

nation, to be the covenant-people, the depository of His law, the vehicle of His gracious purposes to mankind. The Jews, it is true, have nationally stumbled and are deposed from their position of pre-eminence, but their fall shall not be final, God shall raise them from it in the end. God is "able to graft them again into their own olive tree," and will do it, for "all Israel shall be saved." The covenant of God with the Jews having been national, shall ultimately be fulfilled to them as a nation, not by the gathering of individuals into the Christian Church (that is taking place now), but by their national restoration as a believing Christian nation, "as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob; for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins. For the gifts and calling of God are without repentance." (Rom. xi. 26-28.)

I shall refer to but one passage of the Old Testament in confirmation and illustration of this argument.

In the vision of the dry bones Ezekiel describes in graphic terms the purposes of God towards His ancient people. The prophet is carried in the spirit into the midst of a valley, he sees the whole ground covered with human bones, so thoroughly bleached and dried by long exposure to the atmosphere that all apparent capability of life has left them, and when asked of God whether such bones can live, he can only refer the