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After 2,550 years . . .

JEWES ARE A NATION AGAIN!

. . . Prophecy Fulfilled?

HERE are the real facts back of the strange dilemma in Palestine, exclusive in *The PLAIN TRUTH*, from private interviews with chief leaders of both Arabs and Zionist Jews.

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THE JEWS once again a NATION of their own in Palestine, after 2,550 years!

What does it all mean? What's back of this world-shaking event? Is this the prophesied regathering of Israel back to the Holy Land?

The new nation was born in turmoil, and WAR between it and surrounding Arab nations flared out immediately.

The new nation is a REPUBLIC, its president is in America, and it calls itself, officially, "ISRAEL"!

All Topsy-Turvy

Look at the paradox of contradictions!

The Jewish nation, "ISRAEL," a *fact* in Palestine today! *And yet it isn't a fact at all*—but a colossal illusion!

On May 15th the British relinquished authority and moved out of Palestine, the nation "ISRAEL" moved into power. And yet, this didn't happen at all—but what *did* happen is that ISRAEL moved out and another nation set up rule!

This is not the prophesied great coming exodus of Israel back to Palestine, but man-made blundering and CONFUSION!

This is not the restoration of Israel and the PEACE of the Holy Land, but strife, misunderstanding, bloodshed in open battle!

But WHY? *Why* do the Arabs so desperately fight against this new "Israel"? *Why* do the Jews with such fanatical fervor sacrifice lives and money for it? What *is* prophesied, and what does this have to do with it?

To bring you the true answers—the PLAIN TRUTH *behind* the news you read in newspapers and hear in newscasts—I went to San Francisco to interview the man in charge of Palestine relations for the Arabs, Sheik Hafiz Wabba, and later to London for another interview. I went to New York for a three-hour interview with Itzhak J. Karpman, executive director of World Confederation of General Zionists. And the amazing, almost unbelievable truth from prophecy, we bring you direct from the Bible.

Why the Arabs Fight

My first interview with the Sheik of Arabia was at the San Francisco Conference, in 1945. The interview was arranged two days in advance. At the appointed hour I was ushered into his office in the Fairmont Hotel. I found him attired, not in the flowing robes in which the Arabian delegation had so intrigued San Franciscans, but in an ordinary American business suit.

He received me very cordially, and spoke good English. With Prince Feisal, he was the leader of the Arab delegation,

and the man in charge of Palestine relations for the Saudi-Arabian government.

"Why do the Arabs oppose the Jews in returning to Palestine?" I asked.

"We do not oppose the presence of Jews in Palestine," he corrected me. "We only oppose further and unlimited immigration of Jews into Palestine."

"But the Jews claim Palestine as their Holy Land," I said. "They believe Almighty God *promised* that land to Abraham, and that they are the children of Abraham, and therefore that Palestine belongs to them by divine right. Now I understand the Arabs are also the children of Abraham, descended through Ishmael. Do you believe that, and claim the right to possess Palestine on that grounds?"

"We are the children of Abram," he replied, pronouncing it "Uh-brahm," with accent on the last syllable, "and we are descended through Ishmael, yes, and Ishmael was the first-born son of Abram and therefore the rightful birthright holder and heir to the land promised Abram. But," and he emphasized the point, "*we do not present our claim to Palestine, or oppose further and unlimited Jewish immigration on those grounds.*"

Then he explained the Arab position—and he gave me an UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT—yet the Zionist director in New York later gave me a sizzling

answer to the unanswerable argument!

"Let me put it this way," the Sheik continued. "How long have you Americans been here in California—when did your first white men come here?"

"Only some three or four hundred years ago," I replied.

"Exactly! And you have only been established as a government here a much shorter time than that. Now you are still at war against Japan." (This was in the spring of 1945.) "A considerable number of Japanese had immigrated into California before the war, and established homes here. You did not object or fight against this limited Japanese immigration and residence here, just as we did not, for a long time, against the Jews into Palestine. But now suppose the Japanese wanted to increase their immigration into California, until there would be more Japanese than Americans here, and then they also demanded that you let them take over the state of California and set up a new Japanese NATION here on your soil. Tell me, would you oppose that? Would you call out your armed forces to fight against it?"

There was only one answer to that! Of course the United States would fight to prevent it, with all the power and resources of the nation if need be!

"Would you think you were right in doing so," he asked. *We would!*

"Well," he explained, "the Arabs have lived in, and had possession of Palestine for thousands of years. Our homes are there. We didn't object to a few Jews coming into our land. We know they have brought us many benefits. They have brought with them money, energy, industry. Our people have benefited by the additional prosperity and other benefits they have brought us. That we welcomed, as long as they were a beneficial minority in our midst. But now Jewish immigration has been increasing at such a rate that soon there will be more Jews than Arabs. Now the Jews want to take our land away from us and make it their own NATION! That land has belonged to us many times longer than California has belonged to Americans. You say *you* would oppose and fight against Japanese immigration flooding California with more Japanese than Americans, and taking your fair state away from you and turning it into a new Japanese nation. Well, that is exactly why we oppose further Jewish immigration, and will fight to the last man against the Jews setting up a NATION on our land!"

There is his UNANSWERABLE ARGUMENT!

Can *you* answer it? I couldn't! Not during this present world where men set up institutions and ways and customs

without regard to the decrees of God. Of course, in due time, when God Himself steps in to take rule away from men and to rule the earth by divine fiat through Christ as King of kings, it will be different. But, from the standpoint of the present time and the present world, I had no answer!

"But," I questioned "His Excellency" further, "what about the pitiful condition of hundreds of thousands of persecuted homeless Jews, driven out of Europe by Hitler? Can you deny these poor refugees a home in what they consider as their own ancient homeland?"

"Why should the Arabs be called upon to bear *all* the burden of sheltering homeless Jews?" he asked in reply. "Why does America and Britain expect US to accept them *when you yourselves refuse them?* You could absorb them and they would only be a small and unnoticed addition to your famous 'melting pot.' But every other nation on earth turns these homeless Jews away from its borders, and then expects the Arabs to take them all into Palestine, where they would then outnumber Arabs and take our country away from us! Is that right? Is that international justice?"

