into a multitude in the midst of the earth." Isn't this challenging and significant? The descendants of Ephraim and Manasseh were to grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth. If we took a map of the world and located the midst of the earth, the site would actually be located in our nation. Isn't this nation also a great multitude?

In the next chapter in Genesis, chapter 49, Jacob called together his sons in verse 1: "that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days." "The last days" is a period clearly identified in Biblical history and prophecy as the period in which we are now living. When Jacob said: "in the last days"; he was not foretelling what would happen to these boys when they, individually, became old men. No, Jacob was referring to the time known in both the Old and the New Scriptures as the last days, the age in which we are currently living.

Let us continue at verse 22: "Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall": This would be an indication that Joseph was to be wealthy, fruitful and strong. To paraphrase this verse we could say that Joseph's nation and people would break over the wall — they would break down the restrictions and standards and customs of the Old World. Has not Joseph's nation performed exactly as foretold in this verse?

We will not quote further from Genesis 49 because the blessings are repeated almost word for word in the 33rd chapter of Deuteronomy. This double witness states in verse 1: "And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death." Isn't it a wonderful thing that Moses did not curse these people? In blessing these people, Moses followed the precedent of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Moses also blesses all of the tribes. However, let us continue to concentrate on Joseph.

Verse 13: "And of Joseph he said, Blessed of the LORD be his land . . ." Would not the blessing on Joseph's land indicate that Joseph or his descendants, Ephraim and Manasseh, were to have a land of their own? The blessed land is right here in this great North American continent.

Verses 13 to 17 present the peculiar blessings which were to be a distinction of Joseph's land. These are wonderful distinctive blessings. " . . . for the precious things of heaven, for the dew, and for the deep that coucheth beneath, And for the precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and for the precious things put forth by the moon, And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, and for the precious things of the lasting hills, And for the precious things of the earth and fulness thereof, and for the good will of Him that dwelt in the bush": (This is the good will of God) "let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, and upon the top of the head that was separated from his brethren. His glory is like the firstling of his bullock, and his horns are like the horns of unicorns: with them he shall push the people together to the ends of the earth: and they are the ten thousands of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Manasseh."

This is a profound prophecy and revelation, and I trust you are thinking and concentrating. We are told that these people — Joseph's descendants — would be blessed with great material wealth, great abundance of food, and great spiritual blessings. They would also push people together to the ends of the earth. We, as a nation, have had all these blessings.

With these scriptures of Biblical history in mind, let us now return to our text in Psalm 80. The Psalmist sees our nation in trouble because he says in verse 2: "stir up thy strength, and come and save us." It must be apparent to every believer that our land needs Divine intervention today. This will become more apparent soon.

Carefully note the prayer in verse 3: "Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved." Repeated three times in this brief Psalm, this prayer emphasizes a truth I have taught for years. The truth is that our salvation, deliverance, and restoration as a nation depends upon one fact. Look again at verse 3: "Turn us again, O God, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved." My friend, if the Bible teaches anything; it teaches that God is using these negative forces to coerce the so-called good people to turn from unscriptural traditions and to accept and honor the gospel of the kingdom, God's Word for our nation in this hour.

Verse 4 reads: "O LORD GOD of hosts, how long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?" For years so-called good people have been praying, working, and supporting any conceivable plan to attain peace, harmony, and tranquillity throughout the earth. The situation has become worse.

Verse 5 relates: "Thou feedest them with the bread of tears; and givest them tears to drink in great measure." What have we received from World War I or World War II? What have we received from our efforts in Asia to stem Communism? We have received nothing except blood and tears for our efforts. What is the source of our trouble? The truth, simply stated, is we will not turn to the Word of God.

Verse 6 states: "Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbours: and our enemies laugh among themselves." Attempting to buy friends all over the world, we have spent billions of dollars. Have we achieved our goal? No. We are a strife unto our neighbors. Not understanding us, they hate and despise us. Our unscriptural foreign policy suggests to them that we are foolish and weak. How the Communists in their worldwide organization must laugh at the fact that we are bankrupting ourselves to build up Communism.

Verse 7 says: "Turn us again, O God of hosts, and cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved." This is the order; we turn, God intervenes, and then we shall be saved. There is no other way and nothing else will bring redemption and restitution for this nation.

Verse 8 reads: "Thou hast brought a vine out of Egypt: thou hast cast out the heathen, and planted it." In Mr. Haberman's book *Tracing Our Ancestors* he mentions two interesting obelisks (pillars or monuments). These two obelisks were built during Joseph's reign as prime minister in Egypt. One obelisk now stands in London and the other in New York.

