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

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In presenting this little magazine, it is not our intention to start up another organisation. 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 return and appearing 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 that we can afford to waste it on such unproductive, and indeed destructive exercises. We are concerned ONLY with what 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 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'

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Editorial

As I write this editorial (March 30), there is strong speculation about an early Federal election. Again we are to be given the opportunity of deciding our own destiny. Or so they tell us.

It has been really pathetic to listen to the infighting and the campaigning that has already commenced, by ALL parties. The populous has become so brain-washed and gullible that the politicians now openly treat us so. When you take away the individual faces and voices, you can hardly distinguish between the supposedly different political offerings that are served up to us. This is particularly noticeable in the area of finance and the economy, which after all is the area which ultimately controls all others. Taxation and the charging of interest, in their widest application, and in the manner in which they are presently implemented, are the greatest curse and evil of our present day society. By them, and through them, the wealth of this nation, and everyone within it, is being blatantly plundered and squandered. We are being deliberately robbed of our possessions, our incentive, and our heritage. And it is being achieved by immoral and destructive laws, introduced and supported by power hungry men, and sanctified by acts of parliament, NOT for the good of the nation, but at the bidding of the faceless enemy who has no other aim but the total destruction of the present Christian ethic and society, and the introduction of a ONE WORLD GOVERNMENT.

If you think that you will be given a choice of government in the elections, simply because you are given a choice of political parties, then please, stop being so naive. The only choice that you will be given is whether to be shot, drowned, or strangled. The ultimate aim of one world government is the imposition upon ALL people of a single totalitarian form of dictatorship. It is referred to in the Bible as "BABYLON THE GREAT,"

and is the system of the kingdom of Satan which he has formed in direct opposition to THE KINGDOM OF GOD. Just as the TEMPLE OF GOD has its ministers today, so also does THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN have its ministers. And they are the same ministers which were used thousands of years ago by Nebuchadnezzar when he first formed and introduced the Gold Standard, as recorded in Daniel 3:2. We are told that he assembled "the princes, the governors, the captains, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and the rulers of the provinces."

You will notice that the system was controlled, NOT by the religious leaders, nor by religious concepts, but by the political and financial leaders. And so we find that today we are similarly controlled, NOT by the concepts and teachings of our Christian faith, but by the politicians and so-called financial wizards.

Our nation does not want, and certainly does not need, political parties. We don't even want the BEST political party. What we need, and urgently, is GOOD GOVERNMENT. We spend millions of dollars on electing NOT "good government", but political parties. And it doesn't matter whether that party is Liberal, Labour, or National, none of them ever make the slightest reference to the perfection, or even the very existence, of God's Laws, nor to any intention on their part to even examine, let alone implement, any of its precepts.

The very foundation of our Christian faith, THE LAW OF GOD, had been totally ignored.

What then can we expect? Well, first and foremost, we can expect no relief from our present disastrous position. We must stop living in a fools' paradise. We scream when the thumb screws are applied. So our beneficent leaders take them off, and apply them to our toes. And we feel such a relief in our thumbs that we don't worry about the increasing pain elsewhere. We even thank these 'kind benefactors' for the relief. If we

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Israel — The Seed-Bed for The Church

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A PLAN OF REDEMPTION

The plan for the establishing of God's Kingdom upon earth was conceived by the Christ in His creation of the earth. As John records this, he wrote: *'When all things began, the Word already was. The Word dwelt with God, and what God was, the Word was. The Word then, was with God at the beginning, and through him all things came to be; no single thing was created without him. All that came to be was alive with his life, and that life was the light of men.'* Christ, therefore existed before anything that was created and was the Creator of the earth and everything in and on the earth. His plan for this earth has been frustrated by Lucifer, who was commissioned originally to act as the regent for the earth. But Lucifer, thinking that he was equal to God, has ruled the earth by such a set of machinations of his clever mind as human beings can scarcely imagine. The divine plan of Christ has been largely contested by Lucifer, or Satan, but will be wrested from him and he will be put down. Paul assured Christians of his day that *'in spite of all, overwhelming victory is ours through Him who loved us. For I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths — nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord'* (Romans 8:38,39). We know, then, that there is no power in heaven or earth which can continue to thwart the divine plan for the eventual setting up of God's Kingdom on earth. That plan is going forward, despite the efforts by Satan to stop it. As we look about the earth today and see the evidence of the resistance to Christ's plan for the earth, we can be certain that we approach the climax of this resistance. Peter wrote, *'Wake! be on the alert! Your enemy the devil, like a roaring lion, prowls around looking for someone to devour.'* That many have been devoured and erased from the scene cannot be denied. But there are many, beginning with Daniel, who have overcome the power of Satan by claiming the power of Christ and have

walked serenely out of the lion's den.

Through the weakness of Adam the first plan for the creation of God's perfect Kingdom on earth failed. Satan, coming in the form of a serpent, shattered the plan. The second attempt was made through Noah, who preached for 120 years among the people of earth about God's new redemptive plan. The record in the Bible shows that no one listened to him except his own family, and all but his own family were destroyed by the flood. Eight people became the seed bed for repopulating the earth and continuing God's magnificent plan. The records also show that Noah's son Shem was entrusted with the Oracles of God and that through him and his progeny the Divine Purpose for the earth was continued. It was Abram, one of Shem's descendants who had settled in Ur, whom Christ chose to father a new race of people. He told him. *'Your name shall no longer be Abram, your name shall be Abraham, for I make you father of a new host of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; I will make nations out of you, and kings shall spring from you. I will fulfil my covenant between myself and you and your descendants after you, generation after generation, an everlasting covenant, to be your God, yours and your descendants after you'* (Gen. 17:5-8, NEB) Since it was God that made the promise, who are these people today? They were taken into Assyrian captivity, according to the Bible, but they escaped their bonds and began trekking north and west toward their appointed place in the British Isles. Along the way they became known variously as the Celts, Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Danes, Vikings, Normans and Huguenots. According to divine Plan they were 'replanted' in the Isles of the West and then moved on out further to build their homes in the farthest corners of the earth, to the Americas, Australasia and Africa. The names of these nations, as promised by God to Abraham, cannot be other than Great Britain, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Republic of South Africa, the United States of America, the Netherlands and the other north fringe countries of Europe. No other nations fit the description like these in human history. No other nations fit the description of the blessings which God promised to Abraham and his descendants!

Aside from their bond of a common blood, true descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, what is the distinctive characteristic of all these nations? They are all Christian nations with one faith in the Lord Jesus Christ! Hand in hand with the common urge to navigate and to engage in commerce, these people were all moved out into new lands in search of places where they could exercise their Christian faith without interference. There was some great spiritual urge which forced them out

into new lands where they could have freedom of worship and endeavour. This was the spirit of Christ!

These people of Israel sailed the seven seas with their axes in one hand their Bibles in the other. They knew their Bible and they knew their commission was to *'Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I (Christ) have commanded you; and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world (age).'* This was the commission which the Israel people took to themselves. For this reason we can safely say that the Person behind this evangelical thrust was, and is, the Lord Jesus Christ.

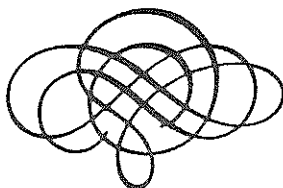
We believe that the Christ had this in His mind when He appeared to Abraham in his tents pitched beneath the oaks of Mamre, near Hebron. Christ came with two of His angels, stopping on their way to the judgment of the sinful cities of Sodom and Gomorrah, to tell Abraham that his wife, Sarah, was to give him a son. Sarah, hearing this statement from within her tent, laughed at the idea. But Christ insisted and said that He would return in a year to see the child after it should be born. The proof that it was Christ who spoke to Abraham is to be found in His thoughts as he walked toward the doomed cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. *'The Lord said to himself, Shall I conceal from Abraham what I intended to do? He will become a great and powerful nation and all nations on earth will pray to be blessed as he is blessed. I have taken care of him on purpose that he may charge his sons and family after him to conform to the way of the Lord and do what is right and just: thus I shall fulfil all that I have promised him'* (Gen. 18:18-20. NEB) There is no indication that Christ told Abraham what His thoughts were, but the writer of this section has clearly revealed that the Christ who walked along the road from Mamre to Sodom was the same Christ who had called him out of Ur and Harran. Being the Christ, He could see into the future, see the nations and the kings which should spring from the loins of Abraham. He could also see the possibility that Abraham's descendants might not be able to carry out their part of the covenant with him. Knowing the frailty of human nature and also the wiles of Satan, He foresaw the possibility of His own Personal Sacrifice for them and their sins. He knew the possible need for a Calvary crucifixion. But He was prepared for that sacrifice of Himself, because He knew He had to adhere to His own laws! He knew that He might have to become a sacrificial Lamb for the sons of Israel and of the whole world! He was willing and He was ready, so great was His love for mankind.

