriptures, the nation spoken of as "Zion" would be conscious of a heavy burden and a grievous yoke, a yoke which would be destroyed and taken off our neck and shoulder "because of the anointing."

The burden and yoke spoken of in Isaiah 10:27, Isaiah 14:25, and Jeremiah 30:8, is without any doubt the present burden and yoke of International Finance which has been saddled upon the United States of America, and which in turn has been used by the One Worlders to make the world safe for Communism. But, thank God! "the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

In my booklet, "A Scriptural Money System," I show that the burden and yoke of the latter day prophecies of Isaiah and Jeremiah refer to our debt money system. The word "yoke" is so used throughout symbolic Scripture. One such convincing passage is 1 Kings 12:4,14.

The fact that our debt money system is a burden and a yoke on our necks is so evident it needs no comment, for it makes us a bankrupt nation in the midst of super-abundance and compels us to mortgage our children and grandchildren to the non-producing Money Changers in order to exist.

Therefore, at this late date, we are more interested in how this debt money system will be taken away and destroyed than in commenting on its evils. Isaiah assures us that "the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing."

The word "anointing" is very revealing for it means abundance. It is the only time this particular Hebrew word appears in the Scriptures. Every other time the word "anointing" is used, either in a literal or symbolic sense, it means the quickening, strengthening and enlightening power of the Holy Spirit; and while this is implied in Isaiah 10:27, the word "anointing" as here used is a different Hebrew word meaning an abundance of wealth and riches.

This is an interesting and revealing fact, for it is actually the great abundance of goods and services in our nation that is, at long last, beginning to break the yoke of International Finance.

The old pagan debt money system, which is such a dreadful burden and yoke, is a money system of scarcity that thrives on distress, want and war. But God has begun to flood our land with such an

abundance that this overflow of material riches is wrecking the pagan debt money system, the yoke that has rested upon the neck and shoulders of Christendom, and which has brought upon us untold strife, distress, sorrow, trouble and wars.

Isaiah prophesies concerning this yoke of International Finance in Chapter 14, verses 24 through 26, where we read: "The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders. This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations."

According to Isaiah the yoke, our debt money system, will be broken "in my land" America is correctly spoken of as "God's Country." It is here the Assyrian and his plan to enslave the earth will be trodden under foot.

"Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee."

No study of the use and meaning of the word "Zion" in Bible prophecy would be complete without the beautiful 12th chapter of Isaiah's prophecy. This chapter foretells what we as a nation would say and realize after the present time of distress and judgment is over, and after God has intervened and delivered our nation by completely demolishing the military might of World Communism.

Let us read the six verses of Isaiah 12: "And in that day thou shalt say, O LORD, I will praise thee: though thou wast angry

with me, thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortedst me. Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and not be afraid: for the LORD Jehovah is my strength and my song: he also is become my salvation.

“Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his name, declare his doings among the people, make mention that his name is exalted. Sing unto the LORD; for he hath done excellent things: this is known in all the earth. Cry out and shout, thou inhabitant of Zion: for great is the Holy One of Israel in the midst of thee.”

“The inhabitant of Zion” is the inhabitant of America, God's blessed and favored land. The deliverance that God will accomplish for the inhabitants of the North American Continent will be known in all the earth, causing nation after nation to enquire after our Christ and the Christian way of life.

Our deliverance from World Communism will be a turning point in world history. It will usher in the age when nations shall learn war no more, and when the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth “as the waters cover the sea” (Isaiah 11:9). “The Lord hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.”

Isaiah 14:32 is another passage that gives us reason to believe America is Zion of Bible prophecy. It reads: “What shall one then answer the messengers of the nation? That the LORD hath founded Zion, and the poor of his people shall trust in it.”

From this scripture we learn that the nation of Zion was to be founded or established by the Lord, and that the poor of

Christendom would look to Zion; or, as one rendering reads, “take themselves unto it.” America was very manifestly founded by the Lord, and His people by the millions have taken “themselves unto it,” especially the poor.

Since every student of Bible prophecy knows that the 18th chapter of Isaiah is a prophecy concerning the United States of America, and because I have expounded the 18th chapter in my booklet, “The United States in Bible Prophecy,” I shall not here do the same. I merely desire to call your attention to the fact that the great nation of Isaiah 18 is called “the mount Zion” in the last verse, verse 7, “Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone a sure foundation.”

In Isaiah 28:16 we are told that “Zion” would have as its foundation “a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation.” In different words, it would be a nation founded on the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, as our nation has been. This passage reads: “Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD, Behold, I lay in Zion a tried stone, a precious corner stone, a sure foundation: he that believeth shall not make haste.”

It is quite clearly revealed in this 28th chapter of Isaiah, as well as in other prophetic scriptures, that it is within our nation (Zion) where World Communism and Christ-less Internationalism will meet its Waterloo. World Communism is spoken of as “your covenant with death and your agreement with hell” in verse 18 of Isaiah 28. “It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth so shall the multitude be, that fight against mount Zion.”

“It shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth; but

he awaketh, and his soul is empty; or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite; so shall the multitude of all the nations be, that fight against mount Zion.”

According to this 8th verse of Isaiah 29, we learn the leaders of World Communism will organize many nations for a gigantic attack upon Zion (America). Prophetically and historically, we have now come to the time when the “multitude of nations” have dreams and visions of taking to themselves the riches and wealth of our nation. For that reason and by their dreams the leaders of World Communism are stirring the multitude to come and “fight against mount Zion.” But their dream will not be realized! When World Communism moves against North America with its military might, that will be the end of its power and influence.

When the Assyrians, Babylonians, Romans and others had dreams and visions of capturing and possessing ancient, literal Zion of Bible history their dreams became a very real reality, but in our case “it shall even be as when an hungry man dreameth, and behold, he eateth, but he awaketh, and his soul is empty or as when a thirsty man dreameth, and behold, he drinketh; but he awaketh, and behold, he is faint, and his soul hath appetite: so shall be the multitude of all nations that fight against Zion,” or America.

The Hebrew word used for “multitude” in Isaiah 29:8 is significant and revealing. It means, a crowd who makes great commotion or tumult, and who causes rage, war, clamor and uproar. Means and methods of this nature are those employed by the Communists to cause other nations to oppose us and to come and fight against us.

“The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites.”

We shall now consider verses 13 through 17 of the 33rd chapter of Isaiah: “Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done; and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. The sinners (rebels) in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings?”

“He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil; He shall dwell on high: his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks: bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure. Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold the land that is very far off.”

“The land that is very far off” is also given as “a far stretching land.” In either case it refers to the great North American Continent, which at the time this prophecy was written was a faraway wilderness that is now blossoming as a rose.

In verse 13 Isaiah addresses his prophecy to “ye that are far off,” and exhorts them to acknowledge God's might and what He has done. In no land of all history has God worked as many favors or mighty deeds as in the North American wilderness. Much of our present difficulty is due to the fact we of “the land afar off” have forsaken our God, and are refusing to acknowledge our Christ in the manner and to the degree the Pilgrims and Founding Fathers acknowledged Christ and His ways.

Isaiah 33, verse 14, is very timely. It declares that the “sinners in Zion are afraid” and that “fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrite.” The words “sinners” and “hypocrites” in this reference are used in a civil sense, for the whole prophecy is addressed to a land or nation called “Zion.” Sinners and hypocrites mean disloyal citizens, traitors and spies. As foreseen and foretold by Isaiah, these sinners and hypocrites are becoming afraid and fearful—and well they might, for the cleansing of our nation is at hand.

“The devouring fire” and the “everlasting burnings” mentioned in verse 14 refer to the Spirit which is now moving over the civil affairs of our nation preparatory to our baptism of fire and the cleansing of our nation of all things that offend and them that do iniquity.”

Verse 15 of Isaiah 33 gives the character requirements of the citizens that will be allowed to live in Zion, or America, after it has been purged of all anti-Christ elements and all who refuse to live according to the national and moral laws of the Scriptures.

This 15th verse is almost identical with the answer given in Psalm 15 where the question is asked: “Lord, who shall abide in thy tabernacle? who shall dwell in thy holy hill” (chosen nation)? The exception being that Psalm 15 adds the following requirement in verse 5: “He that putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent. He that doeth these things shall never be moved.” Take notice of the expression, “shall never be moved.” It is not a question of going some place — but rather, who — will be allowed to remain?

These two scriptures, Isaiah 33:15 and Psalm 15, do not deal with personal salva-

tion and the gift of eternal life. They, and many other similar scriptures, deal with the character requirements and practices that will be necessary for individual citizens to remain in America when we as a nation, under God, are purged and cleansed -preparatory to the full manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth, which kingdom is the United States of America.

“And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads....”

The 35th chapter of Isaiah is perhaps one of the most beautiful chapters in Bible prophecy. This very comforting chapter, which many people expect will have its complete fulfillment in the little land of Palestine, is, as we shall see, now in the process of being literally fulfilled in the vast North American Continent, and that on a scale a thousand times greater than could possibly be the case in little Palestine, a land 150 miles long and 50 miles wide.

When we realize that the United States of America is “Zion” of Bible prophecy, the 35th — chapter of Isaiah opens like a beautiful rose, becomes plain and makes sense.

Verse 1 states: “The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the rose.”

We have three words in verse 1 that describe the land that Isaiah had in mind when he wrote the 35th chapter of Isaiah, and all three applied to the North American Continent in Isaiah's time.

The word “wilderness” means undeveloped grazing land; “the solitary place” has

a similar meaning, that of an unoccupied and uncultivated land; "the desert" that was to rejoice and blossom as the rose refers to the sterile, nonproductive land such as much of our West was until irrigation made it to literally rejoice and blossom as a rose.

The "them" in verse 1, who were to make the wilderness and the solitary place glad and the desert to rejoice, refers to our God-fearing and industrious forefathers, whose faith and works brought the blessings of God, not only upon themselves, but upon the land as well.

Verse 2 of Isaiah 35 reads as follows: "It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice even with joy and singing: the glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon, they shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God."

"The glory of Lebanon shall be given unto it, the excellency of Carmel and Sharon." In other words, the land that Isaiah had in mind in chapter 35 would be a land of vast and beautiful forests of virgin timber, "for the glory of Lebanon, and the excellency of Carmel" in the time of David and Solomon was its trees and forests.

There is, perhaps, not a single state in the United States of America that does not have more beautiful trees than little, barren Old Palestine. How would the trees of Palestine compare with the Redwoods of our West and the vast forests of the United States and Canada? Certainly no normal person can stand among the Redwood monarchs without sensing the glory and the excellency of our God.

We shall now read verses 3 and 4 of Isaiah 35: "Strengthen ye the weak hands,

and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompence; he will come and save you."

