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"Heaven and earth shall pass away:
But My words shall not pass away."

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In presenting this magazine, it is not our intention just to indiscriminately add to the number of Christian journals already available. Our only purpose is to present the Word of God in its fullness as we feel God has revealed it to us, in order that the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob may be glorified.

It is our firm conviction that we are living in the very last days prior to the appearing and return of our Great God and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are also convinced that never before in the history of our nation and people has there been such a need for the "Watchmen in Israel" to sound the alarm in order to awaken God's people to the urgent need to repent, and to return to God with all their hearts, and with all their minds, and with all their strength.

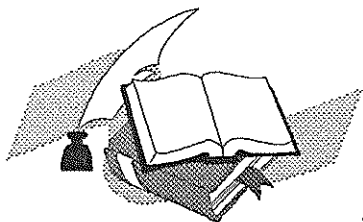
Denominational doctrines and differences are not our concern, and it is not our intention to enter into such arguments. There is not enough time left to waste it on such unproductive, and indeed, destructive, exercises. We are concerned **ONLY** with what we believe the Word of God says and teaches.

We proclaim the absolute necessity for all people to accept the Lord Jesus Christ as their own personal Saviour, as the only means to Eternal Life.

We proclaim the absolute necessity for the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people to recognise their identity, their inheritance, and their responsibility, as the literal descendants of God's people Israel.

We proclaim the absolute necessity for all who would faithfully serve God to 'receive the power from on high', which can only

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Editorial.

It always amazes me just how blasé people can become about all the problems which are crowding in upon us these days. I even know people, and many of them Christians at that, who rarely, if ever, even bother to keep up with the daily news. And when something really bad comes along, they seem to have no idea as to why these things are happening. We have become so brainwashed into accepting the inevitability of terror and disaster that it has all become just a part of our daily lives. We have become a nation of zombies. With very rare exceptions, you can ask a person about world conditions and the only answer will invariably be as to how bad things have become. It doesn't matter where we look, the rapid and ever-increasing deterioration in world conditions just cannot be ignored.

There is a principle which governs all these events and conditions. It is found in Hosea 8:7; **“For they sow the wind, And they reap the whirlwind. The standing grain has no heads; It yields no grain. Should it yield, strangers would swallow it up.”** (NASB Trans.)

There is a very valid reason for this situation. It's time we gave up on all the politicians and parsons who, when it comes to even understanding what is going on, let alone having any idea as to how to remedy the situation, wouldn't even know what day of the week it is. As a nation we have now deliberately left God out of the equation. How can we now do otherwise when we have admitted into our midst every heathen and foreign god imaginable, so that the people in general don't even know who the only True God really is. But read on as to what He has told us, as recorded in Proverbs 1:24-32;

“Because I have called, and ye refused; I have stretched out my hand, and no man regarded; But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof: I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when your fear cometh; When your fear cometh as desolation, and
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your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you. Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer; they shall seek me early, but they shall not find me: For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the LORD: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof. Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them."

Now if that's not up-to-date, then I don't know what is. In Australia we are experiencing the worst drought on record. The entire economy of our country is on the verge of absolute ruin, despite the prognostications of our parsons and politicians. On the other side of the world they are being deluged with floods. Now ask yourself, "Who controls the weather?" Is it Messrs Howard, or Bush, or Blair, or some other man-made leader? It must be obvious to the least intelligent person among us that only GOD controls the weather. And He has made His conditions very, very clear. We read in Deuteronomy chapter 28, verses 12-13, that if we remain obedient to His Laws, Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments, that amongst other things, He will give us rain in due season; that is, we will receive the right quantity, at the right time, in the right place. We are also told that we will not find ourselves in debt to everyone else, nor be under the control of foreign powers.

For goodness sake, what's wrong with everyone? The power to correct the present situation is, and always has been, in our own hands as a nation. All we have needed to do was to obey our God, not get mixed up with all the heathen gods that have been thrust upon us. We wouldn't be experiencing the terror which stalks us daily. We wouldn't have all the sickness and sorrow which now destroys us. We wouldn't be under the control of a ruthless enemy whose only desire is to totally destroy both our Christian Faith and culture. We wouldn't be scared to go out at night for fear of being mugged or murdered. Our precious children would be free from perverted predators. Our national laws would defend and protect the innocent, not make excuses for the criminals. The only answer lies in acknowledging and accepting what God has promised us; **"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil."**

Echoes From the Past.

This issue being our 100th since we first commenced what is now "The Covenant Vision Ministry", we thought it would be appropriate to place on record a general history of how everything commenced as far as our ministry is concerned, mainly for the sake of all the folk who have joined us and who have not fully known how our work for the Lord has developed over the years.

Both Betty and I were converted, baptised, and married in a Baptist Church. For several years I was the unofficial Assistant pastor of the local Baptist Church where we now live, but despite all the work we had done for them, new members and a new Pastor soon made every effort to get rid of us from the Church. One couple even went as far as refusing to take communion if we were even at the service. Finally we resigned. I was even refused entry to the Baptist Theological College because of my B.I. beliefs, which turned out to be a favour.

After serving as President of the N.S.W. Branch of the British Israel World Federation for two periods totalling about 22 years, with five years as the Chairman of the Australian Committee, we were forced to resign, again from internal bickering, and we attended several churches. In one of these, a local Pentecostal Church, the pastor, who believed in the Identity Message, appointed me as the instructor in the subject of British Israel for the church's Bible College. But he was put under so much pressure, that it caused us to resign from this church as well. It was during this period that I became seriously ill, resulting in emergency open heart surgery for two by-passes in June 1984. Up to that time, I had been employed for some 20 years as a Construction Manager, or equivalent level, on multi-million dollar commercial buildings, both in Australia and Papua-New Guinea. But my heart disease put an end to all that and I was forced to retire.

I immediately decided that I was not going to let myself waste away, so Betty and I decided to commence our own ministry. We purchased a small photo copier, and a computer and Daisy-wheel printer, and thus commenced "The Covenant Vision". Our first Edition was published in April/June, 1985, comprising 24 pages, with a distribution of about 20. We had by this time also been holding Bible Studies in our home for several years, and joined another church whose minister also believed in our Israel Identity, and became one of their regular speakers.

The leaders of this church then decided that because of the years that I had spent in preaching and teaching God's Word that I should be formally ordained, and this service was carried out in June 1989. But in the meantime trouble struck again with my heart towards the end of 1986, and I was rushed to hospital for a second open-heart operation and another five by-passes. The first two had collapsed, but from this time on, both my heart and the by-passes have been working wonderfully, as proved by recent tests. Upon the retirement of the minister of that church, and the closure of the meetings, we commenced our own Sunday services, which we still have every Sunday morning, with a Bible Study and Prayer meeting every Wednesday evening. Our attendance is not very large, but quite constant, and at times we have had visits from folk from overseas visiting Australia. All messages are recorded, and have developed into a considerable tape list of well over 1100 subjects, which include not only my messages, but those of one of our members, Mr. Bruce Horner, and Pastors Alan Campbell and Eric Briggs from Northern Ireland. Our Covenant Vision is now 60-64 pages, plus a "Covenant Watch" insert of an equivalent of another 24 magazine size pages, with a mailing list of over 450. We also publish an additional news bulletin, "The Covenant Watch Extra" between issues of The Covenant Vision. Articles previously published in our C.V. have been edited and republished in book form, of which we currently have 32 titles. By far our most popular ministry is that of our tapes, and this is proving quite a blessing to members.

On four occasions I have had the privilege of speaking at overseas meetings and conventions, including Northern Ireland, Canada, quite a number of venues in the U.S.A., and just recently seven weeks through England and Northern Ireland. So 'spare time' is not a phrase heard very often at our home.

About a year ago, a friend from way back, Gordon Symons came to visit us, and he and his wife Lorraine have been at our meetings ever since. This was a real blessing as Gordon is totally committed to the work. Both he and Bruce Horner come every Wednesday to prepare all the book and tape orders for posting, as well as speaking at our meetings. If I'm away, Gordon now takes charge. So we trust this will put our newer readers into the picture as to what we are doing here, as well as how the Lord has blessed us and the ministry over these last 18 years. Our prayer is that the Lord God of Israel will continue to use us, as well as blessing you all, until that great day when He returns to take His Place on David's Royal throne, to reign over His people with Justice and Righteousness for evermore. ☆

HOW LONG, O LORD?

By Frank W. Dowsett.

One of the things that I have particularly noticed in recent months is the number of people who have contacted me in one way or another, commenting on the serious nature of the times in which we now live, and the relationship of these times with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. The general attitude has been one, not of just general interest, but of a much deeper feeling that things are about to change in a very real way - that there is something in the air, as it were. So I decided to make a study of the significance of the days in which we now live in relation to what we could reasonably expect in the immediate future. I chose three particular statements by our Lord as an introduction to this study. The first of these is found in Matthew 24:22;

“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened.”

It is quite obvious from this statement that our Lord intended to assure His Israel people that irrespective of what happened, He was going to step back into the affairs of men and interrupt the flow of history in order to save not only the world, but more particularly His “elect people” Israel from destruction, as planned by His enemies, as recorded on Psalms 2 and 83.

The second aspect was His reference to the condition in the days of Noah and Lot, as recorded in Matthew 24:37-42, with which we will deal later. It is of special interest to note that the word “knew” in the phrase “they knew not” literally means “they did not wish to understand.” And so it is today.

The third aspect is the Lord’s statement recorded in Luke 21:25-28, in which He stated that in these last days, “men’s hearts would be failing them for fear because of the things that were happening upon the earth.” This is another factor within the equation. I can’t think of any period in history when people were living in such an atmosphere of fear as that in which they live today, and fear is the greatest tool that any enemy can use against a potential target. There is no “quick fix” for fear.

So with these things in mind, I wish to move on to a few aspects of God's Word which I believe, in our present circumstances, take on a far greater significance than that with which we have to date associated them.

Over 60 years ago, my wife's Mother, who has since gone to her rest, introduced me to the Israel Identity message. I was about 15, and a good Baptist. I can't remember exactly what I said, but it was something along the lines of 'climbing back into her tree', which looking back was not altogether respectful. But she was not deterred, and eventually loaned me a book written by the late A. J. Ferris, entitled "The Great Pyramid". It just so happened that my best subjects at school were English and Mathematics. I read the book, and it changed my whole life, in that I immediately recognised the truth of what she had been saying, and the subject of our Anglo-Israel Identity became the mainstay of my Christian Faith ever since. By my mid-twenties, I was lecturing about the Great Pyramid to various Christian men's meetings, and secular organisation such as a few Lodges, several Rotary Clubs, as well as in Open Air Meetings.

