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**“Heaven and earth shall pass away:  
But My words shall not pass away.”**

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**I**n 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.

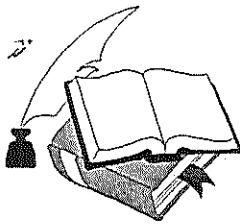
Denominational doctrines and differences are not our concern, and it is not our intention to enter into such arguments. There is not enough time left to waste it on such unproductive, and indeed, destructive, exercises. We are concerned ONLY with what we believe the Word of God says and teaches.

**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.

**O**ne finds it somewhat difficult these days to pick out any single statement about which to write. Everything in the world seems to be getting completely out of hand. It doesn't matter where we look, everything seems to be falling apart at the seams. Never in the annals of history has the words of the prophets been more potent and frightening. For instance, we read in Luke 21:25-26;

**“And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.”**

Then in Romans 1:18-32, and 2 Peter chapter 2, we read a veritable history of the evil nature and sins which are so up-to-date, that one could be excused for thinking that they were reading today's newspapers.

The shear quantity of audacity and lies which are fed to the people, from the media, the politicians, and the religious leaders leaves us to conclude that there is a shameless and deliberate plan being worked out today. The forces of evil are now in total control of the entire world. Anyone who "bucks the system" soon finds that out.

We now have audaciously Sodomite people being 'ordained' as Bishops within our national churches. We have "gay" parades through our city streets, with a population so brain-washed, that thousands of them line the streets to see what to them is presented as 'good humored fun'.

A high percentage of T.V. programmes are so full of bad language, sex, and violence. There is an obvious increase in the Satanic programmes blasting the eyes and ears of our youth. And we wonder what has happened to our society. Well, I think that we have spent enough time on listing our problems.

What we should now be concentrating on is answers. They are readily available to every one of us if we would only take note of them.

In the first place, all our problems stem from the deliberate teaching from the great number of the "false prophets" in our pulpits. They are very quick to quote our Lord's injunction, "If ye love me, keep my commandments", and then shamelessly preach that God's laws, which include His commandments have been done away with.

I realise that most of the folk who will be reading this will quite aware of what I am writing. But these articles are often reprinted in other publications, so for their benefit I'll set forth the position.

As we know, "All scripture is given by inspiration from God." At the time this was written there was no New Testament. The scriptures comprised only the Old Testament. So if we go back to the 28<sup>th</sup> chapter of Deuteronomy we find a full description of what God intends regarding obedience to His Holy Laws. In the first 14 verses He lists all the blessings which we will receive if we obey His Laws. If you read and study these blessings carefully, you will perceive that nationally, we have not received one of them. For example, there will be no children born with health problems. Every time I see a young child with these terrible deformities I really get quite upset, because there is no need for this to happen. God has promised us every good thing for which we could wish. This includes deliverance from all our enemies and diseases.

But when you read the next 54 verses to the end of the chapter, you read of every curse and illness and condition which could ever be thought of, and which we are now experiencing. Well, it's your choice. You can chose evil and death, or good and evil. But please don't blame God if you choose to follow the evil in our midst. You WILL reap what you sow.

# THE RESTORATION OF ISRAEL.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

**F**or about five years, between 1962 and 1967, I lived with my family in Port Moresby, Papua-New Guinea, as a Construction Manager. We tried attending the Baptist Church, but gave it away as useless. So I joined the local Bowling Club, of which I eventually became a committee member. We returned to Australia in 1967.

It was about 1969 that I was working for Qantas Airways, who sent me on a business trip to London.. Although we were accommodated in the Mayfair Hotel, the price of the meals was so exorbitant that we walked down to the Piccadilly hotel for our meals. Imagine my utter surprise when I saw a man seated across the room eating his breakfast, who had been the President of the Bowling Club to which I belonged years ago in New Guinea. Now that was what I call a real coincidence.

But when we come to the Word of God there are no such things as coincidences. Everything that happens in this world is in full accord with the preconceived and pre-ordained will of God. The Word of God is too explicit for us to come to any other conclusion. For instance we read in Isaiah 14:24 and 27;

“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:”

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

But the Prophet Amos, I believe, makes the most definitive statement regarding the certainty of God’s intentions. We read it in Amos 3:7;

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

We ask ourselves "How much reliance can we place on this statement?" Obviously, Amos is not referring to every tiny incident that occurs in history. He is referring to the main events which foretell God's overall plans and purposes primarily in relation to His people Israel. So let us look at some of the events to which he specifically referred, and their importance in God's Divine Plans.

Firstly, the prophet Isaiah is used to advise us of both the first and second advents of our Lord Jesus Christ. We read in Isaiah 9:6-8;

**"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.**

**Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.**

**The Lord sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel."**

Did this actually happen? The first section regarding the Lord's first advent certainly did. The second section regarding His second advent still waits fulfillment in accordance with the words of both the prophets and our Lord Jesus Christ Himself.

In Isaiah 31:5 we read of the nature of the future deliverance of Jerusalem;

**"As birds flying, so will the LORD of hosts defend Jerusalem; defending also he will deliver it; and passing over he will preserve it."**

Did this actually happen? It certainly did. Way back in the late 1880's Dr. Grattan Guinness, in pages 222 and 224 of his book "Light for the Last Days", calculated that Jerusalem

would be released from the domination of the Islamic powers in the year 1917. He was not the only person to reveal this fact nor was it the only time period which he demonstrated, but as he wrote; "There can be no question that those who live to see this year 1917 will have reached one of the most important, perhaps *the* most momentous, of these terminal years of crisis."

No mention was made of any exact date, but it DID happen on December 9, when General Allenby, accompanied by contingents of the Australian and New Zealand troops, marched into Jerusalem. He did not ride in upon his horse as a conqueror, but walked in on foot, leading his horse, as a deliverer. Was it just a coincidence that Allenby used the services of the British Flying Corps in this operation, who dropped leaflets over the city to warn the people that he intended no harm, and that the motto of the squadron was, "I spread my wings and keep my promise"?

Was it just a coincidence that the number of years from the beginning of the Islamic Hegira in A.D. 622 to the deliverance date of 1917 was 1335, the very number stated by the Prophet Daniel in which he quoted;

**"Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days." Dan. 12:12.**

By the way, I possess one of the special coins minted with these dates on them, commemorating this event.

And of course, the entire 12<sup>th</sup> chapter is possibly just a coincidence. Let's look at it;

**12:1 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book.**

2 And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt.

3 And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I Daniel looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on this side of the bank of the river, and the other on that side of the bank of the river.

6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?

7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, which was upon the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and an half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. (*The power of the holy people – which is a phrase often used of Israel, as God had previously declared them to be a 'holy, or separated people'. No one could possibly deny that our power as His separated people has now been separated, or destroyed*)

8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my Lord, what shall be the end of these things?

9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end.

10 Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.

11 And from the time that the daily sacrifice shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred and ninety days.

12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred and five and thirty days.

13 But go thou thy way till the end be: for thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days."

A close examination of the passages which I have underlined reveals some very interesting - if not startling - information regarding these end times in which we now live.

1. In regard to verse 4, we are told that the secret of what was revealed to Daniel was to be closed up until the time of the end, and that many would run to and fro, and that knowledge would be increased." Is it just coincidence that in The Book of the Revelation, 1:3, we are told that "Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear (understand) the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein, for the time is at hand."
2. In verse 6 the question is asked as to how long it would be until the end of these wonders would be accomplished. Verse 7 then describes the man on the waters of the river, not lifting up both hands, but lifting up his right hand and his left hand as different movements. He gave the time as 'a time, times, and a half'. In prophecy this term represents three and a half 'times', a 'time' representing 360 periods of time, according to the context. This means that 3.1/2 times would represent  $3.1/2 \times 360$ , or 1260 days or periods, which when doubled because of the raising of the 2 hands separately, gives us a total of 'seven times', or 2,520 years, the very same number of years that the Lord had appointed upon His people as a punishment for their disobedience. This was the principle on which the prophets operated when dealing with time factors.
3. In verse 11 we are advised of the time when "the abomination of desolation shall be set up", The time frame mentioned was 1,290 days, which applied prophetically, was 1,290 years. As I mentioned above, Jerusalem was delivered on December 9, 1917. But the Hebrew New Year commenced of the Feast Day of Trumpets, which was a month or more before the December date. This is why I always refer to

Jerusalem's deliverance as being in 1917/18. The 1290 days to which we just referred was 30 day/years after the 1260 period to which we referred. This brings us to the years 1947/1948. Remember that this was associated to **"The Abomination of Desolation"**. Is it just a coincidence that in both Matthew 24:15, and Mark 13:14, we read this statement made by our Lord Jesus Christ Himself, and that they, together with the phrase in Daniel are the **ONLY** time the phrase is mentioned in the entire Bible.

**"When ye therefore shall see the abomination of desolation, spoken of by Daniel the prophet, stand in the holy place, (whoso readeth, let him understand:)"**

And what happened in 1947/48? It is recorded in Ezek. 11:15;

**"Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the L ORD: unto us is this land given in possession."**

It was the exact dates when modern Zionism expelled the true House of Israel out of their Promised Land.

4. Verse 12 promises a blessing to those who live in the 1,335 years from this time. This is 45 years later than 1947/48 to which we referred above, and brings us to 1992/93. And that is exactly when Israel Britain agreed to enter the Common Market. This was in complete defiance of God's orders to them that they were not to be reckoned amongst the other nations. Our national decline from this moment to this present day is a matter of history.
5. In Isaiah 40:3 we read the prophetic statement;
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“The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,  
Prepare ye the way of the LORD, make straight in  
the desert a highway for our God.”

The fulfillment of this is found and identified in Matt. 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, saying, The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Prepare ye the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.”

