THE JEWS.

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In Palestine of late years, the Jews have greatly increased. It is said that not fewer than 10,000 inhabit Saphet and Jerusalem. At this time the Jews are nearly as numerous as when David swayed the sceptre of the people. And whosoever walks on the earth's surface they have their abode, their eyes & their faith are all pointed in the same direction— to the land of their fathers and the holy city where they worshiped. Though rejected by God, and persecuted by man, they have not once during 1600 long years, ceased to hope confidence in the promises made by Jehovah to the founders of their nation; and although the heart has often been sick, and the spirit faint, they have never relinquished the hope of that bright reversion in the latter days, which is once more to establish the Lord's house on the top of the mountains and make Jerusalem the glory of the whole earth.

Remarks.—The scripture shows two places of gathering: one at Zion, and the other at Jerusalem, for the law shall go forth out of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. To make the subject plainer, let us read the 38th chapter of Isaiah: Woe to the trampling tribes; and on whatever part of the earth they shall be loosed a little season and made to take away and cut down the sprigs with pruning-hooks. For after the harvest, when the bud is perfect, and the sour grape is ripening in the flower, he shall both cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and take away and cut down the branches. They shall be left together unto the fowls of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth. All ye which have drunk of the vine of the east shall be filled with the wrath of the Lord. The wine-skins of the inhabitants of earth are burned, and their dwellers on the earth have heard even to glory. As small and great stand before God and are by the rivers of Ethiopia that sendeth ambassadors to the righteous but at the second resurrection dead which were in it and death and hell lie under them who shall come forth in the resurrection dead which were in it and death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.
inhabitant of the earth. And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the
earth shall fall into the pit; and that com-
eth unto the pit shall be taken in the
snare: for the windows from on high are open, and the foundations of the earth
do shake. The earth is utterly broken
down, the earth is clean dissolved, the earth
is moved exceedingly. The earth shall reel
to and fro like a drunkard, and shall be ren-
oved like a cottage; and the transgression
thereof shall be heavy upon it; and it shall
fall, and not rise again. And it shall come
to pass in that day, that the Lord shall pun-
ish the host of the high ones that are on
high and the kings of the earth upon the
earth. And they shall be gathered together,
as prisoners are gathered in the pit, and shall
be shut up in the prison, and after many
days shall they be visited. Then the moon
shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed
when the Lord hangeth up Mount Zion
and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients
gloriously. Again, in the 62d chapter we
read: For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not
rest, until the righteousness thereof go for
forth as light to the Gentiles, as a lamp that burneth. And the Gentiles shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy
glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name,
which the mouth of the Lord shall name.—
Then shall also be a crown of glory in the
hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the
hand of thy God. Thou shalt no more be
termed forsaken; neither shall thy land any
more be termed desolate: but thou shalt be
called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah: for
the Lord delighteth in thee, and thy land
shall be married. Jeremiah says, in the 33d
chapter and 3d verse: And I will gather the
remnant of my flock out of all countries
whither I have driven them, and will bring
them again to their folds; and they shall be
fruitful and increase. And again, in the 31st
chapter, 4th, 6th, and 8th verses: Again I will
build her, and she shall be built up; and thou shalt be called, O virgin of Israel: thou shalt again be adorned with thy turrets, and shalt go forth in the
dances of them that make merry. Thou shall
yet plant vines upon the mountains of Sama-
rin, the planters shall plant, and shall eat
date out of all of the things thereof.
For there shall be a day, that the watchmen upon the mount Ephraim shall cry, Arise ye, and let us go
up to Zion unto the Lord our God. Joel says
in the last verse of his second chapter, that it
shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call
on the name of the Lord shall be delivered:
for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be
deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the
remnant whom the Lord shall call. And the
book of Mormon says, in the sixth chapter of:
Ether: Behold, Ether saw the days of Christ,
and he spake concerning a New Jerusalem
upon this land; and he spake also concerning
the house of Israel, and the Jerusalem from
whence Lehi should come; after that it should be destroyed, it should be built up again
a holy city unto the Lord; wherefore it could
not be built up in the time of old, but it should
be built up again, and become a holy city of
the Lord; and it should be built up unto the
house of Israel; and that a new Jerusalem should be built up
upon this land, unto the remnant of the seed
of Joseph, for which the things there has
been a type; for as Joseph brought his father
down into the land of Egypt, even so he died
therein; and afterwards his bones were brought up out of the land of Egypt, and taken
in the midst of the pit; and after a long
remnant of the seed of Joseph out of the land
of Jerusalem, that he might be merciful unto
the seed of Joseph, that they should perish not,
even as he was merciful unto the father of
Joseph, that he should perish not, wherefore
the Lord shall have mercy upon his people. This
being the case, the above article gives us
some joy the word of the Lord has gone
gone out in righteousness, and will not return
void: Israel will now be gathered from all the
countries where he was scattered, ready to enter
into his rest with all that have part in the
first resurrection. It is not scripture,
however, that Jerusalem is to become 'the
glory of the whole earth' but the Lord says,
a praise; and beautiful for situation, the joy
of the whole earth; is mount Zion, on the
mountains of the north, the city of the great
King. The command of the Lord to restore
Israel is gone forth, that Israel may prepare to meet
his God; and how easy it would be for the
world to know it, if they would search the
words of the Lord, and watch the signs of the
times: for the Holy One of Israel, the Savior,
while ministering to the Nephites, which
dwelt on this continent, and who were a
branch of Israel, and of the tribe of Joseph,
thus said: 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, all
these things shall surely come, even as the
Father hath commanded me. Then shall
this covenant which the Father hath cov-
anted with his people, be fulfilled: and then
shall Jerusalem be inhabited again with my
people: and it shall be the land of their in-
heritance. And verily, I say unto you, I
give unto you a sign, that ye may know the
time when these things shall be held in
place, that I will gather in from their long
dispersion, my people, O house of Israel, and
shall establish again among them my Zion.
And behold, this is the thing which I will
give unto you for a sign: for verily, I say un-
to you, that when these things which I de-
clare unto you, and which I shall declare unto
you hereafter of myself, and by the power
of the Holy Ghost, which shall be given unto
you of the Father, shall be made known unto
the Gentiles, that they may know concern-
ing this people which are a remnant of the
house of Israel, and concerning the people
which shall be scattered by them; verily, verily,
I say unto you, when these things shall be
made known unto them of the Father,
and shall come forth of the Father from
to you; for it is wisdom in the Father
and the Son to be established in this
land, and be set up as a free people by
the power of the Father, that these things
might come forth from them unto a remnant of
your seed, that the covenant of the Father
may be fulfilled which he hath covenanted
with his people, O house of Israel; therefore, when
these works, and the works which shall be
brought among you hereafter, shall come
forth from the Gentiles unto your seed, which
shall dwindle in unbelief because of iniquity.
for thus it behoveth the Father that it should come forth from the Gentiles, that he may shew forth his power unto the Gentiles, for this cause: that the Gentiles, if they will not lay hold of their hearts, that they may repent and come unto me, and be baptized in my name, and know the true points of my doctrine, that they may be numbered among my people, O house of Israel; and when these things shall come to pass, and thy seed shall begin to know these things, it shall be a sign unto them, through thy seed, that the work of the Father hath already commenced unto the fulfilling of the covenant which he hath made unto the people which are of the house of Israel. And when that day shall come, it shall come to pass that kings shall shut their mouths: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider. For in that day, for my sake shall the Father work a work, which shall be a great and a marvelous work among them; and there shall be among them which will not believe it, although all the world shall be turned unto them. But behold, the life of my servant shall be in my hand; therefore they shall not hurt him, although he shall be marred because of them. Yet I will heal him, for I will shew unto them that my wisdom is greater than the cunning of the devil. Therefore it shall come to pass, that whosoever will not believe in my words which am Jesus Christ, who is the Son of God, shall be as Gentiles, yea, in the midst of them, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep, which if he go through, both treadeth down, and teareth bare in pieces and none can deliver. Their hand shall be lifted up upon their adversaries, and all their enemies shall be cut off. Yea, we be unto the Gentiles, except they repent: for it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Father, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and thy chariots shall be as the chariots of Egypt, and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strong holds; and I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand, and thou shalt have no more sorcerers; thy graven images I also will cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee, and thou shalt no more worship the works of thy hands; and I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee; so will I destroy thy cities. And it shall come to pass that all lyings, and deceivings, and engravings, and strifes, and priestcrafts, and whoredoms, shall be done away. For it shall come to pass, saith the Father, that at that day, whosoever will not repent and come unto my beloved Son, them will I cut off from among my people, O house of Israel; and I will execute vengeance and fury upon them, even as upon the heathen such as they have not heard.

