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

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In presenting this magazine, it is not our intention 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 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'

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Editorial

As we commence this, the final decade of the century, we would do well to seriously contemplate and understand the basic rules upon which the present 'world game' is being played. If you are confused, then that's exactly what the powers behind the scenes want you to be. They've been working on it for many years. But the really sad thing, to me at least, is the fact that this confusion has been to a large extent supported by those who claim the anointing of God, and then proceed not only to laud and glorify God's sworn enemies whom He has promised to destroy, but who systematically set out to destroy anyone and everyone who tries to awaken our people to where the trouble really lies. I know because I've been there. I've been soundly condemned from a very senior level for putting truth before people. I'm told that people are more important than truth. And this from a minister! I've had church officers warning those to whom I minister to keep away from me, (even to the extent of putting notes in their letter boxes), on the grounds that all this knowledge is bad for them. So is it any wonder that so many Christians are in complete ignorance of what is really going on in the world today.

No doubt there is great rejoicing about the apparent freedom which an increasing number of European countries are receiving, and I have no doubt that churches all over the world are lifting up holy hands and thanking God for the release of these obviously downtrodden people from the communist yoke. Now I assure you that I would be among the first to praise God for such a release. But it would be totally irresponsible for Christians to do this without realising the far deeper significance of the purpose behind these events which are now occurring in the Soviet camp. Passing from one form of slavery into a less obvious, but yet

equally destructive form of slavery is nothing to rejoice at. And it's time that those who claim to follow our Lord Jesus Christ woke up to the fact that we are indeed fighting against powers of a spiritual nature, and thus far more dreadful than just the whims and desires of power-drunk human beings. This is not something to be 'spiritualised' to a personal emotional level.

What we are now seeing is the result of several thousand years of immaculate and careful planning. The roots go right back to the time just prior to the birth of the twin sons of Rebecca, Isaac's wife. When Rebecca enquired of the Lord as to what was really happening in her womb, the Lord didn't say that she was about to give birth to two sons, but to two NATIONS. These lads were named Esau and Jacob. As the eldest, Esau would inherit the birthright from his father Isaac, but as we know, he thought that little of it that he exchanged it for a simple feed. Even then, personal gratification came first. But after Jacob had received the blessing which automatically went with the birthright, Esau suddenly realised the enormity of what he had done and tried vainly to get the birthright back. He didn't succeed at that time, but his descendants, the Edomites, then the Idumeans, and now Esau/Jewry, have never ceased in their efforts to regain this birthright. The reason for this is both simple and profound, because this birthright was no less than a God-given guarantee that by right of birth, its possessor would be, under God, the chief or governing nation of the world. Having rejected and lost that privilege under God, they then set out to accomplish the same end result without God. What we are now seeing is the result of centuries of planning towards that end.

The implementation of these plans is now advanced almost to the point of final achievement. One World Government is virtually here, and humanly speaking, there is absolutely nothing that you or I as human beings, and on a human level, can do about it. That's not intended to be a defeatist attitude, but rather one of practical realism. If the enemy is operating from a high-

er or spiritual level, then that is where we have to meet him. Those who expend so much energy and resources fighting the battle down here on purely an earthly human level are, I'm sorry to say, destined to disappointment and despair. If we constantly refuse or neglect to call upon the far greater spiritual power of the Lord God of Israel, who I'm sure to the surprise of many Christians, has promised to fight for us, then we will remain in deep trouble.

The present events in world history are not a new beginning as so many seem to fondly think. They are part of the end-game of a very well laid and executed plan. Two hundred years ago, an organisation was set up to specifically achieve this goal of world government. The first item on the agenda was to destroy their arch-enemies, the Christian nations. They have been identified over the years since by various names, but the overall identity of this ferocious enemy is International Zionism. In 1917 they completely financed and controlled the overthrow of the Russian leaders and people, and placed those unfortunate folk under a new system which they, the Zionists, had themselves formed as an instrument for their own ends. It became known as communism. Communism, probably to many peoples' surprise, is not a relatively new and spontaneous movement for freedom from capitalist oppression. It always has been, and still is, the brainchild and the offensive assault unit of Zionism. With their platform established in Russia, they could now proceed with the next part of their plan, the destruction of the Western Christian Nations, particularly Great Britain and the U.S.A. Remember, their plan is to achieve One World Government, and you can't achieve that with such Empires as Britain and America in existence. Their success in destroying the power of these people is a matter of history. Never forget that communism is simply the tool. The required result is socialism, which in turn is the avowed policy of International Zionism, and the stated policy of One World Government. But a new factor arose which also had to be dealt with. The rise of communism in Russia, and its spread to the neighbouring eastern European

countries brought into being another world class power. One World Government cannot be even implemented, let alone survive whilst there are ANY other world class powers. Domination of the world must of course include domination of mainland Europe, and the quickest and most direct way to achieve this is through the introduction of what is euphemistically called "the democratic process". People have to be given the "freedom" to vote again. They have to be given a choice, by which they think that they are being given some say in how they are governed. Anyone who believes this is a candidate for the funny farm. We in Australia, and in the U.S.A., and in Britain, also live under "the democratic process". In other words, we do exactly what we are told or else. So the system now is to introduce the multi-party system in these earstwhile communist lands. It looks so enticing, and will be such a relief from the oppression under which they have lived and died for so long, that this new movement will be received with open arms and grateful hearts. And who can blame them. The tragedy is though that they have been released from one form of slavery to be ensnared in a far more subtle form of slavery. We can be absolutely assured that the political parties elected to power, and I say that as distinct from the many genuine people who will be doing their very best for their respective countries, will very quickly come under the domination and control of the very same powers who now dominate us, an achievement which would have been impossible if the Russian empire had been allowed to continue as it has over the past few decades. Even the Zionists themselves no longer hide the fact that they now control, almost absolutely, world finance. Every country in the world is in debt. But do we ever raise the question as to whom these debts are owed? One could reasonably expect that if there are nations in debt, then there should be correspondingly nations who are in credit. But where are they? The simple fact is that there aren't any. All this national and international debt is owed to the world financial powers, all of which are owned and controlled by International Zionism, God's sworn enemy, the Synagogue of Satan.

Believe me friends, Jesus Christ was not joking when He used that expression. He knew exactly who they were, and Christianity, together with what is referred to as the Christian Nations of the world will never gain the victory over this terrible enemy and gain true freedom and peace until they stop bowing and scraping to the anti-Christ, and especially until the supposed shepherds of God's Sheep stop spreading the heresy that the enemy is really God's chosen people. What a travesty of the truth. We are on the verge of very momentous events. We no longer have the luxury of mollicoddling ourselves in emotional niceties. If you really want to be a soldier of the Lord Jesus Christ, then for the sake of God and our country, stand up and be counted! There is very little time left. Let me repeat the warning I've given before. If you're not prepared to become a part of the solution, then you'll almost certainly be overcome by the problem.



Under the Law

The trees of autumn stand bedecked in robes of red and gold—Obedient under the laws of Nature as the year grows old. . . . Roots and branches in their season life and colour draw. Every living thing on earth must keep God's Holy Law.

For what is law but the Word of God at work on every plane? Without it chaos and confusion through the world would reign. . . The Law of the God of Israel our one great hope must be—founded upon the Truth revealed in Christianity.

PATIENCE STRONG

THE GATHERING DARKNESS

by Otto Scott, writing in the *Chalcedon Report*,
P.O. Box 158, Vallecito CA 95251, USA. June, 1989.

There are today few references to *suttee*, the once well-known Hindu practise of immolating a widow on the burning pyre of her husband during funeral rite. *Suttee* was considered piety and devotion, and was admired in India.

India was not the only area where widows were expected to die when their husbands died: much of the Orient was enchanted by that idea. In Burma and other regions, widows were expected to throw themselves into rivers and voluntarily drown during the funeral rites of their departed husbands. If they did not do so voluntarily, they were bound and thrown into the water to drown involuntarily.

No practise could more vividly illustrate the low status of women in the Orient. Confined to the home and harem, women were owned by their husbands, and in imitation of regal funerals, dispatched with their masters to the next world, much as slaves and servants were buried with Kubla Khan.

European colonial powers ended *suttee* and its variants wherever they conquered, despite a general western tolerance of non-Christian religions. In part, this was a pragmatic tactic: to uproot a religion is to attack the root of a society and to run the risk of uncontrollable rebellion. Europeans sought to rule through native leaders and to leave local customs as much alone as was compatible with Christianity.

Most of the areas ruled by Europeans were not only non-Christian but basically anti-Christian in outlook and belief. Slavery, for instance, was inherent in Islam. Not only did Mohammedan nations enslave large numbers of their own people, but they routinely enslaved people they conquered.

Yet the Black Muslims are silent about the historic role of Arab slave traders. This silence is especially interesting since Arab incursions into black Africa, and the long and ghastly history of their mistreatment of their captives (which included routine castrations of the boys) is well-known and well-documented.

A similar silence prevails over the fact that it was Christians who ended slavery in Africa: a slavery that was far more widespread, vicious, protracted and older than slavery in Europe,

Latin America or North America, (European slavery was ended in the early Middle Ages.)

But *suttee* and slavery were only two of the evils ended by Christians. The first Europeans to reach Dahomey, in southwest Africa, discovered that the chief, an ancestor worshipper, sent many messages to the spirit world. Since these messages required a messenger, the chief entrusted his words to one of the tribesman, who was then dispatched to the next world to deliver the message to the chief's ancestors. In due course the French ended that custom, leaving modern anthropologists to mourn the impact of Christianity upon the pristine native culture.

Shaka, leader of the Zulus, ruled through a fear "so profound . . . his subjects would no more think of resisting him than a mouse would gainsay an elephant. He moved through his daily routine surrounded by a retinue that included a group of executioners, who, a dozen times daily, bashed in skulls or twisted necks at a flick of Shaka's hand. The lives he snuffed out in this fashion were guilty of no great crimes; they might have sneezed while he was eating, or made him laugh when he was serious." (Moris: *The Washing of the Spears*, Simon and Shuster, N.Y., 1965, p.74)

These and other barbaric practises were not unique to Black Africa. When Sir Thomas Raffles sailed, in 1817, toward Singapore, he saw, bobbing in the water, what he took to be coconuts: *they were heads*, severed at the command of local authorities and cast into the bay.

Melville, whose novel *Moby Dick* is repeatedly reviewed by the Academy, also authored an autobiographical account of his captivity by a tribe of South Sea island cannibals (*Typee*) which is now regarded with embarrassment because it portrays the barbarism of a Pacific people before Christianity arrived.

Christianity, in other words, confronted and illuminated a dark world: a world where horrible cruelties prevailed, where Sin ruled triumphant, and the future held no hope.

