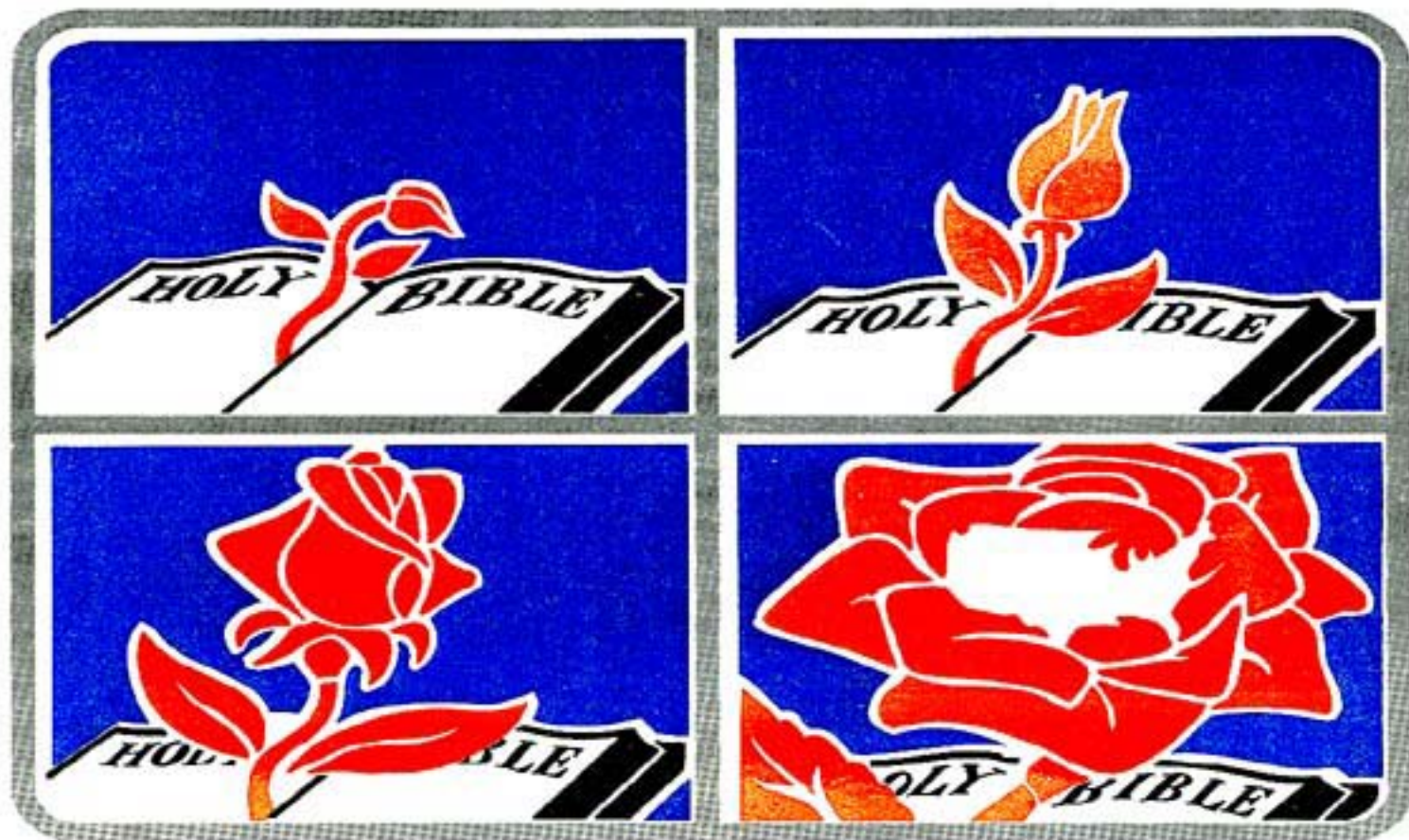


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Are God's promises really being fulfilled? In other words, is God a covenant-keeping God? Does He keep His word?

Faith is used almost-exclusively to talk about us today. Do human beings have faith? What does the word "faith" mean? If a person has faith, he is faithful. He keeps his promises. We sometimes think how great our faith is. Our faith is as nothing as compared to the faith of God Almighty. He is the one who has kept the faith. He has promised certain things He would do and we should realize He is going to do them. He is faithful who has promised.

Now, let us consider the Abrahamic Covenants and see how important they are for us today. In Romans, Paul, referring to his kinsmen, says:

“For I could wish that myself were accursed from Christ for my brethren, my kinsmen according to the flesh: Who are Israelites: to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises: Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen.”

Romans 9:3-5

Paul wrote this to show us that the Israelites were the recipients of these blessings from God. We are going to examine, primarily, two of these blessings: the covenants and the promises. Paul says that these belong to the Israelites.

You cannot separate the covenants made with Abraham from the Lord Jesus Christ. Common teaching today attempts to do it by assigning the Abrahamic covenants to the Jews and the Lord Jesus Christ to us, the so-called, "Gentiles."

In Luke, chapter one, is a long prophecy by Zacharias, the father of John the Baptist, concerning Jesus Christ:

“And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Ghost, and prophesied, saying,

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people.

And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David;

As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began:

That we should be saved from our enemies. and from the hand of all that hate us;

To perform the mercy promised to our fathers. and to remember his holy covenant;

The oath which he swore to our father Abraham.

That he would grant unto us. that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear. In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life.”

Luke 1:67-75

This prophecy tells us that Christ came to fulfill and confirm the promises made to our Israel fathers.