As with so many people of that time, we were looking with great expectation to the date of August 20th 1953, the final date given in the measurements of the passages. But nothing of any real significance happened. Many turned away even from their belief in our Identity, simply because their expectations of this date signalling the return of our Lord Jesus Christ didn't materialise as they had wished.

But in recent times this Pyramid has come back into the news, with scientific searches being made to discover other passages, using a small robot, and even trying to X-ray the interior. But these have all been directed at finding a hidden chamber with its accompanying treasures. Its real message as stated in Isaiah 19:19-20; has been completely ignored;

"In that day shall there be an altar to the LORD in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to the LORD. And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto the LORD of hosts in the land of Egypt: for they shall cry unto the LORD because of the oppressors, and he shall send them a saviour, and a great one, and he shall deliver them."

It always seemed strange to me that the witness of this great structure should appear to cease in August 1953, especially when the whole context appeared to apply to the very last days, in that it refers to God sending a Saviour and Deliverer from their oppressors when they cried out to the Lord. Various writers have tried to establish other dates by measuring perambulations around the King's Chamber, and even taking measurements up the walls and across the ceiling. But none of these attempts have yielded any information as to the future possibilities of history.

I was sitting in the lounge one night in June, just a few weeks before leaving for my 2002 speaking tour of England and Northern Ireland, thinking about the Great Pyramid, when a thought suddenly struck me. It was possibly prompted by the fact of our Queen's Jubilee year, added to the fact that the subject for the Swanwick Convention at which I was to speak was "Israel's Jubilee". But I remember saying to Betty, "I wonder if the true meaning and application of the final 1953 date in the Pyramid could have been right under our noses all the time without us realising the fact, simply because we had been more interested in the possibility of finding new passages which could reveal new information". What had come into my mind was, **"What if it meant that 1953 was to mark the beginning of a final Jubilee period from then to the end of this age?"** By adding the Jubilee number of 50 years, it would bring us to August 2003, just nine months hence from the time of this writing. Being well aware of the Scriptural necessity of two or three witnesses, I decided to keep the thought in mind until something developed to substantiate it. I might add that I am quite aware that the Jubilee period is actually 7×7 , or 49 years. But the celebration of the Jubilee occurs on the 50th year, which is the first year of the next cycle. Thus, the 50th year marks the commencement of each Jubilee cycle of 49 years.

The first witness to this concept came in the final lecture of the Swanwick Convention, when Mr. Michael Clarke, a Vice-President of the B.I.W.F. Headquarters in London, gave what I understand was his usual lecture covering time factors in relation to current events, a subject in which he is quite an expert. As part of his lecture, he handed out copies of the charts to which he would be referring, and I found on page 2, an item "2002, August 20. 7×7 years from Aug. 20, 1953" We had never conferred with each other on this subject, but at the

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conclusion of the lecture I spoke to him about my thoughts on the subject, pointing out the fact that the 50th year to Aug. 20th 2003 would be a Jubilee Year, together with the possible consequences. He was a little surprised to find that He had not realised this aspect, and evidenced quite some interest in what I was suggesting.

Let me, before proceeding, make comment about the practice of quoting dates. Contrary to what many people believe, this is not an uncommon practice in the Bible. For instance, God promised Israel that if they disobeyed His Holy Laws, then they would be punished for a period of 2500 days or years. In his book, "Light for the Last Days", written by Grattan Guinness in 1887, he applied this time period to the final year of Judah's captivity, which gave the date of 1917. His actual comment on page 224 was; "There can be no question that those who live to see the year of 1917 will have reached one of the most important, perhaps *the* most momentous, of these terminal years of crisis." And as history has shown, that was the very year that Jerusalem was freed from Turkish/Islam domination. It was a milestone in history which was almost completely ignored by theologians generally. Again we look at the time frames revealed by the prophet Daniel. He also revealed the date of the release of Jerusalem by the double application of his "1260" years, which added up to 2,500 years, terminating in 1917/18. His next time frame, applicable to the revealing of the "abomination of desolation" referred to by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, was 1290 years, or 30 years further on than the termination of the 1260 period. This brought us to 1947/48 when the Holy Land was usurped by the anti-Christ Zionist movement. The next period was that of 1335 years, which was a further 45 years on, terminating in 1992/93, when Britain decided to enter the Common Market. We are informed that those who lived at that time would be especially blessed.

Now it must be admitted that by adding date to date anyone can come up with dates which on a mathematical basis would carry on to infinity. But there is never going to be a time when all these dates will suddenly zero in on one final date. God is not going to wait until there is a complete hiatus in history before making His next move. Our Lord's use of the Days of Noah and Lot are quite pertinent here. He said that people would be eating and drinking - not just being gluttons and drunkards as so many like to apply the phrase - growing up,

getting married, having children, etc., that is, living quite normal lives when without warning judgment would strike. And what about the shepherds who were just doing their job, looking after their sheep in their usual way, when suddenly the entire history of the world was changed forever.

When I returned home from my speaking tour, I began a study of the life and ministry of the prophet Elisha, as I felt that there was considerable importance in his ministry in relation to these last days, and I had never read, or heard of, any Identity publication of the ministry of Elijah's successor. What immediately impressed me was the fact that on Elijah's final day, culminating in his being caught up to heaven in a whirlwind, Elisha would not leave him under any circumstances. At each of the three places through which they passed, it records that certain prophets reminded Elisha that his master was going to be taken up from him that day, a fact that Elisha confirmed he already knew. But when it came to their final destination across Jordan, the number of the prophets there, was for the first time, clearly stated. There were 50 of them, which coincidentally or not, was the same number as the Jubilee number of 50. Thus there were 50 prophets who are stated to have witnessed Elijah's translation. But in addition to this, the record shows that there were also 50 strong men accompanying these 50 prophets.

Now I fully realise that it is very easy, and convenient, to find suitable events to substantiate one's opinions. But I felt that the above factors were too realistic to be dismissed out of hand as sheer coincidences. We must at all times remember God's statement as recorded in Amos 3:7,

"Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets."

Let me hasten to add that I am not claiming to be a prophet. I would simply point out that the definition of a prophet is one who shows forth the plans and purposes of God. It is one of the "Gifts of the Holy Spirit" as set forth in I Corinthians 12:4-10, and according to I Corinthians 14:1-5, is by far the most valuable of all gifts. As a matter of fact, a reading of the entire 14th chapter in this context would be most appropriate and enlightening at this juncture.

God has revealed so many clues as to conditions which would be extant in the last days, that it is well nigh impossible to

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view present-day conditions with any form of understanding without reference to what the Bible has to say about them.

As a matter of fact, our Lord Himself made the statement that things would get so serious in the last days, that unless He placed a limit to time, as we know it, not even the very elect would be saved from destruction. When reading what our Lord had to say about conditions during the final days of this era, and comparing them with the statements of the prophets, it is beyond all reason not to associate them together and arrive at the conclusion that we really are living at the very "time of the end".

Speaking of conditions in the last days, the Lord exhorts and warns us through Isaiah 26:20-21;

"Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast.

For, behold, the LORD cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain."

In Ezekiel 36:36-37 we read;

"Then the heathen that are left round about you shall know that I the LORD build the ruined places, and plant that that was desolate: I the LORD have spoken it, and I will do it.

Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."

In Ezekiel chapter 39, God describes in no uncertain terms exactly what He is going to do to His enemies, headed up by Gog. Verses 21-22 are of special interest;

"And I will set my glory among the heathen, and all the heathen shall see my judgment that I have executed, and my hand that I have laid upon them.

So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward."

I have a question at this stage of our study. What will happen in order for the entire house of Israel to not only recognise and acknowledge that the LORD is really our God, and to get down on their collective knees and implore Him to get them out of the mess in which they find themselves as these dreadful days continue, seemingly without hope? More importantly, who would be able to convince them of this fact? To whom would the people listen? I'm not referring here to individuals responding to a warning. We are referring here to an entire national response, a response which will bare out the question in Isa. 66:8; **"shall a nation be born at once?"** Virtually every recognised leader and teacher within the Israel Identity movement have for years been warning our people of the dangers which lie before us unless we firstly recognise Him as our God, earnestly and sincerely repent before Him, and return to obedience to His Holy Laws. Such a response, on a national scale, has been that of a shattering silence. Rather than improving our relationship with the Lord God of Israel, we are moving away from Him with an ever increasing momentum. Sin and iniquity, with all its abominations and evils, will continue to increase at this ever increasing rate unless something of a super-human nature occurs to stem this tide of disobedience, suffering and fear, especially within our Israel nations. In regards to these last days, was it not our Lord Himself who warned us, as recorded in Luke 21:25-28; (NASB);

"And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and upon the earth dismay among nations, in perplexity at the roaring of the sea and the waves, men fainting from fear and the expectation of the things which are coming upon the world; for the powers of the heavens will be shaken.

And then they will see THE SON OF MAN COMING IN A CLOUD with power and great glory.

But when these things begin to take place, straighten up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

There can surely be no doubt but that the time for repentance and seeking the face of the Lord has arrived for our nation as a whole. Contrary to what most Christians seem to believe these days, God does give specific warning of coming punishment. And He gives it in precise terms. For instance, He

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referred to conditions in the days of Noah as being a harbinger of His return. One of the conditions of that time seems to have been entirely ignored. It is recorded in Genesis 7:4; (NASB)

“For after seven more days, I will send rain on the earth forty days and forty nights; and I will blot out from the face of the land every living thing that I have made.”

