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LOST TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

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"And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the Gentiles in the midst of many people as a **Lion** among the focks of aheep; who, if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth in pieces, the earth "-Deut. xxxiii, 17. and none can deliver."-Micah v, 8.

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"There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. This principle is, contempt prior to examination."—Dr. Paley. A greater than Paley has said —" He that answere a matter before he heareth it, it is a folly, and a shame unto him."—Prov. xviii, 13.

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INTRODUCTION.

In presenting to my readers the results of my researches on this interesting subject, I refer them to the writings of Sharon Turner, John Wilson, William Carpenter, Edward Hine, T. C. Baimer, E. W. Bird, Harrison Oxley, J. G. Shaw, Revd, F. R. Glover, M.A., Dr. W. Holt Yates, Bishop Titcomb, Major H. A. Tracey, R.A., Rev. Canon Brownrigg, Rev. B, W. Saville, M.A., Rev. Dr. Potter, Rev. J. T. Gott, Dr. Latham, Charles L. Brace, Lieut. Col, Vallancey, L.L. D., Sir Walter Elliott, K.C.S.I., Rev. H. Newton, B.A., Professor C. Piazzi Smyth, F.R.S.S.I.E., Astronomer Royal for Scotland, Doctor Brunnow, Astronomer Royal for Ireland, and a host of others from whose writings I have made quotations.

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ANGLO-ISRAEL

There are several theories on record as to the locality wherewe may most reasonably look for the lost tribes of Israel.

Rev. Joseph Wolf, in his journals, written between 1831 and

1834, says they are in China. The Rev. J. Samuels, in a work entitled "The remnant found," says, they are in the region of the Caspian sea.

Dr. Grant was of the opinion that the Nestorians are the lost ones.

Sir William Jones says the Afghans have a superior claim. Mrs. Dixon says the Mexicans and the Peruvians are without doubt the ten tribes of Israel.

Some say our North American Indians are the people we are looking for, others say the Karens of India, or the Gipsies. of Southern Europe.

Dr. Claudius Buchanan was satisfied that the greater part of the ten tribes are still to be found in the countries to which they were led captive.

Now, while we cheerfully acknowledge the undoubted ability of those writers, and some of their theories are very plausible,. we cannot accept their conclusions, because they all fail to harmonize with the word of the Lord in reference to his banished ones. We repudiate all theories that are antagonistic tothe glorious promises of God to Israel.

In our inquiries after the ten tribes of Israel, known as the lost tribes, we see them in Sacred history, with their brethren,. under the government of sixteen judges and of three kings, Saul, David, and Solomon.

After the death of Solomon the ten tribes revolted, and formed a new kingdom under Jeroboam. After this revolt there were two kingdoms separated the one from the other, and were known as the kingdom of Judah, and the kingdom of Israel. The severance was complete.

THE JEWS.

The kingdom of Judah was governed by nineteen kings and one queen, and existed as a nation during a period of 387 years, when they were taken captive and carried away to Babylon, where they remained for seventy years, their songs hushed to silence, their harps upon the willows.

Those Jews, according to the word of the Lord were never to be lost sight of, they were "to be known in all lands by the shew of their countenance," Isa. iii, 9, i. e. by their expression.

There are to-day Russian Jews, Austrian Jews, Polish Jews, Italian Jews, German Jews, English and American Jews, and yet they are distinguishable at first sight, as separate and distinct from all others, and this, not from any choice of theirs, for they cannot help it. This remarkable ethnic phenomenon is a strong point in their history, for in the whole history of our globe, no such fact exists among other people, for no race has ever been dispersed among other people without losing their national traits of character, and peculiar characteristics; but the Jews, though scattered throughout the habitable globe for 1800 years, still retain their ethnic identity, though they mingle with every other nation they blend with none.

"Amazing race! deprived of land and laws,

A general language, and a public cause ;

With a religion none can now obey,

With a reproach that none can take away :

A people still, whose common ties are gone.

Who, mixed with every race, are lost in none."

The Lord said of the Jews, they were "to be known as an astonishment," "a desolation," "a reproach," "a by-word," "a hissing, and a curse." They were to be a people "scattered," "meted out," "trodden down," and "peeled," they were to drink the cup of sorrow to its dregs, to be a target for the marksmen of the nations.

It is well known that these prophetic utterances have all been fulfilled, and that the Jews are still among the nations, a living proof of the truth of God's holy word.

