

## Deuteronomy 28:47-50 (Clarence E. Lunden) 161530

Egypt-Assyria-Israel, Egypt, Assyria, and Israel (28:47-50)

Many extraordinary events have taken place during the history of this world, but none have been so full and rich in temporal and spiritual blessings for the nations as those which lie in store for Egypt, Assyria, and Israel. Their unfoldings must wait for the coming of the Son of man.

Ere He comes in blessing to these nations, the world shall feel its sorrows which are the result of departure from God and the treatment afforded Israel's people during the past 2500 years or more.

Alas! our beloved peoples of the West shall be the first to feel the bitter fruits of apostasy from God as well as their attributing a cruel, unrelenting, shameful image to God's favored earthly people of Israel.

A prophetic view of the future blessing of Israel and the nations is given in the Word of God. This blessing will come, not because of any worthiness on their part, for what does their history disclose? nothing but idolatry and bloodshed in excess. This favor will come only because of the kindness of God's heart for Jesus' sake. However, God will reward those who have shown favor to His people in the past.

When those who seek after knowledge concerning ancient things find their written source depleted, they must either rely upon questionable evidence taken from the graveyards of the past or take their information from the Word of God. Many are reluctant to acknowledge that the inspired Word of God is the only truth as to ancient history, neither will they accept what God by the Holy Spirit has penned concerning future events. In fact, most of the history of the world was prophesied before it became a reality.

"Shall I hide from Abraham that thing which I do" (Gen. 18:17)?

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7).

All we need to know of the past or future regarding the earth has already been penned by the Spirit of God, and if diligent we shall discover it in His Word.

To have any understanding of events, past, present, or future, or as to God's ways down through the ages, we must first be in tune with God Himself. Naturally, we are estranged from Him and must return through the sacrifice He has provided. Faith in Christ and His work on the cross, making redemption through His shed blood in death, is the only way back.

It is difficult for the natural mind to conceive that enemies apparently implacable shall soon be transformed into peaceful neighbors. Who but God Himself could implement such a change as shall surely come to pass? Had we not God's Word for it, we would never believe that ancient enemies such as Egypt and Assyria would be reconciled.

We learn from Scripture that Assyria has been Israel's arch enemy for centuries, as was even prophesied in Deut. 28:47-50. Today Egypt has no love for Israel and very little for Assyria.

This trio of nations could not coalesce under present standards and national ambitions. There must and shall be a fundamental change with each and all when Jehovah returns to take up the cause of His people so scattered and peeled.

We rejoice to know that many in Israel and the nations shall turn to the Lord in the coming day of His power. To see entire nations, now at enmity with one another, saved and worshipping Jehovah, shall be a coming wonder indeed for this sin-troubled earth. To have those who were once enemies rejoicing together in the one God, while the entire creation is released from its thralldom, shall be glory indeed.

The coming blessing of these favored nations will take place after God has dealt with all of Israel's enemies and has established peace on the earth.