One of the best illustrations of the role of Israel in relationship to the Church is found in Zechariah 4. A vision is given to Zechariah of seven lamps, the oil of the lamps being supplied from a large bowl above, with pipes leading to each of the lamps. On either side of the lamps are two olive trees, from whose branches flow the oil supplying the large central bowl with oil. The olive tree is an ancient and accepted symbol for twelve-tribed Israel. This vision, given Zechariah hundreds of years before Christ incarnated as Jesus at Bethlehem, shows the vital part that Israel was to play in the birth and growth of the Christian church. The seven lamps which were shown to Zechariah are the same seven lamps, or candlesticks, revealed to John in Revelation 2 and 3. There on the Isle of Patmos, Christ returned to John and showed him these lamps, explaining that *'the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches.'* The seven churches of history are all typified by the seven churches which John served in Asia Minor, beginning with his church at Ephesus. The large bowl in the vision represents the Christ, who blesses and feeds each of the seven churches as they unfold upon the pages of history. Let us be more specific.

At the same time that Peter, Paul and the other Apostles were preaching and holding meetings in and around Jerusalem, Joseph of Arimathea (who had loaned his sepulchre at Jerusalem for the burial of Jesus) had arrived at Avalon in England. He and his twelve helpers had already built a small church of wattle and mud at this chosen spot. This was the first church built and used as a church above ground. It is very interesting that Joseph of Arimathea also provided the first church meeting place at Jerusalem. Let us remember that the Apostles met secretly in an upper room in Jerusalem after the Crucifixion of Jesus. The followers of Christ were under persecution there. There is concrete evidence that the Christians drained the water out of the huge cistern in the garden belonging to Joseph of Arimathea and held their first worship services in the cistern, going down a ladder to the cistern floor. On the walls of the cistern, which was carved out of the same rock which provided the sepulchre for Jesus, can be seen today a large cross embossed in the rock itself. This is plain evidence that Joseph's cistern was used for church meetings. But at the same time Joseph was building a church above ground in England, far away from the dangers of open worship in the Holy Land! God provided a double witness!

In this way England became the seed-bed for Christianity as it was to grow and flower without interruption or distraction. The words of Isaiah were thus fulfilled, *'I will plant in the wilderness the olive tree . . . that*

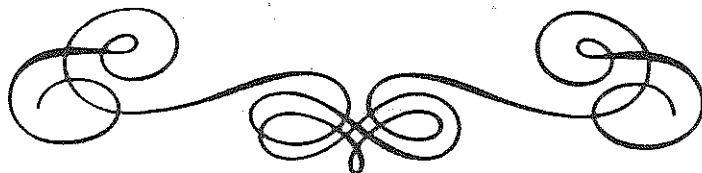
they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.' Let us of this generation of Israel see, know, consider, and understand, together, this marvellous provision that Christ made for the sowing of the seed of Christianity and its propagation! We can see the evidence of His work in our world and the certainty of His success in the establishing of His Kingdom on the earth!



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paid proper attention to God's Word we would soon find what to expect. Deut. 28:15-68 lists 95 curses that God has promised to send upon us if we will not hearken unto the voice of the Lord to observe to do **ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS AND STATUTES**, and we are suffering from every one of these curses today!!! Let me say again. We don't want - in fact we cannot afford - political parties. **WE WANT, AND NEED, GOOD GOVERNMENT.** And good government can only be achieved through **THE LAW OF GOD.**

O that we should obey His commandments. Then our prosperity and our health would be assured, and we would live the abundant life that our loving God always intended for us.



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PART NINE.

THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE KINGDOM. (Cont.).

In our previous issues we found that there are FIVE aspects or requirements for the setting up of a kingdom. They are;

1. A Location.
2. Natural Resources.
3. People.
4. Leadership.
5. Government and Laws.

In this issue, we continue with our study of "THE PEOPLE."

The special nature and relationship to God of the people of Israel can never be over-emphasised. Their place in the plans and purposes of God is stated too emphatically throughout God's Word for it to be lightly brushed aside. In fact, I don't consider it to be any exaggeration to say that without a knowledge of the place of the people of Israel in God's plans, we can never gain a clear understanding of what the Bible is all about. God uses a very simple principle of "first things first." He does everything in the right order and sequence. And God's sequence was, and is, that FIRSTLY, the people of Israel were to be reconciled to Him, and that SECONDLY, through reconciled Israel, the rest of the families and nations of the earth were to be blessed and reconciled to Him.

We read in Romans 11:15;

"For if the casting away of them (Israel) be the reconciling of the world,
what shall the receiving of them be but life from the dead."

God's priorities were clearly set out by no less than our Lord Jesus Christ, when in Matthew 15:24 He said;

"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel."

Or as rendered in the New English Bible;

"I was sent to the lost sheep of the House of Israel, and to them alone."

By this, our Lord was not excluding everyone else but Israel from His plans, but rather placing Israel and non-Israel people in their correct relationship with each other. For example, in Matt. 10:5-6 we find Jesus telling His disciples NOT to go to the other nations, but to concentrate only at first on the Israel people. Later on however, they were told to go into all the world and preach the gospel. It was not a matter of exclusiveness, but a matter of priorities.

And in order for us to carry out the responsibilities which God has placed on us both as individuals and as a nation, we must first of all attain to the standards which God requires and intends. They are set out in Exodus 19:5-6;

"Now therefore, if ye will obey My voice indeed, and keep My covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people; for all the earth is Mine.

And ye shall be unto Me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words that thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."

So in order for us to understand something of the importance which God places upon us as His people, and for the necessity for us as individuals to live and act and qualify as His people, let us turn to I Peter 2:9;

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of Him who hath called you out of darkness into His marvellous light."

I don't know how many times I have heard ministers preach on this verse, but almost without exception, they have used it as a description of the church. Let me emphasise this fact. This verse, in its basic and initial meaning, has absolutely nothing to do with the church. It is, as you will notice, a direct quotation from the passage from Exodus set out above. It refers to the nation and people of Israel. I repeat again, that whilst certain applications may be used in regard to individual Christian lives, it does NOT refer to the church. We must never allow an application to overshadow, let alone replace, the original intent of any portion of scripture, including this one.

So in order to shew the beauty and importance of our position as ISRAELITES, I am going to take you through a study of the main words of this verse. The authorities which I am using are "Vines Expository Dictionary of the New Testament", and "A Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament" by Dr. Bullinger.

chosen.

chosen out, preferred, selected.

God has obviously not as yet caught up on the present anti-discrimination laws. He has clearly shewn and stated a preference for a specific people which He Himself has chosen. As a matter of fact, the intent and implementation of the present anti-discrimination laws can only be fully understood against the background of the selective policies of God to which they are totally

opposed. Their whole basic purpose is to destroy the purposes of God by destroying the selective nature of the Anglo-Saxon-Israel people of the world. Consider the following. I have a report before me wherein the "West Australian" of 9/8/83 is alleged as quoting our Foreign Affairs Minister, Mr. Bill Hayden as saying, "I believe Australia will ultimately become a Eurasian country as Australians and Asians marry one another. I think that a desirable trend." I suggest that the Minister would be better advised to seek God's advice before supporting such a policy, because he is quite clearly at variance with the purposes of God.

generation. Genus, or race. Descent. A people or nation.

It is important to note that in this instance, the word 'generation' does NOT refer to a period of time, such as 40 years, as is so often applied to the word. As a matter of fact, and this will come as a shock to many, not one of the four Greek words translated into the English word 'generation' in the New Testament refers just to a specific time of 40 years. They ALL refer to various aspects of racial descent. For example, when in Matt.24:34 our Lord says that "This generation shall not pass, till all these things be fulfilled", the word 'generation' (from the Greek 'genea') means primarily "successive members of a genealogy, or of a race of people, possessed of similar characteristics or pursuits". So whilst the word can have an application to the people of that day, the main intent of Christ's remark was to emphasise the fact that the race of people involved in His discourse, the Israel people, would not pass away, but would remain intact until all that He had prophesied had come to pass.

royal. Destined, or suitable for a king.

