

## THE LION OF THE TRIBE OF JUDAH

AND HIS (THEN) IMMORTAL SAINTS WITH THE NATION OF ISRAEL IN THEIR BELLIGERENT ASPECT, OVERTHROWING "THE POWERS THAT BE," WHEREBY "THE KINGDOMS OF THE WORLD BECOME THE KINGDOMS OF OUR LORD AND HIS CHRIST."

"Surely, the Lord God will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants, the prophets."

ON the near return of the Lord Jesus, the Ottoman Empire will have evaporated, symbolically expressed in Rev. 16:12, as "the drying up of the great river Euphrates, that the way of the Kings (the destined immortal kings and priests who shall reign on the earth, Rev. 5:10) of the East (lit. rendering, 'of a sun's rising') might be prepared"; Egypt under the control of England; Constantinople in possession of Russia, and a prosperous settlement of a large number of Jews, already returning to Palestine, "gathered out of the nations, which have got much cattle and goods, that dwell in the land." See Ezek. 38: 11, 13.

When Christ does appear in the pouring of the Sixth Vial (while the resurrection, gathering, and judgment of the household of faith is taking place), the Anglo-Tarshish power is engaged in a fierce struggle with the Russo-Assyrian Gog for political supremacy in the East; the latter power endeavoring to seize India, and Egypt shall not escape him. Dan. 11:42. The Anglo-Tarshish fleet in the Persian Gulf, Mediterranean and Red Seas, holding the southern portion of Syria. Dan. 11:41. The Tarshish power, "with all the young lions thereof," cannot resist the encroachments of the Russo-Gogian army and powerful allies, unable to protect those Jews in the land at that time, as seen in the expostulations, "Art thou come to take a spoil; has thou gathered thy company to take a prey?" Ezek. 38:13.

The invasion of the Holy Land is graphically depicted in the prophets: Ezek. 38 and 39, and Dan. 11:40-45; resulting in "Jacob's trouble," Jer. 30:7; Isa. 33:2-4. Jerusalem at length captured, Zec. 14:2; and, as divinely recorded in Eze. 38: 14-16, "And thou shalt come up against my people of Israel as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

The Messiah (with his accepted saints) leaves the Sinaitic region (see Deut. 33:2; Hab. 3:3), and at once moves for the relief of the Jews ("beloved for their fathers' sake," Rom. 11:28), in the direction of Jerusalem, "the city of the Great King" (Psa. 48:2), and encounters the Russo-Gogian forces at Bozrah; fulfilling that remarkable statement, "Art thou he of whom I have spoken in olden time, by my servants the prophets of Israel, which prophesied in those days many years that I would bring thee against them (the Jews). And it shall come to pass at the same time, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord God, that my fury shall come up in my face; for in my jealousy, and in the fire of my wrath have I spoken. Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel." Ezek. 38:19. Fearful slaughter takes place in Edom, is apparent: "Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? . . . I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save . . . for the day of vengeance is in my heart." Isa. 63:1-6.

The Messiah disperses the combatants, destroys the formidable fleet of the latter-day Tarshish "with an east wind." Psa. 48:7. The hostile armies rapidly retreat, and the Gog power and "his great company" make a determined stand, and massed "in the valley of Jehoshaphat, the valley of decision" (Joel 3:9-16), styled also Armageddon (Rev. 16:16). There the Lord overwhelms them, "for by fire and by his sword will the Lord plead with all flesh, and the slain of the Lord shall be many." Isa. 66:16. The shattered remnant that escape (Joel 2:20) abandon Syria, and return to their own countries. The following prophetic utterances can be well understood: "Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all people round about, when they shall be in the siege, both against Judah and Jerusalem, a burdensome stone for all people. All that burden themselves with it shall be cut to pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it." (Zec. 12:2-5.) "And the multitude of all the nations that fight against her and her munition, and that distress her, shall be as a dream of a night vision, so shall the multitude of all the nations be that fight against Mount Zion." Isa. 29:7, 8. "For thus hath the Lord spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for Mount Zion

