



The Identity of the German Peoples in Church of God Doctrine. Research Notes

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Our purpose and desire is to foster Biblical, historical and related studies that strengthen the Church of God's message & mission and provides further support to its traditional doctrinal positions.

Introduction

My uncle, Ron Martin, my Mother's brother (1931-1996), mentioned the subject of German origins when I was a kid. He also alerted me to the author Greenberry Rupert (1847-1922) from time-to-time in conversation. Uncle Ron used to receive the *Plain Truth* magazine and subscribed to many of its teachings such as the Israel Message and identity of Assyria. I recall especially one of the occasions his mentioning Rupert. He urged me to look up his books at the local library. Alas, upon inquiring at the library, I was told that the books had been withdrawn from circulation. But after migrating to Australia via England, I was able to procure one of Rupert's books and a number of his booklets which I ordered from the USA.¹ Unfortunately, these works contained no information on German origins and I continued my own research relentlessly.

There was one conversation I had with my uncle Ron Martin clear back in the early 1970s that stands out: I had read the book *The United States and British Commonwealth in Prophecy* but did not fully understand the prophecies about the various nations which would be raised up by God to come against the Anglo-Saxon-Keltic powers. He explained to me it would be Germany – or a German-led grouping and not Russia or the forces described so vividly in Ezekiel 38 & 39. He reasoned that a German-led Europe, not Russia, would be the major opponent of the Anglo-Saxon-Keltic nations in these last days. The Germans descended from the Assyrians he asserted.²

In reading some old British-Israel books available at the local public library I noticed that a couple of them referred to the Assyrian nature of the Germans with one demonstrating similarities between Germany's aggression against France in the eighteenth century and the Assyrian nature.³ As a young school student I could not fathom the possibility of identifying the origin of the Germans, since it seemed that no historian and no academic text would even vaguely make a reference to an Assyrian or other Biblical connection. Nevertheless I was intrigued for it had a 'ring of truth' to it and I could see how a revived and aggressive Germany could arise again someday. Upon undertaking some research that I was able to at that age, there was little proof available – although there were some striking similarities between the Germans and Assyrians that stood out.

Later I was privileged to read Dr Herman Hoeh's two-part series titled "Germany in Prophecy" which had been serialised in the *Plain Truth* magazine in 1962-63 (based on an earlier 1958 Plain Truth article "What's Behind the Arab Crisis?") and which evidently was built upon the broad parameters of earlier researchers.⁴ Still later I read volume two of his *Compendium of World History* which included two chapters on the subject.

I decided that there must be more proof than this available to the serious researcher. These works contained the foundations for further study and the theory fitted well into history and prophecy. From

¹ We migrated from South Africa to England (and later to Australia) where I corresponded with the British-Israel World Federation in England and later in Sydney. I visited their offices many times and they together with others, some key information was provided. There was also a preponderance of correspondence with the BIWF in England and many similar organisations across the world, in particular the United States and Canada. Over the years scores of books and articles were devoured wherein I sifted through these vast amounts of materials. However, the Federation were not able to assist with this research.

² Subsequently I have assembled and make available, vast amounts of information on Rupert's ministry on the *Friends of Sabbath* website.

³ In one book I read how the Germans in WW I destroyed the fruit trees when they invaded northern France. Similar tactics were used by the Assyrians when they invaded other nations. I believe it was the work *The Destiny of The British Empire and the U.S.A.* by William Gordon Mackendrick.

⁴ However they provided little proof as we will see.

the mid 1970s I commenced keeping notes on this and other subjects and entire chapters were written from the late 1970s into the early 1980s. They were assembled into a manuscript on national origins that was due to be published in 1986. But intense ongoing harassment and jealousy over an extended period of years prevented this from happening. Instead, I published parts of the book over several years. One of these was my research on German origins titled *The Assyrians in the Modern World* (1990) which was republished and updated in 1994 under the title *Who are the Germans?* Later, in 2003, the original manuscript was published under the title *In Search of ... the Origin of Nations* which included some of the information contained herein.

In 2006 the above small book was expanded and published as *The Great German Nation. Origins and Destiny*.

NB: this article should be read in conjunction with:

- *The Great German Nation. Origins and Destiny* (book)
- *History and Future of the Extended Arm Salute*
- *Wilhelm II. Type of the Final Emperor*
- *How the Israel Identity Truth entered the Church of God*

"Now I, a Dane, writing of the danger of Germanism, cannot deny myself the pleasure of stating that, long before anyone else, a Dane, one of our greatest, the poet and Church dignitary, N. F. S. Grundtvig (d. 1872) foresaw and foretold the danger. **As early as 1838 he wrote that Europe ought to rejoice in the fact that Germany was still split up into small states. " For if one were to picture all the heads that think and speak German gathered under one hat, then one would picture a German Napoleon, a power more terrible in human eyes than France in her most dangerous hour.** And, to my mind, it follows that the Germans would be the more tyrannical masters because they take things so much more seriously and thoroughly. That such a political federation, uniting all forces to form one huge German engine of war, would not be less disastrous to all that is good in Germany itself than to the rest of the world, is quite obvious, and this danger threatens Europe and Germany rather from the military state of Prussia than from the universities of Germany. A state having a common speech, stretching from the Baltic to the Mediterranean, from the Vistula to beyond the Rhine, animated by the German military spirit, intelligence, and pride, would under its Napoleon, its war-god, impose upon the world the heaviest chains it has yet borne." (Prof J. P. Bang, "The Root of the Matter," *The Hibbert Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 1, 1916, p. 14) [emphasis mine]

Origin of the Doctrine

It is difficult to know when the understanding of German origins first came to the fore. It seems to have been something that many British-Israelites became aware of after discovering who the Israelites were. From there it is deductive reasoning based on physical appearance, mental attributes, tribal names and comparison of the promises and blessings listed in Genesis 49 and elsewhere with the nations of Europe.

In terms of physical anthropology and human biology, the north-west Europeans (Nordics and Kelts) would be Israelites. The north-eastern peoples (Prussians, Balts, Northwest Ukrainians) would represent descendants of Abraham through Keturah.

Here are some early advocates for this truth:

Famous British-Israel author of the nineteenth century, Hine (1874), wrote:

"We have long held the Germans to be identical with the Assyrians; and shall be prepared, in due course, if no one in the meantime will take this matter in hand, to come forward ourselves with proofs." (*Forty-seven Identifications of the British Nation with the Lost Ten Tribes*, p. 54)

Hine (1870s) again excludes the Teutonic race from being Israelites in an article "The Teutonic Theory", *Life from the Dead*, Vol. 1, p. 327 quoted in "And I Shall Make Thee A Great Nation..." *Anglo-Israelism and the Quest for a Racial Theology of Empire*, p. 27 by Tara Teeter.

Another renowned British-Israel author, John Wilson likewise "espoused the idea that the Germans were the modern Assyrian peoples, the constant enemy of the Israelites" (p. 27) in "The Assyrians," *Life from the Dead*, Vol. 1, p. 337 (1870s). He is famous for *Our Israelitish Origin, 1851*. The first edition was 1840.