So we could go on endlessly illustrating the accuracy of the statement made by the prophet Amos. But there is one more prophecy recorded in the New Testament which we should study and understand. In Matthew 17:10-13 we read the following;

“And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias (*Elijah*) must first come? And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.”

The word ‘understood’ as used here means that “they formed the opinion” or came to the conclusion that Christ was identifying John the Baptist as being the actual prophet Elijah. But this was not what He meant at all, as we have just explained.

The operative statement is;

Elias truly shall first come,  
and restore all things.

Now we must ask ourselves the question, “was this event covered by the statement made by Amos which we quoted

previously to the effect that the Lord would do nothing without revealing it through His servants the prophets?" Or did the Lord change His mind regarding this particular event? We read in Malachi 4:4-6;

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

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

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."

Surely a statement as definitive as this deserves the same guarantee of literal fulfillment as the others which we have quoted. Irrespective of various sincerely held opinions and beliefs, I personally cannot come to any other conclusion but that the literal prophet Elijah is to physically return to carry out the duties specified for him.

Lest I be misunderstood, let me say that I personally believe in the Elijah ministry. But I believe that it will not be fulfilled by individuals, churches, or any other human organisations. We may assist in this work by teaching our Anglo-Israel Identity, and the necessity of nationally and individually obeying God's Laws, but just think of this scenario.

Supposing that we gather together every Identity leader in the world, and even throw in for good measure all the leading evangelists we can think of, and come to an unanimous agreement to campaign for a return to obedience to God's Laws. What effect would this have on the people of Israel today? We would be written off as a collection of nuts, and entirely derided and ignored. And that's not just my personal opinion. God's Word explains the position very clearly. We read in Gen. 6:5;

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

Jeremiah gives his full support to this in Jer. 5:30-31;

“A wonderful and horrible thing is committed in the land; the prophets prophesy falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and my people love to have it so: and what will ye do in the end thereof?”

The apostle Paul adds his testimony in Rom. 1:18-32;

“For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath showed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse: Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools, And changed the glory of the uncorruptible God into an image made like to corruptible man, and to birds, and fourfooted beasts, and creeping things.

*(Author's note. In view of this command, why is the Holy Spirit always represented as a dove - a bird)*

Wherefore God also gave them up to uncleanness through the lusts of their own hearts, to dishonour their own bodies between themselves: Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the creature more than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen. For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. And even as they did not like to retain God in their knowledge, God gave them over to

a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not convenient; Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers, Backbiters, haters of God, despiteful, proud, boasters, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, Without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, implacable, unmerciful: Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but have pleasure in them that do them."

Let us add II Peter chapter 2; to this testimony of evil;

"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction. And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of. And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not. For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment; And spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into ashes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an ensample unto those that after should live ungodly; And delivered just Lot, vexed with the filthy conversation (*mode of life*) of the wicked:

(For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds;)

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished: But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise

government. Presumptuous are they, selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accusation against them before the Lord. But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; and shall utterly perish in their own corruption; And shall receive the reward of unrighteousness, as they that count it pleasure to riot in the day time. Spots they are and blemishes, sporting themselves with their own deceivings while they feast with you; Having eyes full of adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; beguiling unstable souls: an heart they have exercised with covetous practices; cursed children: Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness; But was rebuked for his iniquity: the dumb ass speaking with man's voice forbad the madness of the prophet.

These are wells without water, clouds that are carried with a tempest; to whom the mist of darkness is reserved for ever.

For when they speak great swelling words of vanity, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.

While they promise them liberty, they themselves are the servants of corruption: for of whom a man is overcome, of the same is he brought in bondage.

For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning.

For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire."

As I previously remarked, are we so naive as to even think for a moment that some human committee is going to have the authority and power to reverse this situation?

The ONLY way by which God's Israel people will be saved and delivered from their present evil predicament will be by the appearance of a person of great power and authority - one who will be quite beyond the bounds of human influence and persecution. One who will act under the full power and authority of the Lord God of Israel.

Most serious Bible students will know that events of the past are very often repeated in the future. When we refer to I Kings 17:1 we find the first mention of the great prophet Elijah. And the first thing he did was to present himself to Ahab the king. The reader can follow what happened by reading the next few chapters. But the verses which I would emphasize are found in I Kings 18:15-18;

“And Elijah said, As the LORD of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him to day.

So Obadiah went to meet Ahab, and told him: and Ahab went to meet Elijah.

And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.”

Obviously Ahab was the consummate politician, as he tried to 'pass the buck'. Times have not changed have they. Elijah really gave Ahab the 'rounds of the kitchen', as they say, and issued the challenge recorded in the balance of chapter 18. I would recommend that you read the entire 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> chapters, especially noting verse 13 of chapter 19 where Elijah learned the necessity of humbling himself before God, despite the power and authority which he already enjoyed.

✓ Elijah's persecution lasted for some time, until we read of the final attempt upon his life in II Kings chapter 1. From verses 9 to 15 we read of a very remarkable incident. The king ordered three companies of 50 soldiers, each led by a captain, to go to where Elijah was at the time and capture him. Thus there were three companies, each of 51 men, involved. Surely it is no coincidence that the total number of men involved was 153! This number, as we know, represented the "Elect of God" who in this incident was preserved from an attack by that exact number of soldiers. It is the only time that I can recall where this number is mentioned in the Old Testament.

The incident recorded in I Kings chapter 18 regarding the test agreed to between the prophets of Baal and Elijah has a very interesting overtone in the principle of the short and long term fulfillment of prophecy. After the test was concluded, the people all cried out "The Lord He is God. The Lord He is God". But they soon returned to their past ways, because there was no Godly king to lead them in the paths of righteousness.

Immediately after this, Elijah took all the prophets of Baal and slew them. Will history repeat itself? How would you like to be numbered among the prophets of Baal presently occupying the great majority of our pulpits today, and leading God's people astray? Can we expect that a righteous God would react any differently today? It's a very sobering thought!

So let us return now to the subject of our Lord's statement regarding Elijah coming first to restore all things. I'm surprised at the number of various beliefs on the subject of Elijah as I have previously made. What I am about to say is not meant in any way as directed at individual people. My intention is simply to cover the different beliefs themselves. For instance, there are those who believe that he actually died, and that God simply transferred him to another place and buried him, as with Moses. Some quote in support of this theory the statement that "it is given unto man once to die", but this cannot be sustained on the basis that in the resurrection, mention is specifically made of "those who are alive and remain" at the Lord's return.

Others hold to the opinion that Elijah lived on for at least another 15 years because of the letter he is supposed to have written to King Jehoram, as follows in II Chronicles 21:12-15;

“And there came a writing to him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith the LORD God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king of Judah, But hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to go a whoring, like to the whoredoms of the house of Ahab, and also hast slain thy brethren of thy father's house, which were better than thyself: Behold, with a great plague will the LORD smite thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy goods: And thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness day by day.”

But the point is, that despite the wording in many of the modern translations, which state that a “letter” from Elijah was given to the king, the actual word, as stated above, is that a “writing” was delivered. In the original Greek, the words “Letter” and “Writing” are quite different, and have quite a different meaning. Without getting too technical, a letter is something that one addresses directly to a nominated person or group of people, such as Paul’s letters to Timothy or Titus. On the other hand, a “writing” refers to “a prophetic statement written for use at a future period of time, and for a special purpose”. (see Dr. Bullinger’s note in The Companion Bible)

I’m sure that most of us have been reading letters from Paul and Peter, etc. for quite a long while. Are we thus to assume that they are still around and living. If so I for one would love to have their present address in order to visit them.

Then we have the statement made in II Kings 2:14;

“And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and

horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven."

But which heaven? There are at least four 'heavens' mentioned in the Scriptures. In 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 we read;

"I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter."

We know from the Scriptures that our Lord Jesus Christ is the only One to have ascended to the heaven of the Throne of God. So Elijah didn't go to that heaven. And the fact that a "third" heaven is mentioned automatically implies that there are also a "first", and a "second" heaven. Otherwise, why specify a "third" heaven? There is no doubt but that the first heaven is that surrounding our planet earth. But I can't recall any direct reference in God's Word to a 'second heaven'. A close friend of mine suggested that this could be the outer space of the other planets and stars and I tend to agree with him. But without a change in our atomic structure, nobody could possibly survive in those conditions. So unless Elijah is already dead, or floating around somewhere in our atmosphere, he must be in an immortal condition somewhere else, because he certainly couldn't survive outside of our atmosphere, and then only at a relatively low altitude. There would be only one alternative, if he is still alive, and that is that he would have to be in some immortal condition beyond our atmosphere.

We can get some further information re this possibility from a study of the Scriptures regarding Enoch. Genesis 5:21-24;

"And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat Methuselah: And Enoch walked with God after he

begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: And all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years: And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him."

The word 'took', according to Strongs #3947 has a variety of applications, amongst which are "accept, carry away, carry up, take up."

Nothing further is heard of Enoch until we read in Hebrews 11:5;

**"By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God."**

The word 'translated' as used in Hebrews 11:5, means, "to be transferred." – Strongs #3346.

But then we find what appears to be a contradiction to the statement that Enoch did not die. We read in Hebrews 11:13;

**"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth."**

This requires some thought, as the Scriptures are inspired by the Holy Spirit, and there is no way that He would contradict Himself. It is my personal opinion that the literal meaning of the phrase "These all died in faith" applied to those who are specifically stated to have died, and is in no way applicable to Enoch of whom God said that he did not die.

What actually occurred we do not know, but one thing is certain, and that is that the Scriptures do not contradict themselves. But I would like to point out one interesting difference in the two statements. Read again the two verses in question. Enoch did not see death "because he pleased God."

On the other hand, the others quoted all died in faith "but because they believed and embraced what God had promised without ever seeing their fulfillment". But Enoch is not recorded as having received any promises upon which to evidence his faith. He just pleased God.