Do you know of a land where God has done more to strengthen the weak hands and confirm the feeble knees than He has in the great open spaces of the North American Continent, be it physical, mental or spiritual?

Do you know of any land where people have lived without fear as we have in this wilderness pasture land which has become as a vast garden? And, have we as a people been strong and independent in our way of life?

Do you know of another land where God has manifested His vengeance on its enemies, and saved them in spite of themselves, as He has the United States of America? But the end is not yet, for the greatest vengeance of God in all history will come when World Communism moves against the North American Continent with its full military force.

Verses 5 and 6 of Isaiah 35 read as follows: "Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. Then shall the lame man leap as an hart, and the tongue of the dumb sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and streams in the desert."

The first word in verse 5 is "then". It is a word which indicates time and refers back to verse 4 where we are told that God will come with vengeance and with recompence to save the great nation of Isaiah 35. The salvation here is not personal salvation; it is national deliverance from anti-Christ Internationalism and Communism.

While God has already done much in America to open the eyes of the blind and unstop the ears of the deaf, both literally and figuratively, in matters pertaining to religion, government, education and industry, the truly great enlightenment, revelation and release will come after our all-out struggle with the anti-Christ forces of World Communism.

And while God has already done much in this North American wilderness that has caused those who were lame and dumb religiously, politically and economically to leap and sing, the greatest physical release mankind has ever known on earth will come to America when International Finance and International Communism combine in their all-out effort to destroy the New Order of the Ages, established in this wilderness, for it is then they themselves are to be completely and forever destroyed by divine intervention in behalf of our nation.

Verse 7 of Isaiah 35 states: "And the parched ground shall become a pool, and the thirsty land springs of water: in the habitation of dragons, where each lay, shall be grass with reeds and rushes."

This verse is similar to verses 1 and 2 and foretells the great productivity and development that would come to the vast North American wilderness, brought on by irrigation and other efforts of men working under the mercy and favor of God.

In verse 8 of Isaiah 35 we read, "And an highway shall be there, and a way, and it shall be called The way of holiness; the unclean shall not pass over it; but it shall be for those: the wayfaring men, though fools, shall not err therein."

Whether we take the word "highway" in this eighth verse to mean a literal high-

way or a way of life, it applies to America a thousand times more than to Palestine. However, the word "highway" in this eighth verse of Isaiah 35 evidently refers to a way of life, for it is called "The way of holiness;" and even fools, silly people, and those below par would be directed and protected in this "way."

The word "holiness" in Isaiah 35:8 means consecrated and dedicated. In other words, the way of life in the great wilderness of Isaiah 35 would be consecrated and dedicated to the Christian concept of freedom and opportunity for even the fools and those who are weak. In spite of all our sin and backsliding as a nation that still remains our principle and policy. Verse 9 states: "No lion shall be there, nor any ravenous beast shall go up thereon, it shall not be found there; but the redeemed shall walk there."

The word "lion" in symbolic scripture means a heathen and unscriptural form of government. In Daniel 7 the pagan Babylonian government was likened unto a lion. And so Isaiah 35:9 states that no pagan form of government will ever be successfully established in the North American wilderness.

This very beautiful and comforting 35th chapter of Isaiah closes with the following verse: "And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away."

This, of course, is yet to be fully realized. The word "redeemed" in verse 9 and the word "ransomed" in verse 10 will cause some people to stumble and fail to understand, just as the word "holiness" in verse 8 will cause some people to spiritualize and explain away any literal fulfill-

ment of Isaiah 35. The Israel people are repeatedly spoken of in the Scriptures as being holy.

Exodus 19:6 states: "And ye shall be unto me...an holy nation."

Deuteronomy 7:6 states: "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."

Days and vessels are also spoken of as being holy unto the Lord, meaning they are chosen by God for some specific service and blessing. Thus as we interpret scripture in the light of other scripture we find that the redeemed of verse 9, the ransomed of verse 10 of Isaiah 35 refer to the Israel or Anglo-Saxon people. In Isaiah 35 it refers to those of Anglo-Saxondom who are so fortunate as to be living in the United States of America, the Zion of Bible prophecy.

Three passages will be sufficient to show that the Anglo-Saxons-formerly called Israel- are called the redeemed in the Scriptures.

Isaiah 13:1 states: "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine."

Isaiah 44:21-22 states: "Remember these, O Jacob and Israel; for thou art my servant I have formed thee; thou art my servant: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins return unto me; for I have redeemed thee."

Galatians 4:4-5 states: "But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent

forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."

As you know, the heathen nations of the world were never under the law. The law of God was given exclusively to the Israel people. We must not confuse the national and racial redemption and deliverance promised to Israel with personal salvation which is for whosoever will, regardless of race or color.

"O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain."

We shall continue our study of the use and meaning of "Zion" in Bible prophecy by reading Isaiah 40:9-11: "O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up into the high mountain; O Jerusalem, that bringest good tidings, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold your God! Behold, the Lord God will come with strong hand, and his arm shall rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him."

In this passage we learn that Zion is a high mountain, or a great nation, that "bringest good tidings," and which is exhorted, "Be not afraid."

Today the United States of America is a great nation bringing good tidings, such as aid and comfort to many other nations; and yet, as a nation we are afraid of World Communism.

The words "Judah" and "Jerusalem" have caused many students of Bible prophecy to limit Isaiah 40:9 to the little land of Palestine, just as they have done with other similar prophecies. But it must be understood and remembered that as

Zion has a symbolic use and meaning in prophetic scripture, so do the words "Judah" and "Jerusalem."

The Jerusalem in Isaiah's prophecy is often the New Jerusalem which John saw, and wrote about in Revelation 21. We shall read verses 9 and 10 of this chapter, and as we do, notice that the New Jerusalem is spoken of as a "high mountain"-which means a great nation; and that this great nation is also spoken of as the "Lamb's wife." Since Christ is the Lamb, the Lamb's wife is, of course, one of the great nations of Christendom to whom the Christ has shown special love and favor.

The Church is the body of Christ, and not the Bride. The Bride is spoken of as a great nation in The Revelation, the Old Scriptures and in the Kingdom Parables. Revelation 21:9-11 states: "And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife. And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the Holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God. Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal."

There are those who insist on spiritualizing both the words "Zion" and "Jerusalem." But both old Zion and old Jerusalem were earthly and literal; and in prophecy they symbolize a literal nation under the mercy, favor and protection of God. We have reason to believe that prophetic Zion is the United States of America.

The word "Judah" also has a much broader use and meaning in Bible prophe-

cy than is generally realized. While there is a tribe of Judah in both Bible history and Bible prophecy, there are times in Bible prophecy when the word "Judah" means the people of Christendom. The Apostle Paul so used the word "Jew" in Romans 2:28,29 where we read,

"For he is not a Jew, which is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision, which is outward in the flesh: But he is a Jew, which is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, and not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God."

Circumcision, you recall, was an outward sign of an inner experience that signified the individual believed in the true and living God. See Deuteronomy 30:6 and note it has its fulfillment in Anglo-Saxondom (Christendom).

The time when Zion would be a great nation bringing good tidings of hope, cheer and material aid to other nations is clearly indicated in verse 10 as being in the closing days of the present age.

Isaiah 40:10 states: "Behold the Lord God will come with strong hand and his arm shall rule for him." In other words, we are to tell all the people of Christendom, Behold your God; that is, Behold Jesus Christ our Hope! He will rule, and not the men of the Kremlin. And, we must cease being afraid, for the Lord has repeatedly promised to deliver our nation from the plan and purpose of World Communism.

"I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory."

Two very timely verses of scripture are found in Isaiah 46:12,13: "Hearken unto me, ye stouthearted, that are far from

righteousness: I bring near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory." Here God warns the stouthearted that are far from righteousness that He would place salvation, or deliverance, in Zion for Israel.

The Anglo-Saxons are Israel. America is Zion. The Communists are "stouthearted" and "are far from righteousness." Paraphrasing this passage, God will use America to deliver the nations of Christendom from One World Communism.

It is important in a study of Bible prophecy that we understand and remember that as history repeats itself, so prophecy has repeated fulfillments. While there may be many applications to some prophecies, there is only one correct interpretation. Such prophecy as Isaiah 46:12,13 may have had many minor and partial fulfillments, but it will also have its complete and final fulfillment.

"Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten"

We shall now consider a very beautiful scripture recorded in Isaiah 49:8-17. As we study these verses keep our blessed and favored land in mind, for it is clearly our nation Isaiah foresaw as he wrote.

Isaiah 49:8: "Thus saith the Lord, In an acceptable time have I heard thee, and in a day of salvation have I helped thee and I will preserve thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, to establish the earth, to cause to inherit the desolate heritages." The "acceptable time" and the "day of salvation" is, according to the Apostle Paul, the present age of grace.

This whole 49th chapter of Isaiah is addressed to Israel, or the Anglo-Saxons,

whom God said He would hear, help, preserve and use to establish the earth, and to cause to inherit the desolate or undeveloped heritages of the earth. And note, this was to take place in the present age.

Would you agree that the Anglo-Saxons who came to this vast North American heritage were heard, helped and preserved; and that they are now being used of God to establish the earth, which means to strengthen, help and uphold others? And, would you agree we have inherited the desolate heritages of the New World?

With this in mind let us read verse 9: "That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places."

Would you agree that the United States of America has been used of God to "say to the prisoners (slaves), Go forth, to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves?" Paraphrasing this statement, have we said, Express yourselves, you common folk and ordinary citizens; take part in civil affairs? And would you agree that we as a people, as well as our herds and flocks, have been well provided for as indicated in verse 9 of Isaiah 49?

Verse 10 enlarges on this abundance that was to come to our nation, and intimates our nation would be located in a temperate zone rather than in the frigid cold or torrid heat. Verse 10 reads:

"They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them; for he that hath mercy on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them."

Verse 12 of Isaiah 49 states that the inhabitants of the Zion of Bible prophecy would come from far, and from the North and West. And how true that has been! Our nation is far from the Old World in every way, and the people who pioneered and developed this vast American pastureland actually came from the Northwest.

Now we come to a most beautiful and comforting passage, Isaiah 49:13-17. Verse 13 states: "Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted."

Do you know of any land or nation in all human history where God has done half as much to comfort His people and have mercy upon His afflicted as He has in the North American wilderness? And that in a few days, as far as nations are concerned, and we are just in the beginning!

Verse 14 brings us up to our time, the present time of sorrow, trouble and distress of nations when many are despairing for the future well being of our Nation and all Christendom. As we read verses 14 through 17 remember America is Zion of Bible prophecy:

"But Zion said, The LORD hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me. Can a woman forget her sucking child, that she should not have compassion on the son of her womb? Yea, they may forget, yet will I not forget thee. Behold, I have graven thee upon the palms of my hands; thy walls are continually before me. Thy children shall make haste; thy destroyers and they that made thee waste shall go forth of thee."