In Discourse XVII, of *The Lost Ten Tribes* (1882), Joseph Wild subtly likens the Prussians to the Assyrians.⁵

One old British-Israel World Federation book stated: "Prussians, a modern people, in the writer's opinion (expressed before war) of an Assyrian stock." (B de Weldon, *The Origin of the English*, 1900, p. 284). However, the author offered no proof.

Eric Reisenauer in his PhD thesis, *British-Israel: Racial Identity in Imperial Britain, 1870-1920*, provides further sources:

"During the war, interest in the Identity increased markedly. British-Israelites had long predicted that there would be a collision between the English and Germans, whom many considered to be descendants of Assyria. A few years before the war, the German Dr. Swaner, editor of the newspaper *Der Volkserzieher*, stated that, "it will not be surprising to find that England is found to be identified with Israel, and that Germany is a mixture of the Philistines, Assyrians, and Romans--traditional enemies of Israel." [116]" (p.234. Footnote 116: "Quoted in "Prophecy and Diplomacy," *The Truth* (Mizpah, Jerusalem), 18 October 1910.") "

"This ethnological makeup, he continued, explained the animosity between the Germans and Anglo-Saxons." (ibid)

"Diplomatic and political concerns, however, are always in a state of flux. As Germany replaced Russia as the focus of concern in the area, the British-Israel interpretation of Eastern events had to make appropriate adjustments. Commander Roberts suggested that Russia and Germany would form a confederacy against Israel, the one as Prince of Rosh the other as Assyria, thus reviving an old British-Israel idea of Germans as descendants of the Assyrians. [93]" (p. 388. Footnote 93: "Rev. L. G.

⁵ Yet on page 155 he regards the Germans (or many of them) as Gomer.

A. Roberts, *Israel in the Book of Revelation* (London: R. Banks and Son, 1911), 196-98.”)

Another I came across is Marr Murray (1915) in his book *Bible Prophecies and the Plain Man*

“As it was in the case of the Israelites and Assyrians, so it is in that of Britain and Germany. The fact that one people enjoys the protection of a Special Providence has aroused a virulent hatred in the breast of the other. In the history of Britain, no less than in the history of Israel, the workings of a special Providence are to be seen, and, as of old, it has roused the enmity and jealousy of less favoured rivals.

It is significant, too, that to accomplish the ambition of crushing Britain, Germany has deserted Christ and reverted to the old gods of the Assyrians. The doctrines of Nietzsche, Treitschke and Bernhardi, whose writings have displaced the Bible to all practical intents and purposes in modern Germany, are the doctrines of Baal, the old god of blood and fire and frightfulness.

There is now the question whether this similarity between Israel and Assyria, on the one hand, and Britain and Germany on the other, is a mere coincidence or the fulfilment of prophecy.” (p. 89).

He devotes the entirety of chapter 10 to the subject.

“...in that year [1917] General Edmund Allenby made increasing advances in the Middle East and on December 11, he formally took possession of Jerusalem, the capital of the Kingdom of Judah.¹²³ Could it be, British-Israelites asked eagerly, that this was all coincidence? These events, without a doubt, provoked many to look into their case. The *Daily Chronicle*, certainly not a British-Israel organ, reported that "the victories of General Allenby in Palestine have given a new interest to what is called 'British Israelism.' The late Queen Victoria was profoundly impressed by some of these ideas and studied a chart which set out to prove that we were the direct inheritors of the Israelite tradition.” [124]” (Reisenauer, *ibid*, p. 237. Footnote 124: *Daily Chronicle* (London), 11 November 1917.)

In a book on the history of British-Israelism titled *Israelism in Britain*, Aiden Cottrell-Boyce notes that many British-Israelites believed that the Germans were Assyrians. He mentions a consensus that grew during WW1 taking on this position:

“the Germans in many respects, are very like what the Assyrians were We have Assyrian cruelty and German cruelty. Since the opening of this fearful war, the Germans have been revealed to us as a remarkably cruel and ruthless people.” (Cottrell-Boyce, p. 199, quoting Ernest Jordan, *The Banner of Israel*, Vol. 42, No. 2, 152 (27 March 1918), p. 120)

During the last years of WW1, some believed that the Germans and Russians were ‘Babylonian Assyrians.’ (p. 181 quoting *The Banner of Israel*, Vol. 43, No. 2, 207 (16 April 1919), p. 139) and ‘Assyria, after Babylon, is Israel’s last enemy.’ (Cottrell-Boyce, *ibid*, p. 181, quoting *The Banner of Israel*, Vol. 43, No. 2, 193 (8 Jan 1919), p. 19.

"Assyrians are generally accepted as the Teutonic people of Europe,' wrote another in the following year." (Cottrell-Boyce, *ibid*, p. 199, quoting *The Banner of Israel*, Vol. 43, No. 2,207 (16 April 1919), p.139)

In January 1920 at a lecture on British-Israelism, it was proposed that the Germans were not Israelites (Cottrell-Boyce, *ibid*, pp. 30-31 referring to *The Banner of Israel*, Vol. 44, No. 2,245 (7 Jan 1920), p. 12.)

Llwellyn Thomas in *God and My Birthright* (1919), quotes a Dr Swaner as stating that many Germans descend from the Assyrians (Cottrell-Boyce, *ibid*, p. 94).

Mackendrick (1921) wrote:

"The hatred of Prussian Germany against God's chosen people, Israel (the Anglo-Saxon-Celts), dates from the time they took Hebrew Israel captive 720 years before Christ, so 'tis fairly well ingrained." (*The Destiny of The British Empire and the U.S.A.*, p. 186)

Notice, he recognizes this as an ingrained trait. Some would term this "racial memory" which was explored previously in the book. On page 187 he calls the Prussians "Assyrians" and "Huns" while on page 6 he states:

"At that time the Assyrians cut down Israel's vines and fruit trees, a thing forbidden in the Bible. Prussia is modern Assyria, and when the Huns retired to the Hindenburg line in the spring of 1917, they ran true to type. In the Bapaume sector they cut down every vine and fruit tree in every French garden for fifty miles, and many of these trees came out in bloom later as they lay murdered on the ground ... Germany was out to maim France for life, and their poisoning wells and murdering fruit trees was a small item in the long list of barbarities and willful premeditated destructions."⁶

Gayer, author of *The Heritage of the Anglo-Saxon Race* (1941) also sees the true origins of the Germans:

"It is startling that the modern Germans are the descendants of migrants who originally came into Europe from Asia about the beginning of the Christian era from that part which framed the ancient empire of Assyria.

In modern Germany we witness the same attitude towards us as the Assyrians of old displayed towards the Israelites." (p. 72)

Another, Cox (1942), wrote:

"It is thought by many that those of the ruling class of Prussia are directly descended from the Assyrians of old, and this seems highly possible when one remembers that Assyria was the parent of the Babylonian succession of empires, all dominated by military force, referred to in scriptural symbology as the Beast." (*Nations in*

⁶ Famous British-Israelite author, Howard Rand, identifies modern Germany as Assyria, but I have lost the reference.

Prophecy, p. 15)

Plant (1945) wrote that "Ancient Assyria is Germany and Russia is ... Rosh, Mesech and Tubal." (*The Japanese. Who Are They?* p. ii)

Henking (1960) mentions that the Assyrians are the Prussians and East Germans (*God's Continuing Kingdom*, p. 22).