This brings back to my memory a cartoon I saw some years ago. It was a picture of a room at the end of the entrance vestibule of a church. Prominently betrayed over the door was a sign signifying that the room was especially reserved for mothers with very young children. Under the drawing was a caption which read;

"We shall not all sleep,  
but we shall all be changed"

But to be serious, it is the next statement that I find of great significance. The verse goes to say;

"In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed.

(1 Cor 15:52 KJV)

At this point I would like to introduce a very important issue. In the above verse, and again in I Thess. 4:16, Paul uses the word "Trump or Trumpet" in the singular tense. I do not believe for an instance that this was of no special significance. If we turn to Number10:3-4, we find that there is quite a significance in the use of the "trumpets."

"Make thee two trumpets of silver; of a whole piece shalt thou make them: that thou mayest use them for the calling of the assembly, and for the journeying of the camps.

And when they shall blow with them, all the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation.

And if they blow but with ONE trumpet, then the  
princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel,  
shall gather themselves unto thee."

I am quite sure that Paul knew the significance of this principle. Of all people, Paul had no doubt as to his personal salvation. Yet when we turn to Philippians 3:13-14, we read:

"Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend (*take hold of*) that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus.

Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,

I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

I personally believe that this "Higher Calling" is the call to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb to which only those chosen to be Kings and Priests ruling with Christ will be invited and appointed their various positions of authority. We make further comment on this subject later.

Many years ago I read an excellent book written by Dr. Bullinger titled "How to Enjoy the Bible." One of his quotes, which I have ever since employed in my Bible studies was this;

"The Bible is the WORD of God. It is comprised of the Words of God. So in order to understand the WORD, one must understand the Words that comprise that WORD."

There are two words in the above quotation which I felt worthy of detailed study. These two words are "twinkling" and "moment."

The word "twinkling" means "A wink; a movement or falling of the eyelid." (Bullinger's Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament.) Thus it is referring to the minute time factor involved.

But when we refer to Vines Expository Dictionary, we are given the meaning of the word "moment" as "Atomos", from which we derive our English word "Atom or Atomic". I couldn't help wondering why the Lord would use two words which meant exactly the same thing, if we apply the word 'atomic' in relation to time only. So I examined the possibility of this word applying to our "Atomic Structure", which introduced a very interesting situation. I am not by any means a scientist, but as I read up on the subject of Atomic Structure, I found that under very intense magnification, the atomic particles of our bodies and things of this earth are separated by great spaces between them. But if the atomic structure of a spiritual body was composed of atoms with a different format or structure, then the atomic particles of such a body could quite easily pass between the human atomic particles without altering in any way the solid structure of that body. It was then that I realised how our Lord Jesus Christ passed through the solid stone wall into the room where the disciples were gathered. No wonder they were scared out of their wits. But Jesus soon set their fear at rest by inviting them to feel him, and to even partake of some food with them. They immediately realised that it was literally the Lord Jesus Christ. And in view of the fact that when we see Him face to face, we will be like Him, this mortal body will indeed have taken on immortality, without any form of restriction insofar as time or distance, or any other circumstance. I believe that this explains why Christ can be recorded in terms of "Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow" because there is no such thing with Him, and eventually us, as time or distance in the Immortal condition.

One of the best illustrations of this is found in the account of The White Cavalry of Bethune, during the first World War, under the reign of King George V. This is not some journalistic aberration, but a fully documented account of a miraculous event reported in the media of that time. The full account is far too lengthy to publish here, but the main essentials are that the British forces were in dire trouble, with the German

troops almost upon them. Suddenly a German soldier pointed out to his officer a squadron of cavalry approaching in the near distance. Every horse was white, and every rider was clothed in white. The leader was described as a magnificent figure with flowing golden hair, and a great sword in his hand, and the horses were marching above the ground. The Germans immediately trained all their canons and gunfire at them, but the shells and bullets passed right through them as they marched relentlessly forward. Many of the enemy dropped their weapons and started to run for their lives. The British did not see any of this, only the enemy. They immediately sent out troops to capture as many of the fleeing German troops as possible to find out what was happening. One of the Germans captured was a high ranking officer who gave the above account, which was verified by many others. This was published in the press, and was hailed as a miracle. The allied troops had been delivered from a shattering defeat. It occurred soon after a national day of prayer had been ordered by the King of England, and is preserved in the official records. His successor, King George VI, called for a number of days of prayer during WW2, with similar miraculous results. Both of these great Kings knew of, and accepted, the truth of our Identity as God's people Israel.

All of what has been written to this point has simply been to highlight both the power of God, and the differences of opinion that exists between genuine Christians in their approach to the variety of doctrines being promulgated by many pastors who seem to be either unable, or unwilling, to really study the Word of God.

Pleasing the people these days seems with many of them to be the main end of their ministry. And one can't be surprised at this when they refuse to acknowledge the national message of the Bible.

So let us now return to the original intent of this article, that is, the Lord's statement that Elijah was to come first and restore all things.

Let me, at this stage, make it quite clear that differences of opinion don't worry me. I have no intention of breaking fellowship with any of my Christian brethren because of a difference of opinion. But when the Lord Jesus Christ makes an emphatic statement, I believe it, I accept it, and I know that it will happen exactly as He said it would. Many folk have said to me that there are too many things to happen before the Lord returns. I have no argument with that at all. But we are not speaking here specifically of what will happen after He returns, but what will happen prior to His return. So I am going to employ a habit that I have used for many years. Even at school I used this principle. I always read the end of the story before studying the subject. This may seem rather crazy to some folk, but I found it much easier to understand the various aspects and details of the subject if I knew what the final result was going to be. Look at it this way. If someone placed a great heap of jigsaw pieces on the table, and you were instructed to put it together, what would be the first thing you would do? You would have a look at the picture on the box so as to become aware of the final picture, which would indicate where the various pieces fitted in. Studying the Word of God is no different. So on this basis, we are going to turn to Revelations, chapter 19, verses 5-8;

“And a voice came out of the throne, saying, Praise our God, all ye his servants, and ye that fear him, both small and great. And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of mighty thunderings, saying, Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints.”

Let me emphasize at this point that we are interested ONLY with God's people Israel at this stage. What happens to the other nations, and to God's enemies after this Divine Marriage, comes later in God's Plans and Purposes, and is not included in this particular study, other than to point out that only after this Divine Marriage will Israel be able to carry out their designated mission of becoming a blessing to all the families and nations of the earth. As stated in Micah 4:1-4 and repeated virtually word for word in Isa.2:2-4;

“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.”

Thus we see that these other nations will send emissaries to Israel seeking knowledge as to how they might also achieve the ways of the Lord and partake of His righteousness. So the first priority will be for Israel to be perfected so as to set the example for the other nations to whom they are destined to bless.

But the Lamb, Jehovah/Jesus cannot take to wife one who is still in her evil state or condition.

» The Royal Marriage can only take place when she is completely restored to a position of righteousness.

And that is exactly what the Lord said about the future ministry of Elijah. It doesn't make any difference as to where he is now, or whether he died or not, or any other circumstance, but there is nothing more certain than that he is to re-appear on this earth at the appointed time, and with the necessary power, to carry out this mission to which he has been called.

So it is of more than passing interest to realise that the very next verse following those regarding the Royal Wedding is;

**“And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they which are called unto the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are the true sayings of God.”**

The marriage supper in those days preceded the actual wedding by a period of seven days. The only guests invited were the friends of the groom, and each of these guests were sent a white gown. It was, as we would say, their admission ticket. Only those with the wedding gown were allowed in. We read in Matthew 22:11-14;

**“And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment: And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless. Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. For many are called, but few are chosen.”**

We have another very important evidence of God's special choosing in Matthew 7:22-23;

**“Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful**

works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you; depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

I emphasised the last two phrases of the above passage for a very special reason. The word "knew" is the same original word as used in the expression that 'a man knew his wife, and she conceived.' It spoke of a very special and intimate relationship. Unfortunately, there are thousands of sincere Christians who have been involved in various activities in the Lord's name, who claim to have an intimate relationship with the Lord. But the sorry fact is that the Lord has not had that special intimate relationship with them. And the reason for this situation is that they are "workers of iniquity."

The meaning of the Greek word 'iniquity' as used here means "lawlessness or non-observers of God's Law." So if these people can not obey – and in fact deliberately teach against the observance of God's Law - how could they ever expect to be righteous enough to be invited guests at the Wedding Supper"? This Feast was specifically called for those who had taught the necessity to keep, obey, and teach God's Holy Laws.

It is my firm belief that the first resurrection will occur in two stages. I intend to deal with these two phases in reverse order for the sake of clarity in the situation. So we read in I Cor.15:22-23;

"For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at his coming."

Clearly the order, or sequence is Christ, then the firstfruits, (there are no punctuation marks in the original), and then those who are His at His coming. Rev. 14:1-5 defines in language that couldn't be clearer just who the firstfruits are;

"And I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion, and with him an hundred forty and four

thousand, having his Father's name written in their foreheads.

And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps:

And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before the four beasts, (living creatures), and the elders: and no man could learn that song but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were redeemed from the earth.

These are they which were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb.

And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God."

But who are these firstfruits? For the answer to this question we turn to Rev. 20:4-6;

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: and I saw the souls of them that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection.

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: on such the second death hath no power, but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years."

These are obviously those who will be the "elders" of Israel, those who reign with Christ as kings and priests, and not the citizens of the kingdom. Their responsibility will be to assist in their variously appointed positions at the Marriage Supper. I

have often said that should I be found worthy of being amongst this select number, the first job I would request would be to gather all the members of our government into the Great Hall of Parliament, mount the podium, and announce to them,

### You're all sacked.

I don't for one moment think that those who are appointed to these august positions will just sit around playing tiddly-winks. I believe that they will be, by their changed atomic structure, kept very busy, under the leadership of Elijah, commencing with the awakening of God's Israel people to the fact of their identity. And the number of them will be, as stated above, 144,000.

