

Habakkuk's Two Tables #50

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OVERFLOW

“As I viewed poor souls **dying for want of the present truth**, and some who professed to believe the truth were letting them die, by withholding the necessary means to carry forward the work of God, the sight was too painful, and I begged of the angel to remove it from me. I saw that when the cause of God called for some of their property, like the young man who came to Jesus, [Matthew 19:16–22.] they went away sorrowful; and **that soon the overflowing scourge would pass over and sweep their possessions all away**, and then it would be too late to sacrifice earthly goods, and lay up a treasure in heaven. . . .

“**The mighty shaking has commenced**, and will go on, and all will be shaken out who are not willing to take a hold and unyielding stand for the truth, and sacrifice for God and his cause. The angel said, ‘Think ye that any will be compelled to sacrifice. No. no. It must be a free-will offering. It will take all to buy the field.’—I cried to God to spare his people, some of whom were fainting and dying. . . .

“Then I saw that the judgments of Almighty God were speedily coming. I begged of the angel to speak in his language to the people. Said he, ‘All the thunders and lightnings of Mount Sinai would not move those who will not be moved by the plain truths of the word of God; neither would **an angel’s message awake them.**’” *Review and Herald*, April 1, 1850.

ENTER ALSO

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. Daniel 11:41.

SHALL OVERFLOW AND PASS OVER

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the countries, and **shall overflow and pass over**. Daniel 11:40.

OVERFLOW

OVERFLOW: 7857—to gush; by impl. to **inundate**, cleanse; by anal. to gallop, **conquer**;-drown, (over-) flow (-whelm), **rinse**. run. rush. **(thoroughly) wash (away)**.

Isaiah 28:14–19; 8:5–8

THE SCOURGE

Isaiah 10

THE GLORIOUS LAND

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GLORIOUS

GLORIOUS: 6643—in the sense of **prominence**; splendor (as **conspicuous**), beautiful, goodly.

LAND: H776—From an unused root probably meaning to *be firm*; the *earth* (at large, or partitively a *land*): - X common, country, earth, field, ground, land, X nations, way, + wilderness, world.

THE GLORY OF ALL LANDS

In the day *that* I lifted up mine hand unto them, to bring them forth of the land of Egypt into a land that I had espied for them, flowing with milk and honey, which *is* **the glory of all lands**. . . . 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**. Ezekiel 20:6, 15.

Daniel 11:16

URIAH SMITH:

“After putting an end to the war, Pompey demolished the walls of Jerusalem, transferred several cities from the jurisdiction of Judea to that of Syria, and imposed tribute on the Jews. For the first time Jerusalem was by conquest placed in the hands of Rome, that power was to hold **the ‘glorious land’ in its iron grasp till it had utterly consumed it.**” *Thoughts on Daniel and the Revelation*, 247.

“LAND” AND “MOUNTAIN”

. . . enter also into the glorious **land** . . . verse forty-one

. . . between the seas in the glorious holy **mountain** . . . verse forty-five

J. N. ANDREWS

“We have found that the **earth** is not the sanctuary, but simply the territory where it will finally be located; that the **church** is not the sanctuary, but simply the worshipers connected with the sanctuary; and that the **land** of Canaan is not the **sanctuary**, but that it is the place where the typical sanctuary was located.” J. N. Andrews, *The Sanctuary and the 2300 Days*, 45.

DESIGNED BY GOD

“**The Lord has done more for the United States than any other country upon which the sun shines.** Here He provided an asylum for His people, where they could worship Him according to the dictates of conscience. Here Christianity has progressed in its purity. The life-giving doctrine of the one Mediator between God and man has been freely taught. God *designed* that this country should ever remain free for all people to worship Him in accordance with the dictates of conscience. He *designed* that its civil institutions, in their expansive productions, should represent the freedom of gospel privileges.” *Maranatha*, 193.

A PROMISED LAND

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, to whom thou swarest by thine own self, and saidst unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of heaven,

and all **this land that I have spoken of** will I give unto your seed, and they shall inherit *it* forever. Exodus 32:13.

THIS LAND THAT I HAVE SPOKEN OF

ANCIENT ISRAEL

“God brought His chosen people out of the land of Egypt. . . . that He might bring them to a **good land, a land which in His providence He had prepared** for them as a refuge from their enemies. He would bring them to Himself and encircle them in His everlasting arms; and in return for His goodness and mercy **they were to exalt His name and make it glorious in the earth.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 16.

MODERN ISRAEL

“Is it in vain that the declaration of eternal truth has been given **to this nation** to be carried to all the nations of the world? God has chosen a people and made them the repositories of truth weighty with eternal results. To them has been given the light that **must illuminate the world**. Has God made a mistake? Are we indeed His chosen instrumentalities? Are we the men and women who are to bear to the world the messages of Revelation fourteen, to proclaim the message of salvation to those who are standing on the brink of ruin? Do we act as if we were?” *Selected Messages*, book 1, 92.

THE PROPHETIC ROLE

THE MAN OF SIN

“**When** the land which the Lord provided as an asylum for His people, that they might worship Him according to the dictates of their own consciences, the land over which for long years the shield of Omnipotence has been spread, the land which God has favored by making it the depository of the pure religion of Christ,—**when** that land shall, through its legislators, abjure the principles of Protestantism, and give countenance to Romish apostasy in tampering with God’s law,—it is **then** that **the final work of the man of sin will be revealed.**” *Signs of the Times*, June 12, 1893.