Thank God! He will never forget and never fail to have compassion on America and the New Order of the Ages which He brought to birth in this promised land, the Zion of Bible prophecy.

Note carefully the statement in verse 17: "Thy children shall make haste." As a people we do things in haste. The Old World is slow in our estimation, and vice versa. The declaration, "Thy destroyers and they that make waste of thee" refers to the Socialists (Reds) and their dupes, stooges and sympathizers who will shortly be jailed, deported or executed.

"For the Lord shall comfort Zion...."

We now come to the 51st chapter of Isaiah in our study of the word "Zion" as found in Bible prophecy. In this chapter Isaiah was inspired of God to address a people and a nation living in a wilderness of wasteland or undeveloped land area. These people and this nation is called "Zion." God also calls them "my people" and "O my nation."

These people are also told to, "Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you." In other words, the people and nation are of Anglo-Saxon stock, for Abraham was the father of the Anglo-Saxon race; and, of course, they must be one of the nations of Christendom, for in Romans 4:11 Abraham is spoken of as the father of all them that believe in Christ.

Verse 3 of Isaiah 51 reads as follows: "For the LORD shall comfort Zion: he will comfort all her waste places; and he will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody."

In Isaiah's time America was a wilderness with vast waste or undeveloped areas, with unproductive deserts. But, as Isaiah prophesied, God is bringing comfort or development to all her waste places. He is making this vast wilderness like Eden and her deserts of the West like a garden. And the end is not yet!

Speaking further of this blessed and favored Zion-nation, which was a vast undeveloped area in Isaiah's time, Isaiah was inspired to write these words in verse 4 of Isaiah 51: "Hearken unto me, my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall proceed from me, and I will make my judgment to rest for a light of the people."

"A law" and "my judgment" are civil terms and refer to the fact that this nation called "Zion" in Bible prophecy, established in a faraway wilderness or undeveloped and uncultivated land, would set up a form of government that would be "for a light (example) of the people."

As you know, our Constitutional Republic was patterned after, and based upon, the national laws of the Bible; and our United States' Constitution has been a light and an example to many other nations, and no one can deny that as a law it proceeded from God.

In verses 7 and 8 the Lord speaks of our nation as "the people in whose heart is my law." This statement must be considered and understood in its context. The context does not deal with personal salvation; it deals with a nation whose way of life is based on the Christian principle of human government, which is a rule by law and not a rule by man or men as has been the order in the Old World.

It is because of the New Order of the Ages, with its new concept of "live and let

live" that has been established in this New World, that we as a nation have been willing to give away billions of dollars worth of wealth. Never in all history has a strong, victorious and conquering nation adopted a policy of helping both friend and foe as has the United States of America.

There are those who fear that our new and strange policy of giving to other nations will be our destruction. Undoubtedly, the One-World Conspirators in our midst hope to use our God-given desire to help other people in their effort to bring our nation down and finally under their one-world rule; but God has other plans, therefore the more we give the more we have.

With this present world situation in mind we shall read verses 7 and 8 of Isaiah 51:

"Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness (or my way of life) shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation."

While no nation in history has manifested the laws and principles of the Bible by giving of its wealth, strength and "know how" to other nations as has the United States of America, yet, no strong nation in all human history has been reproached and reviled before the world as has the United States of America at the UNO and other international conferences. But, our God declares:

"Fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye afraid of their revilings. For the

moth shall eat them up like a garment, and the worm shall eat them like wool: but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation."

"My righteousness" refers to God's way of life which was planted in the North American wilderness by the God-fearing Pilgrims. This New Order of the Ages will not be destroyed; it will be pruned, purged and cleansed, for the time of the full manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth is at hand.

The next two verses of Isaiah 51, verses 9 and 10, contain a prayer for our nation, asking God to intervene in our behalf as He did in ancient times for our forefathers. Verse 11 tells of the great singing, joy and gladness that will come to America after God has brought His judgment upon the anti-Christ leaders of One-World Communism.

These three verses read as follows:

As a nation and as a people we are being reproached and reviled by the One-Worlders and the Communists throughout the earth. Even to hear some would-be Americans speak you would think the United States of America is to blame for all the ills and evils throughout the world.

"Awake, awake, put on strength, O arm of the LORD; awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of old. Art thou not it that hath cut Rahab, and wounded the dragon? Art thou not it which hath dried the sea, the waters of the great deep; that hath made the depths of the sea a way for the ransomed to pass over.

"Therefore the redeemed of the LORD shall return, and come with singing unto

Zion; and everlasting joy shall be upon their head: they shall obtain gladness and joy; and sorrow and mourning shall flee away."

In verses 12 and 13 Isaiah was inspired to exhort us, the people of the United States of America and the Zion of Bible prophecy, to find comfort, hope and strength in our God and His holy Word, and to stop being continually afraid of the fury of World Communism and its oppression.

God declares in verses 12 and 13: "I, even I, am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass: and forgettest the LORD thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? and where is the fury of the oppressor?"

As a nation we "continually every day" fear the fury and oppression of World Communism.

The fact that the people and nation of Isaiah 51 is the Zion of Bible prophecy is brought forth in verse it; where we read, "and say unto Zion, Thou art my people." In other words, the Zion of Bible prophecy must be a nation which officially recognizes the Christ and both the Old and New Scriptures; for no other people could be spoken of as God's people in latter day prophecy.

In verse 17 of chapter 51 the Prophet Isaiah again addresses this people and nation in the then faraway wilderness (or open pasture lands, meaning the North American Continent) and calls them, "O

Jerusalem." The word "Jerusalem" as used here means much more than the single ancient city in little Old Palestine. As stated before, the use and meaning in prophetic scripture of the word "Jerusalem" is very similar to the word "Zion", meaning the great nation of Christendom and the New Order of the Ages established here in the vast North American wilderness.

The word "Jerusalem" in symbolic language means the way of life based upon the Word of the true and living God and His Son, Jesus the Christ, who presented Himself as King to ancient, literal Jerusalem. The word "Jerusalem" is so used in Revelation 21:10. Remember, John said the New Jerusalem was a great and high mountain, meaning a strong and exalted nation.

John did not mean he saw a literal city like Old Jerusalem descending out of heaven from God. The whole book of The Revelation is written in signs and symbols. When John wrote of horses, beasts and women in The Revelation he did not mean literal horses, beasts and women. These symbolic terms are clearly defined in the Scripture.

And so with the expression, "the New (or holy) Jerusalem." It simply means a way of life dedicated to the principles and the precepts of the Scripture, as our nation and government has been dedicated.

With this definition of symbolic Jerusalem in mind, we shall continue our exposition of Isaiah 51 by reading verses 17 through 20:

"Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, which hast drunk at the hand of the LORD the cup of his fury; thou hast

drunken the dregs of the cup of trembling, and wrung them out. There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand of all the sons that she hath brought up. These two things are come unto thee; who shall be sorry for thee? desolation, and destruction, and the famine, and the sword: by whom shall I comfort thee: Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all the streets, as a wild bull in a net: they are full of the fury of the LORD, the rebuke of thy God."

One of the strange and tragic facts in these strange and tragic days is the fact that our native sons-good, loyal and strong Americans, seem unable to lead us as a people and nation out of the political fires and moral morass we are in. Not that God has not provided such leadership, but we the people, like so many dumb sheep, have followed false shepherds who are causing us to drink the cup of trembling, cowardice, fear and appeasement until we are drunk with the evil "cup of trembling." But we need not despair, for the three last verses of Isaiah 51 tell us:

"Therefore hear now this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: Thus saith thy LORD, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling, even the dregs of the cup of my fury thou shalt no more drink it again: But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over."

Was there ever a strong nation that manifested as much fear, trembling and appeasement as has the United States of America? Was there ever a strong nation

that has been walked all over as has _ the United States of America by the One-World Conspirators? But, thank God! their days are numbered and an awakening is coming to Zion, Our America.

"For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace."

The Holy Scripture is inspired of God, therefore it is ever-living and applies to all generations. The Bible is not only a book of the past and the future in its history and prophecy, the Bible is always a book of the present.

For instance, the national blessings and curses of Deuteronomy 28 have been experienced by other nations of Christendom in their national history as well as in our nation. Thus, as we have stated before, Bible prophecies, especially those pertaining to national blessings and curses, have many repeated and partial fulfillments, but they also have their particular final fulfillment. The Bible is so written that it has light and truth for every generation, nationally and personally.

Let us now read verses 1-4 of Isaiah 62: "For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until the righteousness thereof go forth as brightness, and the salvation thereof as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory (strength and wealth): and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of the LORD shall name. Thou shalt also be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken: neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzibah, and thy land Beulah: for the LORD delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married."

Here we find the words "Zion" and "Jerusalem" used as names of a land that in Isaiah's time was termed "Forsaken" and "Desolate", a land that was to be called "Beulah", meaning master or to have dominion. This land was also to be called "Hephzibah" which means a desired and pleasant land.

Is there a land today, which at one time was termed Forsaken and Desolate, but today is a master among nations, with great dominion or authority? And is it a pleasant and desired land when compared with other nations?

Yes, there is such a land; namely, the United States of America.

According to the three first verses of Isaiah 62, the land called "Zion" and "Jerusalem" in Bible prophecy was to be "as a lamp that burneth" to the Gentiles; that is, it was to bring light and the know-how of a better life to other nations, and that land was to be called by a new name and therefore not recognized as being an Israel nation. This land was also to have great glory; that is, national strength, wealth and advantages that would attract the interest of all other rulers and national leaders.

In verse 3 of Isaiah 62 we learn that this unique land and nation was to "be a crown of glory in the hand of the LORD and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God." "Crown" and "diadem" are civil terms and pertain to civil administration. Therefore we understand verse 3 to mean that God would use this blessed and favored land to bring about the administration of God's civil laws. This has already begun, for our Constitution and our jurisprudence is based upon, and patterned after, the civil law of the Scriptures.

Verse 5 of Isaiah 62 reads: "For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee: and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee."

In other words, as a young man shows special interest, love and affection by gifts for the lady he loves, so God would bestow His national gifts, favors and blessings upon this land and nation called "Zion" and "Jerusalem" in Bible prophecy. For, "as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee." Would you agree that God has smiled upon our land, and would you agree He has bestowed upon our nation unheard of favors, blessings and gifts? Of course, you will.

We now come to verses 6 and 7 of Isaiah 62 where we read: "I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem, which shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that make mention of the LORD, keep not silence, And give him no rest, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth."

These verses indicate that considerable time would be involved in bringing this nation forth to a place of strength and leadership in the earth, and that God would provide the necessary watchmen to bring His plan and purpose to fruition. No nation in all history has had such great watchmen and statesmen as has the United States of America for its brief period in history.