The Lord also referred to conditions in the days of Lot as an illustration of His return. From a careful reading of the account recorded in Genesis 19:1-25, it is obvious that Lot was given **just one day** to get out of Sodom to a place of safety from God's pending judgment. Then when we turn to the account of the translation of Elijah as found in II Kings, chapter 2, we find that this miraculous event was preceded by **just one day's notice**. Elijah and Elisha travelled from Gilgal to Bethel, where they were met by some of the sons of the prophets. They referred in verse three to Elijah's departure into the heavens as occurring **“today”**, not tomorrow. They then travelled on to Jericho, where exactly the same statement was used in verse five. They then proceeded to Jordan, where they were met by the 50 prophets who knew what was to happen **that day**. Arguments as to whether or not this happened in one day or several days is quite irrelevant to the situation. And as a further matter of interest, when Elisha performed the miracle of striking the waters of the Jordan to cross over to where the 50 prophets were, they sent 50 strong men to search for Elijah, just in case he had been only taken a short distance and deposited on a nearby mountain or valley. Shades of today. I've spoken to quite a few people who insist that Elijah was only wafted away to some nearby place out of sight of the prophets. But after searching for three days, these 50 men came back empty handed, and Elisha said to them, “I told you so!” Incidentally, the word “heaven” is used in verse eleven, as the place to which Elijah was taken. It is #8064 in Strong's Concordance, and is, with a few minor exceptions, the same original Hebrew word used in every occurrence from Genesis to Malachi. If the ‘heaven’ to which he was taken was just up in our atmosphere, then he could not have risen more than about 30,000 feet as there would not have been enough air to sustain him. That's why modern aircraft have pressurised cabins, otherwise the passengers would all die from lack of oxygen. Don't overlook

the fact that there are at least four 'heavens' mentioned in the Bible. Paul referred to the man he knew who was caught up in the spirit into the 'third' heaven. Then there is the 'heaven' in which God dwells, which would certainly be above the other three. So if Elijah was only transferred from one spot to another within the confines of our own atmosphere, then why the emphasis on him "being caught up"?

Just in case opponents of what I have just written bring up the incident some years later of a "letter from Elijah" being delivered to King Jehoram, let us have a quick look at this matter. The statement is recorded in II Chronicles (Authorised KJ Version) where we read; "There came a writing to him (King Jehoram) from Elijah the prophet . . ." It is interesting to read Dr. Bullinger's note to this passage. He writes, "Why assume that Elijah then sent it? It might have 'come' as Holy Scripture' comes to us today, though written in the past. It does not say a 'letter' (which would be *iggereth*, or *sepher*, a book), but *miktab*, any writing, written at any time; probably a prophetic writing to be delivered at this particular time." I mention this matter simply because there are some who do not accept that Elijah was caught up into the heavens, which would automatically involve a miraculous change into an immortal body, but just moved to another place on earth, from whence he wrote this supposed "letter" to King Jehoram, and later died, a view with which I most strongly disagree.

The Scriptures clearly indicate that the prophet Elijah had a far greater future ministry to the events recorded in the Old Testament. In both Matthew 17:11 and Mark 9:12, our Lord clearly stated that Elias, (Elijah), would certainly come first and restore all things.

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias (*Elijah*) truly shall first come, and restore all things."

May I ask, "What things"? The Lord was certainly not referring to the statement in Acts 3:20-21;

"And he shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you:

"Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began."

This Restoration, or Restitution, was to be the prerogative and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ in restoring to Israel everything that had been promised to them since their inception, of which all the prophets had spoken. This was the basic intent of the Jubilee - the 50th year - when everything pertaining to one's inheritance was restored to them. Even the disciples recognised the fact of this Restoration when they asked the Lord as recorded in Acts 1:6;

“When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?”

That was the uppermost question in their minds, but the time for this had not at that time arrived.

That was never Elijah's mission or responsibility. So what was Elijah's mission? What was he to restore?

Let us read what God revealed about this through the prophet Malachi.

“And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse.” (Mal.4:6)

Before we proceed, let me comment on a statement to which I listened in two recorded lectures which were sent to me from overseas. Both speakers explained that this ministry of Elijah consisted of what they referred to as “bridging the generation gap.” Elijah's ministry, it was claimed, was to bring together members of families, such as fathers and sons, who had a personal problem with each other. In other words, Elijah's ministry was to operate a family counselling service. Now with the greatest respect for those concerned, are we really expected to believe that after all the mighty deeds with which Elijah was involved, as described in the Old Testament; after the miraculous nature of his being caught up in a whirlwind as the result of the ‘fiery chariots and horses of Israel’ separating him from his protégé Elisha, culminating in his return some two and a half thousand years thereafter; that all the Lord could find for him to do was to open up a family counselling service? You would have to be joking!! But it gets worse. If this ‘Family Counselling Service’ didn't succeed, then God was going to

strike the earth with a curse. What on earth are we thinking about? What a 'let-down' for the man who was reckoned and accepted as Israel's greatest prophet. What a waste of talent. What a mockery of God's plans and purposes! Look at the situation again. God raises up this very special prophet, and empowers him to do mighty works not granted to, or recorded of, any other prophet. He then takes him away in miraculous circumstances, and then finally brings him back as a glorified social worker. Please. Give me a break!

Let us look at the logic of this situation, basing our study on Biblical precepts. We read in Ecclesiastes 1:9-10;

"The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun.

Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us."

John the Baptist, who despite the claims of some Bible teachers who claim that he was Elijah, personally stated that he was NOT Elijah. Our Lord stated that if the people would accept Him as King, and would at that time accept the Kingdom which He offered, then John would have fulfilled the role of Elijah. But it didn't happen that way, and our Lord was perfectly aware of what the result would be when He made the statement. John's mission could not have been more clearly stated as we find in Matthew 3:1-3;

"In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judaea, And saying, Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. For this is he that was spoken of by the prophet Esaias, (*Isaiah*) saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight."

John the Baptist was the one chosen to utter those immortal words as recorded in John 1:29;

"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

He was a human man announcing the coming of Jehovah in human form as Jesus, at His first advent. But Jesus is not returning as a human being the next time. When He returns again, it will be as a glorified King, Lord, Saviour, and Redeemer of His people. And He will be announced this time by a glorified messenger. Could the appearance of this messenger be the fulfilment of the statement of our Lord as recorded in Matthew 24:30? **"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven:"** It's just a thought.

I realise that many people do not accept the fact of the Prophet Elijah returning in person. They refer to Elijah's return as "An Elijah Ministry." This ministry as to be conducted by certain individuals, or organisations rather than by a literal Elijah. I personally know of instances where people have believed and taught that a particular leader was Elijah, despite the fact that this "Elijah" has since died without achieving anything of what the Bible describes as Elijah's ministry. Others have told me that they believe that a certain person still alive, with known parents, is Elijah. I don't recall any statement in the Bible substantiating the doctrine of reincarnation, which this would have to be. Let us compare two verses of scripture which to my mind completely settles this question. In Malachi 3:1 we read;

"Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me:"

There is no doubt whatsoever that this messenger was John the Baptist. I have never read one article denying this fact. But we also read in Malachi 4:5;

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:"

Why is it that the first statement is readily applied to the literal person of John the Baptist, and despite the fact that the words which I have underlined in the second statement are exactly the same phrase, and the words used in the Hebrew have exactly the same meaning, that this same phrase is applied to a "ministry" rather than to the person who is literally named therein? If the first phrase applies to a literal person, then the second must also do likewise. Alternatively, if the second

phrase is to be understood as a 'ministry' rather than the actual person, then surely we must apply the same reasoning to the first phrase and only look for a "John the Baptist ministry".

So who would be the logical messenger of our Lord's Second Advent, given the far different conditions outlined above? I sincerely believe that it will be none other than the glorified prophet Elijah, whose very name means, "God is Jehovah"!

And what would he do? He most certainly would not be announcing the coming of One to take away the sins of the world. He could only be announcing the coming of the One who was to restore the Kingdom, and the entire heritage associated with it, to His own Israel people.

So returning to the statement of Elijah's commission as stated above, we note a specific sequence. It is very carefully and deliberately worded, as one would expect from a statement from God. Two specific things were to be achieved by Elijah. Firstly, he was to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children. Secondly, he was to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers. Now let us firstly identify the parties concerned. The verse in Malachi immediately prior to that to which we just referred is;

"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments."

Now why would the Lord have inspired Malachi to preface his remarks about the return of Elijah with such a statement, if it had nothing whatsoever to do with Elijah's return and ministry?

The "fathers" mentioned can be no other than the "Fathers of Israel", Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. For instance, in Romans 9:4-5 we read;

"Who are Israelites; to whom pertaineth the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service of God, and the promises; Whose are the fathers, and of whom as concerning the flesh Christ came, who is over all, God blessed for ever. Amen."

We also read in Romans 15:8;

“Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, to confirm the promises made unto the fathers:”

Now “the fathers” had long gone to their rest. But what had been in their hearts? Even a casual reading of Hebrews 6:13-20, and chapter 11, verses 8 to 19 reveals that what was in the hearts of the fathers was an unshakeable conviction in the faithfulness of God to perform the great promises which He had promised them, which they did not see in their own lifetime.

The “children”, of course, are the descendants of these Fathers. What is to happen is that under the ministry of Elijah, the present children will become aware of the faith of their fathers, and in turn will turn their own hearts to this faith. As we read in Acts 13:32-33;

“And we declare unto you glad tidings, how that the promise which was made unto the fathers, God hath fulfilled the same unto us their children, in that he hath raised up Jesus again; as it is also written in the second psalm, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee.”

In other words, Elijah’s ministry will awaken the present Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people throughout the world, and within the nations of the British Commonwealth and America to their identity as God’s Chosen People Israel, and their necessity to return to obedience to the Laws of God. I personally believe in an Elijah ministry. But I also believe that it will be conducted under the leadership and ministry of the prophet Elijah himself, and not restricted to individuals or organisations. This will start the Great Revival so much talked about today. It will not be a church-type revival as we presently know them, and about which we hear so much these days. It will be a national awakening which will totally and irrevocably and forever change the entire life and structure of our Israel nations.

Here we will find the final fulfilment of the parable of the Dry Bones as recorded in Ezekiel 37:9-14;

“Then said he unto me, Prophecy unto the wind, prophesy, son of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.

So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts.

Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel.

And ye shall know that I am the LORD, when I have opened your graves, O my people, and brought you up out of your graves,

And shall put my spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I shall place you in your own land: then shall ye know that I the LORD have spoken it, and performed it, saith the LORD."

When we turn to Ezekiel 36:37 we read of the result of this Great Awakening;

"Thus saith the Lord GOD; I will yet for this be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them; I will increase them with men like a flock."

