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What will God do with the JEW? We read in the 20th verse of the 147th Psalm, "He hath not dealt so with any nation." The Jews are the most ancient and the most modern people on the face of the earth. When Disraeli, the English statesman and author, was taunted by an English lord because of his Jewish birth, he replied: "Sir, my ancestors were princes and kings in the earth when yours were roving savages." Though without a flag of their own, and scattered among the nations of the earth; though persecuted and plundered by nearly every government, they have always been progressive and prosperous. The Jews are the only people who have not degenerated as a race. Theirs is the purest racial blood on earth today. Their average life is one-third longer than ours.

When Frederick the Great asked his court preacher for an unanswerable proof of the inspiration of the Bible, he answered, "The Jew, my master, the Jew." When Napoleon asked the Archbishop of Milan for the briefest possible argument for revealed religion, he silently pointed to Marshal Massena, a Jew. The skeptical historian, Renan, says that the philosophy of history fails utterly to account for the Jew. Every event of their history has been foretold; and when God restores the Kingdom of Israel, all the world will have to give Him glory. As a race, the Jew is God's elect. Whenever God calls a man for any special mission, that man is kept alive until that mission is accomplished. The same is true with a race called of God for a special work.

Before discussing the fourfold mission of this remarkable race, let us trace briefly its history. In Genesis 12: 1-3 (R.V.), we read, "Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto the land that I will show thee: and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing; and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that curseth thee will I curse; and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed." a passage of Scripture in the Bible that revokes this last promise. No ancient nation ever oppressed or persecuted the children of Abraham who escaped the punishment of Jehovah. "Israel is always the centre of the divine counsels earthward (Deut. 32: 8). The Gentile nations are permitted to afflict Israel in chastisement for her national sins, but invariably and inevitably retribution falls upon them. (See Gen. 15: 13, 14; Deut. 30: 5-7; Isaiah 14: 1, 2; Joel 3: 1-8; Micah 5: 7-9; Matthew 25: 31-40)." (Scofield Bible, page 722 footnote).

Though the sins of the Jew have been many and great, yet vengeance belongeth to the Lord, and He will not let you escape if you

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have hated, or do hate the Jew. Are you a Christian? No Christian will hate the Jew. Through him came the Christ and your Bible. The best, the greatest and the only perfect man who ever lived on earth was a Jew by race. The Bible from Genesis 12 to Acts 8 is the story of God's dealings with this one people. Every writer of the Book was a Jew. Their misfortune has been your fortune, if you will have it so (Romans 11).

The history of Israel is divided into four well-defined periods of 490 years each, and one period of 1,000 years. But Jewish chronology never reckons the time of Gentile supremacy over them. The first period reaches from the birth of Abraham to the Exodus from Egypt. Abraham was seventy-five years old when called, and from his call to the time of the Exodus was 430 years (Galatians 3: 17), making 505 years. From the birth of Ishmael by the Gentile woman, Hagar, till the birth of Isaac was 15 years, but the Jewish chronology takes no account of this (Galatians 4: 22-31), leaving 490 years of purely Jewish history in this period.

The second period extends from the Exodus to the dedication of Solomon's Temple. Of this time (Acts 13: 18-22) the children of Israel were 40 years in the wilderness; 450 years under the Judges, commencing with Joshua and ending with Samuel; 40 years under Saul; 40 years under David; and 3 years under Solomon, making a total of 573 years. During this time they were in the hands of their enemies 93 years—Cushan, 8 years; Eglon, 18 years; Jabin, 20 years; the Midianites, 7 years; and the Philistines, 40 years. Subtract 93 from 573 and you have 480 years of Jewish chronology to commence the temple (I Kings 6: 1). Add to the 480 years the 7 years spent building the temple (I Kings 6: 39) and the 3 years furnishing it (I Kings 7). and you have 490 years from the Exodus to the dedication of the Temple.

The third period extends from the dedication of the temple, 1004 B.C. to the decree of Artaxerxes, 444 B.C., a period of 500 years. But the Israelites were in captivity in Babylon 70 of these years (Daniel 9: 2 and Jeremiah 25: 11) leaving only 490 years of history in their own land.

The fourth period extends from the return of the Israelites from Babylon to their crowning of the Messiah, which is to be a period of 490 years of Jewish reign. Read Daniel 9: 24-27; Leviticus 25: 8; Numbers 14: 34; and Ezekiel 4: 6 before making these calculations. A week of years is seven years, and 7 weeks 49 years. There are three divisions in this 70 weeks; 7 weeks (49 years) spent building the city; 62 weeks (434 years) from the completion of the city until the crucifixion; then the 1 week (7 years) after her restoration before the Messiah shall come a second time and be crowned.

