

as I live, saith the Lord God, I will prepare thee unto blood, even blood shall pursue thee. Then will I make Mount Seir most desolate, and cut off from it him that passeth out, and him that returneth. And I will fill his mountains with his slain men, in thy hills, and in thy valleys, and in all thy rivers, shall they fall that are slain by the sword." That by Mount Seir Turkey is meant, is evident from the context (verse 12): "And thou shalt know that I am the Lord, and that I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, *they are given us to consume.*" This must mean Turkey, for no other Nation is in a position to say, "they are given us to consume." If there were still any doubts on this point, the last verse ought to remove them. "As thou didst rejoice at the inheritance of the House of Israel because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O Mount Seir, and all Idumea, even all of it; and they shall know that I am the Lord." If you will look at the 8th verse of the following chapter you will see that these events must be closely followed by the restoration of Israel: "But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your branches, and yield your fruit to My people Israel; for they are at hand to come."

But how can Israel return, as God has plainly said they shall, if the Nation of Israel (i.e., the Ten Tribes) are entirely blotted out of existence, or inseparably mixed with the Gentiles, as some of our ministers teach? It is not true! We have seen one of the special promises to Judah; let us look at one, only one, of the many special promises to the "House of Israel." Let those who thus teach mark this solemn and flat contradiction of their theory of "Israel's extinction," and hide their diminished heads. "Thus saith the Lord, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; the Lord of hosts is His name." (Listen, ye blind teachers, and believe, lest the Lord rebuke you). "If these ordinances depart from before Me, saith the Lord, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a Nation before Me for ever. Thus saith the Lord, If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out from beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the Lord." The sun, the moon, and the stars are not yet removed from the firmament: they still remain as God's *faithful witnesses* that He will perform all the promises to the seed of Abraham. The great world of waters, which occupy about two-thirds of the surface of the earth, are not yet stagnant; therefore, if God's Word be true—as true it is—Israel is still a Nation, existing at the present time, and has never ceased for a single moment to be a Nation. For the same reason, and attested by the same "faithful witnesses," Israel is not only a Nation down to the present time, but is under a monarchy, and that monarch (king or queen) must be, and is, a lineal descendant from King David, the "man after God's own heart." If our blind guides are still of the same opinion, let them measure the heavens, and dig down to the foundations of the earth, to show us they are right, and we are wrong! The labour will strengthen their sinews, brace their nerves, enlarge their muscles, and, better than all, keep them from actual mischief and from doing further harm during the term of their natural lives.

We, who believe in the truth of the Identities, have long been the subjects of contumely—in some cases of scurrilous—abuse, and in other instances of pity—because of our faith in the promises. We could, if we wished, return scorn for scorn—we could not descend to scurrility—and our pity is superior to theirs, for we continue to labour, in season and out of season, to bring them and all professing Christians back to the reverential belief and