In London, late February, 1947, Mrs. Armstrong and I were specially invited by the Arabian plenipotentiary to a royal reception in honor of the crown prince Emir Saud, eldest son of King Ibn Saud. After the other guests and we had been formally presented to "His Royal Highness," I had a few words once again in private with Sheik Hafiz Wabba.

"If only Great Britain, America, and all the other nations would quit interfering, and stirring up all this emotional feeling in favor of more and more Jews going to Palestine until they drive our people out, we would have no troubles at all in Palestine. The fires of trouble are being fanned by the interference of other nations and their sentimental and unthinking emotion about Jews becoming a nation in Palestine. Stop all this propaganda and interference by so many nations not directly concerned, and the Arabs and the Jews will get along all right together in Palestine."

And there, again, he put his finger directly on the source of the trouble—so many nations not personally concerned burdening themselves with Palestine!

Prophesied Fate of These Nations

Do you know the prophesied fate of these nations who interfere in a quarrel not their own?

Listen! "The burden of the word of the Eternal for Israel, saith the Eternal . . . Behold, I will make Jerusalem a

cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah (the Jews) and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people (all nations): all that burden themselves with it *shall be cut in pieces*, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it" (Zech. 12:1-3).

The Jews' Answer to the Sheik

But what is the *Jewish view* on this question?

Have they an answer to Sheik Hafiz Wabba's unanswerable argument?

In New York, returning from Europe, I spent nearly an entire afternoon in conference at the American office of the World Confederation of General Zionists with Itzhak (Isaac) J. Karpman, Executive Director of the world Confederation.

A young Jewish Palestine labor leader, Hapoel Hatzair, had just arrived in New York from Palestine, and sat in on our chat for about an hour. He had come to the U.S. on the ship "State of Oregon"—a French ship.

These were interesting men. Mr. Karpman's father was named Abraham, and he was rather proud to be called "Isaac, the son of Abraham."

I told Mr. Karpman what the Arabian Minister had told me—the Arab's unanswerable argument. And did he have an answer? He had a *sizzling answer!*

"First, let me state a few census figures," he said, "so you'll have the exact relative populations in mind. According to the 1944 official Palestine census, there are 1,750,000 total population in Palestine. (Now over two million.) Of these, 1,100,000 are Moslems, mostly Arabs; 530,000 are Jews; 140,000 are Christians; 15,000 miscellaneous."

(Actually, today, 1948, there are about 1,300,000 Arabs, and 710,000 Jews in all Palestine. In the new Jewish nation called "ISRAEL," roughly half of Palestine, there are about 600,000 Jews and only 395,000 Arabs. In the city of Jerusalem today are approximately 100,000 Jews and 100,000 Arabs.)

Jews Dominate Palestine Life

"All right," said Isaac Karpman, "let's take the Arabian Minister's example—California—and see if the circumstances are the same.

"Conditions are altogether different. Today, the real *life* in Palestine is JEWISH! The real life in California is American, not Japanese. In Palestine today industry, banking, insurance, commerce is 90% Jewish! Only 10% Arab!

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HEART TO HEART TALK *with the Editor*

SOME seem to think *God's* people never encounter difficulties, meet trials or tests, but are blessed continually with smooth sailing!

Because this great and important work of God, conducted through His called human servants, has had to survive a long and severe series of crises and tests of faith, a few have concluded, "Well, if it has met with some trouble, and is in a crisis, I guess it isn't God's work after all, I guess God has deserted it." And then they proceed promptly to desert it themselves, just when it needs their help the most!

Does the Bible teach smooth sailing for true Christians whom God is using? Did the men of God, whose lives pleased God, as recorded in the Bible, have only an easy time of it, or were they constantly meeting trials, tests, troubles of every sort—being continually forced to cry out to God for deliverance?

Listen to God's own instruction:

"MANY are the afflictions of the righteous: but the Eternal delivereth him out of them all."—Psalm 34:19.

"For I was envious of the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. . . . They are not in trouble as other man . . . Behold these are the ungodly who prosper in the world; they increase in riches . . . For all the day long I have been plagued, and chastened every morning" (Ps. 73:3-14).

"We must through *much tribulation* enter the Kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22).

"All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution" (II Tim. 3:12).

"If we SUFFER, we shall also reign with Him" (II Tim. 2:12).

"For as the *sufferings* of Christ abound in us, so our consolation also aboundeth by Christ. And whether *we be afflicted*, it is for your consolation and salvation, which is effectual in the *enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer*" (II Cor. 1:5-6).

But is God unfair? Does He hate Christians and punish them, while He loves the ungodly and prospers them? *Not at all!*

There is great purpose in the trials, tests, tribulations, and sufferings the Christian must endure. For these are the very means of strengthening CHARAC-

TER—of developing fine, upstanding, strong Christians.

God does not *bless* the ungodly with wealth—they acquire it usually in one or both of two ways: by setting their heart and mind on acquiring it, and following through this purpose to the exclusion of all else, until without realizing it, the pursuit of MONEY becomes the pursuit of their god, destroying the soul; or by dishonest means.

But God does bless those who seek Him *first*—not always with great money wealth, but always, in the end, with material prosperity they never would have had otherwise. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness," admonished Jesus, "and all these things (material prosperity in shelter, food, clothing, etc) shall be added unto you." That is Jesus' PROMISE. God loves to see His servants prospering. So He says through David and John. He corrects and chastens every son whom He loves. He allows His true children to suffer much—to fall into troubles, difficulties, to face trials and tests for their strengthening. But if we *endure* these tests, hard though they may be—and if we seek *first* our God, His righteousness, and His Kingdom, putting material interests second in our hearts, then in His own due time God will always prosper His children even in a material way!

"But *we glory in tribulations* also: knowing that *tribulation worketh patience*" (Rom. 5:3). Therefore it produces GOOD in, and for us.

"My brethren, *count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations*"—alternate translation: "*trials.*" "Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience" (Jas. 1:2-3).

"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the *fiery trial which is to try you*, as though some strange thing had happened unto you: but rejoice" (I Peter 4:12-13).

Moses suffered affliction in order to lead the children of God, choosing this rather than the riches of the king's palace and the pleasures of sin for a season.

