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Who is Modern Assyria? What causes his fall? If they overflow Immanuel's land, (Isa. 8:8) what nation or nations drive them out since the saints possess the kingdom? Dan. 7:18, 22; 2:44, 45.

While there is no such nation known to the world today as Assyria, the prophecies for the last days show that there is a power so designated. The evidence clearly stands out that Nahum's prophecy is to meet its fulfillment in our day, and that the Assyria here in prophecy, therefore, is not ancient Assyria, but another widespread power that exists in the time of the end (Dan. 12:9,10), the time in which its yoke is removed from God's people. 1 Timely Greetings, 24:13:3. The name Assyria is figurative of some nation or nations of today. In order to prove who this power is, it is necessary to go back to ancient history just prior to the time in Sacred history when ancient Assyria overthrew the Ancient Israel-Syria confederacy and scattered them through the land of the Medes. This confederacy of Israel-Syria, you recall, had been formed to war against Judah. Since there is an antitypical Assyria, Isaiah the eighth chapter shows that there is also an antitypical Israel-Syria confederacy in the period of Immanuel (Christian).

To be sure, there is a state called Israel today, and a nation Syria, but let us not confuse these two with the Israel-Syria confederacy of Isaiah eight in our day; for these two nations are practically at war with each other and, besides, the type demands that Israel be of the ten tribes; whereas temporal Israel of today is two-tribe Judah. The Seventh Day Adventist church is modern Israel (5T 160, etc.) and the nation they are confederating with is the United States. Therefore, the U.S. is Syria. Tract 14 of the Shepherd's Rod shows the one who dashes in pieces in Nahum's war to be Hitler and Assyria to be England and her allies. Read carefully. Inspiration says . . . the riches of Damascus (capitol of Syria) and the spoil of Samaria (capitol of Israel) shall be taken away before the king of Assyria. Isa. 8:4.

To take the riches away from the U.S. certainly would spoil SDA. Just how, this can come about we do not have the slightest idea. Here is an economic situation we are unable to explain at the present time (1959). However, the Spirit of Prophecy does say that England will humble the U.S. to the dust (1T 259:1). There are two periods of Modern Assyria just as there were of ancient Assyria

when they broke up the Israel-Syria alliance, and when as the Medes they overthrew Babylon. This aspect brings in another factor — Persia, which we have no light on. But, since the U.S. is the type of Syria and also Babylon because of the moral fall of the churches (G.C. 389:2) in her midst, the fall of Babylon and Syria would come at the same time, and the Syria-Israel confederacy is dissolved. Instead of Syria, civil, the U.S. and allies become religio-political Assyria.

There are also two periods of the two-horned beast: (1) when he is lamb-like (2) when he speaks as a dragon. The assimilation of Israel and Syria evidently brings on the period when the Assyrian smites God's people with a rod. "For the Lord God of hosts shall make a consumption, even determined, in the midst of all the land. Therefore, thus saith the Lord God of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. For yet a very little while (42 months, Rev. 13:5) and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction. And the Lord of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian (Gideon's army) at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the manner of Egypt. And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing." • Isa. 10:23-27.

This Scripture suggests that it is not Germany, Russia, or any other mighty nation that causes Assyria to fall and flee out of Jerusalem; but, rather, it is because of the "anointing" that his yoke is broken. The Lord is going to stir up a scourge according to the slaughter of Midian. One only needs to read about the type of the fall of Assyria recorded in Judges 7. Here Gideon and three hundred men broke their clay pitchers with lights inside and blew their trumpets, and the camp of the Midianites became so confused that they slew each other. So it will be with the Assyrian.

"The question then arises, if Assyria is to fall, and if the one that starts the war, the one that dasheth in pieces" is himself to lose out first, then at whose hands is Assyria to fall? For the answer, let us turn to Isaiah 31, where this same Assyria is again brought to view. • 1 Timely Greetings 24:15:1.

