

Scattering the Power of the Holy People

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The people of Israel have been identified today as the modern nations of the USA, Britain and her Commonwealth, and the peoples of North Western Europe. Their strength and power has always been unity among the colonies, states, provinces of the various Israelitish nations-unity in its culture, religion, purpose, race, and history.

But now with this push towards multi-culturalism, and the diluting of their populations with other races of people, the strength, culture, and identity of these nations is waning. Diluting any ingredients in water makes the main ingredient weaker and weaker-it is no different with nations.

Bringing in other people and having them keep their culture and not having them integrate with the rest of the populations causes division, strife and violence *within* the nations. God says, "Ephraim, he hath *mixed himself among the people*; Ephraim is a cake not turned. "Strangers have *devoured his strength*, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not." (Hosea 7:8-9); because of its diverse populations, Israel is a cake that is "worthless" not fit for consumption, as the JFB Commentary says, "a cake burnt on one side and unbaked on the other, and so uneatable; an image of the *worthlessness* of Ephraim."

God intended Israel to be a distinct people separate to be a light to shine in a dark world. Now she has "mixed herself" with the heathen. Her culture, religion, purpose, identity, everything that has made our nations strong is now diluted, and we are suffering from an identity crisis, as well as having no real purpose for our nations any longer. Notice what the Pulpit Commentary says about this passage, "Jehovah had chosen Israel out of the nations of the earth, and given them a special constitution. The object of this *segregation was that Israel should be a peculiar people and a holy nation*. Thus distinguished, they were to dwell alone; but, ungrateful for this high distinction, and unmindful of their high destiny, *they mingled with the nations, learned their heathenish ways, and worshipped their hateful idols*. Thus they forfeited their theocratic pre-eminence. While it was their privilege as well as duty to follow the precepts of Jehovah, and serve him with undivided affection, they fell away from his service and adopted the idolatries and habits of the heathen;" (emphasis added). With the adaptation of multi-culturalism, and instead of *promoting Canadian and American culture* in our societies, we as a people are becoming weaker with no real sense of direction as a nation, and now we have become *worthless*.

What is going to occur now that our power is waning, and we have no clear direction as a nation?

Our Power Broken

The prophecies of the Bible reveal the scattering of our power and the strength of our nations will dissolve. God says "I will break the pride of your power" (Lev 26:19). What is that "power"? It means, "the eminence or pride of strength, includes everything upon which a nation rests its

might;" (K&D Commentary). The nations might comes from its economic strength as well as its military strength; its strength also comes from its social fabric, of a strong stable family.

The righteousness of a nation, its *spiritual* condition also contributes to the strength of a nation, as David says, "*Blessed* is the *nation* whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance." (Psalm 33:12). If this spiritual condition deteriorates, the opposite will occur, "The wicked shall be turned into hell, *and all the nations that forget God.*" (Psalm 9:17).

Why does God say that he will break the "pride" of Our Power?

In that same chapter God says, "But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments;

"And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, *but* that ye break my covenant:

"I also will do this unto you;..." (Lev 26:14-16). When a people have this mind set of rejecting God and everything that he has given a nation; everything that has made it great, and now has become anti-God, and the people want to strip the nation of everything God has given them, God says, he will give the nation what they want! We are stripping our nations of our culture, identity, people, the pride of our power, everything our nation is founded on, and it is now all "politically incorrect." This is what we want and God says fine "I will break the pride of your power." God says, "I will judge thee according to *thy ways*, and will recompense thee for all *thine* abominations" (Ezekiel 7:8). We want it, now God is going to give it to us!