In Romans 15:8, Paul identifies Christ as the "minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers."

What were the promises that were made unto the fathers which Paul says belong to the Israelites?

"And when Abram was ninety years old and nine. the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect.

And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

And Abram fell on his face: and God talked with him, saying. As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee."

Genesis 17:1-5

The covenants tell us that Abraham would become the father of many nations. Most Bible margins state specifically that the word "Abraham" means father of nations, not just father of one small group of people. If the covenants are being confirmed and fulfilled, where are they being confirmed and fulfilled? In which people? I believe and teach that the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic and kindred peoples are the physical, literal, descendants of the tribes of Israel. Many who read this will not believe it. But, if you will continue reading, you will learn more about this astounding truth.

"And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee,

And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee."

Genesis 17:6-7

This is an unconditional covenant. God did not say I will do this if you meet certain conditions. God said, "I will do this," period. He said that he would be a God "to thee and thy seed after thee," indicating that the descendants of Abraham would worship God Almighty. Today that would mean that they would be, of necessity, Christian people. They would have to worship the Lord Jesus Christ. If we do not believe that, the first thing we had better do is cut out and throw away the whole New Testament. Why? Because, the new Scriptures tell us that Jesus Christ is the name of God Almighty.

God verified this covenant with Abraham's wife —

"And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be. And I will bless her, and give thee a son also of her: yea, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of people shall be of her."

Genesis 17:15-16

The word "kings" means rulers, men of responsibility, those who would organize and control these nations. They would have a ruling, royal house as we see later in fulfilled prophecy.

Saxons — Sacs sons — Isaac's sons

In Genesis, chapter twenty-one, we find that Abraham is concerned about his seed:

“And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, (Ishmael) and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called.”

Genesis 21:12

Abraham's seed would not come through Ishmael (the son of Hagar, the bondwoman), but through Isaac. The literal, physical descendants of Isaac are the ones who would be called.

Who are the descendants of Isaac (Isaac's sons)? In Hebrew the name Isaac would be written without the "I" making it "Sac", so Isaac's sons in Hebrew would be "Sacs sons." Saxons — sons of Isaac. Ask fundamentalist brethren to explain why we are called the Saxon people. Generally speaking, this is a term used by historians in all the history books. Our people were known as Saxons even at the time we came to America.

God told Abraham; *“through Isaac shall thy seed be called.”* Called to what? The adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God and the promises. The people to whom Christ came—the Christians.

What was Abraham's side of the bargain? God tested Abraham by asking him to sacrifice his son, Isaac. Abraham did offer up Isaac as a sacrifice, but God stopped him saying:

*“By myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, for because thou hast done this thing, and, hast not withheld thy son, thine only son:
That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the*

*sand which is upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies;
And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice.”*

Genesis 22: 16-18

If we say that God's prophecies to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Rebekah are all being fulfilled in the people we call Jews today, we are going to have to throw-away the covenant of Abraham. The Jews, themselves, tell us that they constitute less than fifteen million people. God said that Isaac's sons would be thousands of millions.

“And they blessed Rebekah (Isaac's wife) and said unto her, Thou art our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of millions, and let thy seed possess the gate of those which hate them.”

Genesis 24:60

The Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic and kindred people constitute somewhere between seven and eight hundred million people across the face of the earth. Scholars estimate that between two and three million Israelites came out of Egypt. That means that there were more Israelites in Egypt fourteen hundred to seventeen hundred years before Christ than there are Jews in Palestine today.

Immediately after bringing approximately two million Israelites out of Egypt, Moses said:

“(The Lord God of your fathers make you a thousand times so many more as ye are. and bless you, as he hath promised you!)”

Deuteronomy 1:11

A thousand times two million equals two billion Israelites. The ministers tell us that the Jews in Palestine constitute the regathering of the multitudinous house of Israel. Yet, the Jews are one of the smallest groups of people in the world. So you see, we have a fulfillment that is still in the future.

It is interesting to note, not only did God say that his seed would be innumerable, because it would be as the sand and the stars, but his seed would possess the gates of his enemies. The word "gates" means passages.

If you take a look at a map of the world, you will discover that there is one people and one family of nations that control almost all the canals and sea passages of the earth. That race is the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic and kindred people. We have owned and built all the major canals from the Panama canal to the Suez. We have controlled the Straits of Gibraltar, the Cape of Good Hope and the islands of the Pacific which control all the sea lanes of the world. Only one race of people have ever controlled the gates of their enemies.

Curses and Blessings

"And his father Isaac said unto him (Jacob), Come near now, and kiss me, my son.

And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said, See, the smell of my son is as the smell of a field which the Lord hath blessed: Therefore God give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the earth, and plenty of corn and wine: Let people serve thee, and nations bow down to thee: be lord over thy brethren, and let thy mother's sons

bow down to thee: cursed be every one that curseth thee, and blessed be he that blesseth thee."

Genesis 27:26-29

It is said, by the ministers today, that anybody who curses the Jews is going to be cursed by God Almighty. Conversely, anybody who blesses the Jews is going to be blessed by God Almighty. Let's take a look at the fulfillment.

The Jews were almost completely driven out of Europe between 1300 and 1500 A. D. Every nation in Europe physically-deported almost every Jew from the cities and the countries of western Europe. What happened? The Reformation — the age of enlightenment — the greatest progress that the Anglo-Saxon people ever made in their civilization. Society, arts, literature, inventions, discovery and colonization all blossomed after the Jews were removed from western Europe.

