NOT A NEW DOCTRINE

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To many of you the idea that the Anglo-Saxon, Germanic and Scandinavian nations are the Israel of the Bible is startling, because you have not heard it until recently. You wonder why you haven’t heard this from the beginning, however deep students of the Bible have known this identification a long time.

During the centuries when other empires were dominant, general knowledge of the identity of Israel would have been premature. It would have aroused the jealousy and hatred of these other empires before we were strong enough to deal with them. Since we have come to national maturity, the knowledge has been available to those who cared enough to learn the truth.

There have been a number of books on the subject such as, The Ten Lost Tribes, by Rev. Dr. Joseph Wild, published in 1883 A.D. The Fullness of Nations, by Aldersmith of London, published in 1889. Lost Israel Found by Edward Hine, published in England in the 1870s. There were also many brilliant books written by Professor Totten of Yale University, published in the 1880s and 1890s.

I want to tell you of a lecture given before the United States Congress in 1857 by Rev. F. E. Pitts, of Nashville, Tennessee. In these lectures, he identified the United States as the land of regathered Israel, and the scene of much of the final war, the so called battle of armageddon, as pictured in Ezekiel 38 and 39. Since 1855, Rev. Pitts had been lecturing on this subject across the nation, resulting in this invitation to speak before Congress.

Rev. Pitts pointed out that the land of restored Israel was to be located between two seas, the east sea was to be its east side, while the great sea would be the west side, Ezekiel 47:18-20. This could not be Palestine because there is no sea marking its eastern border, not only do we have seas on the east and west, but the great sea is on the west. Israel would also be in a land which has always been waste, (unused, uncultivated) never true of Palestine, but true of our land until we settled and began to cultivate it, Ezekiel 38:8.

The land of Israel, to be attacked by Russia, was to be inhabited by a population gathered out of many people and brought forth out of the nations, Ezekiel 38:8. Isaiah 43:5-6 reads, “I will bring thy seed from the east and gather thee from the west; I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: and bring My sons from far and My daughters from the ends of the earth.” Also, immigrants of non Israel people would furnish our labor forces. Isaiah 61:5; 60:10 tells of this. “Strangers shall stand and feed thy flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your plowmen and your vinedressers. The sons of strangers shall build up thy walls.” These immigrants would
be allowed to own and inherit land, Ezekiel 47:22-23, this is a picture of the United States, but never of Palestine. Ezekiel 38:11 describes the United States further. It was to be a land of unwalled villages; them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls and having neither bars nor gates. The prophet Ezekiel had never seen a city without walls and a barred gate, our cities here have never had walls or gates. Today most of the Jewish towns in Palestine, have belts of barbed wire and explosive mines around them.

This land of Israel, in the last days, was to be one which had greatly expanded in size. Isaiah 49:18-20 tells us, “Lift up thine eyes round about and behold: all these gather themselves together and come to thee. For thy waste and desolate places and the land of thy destruction, shall even now be too narrow by reason of the inhabitants; and they that swallowed thee up shall be far away. The children which thou shalt have, after thou hast lost the other, shall say again in thine ears, The place is too narrow for me: give place to me that I may dwell.” We were outgrowing the old Palestinian land, even in Isaiah’s day. In the day to which he looked forward, we should be in another land and they that swallowed us up shall be far away. We would be far away from the Assyrian empire which swallowed us up in Isaiah’s day. After we had lost our old land, the children we should have after that should say of the land, “It is too narrow for us: give us more room, as a place to dwell.” In Rev. Pitts time, we had already expanded from our original 13 colonies. We had added Texas and the great Mississippi valley area of the Louisiana Purchase. We had annexed the great southwest area from Mexico and we had gained California and the Pacific Coast. Nothing like this could be said of Palestine, either in 1857 or now.

Rev. Pitts saw that the Bible said we would be in a land remarkable for the number of its majestic rivers. Isaiah 33:21 tells us, “There the glorious Yahweh will be unto us a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall be no galley with oars.” Even the Jordan river is but a tiny river and nothing else in Palestine is more than a rivulet. But here there are thousands of miles of great, majestic rivers. The Hebrew word translated galley actually means a government revenue clipper, sent out by a superior kingdom to collect tariffs and taxes from a tributary people. There would be none of these here, our Boston tea party made sure of that!!

Our home in these days would be occupied by a peaceful people and all of one language. Rev. Pitts quotes Isaiah 33:19, “Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue that thou canst not understand.” Even though we received great numbers of immigrants from Germany, Italy, France as well as Scandinavia and the British Empire, one language prevailed over all the country. The Bible prophesied that in our beginning, we should be a nation of 13 colonies. Ezekiel 47:13 says, “Ye shall inherit the land according to the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions.” Starting with twelve tribes, but giving one of them two portions, makes 13 portions into which the land would be divided.

