

tion of my hearers. Its investigation will at all events bring about more minute and devout Biblical analysis, which will itself be a great good, and if the idea be a visionary one, the Holy Spirit, which was promised to believers, will enlighten the understanding of those who wish to ascertain the truth at whatever cost, and to follow the guiding hand of Providence. This much I would ask permission to say, that as far as I have been able to examine the question, this theory affords the only solution, at all satisfactory or intelligible, of Old Testament prophecy, when relating to the Ten Tribes, and that it prevents the common confusion between Israel and Judah, so commonly committed by Bible readers. I used to think these predictions were a completely sealed book, but now I think I see the beginning of the light, irradiating and explaining what was dark and incomprehensible. Also, it may be considered as practically proved that the cradle of the Anglo-Saxon race was the very district to which the Ten Tribes were transported by Shalmanezzer, and from which they never returned to Palestine. The people of this district were called by ancient writers by a name akin to Saxon, and the Scriptures seem to tell us that their future home was to be Isles, north-west of Palestine. If there is any possibility of truth in the matter, how much are our national responsibilities elevated and increased! How incalculable seems our possible influence for good! How splendid the glory of the work before us! It is noticeable that in our English Church services we apply to ourselves the honoured titles and epithets of God's people, God's inheritance, the sheep of His pasture. These are expressions which were first and originally the dower of Israel.

It may be replied that, as the Jewish church has been merged into and succeeded by the Christian