Everything that made our nations great is being stripped, and Gill says, "they were proud of, trusted in, and boasted of; but was broke or destroyed...but it may rather signify their country, the glory of all lands for its fruitfulness, which *for their sins should become barren, as follows; or the multitude of their forces, and the strength of their mighty men of war, in which they put their confidence; it may take in everything, civil and ecclesiastical, they prided themselves with, and had their dependence on, thinking themselves safe on account of them, but should be broken to shivers, and be of no service to them:*" (emphasis added). Everything that the countries of Israel should be proud of is now called "Politically incorrect." If one shows patriotism, love of country, national symbols, the constitution, Christianity etc...one is labeled a racist and all other labels from the left wing liberals. To show pride in your nation is a "no-no." So this prophecy is being fulfilled right now in our time to the peoples called "Israel."

God says he will take our military strength away something that the United States prides itself on, "and ye shall have *no power* to stand before your enemies." (Lev 26:37). We have cut back on our military in Canada and the United States. Since we have pulled back on our responsibilities in the world today, the world has become a more dangerous place. We seem not to have the will any longer to protect the world from evil. Also with the huge spending and give away programs of the government, to fund every special interest group there is, the first thing they cut is military spending to fund the social programs-the one thing we need to defend the country. God said he would break the Pride of our power surely the military is a major thing we pride ourselves on, but it will surely be taken away (see Micah 5:10-11; Ezekiel 7:14).

Unity of the Country.

As noted above, the strength in the nations of Israel is the unity of its states, provinces and colonies. But the prophecies of the Bible reveal that all this will come to an end as well. The economies of every state and province are all linked together; so are all the debts of the provinces and states as well.

The book of Daniel reveals that in the end time just prior to the Great Tribulation which is Jacob's trouble, meaning primarily the USA the British Commonwealth, North Western Europe and Israel-Judah-the Jews, that God will, "accomplished to *scatter the power* of the holy people" (Daniel 12:7). This is what we want and again God will give it to us since we are ashamed of our power. That a "scattering" of our power will take place. No more will the nations of Israel from within and without will be united economically, militarily, culturally, but scattered and fragmented to the point that the Israelite nations will be weak and will not be able to function any longer.

Ancient Israel was designated by God to be holy—they are the Holy People in this prophecy:

"For you are a holy people to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for Himself, a special treasure above all the peoples on the face of the earth."
(Deuteronomy 7:6; 14:2)

"Also today the LORD has proclaimed you to be His special people, just as He promised you, that you should keep all His commandments, and that He will set you high above all nations which He has made, in praise, in name, and in honor, and that you may be a holy people to the LORD your God, just as He has spoken." (Deuteronomy 26:18-19)

Israel was holy, not because of their purity of conduct or irreproachable morality—far from it—but because God declared them to be so. They were holy in the sense of being set apart—not because of any inherent goodness, but because of the oath that God swore to their fathers (Deuteronomy 7:7-8). Therefore, while the Israelite nations at this end time are not holy in their conduct, they are still holy in that God has set them apart to fulfill a purpose.

Notice context of this scripture, Daniel asked, "And *one* said to the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, How long *shall it be* to the end of these wonders?"

"And I heard the man clothed in linen, which *was* upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and swore by him that liveth for ever that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half; *and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished.*" (vv.6-7).

The Pulpit Commentary says of this verse, "Yet we prefer, though with difficulty, Professor Bevan's reading. It makes the connection much simpler to take this solution, *as the end of all things is NOT the scattering of the holy people, but their building up* [to the end of all things]." (Pulpit Commentary, emphasis added). That the end does *not* result in the scattering of power of Israel, but that the scattering of the power of Israel *leads* to the end of all things and the

restoration of Israel back to the promised land. This can be read in many prophecies about the second coming of Jesus, see Isaiah 11.

Notice this other prophecy about Israel in the end time, Moses wrote, "To me *belongeth* vengeance, and recompence; *their foot shall slide in due time: for the day of their calamity is at hand, and the things that shall come upon them make haste.*"

"For the LORD shall judge his people, and repent himself for his servants, *when he seeth that their power is gone, and there is none shut up, or left.*" (Deut 32:35-36). Their power is gone "The meaning is, 'when every *support* is gone,' when all the rotten props of its might, upon which it has rested, are broken (*Ewald*)." (K&D Commentary). When Israel "slide[s]" meaning they go apostate and forsake God, then comes the "day of calamity," the great tribulation is at *hand*. God will judge-meaning taking vengeance on them (v.35), when *he sees their power is gone*. It is when their power is spent due to their disobedience-wanting to take out everything God has given us that make us great, that God will send them into slavery and captivity and allow the nations to invade and take Israel away.