This is something that we must at all times keep in mind. We as Christians, and particularly as Israelites, are not only to be suitable for the King's use, but we ourselves can qualify and be destined to be kings in our

own right, as stated in Rev. 1:6. We are to be 'kings and priests unto God', with our Lord Jesus Christ as King of kings over us. What a wonderful and blessed hope lies before us.

priesthood.

Elected and separated by God to be His property.

It is interesting to note that in Latin, to be a priest means to be a 'bridge builder'. As God's servants, we are destined to be the 'bridge' between God and all the other nations and peoples of the earth. This is our God-given destiny, and we escape this destiny only by a deliberate act of rejection on our own part.

holy.

Sacred, or separated.

Whilst the word 'chosen' which we studied earlier refers to the ACT of selection, the word 'holy' refers to the CONDITION of what is selected. Someone or something can be 'selected' but still left in its original environment. But to be 'holy' means to be not only selected, but to be 'separated'. That is, we must come out of, and be quite separate from, the worldliness and the fleshly nature that surrounds us. The truly dedicated child of God must be completely saturated not only by, but IN God. You see, we must place more importance on what we are separated TO, rather than what we are separated FROM. I'm afraid that all too many Christians live constantly, or at least too much, in the past. They continually remind themselves of the troubles from which they have been delivered, instead of revelling in the continuous blessings that the future holds in Christ Jesus. We must constantly remember that as individual Israelites in Christ, we are, as stated in Isa.62:12, "The holy people; the redeemed of the Lord."

nation.

from the Greek "ethnos". A multitude, people living under common institutions as in a nation.

We can not afford to indulge in the common practice of substituting the 'church' for the nation. If God had intended that we understood that He referred to the church, then He would have used the Greek word 'ekklesia'. He didn't. He said exactly what He meant. It's a pity that our theologians can't accept the fact. Nowhere in the entire Bible has God promised to bless the rest of the world through the church. That privilege and duty was given to the nation and people of Israel, and to no other!

peculiar.

Means 'purchased.'

The practice of regarding this word to mean 'something special', whilst correct to a point, does not go far enough. We are not only a special people, but we are a PURCHASED people. We have been purchased, or redeemed, by the precious blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in a very special way. Paul makes this very clear in his epistle to Titus where he writes;

"Who gave Himself for us, that He might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto Himself a PECULIAR (purchased) PEOPLE, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:14).

people.

a mass of people collectively.

shew forth.

to give out intelligence from one place to another.

You will note that this does not confine us to just living a Christian life. It carries the necessity for us to intelligently and correctly speak or teach the Word of God. Furthermore, it does not subscribe to the all too oft held principle of just regularly attending our own church services. It requires us to actively go out and spread the good news. Christians who remain in their own cocoon may eventually become beautiful butterflies, but those who soar aloft and afar on the wings of eagles will assuredly see God.

praises.

Excellence, goodness of action.

I think that there are many times when we fall far short in our understanding, and even our actions, in praising God. All too often we expect people to understand the goodness of God by what we tell them of Him. What we should be doing is shewing them God in action. When our Lord Jesus Christ preached the Kingdom of God, He always sealed His Word by shewing the Kingdom in action. He healed people; He freed people; He raised people from the dead. He did all these things simply by implementing at that particular time and place, the conditions of the Kingdom of God. There is no sickness, no personal prisons, no death, in the Kingdom of God. Here was His goodness in action. That should be our praise.

called.

To be summoned.

out of.

from the interior.

darkness.

The absence of light.

into.

to the interior.

marvellous

wonderful, astonishing.

light.

the opposite of darkness. Absolute light. Underived - NOT reflected.

Thus we are summoned from the midst of a position where there is no light, that is, where God is not, into the midst of the opposite position where we walk in the astonishing light of the actual glory of God.

What I have written above my friends, does not constitute a theological sermon. It just sets out the plain facts of what God intends for the people whom He has chosen to shew forth His glory. It is painfully evident that we have fallen far short of that glory. But God's Word will not return to Him void. It SHALL accomplish what He intended, and we will yet achieve the royal purpose for which God appointed us through the

shed blood and the redemption of our Lord Jesus Christ. May He hasten the day when His purposes in us will be fulfilled.

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Peace Prayers?

By Howard B. Rand.
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THE ANTICHRIST ASSEMBLES PAGAN AND RELIGIOUS LEADERS TO PRAY FOR PEACE.

Pope Paul II issued an invitation for 150 religious representatives of a dozen faiths from throughout the world to gather on Monday, October 27, 1986, in Assisi, Italy, to join in prayer for world peace. The gathering included rabbis wearing yarmulkes and Sikhs in turbans, Muslims praying on thick carpets and a Zoroastrian kindling a fire. The assemblage included not only monotheists but believers in creeds once labelled as heathen or pagan by the church of which Pope Paul II is its vicar and a church which preached that there was no salvation for those who are not members and subject to the directives of the Pope.

Jesus Christ was not present at this gathering to pray for peace. His name was not declared or His blessing sought for their undertaking. Yet John Pretty-on-Top, a Crow Indian medicine man from Montana in full-feathered headdress, smoking a ceremonial peace pipe, recited;

"O Great Spirit, I raise my pipe to you, to your messenger the four winds, and to mother earth, who provides for your children. . . .I pray that you bring peace to all my brothers and sisters of this world."

He Who is Prince of Peace, and through Whom only will the world secure the blessings of peace, was completely ignored. It is He Who told the disciples;

"I say unto you, that if two of you agree on earth as touching anything that they shall

ask, it shall be done for them of My Father which is in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together in My name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:19-20).

For prayer to be effective and be heard and accepted by our Father in heaven, it must be offered in the name of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. It also must conform with the Psalmist's directive;

"Offer unto God thanksgiving, and pay thy vows unto the Most High. And call upon Me in the day of trouble. I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify Me." (Ps. 50:14-15).

None of these vital conditions were met by these various religious leaders who assembled at Assisi, as requested by the Pope to petition for peace through prayer. Solomon declared that "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of all wisdom. But fools despise wisdom and instruction". (Proverbs 1:7). There will be no answer to the plea for peace on the part of the 150 religious leaders who assembled as directed by the Pope for, as predicted by Carl McIntire prior to October 27th. in the "Christian Beacon";

"This prayer meeting, which the Pope is arranging, will be indeed the Devil's prayer meeting in which he is the angel of light and the messenger of peace, and not the Lord."

Let us quote the wisest man who ever lived as to the verdict pronounced upon those who elect to ignore the only course to pursue to secure answers to prayer:

"But ye have set at nought all my counsel, and would none of my reproof. I will also laugh at your calamity. I will mock when your fear cometh; when your fear cometh as desolation, and your destruction cometh as a whirlwind; when distress and anguish cometh upon you."

Then shall they call upon me, but I will not answer. They shall seek me early, but they shall not find me.

For they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord.

They would none of my counsel. They despised all my reproof

Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and be filled with their own devices. For the turning away of the simple shall slay them, and the prosperity of fools shall destroy them." (Prov. 1:25-32).

Sanguinary world conflict has now become inevitable, a conflict that will terminate in the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty with an unrighteous apostate christendom spiritually unable to turn to the Almighty in prevailing prayer. Of the few who will be able to do so, the Lord thus declares;

"But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely, and shall be quiet from fear of evil".

(Prov. 1:33).



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Watchmen In Israel.

By. F. W. DOWSETT.

For many years teachers associated with the Israel-Identity message have been warning of the political, financial, and ecclesiastical apostacy, as well as the national disasters, which would fall upon the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people of the world. These warnings have not been the ravings of religious fanatics or radicals, as many would like to believe. They have been given by earnest and humble believers in God, and in the total infallibility of His Word. The tragedy is, that numbered among these "Watchmen" are very few political or religious leaders. It is a sad commentary on our present position that so many of our religious leaders who are supposed to warn God's people, very rarely, if ever, teach or even understand the prophetic Word of God which is the very basis of the warnings which they should be giving. But such are the ways of Satan.

It is because of this dereliction of duty generally in the area of national warning and exhortation that the comparative few who have been so immeasurably blessed with a deeper knowledge and understanding of God's Divine plans and purposes, should rise fearlessly and stand together in the gaps as "Watchmen in Israel".

