on the earth, it is to continue from that
time henceforth and forever, while the
kingdoms of this world will vanish away
like the dream of a night vision.

Now we begin to understand the lat-
ter part of our text. Not only is Israel
to be saved; but "prepare ye the way of
the Lord, make straight in the desert
an highway for our God." What do we
want with an highway in the desert?
We have already read about the high-
way through the Red Sea, and through
the seven streams of the river of Egypt
that is to be cast up like it was in ancient
days; but what need have we for a high-
way in the desert? It is for the ransomed
of the Lord to pass over. What ransomed
of the Lord? Those who are ransomed
from among the nations, by the procla-
mation of the everlasting Gospel, those
who listen to the angelic message that
comes from heaven; they who have toiled
with ox teams, mule teams and hand-
carts and wheelbarrows to get them-
selves here, to lay a foundation of the
work of God in the midst of this desert.
They need a highway here, that the bal-
ance who are to come hereafter, and they
will come by hundreds of thousands, may
come swiftly, and more speedily than by
handcart conveyances. And this puts me
in mind of another passage in regard to
the highway connected with the procla-
mation of the Gospel to all the world.

Isaiah says, "Cast up, cast up an
highway; gather out the stones; lift up
a standard for the people, prepare ye the
way of the people, for behold, the Lord
hath proclaimed unto the ends of the
world, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Be-
hold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his
reward is with him, and his work is be-
fore him. They shall call them a holy peo-
ple, The redeemed of the Lord: and they
shall be called, Sought out, A city not
forsaken." What a curious work to take
place in the latter days! A highway to
be made, and the stones to be gathered
out! When these men, sitting here on
these seats, were working out in these
rugged mountains for some two or three
hundred miles fulfilling these prophe-
cies, did you blast out the rocks and
gather out the stones?

Another thing connected with the
prophecy says, "Go through, go through
the gates; cast up an highway," etc., I
have no doubt that the prophet saw the
construction of this highway in vision, in
fact he must have seen it or he could not
have predicted it to such a nicety. He
must also have seen these trains cross-
ing this great continent, "dodging" into
what seemed to be holes in the moun-
tains, and after watching a little while
see them come out at the opposite side.
He did not call them tunnels in those
days, but said, "Go through the gates," etc.

In order to show how swiftly the peo-

dle would come on this highway in the
latter days let me refer you to the 5th
chapter of Isaiah and the 26th verse, "He
will lift up his ensign to the nations from
afar, and will hiss unto them from the
ends of the earth: and, behold, they shall
come with speed swiftly." Not with hand-
carts and ox teams as we did for many
years; but they are to come from the ends
of the earth swiftly. But he tells us that
an ensign is to be lifted up. All these
predictions center in one: The standard,
the ensign, the proclamation, the casting
up of the highway, and the coming with
speed swiftly, all concentrate, as it were,
to one, to fulfil the great purposes of
Jehovah in the latter days.

"Lift up an ensign to the na-
tions from afar!" Where was Isaiah
when he delivered this prophecy? In