There is no higher calling recorded in the Bible other than the privilege of becoming a Priest and King in the Kingdom of God as distinct from just being a citizen in that Kingdom. Isn't this the fact to which he referred in I Cor. 15:40-42;

“There are also celestial bodies, and bodies terrestrial: but the glory of the celestial is one, and the glory of the terrestrial is another.

There is one glory of the sun, and another glory of the moon, and another glory of the stars: for one star differeth from another star in glory.”

The ‘celestial’ body is that which can travel through space, whilst the ‘terrestrial’ body is confined to the earthly space.

So in summarizing all this, we now have the picture of the Prophet Elijah returning for the express mission of firstly leading God's Israel people back into a knowledge of their Identity. Secondly, that of re-introducing them to the absolute requirement of returning to full obedience to the Laws of God.

How long this will take has not been revealed to us, but if we apply the principle of the Wedding Supper preceding the actual Wedding by seven days, then this period, on a prophetic

scale, could last for seven months, or even seven years. I'm quite sure that Elijah is not going to simply wave a 'magic wand' with everything being corrected in a flash. These days we accept the principle of a change of government every four or five years, knowing quite well that the next party in power will be as useless as the previous one. But with God's Law being introduced, there will no longer be any political parties. Virtually every law under which we now live will be eliminated and replaced by that which is perfect, under the control of perfected leaders. But if there is one thing of which we can be certain, by the time he has achieved his mission, Israel, the Bride will have been restored to the original condition of perfection to which she was always appointed. She can then be re-united with her former Husband, who by His death, had died to redeem her in accordance with the requirements of His own Law.

Israel as a fully glorified nation, under the leadership of her Divine Husband, will then be enabled to go forward in her appointed task of being a blessing to all the other nations and families of the earth, with the full power to destroy all of God's enemies, and all the works of their arch-enemy Satan, so that all sickness and death and misery will forever be vanquished.

How soon will it be before this process begins. According to the latest figures I have, Britain has a deadline of 2004/5 to formally join the EU, after which we will lose both our national and religious freedom. But the Lord has promised to cut the days short, on the grounds that if he doesn't put a limit to the time available, not even the Elect would be saved.

So the time has now come when we should gather into our own closet, and watch and pray, lest the indignation should overtake us, and we are found wanting.

My sincere prayer is that this message will bring hope and confidence to God's Israel people in these last days.



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Once again, our grateful thanks for all the very generous support we have received since our previous issue. There seems to be no end to all the book and tape orders we receive, as well as the new subscribers.

However, it has also been a very worrying time for both Betty and I. As many of you already know, she has not been well for some time, and I reached the stage where I was so totally worn out looking after her, that our doctor recommended that she be placed in a nursing home for respite care, in order to give us both a break. Fortunately we were able to secure a bed in a good Nursing Home immediately. It takes 35 minutes each way to visit her, but she is to be transferred to another Nursing Home just five minutes drive away as soon as they have a vacancy. The problem is that she was assessed as a "High Level" patient, because of her condition, and there seems to be quite a long waiting list at the local Nursing Home. Whilst she is receiving excellent attention, it has been assessed that she will almost certainly have to remain in the home permanently. She had been diagnosed as suffering from extreme stress, but that has unfortunately progressed to dementia. She has days that are fairly good, but at other times she is not so good. So please remember her in your prayers, as she is now completely in God's merciful hands.

Just on three months ago Bruce had open heart surgery for three by-passes, and I'm glad to report that he is recovering quite well.

Gordon had an angiogram several weeks ago and during the procedure they discovered that one of his arteries was almost completely blocked. So they inserted a 'stint' to keep the artery open, and he is now keeping quite well, following a few days rest. But a few weeks later he was involved in an accident with his car. He came out of it alright, but his wife Lorraine suffered a fractured rib, and extensive bruising across the chest as a result of the seat belt. But apart from all that, we are doing quite well.

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# GOD IS OUR PROTECTOR

by Bruce Horner

## Part 21

### NATIONAL DAYS OF PRAYER

#### THE BATTLE OF BRITAIN

Sunday, September 8, 1940  
Day of Prayer by desire of the King.

**T**he Battle of Britain, intended as the prelude to invasion of the country, was approaching its climax. Rome had predicted that "in the final assault, about to be unleashed, Britain would be crushed." On the 4th, Hitler had boasted that he would erase our cities." The German radio had given warning that 'the German sword was about to strike with increasingly momentous strokes." Then came this National Day of Intercession.

Sixty years ago, as the springtime of 1940 began turning into what should have been the blissful days of another glorious English summer, the country, and indeed, the whole world, held its breath. For civilisation was standing on the brink of disaster, threatened with the total destruction of democracy by the aggressive might of fascist Germany.

Without doubt, what came to be called "The Baffle of Britain" proved to be the most critical moment in the island's long history, for in a few short weeks it laid the foundation of ultimate victory almost five years later. No other battle during that bitter conflict was so crucial to their future as an independent nation and the cause of freedom everywhere.

Officially, the period regarded as the Battle of Britain lasted for four months, or precisely 114 days from July 10th to October 31st, 1940. But in fact the most crucial time was only about five weeks, from August 8th when the Luftwaffe launched its initial attempt to gain mastery of the skies over Britain prior to Hitler's planned seaborne invasion, to mid-September. Then, thanks to the dauntless skill and courage of a relatively small

band of fighter pilots and aircrew, the Germans realised that their plan to crush the RAF had failed. From then on they switched tactics to the nightly terror bombing of London and other cities instead.

## HITLER'S BLUNDER

Hitler could still have won World War II if he had not made a serious blunder coinciding with the very time when the King called the people to prayer. The British were still at Hitler's mercy. They had sent every division they had across the English Channel in a desperate gamble to help France stop the German Blitzkrieg. France had collapsed. The British fled the continent. They had left all their military equipment on the beaches of Dunkirk.

Irving tells us: "At the mid-day Cabinet on the sixth (June) the news was that the BEF had abandoned 7,000 tons of ammunition, 90,000 rifles, 1,000 heavy guns, 8,000 Bren machine guns and 400 anti-tank in Flanders, as well as 475 tanks and 38,000 motor vehicles.

They had gambled **ALL** to help save France, and had lost. All that England had left to fight an invasion force - was a hundred tanks, and two or three poorly equipped divisions, a mere handful of men (Schulman, *Defeat in the West*, page 50).

The German Intelligence Service declared that the German Army could land and keep supplied forty-five divisions in the initial landing on the coast of England. They also believed that they could supply an additional sixty-five divisions as soon as *air superiority* was established. The Germans would have had more than thirty-to-one superiority in men and equipment. Defenceless, England could not have withstood such a power. Even the stubborn British could not have stopped the belching "fire and brimstone" from cannon's mouth with pitchforks and clubs.

Prime Minister Churchill said: "...in 1940 an invading force of perhaps 150,000 picked men might have created mortal havoc in our midst" (Secret Session Speeches, London, 1945, page 52).

At the dizzy height of success, terrifying fear again entered the German picture. The German High Command decided that they must destroy the British Air Force BEFORE they *dared risk* the invasion of England. It should be noted

here, however, that this was the perceived opinion of some historians. Perhaps fear and uncertainty had some part to play in the German psyche, but David Irving, the noted English historian, has, with hindsight, and masterly research, suggested that Hitler had such a love and respect for the British people, that he never wished to wage war against them, and tried to avoid invasion. Indeed, his opinion is that invasion was never an option. This reasoning did not, however, extend to Hitler's lieutenants and followers. Truly, it must be admitted that God had overseen all these events in a manner that will probably never be realised.

The Luftwaffe began the operation to wipe out the RAF by bombing the airfields, the aircraft factories, the twelve radar outposts, and the seven "sector control centres". Goring did not realise how vital these radar outposts were to Britain's defences. He soon stopped attacks on them.

The sector centres were another very important key to the defence of England. They worked hand in hand with the radar outposts. By September six of the SEVEN all important sector stations were knocked out. The entire communications system was on the very verge of destruction. This was Britain's darkest hour. "The scales," as Churchill later wrote, "had tilted against our fighter command - there was much anxiety." Another week or two of this and Britain's fast dwindling Air Force would have *disappeared*.

## AFTER DUNKIRK

Just to illustrate how the day to day conduct of the war was manipulated by the Prime Minister, let me take you back to the aftermath of Dunkirk, as described by David Irving. 'Now, Churchill promised, the British would rebuild their expeditionary army'.

"We shall not flag or fail. We shall go on to the end ... We shall fight on the beaches, we shall fight on the landing grounds, we shall fight in the fields and in the streets, we shall fight in the hills; we shall never surrender. And even if, which I do not for a moment believe, this island or a large part of it were subjugated and starving, then our Empire beyond the seas, armed and guarded by the British Fleet, would carry on the struggle, until, in God's good time, the New World, with all its

power and might, steps forth to the rescue and the liberation of the old."

'How often had the deliberations of the House been stifled by putrid, colourless verbiage - now Winston Churchill's tear-provoking, august prose reared like a moss-grown fortress out of its ceaseless blare, defying the scorn of commoner people for its pedantry and archaic form. By its rare beauty his language ennobled and sanctified the cause it was proclaiming.

'That evening the BBC broadcast his speech after the News. The whole nation thrilled, not knowing that Churchill had refused to repeat R before the microphone. A BBC actor - "Larry the Lamb" of the Children's Hour - had agreed to mimic the Prime Minister before the microphone, and nobody was any the wiser.'

Irving goes on to say in *Churchill's War*: -

'For months after the Dunkirk debacle Britain would remain on the defensive. While Ironside set about rebuilding the army, post-mortems began into what Churchill had called the "unmitigated military disaster."

