

"When the books of Daniel and Revelation are better understood, believers will have an entirely different religious experience. They will be given such glimpses of the open gates of heaven that heart and mind will be impressed with the character that all must develop in order to realize the blessedness which is to be the reward of the pure in heart. The Lord will bless all who will seek humbly and meekly to understand that which is revealed in the Revelation. This book contains so much that is large with immortality and full of glory that all who read and search it earnestly receive the blessing to those 'that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein.' One thing will certainly be understood from the study of Revelation--that the connection between God and His people is close and decided.

Let us give more time to the study of the Bible. We do not understand the Word as we should. The book of Revelation opens with an injunction to us to understand the instruction that it contains. . . . When we . . . understand what this book means to us, there will be seen among us a great revival." (*FLB*, p. 345)

Daniel 11:41 "He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many *countries* shall be overthrown: but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon."

What nation represents spiritual Canaan, or the glorious land?

Genesis 17:8 "And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God." (See also Exodus 6:4; Leviticus 25:38; Numbers 34:2) Exodus 3:8 "And I am come down to deliver them out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites."

Ezekiel 20:15 "Yet also I lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands;"

"...Palestine was first known as Canaan...Palestine was subsequently called the land of promise, the land of Israel, Judah, Judea, and the Holy Land..." (Conant, 1875, p. 7)

"The destination God intended for Abraham proved to be the land of Canaan....The land to which Abraham came...was southern Canaan, later called Palestine." (Wood & O'Brien, 1986, p. 33)

"In AD 135, after putting down the Bar Kochba revolt, the second major Jewish revolt against Rome, the Emperor Hadrian wanted to blot out the name of the Roman 'Provincia Judaea' and so renamed it 'Provincia Syria Palaestina', the Latin version of the Greek name and the first use of the name as an administrative unit. The name 'Provincia Syria Palaestina' was later shortened to Palaestina, from which the modern, anglicized 'Palestine' is derived." (Palestine Facts, 2011, ¶3)

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Why is the land known as a glorious land?

Isaiah 46:13 "I bring near my righteousness: it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: **and I will place** salvation in **Zion for Israel my glory**."

Psalm 85:9 "Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him; that glory may dwell in our land."

- **2 Corinthians 4:6** "For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, <u>to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ"</u>
- **2 Corinthians 4:4** "In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of **the glorious gospel of Christ**, who is the image of God, should shine unto them"
- 1 Timothy 1:11 "According to the glorious gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust"

In 1798 A.D., and later, the glorious land is no longer Canaan because in 34 A.D. the Jews ceased to be the special people of God, and by 70 A.D. Jerusalem was destroyed. Thus, they were no longer the focus of the prophecy and literal Canaan was no longer the land of promise... (Remember Daniel 10:14)

Daniel 9:24 "Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy."

"The seventy weeks...were to pertain especially to the Jews. At the expiration of this period, the nation sealed its rejection of Christ by the persecution of His disciples, and the apostles <u>turned to the Gentiles</u>, A.D. 34..." (*FLB* p. 208)

"The seventy weeks, or 490 years, especially allotted to the Jews, ended, as we have seen, in A.D. 34. At that time, through the action of the Jewish Sanhedrin, the nation sealed its rejection of the gospel by the martyrdom of Stephen and the persecution of the followers of Christ. Then the message of salvation, no longer restricted to the chosen people, was given to the world..." (GC p. 328)

Why did God give His people a land? (To keep covenant, and that they may be free to worship God)

• It was a part of His covenant with them:

1 Chronicles 16:14-18 "He is the LORD our God; his judgments are in all the earth. Be ye mindful always of his covenant; the word which he commanded to a thousand generations; Even of the covenant which he made with Abraham, and of his oath unto Isaac; And hath confirmed the same to Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant, Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, the lot of your inheritance;"

Genesis 17:7, 8 "And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God."

• They needed to be free to worship God:

Psalm 105:42-45 "For he remembered his holy promise, and Abraham his servant. And he brought forth his people with joy, and his chosen with gladness: And gave them the lands of the heathen: and they inherited the labour of the people; That they might observe his statutes, and keep his laws. Praise ye the LORD."

Ezekiel 11:17-20 "Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel....And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them an heart of flesh: That they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God."

When did God give His people the land? (After they were brought out of the wilderness)

Numbers 14:16 "Because the LORD was not able to bring this **people into the land which he sware unto them**, therefore **he hath slain them in the wilderness**." (*See also Deuteronomy 9:28*)

Joshua 5:6 "For the children of Israel walked forty <u>years in the wilderness</u>, till all the people that were men of war, which came out of Egypt, were consumed, because they obeyed not the voice of the LORD: unto whom the LORD sware that he would not show them the land, which the LORD sware unto their fathers that <u>he would give us, a land that floweth with milk and honey</u>." (See also Ezekiel 20:15)

When the scattering was over, which we found to first be in 1798, God, once again, promised His people a land

Ezekiel 11:17 "Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will even gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel." (See also Ezekiel 28:25)

Zechariah 1:19-21 "Then lifted I up mine eyes, and saw, and behold four horns. And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What be these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. And the LORD showed me four carpenters. Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying...these are come to fray them, to cast out the horns of the Gentiles, which lifted up their horn over the land of Judah to scatter it."