Now I ask you, the reader. Who is there in the world today who would have such a powerful ministry and presence that our entire nation would heed his words? Most leaders in the Identity movement throughout the world have for years been trying to turn the hearts of the people back to the knowledge of their identity and the necessity to return to obedience to the Law of God. You know just as well as I do, that the overall result has been a failure. Certainly there have been many individual conversions to the truth, but we are talking here about a national event - a repentance of an entire nation. Do you honestly think that if all the Identity leaders today jointly called a nation wide convention that the people would flood in to hear them? They are so brainwashed with the Baal worship of modern theology that they would not only spurn the meetings, but would do everything possible to persecute and destroy the very leaders who are trying to save them.

Such a revival would need the leadership and power of Elijah in his glorified state to achieve such a result, just as it did in the earlier days of the great prophet in his earthly ministry when he tested the prophets of Baal. And the result, I'm afraid to say will be just the same. These false prophets who for so long have misled and deceived God's Israel People will pay a very heavy price. But as far as the people themselves are concerned, they would react in exactly the same way as they did then, with the exception that they would not turn from their commitment. As with their predecessors, they would cry out "The Lord, He is the God. The Lord, He is the God." but this time there would be no turning back because, as we read in Ezekiel 39:22;

"So the house of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward."

The nation would be re-borne in a day. The way would be prepared for the coming in Glory of our Great King. But how much time would expire between these two events. Well, let us remember the injunction in Ecclesiastes which we quoted earlier. **"That which is to be has already been"**. John the Baptist, as the messenger of Christ's first advent, preceded Christ by just six months. The angel Gabriel told Mary at the Annunciation that her cousin Elizabeth was at that time six months pregnant. Could it be reasonably assumed then that the appearance of the Prophet Elijah could precede the actual appearing of the Lord in Glory by the same period of time? All that we have just written will happen in a very short space of time. I don't for an instance consider that it will all take years to fall into line. This, as the Lord said, will be a 'short work'.

And so we come full circle. The time factor suggested could be arguable, but I am personally and totally convinced as to the final sequence of events. In view of the urgency of our present situation, with the threat of wars, the immorality, the miscegenation, the sexual perversion, the terror, the economic and political debacle, and every other evil we could mention, is it too much to expect the very real possibility - even the probability - of the fulfilment of the Jubilee Cycle next year as being worthy of serious consideration?

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The Enduring Kingdom.

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Four specific statements of fact should be thoroughly examined by thinking people today because of their supreme importance. They follow:

- 1) We are now entering a new era; we are not erecting a new state.
- 2) God will not permit a new state or world government to be brought in for that would defeat His plan.
- 3) The state, which has already been established forever and forms the perpetual basis of the Kingdom of God, is an historic and present fact. We of the Anglo-Celto-Saxon world are citizens of it. It is a major factor in world affairs. It cannot be overthrown.
- 4) In the centre of this state is the Throne of David, guaranteed perpetuity of existence by the oath of God, and presently to be occupied by Jesus Christ, our Lord, whose right it is, and who is King of kings and Lord of lords.

Let us take the first of these statements of fact. It is almost universally agreed that the ending of the second phase of the World War, for that is what the struggle of 1939 to 1945 actually was, marked as it was by the development of atomic energy and the launching of the atomic bomb, marked the beginning of a new era. Just as the progressive development of

what is termed the industrial revolution was hailed as the beginning of a new age of development within civilisation, so men are now saying everywhere that a new era has begun.

In making that assertion they are speaking more truly than they realise. We are entering a new era, but it is an era when the direct control and government of Almighty God is about to be manifested. This will be accomplished in a manner that will make it impossible for anyone to dispute it, when all human planning which is not in accord with the Divine will and gives no recognition to the Divine purpose will be brought to nought. The time is at hand when it shall be as the prophet declared:

“A king shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days, Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, the Lord our Righteousness.”
(Jer. 23: 5-6.)

The realisation that the government of the world, the establishment of world peace, and the maintenance of social security, are all absolutely impossible on the basis of human wisdom has resulted in the futile suggestions, now so common, regarding the establishment of a world state to which all nations shall belong, and into which they shall enter upon the basis of voluntarily giving up elements of national sovereignty enjoyed by and peculiar to each. The United Nations Organisation, born as a result of the San Francisco Conference, was the embryo of this idea, but, less than a year since its inception, it is being commonly stated that UNO cannot work satisfactorily and all unwittingly the United Nations Organisation Preparatory Committee has sealed the doom of UNO by proposing the selection of a city in the eastern United States as its headquarters. For the highest authority of all has declared that the headquarters of the world state will be in Palestine and that

“out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”

(Isa.2: 3).

In the opening proceedings of the first session of UNO, God was completely left out officially. There was no Invocation and no petition for Divine guidance or direction. The opening remarks of the President and the address of welcome by Prime Minister Attlee expressed their aspiration that “goodwill divested of every shred of intrigue” should animate the deliberations of the delegates from fifty-one nations. Their earnest desire that “a cooperative atmosphere” and “the spirit of conciliation” would dominate all proceedings, and the concluding affirmation of Mr. Attlee, “We must, we will succeed,” recall to mind the words of the Psalmist:

“Except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it: except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.”
(Ps. 127: 1.)

The erection of a new world state is beyond man’s capacity. He has been allowed to attempt it and the League of Nations, established after the first phase of the World War, came to a temporary end in 1918 and was a tragic failure. That failure, together with the already apparent abortive attempts at bringing into being another revised League, no matter what it may be called, directs attention to the second fact that God will not permit the bringing in of a new state or world government, for that would defeat His own plan.

That statement, of course, cuts right across the general idea prevalent today. Majority opinion, as evidenced by man’s inability to manage his own affairs, demonstrated by present conditions of chaos, has held that man is the master of his own fate and the arbiter of his own destiny. But that is wrong and the

measure of man's failure is the measure of his disregard of the Divine plan and purpose.

God has a plan for the world. He conceived it; He brought it into being as a living organism and His plan is indestructible. It is changeless because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. Man, by the promptings of evil, may so conduct himself to hinder and temporarily frustrate the development and fulfilment of the Divine purpose but its ultimate consummation cannot be prevented.

According to God's timetable the period has now been reached for the fulfilment of His plan and that brings us to the next statement of fact. The state has been forever established as the basis of the Kingdom of God. Now note well, the Kingdom of God is a practical entity. It is not simply something which is in the hearts of men. It is not merely a mental aspiration or a spiritual desire; it is not an inner subjective experience without objective reality. It is real and practical.

Because the word "kingdom" is used in the phrase "the Kingdom of God," its meaning and connotation are not changed. A kingdom is always a kingdom. It implies a king to reign, a body of subjects and a constitution regulating the lives and activities of the people over whom the king rules. The world overlooks the paramount fact that God is the only Sovereign Ruler in the universe:

"The Lord hath prepared his throne in the heavens; and his kingdom ruleth over all." (Ps. 103: 19.)

"The most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will." (Dan. 4: 25.)

Jesus taught us to pray, "Our Father ...thy will be done on earth, as it is done in heaven," and from this the inference is

that the will of God is done in heaven and that it is not fully done on earth. For if God's will were done on earth we should not need to pray that prayer. In man's attempt at self-government he has substituted man-made laws for the Divine Laws. Indeed God's indictment against us today is "the statutes of Omri are kept." The result is the present condition of chaos. Up to now experiments in human government have been permitted by God so that we might learn the value of Divine rule and make voluntary choice of it. So far we have refused to learn the lesson and now the time is coming for it to be written indelibly upon our hearts and minds.

While the Kingdom is the Kingdom of God, and He is the one and only Potentate, we are assured:

"The Father judgeth no man, but hath committed all judgment unto the Son" (John 5: 22). "Then cometh the end, when he shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father ...that God may be all in all." (see I Cor. 15: 24-28).

Therefore, Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the coming King of the Kingdom, which is the State established by God. The constitution is that body of Commandments, Statutes and Judgments given by God and ratified and confirmed by Jesus Christ. And the Kingdom is to be universal, for "all people, nations and languages shall serve Him."

The state, over which our Lord will rule, is in existence now. It is not yet functioning as it should - and will - but it is in existence. In all His teaching of the gospel of the Kingdom, our Lord invariably spoke in the present tense. He never said the Kingdom of God will be, but "it is" and "it is like." We are not taught to pray for its creation, but for its coming; i.e., its functioning with power. The Kingdom of God, established as a State at Sinai, is to actually function as an ordered society on

earth under the Sovereignty of Jesus Christ, and then, and only then, shall we see God's will done on earth as it is done in heaven. Thank God the exultant shout will soon ring out:

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever."
(Rev. 11: 15.)

God has declared the Kingdom shall continue in perpetuity as long as the solar system shall remain (Jeremiah 31: 35-37) and, therefore, no matter what may be the attempt to overthrow it, no matter how much its existence may be ignored, it stands inviolate. Although under the direction of anti-God and anti-Christ forces, attempts at its destruction are continually being made, attempts which are aided and abetted by the apathy, indifference, and ignorance of the citizens of the Kingdom, the Word of God concerning the Kingdom still stands.

Lastly, we have the fact that in the centre of the state planned by God is the Throne of David, guaranteed perpetuity of existence, as is the Kingdom, and presently to be occupied by Jesus Christ, whose right it is. That throne is definitely named "the throne of the Lord over Israel" and its occupant of the Davidic line is anointed "to be the Chief Governor." It is the throne of Jesus Christ, our Lord, for by specific announcement God declared through His Messenger, the Angel Gabriel, to Mary, the mother of our Lord:

"The Lord God shall give unto him [Jesus] the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."
(Luke 1: 32-33.)

The occupant of the Throne of David is bound to administer the Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments of the Lord. These are inseparably connected with the national

constitution. In them the rights, freedoms and liberties of the individual are preserved and the rights of the state.

Thus the state still stands; it can never be replaced by a man-made system or organisation. There can be no world government operative apart from the Kingdom of God on earth. The privilege and responsibility of every individual is to seek it and its righteousness, to qualify for citizenship within it, and to enter it by the new and living way not made with hands, namely by the acceptance of the redemption won by Jesus Christ, our Lord and coming King. Instead of speculating upon the type of world organisation which they hope can be established, leaders and people alike should work for the promotion of the one national act of repentance, which, resulting as it inevitably will in the adoption of the Divine constitution, will sweep away all abuses and wrongs in the Kingdom and make ready "a people prepared for the Lord."



"I saw in the night visions, and, behold, one like the Son of man came with the clouds of heaven, and came to the Ancient of days, and they brought him near before him. And there was given him dominion, and glory, and a kingdom, that all people, nations, and languages, should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed."