"Turn ye unto him from whom the children of Israel have deeply revolted. For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your

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own hands have made unto you for a sin. Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited." • Isa. 31:6- 8.

When God's people cast away their idols and turn to Him, the Assyrian will fall, but not by the sword of a mighty or mean man (mighty nation). If not a sword of a nation, then it must be the sword of God (after the manner of Midian — Isa. 10:26; Judges 7) that causes Assyria to fall. Assyria becomes confused just as did the Midianites (v.8). The thing that really causes the Assyrian to flee out of the Holy Land is that his princes are afraid of God's ensign and because God's "fire is in Zion and His furnace in Jerusalem." • v.9. "For through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod." • Isa. 30:31. Read also Zech.

14:1-4; 1 TGr 23-24.

You see, brethren, it is not some powerful nation that causes Assyria to flee out of the Holy Land, but it is God working through His anointed that causes him to flee. Although they say stand, stand, Assyria gets out as fast as he can without even looking back (Nah. 2:8).

Read Tract 14: Last page in Tract. Timely Greetings Vol. 1, 24:18:2 shows Assyria to be England (Assyria and allied strength, Tract 14 8:1; 16:1), English speaking people, in whose midst is the church, and from whose midst the Gospel and the Bible flow out to all nations. 1TGr 23:6:3.

The United States is destined to fulfill, (1) Two-horned beast, a local power not universal first phase, lamb-like; (2) Figurative Syria, a local power confederating with Israel, SDA; (3) Babylon, first phase, as the nation that harbors the churches during moral fall (GC 389:2); (4) Assyria, first phase, allied with England; (5) Two-horned beast, second phase, as he makes an image to the beast, dragon-like (Rev. 13:11); (6) The Assyrian, second phase, that smites God's people with a rod, . . . after the manner of Egypt. Isa. 10:24, as the image to the beast spreads to the allies.

At this point Assyria overflows Immanuel's land (Palestine). (Isa. 8:7, 8) What brings Assyria to the Holy Land? For the answer read Zech. 14:1,2. At this time God's everlasting kingdom is beginning to be set up.

Verses 3, 4: Then shall the Lord go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. And His feet shall stand in that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south.

At the time Jerusalem, that now is, falls, the Lord's feet shall stand upon Mount of Olives and there make a very great valley; that is, remove the obstacles and hindrances, and thus prepare the land for the returning of His people. Then it is that the prophecy of Zechariah 10:8 that the Lord shall hiss for His people will have met its fulfillment. 1 TGr 19-4:2.

(1) NOTE that the Lord's feet stand on the mount in the day of the war in which Jerusalem is taken by the wicked nations. (2) Those that flee to the valley do not descend from Heaven. (3) They can not be the wicked for they do not flee away from the Lord, but flee to Him, to where his feet stand. (4) All the saints follow after them. Early Writings, p. 75 makes a double application of this scripture, a post millennial one. His feet stand on the Mount of Olives evidently before the 144,000 stand on Mount Zion with the Lamb. (Rev. 14:1) 1 TGr 19-5:0

In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open Mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness. Zech. 12:4. That is, God surprisingly confuses the wicked that they begin to act like mad men. At the time the Lord brings this to pass, he protects the house of Judah. 1 TGr 19-5:1. Read Par. 3.

You see, Brethren, it is not a strong nation that drives Assyria (Gentiles) out of Jerusalem, but it is God Himself that drives them out with His Voice and by smiting them with a plague of blindness and confusion. Those who are leaning on a "rod" that teaches the driving of the Assyrian (Gentiles) out of Jerusalem as accomplished by Germany or Russia or any other nation are certainly not leaning on a strong "rod." (Eze. 19:14). Instead, they are resting their hopes on a worm-eaten reed and are sure to go down to destruction with those who propagate such private theories.

Most important of all, though, the prophet Nahum plainly tells that all these things take place in our day, and that the fall of Assyria takes place while God's people are turning to Him. 1 TGr 24:19:1.