Daniel 12:6, 7 "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,...sware 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."

What land in the year 1798 was represented as Jesus Christ, is given to God's Gentile church for the purpose of religious freedom, and was a place where the people of God could gather after their wilderness experience?

Revelation 12:14-16 "And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent. And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood. And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth."

Revelation 13:9-11 "If any man have an ear, let him hear. He <u>that leadeth into captivity</u> shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints. And <u>I beheld</u> <u>another beast coming up out of the earth</u>; and he <u>had two horns like a lamb</u>, and he spake as a dragon."

"This period, as stated in preceding chapters, began with the establishment of the papacy, A. D. 538, and terminated <u>in</u> 1798. At that time, when the papacy was abolished and the pope made captive by the French army, the papal power received its deadly wound, <u>and the prediction was fulfilled</u>, "He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity." (GC88, p. 439)

The United States is a land of religious liberty:

- "The Christian exiles who first fled to America, sought an asylum from royal oppression and priestly intolerance, and they determined to establish a government upon the broad foundation of civil and religious liberty...Freedom of religious faith was ... granted, every man being permitted to worship God according to the dictates of his conscience. Republicanism and Protestantism became the fundamental principles of the nation. These principles are the secret of its power and prosperity. The oppressed and down-trodden throughout Christendom have turned to this land with interest and hope. Millions have sought its shores, and the United States has risen to a place among the most powerful nations of the earth." (GC88, p. 441)
- "...The unrivaled mercies and blessings of God have been showered upon our nation, it has been a land of liberty, and the glory of the whole earth..." (RH, May 2, 1893)
 - The United States is also represented as a nation with Lamb-like or Christ-like qualities

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John 1:29 "The next day **John seeth Jesus** coming unto him, **and saith, Behold the Lamb of God**, which taketh away the sin of the world."

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"The greatest and most favored nation upon the earth is the United States... Here the persecuted and oppressed have found refuge. Here the Christian faith in its purity has been taught. This people have been the recipients of great light and unrivaled mercies." (4SP, p. 398)

Thus, the United States is spiritual Canaan. But it is taken into the hand of the Papacy, king of the north. Q: Why is the US taken into the hand of the Papacy? A: Because her cup of iniquity is full before God...

Jeremiah 34:2, 3 "Thus saith the LORD, the God of Israel; Go and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith the LORD; Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: And thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon."

Ezekiel 21:24-27 "Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, in that your transgressions are discovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because, I say, that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand....saith the Lord GOD; Remove the diadem, and take off the crown...I will overturn, overturn, it: and it shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him."

Revelation 18:5 "For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

- What causes the cup of iniquity of the U.S. to be full?
- "... The Infinite One keeps a reckoning with the nations, and their guilt is proportioned to the light rejected. A fearful record now stands in the register of Heaven against our land; but the crime which shall fill up the measure of her iniquity is that of making void the law of God." (4SP, p. 398)

"The people of the United States have been a favored people; but when they restrict religious liberty, surrender Protestantism, and give countenance to popery, the measure of their guilt will be full, and 'national apostasy' will be registered in the books of heaven. The result of this apostasy will be national ruin. (Maranatha, p. 216)

With rapid steps we are approaching this period. When Protestant churches shall unite with the secular power to sustain a false religion, for opposing which their ancestors endured the fiercest persecution, then will **the papal sabbath be enforced by the combined authority of church and state. There will be a national apostasy**, which will end only in national ruin. (*Manuscript 51, 1899*)

"By the decree enforcing the institution of the papacy in violation of the law of God, our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness... As the approach of the Roman armies was a sign to the disciples of the impending destruction of Jerusalem, so may this apostasy be a sign to us that the limit of God's forbearance is reached, that the measure of our nation's iniquity is full, and that the angel of mercy is about to take her flight, never to return." (5T, p. 451)

Overthrown: Greek means → totter, waver, cast down, ruined, overthrown, (cause to) stumble

• Means persecution by the sword

Lamentations 1:14 "The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand: they are wreathed, *and* come up upon my neck: he hath made my strength to <u>fall</u>, the Lord hath delivered me into *their* hands, *from whom* I am not able to rise up."

Dan 11:33 "And they that understand among the people shall instruct many: yet they shall **fall** by the sword, and by flame, by captivity, and by spoil, *many* days."

Dan 11:35 "And *some* of them of understanding shall <u>fall</u>, to try them, and to purge, and to make *them* white, *even* to the time of the end: because *it* is yet for a time appointed."

Revelation 13:12 "And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, <u>and causeth the earth</u> and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed."

