

# THE US AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY IS NOT A TRUE DOCTRINE

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## **PART 10** **SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT OF 'A NATION' AND 'A COMPANY OF NATIONS'** **SEE FIG 10A AND 10B**

### PROMISE OF ONE NATION HAS SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT

In Promise # 1 God told Abraham that he would be a 'great nation'. Mr. Armstrong began his booklet by saying that the single nation is about 'race', and the blessing of all the families of the earth is about 'grace'.

Gen 12:1 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee:

Gen 12:2 And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing:

Gen 12:3 And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Notice first that it is plainly seen that Abraham was given the promise of the 'one nation'. It is not immediately noticeable, but he was also given here the promise of the 'multitude of nations'. This promise is suggested in the phrase 'all families of the earth'.

Now notice these New Testament Scriptures that repeat the phrase, 'all families of the earth be blessed'.

Act 3:25 Ye are the children of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with our fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed.

Act 3:26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Son Jesus, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from his iniquities.

Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, [saying], In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Gal 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

The scriptures in Acts tell us that the phrase 'all nations shall be blessed' means that this is a 'covenant' (the New Covenant) of a blessing God promised Abraham. The blessing is that God would send Jesus to turn them away from their iniquities.

The scriptures in Galatians show that this blessing is also the 'gospel' and they show the fulfillment of this blessing, (covenant/gospel) that they would receive the promise of the holy spirit through faith.

In Acts 3:25-26 the recipients of this blessing are the converts from the one nation of Israel.

In Gal 3:8-14 the recipients of this blessing are the Gentiles, the people of all families and nations of the earth.

#### PROMISE OF MULTITUDE OF NATIONS HAS SPIRITUAL FULFILLMENT

In Promise # 4 God said that Abraham would be the father of ‘many nations’.

Gen 17:4 As for me, behold, my covenant [is] with thee, and thou shalt be a father of many nations.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

These New Testament scriptures in Romans 4 tell us that the promise of the ‘many nations’ has a spiritual fulfillment. The recipients in the many nations receive it by faith.

Rom 4:16 Therefore [it is] of faith, that [it might be] by grace; to the end the promise might be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, (the circumcised) but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham; (when he was yet uncircumcised) who is the father of us all,

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, [even] God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

This scripture tells us that Abraham was promised that he would be ‘heir of the world’. This is not written in any of the ancient promises (Fig 1). In them he was promised that his seed would be heirs of the land of Canaan. That he would be ‘heir of the world’ is written here in the New Testament in the same chapter as the promise of the ‘many nations’ heirs who are of the righteousness of faith.

Rom 4:13 For the promise, that he should be the heir of the world, [was] not to Abraham, or to his seed, through the law, but through the righteousness of faith.

Thus, the ‘many nations’ who are ‘of faith’ shall inherit the whole world, not the land of Canaan or Great Britain.

#### PROMISE # 3 ABOUT THE STARS OF HEAVEN AND PROMISE # 4 ABOUT THE MULTITUDE OF NATIONS ARE LINKED TOGETHER IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

Promise # 3

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Promise # 4

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

This New Testament scripture tells us that the promise of ‘many nations’ in Genesis 17:5 (Promise # 4) is the very same promise that God gave Abraham when he showed him the heavens in Genesis 15:5 (Promise # 3). And he believed God. Thus we see that the promise of Abraham being the father of ‘many nations’ is not about land, but a multitude of seed as the stars of heaven.

Rom 4:18 Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, (Gen 17:5) according to that which was spoken, so shall thy seed be. (Gen 15: 5)

These verses tell us that the righteousness imputed to Abraham because he believed God when God said his seed would be as the stars of heaven is ours also if we believe in God the Father and Jesus.

Gen 15:5 And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be.

Gen 15:6 And he believed in the Lord; and he counted it to him for righteousness.

Rom 4:23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it (righteousness) was imputed to him;

Rom 4:24 But for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on him that raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;

#### WHY SATAN WANTS US TO BELIEVE IN ANGLO-ISRAELISM

These verses tell us why Satan wants us to believe the doctrine of Anglo-Israelism.

Rom 4:14 For if they which are of the law [be] heirs, faith is made void, and the promise made of none effect:

Rom 4:15 Because the law worketh wrath:

If they which are of the law (the physical descendants of Israel by the 'law' of the birthright) are the heirs of the promise of Abraham, Satan will have succeeded in making faith void and the promise of none effect. Why? The law works wrath today in the nations of America and Britain just as it did in ancient Israel because these nations have never kept God's covenant any better than ancient Israel did and are deserving of wrath and curses.

#### THE BIRTHRIGHT AND THE BLESSING ARE SPIRITUAL IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

These New Testament scriptures tell us that the birthright and the greatest blessing both belong to the firstborn. Because Esau sold his birthright, (something that was already his to sell) he was later rejected to inherit the blessing. (The blessing is something that is inherited.) These scriptures exhort Christians who are called the Church of the firstborn, not to be like Esau who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright. This tells us that the birthright is a spiritual thing that provides a double portion in the Kingdom of God for us. And if we sell our birthright for whatever gain we might get in this life, we will, like Esau, be rejected to inherit our blessing.

Hbr 12:14 Follow peace with all [men], and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord:

Hbr 12:15 Looking diligently lest any man fail of the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble [you], and thereby many be defiled;

Hbr 12:16 Lest there [be] any fornicator, or profane person, as Esau, who for one morsel of meat sold his birthright.

Hbr 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

Hbr 12:18 For ye are not come unto the mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire, nor unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest,

Hbr 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels,

Hbr 12:23 To the general assembly and Church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Hbr 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant,

## CONCLUSION

Mr. Armstrong did not see the promises of 'a nation' and 'a multitude of nations' fulfilled in ancient Israel because they are not physical promises, but spiritual.

\* Abraham was a type of God the Father who was willing to sacrifice his son.

\* Isaac was a type of Christ who was sacrificed.

\* Jacob was the prototype of all New Testament Christians who are not called by virtue of being the firstborn or by works, but by election and grace as shown in these scriptures.

Rom 9:8 That is, They which are the children of the flesh, these [are] not the children of God: but the children of the promise are counted for the seed.

Rom 9:9 For this [is] the word of promise, At this time will I come, and Sara shall have a son.

Rom 9:10 And not only [this]; but when Rebecca also had conceived by one, [even] by our father Isaac;

Rom 9:11 (For [the children] (Esau and Jacob) being not yet born, neither having done any good or evil, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth;)

Rom 9:12 It was said unto her, The elder shall serve the younger.

Rom 9:13 As it is written, Jacob have I loved, but Esau have I hated.

\* Ephraim and Manasseh are the recipients of the two great promises given to Abraham in Promise # 1 and 4, the 'one nation' and the 'multitudes of nations'. Jacob blessed Ephraim and Manasseh separately from his other children. These multitudes of people like the stars of heaven are the true children of Abraham given to him by promise just like Isaac was given to him by promise. They are all called by election and grace like Jacob.

Ephraim and Manasseh were the children of the firstborn Joseph. New Testament Christians are also called the firstborn.

Hbr 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Ephraim and Manasseh were adopted by (Jacob) Israel. New Testament Christians are also adopted.

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God:

Rom 8:17 And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

New Testament Christians of all nations are Abraham's children because they do the works of Abraham. They believe God as he did and keep God's commandments, statutes and laws as he did.

Revelation 7 Fig 10B shows the fulfillment of 'a nation' and 'a multitude of nations' who are saved by grace and faith in Jesus