In verses 8 and 9 of Isaiah 62 we have these words: "The LORD hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy corn to be meat for thine enemies; and the sons of the stranger shall not drink thy wine, for the which thou hast labored: But

they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise the LORD; and they that have brought it together shall drink it in the courts of my holiness."

These two verses foretold that this great nation of Isaiah 62 called "Zion," which would be greatly blessed and favored by God, and used of Him to bring light to other nations, would be robbed and taken advantage of by its "enemies and the sons of the stranger."

This is very interesting and significant, for no nation has been robbed and taken advantage of by both friend and foe, as has the United States of America in recent years.

In fact, it is what has been stolen from the United States of America that has made Communism a world power. But this unscriptural policy will in the end be used of God to force this nation to turn to God with all its heart.

For World Communism, which we in our ignorance and defiance of God's Word have made strong, will turn against us with all the fury of satanic hate, and we will be made to realize and acknowledge that Jesus Christ is our only Hope and Help, nationally as well as personally.

Verse 10 of Isaiah 62 is a call, a commission and a command to our nation. It states: "Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people."

"Go through, go through" means to go on; pass over; enter. "The gates" mean openings into something new and different. Already God has begun to bring our nation into a new and different way of life. In truth, our nation from its beginning has been something new and different.

"Prepare ye the way of the people" means God would use the great and favored nation of Isaiah's prophecy to lead the people of other nations into a higher and better way of life after we have had our baptism of fire, and have been cleansed of all them that rebel against God's civil laws.

"Cast up, cast up, the highway; gather out the stones; lift up a standard for the people" means we must set our own house (nation) in order, and prepare for the defence of enslaved and threatened peoples; which, incidentally, we are spending billions to do.

The two last verses of Isaiah 62 contain a message of hope, comfort and encouragement to the people of our blessed and favored land:

"Behold, the LORD hath proclaimed unto the end of the world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and his work before him. And they shall call them, The holy people (or Christian people), The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A City not forsaken."

Nations, like individuals, when they repent must be given hope, comfort and encouragement. While it may seem to many that our nation is a long way from repentance, God can and will bring us a long way in a short time when that time comes.

The fact that our nation will repent and turn to God is clearly foretold in Bible prophecy. Already there are indications that this prodigal nation is beginning to awaken, and will soon come to its senses. Jeremiah

"I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."

If the United States of America is not the great nation called "Zion" in Bible prophecy t\hen another nation much greater than the United States must arise before the present age of sorrow and strife can close. We have found it repeatedly stated in the prophecy of Isaiah that a nation, greatly blessed of God, would arise in a vast wilderness to be a light and a help to other nations "in the last days."

Up to this point we have considered the prophecies of Isaiah. Now we shall give thought to the prophecies relative to Zion found in the prophecy of Jeremiah.

We begin our study at the 12th verse of Jeremiah chapter 3. There Jeremiah is given the following instruction and message; and please note, Jeremiah was to go NORTH and speak to Israel:

Jeremiah 3:12-14 states: "Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the LORD; and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you: for I am merciful, saith the LORD, and I will not keep anger for ever. Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against the LORD thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith the LORD. Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."

In these three beautiful verses we find a brief history of the Anglo-Saxon people, formerly known as the Ten Tribes of Israel, who in Jeremiah's time were north of Palestine beginning their trek north-

ward and westward into Europe. The Judah nation, as you perhaps know, was still in Palestine and was later taken east into the Babylonian captivity.

Tenderly and lovingly God asked backsliding Israel to return to Him and His ways as He spoke to them through the Prophet Jeremiah. While our forefathers did not at this time heed the message of God through the prophet, neither they nor their backsliding could hinder the fulfillment of the prophecy found in verse 11 where God stated: "I will take you one of a city and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion."

As we consider the history of ten-tribed Israel from the time of Jeremiah, we find that they did not repent and turn to God as they continued their northward trek into Europe. Consequently, the prophesied seven times of punishment of 2,520 years fell upon them.

Ten-tribed Israel began its sinful Baal worship in 929 B.C. Historically, this is recorded in I Kings 12:28,29 where we read:

"Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold, and said unto them, It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. And he set the one in Bethel, and the other put he in Dan."

The Great Reformation in Europe came 2,520 years later. And 2,520 years from the beginning of Israel's captivity in 711 B.C. brings us to 1780 the war for America's independence and the adoption of the United States' Constitution.

The founding of our nation was in fulfillment of Jeremiah's prophecy in chapter

3, verse 14 which states: "I will take you (Anglo-Saxondom) one of a city, and two of a family, and 1 will bring you to Zion."

No nation in history has been settled and developed by "one of a city, and two of a family" in the manner our America was populated. From all of the nations of Anglo-Saxondom they came: young men and women driven by a strange and strong desire to set foot on American soil.

We discover a remarkable statement of what God would do for those of Israel (Anglo-Saxondom) who would migrate to Zion (America) in the 15th verse of Jeremiah 3.

God declares: "And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding."

"Knowledge and understanding" was to be given to these people living in Zion after the seven times of punishment had expired. Would anyone deny that God gave our Founding Fathers knowledge and understanding? Would anyone consider our vast systems of production, distribution and communication and then deny that God has given us as a nation knowledge and understanding?

The word "pastors" in Jeremiah 3:15 is defined in the Hebrew as those who rule and lead and it is not necessarily limited to those who feed people spiritual knowledge and understanding; even though in that realm also we as a nation have been especially blessed.

Jeremiah continued the prophecy concerning the Zion nation of Bible prophecy in verse 16. There he wrote: "And it shall come to pass, when ye be multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith

the LORD, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of the LORD; neither shall it come to mind: neither shall they remember it: neither shall they visit it; neither shall that be done any more."

In other words, the people in this Zion nation were to multiply and increase. One of the most phenomenal increases of population in history has taken place in the United States of America.

The fact that "the Ark of the Covenant" would no more be visited or remembered indicates that this Zion nation would come into being after the ceremonial ordinances of the Old Scripture had been fulfilled and put away by the death and resurrection of the Christ.

Jeremiah 3:19 gives another clear reference to our nation. It states: "But I said, How shall I put thee among the children, and give thee a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations? And I said, Thou shalt call me, My father: and shalt not turn away from me." Here God promises to give this nation called "Zion" a pleasant land, a goodly heritage of the hosts of nations. The Moffatt translation calls this heritage "the fairest heritage of any nation," and the Goodspeed reads, "the goodliest heritage of all the nations!"

Can anyone deny we have been given a pleasant land, the fairest and goodliest of heritages?

In the 17th verse of Jeremiah 3 we are confronted with the question as to whether the word "Jerusalem" means ancient, literal Jerusalem or the New and symbolic Jerusalem which John saw as a great nation in the end time.

While it is very evident from some

scripture passages that Jerusalem is sometimes used in prophecy as a name of our blessed nation, there are also indications in Scripture that after the present age has passed away literal Jerusalem will again be exalted, used and honored by the Lord.

The fact that the word "Jerusalem" is used to symbolize a way of life as well as the name of a literal city is evident from Zechariah 12:6. There we read:". . . Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem."

We shall now consider the 17th verse of Jeremiah 3 and seek to determine which Jerusalem is meant: "At that time they shall call Jerusalem the throne of the LORD; and all the nations shall be gathered unto it, to the name of the LORD, to Jerusalem: neither shall they walk any more after the imagination of their evil heart."

The nations of the earth are already looking to the United States of America, symbolic Jerusalem: and the United States of America is much more in a position to lead and teach other nations in the way of Kingdom principles than ancient, literal Jerusalem.

One should always bear in mind that, while we are commanded to study and teach Bible prophecy, even at best we see only in part; and there are some prophecies that time alone can interpret. "Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the LORD; neither be dismayed, O Israel; for, lo, I will save thee from afar."

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

In verse 2, Jeremiah was told, ". . . Write thee all the records that I have spoken unto thee in a book." Verse 3 indicates that this 30th chapter was to have a far distant future fulfillment. In verse 3 God states: "For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they shall possess it."

Many Bible teachers insist that the expression, "the land that I gave to their fathers," refers exclusively to the little land of Palestine, but such can hardly be the case.

Early in the first book of the Bible, God promised that the descendants of Abraham, namely, the Anglo-Saxons, now the nations of Christendom, would become many nations and a great multitude of people. It stands to reason that a people that were to become many nations, and also build the greatest single nation in history, would have to have more territory than little Palestine.

We shall cite only two of many scriptures which declare that Israel was to have much more space and territory than Palestine.

In Deuteronomy 32:8-14 we find a scripture, which states that Israel, or the Anglo-Saxons, would have all the territory their number required. This scripture states that the Israel people would be led and directed by God into a land of great wealth, riches and resources.

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel, For the LORD'S

portion is His people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. He found him in a desert land, and in the waste howling wilderness; he led him about, he instructed him, he kept him as the apple of his eye.

"As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him. He made him ride on the high places of the earth, that he might eat the increase of the fields; and he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil out of the flinty rock; Butter of kine, and milk of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of kidneys of wheat; and thou didst drink the pure blood of the grape."

Another scripture which very definitely states that the Israel people, now known as Anglo-Saxons, would possess and occupy territory other than Palestine is II Samuel 7:10. As we read this verse remember that Israel was in Palestine at the time this promise was given. It states: "Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime."

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

Without any doubt, the Anglo-Saxons will eventually be forced by circumstances to take over the jurisdiction of Palestine, as well as that of many other nations, thereby fulfilling God's promises to the

fathers and the prophecies of the prophets; but the bringing back of the captivity of Israel and Judah must not be limited to Palestine.

The Moffatt Bible translates the statement "I will bring the captivity of my people Israel and Judah," as found in the King James translation, to "I will restore the fortunes of my people Israel and Judah." God has actually begun to restore the fortunes of the Anglo-Saxon people without bringing them all back to Palestine.

He has already restored the Anglo-Saxons to a place of world leadership among the nations; He has again made them a very wealthy people, and greatly increased their number.

Verses 4 through 8 of Jeremiah 30 very clearly deal with the present time of great distress, trouble and danger for the Anglo-Saxon people.

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

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

Verse 8 of Jeremiah 30 names one great evil and troublemaker from which the Anglo-Saxons are to be saved and delivered. This verse declares:

"For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst

thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him."

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

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

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

Jeremiah lived in Palestine when he prophesied concerning Israel that "I (God) will save thee from afar." America is "afar" from Palestine. Our Founding Fathers returned to, and restored, much of God's civil administration.

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

"Why criest thou for thine affliction? thy sorrow is incurable for the multitude of thine iniquity: because thy sins were increased, I have done these things unto thee. Therefore all they that devour thee

shall be devoured; and all thine adversaries, every one of them, shall go into captivity; and they that spoil thee shall be a spoil, and all that prey upon thee will I give for a prey."