Sir Walter Scott says, "Except, perhaps the flying fish, there was no race existing on the earth, in the air, or in the waters, who were the object of such unremitting, general, and relentless persecution as the Jews."

THE LOST TRIBES.

The ten tribes, or the kingdom of Israel, had also nineteen kings, and they existed as a nation for 274 years. They

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were driven into captivity 133 years before the captivity of Judah, and they have never returned.

In the Sacred Scriptures, 2 Kings xv ch., 29, and xvii ch., 6. and in I Chron. v ch., 26, we are informed how Tiglath-pileser and Shalmanezer took them captives and carried them away to Halah, Habor, Hara, and to Gozan, cities of the Medes.

There is on an Eastern obelisk, an inscription of Sargon, whose name is found Isa. xx ch., 1, which reads, "Sargon, king of Assyria came up against the city of Samaria and against the tribes of Beth-Kymri, and carried captive into Assyria 27,280 families."

"So Israel was carried out of their own land to Assyria unto this day."

TWO NATIONS.

It must be remembered that these kingdoms had a separate history, each entirely distinct from the other. The two-tribed kingdom of Judah is not the ten-tribed kingdom of Israel. The Jews are one people; the lost tribes are another. The Jews, are, of course, of Israel, as a slip taken off from a tree has an existence independent of the stock from which it was taken. The ten tribes are not addressed as Jews, nor are they known as such. The term Israelite is a general term, including the whole Hebrew race. Every Jew is, of course, an Israelite, but all Israelites are not Jews. All Scotchmen are Britons, but all Britons are not Scotchmen. We often find such terms as "the whole house of Israel," and "all Israel" applied to them.

ISRAEL LOST.

The Word of God clearly intimates that Israel would lose their identity, their land, their language, their religion and their name, that they would be lost to themselves, and to other nations lost. Deut. xxxii ch., 26, "I will scatter them into corners, I will make the remembrance of them to cease from among men." Isa. viii ch., 17, "The Lord hideth his face from the house of Jacob." Isa. xxviii ch., 11, He was not any more to speak to them in the Hebrew tongue; but "by another tongue will I speak unto this people." They shall no more be called Israel, He will call them by another name. Isa lxii ch., 2, "And thou shalt be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord shall name." Isa. lxv ch., 15, "The Lord shall call his servants by another name." Psalm lxxxiii, 4, "The name Israel shall be no more in remembrance." "And ye shall lose, or leave, your name, and the Lord shall call his ser-

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vants by another name." Isa. xl. ch., 27, "Why sayest thou O Jacob! and speakest O Israel! my way is hid from the Lord, and my judgment is passed over from my God."

Isa. liv. ch., $\hat{8}$, "For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee—In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy upon thee."

In Hos, i ch., 4, 7, the Lord says, "I will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel," . . . and, "I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel but I will utterly take them away," ... "But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah." Hos. i ch., "Israel is to be called Lo-ammi, for ye are not my people and I will not be your God." The house of Israel is here compared to a wife that had proved unfaithful to her husband, and had sought many lovers, and the Lord had given her a bill of divorcement. Jer. iii ch., " She went away from me, saith the Lord, and she returned not, and her treacherous sister Judah saw it." Ezek xxxiv ch., 6, "Woe be to the shepherds of Israel | My sheep wandered through all the mountains, yea, my flock was scattered upon all the face of the earth, my flock became a prey." Amos viii ch., 12, "They shall wander from sea to sea." Amos ix ch., 9, "For lo! I will command and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations like as corn is sifted in a sieve ; yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth." Hos. ii ch., 6, "Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths." Hosea viii ch., 8, 9, " Israel is swallowed up ; now shall they be among the gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure," *i. e.* they shall be hidden from view, or put out of sight. "For they are gone up to Assyria, a wild Ass alone by himself." Hosea ix ch. 1, "Rejoice not, O Israel, for joy, as other people, for thou hast gone a whoring from thy God. 17, My God shall cast them away, and they shall be wanderers among the nations." Hos. xiii ch., 3. " Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away ; as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney." All this surely means to be lost, lost to themselves, and to other nations.

IN THE VALLEY.

In Deut. xxviii ch., 36, "The Lord shall bring thee (Israel) and thy king which thou shalt set over thee into a nation which neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and there shalt thou serve other Gods, wood and stone." This was all realized by

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