Notice that Daniel 12:7 does *not* say that the *people* are scattered, *but that their "power" is scattered*. Their power would be representative of their political clout, military ascendancy, financial control, and cultural influence. Notice the sources below:

- "the complete destruction of power to work, the placing in a helpless and powerless condition, such as Moses has described in the words כִּי אָזְלַת יָד (for the hand is gone), Deut 32:36, and announced ***that when this state of things shall arise, THEN 'the Lord shall judge His people, and repent Himself for His servants.'***" (K&D Commentary, emphasis added).
- "'Power' is lit. *hand*, figurative of *power to act, strength*: cf. Deut 32:36, 'for he saw that *power* (lit. *hand*) was gone;' Isa 37:27, 'their inhabitants were of small *power*' (lit. *short of hand*), &c. To *shatter the hand* is an obvious figure for *reducing to helplessness*" (Cambridge Bible for Schools and Colleges, emphasis added).
- "All that constituted the power - *their armies, means of defense*, etc...Thus employed, it may denote *whatever constituted their strength*; and then the idea in the passage before us is, that all this would be scattered." (Banes Notes).

Clearly the military, the economy, the unity of the nations of Israel will be shattered and broken. When this occurs we become powerless, or useless. When something is useless as Jesus said to his disciples, "Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savour, wherewith shall it be salted? *it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.*" (Matthew 5:13). This can also be applied to Israel because God made a "covenant of Salt" with them (Number 18:19; 2 Chron 13:5). "A covenant of salt" was a covenant made by sacrifice, which was first *cut* in two (Gen 15:10-18. Jer 34:18, Jer 34:19) and then eaten, thus solemnizing an everlasting covenant. Our nations have lost its savor. We have transgressed the covenant God made with Abraham and his seed, and Israel is good for nothing. Once we become useless, the great tribulation will come and the nations that invade will trample us down, and we will be cast out into captivity.

God told Jeremiah that the potter's clay was the house of Israel, and He said, "Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he wrought a work on the wheels.

"And the vessel that he made of clay *was marred in the hand of the potter*: so he made it again *another vessel*, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

"Then the word of the LORD came to me, saying,

"O house of Israel, *cannot I do with you as this potter?* saith the LORD. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, so *are ye* in mine hand, O house of Israel.

"*At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to destroy it;*" (Jer 18:3-7). God formed Israel's commonwealth of nations (Isaiah 43:1), now we are "marred" in his hands because of sin, so now God has to tear down the nations of Israel, destroy it because they have become worthless and will be trodden underfoot by other nations and cast out of their land.

This clay vessel, now marred, God will "shatter"-the power of this vessel. We are in a mold right now, hard hearted and determined to be rebellious in God's sight. This vessel called "Israel" in this state of rebellion towards God has to be broken and reworked.

What will be Scattered?

Militarily-The prophecies tell us NATO will break apart (Jer 30:14; Daniel 11:45; Isaiah 17:3).

Multi-culturalism will contribute to the dividing of our power, as noted above, "Ephraim, he hath mixed himself among the people; Ephraim is a cake not turned." (Hosea 7:8). It becomes worthless and must be tossed away. As Jesus said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand:" (Matthew 12:25).

