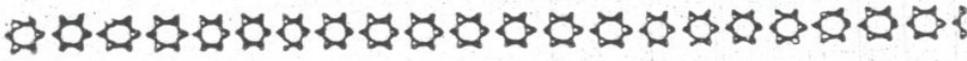


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I would like to tell you a story which concerns Britain and the future and a very ancient nation -- ISRAEL and of the Jews. Long, long ago, the Great Maker of this universe made a wonderful promise to faithful man away in Iraq, also called Mesopotamia, but is Iraq today, that through his descendants, the whole world would be blessed. That man was Abraham and you will find this recorded in Genesis 2:3. Briefly, it was the first divine intimation that a new world order would ultimately take place of human governments.

Hundreds of years passed, but meanwhile this stupendous change was also promised to others. First, again to Abraham in Genesis 22:18, then to Isaac in Genesis 26:4 and again to David in II Samuel 7:14-16, another thousand years passed. Empires rose and fell. The nation of Israel lost their freedom and went into exile, but the promise still remained, unfulfilled.

Then a momentous event occurred. The King of the New World Order was born, heralded by the angels in song at Bethlehem. He came unrecognized by multitudes and not wanted by many. Thirty three and one half years later, outside the walls of Jerusalem, the great promise to Abraham was sealed by the blood of the Messiah on Calvary. (Romans 15:8) The King had been appointed, but His Kingdom was not yet.

Often the prophets, by the Spirit in vision had looked away into the golden future of His reign, glimpsed the wonders of His Kingdom, extolled the virtues of His Kingship, and they went to their rest secure in the knowledge that they would

have a part in this glorious era. (Psalms 72; Isaiah 2; Micah 4)

Another 1,900 years passed away. Abraham's race (Jewry) was now banished into all lands, a bigoted and despised people. The words of Moses had come true. (Deut. 28:64-67) But, the promise remains and Israel would live again. The "dry bones" of Jewry had to come to life because the prophecy said so. (Ezek. 37:9-14) So in 1897, the first signs of the stirring of Israel occurred. The first Zionist Congress was held at Basel, Switzerland. Zion was not dead and here was proof. Then came 1914. Peace left the earth and is still away, and behind it all, strange things happened. Israel's land was cleared of the invader and for the first time in 2,500 years a power friendly to Jewry went into Palestine. It was Britain, "the Tarshish Power" of Ezek. 38:13. Jewish settlements arose. Zionists flooded back. Cities sprang where there was once sand. In spite of opposition in many ways, settlers prospered.

And the reason? The Savior was coming. He was coming to claim His Kingdom and to fulfill the promise. Then Israel commenced to pass into the shadow of persecution once more. It commenced in 1933, by Hitler the Jew-hater. He hunted them out of Germany, Austria, Poland, from all occupied countries, and into Palestine. Many, not so fortunate, were murdered or cruelly treated. It is estimated that 6 million were murdered. But Jewry still went home to Palestine, now called Israel, since 1948. The present home of over 2 million Jews.

Yes, and the Savior is coming soon, and dictators are going out. Our King is coming to fulfill the Promise. He will set up the New World Order free from error or failure, and "He shall

not fail nor be discouraged," (Isa. 42:4) and His Kingdom will increase (Isa. 9:7) until it takes in the whole world.

But let us ask here; will you be one of those immortal rulers of that age? (Rev. 5:10) Read the Bible and trace out the references given in this note. I feel that you will be mightily convinced; then believe and be baptized and enter His service which will give you life forevermore. (Gal. 3:27; Matt. 28:19; Mark 16:16)

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