The Jews were physically-driven out of Spain in 1492, and God saw fit to bless Spain with the discovery of America in that same year. Less than one hundred years later, Spain was the most powerful nation on the face of the earth. They did not lose that power until they allowed the Jews to come back in and begin to take control.

England drove the Jews out in 1600. By 1800 she ruled the seas. England allowed them to come back and by 1850 the Jews had complete control of England. You can see the deplorable condition of England today.

The Jews are treated better in America than in any other nation on the earth. Hardly anyone can argue with that. They are allowed to hold political office. They are allowed to do anything in the land.

The Jews are given complete religious freedom. They own practically all the news communications and the motion picture industry.

What is happening to America? Is America being blessed because we are blessing the Jews? No, the exact opposite is taking place! America is going down to chaos, degradation and ruin. Every ungodly thing from dope to pornography is destroying this nation.

It is impossible for me to believe that God Almighty meant that if we blessed the Jews that we would be blessed. The exact opposite is happening to us.

God said he would give Jacob the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine. The Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic, Scandinavian and kindred peoples are the only race upon the earth who have never suffered from famine. How many countries in the world today depend on American wheat to survive? In spite of the material abundance and mechanical contrivances that exist today, every other race in the world is subject to famine except for the generosity of America.

Every nation upon the face of the earth, who has befriended America has been blessed by God. Here is an example: when we took the Philippine Islands away from the Spanish, in 1898 most of the Philipinos welcomed America with open arms. We established schools, taught them English and, as far as I know, within thirty years everyone on the Philippine Islands could speak English. They were our friends. They were the most civilized and God-blessed people in the islands of the Pacific immediately after they accepted our rule over them.

The land of Cuba is another example. Cuba, in 1958, after a century of American rule, had the highest standard of living of any nation in all of South America. But, in 1959, when they turned away from America and allowed a communistic dictatorship to be established over them, they immediately sank into degradation and ruin. If you do not think that God Almighty had something to do with that you are denying the Word of God.

God said that those who accept, cooperate with, and give favor to God's Israel people would be blessed. Many of the other nations of the world have found this to be true.

Turkey, of all the nations of the eastern Mediterranean, has been our friend for a long time. Many of you know that the Turks are descendants of Ishmael. That would make them our half-brothers, as it were. In the last hundred years or so, when they became good friends of the United States of America, they prospered as no other country in the eastern Mediterranean has. This continued as long as they accepted our ways and did the things the way the people of Anglo-Saxon Israel did. They have been a stronghold against Communism in the Middle East. I have talked to people who have been to Turkey. They tell me that the cities there are some of the most modern that you will see anywhere outside of the United States of America. Unfortunately, Turkey turned from following the ways of Israel and as a result the Communists and terrorists have disrupted their country.

Let us look at Genesis, chapter twenty-eight, where God is speaking to Abraham again:

“And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”

Genesis 28:14

We know that Christian theology teaches us that the Lord Jesus Christ came through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and down through David. All the world has been blessed by the teaching and preaching of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ. But, at the same time, an almanac will tell you that at least eighty percent of all the modern inventions of the world in the last two hundred years have been in Anglo-Saxondom. Read the patents in a patent office. Eighty percent of the time you will find the inventor is an Anglo-Saxon, a Celtic, a Germanic or a Scandinavian in origin.

Is this just chance? Did this just happen? Did God Almighty choose a people to bless all the earth, and then let them do all the things that corrupt the earth? Have the Jews blessed the earth or has it been the Anglo-Saxon and kindred people?

I know that our government, as it is constituted today, is causing trouble all over the world. I understand that our government went into South Vietnam supposedly to rescue the Vietnamese from communism. Instead, in seven years time, the country was devastated, at least one and one half million people were killed, and the communists took over. But, our government, today, is not run by Anglo-Saxons. It is run by the people called Jews and they do as they will in the government. They plan and carry out wars that destroy other people.

It is not God's Israel people who are doing the things to those heathen that we see being done. According to a poll taken some years ago by some senators, eighty-five percent of the American people wanted to win the war in Vietnam, drive out the communists, set up a good government and then leave.

What other nation has started something like the Peace Corps? Who largely joins that organization? Yes, I know the Peace Corps is, to a large extent, atheistic. But, they put ads on television and radio and they ask young people to come and volunteer. Who volunteers to work for practically nothing, and live in some little old dirty hovel over in Africa or Asia? Who tries to teach those people farming? It is the AngloSaxons, Scandinavians, Germans and Britons. It is God's Israel people who do the volunteering. They do much of it in ignorance, but there is something in this people that causes them to want to help other people.

Outside of Anglo-Saxon countries there is no such thing as charity. How are poor people treated by their fellow countrymen in places such as India, Africa and China? They are left in the streets to die of starvation. Only the Anglo-Saxon, Nordic and kindred people go out of their way to do charitable works for the poor.

God said of his Israel people, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob: *“in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed.”* I believe that has a greater fulfillment yet to come.

The Bounds of God's People

Deuteronomy thirty-two contains a strange promise, understood by Moses:

“Remember the days of old, consider the years of many generations: ask thy father, and he will shew thee; thy elders, and they will tell thee, 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.”

Deuteronomy 32:7-8

An amazing coincidence has happened upon this earth during the last five hundred years. Our ancestors in Europe were becoming somewhat crowded between 1100 and 1300 A.D., so far as their cities and way of life were concerned. What should happen, but someone by the name of Columbus (and a few other men) set sail and discovered a whole continent. It was larger than Europe by far, and more rich in minerals. It was blessed with good agricultural conditions and had many harbors for commerce. God provided a place for His Israel people to come, and they founded an entire continent. God set the bounds of His people, where they would inhabit the places of the earth, according to the number of the children of Israel.