THE MARVELOUS WORKING OF SATAN

“**By the decree** enforcing the institution of the Papacy in violation of the law of God, **our nation will disconnect herself fully from righteousness**. **When** Protestantism shall stretch her hand across the gulf to grasp the hand of the Roman power, **when** she shall reach over the abyss to clasp hands with Spiritualism, **when**, under the influence of this threefold union, our country shall repudiate every principle of its Constitution as a Protestant and republican government, and shall make provision for the propagation of papal falsehoods and delusions, **then** we may know that **the time has come for the marvelous working of Satan and that the end is near.**” *Testimonies*, volume 5, 451.

NATIONAL RUIN

“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.**” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

TYRANNY

“Our land is in jeopardy. The time is drawing on **when** its legislators shall so abjure the principles of Protestantism as to give countenance to Romish apostasy. The people for whom God has so marvelously wrought, strengthening them to throw off the galling yoke of popery, will by a national act give vigor to the corrupt faith of Rome, and thus **arouse the tyranny which only waits for a touch to start again into cruelty and despotism. With rapid steps are we already approaching this period.**” *The Spirit of Prophecy*, volume 4, 410.

THE GREATEST PERIL AND DARKNESS

“America, . . . where the greatest light from heaven has been shining upon the people, can become the place of greatest peril and darkness because the people do not continue to practice the truth and walk in the light.” *Selected Messages*, book 3, 387.

THE GLORY OF THE WHOLE EARTH

“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**. But instead of returning gratitude to God, instead of honoring God and his law, the professed Christians of America have become leavened with pride, covetousness, and self-sufficiency. . . .

“The time has come when judgment is fallen in the streets, and equity cannot enter, and he that departeth from evil maketh himself a prey. But the Lord’s arm is not shortened that it cannot save, and his ear is not heavy that it cannot hear. **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.

“The voices of those under the altar who have been slain for the word of God and the testimony of Jesus, **are still saying**, ‘It is time for thee, O Lord, to work: for they have made void thy law.’” *Review and Herald*, May 2, 1893.

THE GLORY DEFINED

“In the seventeenth century thousands of pastors were expelled from their positions. The people were forbidden, on pain of heavy fines, imprisonment, and banishment, to attend any religious meetings except such as were sanctioned by the church. Those faithful souls who could not refrain from gathering to worship God were compelled to meet in dark alleys, in obscure garrets, and at some seasons in the woods at midnight. In the sheltering depths of the forest, a temple of God’s own building, those scattered and persecuted children of the Lord assembled to pour out their souls in prayer and praise. But despite all their precautions, many suffered for their faith. The jails were crowded. Families were broken up. Many were banished to foreign lands. Yet God was with His people, and persecution could not prevail to silence their testimony. Many were driven across the ocean to America and here laid **the foundations of civil and religious**

liberty which have been the bulwark and glory of this country.” *The Great Controversy*, 252.

Revelation 13:11–18, 2; Daniel 8:12; 11:30–31; 7:8, 20

And all nations shall call you blessed: for ye shall be a delightsome land, saith the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:12.

Genesis 15:7–8

INHERIT: 1. To take by descent from an ancestor; to take by succession, as the representative of the former possessor; to receive, as a right or title descendible by law from an ancestor at his decease. . . .

3. To possess; to enjoy; to take as a possession, by gift or divine appropriation; as, to inherit everlasting life; to inherit the promises.—That thou mayest live, and inherit the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. Deuteronomy 16:20. *Webster’s 1828 Dictionary*.

ALL THE COVENANT PROMISES

“That which God purposed to do for the world through Israel, the chosen nation, He will finally accomplish through His church on earth today. He has ‘let out His vineyard unto other husbandmen,’ even to His covenant-keeping people, who faithfully ‘render Him the fruits in their seasons.’ Never has the Lord been without true representatives on this earth who have made His interests their own. These witnesses for God are numbered among the spiritual Israel, and **to them will be fulfilled all the covenant promises made by Jehovah to His ancient people.**” *Prophets and Kings*, 713.

“Of special value to God’s church on earth today—the keepers of His vineyard—are the messages of counsel and admonition given through the prophets who have made plain His eternal purpose in behalf of mankind. In the teachings of the prophets, His love for the lost race and His plan for their salvation are clearly revealed. The story of Israel’s call, of their successes and failures, of their restoration to divine favor, of their rejection of the Master of the vineyard, and of the carrying out of **the plan of the ages by a goodly remnant to whom are to be fulfilled all the covenant promises**—this has been the theme of God’s messengers to His church throughout the centuries that have passed. And today God’s message to His church—to those who are occupying His vineyard as faithful husbandmen—is none other than that spoken through the prophet of old:

‘Sing ye unto her, A vineyard of red wine. I the Lord do keep it; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day.’ Isaiah 27:2, 3.” *Prophets and Kings*, 22.

THREE COVENANT PROMISES

THE MIND OF CHRIST—PHILIPPIANS 2:5

A GLORIFIED BODY—1 CORINTHIANS 15:52–53

A PROMISED LAND—EXODUS 32:13