Thus said the Lord unto the Nephiites, upon the land of Zarahemla, and it came to pass. But this is not all, for Zechariah also saith, saith the Lord, which stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the spirit of man within him: Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in the siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the people, and all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces: then all the people of the earth be gathered together against it. In that day, saith the Lord, I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite upon the head for the hour of his redemption. And the governors of Judah shall say in their heart, The inhabitants of Jerusalem shall be my strength in the Lord of hosts their God. In that day will I make the governors of Judah like a heath of fire among the wood, and like a torch of fire in a sheaf; and they shall devour all the people round about, on the right hand and on the left and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own place, even in Jerusalem. The Lord also shall save the tents of Judah first, that the glory of the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Jerusalem do magnify themselves against Judah. In that day shall the Lord defend the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and he that is feeble among them at that day shall be as David; and the house of David shall be as God, as the angel of the Lord before them. And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem. And I will pour upon the house of David and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son and shall be in bitterness for old age: yea, wo be unto the Gentiles except they repent for it shall come to pass in that day, as one that is in bitterness for his first born. In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megiddon.

And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart; all the families that repair, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Thus spoke Zechariah unto Israel, and it will come to pass, for Jacob while telling his sons what should befall them in the last days, says of Judah, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. And Moses said: Hear, Lord, the voice of Judah, and bring him unto his people. Well may the Jews look for the Lord, and well may Israel begin to lift up his head, for the hour of his redemption is nigh.