

The "REPORT" Message

A LETTER FROM THE AUTHOR

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My colleagues and I are pleased that you are interested in reading the document we call THE "REPORT." We feel sure that you will find this particular information quite beneficial and enlightening as one who "thirsts for truth and righteousness." (Matthew 5:6) In fact, the following material, we think, will help you identify modern-day "Israel" of Bible prophecy, whom we believe to be Jehovah's Witnesses as a nation. But you must be thinking at this point:

What would make a rational individual think that this small, obscure, and seemingly, odd family of about five million people, scattered throughout the earth, could in any way represent the nation of "Israel," of Bible prophecy?

It is a question that has been asked often of those who subscribe to this particular belief, and certainly one that deserves a scriptural answer. But before we deal with that, let's address the following, namely why is the document called THE "REPORT," and what is the author's purpose in writing such material?

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE "REPORT DOCUMENT?"

The purpose of **THE "REPORT"** document can best be described in the following words spoken at **Ezekiel 21:6, 7** which says:

"And as for you, O son of man, sigh with shaking hips. Even with bitterness you should sigh before their eyes. And it must occur that, in case they say to you, 'On account of what are you sighing?' you must say, **"AT A REPORT"** 'For it will certainly come, and every heart must melt and all hands must drop down and every spirit must become dejected and all knees themselves will drip with water. 'Look! It will certainly come and be brought to occur,' is the utterance of the Sovereign Lord Jehovah." - *New World Translation*

The "Report" mentioned above as described by the prophet, is one of distress, turmoil and destruction that fell upon the nation of "Israel" by the military force of Babylon, under powerful King Nebuchadnezzar. Included in that destruction was the total obliteration of the magnificent and incomparable temple, constructed by King Solomon, a temple that had been dedicated to the Name of God, "Jehovah." "Israel," was to be *internationally known* as a specially "blessed" people who were "called by God's Name." (Numbers 6:27; Deuteronomy 28:10) Of course, many at this point would object and say:

"Why should anyone today place so much emphasis on the Divine Name, whether it is 'Jehovah,' or 'Yahweh,' or some other pronunciation...why emphasize that Name so much...Really, is God's Name or the fact that ancient Israel was even 'called by God's Name' of that much *real importance* for our day and time?"

Well, the fact of the matter is that Israel itself, was a people dedicated and sanctified to be a people for God's Name. Also, the city of Jerusalem was to be a holy city that was "called by God's Name." (Jeremiah 25:29;

Daniel 9:19) And so, the people, the city, and the temple, were all called or identified by God's Name. Israel itself was to be a people for God's Name, just as the Christian congregation became such in later years. (Acts 15:14-17) And the temple of Solomon came to represent the center of that worship worldwide.

SOLOMON'S TEMPLE AND THE NAME OF GOD

Therefore, when the Babylonian armies, under Nebuchadnezzar, who was now acting as God's "Servant," were allowed to wreck the temple of Solomon, the system of worship of the Jewish nation was brought to its lowest point, and gave clear indication of the great disfavor that had been incurred by the nation of Israel. (Jeremiah 25:9) This destruction came because God's Name People were *not living up to the terms of the agreement* in the Mosaic Law Covenant between the nation of "Israel," and their God, Jehovah. And again, what was the real purpose of the temple in Solomon's day?

Well, the original purpose of constructing such a temple in the first place was to *bring praise to God's Name from distant nations*, nations that formerly did not know of "Jehovah," the God of Israel, the God whose name was written down as four Hebrew letters, **YHWH**. Yes, to bring praise to the Divine Name of God on an *international scale*! This was the *real reason* for the temple construction. To prove this point, let's consider the actual words of Solomon when he dedicated the temple at **1 Kings 8:41-43** which says:

"And also to the foreigner, who is no part of your people Israel and who actually comes from a distant land by *reason of your name (for they shall hear of your great name* and of your stretched out arm), and he actually comes and prays toward this house, may you yourself listen from the heavens, your established place of dwelling, and you must do according to all that for which the foreigner calls to you; in order that **all the peoples of the earth may get to know your name** so as to fear you the same as your people Israel do, and **so as to know that your name itself has been called upon this house that I have built.**" - *New World Translation*

And so you can truly see that the construction of the temple and its worship there was intricately connected with honor and praise being given to God's Name. The Temple was 'the place where God's Name resided.' (**Deuteronomy 26:1-3**) Yes, Israel was a people for His Name, the same as Jehovah's Witnesses today, as a nation, are also a people for God's Name. Of course, this point and other related points having to do with identifying Jehovah's Witnesses as modern-day "Israel," will be further developed, in detail, in this book.