David suffered constant criticism and false accusation, his enemies continually tried to unseat him, and his trials were so great sometimes it seemed God would *never* come to his rescue—yet God always did! Truly these trials teach us to

be *patient*—for it often seems an eternity before God finally delivers us.

God chose Paul to be an apostle of Jesus Christ, and the Lord said, "I will show him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake" (Acts 9:16). And late in life Paul wrote: "In all things approving ourselves as the ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, in stripes, in imprisonments"—(people probably would call Paul a crook, a racketeer, an imposter and a jailbird today)—"in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings," etc. (II Cor. 6:4-6). Paul outlined more of his troubles and sufferings in II Cor. 11:23-28.

Perhaps a chosen servant of God may be called upon to endure more trials, troubles, and tests of faith than other Christians—but every Christian shall suffer persecution, and meet fiery trials, sorrows, troubles, tests of faith. All our readers who are Christians will understand. Let us not murmur or grumble. Let us have FAITH, and endure in our faith *patiently*. And above all, *let us pray one for another*, and help one another!

Never, in all his lifetime, has your editor and radio-pastor been called upon for so great a test of faith, so much courage in carrying a crushing load, so much suffering, as during these past months. We have passed the crisis, and with God's help are now on the way out of the present difficulties. Our heart goes out in gratitude and THANKS to those who have stood so loyally with us through this terrible struggle—many of whom have suffered, and sacrificed with us. Great shall be your reward in Christ's Kingdom!

But out of it all has been born a fine, splendid institution that will in due time supply the trained personnel and assistance so sorely needed in this great work, and in the world-wide tasks ahead. Out of it has come the vision and laying of plans, under God's inspiration, for carrying His Great Commission to the ends of the earth! And, even in a material way, out of it has come potential assets we never would have dreamed of two or three years ago!

Co-Workers, continue to stand loyally by this great work of God. Let us continue to pray earnestly for one another, and we shall march forward through Christ to great victory!

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Dear Friends and Co-Workers:

Thrilling, vitally important articles are to appear in the July and following numbers.

"What Happened *Behind the Scenes* at the San Francisco Conference" will be the subject of a sensational article. I would not be allowed to broadcast it. It may be dangerous to disclose it in print, even now, after three years. During the Conference in San Francisco a certain bloc of delegates attended a certain special meeting—entirely apart from the official Conference. There the seeds were sown, now sprouting, destined to lead to the rise of a *new world power!* It will astound the world a few years hence! It will attack the United States with atomic bombs, and seek to rule the world! You will not want to miss this amazing disclosure—then watch it fulfill prophecy!

"What is the Soul?" will start soon, in installments. Two young men, hearing a sermon explaining how the soul takes flight from the body at death, arrives in heaven and enters a specially prepared body, decided to investigate and search into this mysterious question for themselves. They visit the public library to begin their search for the truth. What they discover will intrigue, perhaps surprise you.

The mysterious "IMAGE OF THE BEAST" will be revealed in an article to appear soon. Such subjects as "Just *how* is one Saved?" . . . What about "unclean meats?" . . . Water Baptism—is it necessary, and what form? . . . Law and Grace . . . What, and When, is the GREAT TRIBULATION? . . . and, always, articles explaining World News at the moment, and the PROPHECIES from here!

We hope soon to publish The PLAIN TRUTH, regularly every month, 20 full pages, well illustrated. For a long time this has been our goal. Our Co-Workers' loyalty can make it a reality *now*.

efficiency for the great work that now lies ahead! God is delivering His servants who trusted Him from the efforts of Satan to destroy this work. THE WORK IS GOING FORWARD WITH GREATLY INCREASED POWER. Rejoice with us! Continue, even at great personal sacrifice, to stand with us in your PRAYERS, and in tithes and liberal offerings. Increase the amounts if you possibly can. The need for funds is MOST URGENT! We were set back considerably by being thrown off the air. We must redouble our efforts now, while the work is bounding back with RENEWED LIFE. GOD BLESS YOU for your loyalty, faith, and sacrifice!

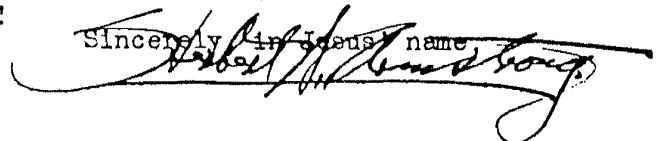
GREETINGS! I have but little space to tell MUCH! Here is the June number of The PLAIN TRUTH! I hope you like it. Conditions and trends in this world are not pleasant to contemplate. But we are commanded to WATCH, and pray always, that we may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man when Jesus appears. It is vital that we understand both prophecy and world developments.

Definite plans are laid to publish The PLAIN TRUTH regularly every month at last. But how the devil has fought to prevent this! He is wroth with this vital work of God. He knows he has but a short time. He does not want the people warned. He does not want the true Gospel Christ brought and preached---the GOOD NEWS of His KINGDOM---proclaimed in all the world as a witness. But Christ says it shall be so proclaimed. He is delivering us from every thrust and attack of Satan! If we understand prophecy, we know we have a few more years, probably eight or ten---to complete the tremendous work to which God has called us. The events against which we must warn the people will take a few brief years to work out. We do have time, but NO TIME TO LOSE! We must be up and about our Father's business with greater zeal than ever

Ambassador College has completed successfully its first difficult year. God has opened WONDERFUL opportunities for the second year, beginning September 12. We have now undoubtedly the best course in radio broadcasting in the nation. New housing to be constructed this summer adjoining the campus and leased by us, is opening to provide adequate dormitory space for students. The 1948-49 college catalog is ready for prospective students.

We have weathered a terrible ordeal, since last August. In March, just when we were two-thirds out of debt, we were thrown off the air on our two great super-power stations. This proved a more severe blow than the unexpected building reconstruction we were forced into. But now WE ARE BACK ON THE AIR AGAIN---only, at my request, we are to broadcast SUNDAY NIGHTS ONLY on XEG and XERB (and same time as always on other stations) until July 11th, WHEN WE GO BACK ON XEG FULL TIME AGAIN---at 8 every night except Saturday, and 5:30 every week-day morning, Central time. This will allow me an imperative three or four weeks' period of fasting and prayer and rest. I have had to carry such a crushing load, under such terrific strain, losing much sleep, that I am simply TIRED of body and mind. I must be FIT, rejuvenated physically, keen and alert mentally, at the very top of

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WORLD WAR III IN 60 DAYS?