No great and strong nation in history has been devoured, spoiled and made prey of as has the United States of America. While our own iniquity has brought all of this upon us, God has promised to deliver America.

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

But God has promised our nation, "I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds."

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

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

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

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

Verse 21 gives a further unique characteristic of our nation. It states: "And their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is this that engaged his heart to approach unto me? saith the LORD."

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

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

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

The fact that God has singularly blessed America no intelligent person will deny. The God of the Bible could speak of

no nation as "my people" who did not officially recognize the Christ.

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

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

Here we are in the "latter days" considering Jeremiah's prophecy. The "whirlwind" spoken of in verse 3 refers to the present unprecedented upheaval, turmoil and confusion among men and nations. Certainly the last 40 years have witnessed "the fierce anger of the Lord," and the end is not yet.

God's purpose with all the trouble and distress of nations, according to Jeremiah and all the other prophets, is to subdue and destroy the wicked in preparation for the time when God's will will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

The Apostle Peter in II Peter, chapter 3, prophesied concerning these last days. In verses 6 and 7 he wrote: "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: but the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

In verse 13 Peter wrote: "Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for a new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

"New heavens and a new earth" means a renewed or cleansed heavens and a renewed and cleansed earth. This cleansing of the earth in preparation for the full manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth does not take place in an instant, neither does it occur in all the earth simultaneously.

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

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

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

And certainly, when compared with other nations, The United States of America has been a place of rest and quiet, and no nation has frightened them into submission.

It seems apparent that verses 11 through 15 deal with the present time of distress, anxiety and danger which "we the people" of the United States of America are passing through, including the dark days immediately ahead.

We shall read verse 11: "All thy lovers have forgotten thee: they seek thee not; for I have wounded thee with the wound

of an enemy, with the chastisement of a cruel one, for the multitude of thine iniquity; because thy sins were increased."

The Moffatt Bible translates the first part of verse 11 as follows; "All your allies have forgotten you, they care nothing for you."

Already we are discovering that our lovers, our so-called allies, are forgetting us, and are seeking to sell us on the impossible and dangerous idea of co-existence with the leaders of World Communism. Co-existence with the people of Russia is one thing, but co-existence with the worldwide communistic conspirators is something altogether different.

"Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion"

As we read verses 10 through 11 of Jeremiah keep in mind the question, Is this prophecy now in the process of being fulfilled in the North American wilderness, or is it in little Palestine where the great and blessed Zion-nation is being established in these last days?

"Hear the word of the LORD, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock. For the LORD hath redeemed Jacob, and ransomed him from the hand of him that was stronger than he. Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and the young of the flock and of the herd; and their soul (or lives) shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all. "Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, both young men and old together: for I will turn their mourning into joy, and will

comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow. And I will satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the LORD."

Let us now analyze this beautiful and comforting prophecy. Note that Jeremiah says,

"Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and declare it in the isles (or coast lands) afar off." That which Jeremiah was about to foretell was to be of interest and value to nations, and it was to be declared in the isles and coast lands afar off from Palestine, where Jeremiah lived and prophesied.

The first statement Jeremiah makes in this prophecy is, "He that scattered Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock."

Israel, or the Anglo-Saxons as they are now called, were in the British Isles and the coast lands of Europe when God began the stir among them, leading and shepherding them to the place of their regathering in the North American wilderness. And as Jeremiah implied, this regathering and shepherding of the Isaac-sons, or Saxons, from the Isles of Britain, Scandinavia and the coast lands of Europe has had great meaning and blessing to "O ye nations."

In no time and in no nation has the shepherd-hand of God been more manifest since the time of Jeremiah than in the regathering of the Anglo-Saxons in this North American wilderness. Begin with the sailing and the landing of the Pilgrims, and then consider our nation up to the present time, and you will understand what Jeremiah meant when he wrote, "He that scattered Israel will gath-

er him, and keep him, as a shepherd doth his flock."

It is utterly unscriptural to speak of any people who reject Jesus Christ as being shepherded by God. To do that God would have to deny Himself and repudiate His Word, both the Old and the New Scriptures.

In verse 11 Jeremiah prophesied God would ransom Jacob (the Anglo-Saxons) from him that was stronger than he."

And so He did. Between 741 and 721 B.C. the Assyrians were strong enough to carry tentribed Israel and much of Judah into the Assyrian captivity. In II Kings, 17:6 we find the following:

"In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes."

But these Israel people were ransomed from the Assyrian, and instead of remaining as their captives and slaves, they formed themselves into bands, worked their way through the Caucasus Mountains' pass, and escaped into Europe. These Israel people took advantage of Assyria's wars with other powers of that day to make good their migration into Europe.

Verse 12 is unmistakably a prophetic description of our blessed and favored land. We shall read it again: "Therefore they shall come and sing in the height of Zion, and shall flow together to the goodness of the LORD, for wheat, and for wine, and for oil, and for the young of the flock and of the herd: and their soul shall be as a watered garden; and they shall not sorrow any more at all."

The expression, "and they shall not sorrow any more at all," does not mean that as individuals we would not have sorrow. It means that as a nation and as a land we would not sorrow as the nations of the Old World have known sorrow.

Jeremiah's statement, "they shall come and sing in the height of Zion," indicates at least three things: The fact the people sing indicates freedom and opportunity, and this needs no comment, for all the earth recognizes our land as a land of freedom and opportunity.

"In the height of Zion" indicates the land and nation of Israel's regathering would be a high, or great, and strong nation. "Zion" also indicates its form of government would be scriptural. Note, that it is its form of government, and this must not be confused with its various administrations. The statement, "and shall flow together," would imply that as these Israel people came to this land of their restoration, they would be divided, as we know they were in thirteen colonies and thirteen states, but they flowed together and became one nation.

The words "wheat," "oil," "flock," "herd," and "as a watered garden," all prophesy of the great wealth and prosperity that was to come to this North American wilderness under the blessing of God and the labor of those who have had the good fortune of living in America. Verses 13 and 14 of Jeremiah 31 should need little comment, for they continue the same line of thought as we found in verse 12; namely, that this New Order of the Ages, established here in this wilderness, would offer a much higher and better way of life for "the virgin," the "young men," and the "old." Verse 14 prophesies that the clergy and all the people would fare much better in this new land.

Nowhere in Bible prophecy are we told that this Zion-nation of the last days would be a perfect or righteous nation. On the other hand, we find it repeatedly stated that the great and favored nation called "Zion" in Bible prophecy would, at the time of the second coming of the Christ, be full of corruption and wickedness, and in desperate need of cleansing. Not only is this repeatedly stated in prophecy, as we have shown; it is also the theme of a number of the Lord's parables, such as the parable of the tares and the parable of the good and bad fish in Matthew 13.

It is also well to remember that there was much wickedness and corruption among God's earthly kingdom people throughout the Old Scripture times, even during the administration of such men as Moses and David. It is because of the wickedness and corruption in our midst that we as a nation must have our baptism of fire and pass through our crucifixion experience. We are already being betrayed and denied by our so-called friends, therefore our crucifixion and resurrection must be near at hand.

The Psalms

"For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation."

It would be strange indeed if the Psalms, so full of prophecy, had no statement relative to the greatest nation in all history, a nation founded on Scriptural principles.

Undoubtedly, one reason why many have failed to see the United States of America in the Psalms is because they have assumed that the word "Zion" always refers to something in Palestine.

The first reference we read is from Psalm 132. Verses 13 and 14 state: "For the LORD hath chosen Zion; he hath desired it for his habitation. This is my rest for ever: here will I dwell; for I have desired it." Here we learn Zion is a place where the Lord would manifest His presence, blessing and favor.

Verses 15 and 16 state specifically what these blessings would be: "I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread. I will also clothe her priests with salvation: and her saints shall shout aloud for joy."

There was to be an abundance of provision and plenty of bread in this Zion-nation. According to verse 16, both the clergy and the people were to realize they lived in a blessed and favored land.

Verse 17 is interesting and significant. It states: "There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed."

In this Zion-nation there was to be a bud and a lamp. A "bud" is a small beginning of something that will later come into full bloom and fruitage. The "horn of David" which was to bud in this land could only mean that David's form of administration would bud and have its full bloom, or manifestation, in this Zion-nation.

"A lamp" is a light that shows the way and dispels darkness.

Before we consider verse 18, let us ask ourselves, "Is there a land today where God has in a very marked manner manifested His presence, blessing and favor? And, does that land have an abundance of provision? and do the people have plenty of bread? Are all the people, including the

priests (the clergy), aware of the fact that they live in a desirable land?" The answer is self-evident.

Even apprehended spies and traitors are so aware of the advantages of living in America that they prefer being in jail in the United States rather than having freedom in the U. S. S. R.

No person at all familiar with the reign and administration of King David will fail to see that our Constitutional Republic is a "bud" from the horn, or rule, of King David. Furthermore, no person familiar with modern history will deny that our form of government, based on the civil and moral laws of the Bible, as was David's administration, has been a lamp and a light to many men and nations.

The fact that this prophecy in Psalm 132:13-18 was to come to pass in the present age, and before the Millennial reign of the Christ, is evident from verse 18 which speaks of the enemies of this Zion-nation. During the Kingdom reign of the Christ, which follows the present age, there will be no enemy to be clothed with shame.

Verse 18 of Psalm 132 reads as follows: "His enemies will I clothe with shame: but upon himself shall his crown flourish."

The "enemies" which God will clothe with shame are our own spies and traitors, and the world-wide communistic and anti-Christ conspiracy which has as its main objective the destruction of our form of government and our way of life.

The "crown" which is to flourish and spread throughout the earth is our form of government, which is based upon the laws, statutes, judgments and commandments of God.

"Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion."

We shall now turn to Psalm 147 and read verses 12 through 15: "Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem; praise thy God, O Zion."

The words "Jerusalem" and "Zion," as we have repeatedly shown when used as symbolic names in Bible prophecy, are used as the name of a great nation in the "last days." Remember, John saw a New Jerusalem in a great and high mountain, meaning a great and strong nation. "Jerusalem" of Revelation 21:10 is a symbolic name signifying a way of life based upon the Word of God.

Verses 13, 14, and 15 of Psalm 147 state why this nation called "Zion" and the "New Jerusalem" should praise the Lord. They read as follows: "For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children within thee. He maketh peace in thy borders, and filleth thee with the finest of the wheat. He sendeth forth his commandment upon earth: his word runneth very swiftly."

Is it not significant that although the United States of America is one of the youngest nations among the great nations, it is from America that God is actually sending out His Word very swiftly by radio throughout the earth? Why are not the great Christian radio broadcasts, which give forth the Word of God, emanating from India, China, Russia, Britain, France, Spain or Germany? Because they are not Zion.