Christianity lifted that world from spiritual despair. The liberal/left is fond of criticizing what is termed the "ethnocentrism" of the western nations because their histories reflect a western viewpoint, as though men can ever write from viewpoints other than their own. But it is seldom observed that neither Indians nor Chinese, Mohammedans nor Buddhists, nor Taoists

nor Hindus nor African tribesmen nor other non-Christians have ever been interested enough in the world outside their own cultures to write any history of it at all, from any viewpoint. For the most part, these people are still disinterested in any other groups anywhere, and their histories remain narrow and incomplete.

Some historians have stressed the inventions of the Chinese, citing gunpowder, ink, paper money and the like. But none have noticed that such inventions were never carried to the world by the Chinese: like the secret of silk, they had to be first stolen, then transformed and then distributed to all the world by the West.

The world today lives with the fruits of western culture: from automobiles to films, from computers to tapes, from planes to machinery, from petroleum products to nuclear energy, from the scientific method to its applications; from its concepts to its creations.

But the greatest gift of the Christian civilization to the rest of the world was the message of the Gospels and the rest of the Bible. It was Christianity that forced all nations first to understand and then (temporarily) to respect the sanctity of life, the meaning of liberty, the idea of individuality over the crowd.

Since World War II, however, the West and Christianity have been in retreat. Not entirely; not all at once - but definitely. The USA and the USSR combined to press Western Europe out of its colonies around the world. Out of India, Malaysia, Black Africa, The Orient, Central and South America and even out of the tiny islands with only handfuls of people in the Pacific.

As the West retreated, local rulers and governments - using our money, assistance and equipment in most instances - began to flourish. Because they were equipped with the products of the modern world, some remarkably short-sighted observers expected to see miniature United Stateses appear, dwarf Englands or tiny French republics or shortened Hollands; but what actually returned is Paganism.

The abuse of missionaries (for which no government was punished) began to increase, together with the return of diseases and starvation as hospitals and agriculture collapsed when the Europeans left. Entire nations reverted to barbarism in the name of Communism: China, Cambodia, Cuba, Russia (The USSR),

Albania, Romania and others.

Tomes have been written about the deaths of tens of millions attendant upon the surrender of the West to the arguments of the Kremlin and world Socialism: but few have clearly labeled these as variants of what is, at base, simple anti-Christianity.

That is not to say that Christianity has vanished around the world, or that missionaries no longer exist. As always, the scene is not total: eclectic forms of Christianity have risen in places. But these are often far from the firm Christian faith that once lifted vast regions.

In reality, nearly all the foundations of civilization have been weakened in the post-World War II period, despite the claims and prescriptions of secular social science. Christians have suffered an immense holocaust in the USSR and the lands it rules, to shameful silence not only by Christians, but by many who owe to Christianity their very lives. Christianity has been reduced to a remnant in China, and in all the totalitarian lands.

Christians are subjected to harsh discriminations in the Middle East; in large regions of the Orient, and even at home. Anyone who does not realize that our nation is officially anti-Christian has not been reading the news, watching TV, or living in the Faith.

Meanwhile, as Christianity faded in various places, old pagan practises with a modern twist have been revived. American feminists who have been screeching about the right to abort children have steadily avoided looking at the results of *Roe vs. Wade* at home (25 million abortions) and abroad, but such a glance is worth more than they realize.

India, for instance, routinely practised infanticide before the Christian ruled. The English forbade and punished such murders. Since Britain departed, the practise has revived and female babies are now routinely murdered. “. . . In the villages of Rajasthan state in the northwest and in other backward pockets of the country, many girls live only a few moments - poisoned or strangled as soon as their sex is known. A survey of a dozen villages near the border with Pakistan found only 50 girls out of a total population of 50,000” (Robert Stone, *The Oregonian*, March 14, 1989, p.B5).

As a consequence, India today has 24 million more men than women: a clearly unnatural population imbalance. Where the impoverished resort to murder (and the government to forced sterilization, introduced by Mrs. Gandhi), the more prosperous

turn to amniocentesis, by which the sex of the unborn can be determined, and abortions decided by those averse to having daughters. To assume that similar decisions are not being made by American men and women would be, against a backdrop of 25 million abortions, clearly mistaken. The millions of murders in India, therefore, are mirrored - although with cultural differences - by our own.

This ghastly reversion to Paganism has been expanded by China into forced abortions. As in the United States, the Chinese government puts no limit to abortion before birth: a child can be aborted until the day before it is born. One child to one family, designed to reduce the population, is accompanied, as in India by the murder of daughters because sons become providers while daughters leave with a dowry, which is expensive.

Entire populations, including our own, are in the process, in other words, of deranging their demographic balance and are creating an awesomely destructive inheritance for those of their descendants they have allowed to live.

But infanticide and abortion are only two of the evils unleashed by a world no longer dominated by Christians. Slaughters unknown since the time of Babylon and the Mongols and the Huns and the Tartars and the Mohammedans, in their areas of power, and the Turks, in their time, have reappeared. Nor have these horrors been unleashed only as part of wars, but - incredibly - as part of governmental programs. The programs of the past fade in comparison to modern tragedies. To even list the peoples who have suffered would extend this brief essay to unmanageable proportions.

Terrible as the recent past has been however, there is every indication that the future will see worse. Hannah Arendt, the German-Jewish philosopher who studied and reported on the Nazi phenomenon as reflected in the career and personality of Eichmann, (*Eichmann in Jerusalem: a Report on the Banality of Evil*, 1963) warned that the future would see more genocides.

The shape of the future, therefore, is pregnant with the return of pre-Christian attitudes and behavior. The sanctity of motherhood, the rules of war, the patterns of justice, the equal applications of law, the freedom in international movement and trade, the suppressions of slavery and torture, of infanticide and false information - all teachings of Christianity, are being forgotten. These retreats are too numerous to bear in mind simultaneously. In their aggregate, they add up to a world still living on the fruits of

Christendom but increasingly blind to the fact that such fruits will not continue if Christendom is crushed.

We have, of course, the assurance of God that His Kingdom cannot and will not be crushed. But because Christians have failed to protect their faith from its enemies, the Christendom we know today is sadly weakened from the one that my generation inherited, which was itself weaker than the Christendom my father's generation inherited.

Ours is a beleaguered estate; an estate under siege - at home and abroad. In common with others who realise this, I am aware that the faith today is probably more vibrant, better armed, more courageous among the remnant than for several previous decades. I am sure that the present Awakening is merely a prelude to a far greater one, that will extend and expand in the future.

But as Christendom suffers continuing pains from losses in many places, it is clear that we confront a gathering darkness that demands all our courage and intelligence and faith to confront and overcome. ■



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THE PARABLES OF BALAAM.

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PART FIVE.

THE THIRD PARABLE.

We turn now to the third of the four parables of Balaam as recorded in Numbers 24:1-9.

"And when Balaam saw that it pleased the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but to set his face towards the wilderness.

And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him. And he took up his parable, and said;

Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: He hath said, which heard the words of God, and saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, and thy tabernacles, O Israel!

As the valleys are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as the trees of lign aloes which the Lord hath planted, and as cedar trees beside the waters.

He shall pour the water out of his buckets, and his seed shall be in many waters, and his king shall be higher than Agag, and his kingdom shall be exalted.

God brought him forth out of Egypt; he hath as it were the strength of an unicorn: he shall eat

up the nations his enemies, and shall break their bones, and pierce them through with his arrows.

He couched, he lay down as a lion, and as a great lion: who shall stir him up? Blessed is he that blesseth thee, and cursed is he that curseth thee."

It is important to remember as we study these parables that they apply to events and conditions within God's people Israel in the latter days, that is, between the first and second advents of our Lord Jesus Christ. They are not directed to the Kingdom Age following our Lord's return. And because of the lead time which is obviously necessary to achieve the stated goals, the culmination of these prophecies, (for that is in essence what they actually are), are to be seen and fulfilled in the very last days in which we now live. We should also recognise that as they were addressed to God's people Israel, then it must be quite obvious that the people in whom they are fulfilled, and who are enjoying these wonderful blessings today, are this same Israel people. If they are not, then we may as well give away trying to understand or even believe God's Word. If God has made such wonderful promises to His people Israel, and then fulfilled them in some other nation or people who are not Israel, then we may as well cease believing in Him as being a faithful and omnipotent God. The reader must make his own choice in this matter, but as for me, I'll believe God any time, despite the opposition and persecution we receive at the hands of those who are not content to just simply take God at His word. I assure you friends, that it is much easier, and of far greater blessing to simply believe what God says without fiddling about with it in order to make it mean something else which God has not in fact said. Balaam had already stated in Numbers 23:19;

"God is NOT a man that He should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent. Hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?

The prophet Isaiah echoed the very same sentiments when he recorded in Isa. 55:11;

"So shall My word be that goeth forth out of My mouth. It shall NOT return unto Me void, but it SHALL accomplish that which I please, and it SHALL prosper in the thing whereunto I sent it."

It is high time that people realised that God means exactly what He says, and that irrespective of whether they accept it or not, or whether they like it or not, God intends to accomplish exactly what He has promised and sworn by His own Holy Name in performing the literal promises and covenants made to our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Now I am going to ask you to very seriously consider what I am about to say. Let us suppose for a moment that our claim that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people are God's people Israel is wrong. What are the alternatives? As far as I am aware, there are only two, both of which are held and taught by various sections of the orthodox church today.

The first alternative taught is that because of the extreme sinfulness of Israel, God has rejected the literal nation and has substituted in their place 'the church', or a 'spiritual' Israel. Thus all the promises and covenants made to, and about, the literal nation are now to be fulfilled in a 'spiritual' sense within 'the church'. The second alternative is that the people presently known as the Jews are, or represent, the entire House of Israel, and that all God's covenants and promises are still to be fulfilled within these people. But I submit that both of these alternatives present us with quite a problem when we think the matter through. The first alternative requires a 'split' application of God's promises in that all the good ones are applied to the church, whilst all the 'bad' ones are applied to the Jews. The second alternative either relegates the possibility of the second return of our Lord to the far distant future, because of

the time necessary to properly fulfill in the Jewish people all the promises such as growing into a great commonwealth of nations, or else places the fulfillment of these promises into the next or Kingdom Age AFTER the return of Christ, which immediately removes them from the time-frame of being fulfilled within the 'latter days'. In either case, what do you think that Abraham, Isaac or Jacob will say when they are resurrected from the dead at our Lord's return and in looking round to see the fulfillment of what God had promised to them, finds instead that God has changed His mind and fulfilled these wonderful promises in some other non-Israel people. In that regard it is important to remember that as far as the present day Zionist/Jews are concerned, they do not have a single drop of Israelite blood in their veins, but are descendant mainly from the Esau/Edomites, and the Khazar peoples.

