

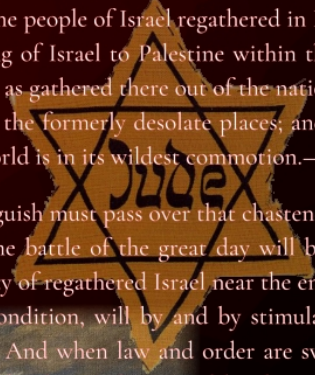
# "THE TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE"

## STUDY XI

### THE BATTLE OF ARMAGEDDON

#### "The Time of Jacob's Trouble"

"While the trouble and distress of this day of the Lord will be first and specially upon Christendom, and eventually upon all nations, the final blast, we are informed by the Prophet Ezekiel (38:8-12), will be upon the people of Israel regathered in Palestine. The prophet seems to indicate a much larger gathering of Israel to Palestine within this harvest period than has yet taken place. He represents them as gathered there out of the nations in great numbers, and, with considerable wealth, inhabiting the formerly desolate places; and all of them dwelling safely at the time when the rest of the world is in its wildest commotion.—Ezek. 38:11, 12



But yet one more wave of anguish must pass over that chastened people; for, according to the prophet, the final conflict of the battle of the great day will be in the land of Palestine. The comparative quiet and prosperity of regathered Israel near the end of this day of trouble, as well as their apparent defenceless condition, will by and by stimulate the jealousies of and invite their plunder by other peoples. And when law and order are swept away Israel will finally be besieged by hosts of merciless plunderers, designated by the prophet as the hosts of Gog and Magog (Ezek. 38), and great will be the distress of defenceless Israel. "Alas!" says the prophet Jeremiah, "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. 30:7, pp. D552-554

#### —THE DAY OF VENGEANCE

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'A point will now be conjectured.

The brotherhood as a whole are so sympathetic to the message to Israel "Comfort ye, comfort ye my people" (Isa. 40:1) that they are not preparing Israel for the Holocaust yet to come. . . .

—Frank Shallieu, *Old Testament Studies*, Song 5:3, p. 57—

'God's purpose is to gather the Jews out of the countries where they were scattered.

Although hunters and fishers have already been sent (Russian pogroms, Hitler, the Zionist movement, the Hadassah movement, etc.), there will be other persecutions, and the Lord's fury still has not been fully poured out. Israel will experience another holocaust before the Lord delivers them from Gog and Magog. Jacob's Trouble is yet future and will be even worse than the gas chambers of Germany.'

—Frank Shallieu, *Old Testament Studies*, Ezekiel 20:34, p. 107—

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