

which I presume to direct your attention, is intimately connected with the probable origin of the Turkish Empire, and relates to the portion of it known as

of the Church of England, it might be with my official position to say something from the standpoint of the prophet of the Holy Scriptures. But I refrain, with it principally on political and grounds.

of Turkish territory, included in the, belonged anciently to a people who exerted a mighty influence for good upon the many other nation of ancient or modern time of Hebrews, Israelites or Jews, been known to the world for considerable *three thousand years*. Their history of this lengthened period has been one of marvel and of thrilling interest. Fully called and set apart for a special mission with the world's welfare; and a eye has ever watched over them from the cradle of their national existence. Their rise to the zenith of its glory before the dawn of the Christian era! They were contemporaneous with the great empires of the world. Their history is comparatively old before even the great

empire of Babylon reached the full development of its splendour. They saw the rise of the Persian dynasty, and its subversion by the more famous empire of Macedonia, under Alexander the Great. Some ages later, they also witnessed the gradual rise of the Roman Power, and the amazing development of its iron strength. In an evil day they became involved in a deadly antagonism with this mighty Power. In the year 70 of the Christian era, their chief city and their Temple were utterly destroyed, and the Jews lost their position as a nation.

While, however, all their contemporaries of ancient times have passed away, without leaving more than a trace behind them of their ancient grandeur, the Jews still continue to exist. For more than *three thousand years* they have not only witnessed the rise and decline of empires, but have been more or less disastrously concerned in all the great revolutionary changes that have swept over the face of the civilized world. Yet they have survived all, and are still a distinct people, numerous and indestructible. They have outlived the splendour of Babylon, the might of Rome and the culture of Greece. They have witnessed the birth and growth, the decay and death, of great empires, whose people have been gradually exterminated, and whose very languages, once spoken by unnumbered millions, are now forgotten, or known only to the learned world. Amid all these sweeping changes, the Jews are still a