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Palestine Re-peopling, and Signs of the End.

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2. In the second place, *new laws of military service in Russia*, coming into operation shortly after the promulgation of the new real property laws in Palestine, have greatly tended to lead Israel's weary steps back to their own land. Formerly, in Russia, they were not, as a body, compelled to take arms, but were allowed, if they chose, to pursue their usual peaceful avocations; now, however, this has all been changed. Russia has been, ever since the Crimean war, preparing for the next great struggle against Turkey, and part of that preparation has been the introduction, in 1874, of the German scheme of military service, which forces all the Jewish population in her dominions to enter the army.

All Jews throughout Russia are now required to be enrolled and drilled at the age of twenty-one. Israelites are singularly averse to the military calling. They have, therefore, taken alarm at the terms of the new system. Moreover, they are especially disinclined to fight for Russia. In that country they have suffered much—in common with all who differ from it—at the hands of the Greek Church. Many persecuting laws have been passed against them, more especially in Poland.

Now, in Palestine, they are still entirely exempt from service in the army. A trifling poll-tax, amounting, I believe, to about a *majeedy* (four shillings) a head, is taken from Jews and Christians in Syria in lieu of their liability to conscription. They have, therefore, decided to leave Russia when and how they can. This is not easily managed, for such are the despotic laws of that State, that in many cases their preparation for departure would be a ground for their imprisonment. Still, great numbers of them are now arriving in Jerusalem, and they already form a very new element of wealth and influence in the Holy City. During the years 1871 to 1874, every steamer from Russia brought her large quota of Hebrew passengers, and those whose business it was to meet travelers at Jaffa, and conduct them to Zion, marked with astonishment the great crowds that came by these ships. This state of things, it is said, still continues.

I have myself repeatedly heard from their brethren in Jerusalem and from Turkish officials in that city, who were in a position to know, that the Russian Jews, in a body, have, ever since the adoption of the German system of military service in 1874, anxiously sought to leave Muscovite territory, and settle in the Holy Land. They cannot, if they would, escape all at once. The stream of emigration, however, is now slowly but steadily flowing towards Emmanuel's Land, and will, there is every to believe, continue to flow—the more speedily as the dark war clouds now impending settle down on Europe—till Russia is emptied of a Hebrew population that probably numbers one-third of the whole nation of the Jews. [The number of Jews (chiefly of the two tribes of Judah and Benjamin) scattered throughout the world is variously estimated. It is probably not less than 5,000,000, and not more than 10,000,000.]

3 But we have yet to notice the influence of this movement of *a new civilization in Syria*. Neither the facilities for acquiring land in Palestine, nor the dread of military service in Russia, would have been inducements strong enough to have led back European Jews to the country as it was thirty years ago, in 1847. In those days Jerusalem could not have been entered save in Eastern costume; the Jews were shut up in their own unwholesome quarter, and it would have been death to live amongst the Turks. No one could venture alone outside the walls of Jerusalem after dark, much less live in any country house. A Jew of the highest position walking through the *Suk* (bazaars) was liable to the grossest insult, for which there could be no redress.

For instance, a Turk would take off his shoe, throw it at the poor fellow, and hailing him as a dog, bid him fetch it, an indignity to which he was bound to submit. Fanaticism, violence, ignorance and dishonesty had everything their own way. Such was the state of things in the towns. In the country districts the land was wholly uninhabitable for Europeans. There was not a single road in the country; and when it is added that the Bedouin Arabs at harvest time swept across the unprotected fords of the Jordan, to rob the threshing floors and levy black mail, we have a true outline of the terrible picture of ruin presented by Emanuel's Land some years ago. Now, the change that has taken place in all this is indeed very striking.

Other improvements have taken place. Until five years ago, the gates of Jerusalem were all shut at sunset, and were not opened, except to the privileged possessor of a special pass, until the next day. This highly inconvenient practice came to an end some five years ago.

At Jaffa, by command of the Governor, the massive town wall, an extensive fortification, has within the last few years been pulled down, and some of the stones were bought, as building material for a new school-house in connection with Miss Walker Arnott's excellent work. Shops have of late sold European commodities; so that some of the comforts and luxuries of Western life may now be procured; and vegetables or fruits, which formerly were so scarce, are now cheap and abundant.

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Now that to Turkish bankruptcy has been added an awful outbreak of Turkish barbarity, the crisis has come, and the dread settlement of the Eastern Question can, it is felt on all hands, no longer be delayed. What that settlement is in part to be, is written over and over again in the Word of God. When the "river Euphrates," the symbol of the Turkish power, is dried up, it is that "the way of" the Jews, "the kings of the East, may be prepared." Israel are to return to their own land. This event, *in its incipient stage*, I have shown to be now actually taking place. That which is yet to be looked for is the restoration of the Jewish nationality under the protection of some one or more of the Great Powers. And all this is preparatory to the Second Coming of Christ.—*Rev. J. Neil, lately Incumbent of Christ Church, Jerusalem.*

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3d " Robert Davidson, "
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3d " Joseph Parry,
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Mound Fort, David Moore,
Lynne, Daniel Thomas,
Slaterville, John Allred,
Harrisville, David Rawson,
Marriott, John Halverston,
West Weber, John I. Hart,
East Weber, I. Spaulding,
South Weber, D. Cook,
River Dale, Sanford Bingham,
Eden, Joseph Ferrin,
Huntsville, F. A. Hammond,
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Enterprise, Jesse Haven.

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Echo, Elias Asper,
*Coalville, W. W. Cluff,
Unionville, Alonzo Winters,
Upton, Joseph Huff, sen.

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Peoa, Abraham Marchant,
Morell, John K. Lemon,
Kamas, W. Harder,
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Pine Kanyon, Moses Martin,
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2d " James Leach,
3d " Jacob Weiler,
4th " Harrison Sperry,
5th & 6th, W. H. Hickenlooper,
7th " Wm. Thorn,
8th " E. F. Sheets,
9th " S. A. Woolley,
10th " A. Speirs,
11th " Alex. McRae,
12th " L. W. Hardy,
13th " E. D. Woolley,
14th " Thomas Taylor,
15th " R. T. Burton,
16th " Frederick Kesler,
17th " John Henry Smith,
18th " L. D. Young,
19th " A. H. Raleigh,
20th " John Sharp,
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Brighton, A. H. Raleigh,
Big Cottonwood, Wm G Young,
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South Cottonwood, J. S. Rawlins,
West Jordan, Archibald Gardner,
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Glenwood, P. T. Oldroyd,
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Minersville, James McKnight.

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Harmony, W. D. Pace,
Belleview, J. H. Johnson,
*Toker, Wm A Bringhurst,
Virgen, John Parker,
Duncan's Retreat, Moses Gibson,
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Kanab, L. John Nuttall,
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Harrisburg, Milton Dalley, presiding elder under Bishop Hogan,
Washington, J. W. Freeman,
St. George, D. D. McArthur,
Santa Clara, Marius Ensign, ...
Pine Valley, A. G. Thurston, acting bishop,
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