EVENTS in Europe have moved at lightning speed since March. In spite of a momentary lull and apparent peace prospect, some top authorities believe Russia may risk war now.

Here is a clear, concise analysis of this new crisis, with the PROPHECIES of what lies ahead for the world.

RUSSIA MAY RISK SHOWDOWN NOW, COMMITTEE SAYS," was a front-page headline as recently as May 9.

"Would anyone here honestly be surprised if we should awake tomorrow to learn that a full-scale war was a fact?" asked Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air John N. Brown at the dedication, on May 8, of an \$8,000,000 incubator for the weapons of scientific warfare.

In Washington the House Armed Services Committee summed up the new world crisis, saying that Soviet moves in Europe the past six months have raised the "new and ominous possibility" that Russia may gamble on a showdown now "on the assumption that the future can bring only a worsening of the Soviet position."

The Picture Up to Mid-March

Until the middle of March expert opinion in Washington was that immediate war was out of the question. The official government view was that we had five years to be ready for war with Russia. War was possible within five years, *probable* in ten or fifteen.

But during March the Russian crisis deepened nearly every day. The entire picture changed suddenly. By mid-March the military planners of the Joint Chiefs of Staff accepted the alarming possibility Russia might launch a surprise attack opening World War III within 90 days. By early May this view had not changed.

Last January the official government view was that Russia was not ready, or even able, to start another war now. Best opinion was that Russia had the secret of the atomic bomb, was working feverishly on it, but would not be able to have bombs in war-time production inside five years.

Russia was not ready—did not want war now—needs five years to repair her crippled war industry and gear it to war-time speed, complete the navy she is constructing, develop actual production of atomic bombs and jet-propelled or rocket missiles to carry the bombs in quantity sufficient to render a decisive knockout blow. America had atomic bombs ready for use now, Russia didn't.

These considerations of last January still hold today.

What Has Changed the Situation?

But in spite of these facts, there has been since mid-March a dynamic trend toward immediate war! By mid-May we had entered a foreboding lull in the "cold war." But many military men and congressional leaders believed this might be the ominous quiet before an earth-shaking explosion—they have come to the view Stalin may not wait five years, but may gamble on an immediate struggle, now!

Their reasoning is this: Stalin is not yet ready—does not really want war now, but, as Stalin himself has remarked, he is not quite so intent upon PEACE as he *believes* America to be. Like Hitler, Stalin has moved to gain all he could by power politics, by internal coups, by methods short of actual shooting war. Russia has taken over most of eastern Europe. But Russia's hope of acquiring control of western Europe without war lay in postwar chaos. Like a great vulture, communism feeds on the death and decay of prosperity. In hunger and desperation people succumb to the promises of something different.

Why the Marshall Plan?

That was the reason for the Marshall Plan. That's why the United States has been pouring billions into European relief, making a big-scale effort to get Europe back on her feet economically. When I was in Europe a year ago I saw a cold, hungry, ill-clad people. In London I talked with titled people in threadbare clothes. In France the people appeared dejected, whipped. Food was scarce and very poor. There was almost no gasoline. Italy appeared not only pitifully down, but hopelessly out. People were discouraged, their morale shattered. But today reports indicate that with American dollars Europe is beginning to recover, the economic trend is starting gradually upward.

Now communist hopes of devouring a decaying Europe are dwindling. Elections in Italy, Germany, France, have dealt severe blows to communist hopes, revealed the sensational surge to power of the new "Christian-Socialist" movement. It is becoming apparent communism cannot take over western Europe

by any means short of war. The future can bring only a worsening of the Soviet position.

Result: this sober realization is forcing Stalin seriously to consider risking actual shooting war immediately. To delay can only lessen his chances of grabbing western Europe. It may be *now*—or never!

Dollars Alone Not Enough

In March Stalin began to move! His coup in Czechoslovakia, his sudden demands upon Finland, his threat in Italy, France and Norway—reveals that the spirit of Hitler still rides! It is reminiscent of Berchtesgaden, Munich, Sudetenland! Are these similar moves by Stalin also preliminary to the actual military blow?

The gravity of this situation forced President Truman's electrifying message to Congress in mid-March. Dollars—even billions—it now stands revealed, are not enough to save Europe. The very fact these dollars have forestalled the spectre of bolshevism from consuming a dejected, hungry, chaotic Europe by means short of war may now force Stalin to strike swiftly to take over all Europe *by* war, before Europe recovers further.

That is why Mr. Truman asked Congress for ARMAMENT—THE DRAFT—PREPAREDNESS FOR WAR—actual military aid to the bloc of nations allying for defense against Russia!

Could Red Army Overrun Europe?

Suppose Stalin does decide to chance a quick war to conquer all Europe, *now*.

Just what would happen? How would such a war be fought? Who would win?

There are differences of opinion in military circles. Very little is known of the true FACTS behind the iron curtain.

Secretary Forrestal estimates that Russia now has 100 divisions in the Red Army, besides 75 divisions from Soviet satellite states. European estimates place the Red Army at 165 to 175 divisions of land forces alone.

Opposed to this would be the small American force in Germany of not over

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30,000 men, plus a small French force, plus only two English infantry divisions, one armored brigade, and one parachute brigade.

The almost universal military opinion, at the moment, is that Russia's huge land army would find little opposition in its path as it would sweep rapidly over all Europe, being halted only by the Atlantic on the west, and the Pyrenees mountains at the northern border of Spain. The allied strategy would be to stop Russia at the English Channel, and the Pyrenees, and form resistance forces in England and in Spain.

With airborne troops Russia probably would occupy Iceland immediately, giving her a base from which to bomb our large eastern cities. More serious, the Russians could route an attack against the United States through Alaska. Top U.S. strategists believe Russia could take Alaska by air, and bomb Chicago, Detroit, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Seattle, Portland. However, such damage would not be decisive.