Diversity is the weakness of a nation not its strength. Turkey during the days of the Ottoman Empire had this same policy of Multi-culturalism which is in fact *colonialism* within its empire, and the same thing is happening today in Canada. Notice this source, "By 1900, the Ottoman Sultan could claim rule over a domain that stretched from the deserts of Libya in Africa to the snow-covered mountains of Armenia and Kurdistan. This ruler controlled the oil fields and marshes of southern Iraq and the mountain valleys of Bosnia on the Austrian border. The Sultan's flag flew along the shores of the Adriatic Sea near Italy in Europe and down to the southern tip of the Arabian Peninsula in West Asia. ***Between these geographic extremes, lay a vast and diverse empire containing multiple ethnic and religious groups, many of whom disliked each other more than they disliked Turkish rule.*** These groups, over the hundred years prior to 1900, had begun to identify themselves as ***distinct national groups rather than as subjects of the Ottoman Empire.***" (article, *The Fall of Ottoman Empire, Roger Lee*), *emphasis added*). There was no unity in the empire and therefore by World War One the Turkish empire could not defend itself and fell due to its diversity.

Prime Minister McKenzie King when he said in Parliament in 1947 that Canada should remain a white man's country he knew that diversity would be its weakness. Mackenzie King stated in explicit terms the great value of unity, explaining that to allow immigration by "the races of the Orient", their assimilation into Canada, would bring whites, "face to face at once with the loss of

that *homogeneity* which ought to characterize the people of this country if we are to be a great nation" (Ninette Kelley, Michael Trebilcock, *The Making of the Mosaic. A History of Canadian Immigration Policy*, 1998: 206).

The next verse continues, "Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth *it* not: yea, gray hairs are here and there upon him, yet he knoweth not." (v.9). The gentile races inside the Israelite nations are devouring the strength of the nations with their welfare and give away programs. Taking in massive influx of economic refugees that will eventually collapse the system. So Israel is burnt on one side, all the goodness is burnt up devoured gone. Amazingly our nations continue on this road-thinking we are still an empire when we are *not* "he knoweth it not." This verse also shows that *old age* has set in, and Ephraim no longer has his youthful vigor. "Gray hairs" characteristically represent his old age and loss of natural physical strength. Our aging populations demonstrate that fact.

The Commonwealth of Britain will break apart, Isaiah says, "Woe to the crown of pride, to the drunkards of Ephraim, whose *glorious beauty is a fading flower...* The crown of pride, the drunkards of Ephraim, *shall be trodden under feet:*

"And the glorious beauty, which *is* on the head of the fat valley, *shall be a fading flower...*" (28:1, 3-4). The Commonwealth is shrinking and fading away quickly. Britain has given many nations their independence and many more will follow suit. There is a strong republican movement in Canada, Australia, and New Zealand to sever ties with Britain, not to mention the strong minorities now inside these nations that have no history with Britain or are British by race, these also want our nations to separate from our colonial ties, only time will tell when this eventually will happen. The Commonwealth is divided in its languages, in its wealth, in its social, economic, religious political ideologies, and above all by *racial* differences. All of these divisive factors make it very difficult for this motley group of nations to really get along well. As Hosea says, "*As for Ephraim, their glory shall fly away like a bird, from the birth, and from the womb, and from the conception...My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.*[colonies of Britain]" (9:11; 4:6).

Our social condition *within* our nations will also weaken us as well. Isaiah prophesied about "Israel" and says, "I have nourished and brought up *children*, and they have *rebelled* against me. "The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: *but Israel* doth not know, my people doth not consider.

"*Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evildoers, children that are corrupters: they have forsaken the LORD, they have provoked the Holy One of Israel unto anger, they are gone away backward.*" (Isaiah 1:2-4). Is this our state right now?

As the Divinely-blessed "nation and company of nations" abandon God and his knowledge, they are losing God's blessings. It is a predictable "cause and effect" relationship. Isaiah 1-4 prophesies about a "sinful nation" called my "people...Israel" (1:3) in the "last days" (Isaiah 2:1).