Researcher Dr. Pilkey in his work *Origins of Nations* (1984) declares that many Germans descend from the Assyrians.

In his booklet *Nations in Prophecy*, Dr. Court (1986) attempts to prove that the Assyrians are today's Prussians:

"A German writer, Dr. Swanor, one-time editor of the German paper 'Volkeerzieher', traced with extraordinary lucidity the origins of various ancient tribes and races including the various Canaanite peoples. According to his simple but profound researches ... he concludes that Germany is a mixture of Philistines, Assyrians and Romans, the traditional enemies of Israel." (*Daily Mail*, 5th May, 1910) (p. 7)

R.N. Stuart, author of the *Races of Mankind* chart shows Assyria as including Germany, Prussia and Russia. And a chart by another author (unnamed) may be found on page 27 where Prussia is identified as Assur.

The famous television commentator, Glenn Beck also subscribes to it:

"What's interesting is the Assyrians who were very good, meticulous record keepers, and who were just brutal, they settled in Italy and in the Germany area and the Russian area where Fascism comes from. But the Israelites, the lost ten tribes, they went north, and they started to scatter the other direction, and they went to the coastlines, generally in the area where our pilgrims came from. Judah kept the Torah alive. Those who were taken captive by the Assyrians, Caucasians over the mountains, and they started to populate the western part of Europe. All of Western civilization is based on the laws of Israel. And our entire history is directly tied to this moment. Our pilgrims thought that they were completing the journey out of captivity from Moses." (Glenn Beck, Why Do I Care about the Middle East? 8 Aug 2013 (www.glennbeck.com/2013/08/07/glennwhydoicareaboutthemiddleeast/))

Even non-British-Israelites have referred to the similarity of Assyrians to Germans.

Historian Waddell (1929) traces the Hittites from Anatolia to Germany (especially the Chatti tribe), although he does not equate the Assyrians with the Germans (*The Makers of Civilization*, p. 471).

Jerome of Stridon wrote the following some time around 400AD:

"He that lets is taken out of the way, and yet we do not realize that Antichrist is near. Yes, Antichrist is near...The whole country between the Alps and the Pyrenees, between the Rhine and the Ocean, has been laid waste by hordes of Quadi, Vandals, Sarmatians, Alans, Gepids, Herules, Saxons, Burgundians, Allemanni and— alas! For

the commonweal!— even Pannonians. **For Assur also is joined with them.** The once noble city of Moguntiacum has been captured and destroyed. In its church many thousands have been massacred. The people of Vangium after standing a long siege have been extirpated. The powerful city of Rheims, the Ambiani, the Altrebatæ, the Belgians on the skirts of the world, Tournay, Spires, and Strasburg **have fallen to Germany:** while the provinces of Aquitaine and of the Nine Nations, of Lyons and of Narbonne are with the exception of a few cities one universal scene of desolation.” (*Jerome. Letter CXXIII to Ageruchia, Chapter 16.* From *Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers*, Second Series, Vol. 6. Edited by Philip Schaff and Henry Wace. (Christian Literature Publishing Co, Buffalo, NY, 1893).⁷

Whether Jerome meant this literally or metaphorically is open to argument, but the former is likely.

Another is Sargon Dadesho who made a YouTube video: *Germans are descendants of the Assyrian people* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6GJnAQP8wao>

“The origin of the German people. Assyrian tribes immigrated to Europe before the fall of Assyria. Ab-Ram (Ibrahim) came from Assyria's land of Shameru (UR). Ab-Ram's grandchild (Ashurum) was sent back to Assyria.”

Lewis Paton, a professor at Hartford Theological Seminary wrote an entire article (1916) published in a scholarly journal drawing many parallels between Prussians and Assyrians:

“History repeats itself, and whenever conditions arise in one age that resemble those in a previous age there is reason to believe that the outcome in both cases will be similar.” (“Assyria and Prussia,” *The Hibbert Journal*, Vol. 15, No. 1, p. 97)⁸

The entire article is worth a read.

Even Jacques Ellul (1916), the famous Christian philosopher, Professor of Law and Sociology and History of Institutions at the University of Bordeaux, drew parallels between Assyria and Germany (in his time he wrote almost 40 books and published several hundred articles). In *The Politics of God and the Politics of Man* he wrote:

“In other words, even if the Assyrian is in effect the scourge of God, does this mean that to fight against him is to fight against God? The argument is often heard that misery is a test imposed by God and so the wretches who suffer it must not revolt. Hitler is God's scourge and so he must not be resisted. We hear the same today regarding communism. What we forget is that in such matters God's aim is not a political one. The point is not at all that **Assyria or Germany** should become a great nation, nor that the economic system should be socialist. God uses the Assyrian in order that his people should really become his people again in truth, in humility, in

⁷ There are those, of course, who consider this legend to be a myth. One example is *Prince of Trier and a Myth of Origin* by Andrew Burdette, *World Views from Biblical Perspectives*, <https://andrewburdettewrites.com/> 29 Jan 2018. See also William Hammer, “The Trebeta Legends,” *The Germanic Review: Literature, Culture, Theory*, Vol. 19, Issue 4, 1944, pp. 241-68.

⁸ Even a Pentecostal church taught this “Why it will be Germany II,” *Apostolic Watch* website, International Pentecostal Church, 8 Nov 2005. The Revival Centres church used to teach it and probably still do www.revivalcentres.org

sanctity, in authenticity. What happens has to do with Israel or the church, and not the state or capitalism or socialism. To repent and to accept the punishment does not at all imply passivity. Once God's intention is perceived and accepted, then in faith, and in virtue of faith, there is need, politically, to act against the one who shows himself to be God's enemy." (chapter 6 "Rabshakeh") [emphasis mine]

There are others such as an online sermon by Kevin Jordan, Three Village Church, *The Relentless Pursuit of God: Messages from the Book of Jonah. Message 4: Large Love* (The sermon is located at www.3vc.org/sermon%20pdfs/Jonah%204.pdf)

"Now, at this level, it's not hard to sympathize with Jonah. Remember who the Ninevites were? They were citizens of the capital city of Assyria, the Nazi Germany of its day. The Assyrians took great delight in conquering other weaker nations, and they were notorious for the vicious and brutal treatment of those they conquered."

While not stating or believing that the Germans descend from the ancient Assyrians, he at least sees some metaphorical similarity between the Nazis and the Assyrians. The similarity is just too close to miss.

Others feel that the Assyrians migrated elsewhere. One theory is that they migrated into Russia. For example A.J. Ferris in *The Assyrian in Bible Prophecy* (1950) claims the Assyrians are in Russia today! Rather, they moved through Russia and into Central Europe, a point he does not see.

Other theories (without any proof whatsoever – I know as I have read them all) includes includes: Gomer, Edom, Judah, Simeon, Gad etc.