How the U.S. Would Fight

Meanwhile, the United States Navy now literally swarms the Mediterranean. United States-British forces would immediately concentrate in Turkey, Palestine, Arabia—protecting the Suez Canal, Arabian oil, and setting up a base in the Middle-East. This might soon become the principal theatre of the war.

Inside 60 days, it is probable the Russians would have overrun all Europe with the exception of Spain. But at that point the United States, with what allied help we would have, would take over.

It would, in principle, be the Japanese war all over again. In a few short months after "Pearl Harbor" the Japs had invaded and taken over a vast empire—they had won *their* war, if only we had quit and left them in possession of it at that point. But from there we began our long, uphill fight to take it all back.

And likewise, after initial reverses, allied forces would begin to fight back from Britain, from Spain, and from Middle-East bases. In a very few months great forces of not too rusty veterans from the recent war would be mobilized. American industry would be geared full scale to war production again. Russia could be held at the Mediterranean, the Pyrenees, and the English Channel while the American military machine would build up quickly to the same overwhelming power that defeated Germany and Japan.

United States strategists say we now have bombers that could make nonstop flights from the three main bases to drop atomic bombs on Moscow, and nearly all the major cities of Russia. But the atomic bomb, they say, would not be used extensively until enough could be dropped for a knockout.

How Atomic Bombs Would Be Used

In such an immediate war, now, the atomic bomb would not prove to be the magical weapon popularly believed. It takes much more than the bomb.

True, authorities know that it *will* be possible with the atomic bomb to completely conquer a nation overnight, and blast a third of it out of existence. But such results cannot be accomplished *until some nation has developed and gotten into actual mass production guided missiles to hurl the bomb from a base to any given target halfway around the world with precision and accuracy, and in such great numbers as to utterly destroy dozens or hundreds of entire cities in one night.*

That could not be done now! Today we still have no way to take these bombs to the targets except by large bombers flown by our own men. It is estimated it will take five years to perfect these guided missiles, making possible the utter destruction of an entire nation by atomic bombs.

What Is PROPHESED!

Now what is prophesied, from here? NO SUCH WAR BETWEEN RUSSIA AND THE UNITED STATES IS PROPHESED, contrary to many who profess to understand biblical prophecy.

A coming war *is* prophesied, in which the United States and the British Isles will be attacked, invaded, and CONQUERED—unless we turn from our present evil ways and return to our God! This invasion, however, will not come from the Russians, but from the very source least anticipated today!

But is not a war prophesied in which Russia shall be the aggressor? Certainly, and in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel. But there are no two chapters of prophecy more generally misunderstood! These chapters do *not* foretell an invasion by Russia of the United States and the British Isles at all. The *time*, and the *place*, of the invasion foretold in these chapters is much different.

Well, then—if no such war between Russia and America is prophesied for this time, is such a war impossible?

Not at all. This writer knows of no prophecy foretelling the war with Japan, except as it was included as a part of the world wars starting with 1914 foretold in Matt. 24:7. There is no prophecy that such a war will *not* occur. But I have said repeatedly, and I still say, *I do not believe there will be any such war, now!* But if it should come, America will win!

The TRUTH About Ezekiel 38

Space here does not permit a full detailed exposition of Ezekiel 38. Such an

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But, briefly, we summarize in condensed form what Ezekiel 38 does say.

To understand this much-discussed prophecy it is necessary to carefully read the entire book of Ezekiel—for there is a continuous story-flow running through the book, in orderly time-sequence.

Ezekiel wrote in the time of the captivity of the Kingdom of JUDAH—130 years after the Kingdom of ISRAEL had gone into captivity and disappeared from the notice of biblical history (Ch. 1:1-3).

But, though he was among the captives of the House of JUDAH, he was commissioned a prophet with a message for the House of ISRAEL (Ch. 2:3; 3:1, 4, etc.). He was given a prophetic message to *warn* the House of Israel (Ch. 3:17)—not the Jews, but the TEN TRIBES called the House of ISRAEL. Ezekiel's warning is to *them*—whose descendants *we* are today—not to the Jews, among whom he then was!

The WARNING of American Defeat!

Notice the warning Message from Almighty God!

"Give this message from the Lord the Eternal to the whole community of Israel: . . . I placed her (today the U.S. and Britain) in the center of the nations, with the lands of the world around her, and she rebelled against my laws and orders. . . . This therefore is the sentence of the Lord the Eternal: Because you have been worse rebels than the nations around you . . . because you have followed the practices of the nations around you, therefore— it is the sentence of the Lord the Eternal—I will inflict punishment upon you . . . and scatter all your survivors to the winds . . . a third of your folk shall die within your walls of pestilence and famine, a third shall fall by the sword . . . and a third I will scatter to the four winds and pursue them with a sword . . . I will turn you into a desolate ruin" (Ezekiel 5:5-14).

Note carefully this fact! This is a prophecy of a coming invasion and captivity of the House of ISRAEL—not of Judah. When this prophecy was revealed to Ezekiel and written, *the only captivity that ever befell the Kingdom of Israel had already occurred 130 years before!* Therefore this prophecy cannot refer to that ancient captivity and dispersion.

This is a prophecy and warning of a captivity that is YET TO COME! It is for the LATTER DAYS—*now*—this 20th century A.D.! Such an invasion, defeat, and captivity has never yet come.

Therefore it is for the Age-End—a matter of a *very few years from now!*

WHY America Has Won Her Last War!

Israel of old was never outstandingly wealthy among the nations of the world. But the United States and Great Britain today possess more than *two-thirds* of all the wealth, including the gold and the silver, of the earth!

Speaking of modern Israel today, God says: "Money has been their ruin and their sin; they prided themselves upon the beauty of their silver and their gold . . . so I will bring the worst of the pagans to take possession of the houses, and I will put an end to the *strength* on which the land prided itself" (Ch. 7:19-24). Wealthiest, strongest of nations, our sins, our crimes, are the greatest of any nation on earth today, as the actual statistics show!

The Story-Flow of Ezekiel

The Book of Ezekiel continues on through these End-Time tribulations—the time of "Jacob's Trouble"—up to the DELIVERANCE of our people from the coming captivity, by the Second Coming of Christ.