But first of all, let us be quite clear as to what a "Watchman" really is. By definition he is one who observes current events and by diligent and careful understanding of them, warns the people of their probable outcome and effect upon them. But more than this, they are those to whom the people should automatically look for guidance and direction in these matters. You will no doubt recall the question asked in God's Word, "Watchman, what of the night?"

Most Christians today seem to have the impression, judging by the way they act, that 'watching' is

comprised of looking lovingly into each others eyes - possibly to make sure that the other person is looking just as lovingly back - with virtually a complete indifference to the national disasters and calamities which are thundering around them, or to their meaning or relationship to the Word of God. The principle duty of any soldier is to face the enemy, not each other, and I would not consider that it should be any different for a Soldier of Christ. The requirements for Christian service will never change. We must have our mind firmly fixed upon our Leader, the Lord Jesus Christ, and our faces set resolutely toward the enemy. We must advance shoulder to shoulder in the strength of the Lord, and with the assurance and support of our fellow soldiers.

But the point is, how do we face the enemy if we really don't know who the enemy is? In past generations this matter of identification has not been easy, particularly on the national scale. The enemy has been well hidden, operating (except in the ecclesiastical field) secretly and patiently behind the scenes. But no longer is this the case. God's Word tells us quite plainly that in these last days Satan would be abroad as a raging lion, destroying everyone whom he could. In doing this, he has automatically declared his hand, revealing the agencies through which he operates, and revealing those who are 'the synagogue of Satan' as opposed to those who are 'the Temple of God.' The disquieting, and indeed the terrifying aspect about this revelation is that Satan now considers that the recognition of his forces is no longer of any importance, because he knows that his plans are so close to final victory that no human plan or counter-activity can now stop him.

But he has reckoned without God, as have all those who have allied themselves with him.

Babylon the Great, the Baal/Roman Church, the Synagogue of Satan, the Beast, Anti-Christ, the Man of Sin, Esau/Edom, are all various names and titles and aspects of the one great system or kingdom of Satan which he has quite deliberately set up in opposition to,

and for the sole purpose of destroying, the Kingdom of God on the earth. These are all headed up in the easily recognised One World Government movement whose life-blood and controlling force is international Zionism. Their objectives are quite clearly and openly stated as being:-

1. The setting up of a one world government under the control and supremacy of the United Nations Organisation.
2. The control and domination of all people of all races under a socialist welfare state.
3. The destruction of Christianity.
4. The destruction of the family unit.
5. The dissolution of colonial empires.
6. The destruction of all monarchies, especially the British Monarchy, and their replacement by so-called Republics.
7. The promotion of supra-national and international controls by standardisation, as for instance the metric system.
8. The complete destruction, by intergration, subversion, perversion, and all other means possible, of the white race, whom Satan recognises as the race specially formed by God to shew forth His praise, and as being the greatest existing obstacle to the success of his own plans.

As "Watchmen in Israel" it is our sacred duty to fully understand and proclaim these facts. There can be no excuse whatsoever for those who have this knowledge to sit back and do nothing. I repeat - NO EXCUSE AT ALL. Let me give you an example of what I mean. The Gospel of John was written by just one man. But its

electrifying effect has blessed countless millions of people all over the entire globe for nearly 2,000 years. Yet it cannot be claimed, on the human level, that the Apostle John was entirely responsible for this. The result was due to the efforts of millions of people since then who have devoted themselves to its financial support, its printing, and its distribution. All of these people have dedicated themselves to overcoming whatever physical or financial obstacle applied to them, and thereby discovered avenues of service and the strength and courage to carry out these means which they had never before suspected existed within them.

This is the calling, the duty, and yes, the responsibility of a "WATCHMAN IN ISRAEL". This is the challenge which we issue. The night is far spent. The Glorious Dawn is at hand, when the Son of Righteousness, even our Lord Jesus Christ, will appear in all His glory.

How will you account for the talents which He has given you to use on His behalf whilst He has been away?

Will you be counted among the "WISE" virgins who watched, or among the "FOOLISH" virgins who slept, when that wonderful cry goes out,

BEHOLD, THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH!!



To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with Me in My throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with My Father in His throne.

Rev. 3:21.

Apart From Love All Is Lost

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The highway of holiness is set before every child of God. The world knows nothing of this way. It is a way wherein the child of God is called upon to live the life of the next life now.

It is the way of love, and if, in the course of our journey, we are chastened of the Lord, it can only be for our ultimate benefit. It is not written that our Heavenly Father chastens us *"for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness . . . without which no man shall see the Lord"* (Heb. 12:5-14).

The Bible plainly teaches that *"Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law"* (Rom. 13:10).

Our Lord presented this thought in another way when He said that on two commandments hung all the law and the prophets (Matt. 22:37-40). Did He not say that our first love must be our love for God, and that we must love Him with all our heart, soul, strength and mind, and then our neighbour as ourself? God first, man second, and, to reverse these two commandments, as men do, is to bring the name of the Lord into disrepute. For this, men will have to pay dearly.

The climax of the judgment of the nation draws near. It is a mercy that the Lord over-rules. It is a mercy He is at our side to feed us and thus to strengthen us.

It is an honour indeed that He has called us to partake in His end-days ministry (Luke 12:37, 42-44). Are we not *"labourers together with God"* sent forth as *"ambassadors for Christ"* and honoured with *"the mind of Christ"* with a royal inheritance if we stand firm and faithful unto the end, even unto death! What a prospect for the faithful! but what a responsibility! (1 Cor. 3:9; 2 Cor. 5:20; 1 Cor. 2:16; Rom. 8:14-18; 2 Tim. 2:12; Rev. 3:20-22).

We can be equal to every call made upon us, if we walk the way of the Lord and if we have His mark upon us. It is the mark of a selfless, sacrificial love. God is love, and to be apart from the way of love is to be apart from the living way, the way of God.

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The Prophetic Ministry of Elijah.

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PART NINE.

ESCAPE TO THE WILDERNESS.

One of the great demonstrations of God's power in relation to His people Israel had now passed into history. The prophets of Baal had been decisively defeated, and destroyed. God had honoured the faith of His servant Elijah, and had vindicated His own Name. God had shown in no uncertain manner that He alone could do great things. Calling upon gods which were not even there was less than useless. Perhaps we should keep this fact in our mind. When we think or talk of heathens praying to their gods, we seem to speak in terms of their gods not answering them. I suggest that this attitude is quite wrong as it gives credence to the existence of such gods. What seems to be implied is that these gods are there, but that they just haven't answered. What we should be saying is that these people get no answer simply because there is no god there to answer them in the first place. The Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is not just above all other gods. He is the ONLY God. And He demands our complete obedience and faithfulness to Him.

The execution of the 450 false prophets of Baal was no mean feat. This was not just a minor execution of a few criminals. This was almost a military size operation. Could you imagine what would happen today in the same circumstances? What a field day the media and all the do-gooders would have. But as we previously stated, God had no intention of rehabilitating these false prophets with the very grave risk of them again perverting the people of Israel at some future time. You see, God's Word provided for the death penalty for more than the crimes of murder and rape. In Exodus 22:20 we read;

"He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto the Lord only, he shall be utterly destroyed."

In Leviticus 24:16 we also read;

"He that blasphemeth the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death."

I wonder how long it would take for our nation to return to a proper respect of God if these laws were fully implemented today. Maybe God knew what He was talking about after all.

Up to this point in our study we have only found Elijah dealing with the king, Ahab. But now another very sinister figure comes upon the scene in the person of his queen, Jezebel. This woman has gone down in history as one of the most evil on record. Her very name has become a by-word for treachery. The famous historian Josephus has this to say of her.

"Ahab also took to wife the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Tyrians and Sidonians, whose name was Jezebel, of whom he learned to worship her own gods. This woman was active and bold, and fell into so great a degree of impurity and madness, that she built a temple to the god of the Tyrians, which they called Belus, and planted a grove of all sorts of trees. She also appointed priests and false prophets to this god. The king also himself had many such about him, and so exceeded in madness all the kings that went before him."

(Antiquities of the Jews. Book 8, Chapter 13.)

'The New Bible Dictionary', under the heading 'Jezebel' has this to say;

"In the letter to the church at Thyatira, (Rev. 2:20), 'that Jezebel of a woman' is the designation given to a seductive prophetess who encouraged immorality and idolatry under the cloak of religion."

