

STUDY VIII THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL

- (1) Among all the relics of antiquity that have come down to our day, which possesses the greatest interest and is the most easily deciphered and understood? Page 243, par. 1
- (2) As a people, how are the Jews marked and peculiar even today, as in centuries past? Page 244, par. 1
- (3) What prophecy clearly assures us that the re-establishment of Israel in the land of Palestine is to be expected "in that day"-the Day of the Lord? (Amos 9:11, 14, 15) Why cannot this prophecy be interpreted as symbolic? Page 244, par. 2
- (4) Have the Jews as a nation lost faith in Jehovah? Why did they crucify the Prince of Life? Page 246, par. 1
- (5) In what manner was the work of the Jewish Harvest completed by the destruction of Israel as a nation? Page 246, par. 2
- (6) What has been Israel's experience from that time to the present? Page 246, par. 3, to Page 247, par. 1
- (7) As the time for the promised restoration to God's favor draws on, has there been any preparation manifest among the Jews? Briefly, what are the most noticeable differences between the Orthodox and Non-orthodox Jews? Page 247, par. 2
- (8) Give a brief summary of the faith of the Orthodox Jews. Page 248, par. 1
- (9) Of what does their worship consist since the destruction of the Temple at Jerusalem? Page 249, par. 1
- (10) What is the attitude of the Non-orthodox or Reformed Jews? Page 249, par. 2
- (11) Which class will doubtless be ready to accept the Messiah when He comes in power and great glory? Is there no hope for those Jews who have wandered away from the faith of Abraham? Page 249, par. 3

ANGLO-ISRAELITES

- (12) Briefly stated, what is the Anglo-Israel theory? Page 250, par. 1
- (13) What reply can be made to the claims of this theory?
- (14) Was it to the credit of the "ten tribes" that they strayed away from the tribes of Judah and Benjamin? What were the facts regarding all the tribes at the time their return from Babylon was permitted? Page 250, par. 3
- (15) How many returned to the land of promise? And were there many of the original captives among them? Page 251, par. 1
- (16) How did Jesus refer to these tribes in His day? How did He speak of even those who had clung to the promises? What conclusions are reasonably drawn from the expressions of our Lord and the Apostles regarding the Jews at the first advent? Page 252, par. 1
- (17) Even if it could be proven that the Anglo-Saxon peoples were a part of "the lost ten tribes," what advantage would they enjoy? From whom was God's favor taken away at the time of their rejection of Christ, and to whom, therefore, should favor return at His second advent? Page 252, par. 2
- (18) Will the coming favor to Israel be exclusive? What proportion of mankind will be ready for the new laws and conditions of the Millennial Kingdom? Page 253, par. 1
- (19) Why did the Jews stumble over the first feature of the Gospel Dispensation-remission of sins through faith in the Redeemer? How will the Jews' respect for the Law prepare them for the strict requirements of the Millennial Age? Page 253, par. 2.
- (20) Similarly, as the Jews were blinded by false views of the Law, how will many Gentiles be hindered from accepting the new conditions, through false ideas respecting the Gospel of Grace? Page 254, par. 1

(21) Show how the present day commemoration of the Great Day of Atonement by Orthodox Jews should prepare the Jew to recognize Christ's death as his ransom, or corresponding price? Page 254, par. 2, to Page 256, par. 1

TO THE JEW FIRST

(22) Show how the fulfilment of the prophecies concerning Israel's blinding and recovery from blindness comes about in a natural way. Explain Simeon's prophecy: "This child is set for the fall and rising again of many in Israel." Page 256, par. 2, 3

(23) While the promised return of Israel to their own land is to be literally fulfilled, how should Acts 15:16, Luke 1:32, Ezek. 37:24 be interpreted--literally or figuratively? Page 256, par. 4

(24) What authority did David have and exercise? And upon whose throne did he sit? (1 Chron. 29:23) What will be David's chief honor in the earthly phase of the Kingdom? Page 257, par. 1

(25) What does the name David signify? And of what was it typical? How should we distinguish between the old Jerusalem's promised restoration and the establishment of the New Jerusalem? Page 258, par. 1

(26) What was the date at which Israel's "double" was fulfilled and the turning away of their blindness due to begin? Page 258, par. 2

(27) What is the language of Jeremiah regarding the Lord's returning favor to Israel? Read and interpret Jer. 24:5-7; 30:18, 20, 21; 31:8-12. Page 259, par. 1, 2

(28) While the foregoing will be the experience of the living generations of Israel, what will be the portion of the dead ones? (Ezek. 37:12-14) Page 260, par. 1

(29) Will it require more than a twenty-four hour day in which to fulfill these promises? When did they have a marked beginning? Page 260, par. 2

(30) Why has England for a long time felt the necessity for protecting Turkey? What incident resulted in the Berlin Conference, and who was the chief figure at this meeting? What did the English Government guarantee to Turkey? Page 260, par. 3

(31) Under whose care, therefore, is Palestine? By what persecutions has this providential opening of Palestine to the Jews been followed? What is the present proportion of Jews to other nationalities represented in Jerusalem today? Page 261, last par.