"Empires do not last for ever, but it has been observed that **the successful Assyrian Empire served as a model for a number of subsequent ones**, notably the Persian and Roman Empires." (Chris Allen, *What distinguishes the Neo Assyrian Empire from its predecessors in the Ancient Near East?*, p. 6) [emphasis mine]

Acceptance of German Identity in the Radio/Worldwide Church of God

Herbert Armstrong originally held the view that the Germans descended from Gomer (see "What is going to happen?", *Plain Truth*, June-July 1934, p. 6).⁹ Yet by the early 1950's, he changed to accept the proven Assyrian origin of the Germans. This was probably due to the influence of Herman Hoeh who commenced indepth research into British-Israelism and also brought some additional proofs for other existing doctrines. That is why he is sometimes called 'an architect of Worldwide Church of God doctrines' in the 1950s and into the mid-1960s.

In chapter 5 of *Mystery of Ages* Mr Armstrong wrote:

⁹ He wrote articles on Hitler and Germany and their ambitions at world domination in the 1940s, but there was no reference or inference to the Assyrian origin of the Germans. See for example "Hitler's Thousand-Year Plan," *Plain Truth*, Aug-Sept 1942, pp. 9-12.

"The Assyrians settled in central Europe, and the Germans, undoubtedly, are, in part, the descendants of the ancient Assyrians." (p. 183).

Mr Armstrong mentioned the truth about German origins in his various editions of his book *The United States and Britain in Prophecy* with millions published and circulated. It was he who had popularised this belief by distributing millions of copies of this book. In *The United States and Britain in Prophecy*, 1980 edition he also demonstrated his belief in this:

"The Assyrians—before 604 B.C.—left their land north of Babylon and migrated northwest—through the lands that are now Georgia, the Ukraine, Poland, and into the land that is called GERMANY today. Today the descendants of those Assyrians are known to us as the GERMAN people. (pp. 143-144)

"That YOKE of SLAVERY without mercy is to be laid on the U.S. and Britain by the coming united nations of Europe! It has started already, through the economic Common Market and the recently implemented EMS (European Monetary System)...

The prophecy does not literally say so, but in all probability, by present indications, the head of this new WORLD POWER will be in central Europe. And it will precipitate World War III. And this time it will be allowed to succeed!

Many of the ancient Assyrians migrated NORTHWEST from their ancient land south of the Caspian Sea and settled in central Europe, just as the House of Israel migrated from the land of their captivity to the coastlands of northwest Europe. So when you read about Assyria in prophecies pertaining to NOW, they refer to central Europe.

So, history is to repeat! It was ancient Assyria which invaded the House of Israel, and carried them out of Samaria into the Assyrian's own land." (p. 174)

Herman Hoeh's research was published in the *Plain Truth*: "Truth about the Race Question," *Plain Truth*, July 1957, pp. 7-8; "What's Behind the Arab Crisis?" *Plain Truth*, Sept 1958, pp. 33-6, 12-18, 23-24; "Germany in Prophecy," *Plain Truth*, Dec 1962, pp. 25-27; "Germany in Prophecy," *Plain Truth*, Jan 1963, pp. 15-17, 27-30.

There is no doubt that he received assistance from others with this research. For example Ernest Martin provided some further insights in a letter to Dr Hoeh dated 23 March 1961 pages 11-12. Although the letter concerned Hebrew calendar research, it included some information on German-Assyrian connections in the final two pages.

Keith Stump similarly wrote a memo to Dr Hoeh concerning further information in relation to the *Austrian Chronicle* (13 May 1987).

Dr Hoeh also authored *Compendium of World History*. Volume 2 contains two chapters ("Early History of Germany" and "The Ancient Kings of the Germans") dedicated to the Assyrian origin of the Germans. This is probably the first time ever that the subject had been broached in such a public manner and some proofs presented. Prior to that, proofs had been flimsy, although the theory made sense. Indeed, Herman Hoeh's contribution was a major addition to this belief, building upon predecessors in partial fulfillment of the prophecy in Daniel 12:4. However, even his articles contained

errors and needed to be beefed up for a modern audience and critical eyes.

Herman L Hoeh who would have seen the few British-Israelite comments on this per those referred to earlier in this article. It is also obvious that he read the works of Laurence Austine Waddell, a non-British-Israelite who understood that the White Hittites (not to be confused with the Canaanite Hittites, descendants of Heth), found their way into Europe.

From there this belief seeped into articles and sermons scattered throughout the Worldwide Church of God's literature with the two-part *Plain Truth* series being made available as a reprint stand-alone article. But after Dr Hoeh withdrew the *Compendium of World History* due to errors, so was this article. My understanding is that the article was to be updated, but never was. However, the doctrine continued on until it was gradually and subtly dropped by the successors to Herbert W Armstrong. Eventually, the Worldwide Church of God made it obvious that it was dumped completely, though it took them some time to come out openly about it:

Concerning the *World Tomorrow* telecast Joseph Tkach, the successor to Herbert Armstrong wrote:

"Prophecy programs will not highlight which individual, which nation or which group of nations currently may be fulfilling specific end-time prophecies. Prophecy programs will present a balanced, overall perspective of the purpose and value of prophecy, instead of attempting to interpret specific prophecies.

"Prophecy programs will not lose sight of the gospel message by trading the true gospel for a 10-nation / save-your-skin' gospel (Galatians 1:6-10). This was never the gospel. It was an interesting 'hook' to get people interested in the true gospel." ("Personal from Joseph W. Tkach," *Worldwide News*, 19 Nov 1990, p. 5)

"Fear is a powerful motivator, even getting results when the threat is exceedingly remote. It makes us cross at crosswalks even when traffic is thin, pay more over time for fire insurance than our homes are worth, and shy away from snakes even when signs clearly inform us they are not poisonous. Humans instinctively take steps to prevent negative outcomes, oftentimes regardless of how likely — or more to the point, unlikely — those unpleasant outcomes are...

Worrying about continental European countries sublimating their national differences, uniting into a federated superstate and invading the United Kingdom may seem to flirt with lunacy, but within that lingering concern lies the root of the Anglo-American alliance.

Similarly, worrying about China using the archipelagos of Southeast Asia as a staging point for an invasion of Australia may seem ludicrous, but that fear dominates military planning in Canberra." (Peter Zeihan, "The Politics of the Improbable," *Stratfor Geopolitical Intelligence Report*, 23 April 2008) [emphasis mine]

http://www.stratfor.com/weekly/geopolitical_weekly_april_22)

Continuing this doctrine

Today many Church of God groups have continued this truth, publishing various books and articles on the subject. Among them are the following:

- The Living Church of God published *Germany in Prophecy* (2022); "A Clash of Eagles: America and Germany in Prophecy", *Tomorrow's World* (Sept-Oct 2002) and "The Return of Germany", *Tomorrow's World* (May-June 2006), both by Douglas Winnail; "Is the Beast Awakening?" by

Roderick C Meredith, *Tomorrow's World* (Sept-Oct 2000); and a study article topic "A Fourth Reich?" by Douglas Winnail.¹⁰

- Garner Ted Armstrong with the Church of God, International and later the Intercontinental Church of God, presented sermons and wrote articles where, in passing, he raised the subject. He certainly continued to believe in the Assyrian origin of the Germans.
- The United Church of God has mentioned it occasionally in literature and sermons.
- Church of the Eternal God published an article in 2006 on *Germany in Prophecy* (German language) and later a full booklet.¹¹
- The Philadelphia Church of God published booklets and articles that mentioned this truth: *Germany and the Holy Roman Empire; Nahum: Prophecy for Germany; The Rising Beast; "A Mysterious Alliance"* by Gerald Flurry, *Philadelphia Trumpet* (June 2003) in addition to articles by other writers such as *The Remarkable Identity of the German People*.
- British-Israel Church of God, *Germany in Prophecy*.¹²
- *Germany & Prophecy*, Steven LeBlanc. *World Watch Today* c2020.