A "GREAT WAR" ON THE HORIZON

This publication will also highlight the fact that even though Jehovah's Witnesses dwell in relatively undisturbed peace from the political nations in which they live, all such things will be short-lived. Yes, this publication actually predicts the coming of the Greatest War in all human history! And with that "war," will come persecution upon Jehovah's Witnesses, world wide! **Daniel 10:1** sets the scene for us by saying:

"In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia, a revelation was given to Daniel (who was called Belteshazzar). Its message was true and *it concerned a great war*. The understanding of the message came to him in a vision." - *New International Version*

The Bible again speaks of this "great war" in **Revelation 6:4**, as being the war that "took peace away from

the earth." **Daniel 11:40, 41** also states:

"At the time of the end the king of the south shall attack him. But the king of the north shall rush upon him like a whirlwind, with chariots and horsemen, and with many ships. He shall advance against countries and pass through like a flood. **He shall come into the beautiful land, and tens of thousands shall fall victim...**" - Oxford Annotated Bible

Now, what people are represented by the expression, the "beautiful land" where "tens of thousands" are to fall? Well, this document will show that the above verses, namely **Daniel 11:40, 41** will have *singular* application upon Jehovah's Witnesses as "Israel" of Bible prophecy! These verses specifically tell us that after this "Great War," the "king of the North," who has now militarily defeated the "King of South" (United States) in battle, **will now advance persecution on an unparalleled scale, upon Jehovah's Witnesses, world-wide!** And of course, this situation will be *allowed* to happen to "Israel" as a *predetermined* period of "discipline," already prophesied to occur for a specific and definite period of time. - See **Isaiah 43:28, Daniel 11:36** and **Revelation 13:5-7**.

Now remember, although some Bible Scholars and Evangelists have predicted a great war in the making, no one has **connected these events with Jehovah's Witnesses**, no, not until the release of this publication we call **THE "REPORT."** And of course, when such *world-wide persecution* is heaped upon Jehovah's Witnesses, as a people, it will be clear for all to see who really represents the "beautiful land," the land of Decoration," or "Israel" of Bible prophecy. Think about it.

WHO REALLY IS THE "HOUSE OF GOD" ON EARTH TODAY?

Now, that is a question that could stir up serious debate among religionists today, wouldn't you agree? However, rather than hotly debate the issue, let's consider the following verse found at 1 Peter 4:17 which says:

For it is the appointed time for the **judgment to start with the house of God**. Now if it starts first with us, what will the end be of those who are not obedient to the good news of God?" - *New World Translation*

Now, in light of the above Bible text, we would expect God's "judgment" to begin with His own people, His "House," whoever they are, right?

Therefore, if the "judgment" spoken about in this document, and mentioned in 1 Peter 4:17 actually begins with Jehovah's Witnesses, and if they are disciplined just as the Bible predicts for modern-day "Israel" of our times - then perhaps, it could be reasoned to onlookers, that in a strange, round-about way, Jehovah God Himself, has answered the above question once and for all. Think about it.

Therefore, we say, if the things written about in this document come to pass, and if they come true as they are written in this document, then it could only have happened by the "Hand of God." It would be supernatural intervention. It would have to be considered, an **Act of God.** - **Isaiah 30:26**

THE NEED FOR DISCIPLINE UPON JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

There is also a great lesson to be learned for Jehovah's Witnesses themselves, since they play such a vital role in this prophetic drama. Yes, because the things mentioned in this document are actually an "indictment" against them as being ***transgressors against Jehovah's Laws***. And as such, they therefore need to be "disciplined" because of their "lawlessness." (**Hebrews 12:5, 6; 1 John 3:4**) Now, since the vast majority of Jehovah's Witnesses would not even consider the things mentioned in this document to be of any consequence, again if such aforementioned things come to pass, then again, ***it would prove the worthiness and the accuracy of the accusations of wrongdoing as brought to light by this particular written dispensation.***

This document asserts that Jehovah's Witnesses are ***guilty of espousing or sponsoring teachings that are not in harmony with God's will***, such as the teaching of 1914 being the year of Christ's Heavenly enthronement and many others. Jehovah's Witnesses are in danger of being found in the end, "false witnesses" of God and having their worship rendered completely "in vain." (**1 Cor. 15:15; Matthew 15:8, 9**) And in the end, **THE "REPORT"** document highlights that only a small portion, the "humble" among them, will indeed survive this ordeal and experience true spiritual "restoration." (See **Matthew 17:11**) **Zephaniah 3:11, 12** says:

"In that day you [Israel] will not be ashamed because of all your dealings with which you transgressed against me, for then I shall remove from the midst of you your *haughtily exultant ones*, and ***you will never again be haughty in my holy mountain***. And I shall certainly let remain in the midst of you a people *humble and lowly*, and they will actually take refuge in the name of Jehovah."

As the prophecies indicate, "restoration" for the "humble" among "Israel" will be permanent, everlasting, since the verse says:

"You will ***never again*** be haughty in my holy mountain." - See also **Amos 9:15**.

As we know, such permanent, everlasting "restoration" never occurred for ancient "Israel." And so, "Israel" of Bible prophecy, must be identified before anyone can hope to understand the Bible itself. ***And that mystery will be taken away after the "Great War" when mystery "Israel," of Bible prophecy, will be attacked according to prophecy.*** (**Daniel 11:41**) Therefore, even though you may not be a "believer" right now, we hope that you will become such in the end. Surely, the Bible indicates that **ALL** will know the identity of "Israel." It will be as **Ezekiel 39:7** says for our benefit:

"And my holy name I shall make known in the midst of my people Israel, and I shall no more let my holy name be profaned, ***and the nations will have to know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel.***"

Think about it.

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