and for the hill thereof. As birds flying, so will the Lord defend Jerusalem; defending, also, he will deliver it, and passing over he will preserve it." Isa. 31:4, 5. And I will open my eyes upon the house of Judah-- The Lord shall save the tents of Judah first, and the house of David as God" (Heb. Elohim, mighty Ones, i.e., Jesus, the seed-royal, and those in him) "as the angel of the Lord before them--and it shall come to pass in that day, that I will destroy all nations that come against Jerusalem." Zec. 12:4-7, 9. "I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people, whom they have scattered among the nations, and parted my land." Joel 3:2. "The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but God shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like a rolling thing (margin, thistledown) before the whirlwind; and behold at evening-tide trouble; and before the morning he is not. This is the portion of them that spoil us, and the lot of them that rob us." Isa. 17:12-14. "That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us, and that he would grant us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve him without fear." Luke 1:71-74. And that remarkable prediction of Moses will be verified. "Happy art thou, O Israel; who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the sword of thy excellency! Thine enemies (see Marg.) shall be subdued unto thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high places." Deut. 33:29.

The rescued Jewish inhabitants, on their wonderful deliverance, open the gates of the city of Jerusalem, while exclaiming, "Who is this King of Glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle." (Psa. 24:7-10.) Then Jesus reveals himself to them as their once crucified Messiah; as it is written: "And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications; and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him as one mourneth for his only son." (Zec. 12:10-14.) The prophecy quoted by Jesus from Psa. 118:22, over eighteen hundred years ago, to those who rejected him, will be also fulfilled: "Did ye never read in the Scriptures, the Stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner. This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes (the Jews). And whosoever shall fall on this stone (of stumbling) shall be broken; but on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder" (the Gentile nations not yielding when he comes). Matt. 21:41-46.

The Holy Land is cleared of these Gentile forces, as declared in Joel 2:20: "I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive him into a barren land, and desolate, with his face towards the east sea; and his stink shall come up, and his ill savor shall come up, because he hath done great things." Again: "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 Hamon-Gog, and seven months shall the house of Israel be burying of them, that they may cleanse the land." (Ezek. 39:11-16.) It is not difficult to see that the long-vexed Eastern Question, or rather, its advanced phase merged into the *Syrian Question* is at last divinely solved, ending disastrously to those nations in bloody contest; and before their wondering eyes is suddenly developed THE NEW ASIATIC POWER, to the dismay of paralyzed Europe and Asia. "In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, a blessing in the midst of the land, whom the Lord of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance." (Isa. 19:23, 25). "In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; and to Zion, Let not thy hands be slack; the Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty." (Zeph. 3:16, 17). "And I will make her that halteth a remnant, and her that was cast off a strong nation; and the Lord shall reign over them in Mount Zion, from henceforth even for ever. The kingdom shall come to the daughter of Jerusalem." (Mic. 4:7, 8). "For lo, the kings were assembled, they passed by together; they saw it, and so they marveld; they were troubled, and hasted away." (Psa. 48:4-6.)

Before the subjugation of the world by Jesus, who declares that he "will be King over all the earth" (Zec. 14:9), there is a suspension of hostilities, a calm of some duration, before the impending storm. In the meantime, the proclamation of the Gospel of the Age is heard throughout the world. "Fear God and give glory to him: for the hour of his judgment is come." (Rev. 14:6-11.) "Be wise now therefore, O ye kings: be instructed, ye judges of the earth. Serve the Lord with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and ye perish from

the way, when his wrath is kindled but a little." Psa. 2:10-12. "All ye inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, see ye, when he lifteth up an ensign on the mountains; when he bloweth a trumpet, hear ye. I will take my rest (in Mount Zion), and I will consider in my dwelling place (Jerusalem) like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest." Isa. 18:3-5. "He stood and measured the earth." Heb. 3:6.

