

mony of Josephus has been cited to show that the Ten Tribes did not return with the Jews from Babylon. That they are not to be found with the Jews now is shown by the difference in the nature of the prophecies allotted to each house, and by the fact that, only on the return will re-union take place. Israel must have, at the present time, a distinct national existence. And, lastly, that though Christ, as the seed of Israel or Jacob, is the great fountain of blessing to the Nations, yet the literal race of Israel is the Divinely-chosen instrumentality for making known to the Gentile world the glad tidings of the Gospel.

To spiritualise the prophecies is to mutilate Scripture, and to put our own human constructions on the clear utterances of the infallible Word is to fall into a most grievous error. Infinitely grander do the pages of the good old Book appear when perused in the spirit of the Identity. The dealings of God towards fallen man, and the only appointed way of deliverance from the consequences of sin, remain the same. Our Christian duties are the same too. But the covenant-keeping faithfulness of Jehovah, the wonderful care and loving kindness He has ever manifested towards His chosen people, and the blessings which, after a lapse of so many centuries, still await fulfilment concerning them, are truths which, in their overwhelming fullness, can only be realised when the spirit of God shall be poured forth upon our Nation preparatory to our return to the land of our fathers.

The Identity of the British Nation with the Lost Ten Tribes of the house of Israel explains many startling points in English or Anglo-Saxon history. By it alone can we understand our insular position in a North-westerly direction from Palestine. Solely by the Identity can we account for the rapid increase of the Saxon race, whereby we have been able to send colonists to the remotest part of the earth, before whose presence the aborigines of the places taken possession of have disappeared or are dying out. That the independent Nation of the United States of America should have sprung from the English stock; and that our Queen should rule over so large a portion of the earth's surface; that the British dominions should form a zone, belt, or measuring line, around the other Nations, and that their safety should be secured by so considerable a defensive force; that those colonies should possess, as they do, so large an amount of independence, constituting verily a "company of Nations," while still they acknowledge the same imperial head, can receive their solution at the hands of prophecy alone. The possession by England of those grand gates, such as Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, &c., which give her unlimited command over the commerce of the world; the

manner in which she keeps her home ports open for the purposes of free trade, and that in presence of the prohibitory laws of other Nations; and the abounding wealth of our country, whereby we are enabled to lend to other peoples, but never to borrow of them—are points which demand a perusal of the sacred page in order to reach their true value. That we should have remained for the space of eight hundred years undefeated in this our island home by any other Nation; that whenever our army has come into contact with those of other countries we shall invariably conquer at such fearful odds; that our navy should be the grandest in the world, thus giving to Britain the supremacy over every sea; and that with the comparatively small force which this country could employ for offensive warfare, she should take the lead in European councils, and be enabled to thwart the designs and control the policy of continental Nations, presents a problem, the true key to which can alone be found when we refer to the prophecies given concerning Israel. Nor can the wonderful manner in which this country has been delivered, when menaced by foes, be traced to any other source than to that Almighty Power which wrought deliverance for Israel in days of old. But even these do not form the sum total of England's greatness. The love of truth, for which the English name is honoured throughout the world; the freedom which exists wherever the British flag doth wave; the rapid strides which civilisation has made under the fostering care of England; and the missionary enterprise ever going on in the heathen empire of India and elsewhere, testify to a grandeur never enjoyed by any preceding Nations. Truly right was our beloved Queen when she declared that the Bible is the source of our country's greatness. Our possession of an open Bible, and our national observance of the Sabbath, are Identities of the first order, especially the latter, as it was established to be a sign between God and His chosen people for ever.

Grand, however, as these Identities appear now, what will they appear when the Identity of our Nation with lost Israel shall have been established. We shall then enter upon a most glorious era. For who does not yearn for the time when, the Spirit poured upon us from on high, we shall become "all righteous," "see eye to eye," and "with one consent" adore our heavenly Father for his covenant-keeping faithfulness. The establishment of the new covenant will again unite the two houses; Judah will eventually be saved; our enemies subdued, and the Gentiles prepared for the Millennial reign of Christ.

Such is the glorious future which awaits our Nation; such is her mission in the world. Old England's sun will never set; but she will survive to pass the boundary line which divides the