A number of other Church of God groups such as Christian Biblical Church of God, The Greater Church of God and others also teach this truth.

Today we enlarge upon the research of those statements from over 100 years ago and increase our knowledge and understanding of this and other topics (see Daniel 12:4).¹³

And to assist you with your own research and Bible studies, two appendices are contained at the rear of this document: *List of Important Biblical References to the Assyrians* and *Assyria in Prophecy. Scriptures pertaining to Assyria in the Last Days.*

"Their cities destroyed and their power shattered, **the Assyrians disappeared from history**, remembered only as a cruel people of the Old Testament who oppressed the Hebrews. Two hundred years later, when the Greek adventurer and historian Zenophon passed by the ruins of Nineveh, he marveled at their extent but knew nothing of the Assyrians. The glory

¹⁰ The Global Church of God (now defunct) published articles in the *World Ahead* magazine connecting Germany to ancient Assyria.

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¹³ One item of interest is *The End of Germany* which is supposedly "a Translation from the Latin of a Remarkable Prophecy, written in 1600 by Brother Johannes". In it he makes some rather strange predictions concerning Austria, England, France and Russia. Of Germany he makes some interesting predictions:

"The true Anti-Christ will be one of the monarchs of his time, a son of Luther [ie a German]: he will invoke God and proclaim himself his messenger ...

"His deceitful words will be apparently Christian, but his deeds will be those of Nero and the Roman persecutors. An Eagle will be on his arms, and on those of his ally, the other bad Monarch.

That one will be Christian, but will die under the Curse of Pope Benedict, who will be elected at the beginning of the reign of Anti-Christ ...

"It has been said that 20 centuries after the incarnation of the Word the beast would appear in the flesh, and threaten the world with as many evils as the Divine incarnation brought graces

"Towards the year 2000 Anti-Christ will appear ...

"When the beast finds himself losing he will become furious ...

"Anti-Christ will lose his Crown and die in exile and madness ...

"The White Eagle, by command of Michael, will chase the Crescent from Europe, which will be all Christian, and establish itself at Constantinople ...

"Then will begin a time of universal peace ...

"There will be no more Lutherans or Heretics. The Lamb will reign, and the happiness of humanity begin." (pp. 3-5, 7-8)

The above is an example of truth and error being mixed together.

of their empire was forgotten" (John McKay, *A History of Western Society* (3rd ed.), p. 50. See also Lawrence Boadt, *Reading the Old Testament*, p. 44) [emphasis mine]

Concluding Remarks

God works in mysterious ways, does He not? Normally it appears that He works quietly and subtly to bring about His will. Other times rather confrontationally which is frightening.

He has been restoring Truth since the mid-1800s, sowing the seeds for doctrines such as British-Israelism and the identity of Germany, inspiring research, watering the seeds, growing this Truth into a great tree and pruning the branches as we fine-tune and purify what we have learned.

In other words, we need to refresh our research and fix whatever minor problems there may be with the doctrine. But the essence and most details are not in error.

My own book *The Great German Nation. Origins and Destiny* will be updated in due course but with some minor calibration. Much more evidence will be included in the updated version of the book.

In any discussion of Assyria/Germany in prophecy, it must be explained to the reader that Assyria incorporates more than the direct descendants of Assur who reside in Bavaria, Austria and from whom two thirds of Swiss derive. Assyria is therefore likely to be a synecdoche (part for the whole). The eastern/Prussian (Hittite) element descend from Assur, great-grandson of Abraham via Keturah; northwest Germans are Aramaeans and Schwabians descend from Sheba, a grandson of Abraham, also via Keturah. They are all similar anyway and have intermarried to some degree.

In all of this, Daniel 12:4 comes to mind in the wider Church of God context and is so relevant to us during these days:

“But you, Daniel, shut up the words and seal the book, until the time of the end.
Many shall run to and fro, and **knowledge shall increase.**” (ESV)

This is now an unstoppable doctrine and truth found within so many groups, even though they are scattered and weak. But at least they are getting the message out there.

May we protect this truth as it comes under renewed attack and strive to find ever more evidence for it.

Appendix: List of Important Biblical References to the Assyrians

1. **Genesis 2:14** (the first reference to Assyria); **10:11** (here Assur is a city which Nimrod invaded), **22** (Asshur was the forefather of the Assyrians); **14:1** (Tidal may have been an Assyrian king encountered by Abraham, or as yet an undiscovered Anatolian king); **25:17-18**; **I Chronicles 1:17**.
2. (A). Pul: **II Kings 15:19-20** (see **Isaiah 9:1A** — 1st invasion of House of Israel, c 738 BC); **I Chronicles 5:26** (after Tiglath-Pileser III conquered Babylon, he gave himself the name of Pul. The names are used interchangeably in **II Kings 20:19**; **I Chronicles 5:26**.)
(B). Tiglath-Pileser III: **II Kings 15:29** (see **Isaiah 9:1b** — 2nd invasion of House of Israel, c732BC); **I Chronicles 5:6, 26**; **II Kings 16:7-10** (c 734 BC), **17-18**; **II Chronicles 28:17-22** (c 730 BC).
3. Shalmaneser: **II Kings 17:1-6** (c 725 -722 BC — 3rd invasion of House of Israel) some battles and captivities continued until 718 BC), **23-28** (Like the modern-day Germans, the Assyrian policy was to deport and subjugate, so as to break the spiritual and patriotic backbone of the people (in contrast the Roman policy was to divide and conquer), **18:1, 7-11** (c 723 BC).
4. Sennacherib: **II Kings 18:13-14, 16** (701 BC), **17,19-23** (clever Assyrian war propaganda and lies. See **II Chronicles 32:1-11, 21-22**; **Isaiah 36:1-8**) **32** (how similar to the transporting of nations by the German Nazis of World War II); **30:6** (this is not the remnant of **II Kings 19:30-31**. This is not a prophecy — just a remnant who escaped Sennacherib's forces threatening Judah. However, they are a type of those who will yet escape the Assyrian Beast Power and flee to a place of protection); **19:1-17** (how like the Nazis of World War II — destroyers), **18-20, 29-31** (this refers to Jeremiah, Baruch and the kings' daughters. But it is also a type of the end-time Church of God), **32-37** (c 681 BC); **20:6** (701-686 BC); See also **Isaiah 37:31-38**.
5. Esar-haddon: **II Chronicles 33:11** (c 680 BC); **Isaiah 37:37-38**; **Ezra 4:2**.
6. **Nehemiah 9:22** (the Assyrians caused great "trouble" or Tribulation for Israel).