The Jews and a mixed multitude—as in the days of Egypt, Exo. 12:38—accept the announced gospel by flocking to the standard of Jesus the Christ, the proclaimed King and Saviour of the world. The Anglo-Tarshish power submissively yields, her ships employed to "bring thy sons (the Jews) from far." Isa. 60:9. "In that time shall the present be brought unto the Lord of hosts of a people scattered and peeled... to the place of the name of the Lord of hosts, the Mount Zion, by the land that sendeth ambassadors by the sea." Isa. 18:1, 2, 7. Pointing to the same maritime power: "Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish for them." Jer. 16:16. "I will hiss for them and gather them." Zec. 10:8. "And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear." Isa. 65:24. "Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? Isa. 60:8. "The Lord God, which gathereth the outcasts of Israel, saith, "Yet will I gather others to him, besides those that are gathered unto him." Isa. 56:8.

While the Seventh Vial is being poured out, in which the Seven Thunders utter their terrible warlike voices (Rev. 10:4) on the nations rejecting the Gospel of the Age (see Rev. 14:6, 7), believing themselves strong enough to resist the claims of the Messiah, they believe false, through "the lies they have inherited." (Jer. 16:19.) Europe becomes one vast armed camp, ready to check the aggressive movement on the part of Him now enthroned in Jerusalem, in the midst of his Asiatic dominion.

Kings take counsel against. Psa. 2:2-5.

The great confederation. Rev. 17:13.

Prepare war, wake up the mighty....

Beat your plowshares into swords. Joel 3:9, 10.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved. Psa. 106:6.

Gathering their armies. Rev. 19:19.

### THE WARLIKE ATTITUDE OF CHRIST

The Branch thou madest strong. Psa. 80:15-17.

As a mighty man, like a man of war. Isa. 42:13.

Rule thou in midst of thine enemies. Psa. 110:1, 2.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh. Psa. 45:3-5.

My mouth like a sharp sword. Isa. 49:2.

Garnments of vengeance for clothing. Isa. 59:17.

His eyes as a flame of fire. Rev. 1:14-16.

His feet as pillars of fire. Rev. 10:1-3.

I have long time holden my peace. Isa. 42:14.

This once I will cause them to know mine hand and my might. Jer. 16:21.

My determination to pour my indignation. Zeph. 3:8.

To punish the inhabitants of the earth. Isa. 26:21.

The Lord shall roar out of Zion. Joel 3:16.

He shall cry, yea, roar; he shall prevail against his enemies. Isa. 42:13.

And vex them in his sore displeasure. Psa. 2:15.

At the lifting up of himself the nations were scattered. Isa. 33:3.

He shall cut off the spirit of princes:

He is terrible to the kings of the earth. Psa. 76:12.

When he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. Isa. 2:21.

He beheld, and drove asunder the nations. Hab. 3:6.

The Lord shall punish the host of the high ones on high,

and the kings of the earth upon the earth. Isa. 24:21.

Thrust in thy sickle and reap... and gather the vine of the earth,

and cast it into the great wine press of the wrath of God. Rev. 14:15, 19.

Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; thou shalt dash them in pieces. *Psa. 2:9.*  
A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand. *Psa. 91:7.*  
I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the earth. *Hos. 2:18.*  
He hath put down the mighty from their seats. *Luke 1:52.*  
How terrible art thou in thy works! Through the greatness of thy power shall thine  
enemies submit themselves unto thee. *Psa. 66:3.*  
Men shall speak of the might of thy terrible acts. *Psa. 145:6, 12.*

#### THE JEWISH NATION ANXIOUS FOR THE ENCOUNTER

Let the daughters of Judah be glad because of thy judgments. *Psa. 48:11; 92, 8.*  
(Once said, "Neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen." *Isa. 26:18.*)  
Wait upon me until the day that I rise up to the prey. *Zeph. 3:8.*  
By terrible things wilt thou answer us. *Psa. 65:5.*  
Whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall. *Isa. 54:14, 15.*  
He shall subdue nations under our feet. *Psa. 47:3.*  
For I will contend with him that contendeth with thee. *Isa. 49:25.*  
Through thee will we push down our enemies. *Psa. 44:5.*  
Through God we shall do valiantly. *Psa. 108:11-13.*  
They that strive with thee shall perish. *Isa. 41:10-12.*  
I will feed them that oppress thee with their own blood. *Isa. 49:26.*  
This is the portion of them that spoil us. *Isa. 17:14.*