Here we see another striking example of what happens when an Israelite marries outside of the Israel

race. The non-Israel partner insisted, as a term of the marriage, that she be allowed to continue the worship of her own non-Israel gods. This was absolutely fatal to Israel. It was then, and it still is today. You only have to look around you to see the evidence in the present day Israel lands. Recent figures which I have read shew that in Britain today, an average of one Christian church per week is being converted into a Mahommedan Mosque, and that there are now 152,000 more Moslems in Britian than the combined membership of the Baptist and Methodist churches put together. And people wonder why we are in so much trouble, and why God seems not to hear us. The answer is simple. He doesn't hear us simply because we have turned our back on Him.

The prophetic nature of the situation cannot be missed. The true worship of the True God of Israel was perverted by compromise with pagan customs. And as then, so now. The church is allowing, and indeed encouraging Christians, to compromise themselves with these godless beliefs in order not to create embarrassment. Truth has truly fallen in the streets. And so the worship of Baal continues in the midst of God's people, and they don't even recognise the fact. How blind is His servant!

Now Jezebel was not the kind of woman to take things like this lying down. If you think that she got really mad about what Elijah had done you wouldn't be wrong. She swore by all the gods she worshipped that within twenty four hours Elijah would be just as dead as the 450 prophets he had just slain. And this was no idle boast. Let us clearly understand that because of her influence over Ahab, she really had the power and authority to carry out this threat. And let it be realised that her power lay not in her political control, but in her religious control.

Does this sound somewhat familiar? Haven't we seen the rise of a powerful religious system within the Israel nations since the first advent of our Lord which has introduced 'baptised' paganism into Christianity, and

mercilessly persecuted the true worshippers and followers of God? The answer is obvious. The Church of Rome is no more than the continuation of the worship of Baal, disguised in so-called Christian trappings. It will never be different, and every true follower of the Lord Jesus Christ should ever be wary, very wary, of any of the present ecumenical movements which would attempt to merge our faith in the slightest degree with this 'Jezebel church'.

Now Elijah was not only a man of God. He was also a man of good common sense. He very wisely decided that discretion was the best part of valour, and that the safest thing for him to do was to get away from that place until Jezebel had cooled down. So, as we read in I Kings 19:3;

"And when he saw that (his life was threatened), he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth to Judah, and left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a juniper tree."

Now I must at this stage reiterate what I have said so many times before in this series. That although the various incidents in Elijah's life were actual and factual, they were also most prophetic of circumstances and events and conditions which were to occur later in the life of God's people Israel. And lest there be any confusion in some minds, it should also be recognised that the future events need not necessarily follow the chronological order of the events in the life of Elijah. In other words; it is the event itself which is prophetic, not necessarily, or always, the sequence of events.

Elijah fled into the wilderness. In his prophetic application in this occasion, Elijah represents Israel. Thus it is no coincidence that when we turn to the Book of the Revelation, chapter 12, we find this statement regarding the 'woman', which also represents Israel.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven. A woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.

And she, being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven. And behold, a great red dragon, . . . and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her child was caught up unto God, and to His throne.

And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred and three score days."

This last phrase is repeated in verse 14 thus;

"And to the woman was given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent."

Now it is not the intent of this writing to go into an exposition of this section of the Book of the Revelation, as interesting as this could be. Those who wish to study this in more detail are recommended to write to us for details regarding our set of taped lectures on "The Book of Revelations". The point to be noted in the context of this study is that the woman fled into the wilderness where she was nourished and fed by God. Because when Elijah was in danger of his life, what did he do? He fled into the wilderness where he was similarly nourished and fed by God. It is of interest to note that according to "The New Bible Dictionary", the word 'wilderness' not only refers to barren deserts and rocks,

but also to steppe-lands and pasture lands suitable for grazing livestock.

So Elijah fled into the wilderness, sat under a juniper tree, a shrub which grows to a height of some twelve feet, and requested the Lord that he might die. He had really had enough. I'm so glad that God led James to record the fact that Elijah was a man similar to us. Sometimes we can become rather frightened when we compare ourselves with some of these great prophets of old. We seem so inadequate beside them, and feel that we will never make the grade. We should take heart from this incident. Elijah had been through so much. He had remained faithful to God. He had been the instrument through whom God had revealed His mighty power in such dramatic ways. Yet he had been persecuted and hunted. His very life was now again threatened. He had had enough. He was now quite prepared for the Lord to take his life so that he could go to his rest in peace. So he lay down on the ground under the shade of the tree, all alone, shut his eyes, and expected to die. How many of us have walked this path. How often have we thought these same thoughts. How easy it would be if we could just curl up in a corner and get away from it all. But this is not what God had in mind for Elijah, any more than it is what He has in mind for you and I. While he slept, an angel touched him, and told him to arise and eat. And sure enough, there in front of him was food and water. He ate it and lay down and again went to sleep. A second time the angel touched him and told him to arise and eat. Again he awoke to find food and water nearby which he again ate. But now comes the difference. The first time, he ate and then went to sleep again. The second time, he ate, got to his feet and went on in the strength of the food that God had provided. His desire to lay down and die had left him. The uppermost thing in his mind now was to get back to the Lord and into His service.

You see, this had been no ordinary food. This food had come direct from God. He had now eaten of the Bread of Life, and drunk of the Water of Life. He was

now filled and strengthened by the very power of Jehovah/Jesus Himself.

Now what did this incident mean in the context of the future life and condition of Israel? It meant quite a lot, because Israel went through exactly the same experience many years later. The prophetic nature of what happened could not be more exact. Israel went through both types of wildernesses. She went through the desert, rocky places, and through the green pastures of the 'Isles of the West' where she had lost sight of her God. She had in fact been divorced from and by her God, and was under the sentence of death. She was literally ready to lay down and die. But she was awakened out of her death-sleep by a very wonderful event. The angel of the Lord proclaimed the coming of a Saviour who would feed her and save her from her plight. She was fed with the Bread and Water of Life. But her feeling of lethargy was so great that she didn't make full use of the blessing she had received, and she went back to sleep again under the domination of the modern prophets of Baal. Years passed, until suddenly another Angel moved upon the people and the Reformation swept over the nation. Again she was fed with the Bread and Water of Life, only this time she stood up and went forward. Thus began the great period of the evangelical revivals and missionary outreaches that changed the face of the world. The corrupt acts of individual men have no bearing on this. It makes me sick every time I read of the criticism heaped upon our ancestors by those who would destroy us for all the supposed evils which we have inflicted on other people because of our "colonialism". How few of these 'critics' are honest enough to admit the extent of the benefits which this same people brought to so many of these underprivileged nations.

The tragedy of it all is that many, if not most, of the tragedies happening in places like Africa today would never have happened if they had been allowed to stay under the rule of the Christian so-called colonial powers, despite the evils of individual politicians and such-like.

But we still need a further lesson, just as Elijah the prophet did. After being awakened and fed the second time, he travelled forty days and forty nights towards Horeb, the Mount of God. How prophetic was the time factor. It is the same period that Israel wandered prior to reaching the Promised Land. It similarly denotes the period of testing through which His people would still have to pass before meeting their God. I believe that this covers an unspecified general period of testing as well as a literal period right at the very end, a period which I believe we have now almost completed.

But there is another significant aspect of this. Horeb is just another name for Mount Sinai, where God originally met with his servant Moses and gave him the Law. So at present we are moving symbolically back towards the Law of God. We are going back to our 'foundations'. This is as sure as the day follows the night. It is not without significance that in the vision which the Lord revealed to His two disciples on the Mount of Transfiguration, the two figures appearing with Him were Moses and Elijah. The ministry of these two great men in Israel was quite different. Moses was the one to whom God gave the codified Law for His people Israel in the first place. He said to the people, "Here is the Law of God, Obey it!" Elijah, on the other hand, went to the people many centuries later and said, "Because you have disobeyed the Law of God, I have been sent to turn your hearts back to it. I am here to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the hearts of the children to the fathers". He didn't give them the Law again. He certainly didn't give them a different Law. His ministry was to turn the hearts of the people back to God, a ministry which he did not then complete. This is why God promised to send the Prophet Elijah back to Israel before the great and terrible Day of the Lord in order that they will not be totally destroyed in the judgments to come. (Mal.4:5-6).

God willing we will look at what happened to Elijah when he arrived at Sinai, and its significance to us, in our next issue.