Appendix: Assyria in Prophecy

Scriptures pertaining to Assyria in the Last Days

In the late 1970s, I assembled a list of every prophecy on each of the nations found in the Old Testament. To me, this was the best way to understand the nations in prophecy. Many of these prophetic references are listed in the footnotes to the book *In Search of ... the Origin of Nations*. You can find the entire list in the *Friendsofsabbath.org* website.

Below is a listing of prophecies in relation to Assyria as this nation impacted upon Israel. Some of these prophecies have been fulfilled; some are dual in nature (ie both historic and future); and some are self-evidently still future.

You can find a lot of interesting and useful background information in various Bible commentaries. I especially recommend the *Encyclopedia of Bible Prophecy* by J Barton Payne. Information about this book can be found at <http://www.theologue.org/JBPayneEncyclopedia.htm>

Scripture reference	Scripture text
Isaiah 7:17-25 (Land of Judah stripped)	(17) Jehovah bringeth on thee, and on thy people, And on the house of thy father, Days that have not come, Even from the day of the turning aside of Ephraim from Judah, By the king of Asshur. (18) And it hath come to pass, in that day, Jehovah doth hiss for a fly that <i>is</i> in the extremity of the brooks of Egypt, And for a bee that <i>is</i> in the land of Asshur. (19) And they have come, and rested all of them in the desolate valleys, And in holes of the rocks, and on all the thorns, And on all the commendable things. (20) In that day doth the Lord shave, By a razor that is hired beyond the river, By the king of Asshur, The head, and the hair of the feet, Yea, also the beard it consumeth. (21) And it hath come to pass, in that day, A man keepeth alive a heifer of the herd, And two of the flock, (22) And it hath come to pass, From the abundance of the yielding of milk he eateth butter, For butter and honey doth every one eat Who is left in the heart of the land. (23) And it hath come to pass, in that day, Every place where there are a thousand vines, At a thousand silverlings, Is for briers and for thorns. (24) With arrows and with bow he cometh thither, Because all the land is brier and thorn. (25) And all the hills that with a mattock are kept in order, Thither cometh not the fear of brier and thorn, And it hath been for the sending forth of ox, And for the treading of sheep!
Isaiah 8:1-10 (Conquerors of Israel)	Isa 8:1-10 (1) And Jehovah saith unto me, `Take to thee a great tablet, and write upon it with a graving tool of man, To haste spoil, enjoy prey.' (2) And I cause faithful witnesses to testify to me, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah son of Jeberechiah. (3) And I draw near unto the prophetess, and she conceiveth, and beareth a son; and Jehovah saith unto me, `Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz, (4) for before the youth doth know to cry, My father, and My mother, one taketh away the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria, before the king of Asshur.' (5) And Jehovah addeth to speak unto me again, saying:

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	<p>(6) `Because that this people hath refused The waters of Shiloah that go softly, And is rejoicing with Rezin and the son of Remaliah,</p> <p>(7) Therefore, lo, the Lord is bringing up on them, The waters of the river, the mighty and the great, (The king of Asshur, and all his glory,) And it hath gone up over all its streams, And hath gone on over all its banks.</p> <p>(8) And it hath passed on into Judah, It hath overflowed and passed over, Unto the neck it cometh, And the stretching out of its wings Hath been the fulness of the breadth of thy land, O Emmanu-El!</p> <p>(9) Be friends, O nations, and be broken, And give ear, all ye far off ones of earth, Gird yourselves, and be broken, Gird yourselves, and be broken.</p> <p>(10) Take counsel, and it is broken, Speak a word, and it doth not stand, Because of Emmanu-El!</p>
<p>Isaiah 10:5-16 (God's instruments & judgment upon Assyria)</p>	<p>⁵ O Assyrian, the rod of mine anger, and the staff in their hand is mine indignation.</p> <p>⁶ I will send him against an hypocritical nation, and against the people of my wrath will I give him a charge, to take the spoil, and to take the prey, and to tread them down like the mire of the streets.</p> <p>⁷ Howbeit he meaneth not so, neither doth his heart think so; but it is in his heart to destroy and cut off nations not a few.</p> <p>⁸ For he saith, Are not my princes altogether kings?</p> <p>⁹ Is not Calno as Carchemish? is not Hamath as Arpad? is not Sa as Damascus?</p> <p>¹⁰ As my hand hath found the kingdoms of the idols, and whose graven images did excel them of Jerusalem and of Sa ;</p> <p>¹¹ Shall I not, as I have done unto Sa and her idols, so do to Jerusalem and her idols?</p> <p>¹² Wherefore it shall come to pass, that when the Lord hath performed his whole work upon mount Zion and on Jerusalem, I will punish the fruit of the stout heart of the king of Assyria, and the glory of his high looks.</p> <p>¹³ For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man:</p> <p>¹⁴ And my hand hath found as a nest the riches of the people: and as one gathereth eggs that are left, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or opened the mouth, or peeped.</p> <p>¹⁵ Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood.</p> <p>¹⁶ Therefore shall the Lord, the Lord of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and under his glory he shall kindle a burning like the burning of a fire.</p>
<p>Isaiah 10:24-34</p>	<p>²⁴ Therefore thus saith the Lord GOD of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the Assyrian: he shall smite thee with a rod, and shall lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.</p> <p>²⁵ For yet a very little while, and the indignation shall cease, and mine anger in their destruction.</p> <p>²⁶ And the LORD of hosts shall stir up a scourge for him according to the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and as his rod was upon the sea, so shall he lift it up after the</p>

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	<p>manner of Egypt.</p> <p>²⁷ And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall be taken away from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed because of the anointing.</p> <p>²⁸ He is come to Aiath, he is passed to Migron; at Michmash he hath laid up his carriages:</p> <p>²⁹ They are gone over the passage: they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah is afraid; Gibeah of Saul is fled.</p> <p>³⁰ Lift up thy voice, O daughter of Gallim: cause it to be heard unto Laish, O poor Anathoth.</p> <p>³¹ Madmenah is removed; the inhabitants of Gebim gather themselves to flee.</p> <p>³² As yet shall he remain at Nob that day: he shall shake his hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.</p> <p>³³ Behold, the Lord, the LORD of hosts, shall lop the bough with terror: and the high ones of stature shall be hewn down, and the hty shall be humbled.</p> <p>³⁴ And he shall cut down the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a mighty one.</p>
<p>Isaiah 14:24-27 (Assyrian broken in the Promised Land)</p>	<p>²⁴ The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:</p> <p>²⁵ That I will break the Assyrian in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulders.</p> <p>²⁶ This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.</p> <p>²⁷ For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?</p>
<p>Isaiah 19:23-25 (The Assyrians will eventually learn the truth)</p>	<p>²³ In that day shall there be a highway out of Egypt to Assyria, and the Assyrian shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptian into Assyria, and the Egyptians shall serve with the Assyrians.</p> <p>²⁴ In that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Assyria, even a blessing in the midst of the land:</p> <p>²⁵ Whom the LORD of hosts shall bless, saying, Blessed be Egypt my people, and Assyria the work of my hands, and Israel mine inheritance.</p>
<p>Isaiah 20:1-6 (Conquest of Egypt)</p>	<p>(1) In the year of the coming in of Tartan to Ashdod, when Sargon king of Asshur sendeth him, and he fighteth against Ashdod, and captureth it,</p> <p>(2) at that time spake Jehovah by the hand of Isaiah son of Amoz, saying, 'Go, and thou hast loosed the sackcloth from off thy loins, and thy sandal thou dost draw from off thy foot,' and he doth so, going naked and barefoot.</p> <p>(3) And Jehovah saith, 'As My servant Isaiah hath gone naked and barefoot three years, a sign and a wonder for Egypt and for Cush,</p> <p>(4) so doth the king of Asshur lead the captivity of Egypt, and the removal of Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot, with seat uncovered--the nakedness of Egypt;</p> <p>(5) and they have been affrighted and ashamed of Cush their confidence, and of Egypt their beauty,</p> <p>(6) and the inhabitant of this isle hath said in that day--Lo, thus is our trust, Whither we have fled for help, To be delivered from the king of Asshur, And how do we escape--we?'</p>
<p>Isaiah 30:27-33</p>	<p>(27) Lo, the name of Jehovah is coming from far, Burning is His anger, and great the flame, His lips have been full of indignation, And His tongue is as a devouring fire.</p>