The four great missions committed to the Jewish race by God were as follows:

First — To teach the world Monotheism — there is but one God. "Hear, O, Israel! The Lord, our God is a great God," Deuteronomy 6: 4. To Israel was this primal truth committed for preservation and dissemination. She often fell into idolatry before the Babylonian captivity but never afterwards. At the time Abraham was called out of Ur of the Chaldea, the whole world had sunk into idolatry. Read Isaiah 43: 10, "Before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me." Every monotheistic people on earth today were taught it by Israel, but the work is yet incomplete.

Second—To show the world the beauty and blessedness of obeying and serving this great God, Deuteronomy 33: 29 (R.V.), "Happy art thou, O Israel: Who is like unto thee, a people saved by Jehovah." Again, Psalms 144: 15, (R.V.), "Happy is the people whose God is Jehovah." So long as Israel kept her covenant with Jehovah, He did not permit any other nation to become strong enough to menace her national existence. We read in Deuteronomy 32: 8 (R.V.):

"When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance,
When he separated the children of men,
He set the bounds of the peoples
According to the number of the children of Israel."

But when she backslid, such world powers as Babylon, Medo-Persia, and Rome were permitted to outnumber her, and bring her into bondage and afflict her.

Third—To write, preserve and transmit Jehovah's inspired word. Every one of the forty writers of the books of the Bible was a Jew. I know it is claimed that Luke was of mixed blood, but he was a Jew. All the blessings of modern civilization, and of law and liberty came to the world through the Jew, Deuteronomy 4: 5, 6 (R.V.), "Behold I have taught you statutes and ordinances for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, that shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people." Again, Romans 3: 1, 2 (R.V.), "What advantage then hath the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision? Much every way: first of all, that they were intrusted with the oracles of God."

Fourth—To give a Saviour to the world. When the world was in moral darkness without God and without hope, God called a man.

Abraham, out of a nation, Chaldea; and out of that man, Abraham, He called a nation, the Jew; and out of that nation, the Jew, He called a man, Jesus, the Christ; and out of that man, Jesus, He called a nation, a holy nation, the Church of the First Born, "But ye are an elect race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, that ye may show forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light," I Peter 2: 9 (R.V.). Thus we see the Jew has given us our God, our Government of Law and Order, our Bible, and our Christ, Prophet, Priest, King and Redeemer.

When this Christ came, the Jews rejected Him as the Prophet Isaiah had said centuries before they would do, and for which sin the awful curse fell upon them which is spoken of in Matthew 23: 32-39. For the full meaning of the expression, "Generation of vipers," read the 3rd chapter of Genesis. Read also the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy for further woes and curses. All the miseries which have come to the Jew were predicted 1,500 years before Christ. At that time, the far-off iron nation (Rome) spoken of in Deuteronomy 28: 49, 50 was not then in existence This same 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, verses 56, 57, tell how these very people would be besieged by other nations; and of the famines which would be visited upon them as to cause the women to eat their own children. Josephus, himself a Jewish historian of renown, tells how when the Roman army had successfully besieged the city, a half roasted baby was found in a drawer, its own mother having eaten the other half.

As predicted in Deuteronomy 28: 63, the Jews were plucked from the land; in verse 64, scattered among all nations. But in Leviticus 26: 44 (R.V.), we are told they were not destroyed. Israel was scattered among the nations of the world, one of the tribes. the tribe of Judah, unlike all other people on the face of the earth. has neither declined with the centuries nor lost their identity. Hence according to Balaam's prophecy, wherever the people of this tribe are found, they always "dwell alone, and are not reckoned among the nations," (Numbers 13: 9). "Their preservation," quotes one bishop. "is really one of the most illustrious acts of Divine Providence. They are dispersed among all nations, yet not confounded with any. . . . They can produce their pedigree from the beginning of the world. . . . After wars, massacres, and persecutions, they still subsist: they are still quite numerous. What but a supernatural power could have preserved them in such a manner as no other nation on earth has been preserved?"

The Jews reaped as they sowed. They put Jesus to death at the Passover, and at the very season of that annual festival, thousands of them were put to death; they clamored for the release of a robber and

a murderer rather than Jesus, and fell a prey to robbers and murderers themselves; they crucified Jesus outside the wall, and they themselves were crucified outside the wall in such numbers that there was wanting crosses for their bodies; they called Christ a malefactor, and their own bodies were flung over the wall as malefactors; false witnesses perverted His prophecy of death and resurrection, and false witnesses have ever accused them.