Daniel 7:13-14.

"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

Daniel 7:27.

GOG AND MAGOG.

PART SEVEN.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

Gog Defeated.

As an introduction to this portion of our study, let us read again of the intensity of God's anger against this evil enemy who has done all in its power to destroy His Israel people, as found in Ezekiel 38:18, which was the subject of our previous study.

"And it shall come to pass at the same time when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord GOD, that my fury shall come up in my face."

The study of chapter 39 reveals to us the extent and the intensity of God's fury. Hebrews 10:30-31 leaves us in no doubt as to His commitment;

**"For we know him that hath said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people.
It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."**

So as we move into chapter 39, we find in the first two verses God's declaration of His Divine purposes regarding the fate of Gog.

**"Therefore, thou son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:
And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel:"**

We note that in verse 1 God reaffirms His opposition to Gog, being a double witness to chapter 38 verse 3;

“And say, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal:”

This is supported by God’s promise as recorded in Exodus 17:16;

“For he said, Because the LORD hath sworn that the LORD will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.”

In earlier chapters of our study, we have identified Amalek with Gog.

God’s guarantee of His intentions is quite clearly stated in Isaiah 14:24, 26-27, and 55:11;

“The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand:” . . .

“This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?”

“So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.”

In verse 2, the phrase “I will turn thee back”, literally means “I will gather thee.”

As we study all these quotations, it is interesting to note that in both the 38th and the 39th chapters of Ezekiel, there is not one mention, or even the slightest inference, of Israel having any active involvement in Gog’s destruction. From here on, the battle - in all its aspects - is GOD’S!! The phrase “I Will” is

used 20 times. Twice it records what Gog says he will do, as in 38:11;

"And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwall'd villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,"

On the other hand, there are 18 statements of what God is going to do, for instance, in Ezekiel 38:4;

"And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords."

It becomes quite apparent that irrespective of what Gog/Edom says, **they have absolutely NO chance of winning!**

Zechariah 14:1-4 describes the finality of God's victory.

"Behold, the day of the LORD cometh, and thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee.

For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city.

Then shall the LORD go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle.

And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south."

Verse 2 of chapter 39 records the statement;

" . . . and leave but the sixth part of thee,"

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It is more than interesting to note that this statement is not contained in any of the 16 translations of the Old Testament which I possess. A marginal note in the KJV records an alternative reading as *"I will strike thee with six plagues, or, I will draw thee back with a hook of six teeth."* This translation has led to the conclusion that only one sixth of Gog's forces will survive, a conclusion which becomes unwarranted. Dr. Bullinger suggests that the phrase should read, "and I will lead thee on", quoting that the root word "*shasha*", meaning "lead" is used, not the word "*shesh*" which means "six".

But despite this apparent discrepancy, a remnant of Gog certainly survives in order to fulfil the requirements of Revelation 20:7-9;

"And when the thousand years are expired, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison,

And shall go out to deceive the nations which are in the four quarters of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them together to battle: the number of whom is as the sand of the sea.

And they went up on the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them."

This aspect of Gog and Magog will be the subject, God willing, of our next study in this series.

We now consider the phrase "from the north parts" as used in verse 2 of chapter 39.

"And I will turn thee back, and leave but the sixth part of thee, and will cause thee to come up from the north parts, and will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel."

The marginal rendering of this passage reads; **"from the sides of the north"**. This expression is found in Psalm 48:1-2, and Isa. 14:12-14;

"A Song and Psalm for the sons of Korah. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness.

Beautiful for situation, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, on the sides of the north, the city of the great King."

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations!

For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north:"

The expression "the north parts" has usually been interpreted to refer to an attack upon the Israel nations by a confederation led by Gog, and originating from the northern country of Russia. But an examination of the above two references - which incidentally are the only ones found in the entire Scriptures - would indicate otherwise, or at least an unmistakable and much deeper alternative. In both these references, the phrase "sides of the north" clearly refer to the location of the throne and congregation of Almighty God. Thus it becomes apparent that whilst the immediate enemy is identified as a literal earthly force, under the leadership of Gog/Edom, its actual leader is no other than Satan himself, implementing his intention to completely destroy even the remembrance of both the God of Israel, and the people of Israel. Psalm 2:1-3, and Psalm 83:1-5 leave us in no doubt whatsoever as to what is happening before our very eyes today.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?

The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying,

Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us."

"A Song or Psalm of Asaph. Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult: and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones.

They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee:"

No wonder the apostle Paul warns us, in Eph 6:12;

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places."

Is it any wonder that people today, especially within the western Christian nations which are comprised mainly of God's people Israel, have little if any understanding of what is really going on behind the scenes. The non-church goers place their reliance on political and/or economic solutions to our national woes. Whilst on the other hand, with very few exceptions, the Christians rely solely on God whisking them away to heaven so that they won't have to be concerned with the troubles which are being inflicted upon us. To make things worse, none of them are even aware that it is God Himself Who is bringing all these judgments upon us because of our crass disobedience to Him and His Holy Laws, Statutes, Commandments, and Judgments. And to those who would argue that all these Holy Laws have been done away with, and are no longer of any concern, especially to Christians, all I would say is, "Open the window, then open your eyes, and have a good look around you." You may, if you think hard enough, suddenly realise that this "Just and Holy God" whom you worship, having done away with the requirement to obey His Sacred Laws, has somehow or other quite forgotten to also remove the penalties which would automatically come into force upon the breaking of these Laws which are, supposedly, no longer in force. Now that's what I would call real justice. Even our politicians would weep with envy at this kind of legal system.

But let us move on in our study. Gog's target, as clearly stated in Ezekiel 39 verse 2, as we quoted above, is **"the mountains of Israel"**. The word "mountain" used in prophetic

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context symbolises a nation. Thus the plural word "mountains" applies prophetically to "nations". For instance, in Micah 4:1-3 we read;

"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.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the LORD of hosts hath spoken it."

This principle is used by the prophet Ezekiel where we read in Ezek. 36:1 and 4;

"Also, thou son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the LORD:"

"Therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord GOD; Thus saith the Lord GOD to the mountains, and to the hills, to the rivers, and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes, and to the cities that are forsaken, which became a prey and derision to the residue of the heathen that are round about;"

We gain a much better appreciation of the connection of the word "mountain/s" as used in prophetic terms when we compare the above verses with what the Lord said to Abraham as recorded in Genesis 15:10-11, where the Lord uses the terms "nation" and "company of nations" in respect of the nation of Israel which was to come from Abraham.

“And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel.

And God said unto him, I am God Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;”

The bottom line of all this, as they say, is that under no circumstances could these promises be applied or connected in any way with the present tiny state of present day Israel, and it amazes me that so many people could be so gullible as to accept such an untenable teaching.

So we move on to verses 3 - 6 of Ezekiel's 39th chapter;

“And I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand.

Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy bands, and the people that is with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured.

Thou shalt fall upon the open field: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord GOD.

And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.”

Here we have quite a graphic statement as to the fate of Gog and his forces. God doesn't mince words, nor use more than is necessary to get the point across. But in order to fully appreciate the full might of the enemy which God so effortlessly destroys, let us read from Joel 2:1-11;

2:1 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain: let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the LORD cometh, for it is nigh at hand;

2 A day of darkness and of gloominess, a day of clouds and of thick darkness, as the morning spread upon the mountains: a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever the like, neither shall be any more after it, even to the years of many generations.

3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing shall escape them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run.

5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.

6 Before their face the people shall be much pained: all faces shall gather blackness.

7 They shall run like mighty men; they shall climb the wall like men of war; and they shall march every one on his ways, and they shall not break their ranks:

8 Neither shall one thrust another; they shall walk every one in his path: and when they fall upon the sword, they shall not be wounded.

9 They shall run to and fro in the city; they shall run upon the wall, they shall climb up upon the houses; they shall enter in at the windows like a thief.

10 The earth shall quake before them; the heavens shall tremble: the sun and the moon shall be dark, and the stars shall withdraw their shining:

11 And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"

Whilst the language is framed in prophetic symbolism, the thrust of the prophecy is one of great carnage and terror. It should also be noted that the timing if this situation is directly preparatory to "the Day of the Lord", which, as we have pointed out in previous articles, I believe to be the "millennium" or 1,000 year Kingdom Age When our Lord Jesus Christ shall be reigning over His people from the Throne of David, restoring Israel to the position and condition to which was originally appointed and ordained.

So reverting to Ezekiel 39:3-6 quoted above, we find in verse three that the enemy's weapons of war will be destroyed. Then in verses 4 and 5, we find recorded the destruction of enemy themselves. Verse six is especially interesting. We read;

“And I will send a fire on Magog, and among them that dwell carelessly in the isles: and they shall know that I am the LORD.”

We will deal firstly with the phrase **“them that dwell carelessly in the isles”**. All translations include the “land of Magog”, and those that “dwell carelessly in the isles”, this latter phrase referring to the lands occupied by God’s true Israel people. The word “carelessly” means “confidently”. Both the Septuagint and the KJV marginal note reads “and the islands shall be securely inhabited”. But this does NOT mean by any stretch of the imagination that Israel will be exempt from punishment. We read in Jeremiah 30:11;

“For I am with thee, saith the LORD, to save thee: though I make a full end of all nations whither I have scattered thee, yet will I not make a full end of thee: but I will correct thee in measure, and will not leave thee altogether unpunished.”

The means by which God will bring down His punishment and fury upon the forces of Gog is clearly stated in verse 6 of the above text to be “FIRE”. The word “fire” means in the Old testament, “burning, fiery, flaming, hot.” (see Strong’s #784). In the New Testament it means the same, with the added factor of being used “especially of lightning”. (Strong’s #4442). Only once in the New Testament does it mean “refining”, (Strong’s #4448), and that is in 2 Peter 3:12;

“. . as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming. That day will bring about the destruction of the heavens by fire, and the elements will melt in the heat.”

The word is used in several contexts, viz; (a) Non-destructive, and (b) Destructive.

(a). Non-Destructive.

1. Of God’s presence.

Exodus 3:2;

“There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in flames of fire from within a bush. Moses saw that though the bush was on fire it did not burn up.”

Exodus 19:18;

“Mount Sinai was covered with smoke, because the LORD descended on it in fire. The smoke billowed up from it like smoke from a furnace, the whole mountain trembled violently.”