Then, coming to chapter 36, the deliverance and regathering of our people to the ancient Holy Land is pictured.

God speaks: "For I am about to gather you out of the nations (where our people shall be scattered in slavery—verse 22) and collect you from all countries and bring you back to your own land; then I will pour clean water over you, cleansing you from all your impieties and purifying you from all your idols; I will give you a *new nature* (conversion) . . . I will put my own Spirit within you, and I will make you live by my laws, and you shall obey and observe my orders. You shall live in the land that I gave to your fathers (Palestine); you shall be my own people, and I will be your God" (Ezek. 36:24-29).

The 37th chapter shows the joining together of the two nations, Israel and Judah, as one nation in the land of Palestine.

"Here am I about to take the Israelites from the nations where they have gone, gathering them from every quarter and bringing them back to their own land, where I will make them into a single nation upon the mountains of Israel." (Notice "mountains of Israel" as used by Ezekiel means the literal mountainous land of Palestine.) "They shall no longer be two nations, nor shall they be divided into two kingdoms any longer at all" (Ezek. 37:21-22).

Notice, the story-flow carries up to the

coming of Christ, the coming great exodus of our people once more back to Palestine—Israel and Judah both—the conversion of all these people, the actual beginning of the "millenium."

And Now, Ezekiel 38

Now we come to the much-discussed 38th chapter of Ezekiel. Note carefully the TIME—it is after the second coming of Christ—after Israel and Judah both are back in Palestine, restored from captivity and slavery—now converted, living by God's laws, with David, resurrected, now king over them (ch. 37:24-25; Jer. 30:9).

All who understand prophecy agree this refers to an invasion *by RUSSIA*.

The question is *what land will Russia invade?* "Thou shalt come into 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 (once a perpetual waste—Moffatt translation): but is brought forth out of the nations."

What "Mountains of Israel" Means

In Ezekiel's language the expression "mountains of Israel" is frequently used, and ALWAYS refers, not symbolically to "NATIONS" but to the literal mountainous LAND of Palestine. Notice chapter 6:2-3, and then 36:1-15. "Prophecy unto *the mountains of Israel*. . . . Thus saith the Eternal to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken . . . prophesy therefore concerning the *land* of Israel, and say unto the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys. . . . But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are at hand to come . . . and ye shall be tilled and sown: and I will multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it: and the cities shall be inhabited, and the wastes (of the land) shall be builded: and I will multiply upon you man and beast . . . and my people Israel shall possess thee."

This needs no explanation. Ezekiel does not use the phrase symbolically but literally.

The Russians, then, according to the prophecy of Ezekiel 38, ARE TO INVADE PALESTINE, *not the United States or Britain!*

But Russia will come AGAINST American and British *people*—yes, most certainly—but *after* our coming invasion, captivity, and dispersion as slaves into European and other nations—*after* our deliverance by the coming of Christ—*after* our people ISRAEL have been

taken in the prophesied coming great exodus back to Palestine—*after* we shall have learned our lesson, repented of present crimes and sins, and have found our God and have been restored to wealth and prosperity once again.

Note the TIME: Verse 23, "Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Eternal." This, in Ezekiel's language throughout the entire Book always refers to the period at and after the Second coming of Christ!

Notice, in chapter 39, who it is that turns back and defeats Russia. It is *not* American and British armies—it is GOD HIMSELF!

"And I," God says, "will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee. . . . And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands" (Ezek. 39:2-4).

Again, Russia comes from the NORTH—and Russia is north of Palestine—not north of England or America.

The TIME of the Prophecy

Again notice, in the 39th chapter, the *time* of the prophecy.

"And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall SEE my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them"

(the Russians) (Ezek. 39-21). It is after Christ is ruling on earth *in person* as King of kings, and Lord of lords. All nations are to SEE and recognize what HE has done—they shall see and behold His glory!

Continue: "So the House of Israel shall know that I am the Eternal their God from that day and forward" (Verse 22). ". . . Therefore thus saith the Eternal God; Now" (at the very TIME of these events) "will I bring again the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole House of Israel. . . . When I have brought them again from the people (after the coming invasion and defeat and captivity) and gathered them out of their enemies lands and am sanctified in them IN THE SIGHT OF MANY NATIONS. Neither will I hide my face any more from them: for I have poured out my Spirit upon the House of Israel, saith the Eternal God" (Ezek. 39:23-29). This is the time of Romans 11:25-26; Matt. 25:31-32; Isa. 11:10-11; Micah 4:1-4, etc., etc.

Who, Then, Will Attack Us?

But if there is no prophecy of any attack by Russia against the United States, who then *is* to attack us? By whom are we to be conquered?

By the power we now least suspect!

The prophecies of this amazing invasion against the United States will appear in an article in the July number of The PLAIN TRUTH.

Jews are a Nation Again

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Agriculture in Palestine—40% Jewish! Jews pay 87% of the income tax in Palestine. How much do the Japanese pay in California?

"Now let me tell you what 'HADASSAH' has accomplished! 'Hadassah' is the women's Zionist organization of America, with 220,000 members. Since 1920 they have been caring for the health and hospitalization needs in Palestine. They maintain in Palestine a large organization of social workers, and spend four million dollars a year in bringing about better health and sanitation conditions in Palestine. Now there are more than three hundred million Arabs—only about a million of them are in Palestine. But because of the charitable work of this Jewish women's organization, the highest birth rate and the lowest death rate of Arabs in the world is in Palestine. These conditions are terrible in Egypt, Iraq, Syria, and other Arab nations."

How Jews Feel About Palestine

"If a Jew feels he is a Jew," continued the Zionist executive director, "if he is connected with Jewish people, he feels a *connection* with Palestine. All Jewish life, through all the history of the Jewish people, has centered around Jerusalem and Palestine.

"All Jewish education has instilled in Jewish people a definite connection with Palestine. From childhood all Jewish boys and girls have been taught of the glory of Jewish people in ancient Palestine. The glory of GOD is inseparably interwoven with the glory of Palestine. Palestine is the center of Jewish education, of Jewish religion, of Jewish culture, of Jewish family life—it is the very *heart* of the Jew! It means his *life*! To separate our people from Palestine would be to tear our hearts out!