Verse 9 says: "Thou preparedst room before it, and didst cause it to take deep root, and it filled the land." Here in the United States of America God did prepare room, and this nation did take deep root. It became a powerful nation and filled the land.

Verse 10 says: "The hills were covered with the shadow of it." Small nations throughout the earth have been blessed and protected by our great nation.

Verse 11 continues: "She sent out her boughs unto the sea, and her branches unto the river." We have become a great maritime and industrial power with a great navy.

Then the Psalmist prays in verse 12: "Why hast thou then broken down her hedges, so that all they which pass by the way do pluck her?" Would you agree that we are being plucked? Would you agree that unfriendly antagonistic nations curse us and perform various acts to insult and embarrass us? What do they do? They "pluck" us as stated in this verse.

Verse 13 reads: "The boar out of the wood doth waste it, and the wild beast of the field doth devour it." This refers to Communism and its twin Socialism. The beast and the boar symbolize unscriptural governments. The prophet foresaw what would take place.

Continuing with verse 14 we read: "Return, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine"; If there was ever a nation that was planted under the favor, mercy, and blessing of God, the United States of America is that nation.

Then the prophet in verse 15 says: "And the vineyard which thy right hand hath planted, and the branch that thou madest strong for thyself." The word "branch" is interesting because you will recall Jacob said that Joseph's branch would run over the wall. The branch, incidentally, is not the whole tree, but just a part of the tree.

Verse 16 continues: "It is burned with fire, it is cut down: they perish at the rebuke of thy countenance." In verse 17 the Psalmist continues to pray: "Let thy hand be upon the man of thy right hand, upon the son of man whom thou madest strong for thyself." In other words, he sees that the only hope for this nation is the Lord Jesus Christ. He must be given His rightful place.

Verse 18 reads: "So will not we go back from thee: quicken us, and we will call upon thy name." Then, for the third time, in this Psalm 80, verse 19 repeats this petition and cry: "Turn us again, O LORD God of hosts, cause thy face to shine; and we shall be saved." We, as a nation, will not be destroyed; we will be delivered when we turn to the Word of God and acknowledge God's purpose for our nation in the world today.

Two different schools of thought have developed today among people who realize our nation is in great danger and must have Divine intervention. There are two different views to these evils and dangers. Teaching, preaching, and crusading, the largest group maintains our nation should return to the religious and political position of 50 years ago. They, then, believe the so-called "good old days" would return and God would again bless our nation with peace, tranquillity, and victory. This group is primarily occupied with restoring something of the past.

We, of the other view, believe that it has been our previous religious and political sins which have precipitated the current dilemma. Sins of omission and failure to turn to the Word of God in the past 50 to 100 years are the sins. To return to the previous teaching and preaching which neglected, rejected, and cast aside the gospel of the kingdom and the national message certainly cannot be the solution to this dilemma. Therefore, we, of the opposite view, insist this erroneous proposal would create more trouble.

These two positions are also quite different in their attitudes toward World Communism and other evils and dangers that threaten our nation. The vast majority of Christian patriots still believe and imagine that Communism, crime and corruption are evils which they must help God stop and destroy.

Our view is that Communism, crime, and corruption are judgments from Almighty God because good well-meaning people still refuse to turn to the Word of God for our nation and our time. We must realize that the Anglo-Saxons are the Israel people of the Bible and that the United States of America is the great Zion nation in Joseph's land. We also must consider and learn God's great purpose in raising up this nation.

The second Psalm we will consider is Psalm 83, which is quite similar to Psalm 80. First let us determine the time that this prophecy and prayer was to be fulfilled. This is one of the first things to do in studying Biblical prophecies. In verses 15-17 you will see the time indicator; because the Psalmist prays that, for one particular people, God will do specific things, which will cause all men to recognize that the God of the Bible is the one true and living God. We know from Biblical prophecy this event takes place at the closing of the church age and the opening of the kingdom age in which we now live.

Let us look at verses 15 through 18: "So persecute them with thy tempest, and make them afraid with thy storm. Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy name, O Lord. Let them be confounded and troubled for ever; yea, let them be put to shame, and perish: That men may know that thou, whose name alone is JEHOVAH, art the most high over all the earth."

The Psalmist prays, here, that the whole heathen world will see an act of God — an intervention that will cause