...but these shall escape out of his hand, even Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Ammon.

• Who are Edom, Moab, chief of children of Ammon?

Genesis 19:36-38 "Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. And the firstborn bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Benammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day."

Genesis 36:8, 9 "Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: <u>Esau is Edom</u>. And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edomites in mount Seir:"

Jeremiah 9:26 "Egypt, and Judah, and <u>Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab,</u> and all that are in the utmost corners, that dwell in the wilderness: <u>for all these nations are uncircumcised</u>, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart."

1 Corinthians 7:19 "Circumcision is nothing, and uncircumcision is nothing, but the keeping of the commandments of God."

Acts 7:51 "Ye stiffnecked and <u>uncircumcised in heart and ears,</u> ye do always resist the Holy Ghost: as your fathers did, so do ye."

Isaiah 44:9 "Thus saith the Lord GOD; **No stranger, uncircumcised in heart**, nor uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any stranger that is among the children of Israel."

• These nations were also destined for doom and desolation

Zephaniah 2:9 "Therefore as I live, saith the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely <u>Moab shall be as Sodom, and the children of Ammon as Gomorrah</u>, even the breeding of nettles, and saltpits, and a perpetual desolation: the residue of my people shall spoil them, and the remnant of my people shall possess them."

Jeremiah 49:17, 18 "Also **Edom shall be a desolation**: every one that goeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. **As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah** and the neighbour cities thereof, saith the LORD, no man shall abide there, neither shall a son of man dwell in it."

• Those who escape the destruction will stand with the people of God

Exodus 12:48, 49 "And when a stranger shall sojourn with thee, and will keep the passover to the LORD, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: for no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. One law shall be to him that is homeborn, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you."

Deuteronomy 29:12-15 "That thou shouldest enter into covenant with the LORD thy God, and into his oath, which the LORD thy God maketh with thee this day: That he may establish thee to day for a people unto himself,Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath; But with him that standeth here with us this day before the LORD our God, and **also with him that is not here with us this day**:"

Revelation 18:4, 5 "And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, <u>Come out of her, my people</u>, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

"Servants of God, endowed with power from on high with their faces lighted up, and shining with holy consecration, went forth to proclaim the message from heaven. Souls that were scattered all through the religious bodies answered to the call (these shall escape out of his hand), and the precious were hurried out (escaped) of the doomed churches (Edom, Moab & Ammon), as Lot was hurried out of Sodom before her destruction. God's people were strengthened by the excellent glory which rested upon them in rich abundance and prepared them to endure the hour of temptation. I heard everywhere a multitude of voices saying, "Here is the patience of the saints: here are they that keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus." (EW, p. 278)

Isaiah 11:12-14 "And he shall set up an ensign for the nations, <u>and shall assemble the outcasts of Israel</u>, and <u>gather together the dispersed of Judah</u> from the four corners of the earth...Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. But they shall fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the west; they shall spoil them of the east <u>together</u>: <u>they shall lay their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them.</u>"

"... I heard voices which seemed to sound everywhere, 'Come out of her, My people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.' The glory of God rested upon the patient, waiting saints, and they fearlessly gave the last solemn warning, proclaiming the fall of Babylon and calling upon God's people to come out of her that they might escape her fearful doom. The light that was shed upon the waiting ones penetrated everywhere, and those in the churches who had any light, who had not heard and rejected the three messages, obeyed the call and left the fallen churches." (EW, p. 277)

John 10:16 "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd."

Amos 9:11 "In that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up his ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old: That they may possess the <u>remnant of Edom, and of all the</u> **heathen**, which are called by my name, saith the LORD that doeth this."

• Where will they escape to?

Genesis 19:17 "And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life; look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; **escape to the mountain**, lest thou be consumed."

Isaiah 27:13 "And it shall come to pass in that day, that the great trumpet shall be blown, and <u>they shall come which</u> were ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and the outcasts in the land of Egypt, and shall worship the LORD in the holy mount at Jerusalem."

Ezekiel 7:16 "But they that escape of them shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them mourning, every one for his iniquity."

Obadiah 1:17 "But <u>upon mount Zion shall be deliverance,</u> and there shall be holiness; and the house of Jacob shall possess their possessions."

"I saw that God has honest children among the nominal Adventists and the fallen churches, and before the plagues shall be poured out, ministers and people will be called out from these churches and will gladly receive the truth. Satan knows this; and before the loud cry of the third angel is given, he raises an excitement in these religious bodies, that those who have rejected the truth may think that God is with them. He hopes to deceive the honest and lead them to think that God is still working for the churches. But the light will shine, and all who are honest will leave the fallen churches, and take their stand with the remnant." (*EW*, *p*. 261)

"The time of test is just upon us, for the loud cry of the third angel has already <u>begun in the revelation of the</u> righteousness of Christ, the sin-pardoning Redeemer." (*ISM*, p. 363)

John 13:19 "Now I tell you before it come, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am He."