(32) Why is Palestine so important in the eyes of the statesmen, the historian, the religionist, and the merchant, respectively? Page 262, par. 1, 2

(33) While the great powers are waiting to grasp this coveted land, what historical figure steps upon the scene? Page 263, par. 1

(34) How are great nations born? And why is the Jew best adapted to develop the land of Palestine? Page 263, par. 2

(35) What are the hopes and longings and predictions of the Jews themselves with regard to their restoration? Page 264, par. 1, 2

(36) How near to the truth have worldly men come in the foregoing statement, that "Abraham would himself fain be present to receive" this land of promise? Page 265, par. 1

(37) What evidences of the gradual progress of restitution in Palestine have been recently described by Jewish settlers? Page 265, par. 2, to Page 266, par. 1

(38) What are the conditions in the City of Jerusalem, as respects its rebuilding? Page 266, par. 2

(39) Notwithstanding the long continued oppression of the Jews, to what positions of wealth and benevolence have many of them attained? Page 266, par. 3

(40) Since 1878, what has been the attitude of prominent Jews with respect to the colonization of Palestine? Page 267, par. 1, to Page 268, par. 1

(41) What is the opinion of the "Jewish Messenger" respecting Israel as a coming power among the nations? Page 268, par. 2, to Page 269, par. 1

(42) How does the "Jewish Chronicle" express itself concerning a restoration of the Jews as a matter of prophecy? Page 269, par. 2

(43) Are other prominent men taking note of the rising prominence of Israel? What has been said by Lord Shaftesbury of England, and Charles Reade, the novelist, regarding Jewish ability in the professions and in commerce, the cause of their persecution and their ultimate exaltation among the nations? Page 269, par. 3, to Page 271, par. 3

(44) What is claimed in a Jewish proverb of recent years, respecting a railway to Jerusalem, and how has this been fulfilled? Page 272, par. 1, 2

(45) What statement appeared in the "Pittsburgh Dispatch" in 1889 with reference to present progress in Palestine, especially in Jerusalem? Describe the Jews' "wailing place" and the interesting custom which has obtained since the Middle Ages. Page 272, par. 3, to Page 277, par. 2

(46) Not until what time will the wealthier classes of Jews be attracted to Palestine? Page 277, par. 3

ISRAEL'S BLINDNESS DEPARTING

(47) What prophecy of St. Paul's regarding Israel's blindness should now begin to see its fulfilment? When will Israel's blindness be due to pass away in its completeness? How is the date 1881 related to this subject? Page 277, last par.

(48) Through whom will Israel's general recognition of the true Messiah doubtless be brought about? Page 278, par. 1

(49) What signs of the times indicate that the blindness of Israel has begun to pass away? Describe the Rabinowitch movement. What was Rabinowitch's attitude toward Jesus and the New Testament? And what were his principal exhortations to his followers? Page 278, par. 2, to Page 285, par. 3

(50) What similar awakening has been progressing in Siberia? Page 285, par. 4, 5

(51) In the work of restoring fleshly Israel, as well as in the Harvest work for the gathering of Spiritual Israel, what is one of the most noticeable features, as respects the Nominal Church? Page 286, par. 1

(52) What does the re-gathering of Israel signify according to the Apostle Paul? Page 286, par. 2

(53) How was a Jewish Kingdom proposed in the Memorial offered to President Harrison by Mr. William F. Blackstone in 1891? Page 288, par. 1, to Page 290, par. 4

THE ANGLO-ISRAELITISH QUESTION

(54) In reply to a criticism of the first edition of this Series, on the Anglo-Israelitish question, what position is taken with respect to the experiences of the ten tribes? What did Jesus mean when He declared, "Salvation is of the Jews"? What texts prove that Jesus recognized the twelve tribes as one nation, and not divided? In what three senses is "salvation of the Jews"? Page 290, par. 5, to Page 293, par. 2

(55) What would be necessary in any case for members of the "ten tribes," if they would have a share in the Covenant made with Abraham? Page 294, par. 1

(56) What Scriptural evidence is there that liberty to return from Babylon was offered to all the tribes, and accepted by representatives from the twelve tribes? Page 294, par. 2, to Page 295, par. 8

(57) What reply is made to the statement by the opponent that the ten tribes were to be "re-married to Jehovah in a New Covenant"? Page 295, par. 3, to Page 297, par. 4

(58) For whom is the New Covenant intended? Page 298, par. 1

(59) If the Anglo-Saxon races are truly descended from the ten tribes, why would it be to their advantage for God to overlook this relationship and count them as Gentiles? Page 298, par. 2

(60) Would the Israelitish origin of any individual or nation gain for him or that nation any special advantage over others during the Gospel Age? Page 298, par. 3

(61) How does Romans 11:31 apply to fleshly Israel and Spiritual Israel, respectively? And in what manner will the Abrahamic promises be fulfilled unto both "seeds"? Page 299, par. 1

(62) What reply can Anglo-Israelites make to the fact that Jesus never referred to the "House of Judah," which they claim was the only tribe that returned to Jerusalem? Further, if their theory be true, why did St. Peter address the Jews at Pentecost, saying, "Let all the House of Israel know, etc."? Page 300, par. 1

(63) Did the curses mentioned by Moses (Deut. 28:15, 46, 49-63-67) have their fulfilment upon the Israel of our Lord's day? If the Anglo-Saxon race be any part of Israel, have verses 64 and 65 yet been fulfilled? Page 300, par. 2, 3