

lieve that God will help us? For He surely will, just as He has promised.

"*Fear not, thou worm Jacob . . .*" We have been acting like worms, crawling when we should be standing up and believing God, when we should be courageous, demanding righteousness and justice. That will come, however.

"*. . . and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.*" "*I will help thee*" would mean little if the "*I*" were a particular denomination, political party or crusader. But when the "*I*" is the Almighty, it means everything.

Why will God help the United States of America? Because Christ died for the redemption of the Kingdom; and our nation is the beginning of the restitution of the Kingdom. "*Thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel*" is the Christ. When Christ died on the cross He purchased and provided for more than the personal salvation of a few individuals; He also died for the redemption and restoration of God's Kingdom, Israel people.

How similar verses 15 and 16 of *Isaiah* 41 are to Micah's prophecy of our nation and to Daniel's prophecy on this great stone Kingdom people:

First, verse 15: "*Behold, I (the*

Almighty) *will make thee (our nation, the land of Israel's regathering) a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.*"

Consider the phrase "*a new sharp threshing instrument*" for a moment. Would you agree that the atomic bomb (or the hydrogen bomb) might be a sharp threshing instrument? It certainly was something new. And where would we be as a nation today if God had not given us these deterrents? What would the hordes of heathendom and communism have done to Christian civilization and to the nations of freedom in the last fifty years had not God done exactly what He said He would do?

Would you say that we have a military system that has teeth? And would you agree that this people must be a powerful, wealthy, strong nation to "*thresh the mountains and beat them small,*" as *Isaiah* prophesies?

Although we have done some "*threshing*" already as we think of what happened in Japan and Asia, we are not through with our mission as yet. We have not liked our mission, which is the reason we have gone at it in a half-hearted, unscriptural manner. But when we see fully our destiny and

calling, and when we realize what will come to the earth in the way of deliverance, release and freedom when we fulfill our responsibility, we will not be so hesitant, nor will we retain a guilt complex.

*Isaiah* 41:15, you will note, ends with the phrase "*and shalt make the hills as chaff.*" *Micah* and *Daniel* give additional light to this particular prophecy, indicating that the ones who will be threshed and beaten to pieces are those who have sought our destruction. This will be not so much a destruction upon innocent people in communistic or heathen countries, but a military might which God has raised up in this end time to be a deterrent. We could have been much more effective as a deterrent had we known our identity, our destiny and our responsibility. If we are going to use bombs, there are just one or two places in the earth today where they should be dropped.

*Isaiah* 41:16: "*Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.*"

The word "*wind*" is very interesting, for you will remember in *John* 3:8 that Jesus likened the Holy Spirit to the wind; and in *Acts* 2 there was a mighty wind. "*The wind*" as used here sym-

bolizes that the Spirit of God will come over this nation and over the earth in great power. This wind from heaven is needed to clean up this earth, in addition to the threshing and the beating to pieces of dictatorships in various parts of the earth.

And the word "*whirlwind*" reminded me of these two verses in *Jeremiah* 30:23-24:

"*Behold, the whirlwind of the LORD goeth forth with fury, a continuing whirlwind: it shall fall with pain upon the head of the wicked (not on all people, but upon the wicked). The fierce anger of the LORD shall not return, until he have done it, and until he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall consider it.*"

Then let us consider the last phrase of *Isaiah* 41:16; namely, "*Thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.*"

Some may ask, "Preacher, do you believe that this whole nation will rejoice in the Lord and glory in the Holy One of Israel (none other than the Lord Jesus Christ)?" The answer is "yes"; that is what is coming to this nation. A passage in *Isaiah* 12, beginning with verse 4, gives the same thought:

"*And in that day shall ye say, Praise the LORD, call upon his*