Acts 2:1-3;

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them.”

2. The acceptance of an offering.

I Chronicles 21:26;

“David built an altar to the LORD there and sacrificed burnt offerings and fellowship offerings. He called on the LORD, and the LORD answered him with fire from heaven on the altar of burnt offering.”

II Chronicles 7:1;

“When Solomon finished praying, fire came down from heaven and consumed the burnt offering and the sacrifices, and the glory of the LORD filled the temple.”

3. Protection.

Exodus 13:21-22;

“By day the LORD went ahead of them in a pillar of cloud to guide them on their way and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, so that they could travel by day or night. Neither the pillar of cloud by day nor the pillar of fire by night left its place in front of the people.”

4. Power.

Exodus 9:23-24;

"When Moses stretched out his staff toward the sky, the LORD sent thunder and hail, and lightning flashed down to the ground. So the LORD rained hail on the land of Egypt;

hail fell and lightning flashed back and forth. It was the worst storm in all the land of Egypt since it had become a nation."

(b) Destructive.

I Kings 18:38;

"Then the fire of the LORD fell and burned up the sacrifice, the wood, the stones and the soil, and also licked up the water in the trench."

Numbers 16:35;

"And fire came out from the LORD and consumed the 250 men who were offering the incense."

II Kings 1:9-10;

"Then he sent to Elijah a captain with his company of fifty men. The captain went up to Elijah, who was sitting on the top of a hill, and said to him, "Man of God, the king says, 'Come down!'"

Elijah answered the captain, "If I am a man of God, may fire come down from heaven and consume you and your fifty men!" Then fire fell from heaven and consumed the captain and his men."

Matthew 13:40-42;

"As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age.

The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil.

They will throw them into the fiery furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Rev. 21:8;

"But the cowardly, the unbelieving, the vile, the murderers, the sexually immoral, those who practice

magic arts, the idolaters and all liars--their place will be in the fiery lake of burning sulfur. This is the second death."

Of Judgment.

Deut. 4:24;

"For the LORD your God is a consuming fire, a jealous God."

Amos 2:2;

"I will send fire upon Moab that will consume the fortresses of Kerioth. Moab will go down in great tumult amid war cries and the blast of the trumpet."

Malachi 3:1-4;

"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come," says the LORD Almighty.

But who can endure the day of his coming? Who can stand when he appears? For he will be like a refiner's fire or a launderer's soap.

He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; he will purify the Levites and refine them like gold and silver. Then the LORD will have men who will bring offerings in righteousness,

and the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem will be acceptable to the LORD, as in days gone by, as in former years."

Luke 12:49;

"I am come to send fire on the earth; and what will I, if it be already kindled?"

All the above references - and many more - use the same Hebrew, or equivalent Greek, word. They are to be understood within the context of which they are used.

From the above, it is quite clear that the fire of God's judgment will fall upon both Israel and Gog. On Israel for cleansing and the manifestation of God's Glory.

Upon Gog for utter destruction.

Whether or not nuclear warfare is used is not specifically stated, but could be inferred in the light of a few other Scriptures.

One thing though is very noticeable. Not one solitary word is said of Israel doing anything regarding the destruction of God's enemies. **God does everything that needs to be done without any help from us.**

Whatever form of armament is used by Gog and his forces, it will never prosper in their hands in their attempt to destroy God's Chosen Anglo-Israel People!!

Psalm 17:7-9;

"Show thy marvellous lovingkindness, O thou that savest by thy right hand them which put their trust in thee from those that rise up against them.

Keep me as the apple of the eye, hide me under the shadow of thy wings,

From the wicked that oppress me, from my deadly enemies, who compass me about."

Zech. 2:8;

"For thus saith the LORD of hosts; After the glory hath he sent me unto the nations which spoiled you: for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of his eye."

Joel 2:11;

"And the LORD shall utter his voice before his army: for his camp is very great: for he is strong that executeth his word: for the day of the LORD is great and very terrible; and who can abide it?"

If the above Scriptures mean anything, they certainly assure us that the enemies of Almighty God will be utterly destroyed, and that we, His People, the "Apple of His eye", are to be saved out of our present precarious predicament. May that day come very quickly!

(To be continued).

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EARTH, OH EARTH !!!!

The World Summit on Sustainable Development came to an end on 4 September 2002.

There are deep differences of opinion on the success or not of this Conference. The Government feels absolutely sure that it was a success, but Non Government Organisations (NGO's) are just as adamant that it was a total failure because nothing was done about the huge gap between the rich and the poor; the rich get richer, and the poor poorer. There are many outstanding features about this Conference that we could high light. But there was one that was the most outstanding above them all, and that is according to my opinion of cardinal importance: no acknowledgment whatsoever was given to the Creator of heaven and earth. He created this earth according to certain fixed laws which had to be strictly observed for the existence of man upon earth. The composition of the atmosphere, the amount of oxygen, nitrogen, hydrogen, etc., in exact proportion; the distance of the earth from the sun and the planets and those from one another, had to be according to finely determined distances. And many more such details.

The Only True God, Creator of heaven and earth, created man after His own image to dress and keep it (KJV), that is to tend and guard and keep it (AOT), that is to cherish and look after it according to His all wise laws and instructions. Man did not obey, and things immediately started to go wrong, the order of Creation was disrupted. Later on He gave to one people,

namely Israel, through whom the Redeemer was to come, the commission to live with Him here on earth in a covenant relationship according to His Law. The Word says: "**The earth is the LORD'S and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.**" (PS. 24: (KJV). There was not even one single word of this mentioned at this World Conference. The question therefore whether the Conference succeeded in finding a formula for sustainable development, must be answered with a resounding **NO!**

GREED AND STUPIDITY: The rich countries continue to pump more and more impurities into the atmosphere with their industries that must keep on producing in order to render more and more dividends to their shareholders; the poor countries in their turn strip the earth to meet their needs. Here in Africa the non-white nations are not known for it that they plant trees, they rather chop them down. Africa almost has no natural forests left. And it is the plants and the trees that provide us with oxygen without which there cannot be any life on earth. Much was said at this Conference about the millions on earth that have no clean water to drink. They could also have spoken about the millions that have no clean air to breathe.

Man is fast about to destroy and pollute the earth. The millions of squatters around our cities pose a real health hazard. All are scurrying for food and clothing and shelter. Through that they tread under foot and destroy the earth. The prophet Isaiah says:

"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant. Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are desolate: therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left" (Isa.24:5,6).

Our Lord Jesus said that all our needs will be provided for if we first seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Math. 6:33). It is perfectly logical that the One who made the earth also laid down the rules and laws of its preservation and sustainability according to which it must be inhabited. But man is too greedy and stupid and proud and rebellious to acknowledge it; it was for that reason that no mention was made of its Maker at the Summit Meeting. I therefore state that

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according to the Word of God, that the time of reckoning, of accounting, is very near.

SOUTH AFRICA: It is quite ironical, or perhaps prophetic that the Conference had to be held in Johannesburg, South Africa. We are a little world in miniature. Here we find from the most sophisticated in the world (earth), to the most primitive. You could clearly see it by just looking at the Conference delegates. All one had to do is to just look out of your hotel window and with one single glance see before you both the glamour of a Sandton and the squalor of Alexandra. Our people are daily being robbed more and more, and murdered and impoverished. It is very clear that South Africa is fast on its way to a Zimbabwe situation. It is not for nothing that Mbeki refused to say a word about Mugabe. They are birds of the feather, both hardened communists. Deep down in their psyche they have an inborn hatred for the white man and want him out of the way. It is a hatred that comes from primeval times. Quite appropriately the media talk of ethnic cleansing when they report on the driving of the whites in Zimbabwe from off their farms.

BUSH AND IRAQ: Now while I am writing we are on the eve of the first birthday of 11 September 2001. The entire United States of America is waiting nervously on what the enemy might hold up their sleeve for tomorrow for them and the Western World: perhaps some kind of other surprise attack on the most unexpected place? What is going on? What is the real explanation? Basically it is because the world has set God, their creator, completely on one side. But more than that, because the Western World has denied the Christian Faith on which it has been founded. Just have a look at the Constitutions of the Western Nations and also that of South Africa up until 1994. The Only True God and His Son the Lord Jesus Christ, featured prominently in them. Our Parliament was opened in His Name. Now we are a secular state. No wonder we are heading for total annihilation. If there is not a drastic intervention from above, we can forget about sustainable development.

One of the flash points where the fires can start burning, is the Middle East. It can be when President George W. Bush carries out his threat to attack Iraq. What lies behind this fateful urge of his to get rid of Hussein, as he says? He persists in saying that Saddam Hussein is ready to attack the Israeli State

with nuclear and biological weapons Since the inception of the Jewish State in Palestine, the United States Government has been supporting them each year with millions upon millions of Dollars. They are being equipped with the most modern weapons from the arsenals of the West. And all that because the West, and especially the U. S. A., believe that the Jews are the true Israel of God, that Palestine belongs to them, and that their return to the Promised Land is according to Scripture.

That is all a lie!!

We have repeatedly stated in this publication and in many of our other writings, that according to Jewish sources in particular, 90% of the Jews do not have a drop of Israel blood in their veins, and that they therefore do not have, according to Scripture, a single claim to one square centimetre of Palestine.

The Zionists have a great influence upon the American Government. This makes President Bush in effect their lackey (stooge) to protect the Jewish State in Palestine. The Arabs on the other side, also have no claim to that country, and therefore it also does not belong to them as an inheritance from their fathers. Hence the conflict. How did this extremely dangerous situation arise? Because the Western Nations neglected their Covenant Book the Bible, and therefore do not know it. Jesus said to the Scribes of His day that they err because they do not know the Scriptures, neither the power of God (Math. 22:29). Perhaps you will understand the core of the conflict better when you come to realise that we have here two nations that both lay claim to a land that does not belong to either of them. On the contrary this land belongs according to the promise of Almighty God to the true Israel, the genuine descendants of the 12 Tribes of Israel, the offspring of the House of Israel (the Ten Tribes). and the House of Judah (the Two Tribes).