Who is to bring this revival and reformation, this great change? The BRANCH. 1 TGr 8:24:3. Page 3 THE FALL OF ASSYRIA

When war starts we can be sure there will be plenty of trouble for God's people as well as the nations. But we can be sure also that God is then ready to set up His everlasting kingdom. Clearly, then, the kingdom of Judah is set up in time of war and turmoil. 1 TGr 24-13:1.

Please, Brethren, get some of these private interpreters to explain to you the difference in coming to Israel before war starts as a sign to wake up our Laodicean Brethren, or wait till the war starts, the winds loosed (Rev. 7), and the sealing over? When the two-horned beast makes an image to the beast, there will be as much trouble in America perhaps as in Israel. It requires no faith to sit back in sealed houses and use un-Christian methods to tear down the work and those who have the burden of the work. But it does require faith to go forward with the work into a country you know nothing of, and to a place where war may break out at any moment.

(7) and last step: The U.S. fulfills the prophecy of Babylon the Great (Rev. 17) as they join up with all the nations for one hour with the beast.

The Shepherd's Rod chart, "The Harvest Period and the Close of Probation", shows that after Eze. 9 the two-horned beast makes an image to the beast. But in one of the late Codes, the author allows for the fact that the four winds (Rev. 7) might be let loose before Eze. 9. It is plain to see, as soon as the two-horned beast makes an image to the beast, the period of the Assyrian that smites with a rod would begin. This period is the same as the one in which the leopard beast has a mouth speaking great things: ". . . and power was given him to continue forty and two months." Rev. 13:5. At this time there is war among the nations and the Assyrians (Gentiles) are treading Jerusalem.

"As birds flying, so will the Lord of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; . . . For in that day every man shall cast away his idols. . . Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited. And he shall pass over to his stronghold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign saith the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem." Isa. 31:5, 7-9.

The Lord will defend Jerusalem and in passing over He will preserve it. "Because of idolatry, the Assyrian was permitted to take God's ancient people and their pleasant land. And certain it is

that the Assyrian will control the land just so long as God's people continue in idolatry. But, just as soon as all idols are cast aside, yes, as soon as the great revival and reformation takes place in the hearts of the people, then the Assyrian (the power that now rules them) shall certainly fall, and God's people shall just as certainly return. The Assyrian shall thus fall, not at the sword of a mighty man, and not of a mean man, but "through the voice of the Lord shall the Assyrian be beaten down, which smote with a rod." Isa. 30:31 • 1 TGr 33-4:3.

Again we see that it is not Russia or the UAR that causes the Assyrian to fall, but it is the Voice of God that causes his fall. He flees over to his stronghold. His stronghold evidently is "between the seas in the glorious holy mountain. . ." • Dan. 11:45. The reason this is his stronghold is because all other nations have joined him (Rev. 17:12,13). The Assyrian flees out of Jerusalem because God has built a fire in Zion and a furnace in Jerusalem. Actually, he is not afraid of Russia, but it is the ensign that he flees from because God's fire is too hot for him in Jerusalem.

When the Assyrian flees out, God's people flee in. (Zech. 14:5). While the Assyrian is treading Jerusalem is the time of Jacob's trouble. (Jer. 30:7) The yoke of the Assyrian is broken (v.8). During Jacob's trouble there is war among the nations. But when Assyria falls and becomes Babylon the Great, war among the nations has ceased. "For God hath put in their hearts to fulfill his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled." • Rev. 17:17.

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word, of the Lord from Jerusalem. And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more." • Micah 4:2, 3. The nations, we see, have finally agreed to disarm and there will be no more war among the nations because God has put it into their minds to agree. They have one mind, they see things alike; therefore, they are not fighting each other. But there is war, and let us see just what kind of war is going on during the one symbolic hour and which side wins. "These (ten horns " all nations) shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of Lords, and King of Kings; and they that are with him are called and chosen and faithful." • Rev. 17:14.