In retrospect, its seeds had been sown in February, with the provisional decision to ship three of the ten divisions earmarked for Lord Gort to Scandinavia instead. Even at that time General Pownall had despairingly attributed this Norway/Finland plan to "those master strategists Winston and Ironside" - and had made comparisons to Gallipoli. Neither Georges nor Gort had been consulted about R, although it set back their build up in France by two months; in fact no ammunition at all was shipped to the BEF during February in case it was needed 'elsewhere'. By April, Pownall was recording that Mr Churchill's Military Co-ordination Committee, responsible for the original "harebrained" plan, was known in the War Office as The Crazy Gang.

Examination of the contemporary records cannot however exonerate the generals of the BEF. They were a poor match for Hitler's commanders, and knew it.

'The towns were not yet bleeding. The enemy airforce was still attacking mainly ports and shipping. But in a new directive on the first day of August, Hitler ordered the airforce, starting on or after the fifth, to knock the British airforce out of the skies both literally and by marauding its ground organisation, supply lines, and aircraft factories. Hitler reserved

strictly to himself the right to order "terror raids" - meaning air raids on city areas - even in reprisal.

Thus London was still not bombed. On Sunday August 4, de Gaulle found the prime minister on the lawn at Chequers shaking his fist at the sky, and shouting in strange fury, "So they won't come!" Seeing his puzzlement, Churchill explained his deadly rationale. The bombing of cities like Oxford and Canterbury would cause such indignation in the United States that they would have to come into the war.

## THE EAGLE DID NOT LAND

Goring optimistically asked for three fine days to fulfil Hitler's requirement for the destruction of Britain's air defences. Day 1 would be "Eagle Day". He issued these orders to his three Air Force commanders on the 6th. Bletchley intercepted the directive and forwarded it to No 10. The enemy plan was for strongly escorted bombers to approach targets around London in broad daylight and overpower the fighters that rose to engage them. Goring favoured August 10 for Eagle Day, but the weather did not. He postponed it first to the 11th, then fixed Eagle Day for the 13th.

A buff box evidently brought this news to Churchill immediately: a bracket was inked across three days on his appointment card beginning late on the 13th; since Hitler had forbidden attacks on London itself he made no plans to leave the city.

RAF fighter losses began rising steeply. Eighteen had been shot down on Thursday the 8th. That summer, the callowest youth in the English countryside could tell from its sounds, without a glance, which aircraft was pirouetting thousands of feet above, tracing vapour trails that tangled briefly and occasionally withered away as one or the other was hit and spiralled down.

Warned by the narrowing margin, Winston had driven out to Chequers that Friday evening, August 9, for a weekend with his generals.

Tuesday, August 13: this was Reichsmarschal Herman Goring's Eagle Day. Churchill lunched with the King. As they emerged, London was still decked in insouciance: there was nothing to be seen of the aerial killing match that had begun: the combats were over England's southern countryside and Channel.

Since 6 in the morning the heavily escorted enemy bombers had been marauding across the southern counties. Their offensive was only at half strength, because worsening weather had forced the recall of Field Marshal Albert Kesselring's Second Air Force. Even so, by nightfall the enemy had flown 1,500 sorties against which Fighter Command had managed barely 700.

At dusk the enemy airforce retired. Their losses were substantial - 45, compared with 13 of the RAF.

On the 14th the battle for air supremacy in the skies had continued, though the scale of the enemy effort on this day had been smaller. Goring lost 19 planes, Dowding 8. Knowing what the former had planned, the latter had good cause to be pleased.

Hitler was loath to continue this pointless battle. In Berlin that day, issuing the bejewelled, velvet-upholstered batons to his new field marshals, he made this quite plain. 'Germany [he said] is not striving to smash Britain, because the beneficiaries will not be us, but Japan in the east, Russia in India, Italy in the Mediterranean and America in world trade. That is why peace is perfectly possible with Britain - but not so long as Churchill is prime minister. That is why we must see what our airforce can do, and await a possible general election.'

The intercepts still mirrored Hitler's resolve not to invade. Churchill did not ease up on the scare stories when Kennedy called round at 4.30 that afternoon, but the ambassador had heard R all before. His own feeling, which he cabled to Washington that evening, was that the Germans would not attempt any invasion until they had achieved greater supremacy in the air.

## UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

In fact the scare story was no longer needed. Kennedy had brought a personal message from Roosevelt. The president, the message said, now agreed that it might prove possible to furnish him immediately with fifty destroyers, motor torpedo boats and aircraft.

Churchill summoned his colleagues to discuss the immodest price that Washington was asking: the freedom to use Newfoundland, Bermuda, certain Caribbean islands and British Guiana in the event of an attack on the American hemisphere - in fact the right to establish US bases there right now. Moreover

- and this hurt - Roosevelt wanted a written assurance that Britain would send her fleet overseas in the event of a collapse.

What Churchill wanted, of course, was a token American commitment. By the time the American destroyers arrived, it would be late autumn and they would have lost much of their purely naval relevance. They turned out to be barnacled with age, useless; they mounted one obsolete gun and no Flak at all. By the end of 1940, after extensive refits, only nine would be operational. The only one ever to see active service would be the *Campbelltown*, blown up as a blockship at Saint-Nazaire in March 1942.

Roosevelt dragged out the details of exchange for help with Britain. Much that could have helped was shelved by his advisers, and Britain gave America a distillate of British genius - secrets that would give the more backward reaches of American science the means to make a quantum leap forward into the Twentieth Century.

Whether inspired by scientific ignorance, or impelled by selfless altruism, Mr Churchill had authorised Tizard to give the Americans the blueprints of Britain's microwave radar. This included the new air-to-surface vessel radar and an actual specimen of the cavity magnetron developed by Sir James Randall and H.A.H. Boot the sophisticated device that increased radar power by one thousandfold at a stroke. (American radar development was in the stone age - no American plane had ever carded even airborne radar.) Other secret and fantastic data, too numerous to mention, were included, Churchill was uneasy about public opinion; so both sides agreed to keep the agreements secret from the public. Roosevelt insisted on nothing less than binding contracts, including the necessity that all the numerous future bases on British territory become sovereign American territory. Churchill had wanted a looser bargain, more like an informal exchange of gifts. He had, of course, by now deduced from the intercepts that there was no longer an invasion risk, but he could hardly divulge that to Roosevelt.

Neville Chamberlain had once reassured a colleague that Baldwin would never risk making Winston foreign secretary - "He would find himself waking up nights with a cold sweat at the thought of Winston's indiscretions." The colleague, Leo Amery, had charitably defended Winston as not being so much rash as "picturesque".

Now, in mid August 1940, Chamberlain was weakening to a cancer diagnosed two weeks earlier; and Winston had adopted towards him that rather distant and sympathetic manner that the United States was manifesting towards Britain. Behind the sympathy was a lingering contempt. "History will deal severely with Chamberlain," he would rasp towards the end of the current war, and add, after a well timed pause, "I know - because I shall write it."

It was now August 15, 1940: Through a series of his own indiscretions he had become prime minister of a country upon which an unwilling enemy would soon direct his combined airforces. That enemy's cipher indiscretions alone enabled him to avoid defeat in the air, although neither he nor "Stuffy" Dowding could later admit it. Bletchley was often reading the precise orders, naming actual airfields to be attacked - names that would be graven in the Battle's history, like Warmell, Little Rissington, Abingdon.

By Thursday, August 15 Goring was clearly baffled; he recalled his Second, Third and Fifth Air Force commanders to headquarters and censured them for their failure to reduce the British defences. He suggested precision attacks on aircraft factories at Birmingham. "Cities as such," he reminded them, "are not to be attacked yet particularly not London."

That day, Thursday, brought the climax: from morning until dusk the rival squadrons brawled across the southern counties. Goring's pilots flew 1,786 sorties. To exhaust the fighter defences, they threw seven great raids at southern England, staggered throughout the day, coupled with a Fifth Air Force punch at the north. The purpose was to catch half the fighter squadrons on the ground refuelling. Knowing this, the austere, wordless Dowding ordered restraint, and thus mastered the situation.

Aware that London itself was not on the menu, Churchill had stayed in town, on hot coals all that day.

All three enemy Air Forces operated; from Norway one hundred bombers escorted by 70 fighter planes bore down on factories and harbours in northern England while the Second and Third Air Forces tied down all twenty-two RAF fighter squadrons in the south. But, forewarned, Dowding had retained seven squadrons in the north-east to ward off precisely this blow. Months later, Churchill recalled this as "the decisive incident in the campaign."

The damage to aircraft factories was growing serious. The evening score was telephoned to No. 10: Dowding had lost 34; he still had 235 Hurricanes and Spitfires as replacements, and his pilots were claiming one hundred enemy destroyed.

The remaining August air battles were inconclusive.

On the morning of the 16th the sirens sounded in London, but without event. This was the afternoon that he drove out to the command bunker at Stanmore and watched from the gallery of this underground theatre as the tide of battle ebbed and flowed across the chart of southern England.

By duskfall the coloured lamps indicated that every fighter squadron had been thrown in. Pug Ismay was ashen faced, but the raiders withdrew, the coloured lights gradually flickered out, and the girls raked the squadron markers off the table in the manner of roulette croupiers on the Riviera. The enemy had flown seventeen hundred sorties and lost 45 planes; Dowding claimed 161, and was invited to dine at Chequers.

The margin was narrowing. Accompanying Churchill to a fighter station, Ismay watched the eager young men clamber into their Merlin-engined steeds, a strand of the Old Testament tugging at his memory: *'And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up my jewels.'* [Malachi 3:17]

## BERLIN

Churchill recognised the danger now - the enemy airforce was methodically wrecking Dowding's sector and radar stations. But he was devising the salvation: he would divert the attack onto London proper by deliberately striking at Berlin - Hitler's capital and one of Germany's biggest industrial centres. He invited Sir Charles Portal to Chequers for dinner on the 17th to discuss it. It would be a cynical step, fraught with the utmost danger for the Londoners. Hitler had ten times as many bombers, and their bases were only one-sixth as far from London as the British were from Berlin.

