

ever." This they hold to prove that the Ten Tribes must continue their national existence. Now, this is very foolish, for Jeremiah, who wrote these words, was of the tribe of Levi, and the whole of his prophecy refers to the Kingdom of Judah, and the Babylonian, not the Assyrian Captivity. The seed of Israel in its first signification denotes the posterity of Israel or Jacob, among whom the tribe of Judah was pre-eminent, and it is true that, even to this day, they have literally never ceased from being a nation ; and in its higher spiritual signification, that which makes the Word of God a book for all time and for all nations, it denotes the spiritual seed, to which such constant reference is made in the New Testament. John the Baptist cast contempt upon mere literal descent, even before the full incoming of the Christian dispensation, when he said :—" Think not to say within yourselves we have Abraham to our father ; for I say unto you that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham." I will not insult the intelligence of this audience, nor take up your time, with the numerous Scripture proofs for the existence of a spiritual Israel, a chosen generation, a holy nation, a peculiar people. If the followers of Mr. Hine will examine the Epistle to the Hebrews, they will find the context of their favorite passage in Jeremiah quoted more than once in reference to blessings, not temporal for a future Anglo Israel, but spiritual for a present Israel of faith.

Enough has been said of this ignorant, miserably selfish and Bible-degrading theory. The true Israelite who accepts Christ gives up in that very act all the national privileges and hopes of the Jew, and this fact, if there were no other, is sufficient to consign the doctrine of Wilson and Hine to the limbo of defunct errors. We must cling to Christ, not as Israelites or Britons or men of any nationality, but simply as sinners needing salvation. " Neither shall they say, Lo here or lo there, for behold, the Kingdom of God is within you." Israel's bondage is turned back in Jesus Christ. God is gathering in the dispersed of Israel into union with Himself in the Church below, and by translating them to the Church triumphant

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