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FEAR THOU NOT

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One night, during the greatest test and trial I have ever had in my Christian life and ministry, I was so disturbed and troubled I could not sleep. As real as if a person had entered the room and stood at my bedside, I in my inner spirit heard these words: "Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness." On those words I went to sleep. In the morning I took my concordance and looked up this scripture and discovered it had been quoted to me word for word as it is in the Scripture.

I had had many such experiences but this came with such strength and assurance that it has been a refuge and a high tower to me ever since. As I would arise to preach, knowing my natural and human limitations, I would in my mind quote and start on these words. The scripture that was given to me is Isaiah 41:10 which I have repeated in my mind hundreds of times since that experience.

We shall consider chapter 41 in Isaiah and seek to learn to what people this precious promise was given. Verse 1 states: "Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength: let them come near; then let them speak: let us come near together to judgment."

Seven hundred years before the birth of Christ, ten tribes Israel and much of Judah were taken by the Assyrians into captivity. They were placed in the region between the Black and the Caspian Sea. From there these people began to migrate into Europe. A large number of them settled in what is known as the British Isles. There, due to the favor and intervention of God, they renewed their strength and became the great British Empire. Undoubtedly the principal reason, when God intervened and protected the people in these Isles from the Vikings, the Spanish Armada, from Napoleon and from being invaded in World Wars I and II, was because they had been entrusted with David's throne. See Luke 1, verses 29 through 33.

Verses 2 through 7 in Isaiah 41 are a prophecy on how these Israel nations developed into the great industrial powers they are today. Isaiah must

have wondered what verse 7 meant.

In verses 8 and 9 there are a number of marks which identify the people or the nation to whom God spoke the precious promise in verse 10. For instance, in verse 8 we read: "But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend." One identification mark is "Jacob whom I have chosen," and another is "the seed of Abraham my friend." "Taken from the ends of the earth" in verse 9 is a further identification mark. More such marks are: "Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away."

There is only one nation or people in all history that has fulfilled all of these identification marks. "Taken from the ends of the earth" means taken from the old world and brought to the new world. "Chief men thereof" means that the men who drew up our Constitutional form of government were the most wise and the most able men.

In verses 11 and 12 the Almighty continues to speak comforting and reassuring words to this new order of the ages: "Behold all they that were incensed against thee shall be ashamed and confounded: they shall be as nothing; and they that strive with thee shall perish. Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contended with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought."

We are rapidly approaching the time when "they that were incensed against" this kingdom nation "shall perish." Those that contend with this nation will be so completely destroyed that they shall not be found. "They that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought." Those that contend with thee is mentioned several times, and it means the betrayers and the traitors who seek to destroy the sovereignty of this nation and our constitutional form of government, and bring this nation under a one world rule. Even those who war against the new order of the ages shall be as nothing.

In verse 13 the Almighty states: "For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee." Any surrender to communism and the one worlders would naturally be