In Romans 11: 25, Paul tells us plainly that when "the fullness of the Gentiles be come in," the hardening of the Jew shall cease, and "So all Israel shall be saved," — not all individuals, but as a nation. That is, all those then living will repent and be saved, but those who have died in rebellion will be lost, "... if ye believe not that I am he, ye shall die in your sins," (John 8: 24). Now "the fullness of the Gentiles" does not mean the conversion of the entire world in this Age. There is not a line of Scripture to give us that hope, but instead. the opposite is taught. Because of the Jews' rejection of Christ, they were set aside, and God is in this Age visiting the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name (Acts 15: 14-18). Our light is our guilt. If with our Bibles, churches and multiplied prophecies, confirmed by history and the discoveries of archaeologists and scientists, we reject Christ, we too shall bring woes upon ourselves, "He that obeyeth not the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God abideth on him, John 3: 36 (R.V.).

The Jews will finally be restored to their own land. Amos 9: 9-15 (R.V.), ". . . lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all the nations, like as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least kernel fall upon the earth. All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not overtake nor meet us. In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations that are called by my name, saith Jehovah that doeth this. Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. And I will plant them upon their land, and they shall no more be plucked up out of their land which I have given them, saith Jehovah thy God."

Balaam, Moses and Elijah all prophesied of Israel's first entrance into the promised land, partial possession, sin and dispersion, and then the restoration and glory. The entire five books of the Psalms are filled with prophecies of Christ, the sin-bearing, suffering and reigning Messiah; and of Israel, the sinning, rejected, restored nation of God. In the first restoration from Babylon, only those came back who were minded of their own free will. Many had married and become attached to Babylon, Ezra 7:13 (R.V.). In the first restoration, the Jews because of their blindness and hard and stony hearts, rejected and killed Jesus, but in the future restoration, they shall repent of all this, have clean hearts, and accept Christ who will be their King. The Apostle Paul's conversion was a prophetic type of the conversion of Israel. He spoke of his conversion as a child born before its time (I Corinthians 15: 8).

Then with Israel converted to their Messiah, Jesus Christ, the crucified One, the Lamb that was slain, shall become the Lion of the tribe of Judah; and the work which God called Israel to do will be finished (Acts 15: 14-18), and the world will come to know one God, Jehovah, the God of Israel, and obey His word, the Jewish scriptures, and see a perfect government under the greatest man of Israel, the Son of God Jesus Christ. Then will Eden sing again the song of Redemption, when the earth, which was cursed because of man's sin and has groaned under the curse awaiting the Revelation of the Sons of God (Romans 8: 22), shall be redeemed (Isaiah 55: 12, 13). And the sin-cursed animals shall be restored to their original sinless state (Isaiah 11: 6-9), and the nations shall enjoy the 1,000 years of Millennial Peace (Isaiah 2: 2-4).

Not one single thing is taking place in the great war today that was not foretold in the Bible. And you will see that when the war ends all crowns will be cast into the ash can. There are two things which we will call your attention to in current history. In Genesis 49: 1, 1689 B.C., or 3,600 years ago, Jacob prophesied of the first harbor that would be built at Palestine in the latter days. It has had other ports, but it has never had a harbor until 1933. This harbor cost millions of dollars to build and contained 387 acres. Jacob called unto his sons and said, "gather yourselves together that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." In Genesis 49: 13, we read, "Zebulun shall dwell at the haven of the sea and he shall be for an haven of ships." Haifa is the section where the sons of Zebulun live, therefore it is the haven for ships today. Great streams of ships are now exporting hundreds of thousands of their products—women's garments, textiles, food, toys, etc.

Again, we read in Deuteronomy 33: 24, "Let Asher be blessed with children; let him be acceptable to his brethren and let him DIP HIS FOOT IN OIL." In the eighteenth and nineteenth verses of the same chapter, we read, "And of Zebulun he said, Rejoice Zebulun, in thy going out: and, Issachar, in thy tents. They shall call the people unto

the mountain; there they shall offer sacrifices of righteousness: for they shall suck of the abundance of the seas, and of treasures hid in the sand." There are now 627 miles of pipeline from Iraq to Haifa. Four million tons of oil have been shipped through yearly. The pipeline runs through the land of Zebulun, and the Haifa harbor tank has been filled with this oil. Thus that great wealth of oil that Jacob told them about (should dip his foot in oil) was that treasure hidden in the sand. The story is told of how this oil was discovered by reading the Bible. We read that Noah used pitch to build his ark, and the discoverer thought if there was pitch, there must be oil also. Now this is but an example of the history of this remarkable people which may be found in prophecies and now being fulfilled before our own eyes.