You will no doubt remember that on his death-bed, Jacob called his sons to him, and under the leading of the Holy Spirit, told them what would happen to their descendants in THE LATTER DAYS, i.e., the days prior to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Believe me friends. When he awakens, Jacob will expect to see these promises faithfully fulfilled, not spiritualised away, or still awaiting fulfillment. What do you think his reaction would be? If our own reactions are any indication, I'm sure he would feel very disillusioned and unhappy. But let me hasten to add that this situation will never arise, simply because God has NOT changed His mind. He has promised these wonderful and abundant blessings to the literal nation of Israel, and He has given them to and fulfilled every one of them in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people of the world for no other reason than that we ARE the nation and people of Israel. To anyone who studies these facts with an unbiased mind, diligently seeking after truth, there is no doubt whatsoever as to the truth of this claim. And both the prophecies made by Jacob regarding his sons, and the covenants made by God with them regarding the future of His people Israel are expressed and reasserted in this third parable of Balaam which we read above.

The most cursory reading of it reveals that it comprises great and abundant blessings, with particular emphasis on Israel's future territorial expansion and greatness and supremacy as a great maritime people, the supremacy of her throne, her protection from her enemies, and the very emblems by which she would in the last days be clearly recognised.

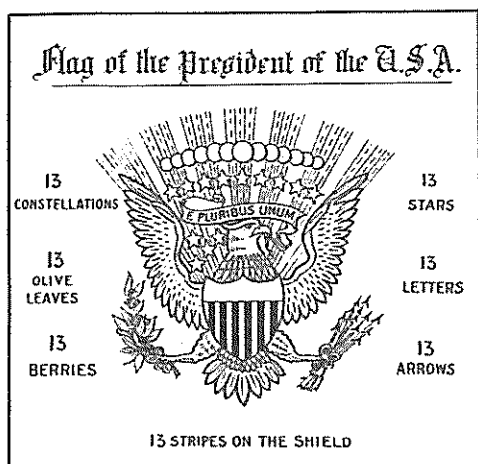
They were to have 'goodly' or 'abundant' tents and tabernacles. They were to be spread forth or abroad as gardens and as cedar trees beside the waters. They were to pour water out of their buckets. Their seed were to be in many waters. If these statements don't refer to a future expansion of the Israel people both in regard to their territorial and maritime greatness, then I'm sure that I don't know what to make of them. Israel's close association with the seas is quite obvious. But this is not the only reference to Israel as a future great maritime and world power. This supremacy on the seas is one of Israel's blessings, and a portion of her heritage. This heritage is clearly set out in Genesis 49:22-26 where the patriarch Jacob said in regard to Joseph;

"Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a well; whose branches run over the wall.

The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot at him, and hated him. But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong by the hands of the mighty God of Jacob; (from whence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel).

Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee; and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee with blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that lieth under, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb. The blessings of thy father have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bounds of the everlasting hills. They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren."

Now this wonderful prophecy was not made to Judah. Even if the present day Jews did belong to the House of Judah, these promises could not apply to them as they were not made to the descendants of Judah, but to the descendants of JOSEPH. This is an excellent example of how important it is to recognise the completely different destinies of the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and the fact that they are not to be confused with each other. These promises were made to Joseph, the leading tribe of the House of Israel, designated in Psalm 114:2 as God's dominion, and not to Judah who was similarly designated as God's sanctuary. They were subsequently passed on to his two sons Ephraim and Manasseh. Manasseh, the elder son, was adopted by Jacob as one of his own sons, and became the thirteenth tribe of Israel. In Genesis 48:19 we read where Jacob prophesied that Manasseh would become a great people and would be great, a prophecy which has been wonderfully fulfilled in the people of the United States of America, who without any shadow of doubt



have become a great people. They even identify themselves as the thirteenth tribe in their Coat of Arms. If you look at it you will find that there are exactly 13 letters in the motto. There are 13 constellations. There are 13 berries. There are 13 stars. There are 13 arrows in one of the eagle's talons. There are 13 leaves on the

branch in the other talon, the branch itself signifying the branch that 'grew over the wall'. But it was to Manasseh's younger brother that the promise was made that his seed should become a multitude of nations. It is not without significance that the enemy within both our nations has caused the American leaders to place

that country above that of Ephraim in direct contradiction to God's stated purpose for our peoples, and now our American cousins are about to reap the bitter harvest for usurping the leading position from her brother Ephraim by becoming the major target for the Gog/Magog confederacy. We need to constantly pray for God's gracious protection and guidance upon our American brethren.

We note also the supremacy of the throne, being as it is, the Throne of David. It is patently obvious that its power is no longer as great as it once was, but despite all the opposition directed against it, it is still the world's greatest throne. As a matter of fact, the present very highly orchestrated attacks on this throne, with the continued efforts to bring it into disrepute, and to reduce as many member nations of the Commonwealth as possible to the status of Republics, can only be fully understood as we recognise it as "the Throne of the Lord" ruling over Israel.

Up until the end of the second World War, our nations were invincible. Every enemy that rose against us was destroyed by the direct intervention of God Almighty. This again was a direct fulfillment of the promise made to His people Israel, as referred to by Balaam. But the Word of God was not yet fully fulfilled. Through the prophet Daniel, God made it plain that our greatness and power was to be scattered or destroyed just prior to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Dan. 12:7). And this is exactly what has happened. It is one of the final signs of the end of this age. Think for a moment. Does this 'scattering of the power of the holy people' spoken by Daniel apply to the present-day Jews?

Finally, the Lord, through the mouth of Balaam, gives us the symbols by which we can identify these people to whom the parables were addressed. They are associated with both the lion and the unicorn. A coincidence? Surely not. There is no such thing as a coincidence in the Word of God. The sceptics can laugh all they like, but it will not alter the truth and faithfulness

of God. In addition to the Lion and the Unicorn, the



One of Kitchener's popular War Posters to encourage enlisting in 1914-18, unconsciously used the very same lion symbolism of the prophet Ezekiel!

descendants of Joseph were also identified with the wild ox or bull. This was one of the insignias used by Israel, and was displayed on the banner of the leading tribe of Ephraim. Their descendants are often referred to as 'John Bull' or those of The Bulldog Breed. Another coincidence, of course. I don't know about you, but it gives me a real thrill to see such wonderful and undeniable evidence of the faithfulness of God every time I see these symbols.

So the test of Balaam's third parable lies in the fulfillment of what he stated. Who possesses the blessings of the deep? Whose seed is in many waters? Whose king is higher than Agag, the king of the Amalekites who subsequently became known as Edom/Jewry? Which kingdom has been exalted by Almighty God? Which group of nations has had the victory over their enemies until the time of the prophesied scattering of their power? Which nation bears in their Coats of Arms the very symbolism which God Himself applied to them? If I have to tell you the answer, then you had better start reading this again from the beginning.

But then comes the final statement from Balaam that whoever blesses this people will be blessed, and whoever curses them will themselves be cursed. Is it just another coincidence that the motto around the

central shield of our Coat of Arms translates, "Evil be



to him that evil thinketh"? Please do not take this promise lightly. Our enemy has and they are about to find the error of their ways, much to their great distress. I am continually sickened by the constant application of this promise to the Jews. How brainwashed we have become. For centuries we have been deluded into believing that

anyone, be it an individual or a nation, that does anything against the Jews, will bring down upon themselves the wrath of God. This teaching is sheer unadulterated nonsense. History has shown that wherever these people have settled they have become the greatest curse that has ever hit that particular country. No, my friends, they are not the people of God's blessing. They are the people of God's curse, as both we and they are about to find out as God moves to deliver His true Israel people from the bondage into which this enemy has bound us.

It is a great shame that we do not recognise our great heritage under God today, the fact that WE are His people Israel. Now, as never before, our people need an unshakeable faith in God, because such a faith is going to be the only thing that will sustain us in the dark days that are so quickly closing in upon us. And may I suggest that the best way of developing faith in God is to first of all realise that God Himself is absolutely faithful in all things. Let us, as a nation, and as individuals, repeat with assurance and confidence the words of the prophets;

"We are thy people, and Thou art our God."

(to be continued.)

“The Kings of the East”

A Judgment on Europe

MICHAEL A. CLARK

WAKE UP!

It was not until the drying up of the Turkish power in 1917 and the declaration of a republic in that country on 29th October, 1923, that the three unclean spirits of *Revelation* 16 could become active to gather “the kings of the earth and of the whole world” for the ultimate conflagration — “the battle of That Great Day of God Almighty.” At this 50th anniversary of the outbreak of World War II, we are witness to the resurgent force of Islam in Western Europe, while the Communist Empire in Eastern Europe appears to be loosening its grip on the countries it engulfed half a century ago. Where are these events leading and where do we stand in the prophetic time-table of events?

THE year 1844, forcibly marked by the fact that it was the 1260th year on the Muhammadan (lunar) calendar, in effect marked the onset of the Sixth Vial in the Age-end climax and brings home to us the strength of the prophetic parallel of events which have taken shape in the Euphratean valley. From this year, when Great Britain compelled Turkey to grant religious rights to minorities, until the beginning of the 20th century, the waters of a symbolic Euphrates continued to recede and dry up that “the way of the kings of the east might be prepared” (*Revelation* 16:12).

The word “kings” refers to leaders or chief ones who by name referred to in other prophecies of the Bible, are unmistakably identified with the Russian confederacy which extends east over two million square miles of Mongol-peopled territory.

Significantly, it was in the year 1923 that the Fascist council became supreme over the Italian Parliament; the famous demonstration at Munich of Hitler surrounded by his storm troopers took place, also the rise of Stalin to become supreme in Russia. Thus, one form of expression of

the evil forces that were to arise began to be active in the very year which saw the end of the Turkish Empire.

In respect of the quotation “the kings of the earth and of the whole world,” it is important for us to realize that the original text omits the word “world,” for in the Greek it is not *kosmos* that is used but *oikoumene*, meaning the inhabited or civilized world, i.e. the Roman “earth,” as distinct from the *kosmos* or the world as created. Hence, the judgments in *Revelation* 16 are strategically to be centred around and springing from the Gentile succession of empires in the Eurasian sphere. This is the geographical area, therefore, which by definition, is to be the hub of final fulfilment involving the great collapse of Mystical Babylon the Great.

If we are to identify the three unclean spirits as forces at work in the 20th century, we must take note of the fact that they spring forth from the mouths of the historic symbols which were manifest in the Roman “earth” of *Revelation*. This means that each spirit must have its root origins in the systems of the old world which were

identified by the Dragon, the Beast and the False Prophet (*Revelation 16:13*).