The name "Israel" describes the "nation and company of nations" of Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48:16-19). However, this prophecy also is addressed to "Judah" (1:1, 3:1, 3:8), and all the tribes of Israel are referenced in the phrase "O house of Jacob" (2:5). This prophecy is

directed at the entire western world. These chapters foretold that the people of "Israel" (and "Judah") in the latter days would be increasingly sinful. Their society would feature feminism and generational conflict (3:12), an open "gay rights" movement (3:9), and an attitude of callous disregard for the needs of the poor (1:17). Their leadership elites would "lead them astray" (3:12) and their political leaders ("princes") would be "rebellious" against God and be "companions of thieves" who "love bribes" and "follow after gifts" (1:23). Does this sound like the much-publicized, modern political culture of corruption where lobbyists and the rich buy influence and favor from politicians with lavish campaign contributions, rides on corporate jets, and outright bribes?

The prophecy also says these nations will be very materialistic (2:7), and 2:6 adds that they would seek after eastern concepts and occult guidance ("soothsayers"). God also prophetically details how the "daughters" of his people will dress and act like temptresses (3:16-24). Does this sound like American celebrity and Hollywood culture? A dearth of capable, strong national leaders is also prophesied (3:2-4). Does the above sound like the USA, the British nations, the Israelis and the western world in general?

God says "they are gone away backward" (Isaiah 1:4). Interesting that the liberals call themselves "progressives" and we are progressing going forwards, but God says we are going *backwards*. God continues and says, "Why should ye be stricken any more? ye will revolt more and more:" (v.5). The more correction and judgments we receive from God, God says you go on in sin, and apostatize more and more, and grow more obdurate and resolute in it; God says in another prophecy, "And all the people shall know, *even* Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in the pride and stoutness of heart, "The bricks are fallen down, but we will build with hewn stones: the sycomores are cut down, but we will change *them into* cedars." (Isaiah 9:9-10). Out of our pride and resolute to continue in our lifestyles if buildings are destroyed [like the twin towers] we will build higher and stronger as our leaders tell us. The whole passage denotes self-confidence and pride; an unwillingness to submit to the ways of God, they say, "In their pride, the leaders and the people of the Northern Kingdom of Israel said, 'Who cares if God judges us? Whatever is torn down, **we will rebuild with** something better. We have nothing to fear from what God can bring against us.'" (Dave Guzik enduring Word Commentary, emphasis his). It doesn't matter how many problems we have, we go on and on with our lifestyles. Our leaders tell us to continue in our way of life but our ways are leading towards our doom as God says, "Why will ye die, O house of Israel?" (Ezekiel 18:31). The social problems we have today God says will make us weaker and weaker till we eventually die as a nation.

Hosea 5:11-12 says, "Ephraim *is* oppressed [by foreigners in the land, the economy, crime etc...] *and* broken in judgment, [our leaders don't know how to govern our nations any longer "political correctness has taken over the direction of our nations] because he *willingly* walked after the commandment ["vainly." LXX]

"Therefore *will* I *be* unto Ephraim as a moth, and to the house of Judah as rottenness." Obviously Israel and Judah will fall due to their sins and rejection of God. We willingly walk *contrary* to good judgment. We know that terrorism comes from the nations of the Middle East but we continually let these same people in, who are our sworn enemies? Is this not "broken judgment"? We do this so we don't "offend" people!

Now God is portrayed as a moth in this prophecy, this means, "I will consume them by little and little, as a moth frets a garment." (Clarke's Commentary). The decay of the Commonwealth of Nations and the USA began shortly after World War Two. We have witnessed the systematic break up and stripping away of our blessings, and now we are just empty shell of our former glory. One touch and the whole nation collapses due to its divisions *within* that are weakening the nations, & the stripping of our blessings.

Divisions from within

Jesus said, "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand." (Matthew 12:25). This is what we see today in the United States, Canada, Britain Australia, New Zealand.

Politically the nations are divided between left and right.

Culturally, the same thing that brought down the Ottoman Empire is happening in our nations today of Multi-culturalism.

Spiritually, Christianity is still the dominant religion, even though it is split down the middle by Protestants and Catholics. Not to mention all the other religions in the nations of Israel that have their own worldviews and want to impose them on our nations.