The second thing we wish to note is how God uses other nations to chastize Israel; and He always selects nations who have already brought themselves under His wrath and so are doomed to destruction. As the Holy Spirit says in Romans 9, concerning Pharaoh, he uses "vessels already fitted for destruction." Israel was chosen as the first great world power, one of the seven heads referred to in Revelation 13: 1. If you will study the account of it carefully, you will notice that though Pharaoh oppressed Israel, he was destroyed for this. The same was true with Assyria, the second head; then Babylon, the third head; Persia, the fourth head; Greece, the fifth head, all of which had already fallen when John prophesied in Revelation 17: 9, 10. Now the sixth head, the one that was in John's day, has fallen; and since Germany destroyed Rome, the German civilization now is the seventh head, out of which are coming the ten nations referred to in not only the ten toes of Nebuchadnezzar's vision as interpreted by Daniel (read the second and seventh chapters), but also in Revelation 13: 1. You will note that out of these ten world powers will come one to whom these ten nations will give the power, who will be the last great beast that the Bible refers to, and who will oppress Israel and break the covenant made with many of the Jews. If you will read Daniel 9: 27 and then turn to Ezekiel 38 you will see that Palestine is to be invaded after Israel has been restored as a kingdom. This certainly does not mean that all the Jews are going back to Palestine. The Scriptures only tell us that there will be formed in Palestine a kingdom which ceased in 606 B.C., when Zedekiah, the last son of David, was carried into Babylon and the kingdom was set aside until the re-gathering, to which we have already referred in this message.

Now let us note in detail what is going to take place at the time of this invasion: It was in 587 B.C. that Ezekiel prophesied that Russia and Germany, together with other nations, would invade Palestine. Ezekiel 38: 2—"Son of man, set thy face against Gog, the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy

against him." (In Genesis 10: 1, 2, we have the sons of Noah, and the seven sons born of Japheth from whom descended "GOG").

Verse 3 — the Lord says, "I am against thee, oh Gog," referring, of course, to Russia and her allies.

Verse 5 — This verse refers to Persia, which is the country of Iran. Ethopia is not the Ethopia in Egypt because the descendants of Cush, the man of the son of Ham, settled in Persia.

Verse 6 — "Gomer, and all his bands; the house of Togarmah of the north quarters, and all his bands: and many people with thee." Gomer's descendants became the Celts, Teutons, Germans, Slavics, Hollanders and many other nations of northern Europe. Therefore, it is believed that the whole of northern Europe will be united with Russia.

Verse 7 — "Be thou prepared, and prepare for thyself, thou, and all thy company that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them." This confederacy of nations is to prepare for the invasion of Palestine in the latter years.

Verse 8 — "After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come unto the land that is brought back from the sword, and is gathered out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been always waste: but it is brought forth out of the nations, and they shall dwell safely all of them." This prophecy concerns the coming up of this confederacy against the unwalled villages that the Jews are building today.

Verse 9 — "Thou shalt descend and come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land (Palestine), thou, and all thy bands, and many people with thee." This refers to the power and air might with which Palestine will be invaded.

Verse 11 — "And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of the unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwelt safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates." Russia and Germany will go up against the unwalled villages of Israel.

Verse 12 — "To take a spoil, and take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land." It is the intention of Russia and Germany to invade Palestine in order to try to take the wealth from the Jews that have inhabited the desolate land. Read Ezekiel 36: 32-36. Sheba and Dedan are the people who are settled in southern Arabia. Tarshish in prophecy is known as Great Britain, and, of course, her colonies are her young lions (including the United

States, as we were colonized by people from England). Relations between Russia and America will be broken in the latter years.

Verse 14 — "Therefore, son of man, prophesy and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord God: In that day when my people of Israel dwelleth safely, shalt thou not know it"? Gog, the dictator of this northern confederacy, will know when Israel will be dwelling safely in Palestine with her accumulated wealth and resources taken from the once barren land.

As you can see, though God has been using Russia to punish the very enemies of his people Israel, Russia too is coming under God's judgment for her treatment of the Christians, as well as for her past history and treatment of the Jews. No nation that was an enemy of Israel was permitted to remain through this present Age, and no nation during this Age who has persecuted or mistreated the Christians will be permitted to remain on this earth as a nation during the Millennium, as we see in Matthew 25: 40, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, (referring, of course, to those who do the will of God) ye have done it unto me." The Lord speaks of any person who believes on Christ and who does His will as His brethren. When Jesus' family was outside and He was told that his mother and brothers wanted to see Him, He replied that they who do the will of the Lord are His brethren; so that does not mean only His brethren in the flesh, as it is so often interpreted. In Romans 11: 32 we read that all, both Jews and Gentiles, are shut up into disobedience so He can have mercy on all.

So we are now watching the approach of the great and terrible Day of Jehovah, referred to in the New Testament as "the Day of the Lord,"—"the time of Jacob's trouble." Out of this the Kingdom will come that Israel has been waiting for, when all that God promised Abraham will be realized and that land will become their possession for the balance of time.

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