The Spirit from the Dragon

The Dragon has always typified paganism and as the Red Dragon of Imperial Rome, its last manifestation as a Great Pagan World Empire, it was a system permeated with the spirit of evil and materialism. The politico-military expression of this spirit, that of Fascism and Nazism, was destroyed by the defeat of the Axis powers in World War II, but since 1957, there has come forth a new resurgence of total governmental control in Europe in the more subtle form of the EEC. The same pagan spirit is however the inspiration behind all the talk of economic co-operation. Greed and covetousness is the spirit of the Dragon and the outstanding expression of the pagan spirit today is evidenced in the world-wide materialistic love for gold and the competitive system of Mammon for control of the servant people and their God-given wealth and power. *The attempt to create a federal United States of Europe and a common currency is but a preliminary to World Government and a satanic dictatorship.*

The Spirit from the Beast

The Beast is emblematic of false ecclesiasticism which under the fourth world empire of Papal Rome had power to "wear out the saints of the most high" (*Daniel 7:25*), for a period of 1260 years. The spirit of falsehood that came from the Beast is manifested in the widespread infidelity, scepticism and the various heresies of ancient origin, which most tragically are being embraced at the highest level in the Established Church of England, all in the name of religious toleration and multi-culturalism.

In the political sphere, the spirit from

the Beast was manifested during World War II by the rise of Hitlerism through the deification of the leader. The occult emblem of the swastika of the Nazi Party was used as a magic sign or charm, in ancient Egypt, Tibet and other oriental countries. The spirit from the Beast is a politico-religious force and it has always been the controlling power of the papacy. During 1988, there took place significant moves in which Pope John Paul II put forth his vision of a united Europe — East and West. He made speeches in Austria and in Strasbourg to the European Parliament, which launched the concept of a politico-religious grouping of nations which would of course be predominantly Roman Catholic — in effect, a new kind of Holy Roman Empire!

The Spirit from the False Prophet

The False Prophet of the ancient world is most certainly identified as Muhammad, whose followers exercised a spirit of fanaticism in the pursuit of a belief to the extent that they would destroy those who would not conform with their doctrine. This great movement and ideology was evidenced by the rise of the Saracens and later the Ottoman Turkish Empire. Since 1917 this fanatical spirit has been evidenced in International Communism, which was born in Europe.

We are now seeing a further rise or manifestation of the spirit from the mouth of the False Prophet, militant Islam, on a scale which 50 years ago could not have been predicted. Islam is on the march in Western Europe where some 8 million Muslims have been able to establish themselves with their alien culture. There is also a state of great unrest among Soviet Muslims in the Caucasus, the Volga Basin and Central Asia, as well as the Kaza-

khstan regions. Russia's conquest of Muslim lands began in 1552 under Ivan the Terrible. Many Soviet Muslims believe that the Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan last February, marked an end to that historical expansion. Some even believe that the way is now open for the Muslim regions to regain control of their own destiny, which would mean the break-up of the U.S.S.R.

What is the truth of Moscow's strategy as far as Islam is concerned? In reality, the spirit that has come forth from the mouth of the False Prophet, also controls Communism, for the account of the terrible tortures and fearful suffering inflicted upon its victims (some 160 million) confirms the origin of evil as the demonic spirit that drove the followers of Muhammad in bygone centuries. There is a satanically inspired unity between militant Islam and Communism which will come fully into the open in due course. Iran's new political strongman, Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, has recently visited President Gorbachov in Moscow to conclude an important agreement.

The Seventh Vial

The effects since 1917 of the workings of the unclean spirits had been to summon the destroyers from the east of the European "Babylon," so placing before this seat of abominations *"the cup of wine of the fierceness of His (God's) wrath."* World War II witnessed a great judgment upon the territory of the Roman See and on papal Europe in general, as *"great Babylon came in remembrance before God"* for all the millions of saints that it killed (*Revelation 16:19*). There is yet a final destructive phase to come, involving a struggle with great spiritual darkness.

It is recorded that *"the seventh angel*

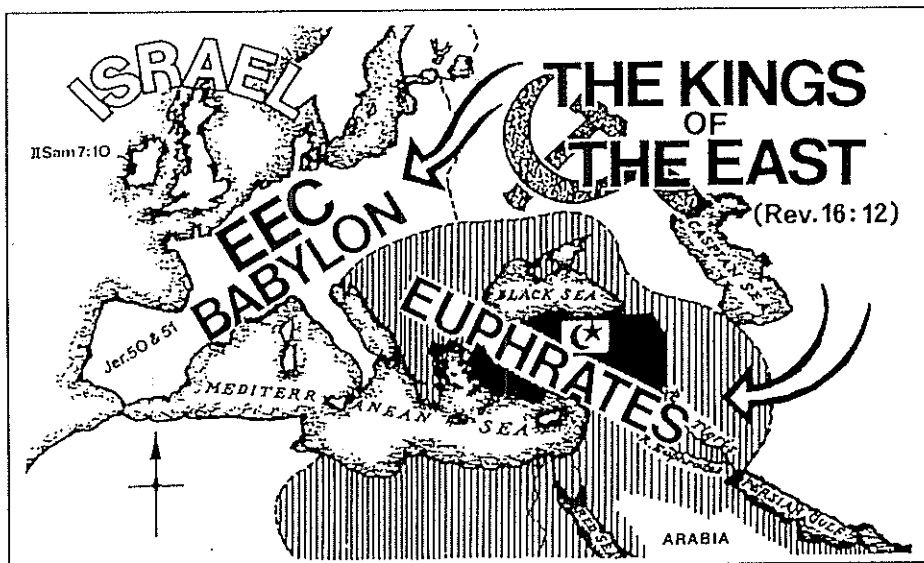
poured out his vial into the air." While aerial warfare during World War II rained death and destruction upon the European scene as at no other time in history, we have to consider that the final assault of "the kings of the east" has yet to come to accomplish the destruction set forth by the mighty angel who declared, *"Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all"* (*Revelation 18:21*). There is however another important aspect of this last vial for we read that Satan is the *"prince of the power of the air"* (*Ephesians 2:2*). This shows us that not only is there active encouragement by satanic forces in the military sphere, but the very power and presence of evil will in the end of the Age be present among us.

This can now be fully identified by the manifestation of the spirit from the mouth of the False Prophet and the spread of the eastern religions among societies in the West. The sight of thousands of Muslims pouring through the cities of Britain shouting "kill, kill," should be enough to convince even the most agnostic person that something very serious indeed is rising in our midst.

Even with 8 million Muslims living in Western Europe, it is only *now* beginning to dawn on EEC governments that large Islamic populations are not compatible with the old Christian societies. The question of Austria's entry into the EEC is being discussed in the light of the danger that the east as a whole might want to enter as well, in particular, Turkey, which it seems, all EEC nations are determined to keep out for ever.

The Next Decade

The date 10th October A.D. 732, is defined as the limit of Islamic military power when the Saracens were halted in



France at the battle of Tours. It is interesting that 1992 — the year of the Single European Market — will be 1260 solar years from the battle of Tours; 1260 being the number of tribulation and the duration of temporal power for the papacy. Also, 1992 will be 144 years — the governmental factor — from 1848, the year of the publishing of the Communist Manifesto in Brussels and when revolutions began. The same city of Brussels is to give birth to the Single European Market in 1992, in preparation for the growing Socialist/Roman Catholic federal United States of Europe, which Britain is resisting under the Prime Minister, Mrs Margaret Thatcher.

Events are moving at an enormous pace in the world of Communism and Islam — which are confederate as “the kings of the east.” The period from 1992 to 2000 is obviously going to be crucial in the affairs of Western Europe, related to the east and the forces released by the spirit from the

mouth of the False Prophet.

In terms of Europe and Central Asia, we have a picture of the papacy supporting the emerging and increasing federalization of the European nations. The papacy will attempt, as John Paul II revealed at Strasbourg on 11th October, 1988, to ride upon this growing federalization and encourage a merging with the eastern part of Europe. It will even give welcome to Gorbachov’s “common European home” as a path to reunion with Orthodox Christianity — of greater priority for the present Pope than that with Protestantism. It will even mount up and ride upon “the scarlet coloured beast,” full of “names of blasphemy” (*Revelation 17:3*).

Yet we are informed it will, in “one day,” come to “death, and mourning and famine and be utterly burnt with fire.” That “day” may well be that given in *Revelation 18*, which chapter also gives “one hour” for judgment to come.

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Bullied Into Silence

Will This be the Death of England?

DAVID LOVIBOND

WAKE UP!

The remarkable article below, appeared in *The Sunday Telegraph*, London, for 13th August, 1989. As true patriots of Her Majesty's several Realms, be inspired as you read for the preservation of our own native soil, and from it take thought of the destiny of our United Peoples and our Common Heritage.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT that Mr John Major, the new (British) Foreign Secretary, is to visit Hong Kong in an effort to reassure residents about their future has encouraged hopes that the colony's 3.25 million British dependent territory passport holders will be allowed to settle (in Britain) after all.

Mr Major's predecessor (Sir Geoffrey Howe) was adamant that no such right would be granted, and the Government's resolve must not fail in this matter. If the noise of moral outrage and righteousness should but once distract the Prime Minister from her duty to this country, then events in China will truly portend the death of England.

Disingenuous references to "our fellow citizens" and "hard-working British subjects" do not conceal the fervent Chinese patriotism and profound foreignness of the Hong Kong people. The prospect of such an unprecedented influx of Chinese immigrants obliges us to consider whether the pernicious doctrine of multi-racialism has so debilitated the English that they have lost their voice and no longer think of themselves as the only possessors of England.

It seems that every week sees some fresh retreat from Englishness, some bold advance for ethnic nationalism: 20,000 Muslims burn the Union flag in London; a city in the north of England appoints a

Nigerian as Lord Mayor; shopkeepers tell of violent intimidation of their staff by black gangs; it is announced that the majority of inner London school pupils are now from immigrant families; police are attacked by Asian mobs in Bradford; and Anglican clerics decide that the injunction to provide broadly Christian Services in schools need not refer to the Crucifixion and Resurrection of Christ.

Barely a generation ago these islands were occupied by a single people, who despite differences of region, background and expectation were bound by common loyalties and affections, by a shared history and memory. Thirty years on and the English have become "the white section of the community" and Britishness is something to be had from the bazaar. But England has not succumbed to conquest and its people made a helot class. It is by indolence and intellectual feebleness, by a myopic kindliness and a naive faith in the permanence of our institutions that all old certainties were lost and England betrayed.

Yet the arrival of the first consignment of West Indian workers in the 1940s was an obscure harbinger of mass immigration and of the tragic consequences it would have for our country. In the early years immigrants were presented and seemed to regard themselves, as black and brown Englishmen, and objectors to their presence could be plausibly dismissed as

"colour prejudiced." Rapid integration with English society was the ambition of the new arrivals (as well as the official policy towards them) and the celebration of immigrant culture was very much a private affair.

But tens of thousands become unassimilable millions. Immigrants settled in cities already heavily populated by their compatriots and, by retaining the languages, customs and dress (not to mention the religions) of the native lands, signalled their intention of remaining aloof from the indigenous life of this country. Momentously and without reference to the wishes of the English people, the concept of integration was abandoned in favour of multi-culturalism.

This insidious orthodoxy confirms the right of immigrants to their separate cultural identities, but because of the synonymy of cultural and national loyalties it tacitly accepts that ethnic minorities will retain their separate national identities too. In other words, not immigrants but colonists to whom England belongs as much and as undeniably as it does to the English. Britishness has rapidly come to mean nothing more than the possession of a passport and a theoretical conformity with the law.