The Kingdom of God is the Answer

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Have you ever seen as much confusion as you are seeing right now? Have you ever heard others talking about world conditions as much as they are doing now? Have you ever received as much mail, heard as many radio and T.V. addresses, read as many editorials in which people have offered as many panaceas for the solution of the troubles of the world as now? We feel certain that if you could give us an answer, you would be answering affirmatively to all three of these questions.

Why are we having all this confusion? Why are people talking as they are about troubled world conditions? Why are so many people offering panaceas, none of which is doing any good? The answer to these questions is easy to the Bible student who knows our Israel identity.

The trouble is, we, an Israel people, are failing to obey the divine laws of God which He gave to His people Israel. Therefore, being in a spirit of rebellion and lawlessness, we are out of tune. We are simply out of focus, and most certainly, we are out of step. Yes, we are out of order. Definitely we are out of harmony, and as long as these conditions continue, just that long will we have troubles, trials, ills, heartaches, and all the other things that we have now in this troubled world.

Now, the tragedy is that the solution to the problems of the world is so simple, yes, so very simple, that people have missed it, or else they just simply won't have it! In other words, our leaders are trying all kinds of solutions that are expensive, intricate, complicated, impractical, and unworkable, simply because they have overlooked the only solution, or are unwilling to put this solution into practice.

Now, as we look at the troubled world situation today, let us examine various aspects of our world order and notice how critical the situation is, what methods are being used to bring about a solution to our problems, and how miserably the leaders are failing in their efforts to solve the problems of the world.

From a political standpoint, you are aware of the fact that our leaders, some of whom may be sincere and honest but others are certainly not, are fighting hard to try to solve our problem from their selfish viewpoint

in various ways. Some think that if we replace the Democrats with a Republican administration, it would solve our problems! You have but to take a look at Washington to realize how fallacious that thought would be! Others have thought the U. N. could solve all of our problems. Thus we invited the off-scourings of Europe, spies, saboteurs, and others, giving them immunity from arrest, into our borders and have gone to bed with them in this godless organization, only to find that they have conducted the entire thing for their selfish ends. They have hurt our country and have not helped our situation one single bit. Some thought that if we could have an independent party, that would solve our problem. But the trouble is, those leading in independent parties in most cases do not have a vision of the proper solution for the problems that confront us today. It is wonderful to hear people say that if we could get rid of our income tax, everything would be all right. That would be one fine thing, but that is not enough. To get rid of such a tax would mean that we would still have our public debt, the moneychangers would still be operating within our borders, the anti-God forces would be here, Rome would be holding a heavy hand over us, and so we would still have our problems!

Regarding our financial setup, which represents the heart of the problem in the world today, you know well that the situation is quite critical at this present time. F.D.R., pushed on by our one-worlders and the moneychangers, sought to gather up all of our gold and bury it in a cave in Kentucky. Some thought that would solve our problem, but it did not. Some in our day have sought to spend billions, bilking taxpayers out of more and more money in the hopes that that would give us peace, prosperity, and solve our financial problem. Well, we are spending the billions in defense preparation, and still our problems grow daily. Others have thought that if we could have conferences, regarding monetary matters on a world basis that would solve everything. We have had such conferences, and still our public debt grows. Inflation is still a greater menace daily, and taxes rise and consumer prices are still going higher.

From a military standpoint we learn that our problems are growing daily. The situation is definitely critical. We have had four wars. Wilson said the first one would make the world safe for democracy and about all it made it safe for was for the moneychangers, the Godless, and one-worlders! Our boys gave their lives, many of whom now sleep in graves in France, only to make it possible for the one worlders to have their way, put over their evil plans, and the moneychangers get richer. The next war came and could have been prevented, for Roosevelt knew the Japs were coming, but the moneychangers knew that pretty soon there would be a

depression if we didn't get into a war. So the war came, our boys died, and it did not solve our problems, as they are more numerous today than before World War II. Under Truman we went into the Korean conflict, in which 130,000 boys were killed or maimed. It didn't solve any problems whatsoever, except to promote the work of the one-worlders, the munition-makers, and to extend our so-called war prosperity. And of course you know about Vietnam.

From a religious standpoint, we know that despite the frantic efforts of religious leaders, our problems have not been solved. These religious leaders thought that if we could have a lot of denominations, that might solve our problems. It has not, for we have more than one thousand such creeds and denominations. Others thought that if we had national and world church councils, we might solve our religious problems. We have those councils that have become modernistic and communistic, and still our problems grow! Then others of our day feel that if we can just give enough social gospel in our pulpits and have recreational facilities for our youngsters, everything will be all right. We have done this to the tune of millions of dollars, and still churches are not as well attended as they were a few decades ago, not as many souls are being saved, and young people are going virtually everywhere else except to church, in most cases.

So the situation is definitely serious! We are not pessimistic — rather, we are optimistic, for we do know the answer. We know that a solution is possible, and we know that everything is going to come out all right. The situation is not hopeless, by any means. There is a big store in our area which conducted a big contest recently in sending out thousands of keys, asking people to come down and use that key to open a certain treasure chest, and the one who had the right key would get everything that was in the treasure chest. Thousands went down, but only one key opened the chest. So today we have thousands of solutions offered for the problems of the world not one of which is working and all of which are expensive and complicated, perpetuating the work of Christ-haters, of Rome, of moneychangers, and religious racketeers. However, there is one key, and one only, that will unlock the situation and permanently, effectively, and certainly inexpensively, solve the problems of the world today — that is the Kingdom of God on earth and the application of the principles of the Kingdom to our national affairs. That is the answer, and it is the only answer! The Bible is the only place where you can get the information that deals with the solution to our problems. Satan of course, opposes this answer and the plans of we who are trying to put the solution

into effect. We naturally expect that and would be disappointed if it were not so. This means that we must work harder.

Politically, when the principles of God are put into operation, there will be no Democrats or Republicans, no president, no political parties, and no U. N. Instead, there will be a Chief Executive, and He will be perfect and righteous — Jesus, the King. Our Supreme Court justices, many of whom are spineless and un-American, as well as unconstitutional, will be eliminated, and the disciples who follow Jesus in the regeneration will become our judges. Our governors, many of whom have pussyfooted and become very weak and vacillating where segregation and states' rights are concerned, will be replaced by members of the body of Christ, who have reached the prize of the high calling and are therefore in the overcomers' group. They, we are told, will become mayors, governors, and rulers of the Kingdom of God on earth; thus there will be righteous people in charge of our government. Our government will not have any problems and everything will move smoothly. There will be righteousness everywhere!

Financially, when the principles of the Kingdom of God are put into operation, every problem will be solved, for there will be no moneychangers here. There will be no gold standard; there will be no interest charged, for God's Divine economic laws call for the abolition of all interest and the cancellation of all debts periodically. The poor will not be taken advantage of; exorbitant profits will be eliminated; there will be one year's rest out of every seven for all people and two year's rest every fiftieth year, with real estate being returned to its original owners every jubilee; and everyone will own his own home, tax free, with no taxes to be paid of any kind except the tithe!

From a military standpoint, God's laws put into action will solve every problem. His laws call for our having righteousness in our military setup, Jehovah being the Commander-in-Chief. Boys (and not girls) twenty years of age and upwards will serve during peacetime on a compulsory basis and on a voluntary basis during wartime. If we should put these laws into operation, then the provisions in Psalm 91 would be ours to enjoy, a part of which we quote: Psalm 91:3-7: *Surely he shall deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the noisome pestilence. He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust; his truth shall be thy shield and buckler. Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; nor for the arrow that flieth by day. Nor for the pestilence that walketh in darkness; nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday. A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand*

at thy right hand; but it shall not come nigh thee.

Then, as far as religion is concerned when the principles of God are put into operation, all religious problems will be solved overnight, for denominations, sects, and creeds will be done away with. Such powerful ecclesiastical hierarchies as the Roman papal system will be done away with. All false religions will be done away with. Christ will become the head of the body, the King of the Kingdom, and those in the resurrection and translation, having put on immortality and having earned a position to faithfulness and consecration, will take over the entire realm, or Kingdom of God, as far as administration is concerned, being saviours, kings, priests, mayors, and governors, ruling and reigning with Christ with perfect righteousness, the golden rule, and Christian principles in operation everywhere! Again, we say the Kingdom of God and the application of its principles represent the only solution to the problems of the world. From the pulpits of the land we intend to give out the gospel of the Kingdom more faithfully than ever and not to give our money, not one dime of it, in any direction except to further the Kingdom of God.

Will you join us in this endeavor?