When God sets up His Kingdom, the nations cease fighting among themselves and turn against the Lamb; but the Lamb overcomes them because He is King of kings. He fights

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against those nations as He fought in the day of battle. (Zech. 14:3) This gives us a clear view of just what is to happen and how. We found the thing that brings Assyria to Jerusalem is the war among the nations when all nations come to battle against Jerusalem. It seems that God sends Assyria there to do a special job that he (Assyria) is not aware of. Isaiah 10 tells the story.

"O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation. I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets. Isa. 10:5,6.

The Lord sends Assyria to Jerusalem (v.11) to spoil an hypocritical nation, a people of His wrath, He uses Assyria to tread down the people of His wrath. They profess to be serving God but He finds them to be hypocrites. So the Lord uses the Assyrian as a rod of correction. "Behold the day of the Lord cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee." Zech. 14:1. "then is the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame take the prey." Isa. 33:23 last part.

"Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few." Isa. 10:7.

When Assyria comes to Jerusalem it is not in his heart to tread down the people, but his real reason in coming is to cut off nations not a few. In other words, his real purpose in coming to Jerusalem is to protect his interest in the Middle East, and to cut off other nations.

"For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings? is not Calno as Carchemish? Is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Samaria as Damascus?" Isa. 10:8, 9.

The Assyrian has a high opinion of his princes, and the cities of Israel are just the same to him as the cities of the Gentiles. In verses 10, 11, since he has been able to handle kingdoms whose idols are far greater than those of Jerusalem and Samaria, he thinks he would have no trouble with them. To be sure as he has done unto Samaria (applying Samaria in the last days, it would read SDA, same as Isa. 8:4, last part) and her idols, can he not also do to Jerusalem and her idols?

"Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks." Isa. 10:12.

The Assyrian thinks because of his cleverness, might, and wisdom, it has been possible for him to accomplish all these things. He evidently does not realize that God has been using him as a rod to correct His people. For as soon as the Lord has performed His designed will on Mount Zion and Jerusalem, He will punish the king of Assyria for his pride (v.13). Is the axe able to boast itself against the one who uses it? Can a saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? Is the rod able to shake itself against them that lift it up? or the staff be as though it had life? (v.15).

"Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and, under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire. And the light of Israel shall be for a fire, and his Holy one for a flame: and it shall burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day." Isa. 10:16, 17.

"his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the Lord, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem." Isa. 31:9. "O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian." Isa. 10:24. "For now will I break his (Assyria's) yoke from off thee." Nah. 1:13.

Recently, you recall, we studied the tenth chapter of Isaiah and found that this chapter brings us to the time when the period of antitypical Assyria is to come to its end. We might naturally expect Babylon to follow next, because that period comes after the fall of Assyria. But that is not correct, for Christ's Kingdom must also come in its proper time. That is the child (Immanuel)

Isa. 7:14) â?? â??His people when they have become mature, born again Christians.â?• 12 Symbolic Code, 1:7.

â??The people are illustrated as trees. The Lord is first to take out the people clean the land â?? and then a Branch shall stand. In other words, one set is to be taken out completely and a new set is to stand in its place. The land of our fathers, Palestine, then will be clean from all wicked and wickedness, and Christâ??s people will be there with Christâ??s principles and influence ruling over them.â?• 12 Symbolic Code 1:8:2.

Since it is the Voice of the Lord that beats down the Assyrian â??not by the sword of a mean man, not by him who dashes in piecesâ?•, 1 TGr 24-15:2, and not by Russia either, and since a Branch shall stand; then we can only conclude that the Branch is

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here at the time the Assyrian is driven out. Now we see that the Shepherdâ??s Rod writings are very clear on the events of setting up the Kingdom when Inspiration is working to put the truth of the various statements in their proper order. According to the above statement it is not the Rod (John the Baptist) that sets up the kingdom, but it is, according to type, the child, the Branch that stands when Assyria is driven out. Since the Assyrian overflows Immanuelâ??s land (Isa. 8:8), the truth stands out that the Immanuel (God with us) â?? the child (Isa. 7:14) has been born of the virgin and is in his own land when the Assyrian overflows it.