But England is more than a matter of geography, a neutral or new-found-land belonging to everyone and no one. In this anciently settled country the English people are rooted in the land, they take their traditions from it and from the older races who preceded them there. A nation is a people and its land together and England is resonant with the signs and landmarks of Englishness: the old track fading on the hillside, the tumbled stone of a Saxon steading, winter sunlight on new ploughland, the strip of dark beneath the trees, the names repeating in a country churchyard.

At a time when England is being driven from the punished, anonymous landscapes of the cities the countryside has become the final hope for confirmation and reassurance that this is the place of the English. But the erasures of traditional landscapes by intensive farming, and the despoliation of villages and market towns by developers, are rapidly destroying all that was familiar and distinctive about rural England and creating an empty, meaningless countryside.

It is almost as if the *apparatchiks* of multi-culturalism, pursuing the last vestiges of Englishness with Jacobinical enthusiasm, had hunted down these sacred places that speak the forbidden language of nation and conspired at their destruction.

Bewildered by the transformation of their country and saddened by a permanent feeling of loss, the English people have taken refuge in the past, Elizabethan "theme" parks stand in for history, and television costume dramas provide a gilded remembrance of an older, simpler England.

Reality is a triumphalist black nationalism which reviles and despises England, demands that every trace and nuance of Englishness to be condemned as racist, and insists that its own political aspirations be instantly recognized, its "cultural" excesses indulged and its crimes excused. The voice of her prime minister, has repudiated, is the dishonest attempt, under the pretext of increasing people's freedom to trade and to compete, to subject us to laws on all manner of other subjects from bathing beaches to social security, which have not been made by our own Parliament or approved by our own electorate. To trade with the other fellow and to compete with him fairly, you do not need to govern him.

Let the other nations make their own

laws, as we will do, impose their own taxes, and go their own nationally independent sovereign ways. We do not ask for them to be subordinated or amalgamated into a new superstate under the pretext of a single market, a market, that is, in which governments are agreed to impose no restrictions on the freedom of citizens of one country to exchange their goods and services with the citizens of other countries.

On the other hand we will not stand passively by while a customs union (and incidentally a customs union highly protective towards the rest of the world, not least the Third World) is constrained, as Prussia once constrained the German Zollverein, to form the basis of a new and overweening empire.

We have not given our word idly or in ill faith (let no opponent of political union in the EEC be afraid of that accusation). We

gave our word to a single market, a market in which there should be no artificial barriers or obstacles to trade. That is not a Europe "without frontiers." Nations have frontiers; and a Europe, Mrs Thatcher's Europe, of "independent sovereign nations," will be a Europe of frontiers, across which men and women are free, while obeying and making the laws of their respective nations, to exchange with one another their goods and services, their thoughts and their discoveries.

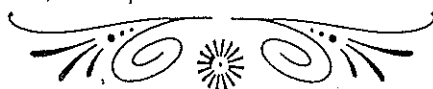
The people of Britain have not been asked and have not given their consent to a Europe of common government, central government, central administration. Had we wanted that, we need not have troubled throughout our long past to preserve our laws, our liberties and our Parliament. Now, as before, we will follow those who call upon us to defend them.

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By F. W. DOWSETT.

As we look at mankind generally, we notice what appears to be a common factor as a basic part of our make-up. There is a common looking for something or someone on a higher level than ourselves through which, or whom, we can eventually attain to a state of perfection and immortality. The very thought of death as a final ending to everything is almost impossible to accept by most. Somewhere, or somehow, there must be a Supreme Power that will look after us in the hereafter and make up to us for all the suffering and deprivation we experience in this life on earth. Some even accept that we will be reincarnated into another life after we die, and so we will be self-perpetuating. If we look at the various heathen religions we find that in general they teach of some form of perfect life after death here on earth. The Muslims have their special harems with their Allah. The Red Indians have their Happy Hunting Grounds. Others have their Nirvana. And so it goes on. But all of these beliefs are fairly nebulous when we examine them, and fall very much short of the truth. Most certainly, the earth as we know it is going to be entirely changed, so that we will have absolutely perfect conditions. Our human longing for a perfect way of life is most certainly going to be fulfilled, but not in the way that the heathen teach and believe. In fact, for that matter, it will not be even in the way that a great majority of Christians believe. For instance, a great deal is heard of these days in Christian circles of what is referred to as 'the immortality of the soul'. And yet, search as you may, you will not find one solitary portion of the Bible which teaches this. It is simply a 'religious' doctrine. The Bible actually teaches quite the contrary. It says, "The soul that sinneth, IT SHALL DIE!" Let us take note here that the Bible does not say that the person or body shall die, but that the SOUL shall die as a

direct result of SIN. Physical death is something that we all know of, and there is no doubt but that it happens in the final analysis as a result of sin. If there was no sin, there would be no sickness, and let's face it, death is only the final or ultimate form of sickness in whatever form, and whether suddenly or slowly. Without the effects of sin, our bodies would remain perfect, and therefore not subject to the final condition of death.

When God first formed Adam, and then from his body Eve, they were in a sinless condition, and whilst they elected to remain in that state, would have lived forever. It was only when they exercised their free will and disobeyed the commandment of God that they lost this priceless condition and immediately the dying process commenced in their bodies just as God had forewarned them. The marginal rendering of Genesis 2:17 reads;

"But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day that thou eatest thereof, dying, thou shalt surely die."

Thus the dying process commenced, and was inherited by every one of Adam's progeny. But when we speak of the SOUL dying, then that is an entirely different thing altogether. God clearly tells us in His Word that,

"It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this, the judgment." (Heb.9:27).

So much for the teaching of reincarnation.

The first part of this statement refers to our physical death, but the judgment refers to the fate of our soul, and it is at this judgment that the soul receives the sentence of life or death. It naturally follows then that if there is to be a judgment, then there must of necessity be certain qualifications upon which such judgment must be based or assessed. Please my friends,

do not be misled by the prevalent idea which is not only widely held today, but which is of all things taught as 'Christian' doctrine by a seemingly ever increasing number of churches, that one can inherit eternal life as a result of good living and the commission of good works. This teaching ranges from the blatant outright statement of this doctrine of 'the immortality of the soul' to the insidious, and far more dangerous appeal to our humanity towards others which is nothing more in many cases than the very same doctrine of 'salvation by works'. I have no hesitation at all in saying that this, in what ever form it is presented, is a lie concocted by the prince of liars himself, God's arch enemy, Satan. It has no part whatsoever in the plain teachings and requirements of Almighty God. If this is unpalatable to some, then please remember that the only One who can give eternal life is God. It belongs to Him, and He gives it ONLY to those He chooses. That being the case, He makes the rules, not us. To reject this basic principle is as foolish and ridiculous as going out onto the sporting field to play cricket, and then complaining because the umpire doesn't control the game in accordance with the rules of football.

God's Word is most emphatic, and totally uncompromising as to the rules. They are set out in John 3:3-7;

"Jesus answered and said unto Nicodemus, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see (understand or comprehend) the Kingdom of God.

Nicodemus said unto Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?

Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the Kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

Marvel not that I say unto thee,

Ye must be born again."

And here friends is the secret. When we speak of being 'born again', we do not refer to the body, but to the soul. As we saw previously, it is the soul which is under the penalty of death because of sin, and as we are born in sin, (and this has nothing whatsoever to do with the physical God-given process of conception and birth, but rather to the sinful nature with which we are automatically born), then from the very moment of our birth our soul is under this death sentence.

Now there is only one way ordained, recognised, or accepted by God by which the soul can escape this death sentence. And it is of little help to merely state the fact. We need to understand how it operates. The Bible tells us in Leviticus 17:11;

"The life of the flesh is in the blood."

Now because of the introduction of sin, this life-stream, the blood, became contaminated. It is a medically accepted fact that sickness, (which results from the condition of sin), is carried in this blood-stream. That's why the doctors take so many blood tests in order to help determine the nature of the complaint. Thus God ordained the everlasting principle that the only way in which sin could be eradicated was by shedding the blood-stream. But for humans to do this themselves would obviously result in death. So in His mercy, God instituted an alternative which he was willing to accept as a substitute. He ordained that the people were to offer the blood of specially nominated animals, and in a specially nominated manner, as an acceptable substitute on their own behalf. Thus came into operation the Laws contained in Ordinances.

I am convinced that we can never overemphasise the absolute importance of understanding the fact that these "Laws contained in Ordinances" were only a portion, or one section of, the overall Law of God. The full Law consisted of the Statutes, the Commandments, the Judgments, and the Ordinances. The sole purpose of the Ordinances was to provide the means by which the

people and the nation could receive God's forgiveness for the times when they broke the Statutes, Commandments, and the Judgments, which actions, as clearly set out in I John 3:4, constituted SIN.

"Whosoever committeth sin, transgresseth also the law.

For sin is the transgression of the law."

But this system was never intended by God to be the ultimate way by which forgiveness could be obtained. In the fulness of time, He sent His only Begotten Son, Jesus, to become this sin offering once and for all. The principle was simplicity itself. Up to the First Advent of Christ, man chose his own lamb in accordance with the requirements laid down by God and shed its blood and offered it for the remission of his sins. But with Jesus Christ came the offering, not of man's selection, but chosen by God, THE LAMB OF GOD. As soon as this LAMB OF GOD shed His blood and died, there was no longer any need for the offering of sacrifices as contained in 'the Law contained in Ordinances'. They were completely fulfilled in the far greater sacrifice of GOD'S LAMB, and were thus blotted out, or nailed to the cross with Christ. This is what Paul was referring to in both Ephesians 2:15 and Colossians 2:14;

"Having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances."

"Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross."
(emphasis added).

Thus it is that the moment that we accept the sacrifice made on our behalf by our Lord Jesus Christ, He becomes the sacrifice acceptable to God on our behalf. We then become acceptable to God. I believe that the present terminology of "accepting the Lord Jesus Christ" is not altogether scriptural. We don't accept or

choose Him. When we become acceptable, He chooses us, as He says in the clearest of terms in John 15:16;

"You have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you."

So we see that from the very instant of our birth, our soul is under the sentence or penalty of death. But the moment we accept the sacrifice made on our behalf by the Lord Jesus Christ, and He becomes our own personal Saviour, the mighty power of the Spirit of God cancels out the previous sentence of death, and our soul is 'born again', or 'born anew' of the Spirit of God to eternal life. Thus, as Jesus said to Nicodemus, we are both born of water, i.e. the natural birth, and born of the Spirit, i.e. the new or re-birth. We pass from death unto LIFE. How can we not praise His glorious Name for such love and mercy!

So we see that immortality does not depend on our own self-righteousness, nor upon our good deeds, irrespective of how good and humane they might be. Nor is it a natural right of birth, or a natural progression of some process of human evolution. It depends entirely on our acceptance of, and our covering by, the sacrifice made by the Lord Jesus Christ.