SUSTAINABILITY OR ANNIHILATION? The challenge of our time is therefore not sustainability as such, but survival. The devil who is the god of this world (order) and is in control of this world-system (2 Cor.4:4; Luke 4:5-8), knows that when that happens, his time is over. He is therefore fighting for survival. If he can destroy the true Israel consisting of the core of the white Western Nations, and the pure remnant from among the Jews, either by annihilation or mongrelisation, before Jesus
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returns, Jesus cannot return and therefore he, Satan, cannot be dethroned. We are therefore in a race for time. I believe we find ourselves on the eve of the battle of all time. It is going to be so intense, that unless the time is shortened, no living creature will survive (Math. 24:21,22). That can commence any time now. It could be with the attack upon Iraq, presently planned by President Bush. Or it could be with the onslaught upon the Israeli State by Saddam Hussein, if it is true what Bush alleges, namely that Hussein has the capacity to launch such an attack. Be that as it may, the final clash is at hand. Palestine and the white man, the true descendant of Israel, are two of the key figures in this last drama of the ages. Do not let yourself be deceived, neither be found asleep. Now is the time to watch and pray as never before.

**“Watch ye therefore, and pray always,
that ye may be accounted worthy to
escape all these things that shall come to
pass, and to stand before the Son of man.”**



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Christians Will Inherit The Earth.

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There is abundant Bible evidence that the final abode of all Christians is not "the beautiful isle of somewhere", but right here on the earth God created to be inhabited.

For centuries since the Reformation, Christians have been led to believe that the Kingdom of Heaven was something ethereal and spiritual, apart from the earth. The truth is that both the Kingdom of Heaven and Kingdom of God referred to in the Gospels are synonymous, and both refer to Christ's reign on earth over the kingdoms of this world. Christians are saved, not to be taken out of this world, but to be rulers over it.

While Christ taught the necessity for separation from worldly lusts and earthly appetites, He never insinuated that they were to isolate themselves from the earth and its problems. In fact, they were to be salt in the earth and light to the world, that this old sin-cursed planet be made better by the presence of Christians.

Ultimately the earth is to culminate in the eternal Kingdom of Jesus Christ which shall rule over all the nations for ever and ever. This is the Gospel of the Kingdom Jesus preached, early Christians taught, and modern Christians seem to have forgotten or distorted.

"Is heaven a place, as well as a state?" This question was proposed by Augustus Strong in his classic text on *Systematic Theology*. It is worthy of consideration in light of what the Bible texts have to say, specially if one believes the Bible to be final authority in matters of theology and eschatology. If heaven is a place, then where? If heaven is to be on earth, then how and when?

Jesus indicated that heaven was both a place and a state. In John 14, Jesus says: "Let not your heart be troubled; you believe in God, believe also in Me. In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you to Myself; that where I am, there you may be also." So our eternal abode is both a place and a condition, or the status of being in the presence of the Lord.

The word translated mansions is also translated abode in the 23rd verse (KJV) or home (NKJV). The songwriter has put it like this: "O hallelujah, yes, 'tis heaven, 'Tis heaven to know my sins forgiven. On land or sea, what matters where? Where Jesus is, 'tis heaven there." Heaven is wherever Jesus is.

But the question remains is heaven far away in distance and time, or is it right here on earth soon? There is a great preponderance of Scripture to show that heaven is God's perfect place where Jesus is, and it is also to come on earth.

The Holy City, the New Jerusalem, which John saw came down from God out of heaven to the earth. John testified that in this vision of the future he saw "a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away." (Rev. 21:1). If "passed away" meant utter destruction, then not only the earth but heaven also would be entirely gone. Obviously, the earth did not disappear, but was transformed, changed, and renewed. In a similar manner our bodies must undergo change and transformation, as Paul writes in I Cor. 15:51-53, "this mortal must put on immortality." Peter also confirms this vital transformation of both heaven and earth, but he did not imply that the earth would be destroyed any more than heaven could be destroyed. They would, however, go through a tremendous transformation, removing all vestiges of the curse of sin so that earth would result in a suitable place for the Kingdom of Christ. (2 Peter 3:7-13). Again, Paul confirms that all God's creatures and creation eagerly await deliverance and reconciliation (Romans 8:19-23).

Christians Are To Inherit The Earth

Jesus told us in the Beatitudes, "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5). This was in keeping with Old Testament prophecies repeated many times and places. In Psalm 37:9-11 we read, "Evildoers shall be cut off, but those who wait on the LORD, they shall inherit the earth. . . The meek shall inherit the earth, and delight themselves in the abundance of peace." The Psalmist repeats the destiny of God's people in verse 22, "For those blessed by Him shall inherit the earth." In verse 29, "The righteous shall inherit the land and dwell in it forever." This is not a temporary restraint, but a permanent restoration for God's people.

In spite of these precious promises for the faithful, some will sit and sing, "This world is not my home; I'm just a passing through!" Yet there is no Scriptural basis for wanting to die and leave this earth in the hope of going to heaven. Our alternatives

are not heaven or hell, but redemption and transformation into the presence of the Saviour to live in eternal bliss with Him. It is those who are cursed who are cut off, and those who are blessed who remain all through Scripture. Psalm 37:22 ends with, "those cursed by Him shall be cut off."

The same theme is found in Jesus' parables where the bad seed is taken away and burned, but the righteous gathered into His home. (Matt. 13:30, 40-42.) All these parables concern the Kingdom of God or Kingdom of heaven, not some ethereal place in the nether world. Job saw it correctly when he said, "For I know that my Redeemer lives and that He shall stand at last on the earth." (Job 19:25).

Psalm 25:12-13 asks, "Who is the man that fears the Lord? Then concludes that, "his descendants shall inherit the earth."

God's ultimate victory over the forces of evil are culminated in His destruction of the wicked, His physical transformation of the world, and His dwelling in exaltation with His saints on the earth. Psalm 66 reminds us of this total dominance of a supreme God over the forces of evil. Psalm 66:3-4 tells us, "Your enemies shall submit themselves to You. All the earth shall worship You and sing praises to You." The next chapter adds, "Oh, let the nations be glad and sing for joy! For You shall judge the people righteously and govern the nations on earth." (67:4).

How often do you hear these triumphant declarations from pulpits today? Too often we lament what the devil is doing and omit what God has declared.

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all My holy mountain," Isaiah prophesies of God's country, "for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea." Then Habakkuk 2:14 presents a second witness of this heaven on earth, not doom and gloom, but dominion and glory.

Isaiah 24 tells us how God will judge the wicked and punish evil, transforming the earth into a suitable habitation for the kingdom of Christ and His saints. After tremendous chaos and destruction comes triumphant restoration; "For the Lord shall reign on Mount Zion and in Jerusalem and before His elders gloriously." (Is. 24:23.) This is the culmination of the Gospel of the Kingdom John the Baptist and Jesus preached and told us to propagate. (See Matt. 3:2; 4:17; 10:5-7; Mark 1:14-15.) Almighty God, Maker of heaven and earth, is not in the salvage business to rescue His creation from the wiles of the devil, but

reconciliation to restore His people to their rightful heritage, to inherit the earth.

The purifying process for His people and cleansing for His kingdom are necessary prerequisites for the "place" He went to prepare for us so He could come again and receive us for Himself. (John 14:3). "And the last enemy that will be destroyed is death." (1 Cor. 15:26 and Rev. 21:4). Isaiah 25:8 says victoriously: "He will swallow up death forever, and the Lord will wipe away tears from all faces. The rebuke of His people He will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken." The next chapter is devoted to telling how the Lord will miraculously transform the earth to make it a desirable place for His Kingdom and His chosen people.

"For when Your judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world will learn righteousness." (Is. 26:9). The earth was never intended to be a temporary place for God's prime creation, but their permanent home. Earth was not created for the devil and evil but for the living devoted. Listen to what the Lord says: "I have made the earth and created man on it... For thus says the Lord, Who created the heavens, Who is God, Who formed the earth and made it, Who established it, Who did not create it in vain, Who formed it to be inhabited." (Is. 45:12,18).

Almighty God did not create the earth only to abandon it because of Satan and his adversaries, but God created the earth to be inhabited, to be inherited. God does not come back to earth to waft away His righteous few, but to rule and reign with them over the earth. This is God's plan both for individuals and the nations.

Further evidence that God's people, Israel and Christians, shall inherit the earth and dwell in it forever, is found in Isaiah 57:13: "But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, and shall inherit My holy mountain." Again in Isaiah 60:21: "Also your people shall all be righteous; they shall inherit the land forever, the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I may be glorified."

Heaven Comes to Earth

God's final plan calls for heaven to come down to earth. That is why He sent His Son Jesus, from heaven to earth to give us a taste of heaven on earth. The creative power of God was in Jesus who was the Word, who became flesh and dwelt among us so that we could behold His glory. (John 1:3,14).

The Prophet Hosea tells of the last day when scattered Israel is regathered, and heaven and earth are united. We do not go away to heaven, but heaven comes down to us. "In the place where it was said to them, 'You are not My people,' There it shall be said to them, 'You are sons of the living God'." (Hosea 1:10). The Gospel confirms the identity of these people with Christian Israel in John 1:12) Paul seconds the motion in Romans 8:14: "For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are the sons of God." Read vs. 18-23. Peter also identifies these lost Israelites as being found among Christians now. (1 Peter 1:9-10). Finally John records that the New Jerusalem was coming down from God out of heaven to earth! (Rev. 21:2).

We are not going to heaven, but heaven is coming to us!

As another song writer, Maltbie Babcock, put it: *"This is my Father's world, The battle is not done;*

Jesus who died shall be satisfied, And earth and heaven be one."

Heaven is On Earth

The final and irrefutable evidence that God intends to make the earth the final abode of His chosen people in the reconstructed Kingdom of Jesus Christ is found in the last book of the Bible. The principles of the Kingdom of Heaven were spiritual and heavenly, but they are manifested and materialised in the Kingdom of God on earth which is an everlasting kingdom. According to the Revelation, these final events all take place on the earth.

Revelation 3:10 tells of Judgment, where Jesus says to the church, "Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world to test those who dwell on the earth.



In this special edition we have included articles by other Identity leaders who are not so well known as others. We felt it would be an advantage for our readers to realise that there are competent and faithful exponents of the Israel Identity Message in addition to those who are more widely known, and trust that their articles will have been a blessing to you all.

In our next issue, God willing, we will return to our regular articles.

C.V.NEWS.

