

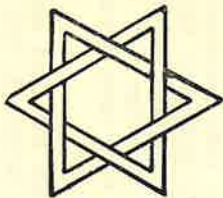
the Lord says, "This shall be written for the generations to come", and now we behold the work under way, and as the decree of Artaxerxes, relative to the rebuilding of Jerusalem before Christ, was a sign to the wise men of the east of the coming of Jesus as a babe, in like manner in the present world wide proclamation for rebuilding Jerusalem, by fifty-three nations, a sign of His coming, but now to be "King of kings and Lord of lords".—Rev. II:15.

In connection with this, see Zechariah 12th, 13th and 14th chapters, and also Ezekiel 38th chapter.

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Just before Jesus ascended to the Father he spoke of the Jewish people thus: "And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations, and Jerusalem shall be trodden down by the Gentiles until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled". (Luke 21:24). This prophecy has been fulfilled. Jerusalem has been trodden down by the Turkish power for many hundred years, and the Jews have also been scattered among the nations. As Jesus placed a limitation to their dispersion, we have a right to expect a regathering of these people back to their own land. This prophecy, however, is well sustained by testimonies by various witnesses.

The Lord, through Isaiah, promised that although the Hebrew people would be dispersed and scattered among the Gentiles, their nationality would not be lost or their identity unknown. (Isaiah 61:9), which has likewise been wonderfully fulfilled. We know and recognize the Jews wherever they are, although for hundreds of years they have been scattered to all points of the world.

Through Jeremiah, the Lord says He will gather the people He has scattered. This therefore cannot refer to spiritual Israel, for they were never scattered, although they have many promises ahead, but those of the literal seed also have a most significant part to play in the closing drama of time. God says, "Behold, I will gather them out of all countries whither I have driven them in mine anger and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring them again into this place, and I will cause them to dwell safely". (Jere. 32:33). The foregoing prophecy cannot apply to any previous gathering of these people to their own land, for each time previously they have been dispersed and scattered again, the last time being by Titus

about 70 A. D. The prophecy must therefore refer to a gathering to that country when they will have the protection of divine power, and dwell safely.

It is not because of the righteousness of these people individually that the Lord extends to them this favor and mercy, but for His own sake. He says, "Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord God: I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel, but for mine own sake."—Ezekiel 36:22.

See also Isa. 11:12; Amos 9:14; Joel 3:6, 7; Ezek. 37:21, 22; Isa. 61:4; also 60:10, and Ezek. 38th chapter.

At the present time, thousands of Jews are pouring into the holy land from all countries of the world. Millions of dollars are being raised in most every nation for the building up of Jerusalem and Palestine. Fifty-three nations signed an agreement to give Jerusalem and the ancient land of Israel back to the Hebrew people, and in a most marvelous way the foregoing prophecies are being literally fulfilled, forecasting, as they do, great events in the immediate future.

We have workers at Jerusalem, and also at other places, in the Holy Land, so consequently we are informed directly as to conditions there, and developments under way, which, since the capture of the holy places by General Allenby during the world war, are most marvelous. Rains are increasing, fertility is returning and truly the "desert is blossoming as the rose".

In Micah. 3:12, we are told that Zion would be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem would become heaps, which prophecy has been fulfilled, and in Psalms 102:16, we read, "When the Lord shall build up Zion, He shall appear in His glory." In verse 18,