APART FROM LOVE. (continued from page 24).

Apart from love, all is loss. Our Lord plainly declared that it was by love that men would know us as His disciples. Can we declare before God that we have His mark upon us? This is the more excellent way (John 13:34,35; 1 Cor. 12:31; chapter 13).

One may have the ability to speak the language of the angels, to prophesy to a degree unknown, to have faith to move the hills, to give riches to the needy and even go so far as to walk unflinchingly to the stake, yet all is loss and there is nothing in it, if it is without love.

Love suffereth long and is kind. Love knows no jealousy. It does not parade itself and give itself airs. It is never rude nor irritated and never resentful. It does not rejoice over the mistakes and misfortunes of others, but rather seeks, and is always eager, to be helpful. Love never fails nor comes to an end, for it is eternal even as God Himself is eternal.



Facts 'N' Figures.

Courtesy Ambassador.
Back to the Bible, Nebraska. U.S.A.

Do you like mathematics? If you do, I suggest that you get your pencil and paper out and follow along in your reading to discover one of the biggest arithmetic miracles in the world.

Moses and the people of Israel were in the desert. But what was he going to do with them? They had to be fed, and feeding three million people would take a lot of food.

According to figures released by a man who was a general in the army, it is reported that Moses would have to come up with 1,500 tons of food every day just to keep these three million Israelites from starving to death. And to feed them the way that you and I eat, it would take at least 4,000 tons of food a day. Do you know what that would mean as far as hauling it is concerned? You would have to have two freight trains each one mile long, just to bring the Israelites their food each day. At todays prices (written about 1970) it would cost four million dollars a day.

Besides, you must remember, they were out in the desert, and they would have to have firewood to use in cooking their food. This alone would take 4,000 tons of firewood, and a few more freight trains, each a mile long, to haul the wood each day. And just think, they were out there for forty years.

Oh, yes, they would have to have water. If they only had enough water to drink, and to wash a few little dishes, (no irrigation or anything else - just enough to get by with), it would take eleven million gallons every single day, and a freight train with tank cars 1,800 miles long just to bring it to them. They did

not have big lakes out there, and they only found a few wells. How were they going to get the water?

And another thing. They had to get through the Red Sea in one night. Now if they were going to get through the Red Sea in a narrow path, double file, that double file would have to be 800 miles long, and it would take them 35 days and nights to get through. So they had to have a space in the Red Sea that was three miles wide, so they could walk 5,000 abreast. By walking 5,000 abreast, they could get through in one night.

But then, there was still another problem. Every time they came to the end of the day, they had to get into a camp ground somewhere. Were there any camp grounds out there? No. Well then, how were they going to find camp grounds large enough to camp all those people? Do you know how much space it would take? It would take a space two thirds the size of the State of Rhode Island for them to camp just one night, or a total of 750 square miles. That is 25 miles wide by 30 miles long. Think of it! 25 miles one way, and 30 miles the other way to camp these people each night.

Do you think Moses figures out all these things before he left? I do not know whether he figured them out or not, but I doubt that he was paying too much attention to these details. You see, Moses believed God, and God was going to do these things for him. God was able to supply all this.

This is the kind of God we have. We think our problems are so big. Remember what God can do. If you just team up with God, your problems will be cared for by Him. Let Him run your life, for God says, He will take care of you.



ANTI-CHRIST and THE MAN OF SIN.

By F. W. DOWSETT.

PART FIVE.

THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN. Continued.

I don't think it would be an exaggeration to say that most Christians read this phrase, "The Synagogue of Satan" without really having any idea at all of what our Lord was talking about. As a matter of fact, I wonder what sort of answers we would get if we took a dozen Christians and asked them their definition of the phrase. We would probably get a dozen different answers.

So at the risk of going over some ground which may have been previously covered, I think we should at this stage of our study clarify our mental picture and understanding of the overall teaching of God's Word in regard to the two major forces of 'good' and 'evil' which govern every aspect of our lives and history. I'm sure that many Christians get so bogged down in their individual and spiritual application of the Scriptures to their own lives, that they completely forget the far wider scope of God's plans and purposes, and particularly of the place of present world events in these plans.

When our parents Adam and Eve defied God and sought the knowledge of both 'good' and 'evil', instead of being satisfied with just the knowledge of 'good' as God intended, they set in motion, or let loose among Adam's descendants, a force or power so evil that it has taken the very best that God can do to overcome and repair the damage it was able to do.

There is no doubt from the Scriptures that when God formed Adam from the dust of the ground, and then formed Eve from Adam, that He had formed a very special race of people which He referred to as "The Sons of God". (Luke 3:38). They were a 'living' race of people. (Gen. 2:7 and 3:20). They had a very special responsibility, and a very special part in God's plans, especially through their descendants the Hebrew and subsequently the Israel people. They were formed as the nucleus of the Kingdom of God on this earth, and it was to be their duty to shew forth to all the other nations and families of the earth the blessings of this Kingdom.

But running parallel with this 'kingdom nucleus' which was under the control of Jehovah, was another power which was under the control of God's arch-enemy, Satan. It appears from the Scriptures, that this Satan was originally the Arch-angel Lucifer whom God allowed to become jealous of God's power and who tried to set himself up above, or at least equal to, God Himself. (see Isaiah 14:12-14). We can only speculate as to the full reasons why God allowed this to happen, but one thing is certain. God provided a means whereby those who were to actually inherit the ultimate position as His Sons could be tested to the very limit. There are not going to be any also-rans among His Sons. Those of us who finally stand before His throne in the full glory of our Sonship will have well and truly qualified for it.

There have been several titles used of these two groups, but the original names applied to them by God are found in Gen. 3:15 as 'the seed of the woman', and 'the seed of the serpent'. Some of the deeper implications of this subject are quite beyond the scope of this writing, but the great controversy which has continued from that very time, and which predicates the entire Bible story, is that between God and Satan, and through them, the children of God and the children of Satan. If we reduce this controversy to merely a personal level and deal with the subject purely on an individual spiritual basis, we lose the whole point of the matter. That there is an individual spiritual relationship between our-

selves and God which has to be rectified and raised to the highest level is not questioned, and should never be overlooked, but this does not in any way relieve us of the responsibility of recognising the far greater implications of this great battle. You and I are of infinite importance to God as individuals, but not simply in an isolated individual context. We must, I believe, look at ourselves as God looks at us, and that is as His Sons and Daughters within the context of His Kingdom.

It is apparent as we study both the Scripture and secular history that the line of the 'seed of the serpent' has continued right down through the pages of history. The first person of this line or seed of the serpent recorded in the Bible was Cain, the very first son of Adam. As a result of his crime in murdering his brother Abel, he forfeited his position as a son of God, and became instead a son of the serpent, or the evil or wicked one, as Satan is variously referred to. For instance, we read in 1 John 3:12;

"Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one,
and slew his brother."

It should be emphasised that we are not necessarily referring to a line of human descent here. For argument sake, every Christian is not directly related to every other Christian just because they are Christians. Just as we refer to individual Christians, being those who accept and follow the Lord Jesus Christ, as part of the 'body of Christ', so those who align themselves with Satan and do his will are part of his 'body'. As we are given the authority to become the seed or Sons of God by acceptance of Christ, so others are given the authority of becoming the seed or sons of Satan by acceptance of him. It is entirely our own choice. **THERE IS NO NEUTRAL GROUND!** Every human being must be one or the other. We are either of the seed of God, or we are automatically of the seed of Satan. That is a frightening thought. Jesus Himself said, "He that is not FOR Me is AGAINST Me." (Matt. 12:30). You don't become a Christian by default, that is, by not actively following Satan.

But you DO remain a non-Christian by default by not actively following God. I repeat. This is a most frightening thought, and one to which we should give the gravest consideration.

On the wider national application, this division became evident with the birth of the twin sons of Isaac, Jacob and Esau, as recorded in Genesis chapter 25. In reply to Rebekah's enquiry, the Lord said to her:

"Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of people shall be separated from thy bowels. And the one people shall be stronger than the other people, and the elder shall serve the younger." (Gen. 25:23).

You will notice by the words which I have emphasised above, that God was referring to the national descendants of the two unborn lads, not just to the lads themselves. He was referring to the birth and the future inter-relationship of NATIONS. Here was the very beginnings of the people who would be known as Jacobites or Israelites, and the people who would be known as Esau or Edomites. And the enmity which began in Rebekah's womb, when Jacob had hold of Esau's heel, has never ceased to this day.

