

Believing as I do that Great Britain is the literal House of Israel, or, in other words, the "Ten Lost Tribes," I can see the inference of the Prophet through the forces of nature in all our past history, therefore I do not doubt its power in history yet to come ; for instance, at the downfall of the Spanish Armada, the settlement, the place, and the dominating influence of Britain, has more than human freedom and human force centralized in the nation to account for her growth and success and her many conquests, you have therefore got to allow that God has helped Britain ; and again in the first part of the present century, she had to fight one against twenty-three, and yet she came out victorious. Now, Englishman as I am, I do not heap this credit unto them any more than I would unto the Israelites of old, and give them the whole credit. God came to their help as He helped our forefathers, and He will do so again, as the Prophet tells us in the time of Jacob's great struggle.

The history of Great Britain and her attainments are the solemn and open pledge of an over-ruling Providence. Then, if these are facts, and with my imperfect knowledge of history, I can furnish scores of incidents in which Providence must have taken a part, and which we must take into consideration in order to account for it as sacred. What the nature of the preparation and centralization of nearly all the European nations in the renowned invincible Armada ; starting forth on May 19th, 1588, under a special blessing of the Pope, to invade and destroy the little Island of England. The one hundred to one would have been a test had they met ; yet in spite of the benediction of one of those predecessors of the beast, the so-called invincible Armada of Spain was dashed to pieces in a storm ; not one of their soldiers stepped on British soil. How do you account for that ? an accident ; there are no accidents on the God-side of things, there are what we call accidents on the human side of things. The billows laughed at the prayer of the Pope, and the waves marched through the great invincible fleet. Look at the beginning of this century, at Napoleon's great and secret combination of forces and gigantic skill for the invasion of England, and though his Armada was again blessed by another prayer of the old Pope, another predecessor of the beast (I hope the Editor of the *Review* will pardon me), and preparing to start on a similar expedition, accident after