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(Punishment at the hand of God)	<p>(28) And His breath <i>is</i> as an overflowing stream, Unto the neck it divideth, To sift nations with a sieve of vanity, And a bridle causing to err, <i>Is</i> on the jaws of the peoples.</p> <p>(29) Singing <i>is</i> to you as in a night sanctified for a festival, And joy of heart as he who is going with a pipe, To go in to the mountain of Jehovah, Unto the rock of Israel.</p> <p>(30) And caused to be heard hath Jehovah The honour of His voice, And the coming down of His arm He doth shew with the raging of anger, And the flame of a consuming fire, Scattering, and inundation, and hailstone.</p> <p>(31) For from the voice of Jehovah broken down <i>is</i> Asshur, With a rod He smiteth.</p> <p>(32) And every passage of the settled staff, That Jehovah causeth to rest on him, Hath been with tabrets, and with harps, And in battles of shaking he hath fought with it.</p> <p>(33) For, arranged from former time <i>is</i> Tophet, Even it for the king <i>is</i> prepared, He hath made deep, He hath made large, Its pile <i>is</i> fire and much wood, The breath of Jehovah, As a stream of brim stone, <i>is</i> burning in it!</p>
Isaiah 31:7-9 (Divine intervention will bring Assyria to heel)	<p>⁷ For in that day every man shall cast away his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.</p> <p>⁸ Then shall the Assyrian fall with the sword, not of a mighty man; and the sword, not of a mean man, shall devour him: but he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall be discomfited.</p> <p>⁹ And he shall pass over to his strong hold for fear, and his princes shall be afraid of the ensign, saith the LORD, whose fire <i>is</i> in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.</p>
Isaiah 37:21-38 (Jerusalem and Assyria)	<p>(21) And Isaiah son of Amoz sendeth unto Hezekiah, saying, `Thus said Jehovah, God of Israel, That which thou hast prayed unto me concerning Sennacherib king of Asshur--</p> <p>(22) <i>this is</i> the word that Jehovah spake concerning him: Trampled on thee, laughed at thee, Hath the virgin daughter of Zion, Behind thee shaken the head hath the daughter of Jerusalem.</p> <p>(23) Whom hast thou reproached and reviled? And against whom lifted up the voice? Yea, thou dost lift up on high thine eyes Against the Holy One of Israel.</p> <p>(24) By the hand of thy servants Thou hast reviled the Lord, and sayest: In the multitude of my chariots I have come up to a high place of hills, The sides of Lebanon, And I cut down the height of its cedars, The choice of its firs, And I enter the high place of its extremity, The forest of its Carmel.</p> <p>(25) I--I have dug and drunk waters, And I dry up with the sole of my steps All floods of a bulwark.</p> <p>(26) Hast thou not heard from afar? --it I did, From days of old--that I formed it. Now, I have brought it in, And it is to make desolate, Ruinous heaps--fenced cities,</p> <p>(27) And their inhabitants are feeble-handed, They were broken down, and are dried up. They have been the herb of the field, And the greenness of the tender grass, Grass of the roofs, And blasted corn, before it hath risen up.</p> <p>(28) And thy sitting down, and thy going out, And thy coming in, I have known, And thy anger towards Me.</p> <p>(29) Because of thy anger towards Me, And thy noise--it came up into Mine ears, I have put My hook in thy nose, And My bridle in thy lips, And I have caused thee to turn back In the way in which thou camest.</p>

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	<p>(30) --And this to thee <i>is</i> the sign, Food of the year <i>is</i> self-sown grain, And in the second year the spontaneous growth, And in the third year, sow ye and reap, And plant vineyards, and eat their fruit.</p> <p>(31) And it hath continued--the escaped Of the house of Judah that hath been left--To take root beneath, And it hath made fruit upward.</p> <p>(32) For from Jerusalem goeth forth a remnant, And an escape from mount Zion, The zeal of Jehovah of Hosts doth this.</p> <p>(33) Therefore, thus said Jehovah, Concerning the king of Asshur: He doth not come in unto this city, Nor doth he shoot there an arrow, Nor doth he come before it <i>with</i> shield, Nor doth he pour out against it a mount.</p> <p>(34) In the way that he came, in it he turneth back, And unto this city he doth not come in, An affirmation of Jehovah,</p> <p>(35) And I have covered over this city, To save it, for Mine own sake, And for the sake of David My servant.'</p> <p>(36) And a messenger of Jehovah goeth out, and smiteth in the camp of Asshur a hundred and eighty and five thousand; and <i>men</i> rise early in the morning, and lo, all of them <i>are</i> dead corpses.</p> <p>(37) And journey, and go, and turn back doth Sennacherib king of Asshur, and dwelleth in Nineveh.</p> <p>(38) And it cometh to pass, he is bowing himself in the house of Nisroch his god, and Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons have smitten him with the sword, and they have escaped to the land of Ararat, and Esar-Haddon his son reigneth in his stead.</p>
<p>Micah 5:1-6 (Destruction of Assyria)</p>	<p>¹ Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us: they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.</p> <p>² But thou, Bethlehem Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting.</p> <p>³ Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she which travaileth hath brought forth: then the remnant of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel.</p> <p>⁴ And he shall stand and feed in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God; and they shall abide: for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth.</p> <p>⁵ And this man shall be the peace, when the Assyrian shall come into our land: and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men.</p> <p>⁶ And they shall waste the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: thus shall he deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our borders.</p>
<p>Nahum 1:1-15 (Prophesied destruction of Assyria and Nineveh)</p>	<p>¹ The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.</p> <p>² God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies.</p> <p>³ The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet.</p> <p>⁴ He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth.</p>

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	<p>⁵ The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein.</p> <p>⁶ Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him.</p> <p>⁷ The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.</p> <p>⁸ But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.</p> <p>⁹ What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.</p> <p>¹⁰ For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry.</p> <p>¹¹ There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor.</p> <p>¹² Thus saith the LORD; Though they be quiet, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more.</p> <p>¹³ For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder.</p> <p>¹⁴ And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.</p> <p>¹⁵ Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.</p>
<p>Nahum 2:1-13 (prophesied destruction of Assyria an Nineveh)</p>	<p>¹ He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily.</p> <p>² For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches.</p> <p>³ The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken.</p> <p>⁴ The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall justle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings.</p> <p>⁵ He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared.</p> <p>⁶ The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved.</p> <p>⁷ And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts.</p> <p>⁸ But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back.</p> <p>⁹ Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture.</p> <p>¹⁰ She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness.</p> <p>¹¹ Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid?</p> <p>¹² The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and</p>