But to clear for once and all the subject of setting up the Kingdom for those who are supposed to be Davidians and those who are claiming to be â??the Rod,â?• little ones, and what not, remember it was not Moses with his rod who set up the kingdom of Israel (type of Israel today), but rather it was Joshua, Mosesâ?? successor with the Ark who crossed the Jordan with the Israelite host into the promised land. â??Purporting to be the antitype of the first exodus, The Shepherdâ??s Rod takes its name from Mosesâ?? rod, the instrument through which the Lord manifested His power in the deliverance of the children of

Israel. The Shepherdâ??s Rod, the only Rod that has ever spoken, is predicted and recommended in Micah 6:9; . . . 1 SRPE 6:2 â??Finally, Mosesâ?? arrival in Egypt and his success in freeing the Hebrew host and restoring order and religious liberty in 2513 A.M. coincides with the arrival of the Shepherdâ??s Rod in 1930 A.D., and with its endeavor to effect revival and reformation and to Israel today.â?• 1 SRPE p. 71:1. â??. . . thus making Johnâ?? s work an example of our work â?? Johnâ??s work the type, ours the antitype.â?• 1 TGr 36:4:1.

The Shepherdâ??s Rod â?? the Moses of our day â?? cannot any more be an antitype of Joshua with the Ark than can Johnâ??s work be a type of Christâ??s work. Friends, to teach the Truth by type and antitype we must be sure we keep the types straight so as to learn a lesson of Truth and unmask error. A work cannot be an antitype of Mosesâ?? work and at the same time be an antitype of Joshuaâ??s for the simple reason Joshua was Mosesâ?? successor. However, it is perfectly legitimate to blend Mosesâ?? work with that of Johnâ??s, for both had a successor who were types of each other â?? Joshua in the first place, setting up the kingdom; and Jesus in the second â?? the King. (Heb. 4:8).

So we see that the Shepherd's Rod author knew perfectly well what he was writing. Thus through types and symbols He makes wise the simple and confounds the prudent by showing that where there is no type there is no truth. A close study of the type is the only possible way to clear the Truth. This light being transmitted by marvels of typical events is a clear manifestation that there is a type for every incident of vital interest to the church of God; which are the only positive proofs, and clear explanation of divine providences. As there is no type for that which is false, teachers of theories without a typical representation for their claims of so-called Bible truths, and those who believe in them are as the blind leading the blind. The types are worked out to expose the error and reveal the truth. The honest ones will shun the devil by embracing the facts, and by walking in the light. A great search light by the power of the Spirit shining through the types is the only medium that can remove the obstruction and clear the way to an understanding of these and many other mysteries that are considered incomprehensible and that baffle the human mind. Therefore, the temple type of the church (woman) is the only channel by which these questions can be answered. • 2 SR 10:2; 266:5; 255:2; 267:0.

And, finally, Brethren, the Spirit of Prophecy by Mrs. E.G. White says the truth is taught by types. Thus through patriarchs and prophets as well as through types and symbols, God spoke to the world concerning the coming of a Deliverer from sin. • P.K. 697.

Friends, a great searchlight by the power of the Spirit is shining through the types as taught by the Branch, and now we must wait to see who is honest. Friends, why, O why will you listen to those who even claim they are not inspired, yet claim to be the head and in the same place where they say they do not have a message, give their private interpretation and opinions. They even go so far as to say, that Russia will drive the Assyrian out of Jerusalem when neither the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, nor the Shepherd's Rod say so. Why pay tithes and offerings to the idol shepherd that leaveth the flock! he shall eat the flesh of the fat, and tear their claws in pieces. • Zech 11:17, 16. The Sword of God will be upon the idol shepherd and those that follow after his sophistries. Woe, unto them . . . for his right arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened. • Zech 11:17.

