

The point to which I presume to direct your attention stands intimately connected with the probable break-up of the Turkish Empire, and relates to the position to be assigned to that portion of it known as "The Holy Land."

As a clergyman of the Church of England, it might rightly comport with my official position to say something on the subject from the standpoint of the prophetic passages of the Holy Scriptures. But I refrain, and wish to deal with it principally on political and international grounds.

A small section of Turkish territory, included in the Province of Syria, belonged anciently to a people who have exercised a mightier influence for good upon the human race than any other nation of ancient or modern times. By the name of Hebrews, Israelites or Jews, this people has been known to the world for considerably more than *three thousand years*. Their history during the whole of this lengthened period has been one of unparalleled marvel and of thrilling interest. They were originally called and set apart for a special purpose in connection with the world's welfare; and a special Providence has ever watched over them from the commencement of their national existence. Their monarchy was at the zenith of its glory before the foundation of Rome! They were contemporaneous with the most ancient empires in the world. Their nation was comparatively old before even the great