Bomber Command had nearly triggered the deadly exchange that morning: Portal had ordered an attack on the Siemens factories, in the heart of Berlin. While willing to wound, however, Churchill was still afraid to strike - or at least to strike *first*. He wanted to win American public opinion, not

alienate it. Thus at 6.25 pm, while Portal was still at Chequers, a cipher signal went to his headquarters postponing the Berlin attack indefinitely. Hitler must seem to throw the first punch.

Some time after midnight, a lone German plane droned high over Chequers, unaware that with one bomb it could have disposed of Mr Churchill, the chief of his Bomber Command, and their plan.

During Sunday the 18th the enemy badly mauled the fighter defences; as Churchill dined with Clementine and Sarah, his oracle reported that the Nazi airforce commander Hermann Goring had warned his commanders to prepare a large scale operation on Monday.

Bad weather closed down air operations that Monday. The cipher reported that Goring had summoned every commander down to squadron level to a meeting, where he ordered the ratio of fighters to bombers increased and ordered a night attack on Glasgow. It cannot have pleased Mr Churchill to see that London was still embargoed.

That weekend a turning point in the life and death of a million Europeans arrived. During Saturday August 24 the enemy began using the new fighter-saturation tactics, with bombers taking part only as bait to lure the defences into combat. Warned in advance, Dowding refused to be drawn. That evening the bombing continued. The targets included oil tanks and airplane component factories on the very periphery of London. One bomber overshot its target, oil tanks in Rochester, and its stick of bombs fell inside Greater London; nobody was killed, but a hundred people lost their homes in the working class East End.

Churchill learned of this on Saturday Morning. It was the break he had been waiting for, as his immediate intervention - revealed by Bomber Commands telephone records - shows. By-passing both Sinclair and the chief of air staff, he telephoned Bomber Command just after 9.00 am, learned that Portal was away, told the Senior Air Staff Officer there, Air Commodore Norman Bottomley, that he had discussed with Portal "a certain projected attack on a target in the East of Germany" and was anxious that it be bombed that night.

The three Group commanders, who took seriously their responsibility for their young aircrews' lives, contemplated the unhelpful weather conditions forecast for Berlin that night, and reported from their respective headquarters that it might "go off

at halfcock." Bottomley warned them that Mr Churchill was "most anxious" for a really heavy attack as an immediate reprisal for "the attack on London." But then the Chief of Air Staff intervened: unaware of Portal's private discussion a week earlier with Churchill at Chequers, Sir Cyril Newall decided the Command must go ahead with its long-prepared attack on Leipzig instead. Ordering this by cipher telegram at 4 pm he postponed Berlin by 24 hours, even ordered his crews to avoid "indiscriminate bombing of the civil population."

This was not what Winston wanted at all. Air Vice Marshal Arthur Harris, standing in that day for Portal, felt that this night was likely to be as favourable as any other and in a telephone conference with the other commanders at 4 pm argued strongly that this opportunity to attack Berlin was unlikely to return for some time. Newall approved, reluctantly, at 4.25 pm.

As feared, the raid went off at half-cock. Eighty bombers were sent that Sunday night, less than thirty claimed to have found Berlin; nobody was killed, the Flak put up a noisy barrage.

On Monday morning Newall assured Bomber Command that he would not tolerate any more such last minute changes of plan and target.

'He proposed that on Tuesday night they attack Leipzig as planned.

Churchill disagreed. 'Now that they have begun to molest the capital [London],' he told the chief of air staff, "I want you to hit them hard, and Berlin is the place to hit them."

Winston's staff was becoming accustomed, as one wrote on the 1st, day of September, to ceaseless air warnings. They lost count of their number. By day they yielded little except an occasional distant and muffled explosion; by night the lone planes were more of a nuisance, prowling overhead aimlessly with only very rarely a dull "boomp" as a distant bomb fell. The private secretaries, not privy to the utterances of Bletchley's oracle, did not know that London was still on Hitler's embargo list for attack. They quietly marvelled as their master stalked out into the garden at No.10, when the sirens sounded, to pace the lawn, helmet in hand, before retiring to his bunker for the night.

On the 29th the RAF returned to Berlin and this time drew blood. Ten people were killed, and Hitler flew north to his capital. He ordered Goring to prepare - but not execute -

massive retaliation. Thus, while Churchill was fortifying himself with 1911 Bollinger at Chequers on the last day of August, the Reichmarschall attacked southern England with the largest force of bombers yet - 380 by day and 260 by night.

But still the city of London was embargoed.

Evidently the new bombing policy hatched between Churchill and Portal, over whiskey and victuals at Chequers, evoked consternation among the air marshals at intermediate levels between them. But Portal now had the higher authority he needed to start a holocaust. Plans were made on how to best accomplish this end.

Hitherto, the death of civilians and destruction of hospitals, churches and cultural monuments had been regarded as a by-product of bombing; but, in the opinion of the official Historians, in Portal's mind these now became a desirable end-product. 'On the following day his foreign secretary expressed private surprise at the German restraint in the air. "I cannot understand," he mused in his diary, "why Hitler, if he has the immense reserve Air strength that we are told, doesn't throw it in?" But Hitler's temper was fraying. That night, September 4, he delivered a major speech in his capital. After a sarcastic mention of "that noted war correspondent" Mr Churchill, he suddenly referred to the repeated British raids on German cities.

"For three months I did not answer because I believed such madness would be stopped ... We are now answering night for night. If the British airforce drops two or three or four tonnes of bombs, then we will in one night drop 150, 250 or 300 tonnes. If they declare that they will increase their attacks on our cities, then we will raze their cities to the ground."

A few hours later he secretly lifted the embargo on London; flare aircraft illuminated the English capital that night as a warning of things to come.

Portal's bombing offensive against Berlin continued.

Mr Churchill had withdrawn to Chequers on Friday the 6th, inviting General Brooke to dine there with him again.

Fortunately, they were still at Chequers on Saturday September 7: only a few days before, Winston had remarked to Dalton that the nation was finding the war less unpleasant than feared.

At 5 pm the unpleasantness began: the sunlit estuary of the Thames filled with the roar of 300 enemy bombers escorted

by twice that number of fighter planes, droning in at high altitude from the east to the docklands where the river begins to snake.

This was Hitler's reprisal for the Portal raids on Berlin - the first mass attack on targets in London. For once, Dowding, his communications tattered, his radar systems tattered, his fighter airfields cratered, fumbled his response.

Bombs began failing on the Royal Arsenal at Woolwich and munitions factories.

More formations were approaching from due south, over the Channel; running battles could be seen over the city itself as the massed bombers clawed their way forward to the Millwall and Commercial docks.

Londoners who had never seen such a thing before crowded into the streets, craned their necks to see the thunderous spectacle, then broke for cover as the bombdoors opened right overhead and the first dark spots hurtled down.

Immense blazes raged through the dockyards and the adjoining East End slums, fires too vast to douse by duskfall. Around 8.30, as flickering searchlights fingered the darkening pall, the bombers returned, beaconsed by the glowing inferno in the East End. The city was an easy target - its famous ribbon of river fringed by flames.

Bombs bracketed Battersea power station, plunging the West End into darkness; another power station was hit at West Ham.

Thus at the crucial moment Churchill had tricked Hitler and Goring into shifting their aim from the fighter defences to the capital city. We have no eye witness account of how he responded to this deadly triumph.

"Each night," he admitted to his duty secretary, "I try myself by Court Martial to see if I have done anything effective during the day. I don't mean just pawing the ground." This time he had not just pawed the ground. He had saved Fighter Command. Five forward airfields and six of the seven sector-stations had been seriously damaged; London would soon have been defenceless.

There were added bonuses: American newspapermen were already reporting the bombing to their editors; and this Nazi response would hammer into a frustrated silence all those Englishmen who voiced doubts about the wisdom of his war. For the first time, moreover, he had forced Hitler to dance to his

tune. It was just as he wanted, though he could hardly tell his public that.

'This first attack had killed 306 Londoners. It was the first lurch towards the holocaust. Now Churchill and Portal needed no further justification for what they proposed - to unleash a new kind of war, in which ultimately one million civilians in Germany as well as hundreds of thousands of French, Poles, Czechs and others would die under the trample of the Allied strategic bomber forces.

**8 September 1940 - Day of prayer by desire of HM the King.**

At the service in Westminster Abbey, at which Mr Churchill and Members of the Cabinet attended, the final prayer began: "emember, O God, for good, those watchmen who by day and by night climb into the air... Let thy Hand lead them, we beseech Thee, and Thy right Hand hold them."

### **THEIR FINEST HOUR**

Until now Churchill had scarcely known personal popularity. Now, with each new ordeal, his popularity soared. Of course this stoical, suffering people could not know that for reasons of grand strategy he and Bomber Command had done their utmost to induce this very outrage; nor that there was worse to come; nor that the carnage would last for four more years.



No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD. *Isaiah 54:17.*



# A WALK THROUGH THE GOSPELS

by Bruce Horner

## Part 26

### THE 3RD DAY BEFORE PASSOVER. THE 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NISAN.

**L**et me briefly recapitulate the events of this day from my last talk. In the morning the Lord returns to Jerusalem from Bethany where he had spent the night. On the road they passed the fig tree and stopped to eat from it. However, the tree had no fruit, and Jesus made an extraordinary declaration over the incident, by cursing the fig tree for having no fruit. From there they entered the temple. Immediately he sees that the traders have returned. With obvious anger he overturns the tables once more.