Will anyone question or deny that God has strengthened the bars of our gates, or made the United States of America a strong nation, and that our children are blessed by merely being born in America?

Will anyone dispute the fact that we have had peace and tranquility within our borders surpassing that of any nation of the Old World? And certainly we all agree that God has filled our land with the finest of wheat!

"Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come."

We find the following concerning the nation called "Zion" in Bible prophecy in Psalm 102:13: "Thou shalt arise, and have mercy upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come." Here we are told what is so often stated in prophetic scripture, that God would show great mercy and favor upon the nation called "Zion" in Bible prophecy.

Verse 14 of Psalm 102 states: "For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, and favour the dust thereof." This verse indicates that "Zion" of Bible prophecy would be founded upon the stones, that is, the basic principles of David's rule in ancient, literal Zion.

Verse 15 gives the time in human history when this favored nation would arise, and God's long range purpose in showing such great mercy and favor to this one particular nation, namely, the United States of America. Inverse 15 we read, "So the heathen shall fear the name of the LORD, and all the kings of the earth thy glory."

"When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory."

As we have seen in other similar prophecies relative to our nation, we find it stated here that God desires to use the North American wilderness in these last days to teach by demonstration all

nations, including the heathen nations, that God's national and civil set up is far superior to that devised by mere men.

Verse 16 of Psalm 102 informs us that the building up of the Zion-nation of Bible prophecy would be a sign that the appearance of our Lord and Savior was near at hand. It tells us that, "When the LORD shall build up Zion, he shall appear in his glory."

Turning to Psalm 87 we shall read verses 1 and 2: "His foundation is in the holy mountains. The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob." Is it not quite evident that the LORD loves the United States of America in that He has blessed and favored us beyond any of the other Anglo-Saxon nations?

"His foundation is in the holy mountains" would seem to mean that God had a hand in the founding of this nation of many states, and that on this foundation God would continue to build.

The following beautiful verse is the 3rd verse of Psalm 87: "Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God." Indeed, glorious things are spoken of our nation in Bible prophecy. The word "city" in verse 3 is used to signify a way of life, as it often is in prophetic scripture.

The whole 87th Psalm deals with nations and the various ways of life of the nations of earth.

In verse 4 we read, "I will make mention of Rahab (Egypt) and Babylon to them that know me: behold Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia; this man was born there."

Verse 5 speaks of Zion and declares: "And of Zion it shall be said, This and that

man was born in her: and the highest himself shall establish her." In this verse we learn that the Highest Himself would establish this Zion-nation. To establish means to erect; render sure; prosper; fashion. Is it not evident that God did erect our nation, and is it not evident He has preserved and prospered us? Therefore cannot we trust Him to fashion our nation? The expression "this man was born in her" indicates that there would be great advantages in being born in America rather than in the places mentioned in verse 4.

Verse 6 of Psalm 87 brings forth the thought that a great cleansing is in the mind of God for our nation. It states: "The LORD shall count, when he writteth up the people, that this man was born there." "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!"

When God bringeth back the captivity of his people, Jacob shall rejoice, and Israel shall be glad."

Verse 7 of Psalm 11 is identical in meaning with Psalm 53:6. Both verses are prayers for the salvation or deliverance of Israel (Anglo-Saxondom) that was to come out of Zion.

While great rejoicing and gladness has come to the Anglo-Saxons due to the restoration that God has established in the North American wilderness, it is apparent from Prophetic Scripture that God has ordained to use Zion (America) to deliver the nations of Anglo-Saxondom, or Christendom, from World Communism which is its greatest threat and its worst enemy.

Millions of people in both Europe and Asia have cried, "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion," or, Oh that

America would intervene and deliver us from the Kremlin. Remember Finland, Estonia, Lithuania, Latvia, Poland, East Germany, Nationalist China, Korea and others!

We must ever keep in mind the often repeated statement found in both the Prophetic Scriptures and the Kingdom Parables, that the Zion-nation, which we have every reason to believe is our nation, must and will have a tremendous cleansing as the present age closes.

If we lose sight of this fact we shall be greatly confused and bewildered in the days immediately ahead, and we will be unable to bring light, comfort and hope to our fellowmen.

As we continue our study of passages in the Psalms that refer to the Zion-nation, which we believe is the United States of America, we shall now turn to Psalm 53:6 where we read: "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion!"

Another interpretation we could give to, "Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion," would be that Israel's national deliverance lies in her willingness to honor God's national laws, and administer them, which is symbolized by the word "Zion."

"Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion."

Psalm 48 is a very beautiful Psalm. It gives a prophetic preview of the great renaissance that will come to our land, and the blessing our land will be to the other nations and peoples of the earth after we have had our fire baptism and have been cleansed of all anti-Christ forces.

We shall read from Psalm 48, and comment briefly as we read. Verse 1. "Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness." "In the mountain of his holiness" means in the nation He has chosen and dedicated unto Himself.

Verse 2. "Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King." Already the United States of America is "beautiful for situation," and already it has brought joy and comfort to millions. But how much more this will be true after our land and nation has become truly Christian and Scriptural!

Verse 3. "God is known in her palaces for a refuge." Palaces are places of civil administration, and this verse states what is repeatedly declared in Bible prophecy, that even the civil authorities of our nation will be compelled to turn wholeheartedly to the Lord before our present struggle with World Communism is over.

As we read verses 4 through 6, note how rulers of other nations would come to our shores and marvel; note also what will happen to those who are our enemies and would destroy our nation:

"For, lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together. They saw it, and so they marvelled; they were troubled, and hasted away. Fear took hold upon them there, and pain, as of a woman in travail."

Verses 7 through 8 foretell of God's intervention in our behalf.

Verses 9 and 10 read as follows: "We have thought of thy loving kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple. According

to thy name, O God, so is thy praise unto the ends of the earth: thy right hand is full of righteousness."

In verse 11 we read: "Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments." "The daughters of Judah," as we have shown before, is a term used in prophecy to designate the people and nation that worship the one true God, and Jesus the Christ, the Son of God.

"The daughters of Judah" must not be confused with the tribe of Judah or the word "Jew."

Verse 11 calls upon our nation, and all the nations of Christendom, to rejoice and be glad "because of thy judgments," that is, God's judgments upon the rulers and nations of heathendom that are now plotting our destruction.

Verses 12, 13, and 11 of Psalm 48 make it plain that Zion was to be a great, strong, and beautiful nation, and that God would be our God for ever and ever.

"Walk about Zion, and go round about her: tell the towers thereof. Mark ye well her bulwarks, consider her palaces; that ye may tell it to the generation following. For this God is our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death."

"The LORD hear thee in the day of trouble."

In the 20th Psalm, King David foresaw Jacob, the Anglo-Saxons as they are now called, in great trouble and danger. David made a rather strange prayer for the Anglo-Saxon people living in this particular period of trouble and danger.

Verses 1 and 2 of Psalm 20 read as follows: "The LORD hear thee in the day of

trouble; the name of the God of Jacob defend thee; Send thee of the Anglo-Saxon nations of Christendom in help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out Europe would today be under the hammer and of Zion." sickle standard.

All the inspired writers who have written concerning our day have foretold great trouble and distress for the nations of Christendom in the end time, the time in which we are now living.

Jeremiah wrote in chapter 30, verse 7, concerning our time: "Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble, but he shall be saved out of it."

Daniel, in chapter 12, verse 1, wrote: "And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book."

Jesus our Lord and Saviour said, as recorded in Luke 21: 25, that "There shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring."

Is it not significant, if not strange, that as David prays for Jacob (Anglo-Saxondom) in their present trouble, distress and danger, he adds "strengthen thee out of Zion?" The word "strengthen" is rendered support in the margin of the King James' Bible.

We are passing through a time of unprecedented trouble, distress and danger for Jacob, Anglo-Saxondom. In this

time of trouble for Britain, France, Germany and all the other nations, Zion-America has been a source of strength and support. In fact, if it had not been for the strength and support of Zion-America, all While the entire 20th Psalm has lessons and applications for our time, we should note especially the three last verses, verses 7, 8, and 9 of Psalm 20, which remind us of the fact that we as a nation shall be compelled to turn to and trust in God. They read as follows:

"Some trust in chariots, and some in horses; but we will remember the name of the LORD our God. They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen, and stand upright. Save, LORD: let the king hear us when we call."

"Save, LORD," will be our nation-wide prayer, for our deliverance from the power and plot of World Communism will involve making Christ the Lord our KING.

"That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion..."

In Psalm 9 David prays that God would spare his life that he might show forth, or declare, and prophesy concerning the daughter of Zion.

Since ancient, literal Zion was the place where King David lived and reigned, "the daughter of Zion" must be a nation whose civil administration is based on the same Divine laws and principles that David's administration was based upon.

Note as we read from Psalm 9 that "this daughter of Zion" would come into being and become a source of praise and deliverance at the time when God would bring judgment upon the heathen, and cause all nations to honor Him.

We begin reading at verse 13 of Psalm 9: "Have mercy upon me, O LORD; consider my trouble which I suffer of them that hate me, thou that liftest me up from the gates of death."

In verse 14, David states why he prays to be spared: "That I may shew forth all thy praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion: I will rejoice in thy salvation."

Some might say that David was merely referring to his own time, but that such was not the case becomes evident when we continue reading the balance of Psalm 9-which we shall do, noting that David had in mind some future time when the heathen and all nations that forget God would vanish from off the face of the earth.

Verses 15 through 20 of Psalm 9 read as follows:

"The heathen are sunk down in the pit that they made: in the net which they hid is their own foot taken. The LORD is known by the judgment which he executeth: the wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. Higgaion. Selah. The wicked shall be turned into hell, and all the nations that forget God.

"For the needy shall not alway be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. Arise, O LORD; let not man prevail: let the heathen be judged in thy sight. Put them in fear, O LORD: that the nations may know themselves to be but men. Selah."

"The expectation of the poor" has been greatly enhanced in America-Zion of Bible prophecy.

Just as the Zion of David's day was not perfect, so our nation, the Zion of prophe-

cy, is not perfect; but like Zion of old, it will be preserved and used of God to usher in the New Order of the Ages throughout the earth.

"Yet I have set my reign upon my holy hill of Zion."

The tremendous upheaval, turmoil and raging in heathendom today are signs that the heathen religions and God defying rulers have come to-the end of their allotted time.

This reminds us of Psalm 2 where we find the following in verses 1 and 2: "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed.

Many Bible students have taught that the "anointed" in verse 2, of Psalm 2, refers to the Christ, but there are several indications that such is not the case. The word "anointed" in Psalm 2:2 is not capitalized, and in verse 3 the "anointed" is referred to as being many. It speaks of "their bands" and "their cords."

