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ministry of the word.

Acts 6: 4 ASV

Welcome to Bible Study and Prayer
HIS HAND IS STRETCHED OUT

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- Wednesday last we learned to see God's providence and divine purpose works in ways we can not fully comprehend, but can realize and believe. Out of evil comes good, fulfilling the birthright of Israel, to be a blessing unto mankind.
- We asked if the United Kingdom and the United States of America were absent from end time scripture because we fail to recognize them?
- Have they received blessing failing to occupy

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the land assigned to them completely because of apostasy from the God of their fathers to the gods of the people before them?

- Will they be cut short by the Syrian?
- Was Isaac's prophecy to Jacob prophetic?
- Will it be fulfilled in Manasseh and Ephraim?
- **Text:** Genesis 27: 39-40 ASV

Behold, of the fatness of the earth shall be thy

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dwelling, And of the dew of heaven from above
And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thou shalt
serve thy brother; And it shall come to pass,
when thou shalt break loose, That thou shalt
shake his yoke from off thy neck.

- Tonight our study zooms in on Ephraim fulfilling the prophecy of Isaiah.
- **Text:** Isaiah 9: 1-21 ASV

But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into

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contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali; but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwelt in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. Thou hast multiplied the nation, thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the

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staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Midian. For all the armor of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be for burning, for fuel of fire. For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne

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of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this. The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart, The bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stone; the sycomores are cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. Therefore

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Jehovah will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and will stir up his enemies, the Syrians before, and the Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. Yet the people have not turned unto him that smote them, neither have they sought Jehovah of hosts. Therefore Jehovah will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. The elder and the honorable man, he is the head;

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and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail.
For they that lead this people cause them to err;
and they that are led of them are destroyed.
Therefore the Lord will not rejoice over their
young men, neither will he have compassion on
their fatherless and widows; for every one is
profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth
speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not
turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.
For wickedness burneth as the fire; it devoureth
the briers and thorns; yea, it kindleth in the

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thickets of the forest, and they roll upward in a column of smoke. Through the wrath of Jehovah of hosts is the land burnt up; and the people are as the fuel of fire: no man spareth his brother. And one shall snatch on the right hand, and be hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

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- The Principle of Duality, when an actual and future application meet the same standard, is common in scripture.
- The text (Isaiah 9:1-6) appears to be an oracle uttered on the occasion of the anointing of a new king or at the anniversary celebration of the event.
- Two questions arise in connection with the interpretation of this passage in its context.
- Is the reference to a contemporary king, Ahaz or Hezekiah, or to an ideal king in the future?

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- Is Isaiah's oracle reality or does it exist for the restoration of the Davidic monarchy, which arose only after the last king of Judah had been carried into exile by the Babylonians?
- Psalm Two shows the oracle has no reference to a child king, but is the chosen anointed son of the LORD.
- Text: Psalm 2: 7 ASV

I will tell of the decree: Jehovah said unto me,
Thou art my son; This day have I begotten thee.

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- The text (Hebrews 9:1-6) appears to be the latter coronation liturgy of enthronement, used on the ascension.
- It seems probable the oracle was to celebrate the ascension of an actual Judean king and Immanuel, our Jesus Christ.
- Judah's northern neighbor, Ephraim, followed unrepented pride and wickedness. The LORD, allowed successive disasters and anarchy to be caused by the Syrians and Philistines, two

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adversaries.

- The word is the utterance of the LORD. It is His intention and power. Once spoken it operates for judgment or blessing. Referencing Ephraim was culminating judgment for Judah. The whole Hebrew nation, all the people knew it.
- The first application to Ephraim was for vain self-sufficiency and materialism when the bricks and timbers used for their ordinary houses fall.
- Instead of repenting they arrogantly declare

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to rebuild with hewn stones and sycamore, what temples and palaces are built with.

- After the Assyrian attack on the United States of America on 9-11, Senator Tom Daschle made a speech promising to rebuild quoting the bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stone; the sycamores are cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. Isaiah 9: 10 ASV
- On 9-11 sycamore trees destroyed along with the twin towers have been replaced by cedars.

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- Are the United Kingdom and the United States of America symbolized by the Twin Towers?
- Did Jehovah set on high adversaries to stir up enemies against Ephraim again? The Syrians and Philistines? For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still. Yet the people have not turned nor have they sought Jehovah of hosts. Has Jehovah cut Ephraim off from Israel in one day?
- The text (Isaiah 9:13-17) gives reason for further judgment. The stubborn refusal of Israel to

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learn her lesson; leaders and people persisted in their folly and brought common ruin upon themselves.