"The basic Jewish law, of family life, of social relationships, of religious life, is laid down by the Sanhedrin, inseparably

connected with Palestine. For many centuries our people have been scattered, driven from nation to nation, scattered all over the world, with no national home or nation of our own. But through all these centuries the Jews have felt they were exiled and driven cruelly from *their home*—PALESTINE! All these centuries Palestine has been, in their hearts, their HOME from which they were temporarily driven. It is the *only* national home and center of the Jews! But *Palestine has never been the national home, or center, of the Arabs*, but just a small part of their territory—just a place where a *small part* of them have settled and lived.

"Mr. Wabba's California illustration is not a fair comparison at all!" And Mr. Karpman waxed almost vehement. "The Japanese have their ancient home in Japan. If such an absurd event should happen as for them to ask for California for a new Japanese nation, such demand would have no basis whatever. But we have *every* basis for demanding Palestine for our home! Or, I suppose he might say the Indians might demand California back as their national home. The Indians were there before the white man. But the Indians had never developed California; the Jews did, and are now, developing Palestine! But the Arabs never did, and are not now, developing Palestine. California never was the center of Indian life, religion, and industry, or any semblance of national life. There is no comparison whatever!

52 Nations Gave Jews Right

"Now, do the Jews have any real *right* to be in Palestine today? The Arabian Sheik doesn't want to base his claims on the Bible, because he must know God rejected Ishmael and gave the land to the descendants of Isaac. But aside from the Bible claim, let us look at our rights in Palestine based only on authority of modern nations, and conditions as of today. Palestine was opened to Jews after 52 nations decided (League of Nations) they had a *right* to go there and create a Jewish national home in Palestine. And these nations based this right on the Bible, on Jewish history, Jewish life, etc. Fifty-two nations give us that right!

"In 1922 there were only 85,000 Jews in Palestine. As a result of the Balfour Declaration, and mandate from 52 nations, we brought in 600,000 Jews. But at the same time, 600,000 *more* Arabs also came into Palestine, so they would still outnumber us—so actually the Jews brought 600,000 Arabs into Palestine! Neither the Japanese nor the Indians ever brought 600,000 Americans into California! Now the rate of Arab

immigration into Palestine—from Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Trans-Jordan, Lebanon, Yeman, etc., is greatly increased.

"Trans-Jordan is four times as large as Palestine. In 1922, it had 300,000 population. It is about the same today—just a vast desert. But the Jews have brought 600,000 Jews, and 600,000 Arabs into Palestine. They have brought PROSPERITY, and progressive LIFE into Palestine—ample employment, highest standard of living, good health, removal of swamps and malaria which killed so many Arabs before we went back there. We brought all these benefits and blessings to Arabs as well as to Jews.

"There is room in Palestine for all homeless Jews of the earth—and without any harm to Arabs. AND NO OTHER COUNTRY WILL ACCEPT THESE HOMELESS PEOPLE! The condition of those refugee Jews is tragic—yes, one of the world's greatest tragedies—and PALESTINE IS THE ONLY SOLUTION! Remember, 52 nations opened it up to us! No other nation will open its doors to us! It will not injure the Arabs, nor even alter the proportion of population, since every Jew also brings another Arab into Palestine! And every Jew also *improves living conditions* for that additional Arab who moves in to keep him outnumbered! We are *benefitting*, not harming the Arabs! Now where else are our tragically homeless people to go? The United States will not take in these Jews. In South America, Brazil receives 7000 Italians, but NO JEWS—they don't want us! Jews can't demand that other countries take in our people, *but Jews do have a right to demand that Palestine, which 52 nations said Jews have a right to enter, should receive us.* Remember, the condition of these homeless Jews is pitiful—yet, as soon as they are admitted to Palestine they become part of the busy, industrious national life there, and become useful, energetic, productive citizens. They are no longer a pitiful burden to anybody—they are now a great HELP even to the Arabs!

What Arabs and Jews Did in World War

"Prior to World War I, *there was no independent Arab nation!* All Arab peoples were under Turkey!" The Zionist leader was far from finished! "After World War I the Arabs got independence—Egypt, Saudi-Arabia, Yeman, etc. They are still just deserts—and just backward, undeveloped people—but they were made *independent!* They didn't contribute anything to the war—but *they got independence!*

"The Jews participated in the war—in the U.S., British, and other armies—played an important part—there was a special Jewish Legion in World War I—and yet all our people got out of it was the *right*, by 52 nations, to have a national home in Palestine!

"Now look at World War II. A million and a half Jews participated in Allied armies. The Palestinian Jewish Brigade fought in the desert, and in Italy against Rommel. It was help supplied by Palestine Jews which actually turned the tide of the entire war in the Allies' favor at El Alemein. One of our greatest war correspondents wrote a book about Jewish participation, called 'Our Forgotten Ally.' Yes, America and Britain seem to have *forgotten* their Jewish ally! But now what did the Arabs do? Arab leaders brought the Nazis into Iraq, Syria, and Lebanon. The British had to *force* Egypt to change its government from pro-Nazi to King Faruk. *No Arab country declared war, or entered the war, against the Nazis, until three months before V-E Day—and then only to get a place in the UNITED NATIONS!*

"Arab leaders from Palestine, Iraq and Syria flew to the side of Hitler in 1941-42, and worked with him and helped him slaughter Jews! The British have brought back to Cairo the Arab Nazi leaders who worked with Hitler in Berlin through the war—but not one of them has been so much as tried!

"Six million Jews were slaughtered in Europe! My family was all killed—" ". . . and so was mine," interjected Hapoel Hatzair.

"Only one and a quarter million of these European Jews remain alive, and now today everybody is worried about how to feed the Nazis and care for the poor defeated Germans—but these Jews are still homeless, and NO NATION will admit them! Fifty-two nations gave them a right to enter Palestine, but the Arabs fight us, and the Arabs have OIL, and so Britain and America listen to Arabs!

"After this last World War, the Arabs got additional new independent nations out of it—Iraq (from British), Syria (Fr.), Lebanon (Fr.), and Trans-Jordan (under British and French)—all given independence—and what for? As a reward for helping Nazis during the war!" The Zionist leader was a little bitter, now.

