

left the Mayflower; and as they landed on our shores, the first thing they did was to pray.

The third identification phrase is "*even the daughter of my dispersed.*" This, too, is very meaningful because the people of this nation are the descendants of the Israel people who were dispersed. Ten-tribed Israel, the Isaac sons of the northern kingdom, were dispersed into Europe. They became the Germanic tribes, moving on into Britain, Scandinavia, Scotland, France, etc. They became the peoples of Christendom.

What does the prophet mean when he says, "*they shall bring mine offering*"? Perhaps it is the same prophecy that we have in *Isaiah 18:7* where we read, "*In that time shall the present be brought unto the LORD of hosts of a people scattered and peeled . . .*" I believe the prophets saw in vision that this nation (located beyond the rivers of Ethiopia and founded by praying men and women, by the descendants of the people of Europe) would do something that no other nation in all history has done. It has spent billions of dollars as an offering, as a gift to people in distress all over the world.

It is a phenomenal thing. Every other great world power has used its power to demand tribute and to enslave and oppress people. We have spent billions of dollars to do just the opposite. Why? We are the beginning of the new order of the ages. We as a nation certainly have not had our cleansing nor our baptism of fire; but we are on our way.

Look at the next verse (11): "*In that day (the great and dreadful day of the Lord) shalt thou not be ashamed for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me: for then I will take away out of the midst of thee them that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt no more be haughty because of my holy mountain.*"

The expression "*them that rejoice in thy pride*" is a

strange one. What does it mean? It means that the subversives, corrupters and anti-Christ forces who appeal to pride and carnality and to the lower instincts of a human being will be taken out of our midst. There will be a real cleansing in this nation, as set forth in the kingdom parables and in the prophecies of Jeremiah, Isaiah, and Ezekiel. It is coming! The pendulum will swing just as far in the positive direction as it has swung in the evil, negative direction.

Verse 12: "*I will also leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people . . .*" We are already an afflicted and poor people. Consider your indebtedness. Consider the indebtedness of this whole nation. Consider the deficit spending where we are actually mortgaging and selling into bondage our children in order to have a medium of exchange. As a people we have not yet had sufficient distress to cause us to turn to the Lord and to His Word. But we will.

The verse continues "*. . . and they shall trust in the name of the LORD.*" We will shortly discover that we have nothing else in which to trust. We will realize we have been betrayed to the extent that we are completely disarmed and helpless before our enemies. That discovery will be God's opportunity to give us and the whole world a demonstration of His own power and reality. *Psalms 2* tells us that God sits in the heavens and laughs. Why do you suppose He laughs at what is going on? Simply because what the Communists are doing to us will drive us to our God. And when we turn to our God, we will see the end of world Communism and of all the anti-Christ forces.

Verse 13: "*The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither shall a deceitful tongue be found in their mouth: for they shall feed and lie down, and none shall make them afraid.*"