#### THE JEWISH FORCES

JUDAH AND ISRAEL BECOME A MILITARY AND AGGRESSIVE POWER PREPARED FOR WAR, AS  
EXPRESSED BY THE FOLLOWING SYMBOLS:—

Thou art my battle-axe. *Jer. 51:20.* Sharp threshing instrument. *Isa. 41:15.*  
He couched as a lion. *Gen. 49:9.* As a young lion. *Mic. 5:8.*  
Rise up as a great lion. *Num. 23:24.* Who shall stir him up. *Num. 24:9.*  
Judah as his goodly horse. *Zec. 10:3, 4.* Thy hoofs brass. *Mic. 4:13.*  
Four horses. *Zec. 1:8-11.* Four carpenters. *Zec. 1:18-21.*  
Iron horn. *Mic. 4:13.* With his horns shall push. *Deut. 33:17.*  
House of Jacob a fire. House of Joseph a flame. *Obad. 18.*  
Judah bent as a bow. Ephraim like arrows. *Zec. 9:13.*  
Thine arrows are sharp. *Psa. 45:5.* Glittering spear. *Hab. 3:11.*  
As the sword of a mighty man. *Zec. 9:13.*  
No weapon against thee shall prosper. *Isa. 54:17.*  
A strong nation. *Mic. 4:7; Isa. 60:22.*

#### CHRIST JESUS, THE GENERALISSIMO

CHRIST JESUS, THE GENERALISSIMO OF THE JEWISH FORCES, WITH HIS GLORIFIED STAFF OF  
OFFICERS (HIS SAINTS), WHO ALSO COMMAND ISRAEL AND JUDAH, CRUSHING  
THE NATIONS OF THE EARTH INTO SUBMISSION

King of kings, Lord of lords. *Rev. 19:16.*  
(Kings and lords, his immortal saints.)  
A leader and commander. *Isa. 55:4.*

Command deliverances for Jacob. *Psa. 44:4.*  
The Lord shall go forth as a mighty man. *Isa. 42:13.*  
The Lion of the tribe of Judah. *Rev. 5:5.*  
Like as a lion—so shall he fight. *Isa. 31:4.*  
Thou shalt break them. *Psa. 2:8, 9.*  
Israel an exceeding great army. *Eze. 37:10.*  
Utter his voice before his army. *Joel 2:11.*  
Their (Gentile) armies fight him. *Rev. 19:19.*  
Will cut them in pieces with his troops.  
(As rendered in margin.) *Hab. 3:16.*  
They came out to scatter me. *Hab. 3:14.*

Against him that sat on the horse. Rev. 19:19, 14.  
With thine horses (Judah) thou didst. Hab. 3:15.  
Fury upon their armies. Isa. 34:2.  
Vengeance is mine, I will repay. Rom. 12:19.  
Revenging the blood of thy servants. Psa. 79:10.

I have pursued mine enemies. Psa. 18:37.

Beat them as small as the dust. Psa. 18:42.

Shall be chased as the chaff...before the wind. Isa. 17:13.

For they shall be as ashes under the soles of your feet. Mal. 4:3.

As dust to his sword and as driven stubble to his bow. Isa. 41:2.

Scatter thou the people that delight in war. Psa. 68:30.

Destroy them which destroy the earth. Rev. 11:18.

To render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire. Isa. 66:15.

Lake of fire, (a symbol of Europe in war). Rev. 19:20.

For by fire and sword will the Lord plead with all flesh. Isa. 66:16.

What desolations he hath made in the earth. Psa. 46:8.

### THE CONQUERING SAINTS

Thy seed (Christ and the saints, see Gal. 3:16, 29)

shall possess the gate of his enemies. Gen. 22:17.

It (the seed of the woman) shall bruise thy head. Gen. 3:15.