Therefore, the "anointed" against whom the heathen rage and imagine a vain thing, and the kings and rulers of the earth take counsel against, are a people. This attack is "against the LORD and against his anointed."

Bible students who see only the personal and spiritual message of the Bible will imagine that the "anointed" in Psalm 2:2 against whom the heathen rage and plot is the Church, the body of Christ. But the Church has never had bands and cords that restricted the heathen and held them in check. The word "bands" is defined as meaning chastisement, a halter or restraint.

The word "cords" has a similar meaning. Therefore the Lord's "anointed" must be a people upon whom the Lord has poured His Spirit in revival fires, who have had many and great spiritual revivals.

In view of this we ask the question, What people have chastised, restricted, and held heathen forces in check? The answer is, the Anglo-Saxons of recent history, especially the United States of America and Great Britain.

Verses 4, 5 and 6 relate God's reaction and attitude toward the raging of the heathen, and the counsel of World Communism, which plot the destruction of Western civilization:

"He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the LORD shall have them in derision. Then shall he speak unto them in his wrath, and vex them in his sore displeasure. Yet have I set my king upon my holy hill of Zion."

The word "king" in verse 6, which is not capitalized, could be rendered reign, making verse 6 read: "Yet I have set my reign upon my Holy Hill of Zion."

Zion, as we have repeatedly shown, was to be a great nation springing forth in a vast wilderness in the "last days," which nation we are compelled to believe is the United States of America.

Notice that God had already set up this "Zion" before the time the heathen began their present unprecedented raging. The UNO is a dramatic and daring fulfillment of the Psalmist's prophecy that the rulers of the earth would assemble, or send, their representatives to take counsel to destroy our Constitutional Republic. Instead of making an emergency exit with

a few followers, and abandoning the earth to some great antichrist, the Lord will have our enemies in derision, vex them, and destroy them in His wrath.

Verses 7, 8, and 9 contain a Divine decree, not of retreat and withdrawal, but of victory and triumph for Christ and Christendom right here on earth:

"I will declare the decree: the LORD hath said unto me, Thou art my Son; this day have I begotten thee. Ask of me, and I shall give thee the heathen for thine inheritance, and the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession. Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Beware of and avoid any religious group that does not honor the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God, man's one and only Saviour; for God is now at work blotting all such heathen religions from off the face of the earth. The darkened minds of the leaders of World Communism have never realized the fact that they are being used of God to destroy unscriptural and antichrist religions, and that in turn they themselves will be swept off the face of the earth.

In verses 10, 11 and 12 the Psalmist was inspired to direct his message to the kings and the rulers of the earth-not to preachers and evangelists-and he warns those that have survived God's day of wrath to be wise, be instructed, and to honor the Christ or they too will perish.

These three verses read as follows: "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little. Blessed are all they that put their trust in him."

The last sentence in this Psalm is very comforting and reassuring to every Christian. We may all make it our own, for it states: "Blessed are all they that put their trust in Him." meaning THE SON, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus the Christ.

The Minor Prophets

The lying propaganda that has flooded the earth in our lifetime under the guise of being news, and which is largely indirectly responsible for the condition the nations of the earth are in, is symbolically foretold in Revelation 16:13,11:

"And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty."

"The dragon" symbolizes Satan and his monster plan to establish his world rule with the strength, subtlety, and persistence of a dragon.

"The beast" in prophetic scripture always symbolizes unscriptural governments, such as the secret rulers and leaders of World Communism.

"The false prophet" symbolizes the many religions of today who claim to worship God but deny the claims of Jesus Christ, His virgin birth, and His blood atonement.

"Frogs" are quite innocent and helpless creatures, capable of being greatly inflated. Frogs have large mouths and swallow big flies, or lies, very freely, and they are able to send forth their croaking or prop,aganda incessantly.

The concentrated smear attacks which we have witnessed since World War I being directed against every loyal American who has dared from his place of authority and influence to speak out effectively against internationalism is, undoubtedly, traceable to the unclean and lying spirits of Revelation 16:13.

However, we must not fret over evildoers, for God has allowed all this for the eventual good of all the earth. There is a saying to the effect that "those whom God would destroy He first makes mad."

The lying propaganda which has been poured out in recent years is actually accomplishing that which John in Revelation foretold; it is gathering the whole world together to the battle of that Great day of God Almighty.

Micah

"And thou, O tower of the flock, the stronghold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem.

"Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion." In the 4th chapter of his prophecy, the Prophet Micah was inspired to write concerning our time and our nation.

Verse 1 states, "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain 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 we are told, as we are in so many prophetic scriptures, that in the last days the Kingdom of God, or restored Israel, would be a great nation; and people would flow unto it, that is, they would seek to enter it.

With this in mind, and remembering that we have repeatedly shown that the United States is the Zion-nation of Bible prophecy, we shall consider the three last verses of Micah 4.

"Now also many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let her be defiled, and let our eye look upon Zion. But they know not the thoughts of the LORD, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor.

"Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord of the whole earth."

In verse 13 Micah addresses himself to the people and nation called "daughter of Zion," and under the inspiration of God commands:

"Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the Lord, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

In the light of world conditions and the recent decision of our leaders to use nuclear weapons if and when Russia and her many satellites move against us-as they will-this verse needs no comment.

These three verses are similar to those in Revelation 16:13,14, and both passages refer to the time when the Lord will judge the nations of earth, and manifest His earthly rule and authority.

In verse 11 Micah foresaw many nations gathered against Zion who said:

"Let her be defiled." The word "defiled" means morally corrupted. It is becoming increasingly apparent that the leaders of World Communism are doing everything in their power to corrupt the people of these United States, the Zion-nation. Volumes have been written on this subject.

In the next verse Micah implies that God has a secret design in allowing this federation of many nations, under the leadership of history's worst corrupters, to come against our nation. He says, "But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, neither understand they his counsel: for he shall gather them as the sheaves into the floor."

Sheaves that are gathered for the floor are gathered for a terrible beating and to be trampled under foot.

God will use their attack on us as a means of sanctifying us unto the Lord and His Kingdom laws and principles, and as a means of threshing away the bondage, darkness, ignorance, and superstitions of heathendom.

In giving the Atomic bomb first to the United States of America, God gave this Zion-nation the greatest threshing instrument in all history. We could have spared ourselves and millions of other lives, if we had realized our responsibility to God and the smaller nations of the earth relative to the spread of One-World Communism.

If we as a nation had known our identity, and God appointed destiny, and the national and international laws of the Bible, we would have threshed the men in the Kremlin many years ago. We would have done as Joshua, Samuel, and David did to the lawless rulers and nations of their day.

In view of our belief that the United States is Zion of Bible prophecy, Micah 4:8 is a very significant verse. It reads as follows: "And thou, O tower of the flock, the strong hold of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall it come, even the first dominion; the kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem."

The "daughter of Jerusalem" and the "daughter of Zion" is a nation founded upon the principles of ancient, literal Jerusalem and Zion, and that means it is a nation such as ours founded upon the Word of God. Notice carefully that it does not say "mother Jerusalem," but "daughter."

The most significant statement in this verse is that the first dominion, the Kingdom, was to come to this nation called "daughter of Zion" and "daughter of Jerusalem" in the end time.

In Matthew 21:43 Jesus predicted: "Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof." The kingdom of God (not personal salvation) was to be taken from the Jewish people and given to "a nation." The Kingdom of God was not to be given to many nations or to all the earth simultaneously. "The first dominion," or first manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth, was to be in Zion.

The nation to whom the Kingdom of God was to be given is identified by Jesus in Matthew 25:31-46 as a people who gave food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, clothes to the naked, and who sought to bring cheer and comfort to those who were sick and in prison.

The United States of America has done more to feed the hungry, clothe the naked,

and help those in distress and need than any nation in history although we are still in our infancy so far as age is concerned.

Zechariah

"The Redeemer shall come to Zion."

How can we harmonize the 14th chapter of Zechariah with the teaching that the United States is Zion, especially verse 4 of Zechariah 14: There we read: "And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives. which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

In the first place, the word "Zion" does not appear in the 14th chapter of Zechariah. The 14th chapter of Zechariah deals with God's judgment upon, and subsequent deliverance for, literal Palestine and Jerusalem.

The fact that God gathered all nations against ancient, literal Jerusalem is a matter of history; and the fact that, the heathen forces are now being mustered by World Communism to come against the New Jerusalem nation in the North American wilderness is very apparent.

The statement in verse 4 of Zechariah 14 that, the Lord would stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives neither proves nor disproves the location of the Zion-nation of Bible prophecy. To my knowledge the Mount of Olives is never used as a symbolic term in prophecy as is Zion and Jerusalem.

Among other things, the 14th chapter of Zechariah declares that a great and

dreadful earthquake is coming to the little land of Palestine, causing people to flee as they fled during the earthquake in the days of Uzziah.

The fact that the Lord will accomplish a thorough purge, and establish and reveal Himself as Lord and King in ancient, literal Jerusalem of Palestine does not make Palestine the Zion-nation of Bible prophecy.

We shall now turn to the 89th chapter of Isaiah and consider a passage which some — in light of Zechariah 14:4 — think establishes the Zion-nation of the end time in Palestine. Let us read verses 19, 20 and 21 (Both the text and the context give the time of the fulfillment of this prophecy as the "last days."): "So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him. And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.

"As for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the LORD; My spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed's seed, saith the LORD, from henceforth and for ever."

Certainly this passage does not describe Jewry; for here we have the Zion people very definitely identified as a people upon whom God's Spirit has moved, and a people out of whose mouth the Word of God "shall not depart." Zion is further identified as a people who have turned from transgression in Jacob, for they have turned to God's civil administration.

When the Pilgrims and our Founding Fathers established the New Order of the Ages in America, they turned from the national transgression in Jacob; therefore God has kept His promise and poured out His Spirit and blessings upon us.

"And when the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him (or put him to flight)." Note, the word "enemy" is singular in number; it is World Communism.

Note also, it is "the Spirit of the Lord" that shall lift up a standard against the enemy, not necessarily the physical manifestation of the Lord. The evil intent of the enemy's flood is that it might take out of our mouths and out of our nation the Word of God.

The Zion-nation of Isaiah 59:19-21 was to have the Spirit of God and the Word of God in its midst in the end time when an enemy is to come in as a flood. Would you say the Spirit of God and the Word of God is more manifest in Palestine than in America in these "last days?"

After the Lord has revealed Himself in Palestine there will be no enemy to "come in as a flood." The manifestation of the Lord in Zion is to be a spiritual manifestation prior to His Millennial reign.

Note, verse 19 of Isaiah 59 declares that, "the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard." This Spirit rests upon the Zion nation of verse 20, for verse 21 states, "My Spirit that is upon thee."