Now having arrived at this point of understanding, we come to the next important fact. It is this. There is absolutely nothing in this world that you can do yourself nor any amount of money you can pay, that can earn you, or by which you can purchase, eternal life! The acceptance of this principle is not only important, it is absolutely mandatory. There is absolutely NO alternative or exception to this rule! The only thing that we as human beings can ever earn in the eternal sphere is DEATH. God says it quite plainly. "The wages of sin is death."

Eternal life comes to us as a FREE GIFT! We do not earn it. It belongs to God. It comes from God. And He gives it ONLY to those whom He chooses, and on the

conditions which He Himself determines. Think about it for a moment. If you want to give a gift to a friend as a token of your love for him, would you expect him to work for it or earn it? Of course not. You give him the gift freely and unconditionally. What would you think if a friend came up to you and said that he had a free gift for you, but you weren't going to get it until you mowed his lawn? You would quite naturally, and quite rightly, say that it was not a gift at all because you had to earn the right to receive it. Something you have to earn can hardly be considered a gift. And that is just the point. We have no inherent right at all to receive Eternal Life. We have completely forfeited that right by our disobedience to God. And nothing that we can do will, or can, reverse that forfeiture. The only thing we can earn from our disobedience is death, and this is a totally automatic consequence. God's Word tells us in Romans 6:23;

"The wages of sin is DEATH. But the gift of God is ETERNAL LIFE through Jesus Christ our Lord."

Notice the absolute extremes of this statement. The wages as against the gift. Death as against life. The next important thing to note is that this eternal life comes only through the Lord Jesus Christ. We have already commented on the fallacy of believing that it comes as a result of our own good works. But as strange as it may seem to some, eternal life does not even come through believing in God. This is a very important distinction which all too many people do not realise, and they thus fall into error. Some say that they believe that there is a God. Others say that they believe in God. Others worship God. Let me say quite emphatically that a belief in, or a knowledge of, or even a worship of God is not enough. The Bible is quite emphatic on the point that a true worship of God MUST include the acceptance of His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ because Jesus is an integral part of God, and a rejection of the Son is a rejection of the Father. You simply cannot have the Father without having the Son. This is what

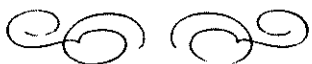
makes Christianity so different and special. The Muslims claim to have the Father whom they refer to as Allah, but they reject Christ in favour of Mohammed. The Eastern religions worship their 'father-figure' gods, but reject Jesus. The Jews claim to worship the Father, but totally reject Jesus Christ, claiming Him to be the illegitimate son of a Roman soldier and a Jewish harlot. What then do we make of the following statement from I John 2:22-25;

"Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ. He is antichrist that denieth the Father AND the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath NOT the Father. But he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also. Let that therefore abide in you which ye have heard from the beginning. If that which ye have heard from the beginning shall remain in you, ye shall also continue in the Son and in the Father.

And this is the promise that He hath promised us, EVEN ETERNAL LIFE!"

So we see that a denial of the Lord Jesus Christ and His relationship as the Son of God proves the total worthlessness of trying to obtain acceptance by God without first obtaining the acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And the final thing to notice is that this Free Gift which God is offering is not yours until you reach out and take it. God will never force it upon you. You have to personally accept it. We do not automatically receive it just because we know about it. We have to reach out and accept the offer by first accepting the sacrifice that our Lord Jesus Christ made for us so that He becomes OUR personal Saviour. Only then will we receive the most wonderful Free Gift in the world, even our right to Eternal Life through our Lord Jesus Christ.



The Church-Guided Core of His Kingdom

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The Old Testament provides a record of the inauguration and development of the people of Israel as an instrument designed by Almighty God, to be used by Him for the benefit of all His earth-children. It abounds with His assurances that, despite their failings, His purpose for them and through them will be fulfilled in His good time. This theme must be accepted by Christians for the impressive reason that our Lord Jesus Christ honoured and expounded it.

Christians really have no choice but to accept His exposition. Tragically, due to confusion infiltrated ceaselessly over the centuries by Satan and his agents, most of them have been persuaded to accept a dilution of our Lord's plain teaching which strikes at the very roots of the succinct message of Scripture as the only medium of revelation of God to man.

The terse outline given in Holy Writ with regard to the Divine Plan is, beyond logical argument, an account of the manner in which God would use His servant-nation as a nucleus for His coming Kingdom on earth. This was conveyed to Israel by His messengers, the prophets, in the Old Testament — which was our Lord's Bible. He did not mince His words in endorsing their testimony as absolutely authentic. Those who profess Him as Leader denigrate Him if they reject His directions on this crucial issue.

There can be no Christians who will not give pride of place to the actual words of their Lord as recorded in the New Testament. In so doing, they can and must rely unresistingly on the exposition of Jesus and His chosen Apostles. Any contrary opinions expressed by mere men, however scholarly, must be discarded. Our Lord's Gospel of the Kingdom is not merely a perpetual injunction to honour God and to be good neighbours to those with whom we come into contact. It is infinitely wider and even more inspiring, for it gives the news, to those who will heed, of the coming to fruition of God's Plan for His universal Kingdom of Love.

In order to follow the Kingdom Theme from the New Testament angle, it is necessary to have regard to the state of affairs as regards God's Kingdom nucleus, Israel. In this we take the Old Testament narrative at

face value, as Jesus did. Israel was constituted a nation by the Grace of God, under the direction of Moses, some fourteen centuries before the birth of Christ. Moses, an incomparable giant among world leaders of that, or any other period was, on the authority of St. Paul, *'learned in all the wisdom of Egypt'* — a credential which even yet scintillates at the bar of history. Of still greater significance was the fact that he had been commissioned to his high office by Almighty God for the express purpose of welding into a nation a rabble of some 2,000,000 escaping bondmen. Upheld by Divine Power, he accomplished this impossible task and led his thankless charges to their Promised Land of Canaan. For some eight centuries, Israel passed through the vicissitudes recorded in Scripture.

Ultimately, so badly did they fail God in their first probation, that He allowed them to fall a prey to aggressor nations and to be expelled from their Promised Land, for punishment and retraining. By the period of our Lord, more than 90 per cent of the Israel people were dispersed in lands far from Palestine. Only a pitiful remnant had remained, unknowingly, to receive their Messiah. These were descended almost entirely from fragments of the clans of Judah and Benjamin who had returned to Jerusalem and Judea after half a century of servitude in Babylon. This residue became the nation of the Jews.

The great bulk of the descendants of the Israel people were moving or resting in the vast territory between the borders of India and the Aegean; there was also a large settlement in Egypt. This we know, both from Scripture and from secular sources, as a fact of history. Most of them finally trekked westwards, in waves and by periods. Masses of them were established, as 'Scythians', between the Black Sea and the Baltic, with a general dispersal point at Kiev (Asgard). These were later to emerge as Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Danes and Normans. Large numbers had reached the North Sea. There was an Israelite colony in Spain by 500 B.C.: St. Paul wrote to these. Small contingents of Israel had arrived as Celts in the Isles of Britain as an advance guard, by the second century B.C.

It is against this background that the New Testament pronouncements with regard to God's servant-nation Israel should be regarded, when considering the teaching of Jesus and His Apostles.

There can be no question as to the world-embracing scope of the Kingdom of God as expounded by them. Manifestly, they declared it wide open to the whole human race, the only conditions of entry being belief in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord and the acceptance of His good neighbor code as the true way of life. But there is much more involved in it than that! Our Lord went to great pains to describe the outlook of God's Kingdom when in full operation and the manner in which it will be achieved, with Himself as Ruler, inspiring the influence of His church in guiding the affairs of the servant-nation Israel as they function as

Kingdom-nucleus in the material realm. Those the world over who are not Israelites by race become Israelites by grace, and thus citizens of the Kingdom through acceptance of their Lord's Sacrifice.

The instructions of Jesus and His apostles are categorical in pronouncing that, in this interim phase, the Kingdom will operate faultily until He returns to earth, to root out evil and to administer His realm in accordance with Divine Law, following the principles first committed by God to the servant nation.

Christ and His apostles knew very well that the Israel people were at that time scattered in communities large and small, over the countries of the Roman world. Josephus, the Romanised Jewish historian, writing in A.D. 70, within a generation of Christ's resurrection, said that they were 'an immense multitude, not to be estimated by numbers'. St. Paul was in touch with the 'utmost bounds of the West.' There is good reason to believe the firm tradition that he visited Britain and that he preached on Ludgate Hill, London, where now stands Wren's masterpiece — the great Cathedral which bears Paul's name.

St. James wrote to 'the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad'. Far to the east, St. Thomas preached to an Israelite colony established on the borders of India, though the descendants must clearly have later been forced back westwards during the Mongol-Tartar invasions. At Pentecost, St. Peter addressed a huge gathering composed mainly of Israelite pilgrims drawn from the many lands of their exile. Addressing them as 'ye men of Israel' he urged them, as they returned to their distinct homes, to proclaim Jesus as Lord and Christ.

Our Lord constantly kept His apostles aware of the fact that the mass of Israel lived in lands remote from Palestine — so much so that, on an occasion when He told them that He would be leaving them, they enquired among themselves as to whether He would be going to preach '*to the dispersed among the gentiles*'. One of His earnest instructions to them was to '*go first to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*' with the good news that the Kingdom of God would soon open its doors to all willing to accept and obey The King.

Our Lord did not ever allow His followers (not that they would have so desired) to forget the Kingdom could not even commence to come into operation until Israel, God's servant-nucleus, had been redeemed from the Curse of the Law. And He knew that His own death was the only means which could ensure this.

This, then, is the simple truth which our Lord and His apostles constantly proclaimed, which the early church espoused. It was left to prelates and theologians of much later centuries to invent and exploit the apologetic, unscriptural theory which substitutes for the express instructions of Jesus Christ the man-made supposition that the material promises made by God to His servant-nation Israel had been transferred

to and appropriated by the Christian Church — the spiritual body of which Christ is the Head.

If we read the unprecedented, catastrophic events of the present days as vindication of the signs which Jesus left for us, we shall have no difficulty in accepting His own appraisal of a New Age coming in which Christ, church and Kingdom — in that order — will comprise the perfected Kingdom of God on earth. In so doing, we shall find that the New Testament concept is not a different, but rather an amplified and updated version of that expounded to the patriarchs and the nation Israel in its preceding volume — *The Old Testament*.