- Head and tail reference first and last, the whole; while lofty palm branch refers to rulers. Failure of leadership in vision and integrity can quickly bring society to confusion and disaster, leaving them destroyed and swallowed up. The whole nation was godless and given to evil deeds as every mouth spoke folly.

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- Has the United States of America received blessing failing to occupy the land assigned to them completely because of apostasy from the God of their fathers to the gods of the people before them?
- Did Isaiah foretell struggle between the United Kingdom and the United States of America?
- Text: Isaiah 9: 20-21 ASV

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hungry; and he shall eat on the left hand, and they shall not be satisfied: they shall eat every man the flesh of his own arm: Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be against Judah. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

- The destructive power of evil in society is pictured as a forest fire in (Isaiah 9:18-21). Its consequence is seen in the collapse of society into lawlessness and political disintegration.

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- Ephraim lived by the sword has the United States of America, lived by the sword?
- **Text:** Genesis 27: 39-40 ASV

Behold, of the fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling, And of the dew of heaven from above And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thou shalt serve thy brother; And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt break loose, That thou shalt shake his yoke from off thy neck.

- Has their bounty, of the fatness of the earth

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served their brother?

- Is the United Kingdom, Manasseh and the restoration of the Davidic monarchy, which arose only after the last king of Judah had been carried into exile by the Babylonians?
- This is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. Moses gives Joseph; Manasseh and Ephraim the precious things of the earth by the good of Him that dwelt in the bush, in contrast to Joseph's past separation from his brethren.

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- Manasseh and Ephraim though born in Egypt and by an alien to Israel, were made patriarchal heads of tribes. They are adopted children of Jehovah, bound on earth by Israel. Were they grafted to the covenant?
- Joseph, Israel's youngest son, had the portion of the firstborn by having the double portion. Was the first made last and the last made first?
- Manasseh, Ephraim, and Benjamin, the three sons of Rachel, marched west of tabernacle.

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- Is the United Kingdom and the United States of America west of Israel?
- **Text:** Deuteronomy 33: 13-17 ASV

And of Joseph he said, Blessed of Jehovah be his land, For the precious things of heaven, for the dew, And for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious things of the fruits of the sun, And for the precious things of the growth of the moons, And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, And for the precious things of the everlasting hills, And for the

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precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof, And the good will of him that dwelt in the bush. Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, And upon the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. The firstling of his herd, majesty is his; And his horns are the horns of the wild-ox: With them he shall push the peoples all of them, even the ends of the earth: And they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, And they are the thousands of Manasseh.

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- Is Manasseh the firstling of the herd of Joseph?
- Has the firstling of his herd majesty?
- Is the crown of the United Kingdom restoration of the Davidic monarchy, which arose only after the last king of Judah had been carried into exile by the Babylonians?
- Is the crown head separate from his brethren?
- Has Manasseh been served by Ephraim after the yoke was broken, in WWI and WWII?

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- Considering at one time the sun never set on the United Kingdom has the United Kingdom pushed people to the ends of the earth?
- Are the thousands of Manasseh and the ten thousands of Ephraim reference to those who have been brought nigh unto the kingdom of heaven by hearing the Word?
- United Kingdom vs. The United States of America; alien brothers adopted marching west of tabernacle; Twin Towers of finance and liberty because of the precious things on earth;

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blessed of Jehovah through Jacob or Israel. Those who have eyes can see aright the kingdom and know as the beautiful rose blossoms forth out of the dirt and dung, in accordance with God's law, so, likewise in accordance with God's law, out of evil deeds greater good and blessing must in time spring forth for later generations. Is it not probable Manasseh is the United Kingdom and Ephraim the United States of America, a blessing unto mankind fulfilling the birthright of Israel?

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- Men may mean it for evil, but God means it for good.
- God has not merely created the world and set it going, and since then sits back in passive idleness; God is still in the world, guiding the destinies of men and nations aright in accordance with His wise and beneficent laws, changing evil to good, and bringing mankind steadily forward upon the path of truth and progress, which leads to the goal of human existence which He has appointed.

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- The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.
- Text: Joel 3: 18-21 ASV

And it shall come to pass in that day, all the brooks of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of Jehovah, and shall water the valley. Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Judah. But Judah shall abide forever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. For Jehovah dwelleth in Zion.

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- **Text:** Romans 1: 17 ASV

The righteous shall live by faith.

You are invited to join us!

*Lord willing,
we continue steadfastly in the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and
prayers every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.*