

Preface

John Wesley's Zionist Hymn (From Hymn Book 1779) Hymn 440

1. Almighty God of Love, Set up the attracting sign, And
summon whom Thou dost approve for messengers divine;
from favoured Abraham's Seed and new Apostles choose,
In isles and continents to spread the dead reviving news.
2. Them, snatched out of the flame, through every nation
send, The true Messiah to proclaim, the universal
Friend; That all, the God unknown, may learn of Jews
to adore, And see Thy glory in Thy Son, till time shall be
no more.
3. O that the chosen band might now their brethren bring!
And gathered out of every land, Present to Sion's King!
Of all the ancient race not one be left behind, But each,
impelled by sacred grace, His way to Canaan find.
4. We know it must be done, For God hath spoken the Word,
And all Israel shall the Saviour own, To their first state
restored. Rebuilt by His command, Jerusalem shall rise;
Her temple on Moriah stand again, and touch the skies.
5. Send then Thy servants forth, To call the Hebrews home;
From East and West, and South and North, Let all the
wanderers come: Wherever in lands unknown, The
fugitives remain, Bid every creature help them on, Thy
Holy Mount to gain.
6. An offering to the Lord, There let them all be seen,
Sprinkled with water and with blood, In soul and body
clean: with Israel's myriads sealed. Let all the nations
meet, And show the mystery fulfilled, The family
complete.*

*see, Addendum, *John Wesley*