Owing to the fact that we did not include a "C.V.NEWS" in our last issue No.99, because of lack of space, many of you will not be aware that because of failing health, and quite serious depression, we admitted Betty to a nursing home for a month on what is referred to as "Respite Care". This condition, according to our doctor, who by the way is a sincere Christian, was triggered by the fact that our son and daughter-in-law for the second time broke off all contact with us because of our British Israel beliefs. According to a statement given to me personally by my son, this was brought about by the opposition they received from the Pentecostal Assemblies of God who allegedly told them that we were very dangerous. They had attended three different branches of this denomination in different places over a period of about 12 years. He informed me that after enjoying fellowship with the folk in each of these churches for some time, the Pastor finally asked him as to whether or not he was the son of "Frank Dowsett" and on his admission that he was, they were expelled from the church. They and their six children, who constituted just on half of our 13 grandchildren, have now moved interstate without any word to us, and we have no idea as to where, or as to whether or not we will ever see these lovely grandchildren again.

Let me hasten to add that we do not hold the individual members responsible for this course of action, although there could have been some who would have agreed with their Pastor's action. It is not my intention to discredit or embarrass every member of these churches or members of other Pentecostal churches because of the actions of the few. I have spoken to various members of the same denomination about what had happened and they were absolutely appalled. Although there are differences of opinion between us on certain aspects of prophecy, this occurs between all denominations. This practice among some who seem to think that they have a God-given right to destroy families in order to advance their own agenda is an abomination before God. It's not my understanding of the Christian Faith, but I'm sure they will be required to give an answer to the Lord at the appropriate time. We have formally placed this situation in the hands of God, and this will be the last of our comments about it. (continued on page 58.)

TIME OF JACOB'S TROUBLE.

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That we are moving into a time of unprecedented trouble becomes more apparent with the passing of each week. Many of you who are reading this issue of the Pathfinder are well aware of the significance of this time, which the Scriptures refer to as *"The Time of Jacob's Trouble"*. We are now facing the challenges, that we've been indicating in previous issues of The Pathfinder, were coming.

The prophet Jeremiah spoke of this time of challenge and trouble for God's servant people, Israel, the peoples which comprise the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, Germanic, Scandinavian, and kindred peoples -- the nations which comprise Christendom -- as well as did the Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospels.

Before we read the words of the Lord Jesus regarding this time, let us look first at what the prophet Jeremiah writes in Jeremiah 30:7,8.

"Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it; it is even the time of Jacob's Trouble, but he shall be saved (delivered) out of it. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his (i.e. the oppressors ... Amplified Bible) yoke (i.e. economic yoke) from off thy neck, and will burst (snap) thy bonds (chastisement), and strangers (foreigners) shall no more enslave them (be their masters)."

As we share these illuminating verses of Scripture, I am reminded of the Apostle Paul's timely words, as found in Romans 15:4, where he writes,

"For whatever things were written in earlier times were written for our learning, that we, through patience and comfort of the scriptures, might have hope (might hold fast and cherish... Amplified Bible)."

This is a very important and revealing "end time" or "latter day" prophecy that Jeremiah spoke over 2700 years ago. It has certainly come to pass, even as Jeremiah prophesied, as we are now seeing that oppressors have placed a yoke of economic bondage upon the neck of God's servant people (i.e. Christendom) today. Unfortunately, this is a truth of which most people are completely ignorant. For example, how many people know to whom we owe our National Debt, which in America now amounts to several trillions of dollars? This is, indeed, a tremendous yoke upon our people! But, praise God Almighty for the wonderful promise in verse 7 of Jeremiah's prophecy, wherein we are told that the Lord will burst the economic chains which bind us when He comes with great power and glory.

Before we read from Jeremiah 30, verses 9-10, it would be well to note that Moses, whom the Lord used to lead His servant people, Israel, out of bondage some 700 years before the birth of Jeremiah, warned his people (the 12 Tribes of Israel) about blessings or curses that would come upon them, depending on whether they obeyed or disobeyed the laws, commandments, and judgments of the Lord their God. We read of this in the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy, and we realise that this warning is still in effect today.

The only commandments which were fulfilled, and therefore no longer needed, were the ceremonial, or religious laws which were performed by the Levitical Priests, as the Apostle Paul informs us in Col. 2:14-17, and Eph. 2:14-18. Otherwise, God's commandments are still in effect today.

It is abundantly evident that the United States of America, Canada, England, Germany, France, Ireland, Scotland, Australia, and the other Christian nations of Europe, to a great extent in recent years, have forsaken God's moral laws and commandments, and no longer honour them. Therefore, the curses, or judgments, of God Almighty, as found in Deuteronomy 28: 43-44, have come upon America and on all of Christendom. We read,

"The stranger (foreigner) who is within thee (living among thee) shall get up above thee very high (higher and higher above thee... Amplified Bible), and thou shalt come down very low (lower and lower... Amplified Bible). He (i.e. the stranger) shall lend (our National

debt) to *thee* (i.e. America, and to all of Christendom), and *thou shalt not lend to him* (we're broke and couldn't lend to him if we wanted to); *he shall be the head* (leaden and rulers), and *thou shalt be the tail.* "

My friend, have you ever wondered why we as a nation and people seem helpless to stop this tremendous flow of drugs that are now destroying a great portion of our youth, or the continual immoral filthy movies that continue to pour out of Hollywood? And what about the debauched music that has taken over the minds of so many of our people, young and old? And on and on we could go! We cringe when we see what has happened to our once-decent nation. Friends, it's because of our sins that we are being destroyed.

We need to remember that whatever the sinful activity that people are involved in, whether it's drugs, pornography, adultery, or any number of others that we could name, most people do these things because they want to. For the most part, no one is forcing our people to commit these sins. It's hard to believe that people would want to embrace this type of life, with all of the resultant tragic results, rather than living for, and serving, the One who created us and knows what is best for us. The Lord informed Moses,

"If thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe and to do all his commandments which I command thee this day... all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God."
(Deuteronomy. 28:1,2).

The Lord God of Israel goes on, in the following twelve verses, to list the many blessings and to speak of the prosperity that would come upon the nation simply as a result of honouring His laws, commandments, and judgments which were given to regulate the life and morality of the House of Israel. God is holding us accountable, friends.

The Lord also proceeds to list the curses or judgments which would come upon the 12 Tribes of Israel should they not honour Him nor obey His words. These are listed in Deuteronomy 28:15-48. There would be lack of rain, different illnesses that would affect the people, and war would be waged

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against them, just to list a few. Our great country was not successful in war during the Korean conflict in the 1950's, nor has it been since. We would suggest that you read through the 28th chapter of Deuteronomy. This chapter impresses upon us just how serious God is about His people abiding by His laws, which are given for our good.

By the way, a very interesting and timely prophecy by Moses, some 3400 years ago, relates to our day. In Deuteronomy 31:28,29 we read:

"Gather unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to record against them. For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you, and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger through the work of your hands. "

This long-range prophecy is being fulfilled before our eyes today

Because of the evil and wickedness that now prevails among our people, many are fearful in our cities to venture out in the evenings; they have numerous locks on their doors; they have to be concerned about what filth might come into their homes on the TV or over the internet; or if our women or children are going to be abducted or molested. And we need to be very concerned about the godless philosophies which so many of our people are embracing today. These are being promoted on every hand.

As we, as a people, refuse to hear, honour, and obey the Laws of God Almighty, these things will get worse and worse. Yes, we are paying a price for having forsaken the ways of the Lord our God.

Before we turn to the 24th chapter of Matthew, where we have recorded the second coming of the Lord Jesus, let us turn to the last chapter of the last book of the Old Testament, the book of Malachi, where we read the following:

"For, behold, the day cometh, that shall burn like an oven, and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn

them up, saith the Lord of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch.

But unto you that fear my name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings; and ye shall go forth, and grow up like calves of the stall. And ye shall tread down the wicked; for they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet in the day that I shall do this, saith the Lord of hosts. " (Malachi 4:1-3).

The prophet Malachi is describing the coming day of the Lord, and the return of the Lord Jesus Christ who is going to see that God's people tread down their enemies under their feet. However, this will only happen when the Lord takes charge of this whole mess and clears away the enemies of Christendom.

Now, let us turn to Matthew 24, where the Lord Jesus describes the "Time of Jacob's Trouble". Beginning with verse 21 we read:

"For then shall be great tribulation (trouble, affliction), such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no fesh be saved (delivered); but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.

"Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is Christ, or there; believe it not. For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders, insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you before.

"Wherefore, if they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the dessert; go not forth: behold, he is in the secret chambers; believe it not. For as the lightning cometh out of the east, and shineth even unto the west, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.

'And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven; and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory: And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

"But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. Watch, therefore;

for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. Therefore be ye also ready; for in such an hour as ye think not the Son of man cometh. " (Matthew 24: 21-23, 24-25, 30-31, 36, 42, 44).

In the above "end time" or "latter day" prophecy we find the Lord Jesus agreeing with the prophets Jeremiah and Malachi, (and others) that troublous times are predestined to come to pass when we, His servant people, Israel, forget and forsake the words of God as found in the Holy Bible.

We are now approaching this critical time in which the Lord enjoins us to

"Watch, therefore, for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come. " (Matthew 24:42).



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Thankfully, Betty is now back home, and is slowly getting back to normal. The Home Care department is now about to begin five hours per week personal home assistance, such as showering Betty, and doing general housekeeping. But it has been a very trying time for both of us, and we recognise and gratefully acknowledge the hand of our Lord in the fact that He has so wonderfully answered all the prayers which have been offered up on our behalf by so many of our friends and brethren.

Naturally, this has all taken quite a toll on my time and energy, and we apologise for the fact that this special issue is somewhat later than we would have liked it to be, and for the delay in answering a number of letters we have received. We are hoping to rectify this as soon as this C.V. is posted. I'm sure you will all understand, and continue to keep us in your prayers.

Once again we are so thankful to all those who have continued so faithfully in your prayerful support and financial assistance. In the present climate of terror and depression, this is most important to us in the continuation of our ministry. We are totally convinced that we are now in the very last days of this age, when the necessity to warn our people is daily growing more urgent. May the Lord God of Israel continue to bless you.



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Make a joyful noise unto the LORD,
all ye lands.
Serve the LORD with gladness;
come before his presence with singing.
Know ye that the LORD he is God;
it is he that hath made us,
and not we ourselves;
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
and into his courts with praise;
be thankful unto him, and bless his name.
For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting;
and his truth endureth to all generations."**

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