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	<p>filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin. ¹³ Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.</p>
Nahum 3:1-19 (prophesied destruction of Assyria)	<p>¹ Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; ² The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. ³ The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: ⁴ Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the wellfavoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. ⁵ Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. ⁶ And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock. ⁷ And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee? ⁸ Art thou better than populous No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea? ⁹ Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. ¹⁰ Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. ¹¹ Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy. ¹² All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. ¹³ Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars. ¹⁴ Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brickkiln. ¹⁵ There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. ¹⁶ Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and flieth away. ¹⁷ Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. ¹⁸ Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them. ¹⁹ There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?</p>

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<p>Jonah 3:1-4 (Message to Nineveh via Jonah)</p>	<p>(1) And there is a word of Jehovah unto Jonah a second time, saying, (2) `Rise, go unto Nineveh, the great city, and proclaim unto it the proclamation that I am speaking unto thee;' (3) and Jonah riseth, and he goeth unto Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. And Nineveh hath been a great city before God, a journey of three days. (4) And Jonah beginneth to go in to the city a journey of one day, and proclaimeth, and saith, `Yet forty days--and Nineveh is overturned.'</p>
<p>Hosea 8-9 (Conquest of Israel by Assyria)</p>	<p>(1) `Unto thy mouth--a trumpet, As an eagle against the house of Jehovah, Because they transgressed My covenant, And against My law they have rebelled. (2) To Me they cry, `My God, we--Israel--have known Thee.' (3) Cast off good hath Israel, an enemy pursueth him. (4) They have made kings, and not by Me, They have made princes, and I have not known, Their silver and their gold they have made to them idols, So that they are cut off. (5) Cast off hath thy calf, O Samaria, Burned hath Mine anger against them, Till when are they not capable of purity? (6) For even it <i>is</i> of Israel; an artificer made it, And it <i>is</i> not God, For the calf of Samaria is fragments! (7) For wind they sow, and a hurricane they reap, Stalk it hath none--a shoot not yielding grain, If so be it yield--strangers do swallow it up.</p> <p>(8) Israel hath been swallowed up, Now they have been among nations, As a vessel in which is no delight. (9) For they--they have gone up <i>to</i> Asshur, A wild ass alone by himself <i>is</i> Ephraim, They have hired lovers! (10) Also though they hire among nations, Now I gather them, and they are pained a little, From the burden of a king of princes. (11) Because Ephraim did multiply altars to sin, They have been to him altars to sin. (12) I write for him numerous things of My law, As a strange thing they have been reckoned. (13) The sacrifices of Mine offerings! They sacrifice flesh, and they eat, Jehovah hath not accepted them, Now doth He remember their iniquity, And inspect their sin, They-- <i>to</i> Egypt they turn back. (14) And forget doth Israel his Maker, and buildeth temples, And Judah hath multiplied cities of defence, And I have sent a fire into his cities, And it hath consumed their palaces!</p> <p>Hos 9:1-17 (1) `Rejoice not, O Israel, be not joyful like the peoples, For thou hast gone a-whoring from thy God, Thou hast loved a gift near all floors of corn. (2) Floor and wine-press do not delight them, And new wine doth fail in her, (3) They do not abide in the land of Jehovah, And turned back hath Ephraim <i>to</i> Egypt, And in Asshur an unclean thing they eat. (4) They pour not out wine to Jehovah, Nor are they sweet to Him, Their sacrifices <i>are</i> as bread of mourners to them, All eating it are unclean: For their bread <i>is</i> for themselves, It doth not come into the house of Jehovah. (5) What do ye at the day appointed? And at the day of Jehovah's festival?</p>

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	<p>(6) For, lo, they have gone because of destruction, Egypt gathereth them, Moph burieth them, The desirable things of their silver, Nettles possess them--a thorn <i>is</i> in their tents.</p> <p>(7) Come in have the days of inspection, Come in have the days of recompence, Israel doth know! a fool <i>is</i> the prophet, Mad <i>is</i> the man of the Spirit, Because of the abundance of thine iniquity, And great <i>is</i> the hatred.</p> <p>(8) Ephraim is looking <i>away</i> from My God, The prophet! a snare of a fowler <i>is</i> over all his ways, Hatred <i>is</i> in the house of his God.</p> <p>(9) They have gone deep--have done corruptly, As <i>in</i> the days of Gibeah, He doth remember their iniquity, He doth inspect their sins.</p> <p>(10) As grapes in a wilderness I found Israel, As the first-fruit in a fig-tree, at its beginning, I have seen your fathers, They--they have gone in <i>to</i> Baal-Peor, And are separated to a shameful thing, And are become abominable like their love.</p> <p>(11) Ephraim <i>is</i> as a fowl, Fly away doth their honour, without birth, And without womb, and without conception.</p> <p>(12) For though they nourish their sons, I have made them childless--without man, Surely also, woe to them, when I turn aside from them.</p> <p>(13) Ephraim! when I have looked to the rock, Is planted in comeliness, And Ephraim <i>is</i> to bring out unto a slayer his sons.</p> <p>(14) Give to them, Jehovah--what dost Thou give? Give to them miscarrying womb, and dry breasts.</p> <p>(15) All their evil <i>is</i> in Gilgal, Surely there I have hated them, Because of the evil of their doings, Out of My house I do drive them, I add not to love them, all their heads <i>are</i> apostates.</p> <p>(16) Ephraim hath been smitten, Their root hath dried up, fruit they yield not, Yea, though they bring forth, I have put to death the desired of their womb.</p> <p>(17) Reject them doth my God, Because they have not hearkened to Him, And they are wanderers among nations!</p>
<p>Zeph 2:13-15 (The desolation of Assyria)</p>	<p>¹³ And he will stretch out his hand against the north, and destroy Assyria; and will make Nineveh a desolation, and dry like a wilderness.</p> <p>¹⁴ And flocks shall lie down in the midst of her, all the beasts of the nations: both the cormorant and the bittern shall lodge in the upper lintels of it; their voice shall sing in the windows; desolation shall be in the thresholds: for he shall uncover the cedar work.</p> <p>¹⁵ This is the rejoicing city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none beside me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.</p>
<p>Zech 10:6-11 (The pride of Assyria laid low)</p>	<p>⁶ And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am the LORD their God, and will hear them.</p> <p>⁷ And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine: yea, their children shall see it, and be glad; their heart shall rejoice in the LORD.</p> <p>⁸ I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they shall increase as they have increased.</p> <p>⁹ And I will sow them among the people: and they shall remember me in far countries; and they shall live with their children, and turn again.</p>

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	<p>¹⁰ I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them.</p> <p>¹¹ And he shall pass through the sea with affliction, and shall smite the waves in the sea, and all the deeps of the river shall dry up: and the pride of Assyria shall be brought down, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart away.</p>

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