Economically, the debt of each city, state, province who have their own economies, which contribute to the economy as a whole, many of them are a *drain* on the whole economy. Many of the leaders of these sections of the nations have said they would be better off going it alone without the Union. Many separatist groups in the nation like Quebec and the Western Provinces have strong separatist support, and it can rear its ugly head at any time.

In the USA, many times states like Texas have tried to separate from the Union. There is a Texas Nationalist Movement. A 2008 Zogby International poll found that 22% of Americans believed that "any state or region has the right to peaceably secede and become an independent republic." A 2014 Reuters/Ipsos poll showed 23.9% of Americans supported their state seceding from the union if necessary. In the aftermath of the 2012 presidential election, secession petitions pertaining to all fifty states were filed through the White House We the People petition website.

Strained Relations with Old alliances

Minorities now have a strong political voice and many are anti-Jewish, and Anti-Anglo. The left wing liberals also belong to this way of thinking and God says that Manasseh and Ephraim will be against Judah, and against *one another* as well. Relations between Britain and the USA have never been colder than they are right now. Relations between Britain, the USA and Judah are very rocky as well. Due to minorities and Left wing liberals, the governments have strained relations between the USA, Britain and Judah. The New Government in Canada is also more sympathetic to the Arabs and not the Jews.

God says, "Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh: *and they together shall be against Judah.*" (Isaiah 9:21). The context is "the two sons of Joseph. So closely united as to form between them but one tribe; *but now about to be rent into factions, thirsting for each other's blood. Disunited in all things else, but united 'together against their brother Judah'*" (JFB Commentary, emphasis added). This is the case today in politics. The governments of the USA and British have now weak alliances, and those alliances such as NATO will come to an end (Jer 30:14). The alliance with Judah as well will break apart as well. God says, "Then I cut asunder mine other staff, *even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.*" (Zechariah 11:14), meaning, "The breaking of the bond of *union* between Judah and Israel's ten tribes..." (JFB Commentary). The *Political* union between Judah and Israel will break apart as we have seen with this administration especially, but even though politically they butt heads, Israel is still an ally of the United States.

Yes there will be one last push to save Judah in Daniel 11:45 because America and Israel are allies, but it will be mainly due to American military and economic interest.

Due to "tidings" out of the east and north that trouble him (Dan 11:44), NATO will set up military bases in Israel (Dan 11:45), to protect its interest. This is a strategic military maneuver. America has invested billions of dollars in Israel, and the strong evangelical voice and Jewish groups, and overall sympathy for the Jews in America will save them also, *but POLITICALLY* the bible says they could never be more apart. Also the pact NATO has developed, the article 5 of the charter states that all members are sworn to defend one another in times of war which makes Britain and America allies.

Jesus however will heal this breach, as it says in Isaiah 11, "Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim." (v.13).

Division, division, division is all over the Israelitish and Jewish nations due to our sins. Eventually all our power will be gone, and God will toss away our people into captivity. The lands of the British and America will be empty of its peoples and occupied by its invaders, this time called the great tribulation that will last as Daniel's prophecy says, "that *it shall be* for a time, times, and an half;" (12:7). Three and one half years. God willing we repent unify before these unspeakable horror come upon us.

The WATCHMAN Work

The book of Hosea focuses on "Ephraim" the leader tribe of all Israel-Ephraim is the British and her Commonwealth. Hosea said, "And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore shall Israel and Ephraim *fall in their iniquity*; Judah also shall *fall with them.*" (5:5). Judah, Britain, and the rest of the tribes of Israel will fall due to their national and individual sins. The nations will collapse and Judah the Jews, the Israeli nation will fall right along with them.

"Ephraim shall be desolate [useless no power] in the day of rebuke: among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be." (v.9). This is the work of the watchman-the Church of God telling the Ephraimites and all Israel what will come to pass if they do not repent. Are you doing the work?