The time came that the saints possessed the kingdom. Dan. 7:22.

The governors of Judah, like a torch of fire. Zec. 12:6

Cherubims, like burning coals of fire. Eze. 1:13.

To execute vengeance upon the heathen....

To bind their kings with chains and nobles

with fetters of iron; to execute upon them the judgment

written; this honour have all his saints. Psa. 149:6-9.

And judgment was given to the saints. Dan. 7:22.

The judgments of the Lord...sweeter also than honey. Psa. 19:10.

The "little book" of judgments when eaten "sweet as honey." Rev. 10:10.

And them that got the victory—Sing the song of Moses

and the Lamb. Rev. 15:2, 3.

### THE MARRIAGE SUPPER

THE MAGNIFICENT BRIDAL FEAST GIVEN BY THE DEITY EXPRESSES THE SUBJUGATION OF THE GENTILE POWERS AND POSSESSION OF THE WORLD. "BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH ARE CALLED (NATION OF ISRAEL) UNTO THE MARRIAGE SUPPER OF THE LAMB"

#### THE BRIDEGROOM—THE KING IN HIS BEAUTY

Fairer than the children of men. Psa. 45:2.

Thou hast the dew of thy youth. Psa. 110:3.

His name called the Word of God. Rev. 19:13.

Crown of pure gold on his head. Psa. 21:3.

His eyes as a flame of fire. Rev. 1:14.

Clothed with a vesture dipped in blood. Rev. 19:13.

Gird thy sword upon thy thigh. Psa. 45:3.

In his hand a sharp sickle. Rev. 14:14.

#### THE BRIDE (HIS SAINTS) IN HER REGAL SPLENDOR

Upon thy right hand did stand *the Queen* in gold of Ophir. Psa. 45:9.

Clothed in fine linen, white and clean. Symbolic robe of righteousness. Rev. 19:14, 8.

Crown of life and glory. I Pet. 5:4; Jas. 1:12; II Tim. 4:8.

Two-edged sword in their hand. Psa. 149:6-9.

Rule with a rod of iron. Rev. 2:26, 27.

## THE INVITED GUESTS--THE JEWISH NATION

Come out of her, my people. Rev. 18:4.  
Shall be willing in the day of thy power. Psa. 110:3.  
Hearken, O daughter, incline thine ear. Psa. 45:10.  
Desires thy beauty, worship thou him. Psa. 45:11.  
Beloved for the fathers' sake. Rom. 11:28.  
Let the daughters of Judah be glad. Psa. 48:11.  
With thee will I destroy kingdoms. Jer. 51:19, 22.

## THE SUMPTUOUS FEAST PREPARED BY THE FATHER

I will destroy and devour at once. Isa. 42:13, 14.  
(The Israelitish nation--mortal-- as birds of prey.)  
All that devoured thee shall be devoured. Jer. 30:16.  
To all the fowls of the air, Come and gather yourselves  
together *unto the supper of the great God.* Rev. 19:17.  
That ye may eat the flesh of kings, captains, and mighty men....  
and all fowls were filled with their flesh. Rev. 19:18-21.  
Speak unto every feathered fowl.  
Gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice.  
A great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel.  
That we may eat the flesh of the mighty.  
And drink the blood of the princes of the earth.  
*Thus shall ye be filled at my table with horses,*  
and chariots, and with mighty men, and with  
all the men of war, saith the Lord God. Eze. 39:17-22.  
(Like as Israel feasted in the days of old.  
See Num. 14:9; 24:8; 23:24; Psa. 74:14.)

## UNIVERSAL PEACE PROCLAIMED

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth. Psa. 46:9.  
Be still, and know that I am God. Psa. 46:10.  
He shall speak peace unto the heathen. Zec. 9:10.  
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. Isa. 2:4; Mic. 4:3.  
His name shall be called... the Prince of Peace. Isa. 9:6.  
Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end. Isa. 9:7.  
And abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth. Psa. 72:7.  
Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. Luke 2:14.  
The Lord is exalted.... and wisdom and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times.  
Isa. 33:5, 6.