

THE US AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY IS NOT A TRUE DOCTRINE

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PART 8 HOW IMPORTANT IS THIS DOCTRINE?

IS ANGLO-ISRAELISM IMPORTANT BECAUSE OF PROPHECY

Mr. Armstrong considered this a very important doctrine, so important that the knowledge of the modern identity of Israel is ‘the key to understanding prophecy’. He believed that we need to know who modern Jacob is in order to warn them about the ‘time of Jacob’s trouble’. What do the scriptures actually say about Jacob’s trouble?

Jer 30:7 Alas! for that day [is] great, so that none [is] like it: it [is] even the time of JACOB'S TROUBLE; but he shall be saved out of it.

Jer 30:8 For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, [that] I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers shall no more serve themselves of him:

Jer 30:9 But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David their king, whom I will raise up unto them.

Jer 30:10 Therefore fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, saith the Lord; neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make [him] afraid.

Jer 30:11 For I [am] with thee, saith the Lord, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have SCATTERED thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.

Here we see that at the time of ‘Jacob’s trouble’ Israel is not in Great Britain, but is scattered in the nations of their captivity. They have a yoke of bondage upon them and their captors are serving themselves of them. The Lord will save them in Jacob’s trouble (the Great Tribulation) by breaking their yoke, making a full end of their enemies’ nations, causing them to return to the land he originally gave them and will raise up King David to rule over them.

As we see here, it is important for the Lord to know where Israelites are because he is the one who will gather them, bring them to their own land and save them. But our mission as the Church of God is not to find out where they are. It is not to let them know who they are. Our mission is to preach the true gospel to the whole world. The scattered of Israel will hear it, and they will be saved if God opens their mind to believe it.

IS ANGLO-ISRAELISM IMPORTANT TO WARN ISRAELITES OF CAPTIVITY?

Mr. Armstrong believed that now that we know the United States is Manasseh and Great Britain is Ephraim, our duty is to tell them who they are and warn them that according to Leviticus 26, they broke their covenant with God and they will go into captivity unless there is national repentance. But since the United States and Great Britain are not Ephraim and Manasseh and the

Israelites are already scattered throughout the world in their captivity according to Leviticus 26, this warning to the US and Britain is not a message from God is it?

If there is a message of warning that the Church must preach, it is to the whole world. And it has to do with the coming of the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Eph 5:5 For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

Eph 5:6 Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.

Eph 5:7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them.

Rev 15:1 And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having the seven last plagues; for in them is filled up the wrath of God.

IS ANGLO ISRAELISM IMPORTANT FOR SALVATION?

The truth is that as far as salvation is concerned, it does not matter whether one is a Jew, (Israelite) or a Gentile. God calls whom he will, not based on race but on grace.

Gal 3:27 For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

Gal 3:28 There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.

It is not important to the individual whom God calls to know what his ancestry is. The great majority of those whom God has called today do not know beyond two or three generations of their ancestry. They have no idea whether they are descended from ancient Israelites.

Consider the Jews who boasted that they were the seed of Abraham. They knew who they were. But Jesus said to them that they are Abraham's seed IF they do the works of Abraham and Satan's seed IF they do the works of Satan.

Jhn 8:39 They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham.

Jhn 8:42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me...

Jhn 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, because my word hath no place in you.

Jhn 8:44 Ye are of [your] father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do...

We are counted as children of Abraham today, not by ancestry, but by doing the works of Abraham who believed God and who also kept his commandments, statutes and laws. This is the New Testament standard of 'who you are' according to how God sees it.

OTHER REASONS FOR IMPORTANCE OF ANGLO-ISRAELISM

Anglo-Israelists give other reasons as to why this doctrine is so important. They write compelling and righteous-sounding articles that say things like:

* Just as ancient Joseph was lost and then found by his brothers, so modern Joseph, (Ephraim and Manasseh) were lost and now found.

Remember Fig 7. The scriptures tell us that Ephraim and Manasseh will be FOUND WHEN God gathers them out of the countries they have been scattered in and brings them to their land.

* We must know where the Israelites are so we can help them restore their relationship to God. Restoring your relationship with God begins with believing the gospel and repenting of your sins, not with knowing who you are descended from. Ancient Israelites knew they were descended from Abraham, but most of them did not have a circumcised heart.

* If ministers don't preach anglo-israelism, they fall under the condemnation of Ezekiel 34 for not seeking the lost sheep.

Eze 34:2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord God unto the shepherds; Woe [be] to the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks?

Eze 34:3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill them that are fed: [but] ye feed not the flock.

Eze 34:4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye bound up [that which was] broken, neither have ye brought again that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with cruelty have ye ruled them.

Remember, the definition of a lost sheep is one who does not have a relationship with God, not one who does not know who his ancestors are. Therefore we should help all people, regardless of who they are or who we think they are, to establish and build their relationship with God

If you go on to read in the same chapter, it says that the Lord himself will seek out his own lost sheep and he will bring them back to Israel.

Eze 34:11 For thus saith the Lord God; Behold, I, [even] I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out.

Eze 34:12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep [that are] scattered; so will I seek out my sheep, and will deliver them out of all places where they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day.

Eze 34:13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them to their own land, and feed them upon the mountains of Israel by the rivers, and in all the inhabited places of the country.

Eze 34:14 I will feed them in a good pasture, and upon the high mountains of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie in a good fold, and [in] a fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel.

Eze 34:15 I will feed my flock, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord GOD.

Eze 34:16 I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up [that which was] broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but I will destroy the fat and the strong; I will feed them with judgment.