In this new land God gave to Israel the soil that had been built up by natural processes over the centuries. He had allowed all the things of the earth to be brought here — the minerals of the earth, the great and wide rivers. The Mississippi, the Missouri and Ohio river network is the largest, longest and best water transportation system in the world. It carries more commerce and more tons of material and supplies than all the rest of the world's rivers put together. Just think of that. I think this land was put here in order to fulfill the prophecies and the covenants that God made to Israel -- that they would be in such numbers that they would need to expand. God provided a place for this expansion.

About one hundred years ago, all of the new continents of the world were ruled by the Anglo-Saxon people. A sixty-year-old map of Africa shows that it was divided up between Portugal, Spain, France and England; they ruled over the entire continent. The same thing was true with Asia. The children of Israel took possession of nearly all of the desolate places of the world. Consider the continent of Australia, a barren wasteland. Even the sea coasts were practically uninhabited. After Israel moved in, the deserts blossomed like a rose. Three hundred years ago it was inhabited by a few stone-age savages. Today, Australia is a modern civilization.

A specific prophecy to Israel is found in Isaiah forty-nine:

“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.”

Isaiah 49:8

Israel would be caused by God Almighty to inherit the desolate and vacant lands of the world.

The Covenants Fulfilled in North America

We are speaking, primarily, of this north American continent so, let's read Isaiah sixty, where God is speaking to Isaiah:

*“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peo-*

ple: but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee.”

Isaiah 60:1-2

Apparently, this is speaking of a time when the light of Christianity, and the true light of the gospel, would not have been in the rest of the world. But then, Jesus Christ and His word and truth would rise and shine upon Israel.

Another interesting prophecy is found in verse eight:

“Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows?”

Isaiah 60:8

Many people think that is a specific prophecy of the airplane. What race of people invented the airplane? Who builds ninety-five percent of them? Who has flown them around the world for the past eighty years? Largely the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic and kindred peoples.

“Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and to the Holy One of Israel, because he hath glorified thee.”

Isaiah 60:8-9

This is a strange statement, here in Isaiah, uttered way back hundreds of years before Christ: *the ships of Tarshish first*. If you look at a map in the back of your Bible, you will see that southern Spain has on it the word "Tarshish." Columbus sailed from Tarshish to the new world. In fact for the next twenty or thirty years, all of the explorers who brought the news of the new world to the continents of Europe (which was inhabited by

the so-called "gentiles") were on ships that sailed from Tarshish. Isaiah wrote of this over two thousand years before it happened

“...for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour I had mercy on thee.

Therefore thy gates shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the forces (or wealth) of the nations, and that their kings may be brought.”

Isaiah 60:10-11

America has not only attracted all the brains and scientists of the world, but refugees from religious and political oppression have almost always found the gates of America open. It is easier to travel in and out of our nation than any other nation in the world. Many heathen nations, when they have been able to, have completely closed their doors to travelers and immigrants. America is almost the exact opposite.

“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted.”

Isaiah 60:12

This is repeating again the idea that those nations that would oppose Israel would eventually be destroyed.

“The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir tree, the pine tree, and the box together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious.”

Isaiah 60:13

Here, Isaiah said that God would plant trees — yes, forests — in the place where His people would be and where He would dwell. I believe this description fits this North American continent exactly.

God says that His sanctuary is in Israel. You can read that in many places, including Ezekiel thirty-seven when he talks about bringing Israel back together. He, also, says He will place His sanctuary in them forever.

“And the heathen shall know that I the Lord do sanctify Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.”

Ezekiel 37:28

There is a book that is available from Christ & Country Church, P. O. Box 8504, Baltimore, MD 21234, entitled “The Glory of Lebanon Now In America.” The authors traveled the western part of the United States prior to writing this book to show, as far as their understanding was concerned, that God Almighty had truly brought to pass that which he had promised in Isaiah 60:13. The following is a quote from chapter three:

“The revelation came to me after seeing our west coast forests, and twice having heard God speak to me the words: ‘THIS IS THE GLORY OF LEBANON,’ together with a study of God’s Word, impels me to make some comparisons between the new promised land (of) America, and the old promised land of Palestine. The first of which is a comparison between America’s forests and the deforested lands of Palestine.”

Then the authors go on to write about the plan by the Jews to replant trees in the barren land of Palestine.

“Mr. David Ben-Gurion stated in the second session of the Knesset, November 7, 1949: ‘We must plant hundreds of thousands of trees covering an area of five million dunams, one-quarter of the surface of our country; we must cover the mountains

and uncultivable land, the hills and the sand dunes, the barren plains of the Negev — all the land of Edom and of the Arava, as far as Eilat.”

The author of THE GLORY OF LEBANON. . . continues:

“The question I ask: Is this the beginning of the fulfillment of the prophecy in Isaiah, where God says: ‘I will plant in the wilderness the fir tree, the pine tree and the cedar together?’ Many, many years will be required before these trees to be planted will become mature, — and yet these days we are living in are ‘the last days of prophecy.’

By way of comparison, let us note that: ALL OF PALESTINE COULD FIT ON THE OLYMPIC PENINSULA, NOW A MATURE FOREST OF FIR TREES — ALREADY OVER 2000 YEARS OLD, AND PROTECTED WITH 13 1/4 FEET OF ANNUAL RAINFALL! YES, GOD CAN WORK MIRACLES!”