"But what do the Jews get out of it for helping the Allies defeat Germany? When we have these homeless survivors from Hitler's race-hatred slaughter in their present pitiful plight, *we* get the door to our homeland slammed in our

faces! After 25 years of the mandate from 52 nations which said it is the Jews' *right* to go back to Palestine, that mandate is exercised by the British fighting against any Jews who try to go there—sending these Jews to Cypress and detention camps, placing them as prisoners behind barbed wires!

"The Arabs won six seats in the United Nations. The Jews won *nothing* for their help in the war. We have *no representative*—no voice nor approach, in the United Nations councils. Yet *they* sit in judgment over our fate in Palestine, and give us not one voice!

"Palestine," Itzhak J. Karpman concluded, is *not* an independent Arab nation at all, but has been under mandate to Great Britain. In this mandate, those 52 nations promised the Arabs *nothing*—they promised the Jews a HOME—and we have not been getting it!"

And thus the Zionist leader gave answer to my friend, Sheik Hafiz Wabba!

What Has Happened?

And now what has *happened*? On May 15th the British mandate ended. After 25 hopeless years of trying to keep peace in the Holy Land, the British gave up.

The same day the Jews in Palestine declared themselves a nation! They set up a republic. They called it "ISRAEL."

Twenty minutes after this nation came into existence, President Truman in Washington—still May 14th, Washington time—having switched around from one policy after another on Palestine—having just abandoned the U. S. partition plan for Palestine—dramatically announced United States recognition of the new Jewish nation called "ISRAEL." It seems the reason for the hurry was to take this action ahead of Soviet Russia, who thus was forced to *follow the United States lead!*

By dawn, May 15th, just a few hours after the "Jewish state of ISRAEL" had been proclaimed, Arab air forces began dropping bombs on Tel Aviv, and the armies of Arab nations began marching on Jerusalem.

Thus while Jews in America prayed for the PEACE of Palestine, the proclamation of "the Jewish nation ISRAEL" was the signal for WAR between that nation and surrounding Arab nations. There was no ushering in of PEACE!

And the Almighty says, prophetically: "all nations that burden themselves with Jerusalem"—in the day when "they shall be in siege against Jerusalem" as the Arab nations are now—"SHALL BE CUT TO PIECES."

The British have been burdening themselves with it for 25 years. The

United States has been meddling, interfering, burdening itself with it. So has Soviet Russia and nearly every nation on earth. The "United Nations" has been burdening itself with it. God says "they shall be cut to pieces!"

NOT Prophesied Regathering of Israel

In God's own due time the Jews are to be released from their persecutions, their harrowing trials, and re-established within Palestine IN PEACE!

But this is not that prophesied regathering of Israel!

This is merely a blundering human effort to do for themselves, before the time, what they will have to wait for God to do for them.

And this present movement, setting up a nation of Jews and calling it "ISRAEL," can only lead to more bloodshed and more troubles!

In the first place, the new nation that has declared itself in Palestine is *not* Israel at all—it is only a *part* of JUDAH!

When the great prophesied Exodus occurs, it will be Israel and Judah *together*. And they will not do it in their own defiant, embittered power and strength—they will be taken back, by Christ after His coming, from a condition of slavery and from the land of their enemies. (See Ezek. 39:25-27.) At that time they will take captive their captors, and rule over those who had been ruling over them (Isa. 14:1-3—see especially Moffatt translation; Jer. 30:16; 31:11). It will be a greater Exodus than the typical one under Moses—this one will be under CHRIST at His return! (Jer. 23:7-8). They will go back

to Palestine weeping, confessing their sins, loathing themselves for having ignored and transgressed against God, seeking the MESSIAH whom they have rejected (Jer. 50:4-5; Ezek. 20:34-43). They will then be converted, changed from sinners into Spirit-filled people living by God's laws (Jer. 50:19-20; Ezek. 36:24-28).

The Jews in Palestine, and this new nation, fulfill NONE of those prophecies!

But what a strange dilemma!

The Jews Are NOT ISRAEL!

Most people today do not seem to know that the Jews are *not* Israel but only a part of "Judah." The first place in the Bible where the word "Jews" occurs, the Jews are at war against ISRAEL (II Kings 16:6).

Four whole Books of the Bible are devoted to showing the historic difference between the two nations, Israel and Judah. There were twelve tribes of Israel, originally. But after Solomon died, the nation ISRAEL rejected her king, Rehoboam, son of Solomon, and made Jeroboam, of the tribe of Ephraim, king. Then the one tribe of Judah *split off from the nation Israel*, and formed a NEW NATION of their own (just as they are trying to do again today), in order to retain Rehoboam as king. This new nation was called the Kingdom of JUDAH. The tribe of Benjamin, and a large portion of Levi, then joined Judah, leaving the TEN TRIBES in the nation ISRAEL.

Palestine belongs, by divine grant, to Abraham and his descendants. But God

rejected Ishmael, the father of the Arabs, from the promise. It passed on, instead, through ISAAC. God also rejected Isaac's eldest son ESAU, after he had undervalued the birthright, and sold it to Jacob for a bowl of red soup. The TURKS are the children of Esau, and so they, too, have always felt Palestine belonged to them. But it was given to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

But *then* how was it passed on down? The dying Jacob passed the birthright, and possession of Palestine on through the tribes of EPHRAIM and MANASSEH, sons of Joseph (Gen. 48:4-5, 15-16). He named HIS NAME (Israel) ON THEM—Ephraim and Manasseh. It is *their* descendants today, the American and British people, therefore, who are truly the national ISRAEL. The Jews come from Judah, and belonged to the nation JUDAH, not the nation ISRAEL!

For a complete exposition and understanding of our national identity as the true nation ISRAEL, the reader is referred to our special booklet, "United States in Prophecy," sent free upon request.

But what a muddle! The Arabs believe Palestine should be theirs because they are descended from Ishmael. The Turks want it because they come from ESAU. The Jews want it because they come from Jacob, but through JUDAH.

Yet *it belongs to none of them* by divine right! It belongs to Great Britain and America, into whose hands God placed it, but who have been so valiantly trying to get rid of it! What a hot firebrand it is! It may yet set the whole world on fire!

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