We must distinguish between what the Lord will do in Palestine and throughout the earth, after His return to Palestine and all the earth, from what the Lord declared through His prophets He by His Spirit will do in the Zion nation prior to His return.

Joel

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain."

We shall now turn to the prophecy of Joel where we find a great nation of the last days spoken of as "Zion" seven times. The first time it is so referred to is Joel 2:1 where we read:

"Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand."

The "day of the Lord" gives the time for the fulfillment of Joel's prophecy, and that, as all students of prophecy agree, is the present time of world-wide upheaval and judgment. At this time the nation called Zion is in danger of attack for Joel cries, "Sound an alarm in my holy mountain (chosen or favored nation)."

The fact that Joel spoke of Zion as being God's holy mountain — or chosen and favored nation — is clear evidence that the Zion-nation of prophecy is one of the nations of Christendom.

Joel's statement, "Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble," indicates the nature and the extent of the physical danger that threatens this Zion-nation. If space permitted we would see that the three chapters of Joel's prophecy deal exclusively with our time and our nation, but that is unnecessary for world events and conditions clearly point to the United States as Zion.

By our unscriptural foreign policy we have maneuvered ourselves into a position where we are the only people, or nation, that the men of the Kremlin could

attack when the time comes for their all out military effort against the West. By our appeasement and unscriptural policies we have made ourselves the prime target of the Kremlin's military fury.

The fact that Joel said, "Let all the inhabitants tremble," indicates that Joel foresaw what we now fear, namely, an air attack that would endanger the civilian population as well as our military forces.

In verses 5 and 6 of Joel 2, the Prophet describes these invaders as coming in noisy chariots that leap (or fly) over the mountains. If the word "mountain" is here used symbolically, we would understand this prophecy to state that the men of the Kremlin would direct their dreadful air armada to bypass other nations and follow the strategy of first knocking out the United States of America. Let me repeat, this is the strategy we have practically forced upon the demon possessed men of the Kremlin by our unscriptural policies in dealing with the leaders of World Communism.

The second reference in Joel's prophecy where the word "Zion" is found is Joel 2:15: "Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly.

In the first part of chapter 2, Joel addresses himself to the civil and military leaders in Zion and all the inhabitants. In verse 15 he begins to address the religious and spiritual leaders. They also are called to "blow the trumpet in Zion," and they are to "sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly." The fact that this Zion-nation is one of the nations of Christendom becomes very evident when we consider verses 16 and 17 of Joel 2 noting the terms used by Joel as he calls the spiritual leaders to prepare, as much as possible, their people for the dangerous onslaught of World Communism.

Joel says: "Gather the people, sanctify the congregation, assemble the elders . . . Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them: Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?"

All the religious terms used by Joel are Christian terms and words; so here we have very clearly a nation of Christendom threatened and later attacked by an overwhelming force of heathendom who attempt to establish their heathen and Godless rule over a Christian nation whose God is the LORD.

Joel does not depict a heathen force attacking another nation that does not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Definitely, the attack is made upon a nation of Christendom.

"Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God."

The third reference where Joel uses the word "Zion" is more comforting and encouraging. It is found in verses 23 and 24 of Joel 2: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD your God: for he hath given you the former rain moderately, and he will cause to come down for you the rain, the former rain, and the latter rain in the first month. And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the fairs shall overflow with wine and oil."

Do not fail to note that "the children of Zion," according to verse 23, are a people whom the Lord hath given the former rain moderately. In other words, the people and nation called "Zion" in Bible prophecy would have had the blessings and favor of God manifested in their midst prior to the

dark and dangerous time foretold by Joel. Rain is used in the Scriptures to symbolize both spiritual and material blessings and prosperity. No nation in history has had a greater outpouring of God's goodness, nationally and spiritually. Spiritual and material blessings are inseparable.

After calling the spiritual leaders in the Zion-nation (U.S.A.) to lead the nation in prayer and intercession to God for mercy and deliverance from this dreadful invasion, Joel sees God intervening, and the Zion-nation spared and delivered. Joel prophesies: "Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in the Lord your God." How could a people who do not believe in the Lord Jesus rejoice in the "Lord your God?"

Throughout the balance of chapter 2, Joel continues to prophesy how God would bless and prosper this Zion-nation after its miraculous deliverance from the heathen attackers.

Verse 20 of Joel 2 contains several statements of special interest. It reads as follows: "But I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea, and his stink shall come up, and his ill savour shall come up, because he hath done great things."

The invading heathen of Joel's prophecy is here spoken of as "the northern army." Many articles are now appearing, written both by our civilian and military leaders, warning our nation that we are in constant danger of attack from the north, and not so much from the east, south or west, but the north.

Another revelation found in verse 20 of Joel 2 that is very interesting is the state-

ment that God would drive him into a land barren and desolate, with his face toward the east sea, and his hinder part toward the utmost sea (or, western sea as it is rendered in the marginal reference)." Other prophets who foresaw and foretold this great struggle between the East and the West that is now upon us, with the leaders of

World Communism mustering their heathen horde to come against the United States of America, tell us quite clearly how God will meet this invasion from the North, and how God will drive the enemy into a barren land lying between the two great bodies of water, the one on the east and one on the west.

These prophets in various ways indicate unmistakably that God will use the elements- wind, rain, hail, and an horrible tempest, or storm as we read in Psalm 83- to drive the northern army back, and scatter it in a desolate and barren land between two seas. That barren land could be any place from the Canadian Rockies to the North Pole, with the Atlantic on the east and the Pacific on the west.

Joel's statement, "his hinder part toward the utmost or western sea" would indicate that the attackers will come from the northwest.

"In mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be delivered."

The last verse in the 2nd chapter of Joel reads as follows: "And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the LORD hath said, and in the remnant whom the LORD shall call."

Again we exhort you not to limit the words "Zion" and "Jerusalem" to ancient, literal Zion and Jerusalem, for these words have a much larger and broader meaning in Bible prophecy. Zion is identified in Joel 2:32 as a nation where there would be deliverance for whosoever shall call upon the name of the LORD. The inhabitants of these United States are more inclined and more likely to call upon the Lord Jesus Christ in a national emergency than any nation in Christendom, and certainly more so than any people that do not believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.

"So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain."

The word "Zion" appears in three verses in the last chapter of Joel. These verses, which we come against the United States of America, tell us shall read, are verses 16, 17, and 21:

"The Lord also shall roar out of Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem: and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the LORD will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall ye know that I am the LORD your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more... For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion."

In verse 16 God identifies the people living in Zion as "His people" and as "the children of Israel." It would be impossible and unscriptural for God to speak of any people being His people who do not officially recognize Christ and the New Scriptures. And since the Anglo-Saxons are Israel, we are again forced to the con-

clusion that Zion is the United States of America for it was founded by Christians, and it is based on the Christian principles of Anglo-Saxondom.

Verse 17 identifies the Zion-nation as a land where God manifested His presence and favor prior to the great and dreadful days foreseen by Joel. It states, "So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain (or God's blessed and favored nation)."

The "strangers" spoken of in verse 17, and the cleansing of their blood spoken of in verse 21, refer to the great purging and cleansing that will providentially be forced upon these United States as we seek to prepare to defend ourselves against satanic plots and schemes of the leaders of World Communism. Those who watch and study current events in the light of Bible prophecy see many indications that this purge and cleansing has already begun.

Jesus foretold this purging and cleansing of His kingdom nation in the end time in Matthew chapter 13 verses 40 and 41.

Many well-meaning people cannot understand why the United States of America, the strongest nation in the free world, should be so disturbed and exercised about Communists in our midst, while much smaller and weaker nations are tolerant toward the communistic conspiracy. The answer lies in the fact that the United States is ZION, the kingdom nation of the end time.

Zephaniah

"Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel: be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem."

With this in mind we shall turn to the prophecy of Zephaniah. Like the prophecy of Joel, it is also a prophecy of three chapters devoted largely to the end time in which we are now living. We shall consider verses 14 through 18 of Zephaniah 3: "Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The LORD hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy: the king of Israel, even the LORD, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; and to Zion, Let not thine hands be slack. The LORD thy God in the midst of thee is mighty; he will save, he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love, he will joy over thee with singing. I will gather them that are sorrowful for the solemn assembly, who are of thee, to whom the reproach of it was a burden."

Here again we have this blessed and favored land and nation of the end time spoken of as "O daughter of Zion, . . . O daughter of Jerusalem." This fact alone ought to make us realize that Zion in Bible prophecy is not literal Zion and literal Jerusalem of ancient Palestine. A "daughter of Zion" and a "daughter of Jerusalem" must be a nation whose principles and concepts spring from the principles, precepts, and concepts of ancient, literal Zion and Jerusalem as it was in David's and Solomon's time.

(We must distinguish between what the Lord will do in Palestine and throughout the earth after His return and what He was prophesied to do for a nation called Zion before His return)

If there is a daughter there must have been a mother, and they should be similar-and so they are-for no nation in all history has more in common with Zion and

Jerusalem of David's time than the United States of America, with the one exception that the daughter is much larger and is found in another land, namely, the North American wilderness.

Zephaniah exhorts this daughter nation to "Sing," "Shout," "Be glad," "Rejoice with all the heart."

The reason for all this great jubilation is given in verse 15 where we find three specific reasons for national rejoicing. First, "the Lord hath taken away thy judgments." The word "judgment" means verdict and sentence.

This statement is based on the covenants needed light and comfort of Bible prophecy for God made with our forefathers, and repeatedly, the difficult days ahead, proclaimed through the prophets, that while we would be punished we would not be destroyed or lose our sovereignty until our racial destiny was fulfilled and God's will and glory filled the earth.

The second reason for the great national rejoicing foreseen in America by the Prophet Zephaniah is, "he hath cast out thine enemy." This statement, undoubtedly, refers to our one great enemy World Communism, which, thank God! will be cast out root and branch. It is not coming to pass as fast as we wish, but it will surely come.

Another reason why Zephaniah exhorts the people of these United States to rejoice is, "the Lord, is in the midst of thee." Zephaniah did not say, the Lord will come in the midst of thee, BUT, "the Lord is in the midst of thee." The Lord by His Spirit has been in our midst as a nation from the time the Pilgrims landed on these shores and dedicated themselves and this new land to the Lord Jesus Christ.

Apart from this presence of the Lord in our midst, this nation never could have become what it is nor have done what it has in the brief span of years that have passed since the landing of the Pilgrims. It is this spiritual revival or renaissance, which we are beginning to witness, and which will confound and put to fight the evil forces of Communism.

For this reason Zephaniah wrote to Zion, "Let not thine hand be slack." As a people and as a nation we are to continue to do all the good we can and to trust in the Lord.

Thus we close our study of Zion in Bible prophecy, trusting the Lord to make it a blessing to all who shall read and help spread this much.

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