Naturally, the idol shepherd would not want you to sell all and go all out for the Lord by coming to Israel to help build up the land. Those that let these self-promoters fleece and rob them of their hard earned money that the Lord has placed in their hands to advance His cause and build up God's Kingdom, are committing the worst sin they can commit. For, he is not only robbing you of your means, but he is also robbing you of your crown and eternal life.

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If you pay tithes to any one other than the SDA church, the DSDA, or the Branch you are robbing God and you will certainly pay the penalty of Mal. 3:9. Even so, SDA and DSDA are not giving you the latest in Spiritual food, but you can see the Branch is right up to the latest, in correct interpretations • Meat in due season. • If the devil cannot get you one way he has other schemes, He will make you think you need to get rid of your money because you are going into the kingdom, so he gets you to squander your money upon your own lusts or give it to some pretended friend. Or he causes some to pull their purse strings even tighter as far as God's cause is concerned, thinking that they may come to want. God's word teaches that only those who have made a covenant with Him by sacrifice will make up the kingdom. Sacrifice does not consist of just

selling what you have and leaving all behind, but it means to sacrifice and put your money to the right use. We have been hesitant in the past to give counsel on money matters. But God sees that many are pursuing the wrong course. Any place you put your money where they are fighting Present Truth, you are robbing God. While the Lord is inspecting the wedding guests, be sure you can give a good account of every talent.

â??The Lord has shown me repeatedly that it is contrary to the Bible to make any provision for our temporal wants in the time of trouble. I saw that if the saints had food laid up by them, or in the field in the time of trouble, when sword, famine, and pestilence are in the land, it would be taken from them by violent hands, and strangers would reap their fields. Then will be the time for us to trust wholly in God, and He will sustain us. I saw that our bread and water will be sure at that time, and that we shall not lack or suffer hunger; for God is able to spread a table for us in the wilderness. If necessary He would send ravens to feed us, as He did to feed Elijah, or rain manna from heaven, as He did for the Israelites.

â??Houses and lands will be of no use to the saints in the time of trouble, for they will then have to flee before infuriated mobs, and at that time their possessions can not be disposed of to advance the cause of present truth. I was

shown that it is the will of God that the saints should cut loose from every incumbrance before the time of trouble comes, and make a covenant with God through sacrifice. If they have their property on the altar, and earnestly inquire of God for duty, He will teach them when to dispose of these things. Then they will be free in the time of trouble, and have no clogs to weigh them down.

â??I saw that if any held on to their property, and did not inquire of the Lord as to their duty, He would not make duty known, and they would be permitted to keep their property, and in the time of trouble it would come upon them like a mountain to crush them, and they would try to dispose of it, but would not be able. I heard some mourn like this: â??The cause was languishing, Godâ??s people were starving for the truth, and we made no effort to supply the lack; now our property is useless. Oh, that we had let it go, and laid up treasure in heaven!â?• I saw that a sacrifice did not increase, but it decreased and was consumed. I also saw that God had not required all of His people to dispose of their property at the same time, but if they desired to be taught, He would teach them, in a time of need, when to sell and how much to sell. Some have been required to dispose of their property in times past to sustain the Advent cause, while others have been permitted to keep theirs until a time of need. Then as the cause needs it, their duty is to sell.

â??I saw that the message, â??Sell that ye have, and give alms,â?? has not been given, by some, in its clear light and the object of the words of our Savior has not been clearly presented. The object of selling is not to give to those who are able to labor and support themselves, but to spread the truth.â?• EW. pp 56: 2, 3; 57.