One can almost hear well-meaning Christian folks say, ‘Well, God can do anything, even to making trees grow miraculously fast.’”

Why not believe that God Almighty has already done that which He said He would do? Why not believe that we do not have to wait for a future fulfillment? I have traveled in some of the national forests on the west coast. The national forest guides have told me that many trees in those forests were two hundred to three hundred feet high and from sixteen to eighteen feet through at the base when Moses brought the children of Israel out of Egypt.

Who planted these trees in America? Certainly no man did. We know the Indians didn’t. We know the cave men, who might have lived here according to

the evolutionists, didn't plant them. It was God Almighty who planted them. Who is planting the trees in old Palestine today? The Jews are.

As mentioned before, as far as we can tell from what people say who have traveled over there, most of the trees that have been planted in Palestine by the hand of man die. The land is as barren today as it was forty years ago. I think it is going to remain barren.

God said in Isaiah:

“And their seed shall be known among the Gentiles, and their offspring among the people: all that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which the Lord hath blessed.”

Isaiah 61:9

If you were to go to any other nation of the world where you find educated people, and ask them what nation, they think, God has blessed above all others, which nation do you think they would choose? They would tell you, America, even if the ministers in the pulpits in America do not.

On another page in the book, THE GLORY OF LEBANON NOW IN AMERICA, the authors write of old Palestine:

“Today in Lebanon, as quoted from the book 'The Conquest of the Land Through Seven Thousand Years, there are only four small groves of trees left of ancient days. The largest is Tripoli Forest with only four hundred trees in it, and with only forty three of the Sequoia Gigantea Wolf trees left. The fact is, if all the trees of Lebanon, and, also, the 200,000,000 trees yet to be planted in the sections of Negev, Galilee and Judea, plus the fact, if all of the Israeli State were replanted with trees —

which, mind you, would leave no room for orange trees--the total would not or could not begin to equal the amount of trees just in our one State of Washington, alone.

Is this tree project in Palestine today, though insignificant by comparison to what we now have in America, THE GLORY OF LEBANON which the Lord promised to Israel?”

The answer to the above is, obviously, NO. It is not what God promised to Israel.

In Isaiah chapter forty-one, God says,

“I will open rivers in high places, and fountains in the midst of the valleys: I will make the wilderness a pool of water, and the dry land springs of water. I will plant in the wilderness the cedar, the shittab tree, and the myrtle, and the oil tree; I will set in the desert the fir tree, and the pine, and the box tree together.”

Isaiah 41:18

Old Palestine was never called "the wilderness." The only time "the wilderness" was mentioned in the old Scripture was in reference to the land traveled, between Egypt and old Palestine. However, this North American continent was called "the wilderness" by our forefathers. They recognized that this was the place where God was replanting his Israel people. The purpose of all these trees and forests and this fulfilled prophecy is in the next verse:

“That they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this. and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.”

Isaiah 41:20

Yes, God has brought to pass in the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic and kin-

dred peoples, those covenants He gave to Abraham; which He reiterated and explained under Moses, and enlarged under the prophets, and confirmed through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Where are these covenants coming to pass? Here, on this North American continent, under the hand of God's true Israel, the Anglo Saxon people.

The tragedy is that people think that God has forgotten His Israel people. They think He is waiting until some future time to fulfill His promises to Abraham. This false doctrine is being taught in many churches today.

Jesus Christ, the Glory of the Israel People

So far, our study has been mostly in the Old Testament. Now, let us consider more specifically the Lord Jesus Christ in relation to the House of Israel. Did Christ come according to the promises made to the fathers? Are these promises being fulfilled in the Israel people? Let's see what the New Testament has to say beginning with the story of Christ's birth:

“But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying. Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”

Matthew 1:20-21

This was the prophecy of the Lord Jesus Christ coming through the line of David, that He would save HIS people from THEIR sins. Christ was promised to

come to Israel; they are His people. We know that sin is the transgression of the law, therefore, the prophecy is that the sinning or the disobedience of the Israel people against God's law would be taken away.

In the first chapter of Luke we find these very familiar verses of Zacharias, prophesying under the anointing of the Holy Spirit about the Lord Jesus Christ:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel: for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us (the House of Israel) in the house of his servant David: As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began.”

Luke 1:68-70

As you read this, you will recall that the Scriptures are very plain that Zacharias was of the House of Israel, as were Mary and Joseph. All of these people involved here were Israelites. So, when you read "us" and "we" the reference is to "Israelites."

“That we (Israel) should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us: To perform the mercy promised to OUR fathers [Abraham, Isaac and Jacob] and to remember his holy covenant: The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him (God) without fear In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. And thou, child, (John the Baptist) shalt be called the prophet of the

Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of Lord to prepare his ways: To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, Through the tender mercy of our God: whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace."

Luke 1:71-79

In order to understand the mission of Jesus Christ, as given by Zacharias in this prophecy, it is essential to know to whom he was referring when he said "us" and "our" and "we". He was referring to "we" of Israel. He was not talking about the Chinese, or the Negroes, or some heathen nation. He was talking about the people to whom the Messiah had been promised--the House of Israel.

In the second chapter of Luke, we find that Jesus was identified twice by people under the anointing of the Holy Spirit as the Redeemer of the House of Israel.

"And when the days of her purification according to the law of Moses were accomplished, they brought him to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord."

Luke 2:22

This was under the law of the Lord that the first born was to be presented to the Lord by the parents.

"And, behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and the same man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel: and the Holy Ghost was upon him. And it was revealed unto him by the Holy Ghost, that he should not see

death, before he had seen the Lord's Christ. And he came by the Spirit into the temple: and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him after the custom of the law.

