

THE HISTORY OF THE BELNAP FAMILY
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PROLOGUE

Narrator:

Micah, a prophet before the birth of Christ, after predicting the desolation of the hill, Mount Zion, and of Jerusalem in general, described in contrast the new Zion, wherein the house of the Lord is to be built in the last days, *and* said:

Micah, Hyrum Belnap.

Micah, Chapter 4, :1-2

"But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and people shall flow unto it.

And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem."

PART I

Narrator:

By a divine power, Gilbert Belnap's ancestors were guided, among the early pilgrims, to leave their native country of England, and therefore sailed to America to enjoy religious freedom and liberty.

The history of Orange County, New York, by E. M. Ruttenber, recites:

"The Belknap family is of Norman origin and can be satisfactorily traced to the time of William, the Conqueror in 1066. They maintained considerable distinction in England at an early period, Sir Robert Belknap having been created Chief Justice in the reign of Edward the Third in 1375. In 1637 Abraham Belknap emigrated from England and settled in Lynn, Mass., where he died in September, 1643, leaving four sons."

Flora Belnap