â??Do not, though, let any one fool you into believing that the Recruiter is calling you out of the Seventh-day Adventist Denomination and into something else. Such allegations and insinuations come only from those who are enemies of Godâ??s eleventh-hour-Judgment hour Truth, and who are therefore neither his servants nor your friends. Godâ??s servants get their orders from God, and friends are ever cautious not to push friends into accepting propagated falsehood, especially when the Scriptures are under consideration. The plain truth about the Recruiter is that Its mission

is to make sure that you stay in the Denomination, and to keep you from being cast out not by men, but by the Lord when he proceeds to inspect the guests therein and to cast out those who have failed to put on the "wedding garment" which the Recruiter brings. • W.H.R 53:1.

The thought here is that it is not the work of the Recruiter to call the people out of the Denomination into something else, but that to stay in the Denomination means more than having one's name on the church books. It is better to accept the wedding garment that the Recruiter brings and be cast out by men, than to reject truth, stay in the church, and be cast out by the Lord. Actually, to stay in the denomination means to accept and live up to every ray of light. So it is not a matter of being in good standing with the church which constitutes being in God's Denomination of today. In fact Inspiration says, "and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel," •

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Isa. 11:12. To be specific, to remain in God's Denomination of today is to be cast out by men for accepting the truth " the wedding garment that the Recruiter brings.

"The wise will not let the enemies of Truth fool them. Rather, they will do their level best to disillusion these pretended friends, and to encourage them to let the Recruiter anoint their eyes so they may see that "In that day shall the Branch (outcast " not the main body of the church) of the Lord be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the earth shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. (God's denomination of today). • White House Recruiter, p. 53:2.

The wise will not let these pretended friends fool them, but rather they will be able to see that the author of this article has no thought, whatsoever, that it is Israel which constitutes God's denomination of today; but, rather, it is, in that day, the escaped (outcasts " the Branch of the tree) of Israel, the, purified church, God's Denomination of today.

Actually, (1) to judge and remove sins from the sanctuary, means to make the house white, (2) the white house is the New Jerusalem, the capital city of the kingdom, (3) to call the escaped of Israel, those that are made white with the blood of the Lamb, means to recruit them. Therefore, three steps: . . .

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SDA DSDA Branch, God's denomination of today. (Isa. 11:1, Zech. 6:12, A.A. 593:2)

"Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever" • Isa. 30:8.

The time is come for ever and ever: from the time it was written till the setting up of the kingdom. That which was written in a book is, "That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord; Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and

stay thereon: Therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly at an instant. Isa. 30:9, 12,13.

God's people are a rebellious house. They prefer to trust in those that oppress them and say to God's seers to see not, and to the prophets to prophesy not the truth, but to speak smooth things and prophesy lies. (v. 10). Their iniquity is as a breach in a high wall which will fall suddenly at an instant.

For thus saith Lord God, the Holy One of Israel; In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not. But ye said, No; for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. • Isa. 30:15, 16.

Here the Lord says to the people that they have the opportunity to return to their home land while there is peace but they flatly refuse; they asked to be excused. Rather, they prefer to wait and flee on the swift; so shall they flee. But remember, they that pursue you shall be swift.

One thousand shall flee (a little one shall be come a thousand • Isa. 60:22) at the rebuke of one; (idol shepherd) at the rebuke of five, (five symbolic nations Assyria) shall ye flee: (and ye shall flee to the valley of the mountains • Zech. 14:5) till ye be left as a beacon (ensign • Isa. 11:11. and a small one a strong nation, I, the Lord, will hasten it in his time • Isa. 60:22) upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on an hill. • Isa. 30:17.

Although God's people are not interested in returning to the land of their fathers, yet He is a God of patience, longsuffering, and tender mercy. Therefore, will He wait that He may show mercy unto them. (v. 18). The Lord is determined that His people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem, and then they shall weep no more. He will be very gracious unto them at the voice of their cry, when He shall hear their weeping He will answer. (v. 19). If they will absolutely not hear the Lord in the time of peace, He will cause the Assyrian to smite them with a rod. (Isa. 10:24). Says He, I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock. • Eze. 36:37.