**Mark 11:15-17** *And they came to Jerusalem: and Jesus went into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold doves;*

*And would not suffer that any man should carry any vessel through the temple.*

*And he taught, saying unto them, Is it not written, My house shall be called of all nations the house of prayer? But ye have made it a den of thieves.*

**Mark 11:18** *And the scribes and chief priests heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, because all the people were astonished at his doctrine.*

After this Jesus taught the people, and we had the incident of the Greeks wanting to make an appointment to see Jesus.

By now the sun must have been setting, and people would be returning home to attend to the needs of their families; so Jesus goes out of the city, probably to Bethany.

### THE SECOND DAY BEFORE THE PASSOVER, THE 13<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NISAN.

**MARK 11:20-26** *And in the morning, as they passed by, they saw the fig tree dried up from the roots.*

*And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, Master, behold, the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away.*  
*And Jesus answering saith unto them, have faith in God.*

*For verily I say unto you, That whosoever shall say unto this mountain, be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that those things which he saith shall come to pass: he shall have whatsoever he saith.*

*Therefore I say unto you, what things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.*

*And when ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.*

*But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father which is in heaven forgive your trespasses.*

I suppose that the first thing to notice in this exchange is the fact that Jesus' reply to Peter does not address the reason for the action. In fact, I would actually call it a classical case of changing the subject. Jesus simply replies on the assumption that Peter is amazed that the perfectly healthy tree is by the next morning completely withered away. Jesus assures Peter that this is possible for all believers, with the proviso that all malice is removed from their hearts, and that they have completely forgiven any offences that others may have made against them. We might also add, that the request itself is within the will of God to bestow. I am sure that God is not interested in flippant or selfish requests.

And so the reason for the act goes quietly unobserved. But why should Jesus make it plain to his disciples, or indeed, to any other person of that generation or era even, for the next 2000 years. It is only now, in the last days, that we are able to

understand what he did. The Fig tree represents the Kingdom of Judah. Jesus had already told the Jews that the Kingdom would be taken from them, and given to a nation that would bring forth the fruits thereof. He had already predicted the destruction of the temple and the crushing of the people of the land. And this probably was the primary meaning of the parable. In AD 70, Titus, the Roman General, destroyed the city and the temple and took the people captive. And so there was no more official Kingdom of Judah throughout history. But in these last days, since the treaty made by the British Government after the 1<sup>st</sup> World War, when all the wonderful work of Lawrence of Arabia was set at nought and repudiated, the Jews have found a home again. True to form the newly budded fig tree has not produced fruit. I believe that in the next few years we are going to see once more the complete destruction of the fig tree and the people who call themselves Jews, but are not, but are the Synagogue of Satan. This, I believe, is the message of the sudden wilting and death of the fig tree.

*Luke 21:38,38 And every day he was teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and abode in the mount that is called the mount of Olives.*

*And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, for to hear him.*

#### THE RULERS (SANHEDRIN) FORMALLY CHALLENGE THE AUTHORITY OF JESUS AS AN ACCREDITED TEACHER (RABBI)

#### Mark 11:27-12:12

*27 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple there come to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders,*

*28 And say unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority to do these things?*

This was very confronting. Robertson tells us, in a footnote, that it was very common to test a Rabbi with hard questions. The Sanhedrin was within their rights in challenging the ecclesiastical and scholastic standing of Jesus. And he never did dodge the issues in his answers. However, it is easy to see that whenever they queried him, there were always barbs of THE COVENANT VISION.

venom and distrust. Jesus bases His human authority on John the Baptist, His Forerunner who baptised him, and demands the Sanhedrin's opinion of the Baptism of John.

This pertinent counter-question paralyses the Jewish leaders and Jesus drives His argument home by three parables. (a) Parable of the Two Sons. (b) Parable of the Wicked Husbandmen. (c) Parable of the Marriage Feast of the King's Son.

29 *And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things.*

30 *The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or of men? Answer me.*

31 *And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him?*

32 *But if we shall say, Of men; they feared the people: for all men counted John, that he was a prophet indeed.*

33 *And they answered and said unto Jesus, We cannot tell. And Jesus answering saith unto them, Neither do I tell you by what authority I do these things.*

What a brilliant reply. They had probably never been so rebuffed and silenced in their whole career.

## PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS

**Matt 21:28-32**

28 *But what think ye? A certain man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work to day in my vineyard.*

29 *He answered and said, I will not: but afterward he repented, and went.*

30 *And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not.*

31 *Whether of them twain did the will of his father? They say unto him, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.*

32 *For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not: but the publicans and the harlots believed*

him: and ye, when ye had seen it, repented not afterward, that ye might believe him.

This is very obvious to us as a Parable of the Kingdom. But only because we have been educated in this direction. It is equally obvious to most other Christians that it means something else, whatever that might be. However, it is most illuminating to see that the Jews reacted as if they perceived the parable in the same way that we do.

**Luke 20:19** *And the chief priests and the scribes the same hour sought to lay hands on him; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he had spoken this parable against them.*

So what does this parable say? It is very similar, in fact, to the Parable of the Prodigal Son, with Matthew's rendering remaining incomplete. The two sons are evidently Israel and Judah. Given the complete Bible story from cover to cover, how could they represent anything else? The vineyard represents the Kingdom, as explained in the Parable of the Husbandmen which immediately follows. Our Lord is comparing the publicans and harlots who give up their rebellion and come to repentance, with the Jews who profess to be the children of the Kingdom, but neglect entirely to live up to their profession.

The wider application is also true. The house of Israel, called to be workers in God's Kingdom, had refused the call, and had gone away to idolatry.

For over one thousand years they ignored the will of God and their appointment as the chosen son of the parable. They set aside the privileges and blessings they might have enjoyed; they went right out of the Kingdom into a far country, and the work of the Kingdom-vineyard was neglected, waiting for their return.

But although the wayward son said, "I will not," he afterwards repented and went. Like the Prodigal he returned home, for the Father in each case is the same, and the vineyard was at home. After many years of rebellion and foolish wandering the House of Ephraim came to Britain, embraced Christianity, and began to work hard in the vineyard of the Kingdom. He has been used to guard the Kingdom itself, and to

greatly extend its boundaries. He has cultivated it, and has seen the fruits of the Kingdom coming to harvest year by year in abundance. He has built a sanctuary in it, which is the centre of the true worship of God for the world. He has, in fact, been appointed the steward of the vineyard, and all the interests of the estate are entrusted to him. That is, until the period of the last 100 years, the Last Days, when the power of the Holy people has been taken from them, by reason of a great spiritual falling away, when the shepherds appointed over the flocks have been found to be wolves in sheep's clothing. But that is another story which is separate from the question at issue.

The repentance of this son and his subsequent toil in the Kingdom of God formed the turning point in the world's history. He was the new steward appointed to succeed the unjust steward (the bad figs) who was discharged. He represents the ten servants who are to occupy till the Lord returns, and is the host entrusted with the recovery of wounded mankind until the Good Samaritan returns to pay him.

The other son, the Kingdom of the Jews, professed a willingness to work in the vineyard and to cultivate it, but failed to carry out his promise. All the treasures of the Kingdom were left in his hands for a time until the Father took them from him, as stated in verses 42 & 43.

**Matt 21:42-43** *Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

**43** *Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.*

This was the stone Kingdom of Daniel, the mightiest Kingdom the world has ever seen, and our Lord was the "Chief Corner Stone" of that Kingdom. Alas, at present the Kingdom is in shameful disarray, waiting for the Master to return. But the Jews need to beware. For contrary to their present belief, the Kingdom was indeed taken from them, and the Lord will not allow them to forcibly take back the birthright so easily sold for

a mess of pottage, and their latter end will be that they will perish, just as the fig tree perished.

The Master told them plainly one day:

**Matthew 23:13**    *"Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the Kingdom of Heaven against men; for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them who are entering to go in."*

It needs to be plainly stated in these days that the Jew is no longer the steward of the Kingdom. Our critics frequently remind us of the saying of our Lord to the woman of Samaria: "Salvation is of the Jews."

At first it was, but Christ "came to His own and His own received Him not." Since then the Jew has been removed from his high position, and salvation is no longer of the Jews. The other son who has repented has taken his place, and today, without a doubt, salvation is of the Israel-British people. The Saviour is their Lord and King; his earthly throne is in their possession; His Kingdom on earth is entrusted to them. They are in charge of His Holy Word; they are building His Church and preaching His gospel, and none of these things are any longer under the care of the Jews.

Imperfectly at present, I know, but I do not see any better contenders on the horizon.

### PARABLE OF THE WICKED HUSBANDMEN

**Mark 12:1**    *And he began to speak unto them by parables. A certain man planted a vineyard, and set an hedge about it, and digged a place for the winefat, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country.*

**2**    *And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruit of the vineyard.*

**3**    *And they caught him, and beat him, and sent him away empty.*

**4**    *And again he sent unto them another servant; and at him they cast stones, and wounded him in the head, and sent him away shamefully handled.*

5     *And again he sent another; and him they killed, and many others; beating some, and killing some.*

6     *Having yet therefore one son, his wellbeloved, he sent him also last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son.*

7     *But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours.*

8     *And they took him, and killed him, and cast him out of the vineyard.*

9     *What shall therefore the lord of the vineyard do? He will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others.*

10    *And have ye not read this scripture; The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner:*

11    *This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes?*

After reminding the Jews of their neglect to do the work they professed, our Lord proceeds to describe the wickedness of their fathers in persecuting the prophets, and leads up to their own rejection of Himself. As before, He speaks of the Kingdom under the symbol of a vineyard. The householder was Jehovah, the lord of the vineyard. The Kingdom is His, and is rightly termed the "Kingdom of God," or "the Kingdom of Heaven," where God's throne is. He planted the vineyard of the Kingdom in the earth; He hedged it round about with His own wonderful covenant promises and Divine protection; He digged a winepress in it, symbolising the perfect system of sacrifices and atonement for sin which were established in ancient Israel. Later, it is stated in Scripture that Christ the great Sacrifice, "trod the winepress alone," thus confirming this interpretation. He built a tower in it for its defence, representing the Throne of David, which was the earthly Throne of Jehovah, and He placed it in charge of the House of Judah.