Then took he him up in his arms, and blessed God, and said. Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word:

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation. Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel."

Luke 2:25-32

Remember, Jesus Christ is to be the glory of the people of Israel. Keep this in mind as you continue to read about what happened to Israel after Christ came according to the promises.

"And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity;

And she was a widow of about fourscore and four years, which departed not from the temple, but served God with fastings and prayers night and day.

And she coming in that instant gave thanks likewise unto the Lord, and spake of him to all them that looked for redemption in Jerusalem (margin says "or in Israel")."

Luke 2:36-38

Here Jesus Christ is identified twice, a double witness, that He was the Redeemer of the House of Israel. Under the anointing of the Lord, John tells us that this Jesus was to be made manifest, or known, to Israel.

"The next day John [the Baptist] seeth Jesus coming into him, and saith,

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

This is he of whom I said, After me cometh a man which is preferred before me: for he was before me.

And I knew him not: but that he should be made MANIFEST TO ISRAEL, therefore am I come baptizing with water.” (emphasis added)

John 1:29-31

Did Christ fail in His mission? Did He fail to make Himself known to Israel? Are all these prophecies of no effect? Did He come to Israel to turn them from their sins? Was He made manifest in Israel, and did Israel recognize Him as their Messiah? The teaching in most churches today tells us, no, Israel rejected Christ and turned away from Him. Then Christ sent His apostles to some non-Israel people and they recognized Him.

This teaching refers to us — the Christian nations of Europe, America, Canada, etc. as non-Israelite people. Wherever Christianity is preached and believed, these teachers say, those are the people who were the non-Israelites but who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. In Luke twenty-four is the account of Christ appearing after His resurrection to the disciples on the road. As He did not reveal Himself to them, they did not know who He was. He asked them why they were so sad of countenance. Not knowing Jesus had been resurrected, they answered:

“But we trusted that it had been he which should have redeemed Israel: and beside all this, to day is the third day since these things were done.”

Luke 24:21

These men were literally broken hearted and sorrowful. The man they thought was going to redeem Israel had died.

What had they expected from Jesus? One thing — REDEMPTION FOR ISRAEL. Christ of course, was there alive, walking along with them and here is what He said to them:

“O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.”

Luke 24:25

He did not condemn them for being sorrowful, thinking that Jesus had died. Nor did He condemn them for not knowing that Christ was now alive. He condemned them for NOT BELIEVING WHAT THE PROPHETS HAD SPOKEN: that the Messiah would come and shed His blood and be resurrected for the redemption of Israel.

The fact that they did not know personally and physically that Jesus Christ had been resurrected was no excuse for their unbelief of the prophets. What is wrong with most of us is we do not believe what the prophets have spoken.

What was prophesied about the Lord Jesus Christ and about Israel? In Isaiah Christ is speaking through the prophet to Israel:

“Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The Lord hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name,

And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me. and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me;

And said unto me. Thou art my servant. O Israel. in whom I will be glorified.

Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought,

and in vain: yet surely my judgment is with the Lord, and my work with my God.

And now, saith the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him. Though Israel be not gathered. (the margin says "that Israel may be gathered") yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the Lord. and my God shall be my strength.

And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth."

Isaiah 49:1-6

Jesus Christ, the Messiah, the one prophesied here in these first six verses, was to come to restore Israel back to God and be a light unto the Gentiles, or nations.

We are the People of Israel!

"My people (Israel) hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains: they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their restingplace."

Jeremiah 50:6

Jeremiah goes on;

"Israel is a scattered sheep; the lions have driven him away: first the king of Assyria hath devoured him; (the Assyrian captivity) and last this Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones."

Jeremiah 50:17

Jeremiah prophesied of these two captivities of Israel. They were God's sheep who had been driven astray.

Ezekiel, another one of the major prophets, said:

"My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, and none did search or seek after them. . . .search my sheep, and seek them out."

Ezekiel 34:6 & 11

The prophets say Israel is broken — they are lost sheep, scattered and destroyed. God says He will seek out His sheep:

"As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and in a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord God. I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick."

Ezekiel 34:12-16

No other people in the Holy Scripture are called the Lord's sheep except the

House of Israel. Just think of all the things God is saying about the House of Israel--His sheep! He is going to be good to them, give them their own land (or nation) where He regathers them and He is going to feed them. They are going to be fed with the Word of God and the truth of Jesus Christ. God will do this--no one else.

In case you want to investigate the Scripture references to SHEEP meaning ISRAEL, here are some other references: **Psalms 79:13, Psalm 95:7, Psalm 100:3** and there are many other places. How did the Lord Jesus Christ say His sheep would react when they heard the Word of the Lord?

"I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep. . ."

John 10:11

Just think of what you are told by so many churches today about who they call the "sheep." Many churches have large articles in their missionary magazines about the missions to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. They, then, tell us how they are going over to Palestine and preaching to the Jews. These churches write long articles about how best to reach a Jew. They always refer to the Jews as the lost sheep of the House of Israel. You almost-always conclude from these articles that their results are nill. NOTHING. Most of them have not converted a Jew in the last three hundred years. Yet, they still think that those people are the lost sheep of the House of Israel. Christ said that His sheep would hear His voice.

Let us examine a few verses from the epistles so that you will understand that these letters are written to Israelites. Yes, I know, they are written to people in Rome, Corinth, Greece, Ephesus and so

on. Too often we are given the understanding that these letters are written to so-called "Israelite gentiles." But, in each one of the letters, you will find the writers identify the people they are writing to as ISRAELITES. For instance, in the seventh chapter of Romans, Paul is writing to the people at Rome which is a long way from old Judea. We know they were believers because they knew the Laws of God.