The Lord increases, which would necessarily be in probationary time, for after probation there is no increase. To get the full picture of what the Lord is going to do, read all of Ezekiel, Chapter 36.

For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice. . . . Afterwards shall the children of Israel return, and seek the Lord their God., and David their king; and shall fear the Lord and his

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All these many hundreds of years the children of Israel have been without a king and many of them without God; but in these last days they are going to return and seek God, His righteousness, and David their king. It must be that God's Righteousness is to be found by returning also, their king David must already be there when they come seeking (looking) for him.

Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a king (David) shall reign and prosper, . . . in his days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell safely. • Jer. 23:5,6.

Earlier in our study we found out that one group of people would be driven out of the land, and a righteous Branch would stand. The righteous Branch that is raised unto David evidently is the same Branch that stands when the other people are driven out. Although Christ is a King of kings, ruler of heaven and earth, this David evidently is not the Lord, for Inspiration says they seek the "Lord their God and David their king." Christ the Invisible King and David the visible king. Since there is going to be a visible kingdom, it is logical to conclude that there will be a visible ruler. Since the Kingdom is in existence during probationary time, and before Christ comes in the clouds, it is evident He is not the visible king. Since the Scripture teaches that David will not die, "I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord," Ps. 118:17, it is obvious that the David spoken of here is not either King David of old, or Christ.

This leaves the field wide open for one (for there can only be one) of the many candidates for the coveted crown. Now since David and the "Branch that stands" are in the Land before it is cleansed, even before the Assyrian overflows it, we may suppose there will come many false branches and a large number of would-be Davids. Some, however, have more or less eliminated themselves from the race, because they have gone to great lengths to prove that it is not now time to go to Israel according to man's thinking. But what saith Inspiration? The very great valley of Zech. 14:4 is made before the 144,000 flee there. What these imposters do not see though, is that the Lord's feet stand on the Mount of Olives before the valley is made. The way some act and the unchristian tactics they use and lies they tell to prevent people from coming to the land of butter and honey, you would think that these blood thirsty ones never intended to come to the land of promise in the first place. This is about right, for they want the people to stay where they can fleece them of their wine, flax and oil.

"The good man is perished out of the earth: and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net." Micah 7:2. "Woe unto you, lawyers! For ye have taken away the key of knowledge: ye have entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered." Luke 11:52.

No one, though, is to be so concerned over who may or may not be, or whether they are the king David; for his name is in the Bible, even both names, and at the proper time it will be revealed. So, no one is to worry and get into a stew over the matter. The thing that we should be most concerned over is that we "Sanctify the Lord of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread." Isa. 8:13. Read prayerfully 1TG 8:28; 1TG 8:10:1-4; 1TG 7:12:4; 2 TG 37:24, 25; 2 TG 41:3.

"Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy; when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, the Lord shall be a light unto me." Micah, 7:8. But, rather, take heed, friends, to what saith the Spirit.

"He hath shewed thee, O man what is good: and what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" Micah 6:8.

Yours for a place in His Kingdom,

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Note: Emphases and brackets in quotations ours unless otherwise specified.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Another group of new arrivals in Israel are being settled and many supplies are needed. Most urgent are: a tractor, light plant, tools of all kinds, kitchen equipment, pickups. Branches should continue to send in questionnaires and travel fare to Box 3088, Odessa, Texas, until further notice.

ATTENTION: Read John 10:7-14. I am the door (Christ the Branch): by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved. v.9.

READ: P.K. 599, 568, 583-7, 577-8.

Notice: Branches are to observe Passover according to Ans. Book 3:11 and Leviticus 23. April 22 at even April 23 Passover Feast. Seven days of unleavened bread. No leaven in dwellings. April 29 an Holy Convocation from even to even.