SPECIAL REMINDER! We remind our readers that as previously announced, we will only be issuing THE COVENANT VISION every THREE months from now on, or until such time as we receive enough physical assistance to make it possible for us to revert to our normal Two-Monthly issue. New readers will receive ONE free issue only. If we receive no response from them prior to the publication of the next issue, no further issues will be sent to them. Whilst we need all the recommendations we can get in order to enlarge our readership, please be selective in the names you send. We sometimes receive most aggravated replies from those who have not the slightest interest in our magazine. We have also found that others immediately throw their copies in the waste basket without even looking at it. This only involves us in unnecessary labour and costs. This has not been an easy decision to make, especially considering the wonderful letters we receive from so many expressing the blessings they receive from it. But I'm afraid that the condition of my health has been the deciding factor at the present time. As I write this, I am waiting for news as to when I must again be admitted to hospital, thankfully this time for what is expected to be minor stomach surgery for the removal of a number of calcious stones. It will probably be for two days during Feb. 8-9, or 15-16, after which Betty and I are going away for two weeks to recuperate. Your continued prayers and support over this time would be warmly appreciated. We pray God's richest blessing upon you all.

On Second Kings, 16:6

In Bible Study Class we were reading through first and second Kings and came to the verse in II Kings, 16:6, which has long been mentioned by teachers as being the first place in which the term "Jew" appears in Holy Writ. Most of us were using King James Versions, and sure enough, there it was. Some were using other Versions and called out the terms used.

After the comparisons were completed, we came up with this report:

1. Jerusalem Bible — "men of Judah"
2. New Jerusalem Bible — "Judeans"
3. Lamsa Bible — "Judah"
4. Moffatt Bible — "Judahites"
5. Revised Standard Version (of King James translation) — "men of Judah"
6. New International Version — "men of Judah"
7. New English Bible — "the Judeans"

We were made aware that the people of Judah were known as Judah, until the Remnant had returned to the Palestine area from their seventy years in Babylonian captivity.

We concluded that in this case, the other Versions were *correct* and the King James Bible *incorrect* in this one translation matter, the *reason* being that the captivity had not even, as yet, been *completed*. (Only Issachar had been carried away at this point.)

We know that Judah was known as Judah while in captivity for seventy years, that Judah was known as "The Remnant of Judah" when a portion of Judah traveled back to their old home to rebuild the wall and the temple.

Josephus, the historian of those times, leaves it on record that after the Remnant had been in Jerusalem for some time this community because known as "the Nation of the Jews" This is where, when, and for whom the term was first used.

Scripture states that the Remnant was one-tenth of the whole of Judah. See Isaiah 6:11-13.

The other nine-tenths migrated northwest to the coast lands and to the isles, along with their brethren, Israel of the Northern Kingdom.



"A Kingdom of Priests"

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The National Message

"Ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation." This tremendously important pronouncement by Almighty God, recited in the 19th chapter of Exodus, epitomises the role of His servant-people, Israel, in the development of His Kingdom on earth. Here we have revealed God's purpose for them, with the positive implication of an ultimate 'Faith-Obedience' status on their part. Israel is here commissioned as a '*peculiar treasure above all people*,' a 'Kingdom of Priests' and a 'Holy Nation'. 'Ye' here implies the whole of the Israel peoples. 'Kingdom' connotes an organised and constituted community under a monarch. 'Nation' indicates a citizenry welded together under one government and predominantly of the same race.

Shortly before this pronouncement, Israel had been liberated from their 'house of Bondage' in Egypt. It was an emancipation from near-slavery to something and someone — from their Egyptian overlords to the God of their Fathers for unique status and positive service to the whole human race as the prototype and ultimate framework of His Kingdom. Israel would provide its focal-point and function as demonstration unit, developing into a world community acting in obedience to the commands of the One True God.

The dominion forfeited by the defection of Adam was to be thus restored and refined, in further revelation of the Great Creator through the agency of this servant-nation, emancipated from Egypt and ennobled at Sinai, there to be promised 'the glorious liberty of the sons of God'. St. Peter reminded all Israelites of their high calling in this regard.

This Divine appointment was obviously 'long-term'. It could not immediately function in its fullness. A community so newly liberated from bondage needed hard training in God's University of Life. There were matters of worship, law, service and obedience which could not be assimilated overnight. Surrounded by evil, the possibilities of deviation were immense. Furthermore, there was the need for a development of the characteristics which would make Israel suitable material for God to use in His Purposes for the blessing of 'all the families of the earth'. These, then, are the reasons for the forty-year wilderness period of training, by symbol and type, in which Israel was locked up with her God as a nation at school.

If Israel were to be so royal a priestly community in the world, they must be taught what being a 'priest' in God's scheme of things means. Thus came the Divine appointment of Aaron, to appear before the Divine

Presence on behalf of the people. His duties had to be carried out with the greatest care and obedience to the minutest detail of the God-prescribed ritual. This was to instil reverence at the very centre of Israel's community life. There must be a 'hallowing of God's name' and an 'obedience to His commands'. We can now see there would be required a tremendous concentration of interest on the part of the community in the whole exercise of this Divinely-appointed Priesthood, for Israel had to be prepared for the coming of God's High Priest — Jesus the Christ.

The functions of the Aaronic Priesthood are related in the first ten chapters of Leviticus and the 17th chapter of Numbers. We there learn why God guards the office of Priesthood in Israel so meticulously. It is of more than passing interest to note how He demonstrated that Aaron was His Appointed High Priest — by the miracle of bringing life from the dead. This incident taught Israel for all time two great lessons. First, that Aaron's installation into this supreme office was accredited. Further, that the power and authority of the Priesthood derives from God, Who alone is able to make the dead to live again. God established in Israel a principle which has never changed. Today, her High Priest must be — and is — Divinely appointed, able to make the acceptable sacrifice for the sins of His people, His calling and appointment confirmed by the miracle of resurrection. A factor which distinguishes our Lord Jesus Christ — as High Priest — from priests of the Aaronic Order is that Aaron had first to offer a 'sin offering' for his own sins, followed by a 'peace offering' to restore Israel's harmony with God. Jesus, being without sin, was in perfect harmony with His Father at every point of His earthly ministry. This is why Holy Writ so positively declares our Lord to be of a different and infinitely higher order — the order of Melchisedec described in the 7th chapter of Hebrews. It will be seen that in Israel's preparation for service there was a pattern from which God allowed no deviation. St. Paul insisted that this pattern followed the Divine prototype.

As we know, God's Servant-nation failed at her first probation and incurred the penalty which He had prescribed — expulsion from her Promised Land. Her failure necessitated the Calvary Sacrifice. Jesus, Son of God and Son of man, with His Kingdom, provided the theme of all Old Testament promise and prophecy: He was indeed 'The Hope of Israel'. It is significant in the highest degree that He combined within His Own Person the three paramount offices in Israel of Prophet, Priest, King. As God had operated in the past in Israel, so He was now continuing to act in Israel, through His Son, fulfilling the gospel of Israel's redemption and providing salvation for all human beings who accept His sacrifice.

On this, it ought to be thoroughly understood that our Lord's resurrection was not merely a convenient way of demonstrating that there

is life after death. That had already been shown at the Transfiguration. Resurrection and ascension are inextricably associated with the sacrifice He offered. It was not sufficient that the Lamb be offered to God; it was essential that the offering be accepted by God and that the acceptance should be as clearly visible as was the offering. By the ascension, God demonstrated His acceptance of the offered Victim by visibly receiving Him before an assembly of witnesses.

'It is finished', cried our Lord triumphantly on the Cross, and we can depend upon it; something infinitely tremendous was finished. At the same precise moment, something was commenced. For at the very instant of His cry, the veil of the Temple was rent from top to bottom — a symbol of a new beginning and a most shattering experience for the Jewish religious leaders who had hounded Him to death. Complete satisfaction had been made both for the covenant default of the servation, Israel, and for the transgressions of the whole human race. The penalty had been paid, once and for all. Jesus had now fulfilled the prescribed ritual and symbology, Jesus was reality! He had 'visited and redeemed His people Israel.' He had broken down every barrier between man and his God, opening the way into God's Presence. He had abolished the old order of Priesthood and had established Himself as High Priest and Mediator, at the throne of God, in accordance with the promise made to Israel at Sinai.

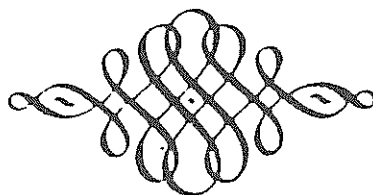
If we are now, as St. Peter assures us, a royal priesthood of the Most High God, then we must surely walk and live in accordance with that commission and, as Jesus offered Himself, so it is incumbent upon us to offer ourselves in His service. In this, we are pledged to the same God, in and through the same Christ and, in so doing, have become a unified company of believers, sharing the same new life as believer-priests, remembering that a priest's work is one of service for others as God's representatives. Here we have a marvellous thing — a whole community, an assembly of called-out believers, jointly and severally following the instructions of Almighty God for the well-being of His earth children.

So great is the responsibility of the believer-priesthood in Israel that God has provided an 'anointing'. Prophet, Priest and King in Israel were established in their high office in Israel by an anointing ceremony. Even our Great High Priest was Himself inducted in this manner by the Holy Spirit. This is the true meaning of the Day of Pentecost on which the Holy Spirit anointed the Apostles, the first initiates in this new order of 'Kings and Priests unto God'. At Sinai we had the promise and at Pentecost we received the performance. It is now our bounden duty to be active in personal service to each other and then to all mankind. Privilege and responsibility are irrevocably inherent in our believing. This binds us together as members of one Body, anxious on each other's behalf. For this high mission, God is not asking too much in requiring us to relinquish

any vain-glorious personal views which might imply that we have a monopoly of God's grace.

It is not always easy for us to believe that we are precisely what this doctrine says we are. We may feel strangers to such nobility, but we really must reconcile ourselves to the greatness of our inheritance in Christ and not allow ourselves to be inhibited by the fact that we are merely men and women in an elect People — a Royal Priesthood. This is what our Christianity is all about and it is a most urgent need of the hour that we achieve the dignity of our calling in Christ Jesus and live by it.

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The Voice Of The Third Woe

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An analysis of the phrasing of the words used to designate the beginning of each of the three Woes of the Book of The Revelation discloses an important difference in regard to the inception of the Third Woe. A progression in fulfillment is foretold in respect to the Third Woe, whereas this was not true of the first two Woes. In the eighth chapter of Revelation, seven trumpeting angels are announced as ushering in successive stages of activity, the events of which were timed to begin when they blew their trumpets. The apostle John declared:

*"I saw the seven angels which stood before God, and to them were given seven trumpets."
(Rev. 8:2).*

John then beheld a series of ceremonies, indicating the beginning of trouble and disaster for the inhabitants of the earth, when each angel, in his turn, began to blow his trumpet. The statement is made:

*"And the seven angels which had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound."
(Rev. 8:6).*

The trumpeting of the first four angels marked a succession of steps in the accelerating devastation that swept over the Roman Empire, ending in the passing of Pagan Rome. Then followed the announcement that the remaining three trumpeting angels were to constitute three Woes upon the inhabitants of the earth. John proclaimed:

"I beheld, and heard an angel flying through the midst of heaven, saying with a loud voice,

Woe, Woe, Woe, to the inhabitants of the earth by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, which are yet to sound."