"Know ye not. brethren. (for I speak to them that know the law)... "

Romans 7:1

Now, how in the world could some heathen, non-Israelite people way over in the city of Rome know anything about the law of God? They were Israelites! Try going to some aborigine in Australia and explaining the Law of God to him. They know nothing about it, of course — do you know why? Because, God gave the law ONLY to Israel.

"He sheweth his word unto Jacob. his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them."

Psalms 147:19-20

In the first chapter of Romans, Paul is writing to these same people who knew the law and he says to them:

"Among whom are ye also the called of Jesus Christ:

To all that be in Rome. beloved of God. called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ."

Romans 1:6-7

"Called" is a word that all Christians understand. When people come to Christ

they imply that they were "called" of God. If they go into the ministry, they say they were "called" into the ministry. It is a word unique in the relationship between God and man.

In Romans, chapter eight, we read:

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren."

Romans 8:28-29

Who is Paul talking about? He is talking about people that God foreknew and predestinated to be the called of God. Does that sound like God changed horses in midstream and picked another people? No, Paul is talking here about predestination and the called of God.

Back in Isaiah, God is speaking to Israel, and He says:

"Hearken unto me, O Jacob and Israel, my called; I am he; I am the first, I also am the last."

Isaiah 48:12

He identifies Israel by the name "called." In the same verse He identifies Himself as "the first" and "the last" — a term that Jesus Christ gives to Himself (Alpha and Omega) in the last chapter of the Bible.

The same God that tells Israel in Isaiah that they are "my called," is the same God, in the form of Jesus Christ, who, in the New Testament, addressed the people who are "called"—the people who know the law.

People have asked me how to study the Bible to get sense out of the whole Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. I would suggest that they first get a Strong's Concordance which lists every word in the Bible, then look up one word that pertains to Christ or God — an important word such as the word "called." Go through the Bible and find out every place that word is used. You will be amazed how quickly the Word of God shows its absolute continuity — how everything fits.

Reread the prophecy to Abraham found in Genesis.

"And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad (Ishmael) and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in ISAAC shall thy seed be called." (emphasis added)

Genesis 21:12

One cannot understand exactly what God meant until one realizes that the word "called" means CALLED TO GOD. Returning to the book of Romans, Paul explains this verse in Genesis:

"Not as though the word of God hath taken none effect, for they are not all Israel, which are of Israel: Neither, because they are the seed of Abraham, are they all children: but, In ISAAC (emphasis added) shall thy seed be called." (emphasis added)

Romans 9:6-7

Here, centuries later, Paul, writing to people way over in Rome, uses the promise to Abraham that the seed of Isaac would be the ones who would be called. He tells the Romans that *"they are not all Israel, which are of Israel,"* but *"in ISAAC*

shall thy seed be called. "Not the sons of Ishmael, but the sons of Isaac — the literal, physical descendants of Isaac — are the ones who would be called and the ones to whom Christ came. Called to what? — the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the service of God, and the promises.

So many today take verse four and say: Yes, that's right — the Israelites, the Jews, have all these other things, but we have Jesus Christ. No, there is only one people of Israel and they are the same ones today as they were then.

Ask our fundamentalist brethren to explain why we are called the Saxon people. Generally speaking, this is a term widely-used by historians. Hebrew, as many know, is written without vowels. So, if the "I" is dropped out of Isaac, what do you have? Saxons — sons of Isaac. The Christians of today are the physical, literal descendants of Isaac — Isaac sons or Saxons. That is what our people were known as, even at the time they came to America.

Paul was explaining to the Romans that these things that were applicable to Israel were applicable, not to Ishmael, but to Isaac's sons. The sons of Isaac would be the ones who would be called into the Christian faith.

It is a little hard for a fundamentalist to argue that the letter to the Hebrews was written to anybody other than Israelitish Hebrews. In Hebrews Paul explains the mission of Jesus Christ:

"And for this cause he (Christ) is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are

called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."

Hebrews 9:15

Jesus Christ shed his blood for the transgressions that were under the FIRST testament! Who was under the first testament? ONLY THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL. You can read the Bible from Genesis to Malachi and you will not find a single verse that will tell you that anybody in the whole wide world was under the old testament except Israel.

Why did Christ die for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament? So that *"they which are called (Israel) might receive the promise of eternal inheritance."* Every Christian church in the nation that follows the Word of God to some extent, recognizes that to what we are called is the resurrection and eternal life in an everlasting kingdom. The first verse of James gives verification as to whom it is written:

"James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the 'TWELVE TRIBES WHICH ARE SCATTERED ABROAD, greeting." (emphasis added)

James 1:1

How many times do you read articles which say that there were no Israelites scattered abroad; the Jews were all in Palestine at the time of Christ? No, James knew what he was talking about. He knew who he was writing to and where they were.

A new Bible translation, which is being promoted by Billy Graham and the rest of the so-called fundamentalists, has changed the first verse of James to read: "to the Jewish Christians everywhere." They have absolutely-changed the entire

meaning. The present propaganda is to try to convince all the Christians that all of the early believers were Jews. So, they have rewritten God's Bible and changed it so that wherever the word "Israel" is in the Bible it reads instead to "Jewish Christians," and, of course, it entirely changes the meaning. No, James did not write to "Jewish Christians," he wrote to the twelve tribes which were scattered abroad.