It has been the controlling factor, and the underlying force behind every incident of history from that time onwards. Today, as we write and read these words, we are suffering under the results of this enmity.

The first shot was fired when Esau despised his God-given Birthright as the elder son, and sold it to his brother Jacob, as recorded in Gen. 25:29-34. I am constantly amazed at the fact that when we hear sermons on this incident, theologians always seem to concentrate on what they consider to be the dishonourable practices of Jacob, and completely disregard the far worse action of Esau. Let us realise that God had already ordained that Jacob would be senior to Esau, thus indicating that in some way the birthright would pass to him. We can

criticise Jacob all we like, but the fact remains that what happened, as distinct from the way it happened, was within the will of God. The second shot was fired when Isaac ratified, even unknowingly, the transfer of the birthright to his younger son Jacob, as recorded in Genesis chapter 27. Again, we should not be misled by the method used by those involved. If it had not happened this way, it most certainly would have transpired in some other way, because it is obvious that the final result was fully in accord with God's will and purposes.

Now don't misunderstand me here. I am not suggesting that we can do what we like, how we like, just because we believe that we are in the overall will of God. That can be a real mistake. What we should realise is that the actions of both Rebekah and her son Jacob could not circumvent or alter the stated purposes of God. All that was altered was the method by which those purposes were manifested. There is no doubt in my mind whatsoever that if Rebekah and Jacob had left the matter entirely in God's hands, instead of giving Him a helping hand as so many seem to insist on doing, that the course of history from that time would have been substantially different. We have paid a terrible price for their presumption.

The third shot was fired when God put His seal on Jacob and his descendants, as distinct from Esau and his descendants, by blessing him and changing his name to ISRAEL, and appointing him thereby a Prince with God. You see, God looked not upon the sinfulness of the individual, but at the far greater importance of His own integrity and faithfulness. And thus the battle was joined.

Ever since that day, the descendants of Esau have tried by every method that they could employ to regain the birthright, and all it contained and implied. Just as Israel became the instrument in God's hands to bring blessing upon all the nations and peoples of the earth to the glory of God, so Esau became the instrument in Satan's hands to break down and destroy both these

people and their works, with the final intention of even surplanting God Himself. From that time onwards, the descendants of Esau have infiltrated the descendants of Israel, and have been the cause, under the direction of their leader Satan, of every evil which has permeated the Israel people to this day.

Without a knowledge and acceptance of this basic fact, Christians will NEVER understand the true nature of either the material or spiritual battle which is even now raging in an ever-increasing manner within our midst today. What we are experiencing today is spiritual warfare in its most intensive form. It will only be resolved and overcome when our Lord Jesus Christ Himself returns, takes over the Throne of David, and assumes the government firmly upon His own shoulders.

With the foregoing as a background, we can now more readily understand the meaning and application of many portions of God's Word which hitherto may have been obscure. The people of Israel became subject to infiltration and perversion by not only the non-Israel nations which joined themselves to her, (referred to as 'the strangers in their midst'), but also by the Edomites. Initially, it was the stranger, with their false gods, who caused the damage. This can be traced back as far as Aaron and the calf of gold which he allowed to be built. We see its evidence in the latter life of Solomon. But there is one important thing which we also notice. The northern ten-tribed House of Israel, together with a substantial portion of the southern two-tribed House of Judah was taken into captivity away from Palestine before they could be infiltrated to any great extent by the real enemy of God. You see, the other nations may have been the enemies of Israel, but the descendants of Esau were the enemies of God. That made them a very special enemy. On top of this, the descendants of Esau, the Edomites, were of mixed Hittite blood, see Gen. 26: 34-35, thus compounding their evil nature. These Edomites, through Esau's grandson Teman, were the subject of Obadiah's prophecy. After the death of Isaac, they moved into the region south of the Dead Sea. They

became known as the Idumeans, and finally became absorbed into Jewry complete with their Hittite/Syrian strain and characteristics. So that at the time of the Babylonian captivities, the balance of the House of Judah, or Jewry as it is called, were very heavily infiltrated with the seed of the Amorite and the Hittite.

Dr. William Smith, in his "New Testament History" (pages 58-71) says; "The Idumeans had been conquered and brought over to Judaism by John Hyrcanus (130 B.C.), and from the time of their conversion they remained constant to their new religion, looking upon Jerusalem as their mother city, claiming for themselves the name of Jews." (emphasis added).

Of this Babylonian captivity period, the eminent scholar David Davidson writes in his "Through World Chaos to Cosmic Christ";

"At this time, the surviving elements of the House of Judah are representative of Jacob in the land as the Idumeans, and are of Esau. . . . Here is the withered branch of Jewry broken off the tree of Jacob, blossoming anew with the sap of Esau, and being presented to the world as of 'the chosen tree' of All Israel. The very climax of irony in the Mystery Drama of History".

This ingrafting of Edom made the fig tree of Judah bring forth the evil fruits of Jeremiah's prophecy as the 'bad figs' to which we previously referred. They are the 'tares' to which our Lord Himself referred in His parable of 'the wheat and the tares' as recorded in Matt. 13:24-43. They are still in our midst, and will remain so until the Lord Himself forcibly removes them at His return.

But we must not overlook the fact that within this conglomeration of misfits were elements of the true people of Israel who were also taken to Babylon. The most noted of the individuals was the prophet Daniel. But there were also those of the Tribe of Benjamin. This tribe was not originally of the southern House of

Judah. It was a "dominion" tribe, which God loaned to David in order to provide a light before him. We read in I Kings 11:36;

"And unto his son will I give one tribe, that David my servant may have a light alway before Me in Jerusalem."

This tribe of Benjamin was referred to thereafter as 'the light-bearing tribe'. It was a 'Kingdom' tribe co-opted by God to serve the House of David within Judah. It was the only 'kingdom' or 'dominion' tribe in Palestine at the time of our Lord's last advent and gives much greater meaning to Christ's statement that "The Kingdom of God was among them" as recorded in Luke 17:21. It is also of importance to note that all the disciples except Judas was a Galilean, who were actually the Benjamites who had returned from the captivity in Babylon and settled together in Galilee. They were in a very literal sense therefore 'the light of the world' as Jesus told them. The great apostle Paul was also a Benjamite. It was these people, together with others of true Israel descent who escaped from the Babylonian captivity but didn't return to rebuild Jerusalem; who constituted the 'good figs' of Jeremiah's prophecy, and were the recipients of God's future blessings.

The reader will by now have realised that this is a subject of far too wide a scope to be fully dealt with in an article such as this. I have been only able to give a general outline of the situation as it developed. Many factors have been necessarily omitted. But the final picture that emerges relative to the time of our Lord's last advent is that the people of His day were a grossly mixed people, many of whom had not a drop of Israelitish blood in their veins. Even many of the Samaritans were the descendants of completely non-Israel people who had been introduced to the country many years earlier following the deportations of the people of the northern House of Israel from that area. It was to the Edomite-Idumean section of these people to which Jesus addressed His most cutting condemnation and antagonism. These

constituted the leading and most prominent portion of what were referred to as the Jews of His day. But He knew who they were. He made no bones about it whatsoever. You will not find one word of commendation of these people by our Lord in the entire Bible. If I can say this without being irreverent, He did everything but swear at them. He identified them for who they actually were, **THE SEED OF THE SERPENT!**

Here is the true enemy, **THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN**. These are they who deny, and with the most horrible and dreadful oaths, (as evidenced in their Talmud), that Jesus Christ is indeed the Son of God and has come in the flesh. Here, as clearly identified by John is **ANTICHRIST**.

It totally defies all reason and all intelligence how the church and its blind leaders today can promulgate and virtually fight to the death to preserve, the ill-begotten teaching that these sons of Satan are the literal Israel of God. What a mockery has been made of God's Word. No wonder people are confused. No wonder God declared that in the last days there would be a famine of the Word of God.

Professor Arnold J. Toynbee wrote many years ago;

"The nature of the attack itself is our betrayal by what is false within, leading to finding ourselves spiritually paralysed in the face of the most deadly peril with which humanity is ever confronted."

In our next issue, God willing, we will trace the identity and continuing attacks upon our Christian heritage by this Synagogue of Satan right down to our present day. We can only continue to fervently pray that the Lord will not tarry too long before returning to destroy this cancerous enemy in our midst.



which can only come through the infilling and ministry of the Holy Spirit within us.

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