

of Israel: and the children of Israel went out with a high hand. But the Egyptians pursued after them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his army, and overtook them encamping by the sea . . ."

In the example from Joshua, God hardened the hearts of the enemy that they might come against the Isaac-sons, the reason being that these enemies (not God's servant people) might be destroyed. At the Red Sea God buried the whole Egyptian army in the sea. If they had not pursued the Israel people, they would not have been destroyed. This has been God's method down through the ages.

The apostle Paul comments on this event in *Romans 9:17*: "*For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, Even for this same purpose have I raised thee up, that I might shew my power in thee, and that my name might be declared throughout all the earth.*" How did God declare His name and show His power? He did it by destroying the Egyptian army in a matter of hours. This is what Micah indicates in his prophecy when he said, "*they understand not.*" They do not realize that God is the One who is allowing world communism to become the great power that it is, and that God will harden its heart to come against the Israel people. Then there will be Divine inter-

vention as in the days of Joshua and of Moses.

In the 25th chapter of *Matthew*, Christ prophesied the same thing. We read in verses 31 and 32:

"When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats."

Literally all nations are gathered together today in the United Nations organization. Some say that this organization will establish a world government to rule over the United States and the whole world. But not so! In the providence of God, He has gathered all nations together to separate them. They have gathered to establish unitedly an anti-Christ world rule, but God has something else in mind — separation.

Some are put on the left; but to those on the right, God says (verse 34): "*. . . Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom (not the church) prepared for you from the foundations of the world.*" This is in perfect harmony with what Micah prophesied when he said, "*they know not the thoughts of the LORD . . .*"

THE LAST DAYS

THIS PART IV will conclude our Bible study of prophecy concerning "*the last days.*" We have now come to the last verse in *Micah 4* — verse 13. There we read:

"Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion: for I will make thine horn iron, and I will make thy hoofs brass: and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: and I will consecrate their gain unto the LORD, and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth."

Notice that this verse is addressed to "*O daughter of Zion*"; and we have previously shown from Bible history and Bible prophecy that the United States of America is called the "*daughter of Zion.*" The words "*horn iron*" and "*hoofs brass*" indicate that this daughter of Zion must be a strong, powerful nation. A small, feeble nation could not subdue and straighten out other nations and bring them into freedom and righteousness.

Also, it is clear that this 13th verse is an end-time prophecy which was to take place immediately prior to the full manifestation of the Kingdom of God on earth, for the last part indicates that the

people of heathendom and communism and their wealth and resources would be consecrated to the Lord Jesus Christ. That must mean the coming in of the Kingdom of God on earth.

There is another phrase in verse 13 to which I would like to call your attention; namely, "*thou (Israel) shalt beat in pieces many people.*" The United States has tried many ways to bring freedom, opportunity and righteousness to nations of communism and heathendom, but we have failed. Eventually we will discover that before those people who are under the iron heel of heathendom and dictatorship can be delivered, their forms of unscriptural government must be beaten in pieces. Who will do this?

In the second chapter of *Daniel*, the prophet gave a revelation and interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream in which he had seen a vision of a great image of gold, silver, brass, iron and (last of all) stone. I trust you are familiar with this prophecy, in which gold symbolizes Babylon;