Rev. Pitts also noted that the Bible pointed out that in these latter days we, the people of Israel, would be a republic. We will choose for ourselves a president for Hosea 1:11 says, “Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together, and appoint themselves one head.” We should not be like the
monarchies of Europe, where the hereditary noble class intermarried, and by marriage princes, dukes and barons could govern other lands than their own.

Here, only from among our own people should the governors, senators and congressmen be chosen. Jeremiah 30:21 points out, “Their nobles shall be of themselves, and their governor shall proceed from the midst of them.” Isaiah 1:26 says, “I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counselors as at the beginning.” When Israel was governed by her judges, she had no king but Yahweh. So Yahweh promised to restore this condition and we find this to be true.

Besides this and other prophecies identifying the United States as the peaceful people who suffer the attack in Ezekiel 38 and 39, Rev. Pitts also pointed out that the wicked attacker could not be anyone but Russia. Ezekiel says this is, “Gog, the chief prince of Meshek and Tubal.” The ruler of Moscow, the capital of western or European Russia and Tobolsk, the capital of eastern or Siberian Russia. Old maps, over many centuries, have identified what is now Russia as being the lands of Gog, Meshek and Tubal. The prophecies also point out that this giant nation will have allies or satellites taking in much of Europe, nearly all of Asia and much of Africa, as Rev. Pitts stated. Not bad for over 130 years ago.

Rev. Pitts also saw that while Russia would invade Palestine as a minor part of her attack, her major effort would be in the invasion of the United States. The attack would reach its climax, and its catastrophic failure, in the Mississippi valley which Ezekiel calls, “The valley of the passengers, on the east of the sea.” There is nothing in Palestine which could correspond to this. However, the Mississippi valley both answers the description and is also the logical place for the attack. This valley is the great industrial heartland of our nation, this is the very place which Russia would naturally seek to knock out of production.

If you have thought that the recognition of the Anglo-Saxon nations, and especially the United States as being Yahweh’s people Israel is just some sudden new idea, you are mistaken. The proof has been there in the Bible all the time. Of course, even 200 years ago it would have been very hard to see, for we had not yet grown into the condition the prophets described. As you see, good Bible students could see this truth over a century ago. Once again this proves that Yahweh’s word is always true.

Critical note by Clifton A. Emahiser: Again, a very good job by Comparet, but I cannot agree in its entirety. As far as I can see, both Rev. Pitts and Comparet contend that the “valley of passengers” is the Mississippi River valley. When I researched this same subject writing my The Problems With Ezekiel 38 & #39, I found the following information, and I will repeat what I wrote it in that article:

There is another “valley” in Ezekiel 39:11 which is entirely a different kind of valley. This valley in Ezekiel 39:11 is called, “the valley of passengers”, and in the Strong’s Concordance it is number 1516. Before we go to Strong’s, and see why this valley is so different, let’s read this Scripture, Ezekiel 39:11, to get the drift of what is being said: “And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place there of graves in Israel, the valley of the passengers on the east of the sea: and it shall stop the noses of the passengers: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude: and they shall call it The valley of Hamongog.”
Let’s examine the Strong’s Concordance and see how the Hebrew describes this “valley”: “#1516: gah’ee; probably (by transmission) from the same root as 1466 (abbreviated); a gorge (from its lofty sides; hence narrow, but not a gully or winter-torrent):— valley.”

You can see the valley, in this case, is not a wide “valley” or “plain” between two mountain ranges, but a “narrow” valley, actually a “gorge”. I have heard it speculated that this “valley” might be the Mississippi River valley, but, as you can see, the Mississippi River valley can hardly fit the description of this valley. It seems we have a problem.

If you will check your Strong’s, you’ll understand why I don’t go along with Pitts and Comparet. If you want to know more about the “valley of passengers” you will need to get a copy of my article.

One passage of Scripture that Comparet cited from Pitts is outstanding though: “Our home in these days would be occupied by a peaceful people and all of one language. Rev. Pitts quotes Isaiah 33:19, ‘Thou shalt not see a fierce people, a people of deeper speech than thou canst perceive; of a stammering tongue that thou canst not understand’.” Though quoted by Pitts and Comparet, it doesn’t appear they grasped the full significance of this passage. Among other things, this passage completely refutes the idea that today we would be speaking in tongues as manifest at Pentecost in Acts. Thus, Isaiah’s prophecy makes the Pentecostal and charismatic movements of today completely counterfeit.