We are told in Genesis 49:10, "*The sceptre shall not depart from Judah.*" When, in 975 BC, the House of Israel broke away, the throne and the organized worship – the tower and the winepress – were in the charge of the House of Judah to guard the tower, and Levi to attend the duties of the winepress. Later, when Judah and Levi returned from Babylon to Judaea

they were still the stewards of the Kingdom, and so they remained until our Lord's day, when the honour was taken from them.

The parable then deals with the attitude of Judah and Levi towards Jehovah and His prophets during the Mosaic dispensation for a long period prior to the captivity. It must be remembered that the priestly tribe of Levi resented the bold and fearless action of the prophets, who came with "Thus saith the Lord" upon their lips, and who frequently denounced the empty formalities and hypocrisies into which the priestly House of Judah had fallen. In **Matthew 23:35** Jesus charges the Jews (who were largely Judah and Levi) with the guilt of the persecutors. He shows that their fathers put the prophets of the Lord, even naming Zacharias, to death, and that the same spirit was in them. When He says "Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers, "He is challenging them to do their worst to Himself, as their fathers had done with the prophets of former days. This they afterwards carried out to the bitter end, and to our Lord's disciples also, as Christ intimated they would in the same scathing denunciation.

Most striking of all are the verses dealing with their treatment of the son and heir, whom they slew, that they might "seize on his inheritance. "Does Christ mean that the Jews not only demanded His crucifixion in order to get rid of Him and His teaching, but also that they may take full charge of His Kingdom and prevent Him from reigning on earth? In what way were they trying to seize the inheritance? Did they want to control the world and to restore a Judaistic Kingdom therein? Did they intend to overthrow the Roman power and to seize the Promised Land for themselves, to the exclusion of the House of Israel? Witness the present situation in Palestine, where they are apparently echoing the words of Scripture, where it describes the inhabitants of Palestine as saying, "Get ye hence from here, for unto us is this land given." Remember that these people are Zionists, "those that call themselves Jews but are not but are the Synagogue of Satan, and in reality represent Esau, endeavouring to regain their squandered inheritance.

**Mark 12:12** *And they sought to lay hold on him, but feared the people: for they knew that he had spoken the parable against them: and they left him, and went their way.*

How angry Jesus had made the Pharisees. It was already pre-determined by the Sanhedrin that they would take him when the time was ripe. But obviously, they were being humiliated and whipped to a frenzy by their inability to best Jesus on what they considered to be their own ground. They were ready to be precipitous and careless in their method of disposing of Him.

**Matt 21:45-46** *And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them.*

**46** *But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they took him for a prophet.*

Jesus ignored the unrest he was creating. He still had much to say, and He was not going to stop now. The final result would be inevitable anyway.

## THE PARABLE OF THE MARRIAGE FEAST OF THE KING'S SON.

**Matt 22:1-14** *And Jesus answered and spake unto them again by parables, and said,*

**2** *The kingdom of heaven is like unto a certain king, which made a marriage for his son,*

**3** *And sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the wedding: and they would not come.*

**4** *Again, he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them which are bidden, Behold, I have prepared my dinner: my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready: come unto the marriage.*

**5** *But they made light of it, and went their ways, one to his farm, another to his merchandise:*

**6** *And the remnant took his servants, and entreated them spitefully, and slew them.*

**7** *But when the king heard thereof, he was wroth: and he sent forth his armies, and destroyed those murderers, and burned up their city.*

**8** *Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they which were bidden were not worthy.*

**9** *Go ye therefore into the highways, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage.*

10 So those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both bad and good: and the wedding was furnished with guests.

11 And when the king came in to see the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding garment:

12 And he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding garment? And he was speechless.

13 Then said the king to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and take him away, and cast him into outer darkness; there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

This parable is recorded by **Matthew** and **Luke**, but in the latter account the portion about the man who lacked the wedding garment is omitted.

We are all familiar with the relationship between God and Israel as that of a marriage broken by the wife's adultery, resulting in divorce. This typified, of course, the fact of Israel chasing after other god's instead of being faithful to Jehovah. Bible prophecy looks forward to a remarriage under a new marriage covenant. We expect this to happen shortly after our Lord returns to earth to sit upon his earthly throne and rule "*with a rod of iron*". To understand the parable, let us note the order of events.

1. The supper was ready and the guests were bidden before the destruction of Jerusalem, which is clearly referred to in verse 7.
2. Those who made excuses and refused the invitation were the Jews of our Lord's time and immediately afterwards.
3. The remnant who slew the servants were those who persecuted and killed the apostles.
4. After the King destroyed the city his servants were sent out to all mankind in the Christian age; and the supper is postponed until the end of this period.
5. The marriage has not yet taken place, for the man without the wedding garment has not yet been cast out of the Kingdom into the outer darkness.

From this examination of the text it is evident that the marriage supper has to do with the Kingdom, which might have THE COVENANT VISION.

been restored at the beginning of the Christian age if the Jews had accepted our Lord and His redemption. The supper was ready then, but they refused the invitation. They were the children of the Kingdom, but were much more concerned about material things, their wealth, their worldly affairs, their social standing, all of which are indicated in the account given by St Luke. The chief item in the feast was their national and individual salvation, but as they did not feel that they were sinners, they had no interest either in the King or his marriage, so the celebration was postponed.

The second bidding took place after our Lord's ascension, and was the work of the apostles immediately after Pentecost. The careless attitude of the Jews was repeated, and there was no response, although this time they are specially told:

*"Behold I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fatlings are killed, and all things are ready."*

Before this urgent call was given the atonement had been made, the good things of grace and forgiveness were all provided; the rebellious nation had been redeemed, and everything was ready.

Most of the bidden guests were utterly careless and paid no attention: "they made light of it" (verse 5), and went on with their worldly ways as if nothing had happened. But a few, "the remnant," or the rest, did take notice, for they persecuted the King's messengers and slew them. The accounts given in the Acts of the Apostles of the hatred and revilings meted out to the heroes of the early Church cover the period referred to in this statement. Verse 7 is clear, and it indicates the anger of the King and the destruction of the Holy City in AD 70

Then the parable deals with the work of the Christian era, during which the Lord's servants have gone out into the highways, calling people to the feast which is all the time spread and waiting for the arrival of sufficient guests to fill the dining hall. During this period the servants have gone out into all lands; away from the "city" where his subjects dwell, away from the beaten track into byways and hedges, calling lost, Gentilised Israel, also true Gentiles, heathen, pagan, all classes, bad and

good. And now that the time has come a crowd of all races and nations have responded to the call. The wedding will be furnished with guests. So it is clear the redemption of our Lord and the work of His servants have not failed. The marriage will take place, and the King's house will be filled.

But now we read that there is a man present at the feast who had not a wedding garment. This man represents many who will come up to this point in the history of the Kingdom but will not be permitted to go any farther. The wedding garment is that which our Lord gives to those who are born again. It is the garment of Christ's righteousness, and is essential, for only those who have experienced the new birth can enter the Kingdom.

How could it be possible for such a man to be present at the wedding feast? In the Parable of the Tares we see that there are both good and bad in the Kingdom until our Lord's coming. We cannot read men's hearts, and there will be many when Christ returns whom He will reject. The punishment and expulsion of the man is dramatic. He is bound hand and foot and "cast into the outer darkness." We believe that to be the area outside the Kingdom where nations dwell which are still in the dark, still ignorant of Christ, perhaps heathen, and are not yet aware of the law or the gospel. "There will be weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth." The phrase "boat people" comes to mind!!

Now let us consider the marriage supper itself. What are the oxen and fatlings which the King has prepared? First and foremost, salvation and reconciliation through our Lord Jesus Christ.

But is that all? Will not the rich provision at the feast also include the great national, social, material and spiritual benefits that will at once be realised under the new administration. The Pure Law of God will be the law of the Kingdom, giving perfect justice, freedom and helpfulness to all. The nation's health will be fully restored. The burden of debt will be removed. The tyrant of materialism will no longer be enthroned. Crime will disappear. Religious unity will supersede our sectarian divisions. Truth will be revealed, banishing error and bigotry.

The Spirit of God will be poured out, bring true insight and prophetic vision. Knowledge of the word of God will be poured out, and, as never before, will come to all in the Kingdom. A rich communion of saints, and personal contact with our Lord will be normal. "Peace, righteousness and joy in the Holy Ghost" will characterise the life of the people.

The concluding sentence, "For many are called, but few are chosen" has caused discussion for centuries. Sufficient to say that he was rejected because he was not born again. The King's attitude towards this man, whom he addressed as "Friend," teaches that the man's rejection was his own fault, or he would not have been dealt with in the manner described.

All of this proved too much for the Pharisees. **Matthew 22:15** leaves us with the statement:

*"Then went the Pharisees, and took council how they might ensnare Him in His talk,"*

which we will pursue on our next encounter.



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Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely  
for the upright.

Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery  
and an instrument of ten strings.

Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise.  
For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are  
done in truth.

He loveth righteousness and judgment: the earth is full of  
the goodness of the LORD.

By the word of the LORD were the heavens made; and all  
the host of them by the breath of his mouth.

He gathereth the waters of the sea together as an heap: he  
layeth up the depth in storehouses.

Let all the earth fear the LORD: let all the inhabitants of the  
world stand in awe of him.

For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood  
fast.

The LORD bringeth the counsel of the heathen to nought: he  
maketh the devices of the people of none effect.

Psalm 33:1-10.

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