

# THE UPWARD CALL

*Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet;  
but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead,  
**I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God  
IN CHRIST JESUS.***

(Philippians 3:13-14 NASB)

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## ***Prophetic Scripture***

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I have put a lot into print lately dealing with the matter of the Jew and Israel. There is more to be written about this vital yet controversial subject, but before doing so, I thought it would be good to list in one issue some of the prophetic verses used to support some of what has been said in previous issues. Perhaps this will assist you in your study of this subject.

Mind you, this is not a complete list by any stretch of the imagination. It simply represents some of the major ones. Also, keep in mind that there is often more than one historical fulfillment of most prophecy in what could be called short-term and long-term history. Something occurring today could be a repeat of something that happened thousands of years ago, only with different names and characters.

For example, Jesus' parable of the wedding feast may have a double fulfillment: "**But the king** [God the Father] **was enraged, and he sent his armies** [Roman army] **and destroyed those murderers** [bad figs of Judah] **and set their city** [present Jerusalem] **on fire**" (Matthew 22:7 NASB). In the short-term, this was fulfilled in 70 AD; however, based on other prophecies, it appears there is a long-term fulfillment to come, most likely in our day.

Also, looking at history, we see events that seem to represent fulfillment of a certain prophecy, and yet, there are details of the prophecy that seem to be missing in the historical event. The reason could be a faulty interpretation of the prophecy or a partial historical fulfillment of the prophecy, which means that its final fulfillment is yet future.

Of course, as Paul wrote: **For we know in part and we prophesy in part but when the perfect comes, the partial will be done away** (1 Corinthians 13:9-10 NASB). One day, when we are immortal, we will see clearly and in fullness.

### **Ishmael.**

**(11) The angel of the LORD said to her further, "Behold, you are with child, and you will bear a son; and you shall call his name Ishmael, because the LORD has given heed to your affliction. (12) He will be a wild donkey of a man, his hand will be against everyone, and everyone's hand will be against him; and he will live to the east of all his brothers."**  
(Genesis 16:11-12 NASB)

**(23) For it is written that Abraham had two sons [Ishmael & Isaac], one [Ishmael] by the bondwoman and one [Isaac] by the free woman. (23) But the son [Ishmael] by the bondwoman was born according to the flesh, and the son [Isaac] by the free woman through the promise. (24) This is allegorically speaking, for these women are two covenants: one proceeding from Mount Sinai bearing children who are to be slaves [spiritual Ishmaelites]; she is Hagar. (25) Now this Hagar is Mount Sinai in Arabia and corresponds to the present Jerusalem, for she is in slavery with her children [spiritual Ishmaelites]. (26) But the Jerusalem above is free; she is our mother. ... (28) And you brethren, like Isaac, are children of promise. (29) But as at that time he [Ishmael] who was born according to the flesh persecuted him [Isaac] who was born according to the Spirit, so it is now also. (30) But what does the Scripture say? 'CAST OUT THE BONDWOMAN AND HER SON [Ishmael], FOR THE SON [Ishmael] OF THE BONDWOMAN SHALL NOT BE AN HEIR WITH THE SON [Isaac] OF THE FREE WOMAN.'** (31) So then, brethren, we are **not children of a bondwoman** [Hagar, present Jerusalem], **but of the free woman** [Sarah, New Jerusalem]. (Galatians 4:22-26, 28-31 NASB)

## **Esau-Edom.**

**And by your sword you shall live, and shall serve your brother. And it shall be when you shall have the dominion, you shall break his yoke from off your neck. (Genesis 27:40 MKJV)**

**“Therefore as I live,” declares the Lord GOD, “I will give you over to bloodshed, and bloodshed will pursue you; since you have not hated bloodshed, therefore bloodshed will pursue you. (Ezekiel 35:6 NASB; see all of chapter 35 and 36:5)**

**Though Edom says, “We have been beaten down, but we will return and build up the ruins”; thus says the LORD of hosts, “They may build, but I will tear down; and men will call them the wicked territory, and the people toward whom the LORD is indignant forever.” (Malachi 1:4 NASB)**

**“Then your mighty men will be dismayed, O Teman [i.e., Edom], so that everyone may be cut off from the mountain of Esau by slaughter. (10) Because of violence to your brother Jacob, You will be covered with shame, and you will be cut off forever.” (Obadiah 1:9-10 NASB)**

## **Barren Fig Tree of Judah-Jerusalem.**

**(8) ‘But like the bad figs which cannot be eaten due to rotteness—indeed, thus says the LORD—so I will abandon Zedekiah king of Judah and his officials, and the remnant of Jerusalem who remain in this land and the ones who dwell in the land of Egypt. (9) I will make them a terror and an evil for all the kingdoms of the earth, as a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse in all places where I will scatter them. (10) I will send the sword, the famine and the pestilence upon them until they are destroyed from the land which I gave to them and their forefathers.’” (Jeremiah 24:8-10 NASB)**

**(19) Seeing a lone fig tree by the road, He came to it and found nothing on it except leaves only; and He said to it, “No longer shall there ever be any fruit from you.” And at once the fig tree withered. ... (43) “Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people, producing the fruit of it.” (Matthew 21:19, 43 NASB)**

**“Behold the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they put forth {leaves,} [barren, no fruit of the kingdom] you see it and know for yourselves that summer is now near.” ... (Matthew 24:32; Luke 21:29 NASB; also Matthew 21:18-19)**

**(11) “Has this house, which is called by My name, become a den of robbers in your sight? Behold, I, even I, have seen it,” declares the LORD. (12) “But go now to My place which was in Shiloh, where I made My name dwell at the first, and see what I did to it because of the wickedness of My people Israel. (13) And now, because you have done all these things,” declares the LORD, ... (14) therefore, I will do to the house which is called by My name, in which you trust, and to the place which I gave you and your fathers, as I did to Shiloh.” (Jeremiah 7:11-14 NASB)**

**(10) “Then you are to break the jar in the sight of the men who accompany you (11) and say to them, ‘Thus says the LORD of hosts, “Just so will I break this people [bad figs of Judah] and this city [present Jerusalem], even as one breaks a potter’s vessel, which cannot again be repaired; and they will bury in Topheth [gehenna of fire] because there is no other place for burial. (12) This is how I will treat this place and its inhabitants,” declares the LORD, “so as to make this city [present Jerusalem] like Topheth [gehenna of fire].” (Jeremiah 19:10-12 NASB)**

**(17) “So every good tree bears good fruit, but the bad tree bears bad fruit [bad figs of Judah]. (18) A good tree cannot produce bad fruit, nor can a bad tree produce good fruit. (19) Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down [bad fig tree of Judah] and thrown into the fire [gehenna of fire]. (Matthew 7:17-19 NASB)**