Peter, in writing to Christians, refers to them in this way:

“Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”

1 Peter 1:1-2

Now, you could say that he was just writing to those "Gentile" believers. But, if we look at verse nine of the second chapter, we will learn some other names he calls them:

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

1 Peter 2:9-10

The fundamentalist ministers, with their great and glowing phrases, tell how wonderful it is that we Gentiles can now

have the mercy of God when we didn't have it before. Isn't it strange that Peter would write such things here, calling these so-called Gentiles all of these fascinating titles: chosen generation, royal priesthood, holy nation, peculiar people and those who had not had mercy before but who now have mercy?

Let's take a look at some more Bible verses that use these names.

STRANGERS SCATTERED. Some translations use the word "dispersed". If you locate, on a map, these places listed in 1 Peter 1:1, you will find they are in the area where Israel went into the Assyrian captivity.

ELECT. Back in Isaiah 45:4 God says *"Israel mine elect."* Israel is the only people called "elect" in the Bible.

SANCTIFIED. In Exodus, Leviticus, and Numbers, you will find that God went into great detail showing Israel how to be sanctified through the shedding of the blood of the sacrifices. In the letter to the Hebrews, Paul explained to the Israelites that they were now sanctified through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ — the only people in the Bible referred to as "sanctified".

CHOSEN. Deuteronomy chapter ten:

“Only the Lord had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all people. as it is this day.”

Deuteronomy 10:15

And also in Psalm 135:

“For the Lord hath chosen Jacob unto himself. and Israel for his peculiar treasure.”

Psalm 135:4

**ROYAL PRIESTHOOD,
HOLY NATION.**

Israel is called this in Exodus:

“And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests. and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel.”

Exodus 19:6

PECULIAR PEOPLE.

This is found twice in the book of Deuteronomy:

“For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath chosen thee to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth.”

Deuteronomy 14:2

“And the Lord hath avouched thee this day to be his peculiar people, as he hath promised thee. . . “

Deuteronomy 26:18

Thou art my people

What was Peter actually writing about in 1 Peter 2:10?

“Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.”

1 Peter 2:10

Peter, writing to the people he calls "strangers scattered abroad" tells them Christ is come; the resurrection has taken place; the blood has been shed; Israel has been redeemed. Now, you, which in time past were not a people, are now the people of God. You, which in time past had not obtained mercy, have now obtained mercy.

Who was Peter writing to? He was writing to the dispersed, lost sheep of the

House of Israel and they were being converted to Christianity. How long ago was it? Nineteen hundred years ago.

If we take a look at Hosea, a prophet with whom Peter was very familiar, we will see that the House of Israel was supposed to be exactly what Peter wrote of in the verse above. Hosea was told to take a wife and have some children. Each child was given a name that had a significant meaning.

The first name signified the destruction of the ten-tribed House of Israel in the Assyrian captivity:

“And she conceived again, and bare a daughter. And God said unto him, Call her name Loruhamah: for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will utterly take them away.. .

Then said God, Call his name Loammi: for ye are not my people, and I will not be your God.”

Hosea 1:6, 8-9

Here God states the other side of the coin. He says, I will no longer have mercy on Israel; ye will not be my people and I will not be your God. But, the entire second chapter of Hosea is a prophecy of some twenty verses in which God says at some future time He is going to call these people back to him. He ends the chapter by saying:

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

Hosea 2:23

Here is an identical prophecy that it was Israel who would not have obtained

mercy, then, at some future time, God would say to them, I will have mercy on you. It was Israel to whom God said, you are not my people (that is, you are divorced) but at some future time would say, *"thou art my people"*, and they would say, *"thou art my God."*

What is the difference between Ishmael and Isaac and between Jacob and Esau? In Romans we read:

"As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated. . . Therefore hath he mercy on whom he will have mercy, and whom he will be hardeneth."

Romans 9:13 & 18

This shows that it was Jacob-Israel who was called and not Esau. Then Paul quotes the same verses that we read in Hosea:

"As he saith also in Osee (Hosea), I will call them my people, which were not my people; and her beloved, which was not beloved.

And it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people; there shall they be called the children of the living God."

Romans 9:25-26

That verse is certainly coming true because all over this nation and other Anglo-Saxon nations we are being told in a thousand different ways that we are not God's people. They tell us to come to Christ and be saved so we can become sons of the living God. The exact fulfillment of the prophecy is in us. Who are we? We are the descendants of Isaac and

Jacob. We are the people of Israel. We are the dispersed ones — the ones to which Christ came. We are the ones Christ referred to when he said: *"My sheep know my voice and I know them. And they follow me."*

For 1900 years there has been only one race of people upon this earth that have turned and hearkened to the voice of Jesus. I know that we were in apostasy for hundreds of years. I know that the dark ages overspread Europe when our people did not seem to have an understanding of the Lord Jesus Christ. But, I, also, know something else: that wherever Jesus is preached in Saxon nations, and it is given publicity, you can bring people in by the thousands to hear the Word of the Lord. There is no other place on this planet where you can gather people into churches as they are gathered in Anglo-Saxon nations on Sunday morning.

The Anglo-Saxon people are being taught false doctrines. They are being lied to. Do you know what these Anglo-Saxons are trying to do in spite of all this deception? They are trying to hear the voice of Jesus. They are the only people on the face of the earth with this yearning for Jesus burning in their breast. They are the Israel people fulfilling all of the prophecies just as God said they would.

Yes, we are the elect, the *"scattered strangers"* now redeemed and regathered, *"to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises."*

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