(Rev. 8:13).

The record in the Book of the Revelation discloses that both the fifth angel and the sixth angel began to sound their trumpets at once when the time had arrived for the first and second Woes to hold sway. In both instances the result was war; the first with the Saracens riding forth from the desert; the second with Othman beginning his campaign of conquest. There is no qualification in word or action indicating any delay in conflict when the First and Second Woes opened.

When we consider the Third Woe, however, we find that the seventh angel delays the sounding of his trumpet. Instead, he opens the Woe by the uttering of pronouncements, for he speaks and his voice is heard prior to his lifting the trumpet to his lips to blow, signalling the beginning of military onslaught. Thus, in the initial phase of the Third Woe, the seventh angel does not immediately precipitate war by blowing his trumpet. The King James version translates this as follows:

"But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, (margin: 'is about to sound'), the mystery of God should be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets."

(Rev. 10:7).

Let us turn to Ferrar Fenton's translation of this verse which reads as follows:

"But in the days of the speaking of the seventh angel, when he is ready to proclaim, (i.e., blow his trumpet, calling for war), then the secret of God will be completed according as He had promised to His own servants the prophets."

Two distinct activities are assigned to this angel. First, that of speaking, and second, that of blowing his

trumpet to announce war. What stays his hand, preventing him from lifting his trumpet to blow? John's statement is that, just as the angel is about to sound his trumpet, the mystery of God is finished; that is, completed or concluded. The meaning of the original Greek suggests that "the point aimed at, as the limit, has been reached"; also "it is the time of the conclusion of an act or state." This secret, or mystery as it is translated in the King James version, is the same event to which the Apostle Paul referred in I Cor. 15:51-52;

"Behold, I show you a mystery (secret). We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye."

Note carefully that the whole nature of the mystery, or secret - which has to do with the First Resurrection and the Translation - is not to be made known, according to the oath taken by the Mighty Reformation Angel of the 10th chapter of the Revelation, until after the voice of the seventh angel, the angel of the Third Woe, is heard. Why does the angel of the Third Woe delay the sounding of his trumpet, even though it is apparent that the Third Woe has begun, because the results of the fact that he is speaking are manifest? The answer to this question is that the angel is restrained from blowing his trumpet until the "elect" - the chosen ones who are summoned to the Marriage Supper - have been taken up. This is our Lord's statement:

"And He shall send His angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together His elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt. 24:31).

The trumpet mentioned here, which is the trumpet of God, should not be confused with the mission of the trumpeting angel of the Third Woe. Moses was instructed in the use to be made of trumpets in calling the people of Israel to assemble themselves before the Lord. It is stated in the Book of Numbers that if TWO trumpets were blown:

"All the assembly shall assemble themselves to thee at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation." (Num. 10:3).

The next statement reads:

"And if they blow with only ONE trumpet, then the princes, which are heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee." (Emphasis added). (Num. 10:4).

When ONE trumpet was blown, the rulers alone were to assemble themselves. This has a direct bearing on Paul's references to the blowing of ONE trumpet to summon the "elect" to meet the Lord. In the 15th. chapter of I Corinthians, ONE trumpet is mentioned, and this is also the case in the 4th. chapter of I Thessalonians:

"For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel, and with the trump (trumpet) of God. And the dead in Christ will arise first. Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord." (I Thess. 4:16-17).

It is extremely important for all those numbered among the 'watchmen' to recognise the fact that the initial phase of the Third Woe will be evidenced before the First Resurrection occurs, and the ascension of the Witnesses (Rev. 11:12) takes place. This is symbolised by the fact that the seventh angel will engage in speaking first, being momentarily held under constraint as far as blowing his trumpet is concerned. Do we have evidence that the voice of the seventh angel is now being heard?

When the fifth and sixth angels began to blow their trumpets, initiating the the beginning of the First and Second Woes, there was immediate evidence of Divine judgment upon men as the scourge of war began to spread abroad under these respective Woes. When the

angel of the Third Woe begins to blow his trumpet, there will be conflict again, but this time it will usher in the events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord. It will signal the descent of Divine wrath and Paul referred to this fearsome time and to those who would not be involved in it:

"For God hath not appointed us to wrath (day of vengeance and time of trouble), but to obtain salvation (deliverance) by our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, that, whether we wake (i.e., the living overcomers to be translated), or sleep (i.e., those rising in the First Resurrection), we should live together with Him."
(I Thess. 5:9-10).

Those of whom Paul spoke are the "elect" of whom Malachi prophesied:

"Then they which feared the Lord spoke often one to another. And the Lord hearkened, and heard it, and a book of remembrance was written before Him for them that feared the Lord, and that thought upon His Name. And they shall be Mine, saith the Lord of Hosts, in that day when I make up My jewels; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him."
(Mal. 3:16-17).

Spared from what? Our Lord gave the answer when He told His disciples of the conditions which would be extant as the age drew to its close. He counseled them:

"Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of Man."
(Luke 21:36).

Until the Lord rescues those who are to be spared, the seventh angel can only utter his voice. He will not be permitted to place the trumpet to his lips, inaug-

urating the events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord, when God will move in vengeance against His foes. Nevertheless, the world has entered the period of the Third Woe. It has begun, and daily we are hearing the voice of the seventh angel. Through the prophet Zephaniah we have confirmation that the voice of the Day of the Lord would be heard prior to the outbreak of conflict:

*"The great day of the Lord is near, it is near,
and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the Day
of the Lord."* (Zeph 1:4).

What is the voice that is being heard? Is it not the clamour and commotion of preparations going on apace, marshaling themselves for the events of the Great and Terrible Day of the Lord? The prophet Joel tells us to hearken to the din of the multitudes as mob action accelerates, declaring, as the result of these raucous "voices", that "the Day of the Lord is near in the valley of decision." (Joel 3:14).

The Ferrar Fenton translation is:

"Crowds upon crowds on the Plain of the Judgment! The Day of the Lord has arrived on the Plain where He fixes their doom."

We are also hearing the restive undertones of Communist agitation as aggressive plotting and scheming goes on continuously. This too is the voice of the angel of the Third, or Red, Woe, mustering all the forces of evil, preparatory to the day when he will blow his trumpet and the contenders will set themselves in battle array.

Discordant shoutings are reaching our ears as the heathen rage and race issues surge to the forefront. These angry voices, full of hate, will contribute their part to the violence that will manifest itself when the angel blows his trumpet.

Meanwhile, ominous rumblings from the underworld engender apprehension and fearful uneasiness throughout the nation as criminals take advantage of the breakdown in law and order. Their subterranean mutterings are the ebb and flow of the disruptive undertow of lawless elements that prey upon orderly society.

A major share of the blame for the terror that stalks our streets because of the depredations of men who scorn the law of the land must be taken by inept governmental leadership and the unrighteous decisions of our Supreme Courts:

"Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us. We wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. . . Judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off. For truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter." (Isa. 59:9 & 14).

Overriding it all are the strident utterances of those whose actions and statements identify them with the Great Apostacy. By their vociferous bellicosity they are demanding world-wide attention. Many books are coming from their pens which are actually written in a spirit of rejoicing, for they are happy over their supposed emancipation from the claims of the "old fashioned" Gospel, with its call to repentance, emphasising the need for the atonement through the blood of Jesus Christ which was shed for the remission of sins.

No longer do they experience spiritual misgivings as they issue their atheistical spewings with the intention of sweeping away everything that would hinder the liberalisation of all religious concepts. They propose to render the teachings of the Scriptures completely ineffectual by the substitution of their Modernist philosophies and "new morality norms." They utterly repudiate Jesus Christ and all that the Bible says of Him as the Son of God who died to become the Saviour of the world. All of this vividly portrays the very conditions

John declared would be extant during the period of the death of the Two Witnesses:

"And they that dwell upon the earth shall rejoice (one version renders this: 'gloat') over them, and make merry (be made glad), and shall send gifts (presents to congratulate each other, as evidenced in their writings, given in the name of scholarly presentations) one to another; because these two prophets tormented (had previously disturbed) them that dwell on the earth."
(Rev. 11:10).

Nevertheless, their "gloating" and "making glad" over the present-day powerlessness of the Gospel - both as to individual salvation and the evangel of the Kingdom - is to be of very short duration.

We are now nearing the termination of the overall period of the death of the Two Witnesses, of whom it was said;

"And they of the people and kindreds and tongues and nations shall see their dead bodies three days and a half, and shall not suffer their dead bodies to be put in graves."
(Rev. 11:9).

The inhabitants of the earth are now stepping upon the threshold of the Third Woe. The precise point in history has been arrived at when the effect of this fact is to be produced. For the world at large - and the detractors of truth in particular - it is their entry upon the preliminary phase of the Third Woe as they listen to the crescendo of the dialogue of destruction, voiced by the angel, grow louder and louder as he prepares to sound his trumpet.

For those symbolised by the Two Witnesses, their progress in passing over this same threshold finds them approaching the opening door of their Great Hope. When "the spirit of life from God" enters into them and raises

them to their feet (Rev. 11:11), they will hear, above the vocal dissonance all about them, "a great voice from heaven" issuing the invitation, "Come up hither". (Rev. 11:12).

(For an in-depth study of this subject, read the book "The Two Witnesses" by F. W. Dowsett, \$3.50 posted from The Covenant Vision Ministry).

Upon their ascension, it is stated; "The second Woe is passed (Rev. 11:14) or, as this may be expressed; "The Second Woe has gone by." In fact, it was already past when the angel of the Third Woe began to speak.

The whole statement in the 11th chapter of the Revelation appears this way in the King James version;

"The second woe is passed; and, behold, the third woe cometh quickly." (Rev. 11:14).

However, an analytical study of the original Greek places greater emphasis upon the fact that the Third Woe will "act" or "pass quickly." Thus, the statement may be expressed; "The second woe has gone by, and, behold, the Third Woe passeth quickly." Baruch supports these deductions;

"For that time will arise which brings affliction; for it will come and pass by with quick vehemence, and it will be turbulent, coming in the heat of indignation."

Then he continues;

"And it will come to pass in those days that all the inhabitants of the earth will be moved one against another, because they know not that My judgment has drawn nigh."

(Apocalypse of Baruch 48:31-32).

The import of this prophecy is of vital interest, for the statement that the peoples of the world "will be

moved one against another" literally means "like stampeding cattle." How succinctly this describes the thronging and shoving of frenzied mobs!

The entire order of events is further confirmed by what John saw when he beheld "the kings of the earth and of the whole world" gathering for the Battle of That Great Day of God Almighty (Rev. 16:14). In World War I "the kings of the earth," the old apocalyptic earth, gathered for war. Now we are spectators of the gathering of "the kings of the whole world" for the final phase of the Battle of That Great Day of God Almighty. Speaking in terms which had a reference to the approaching destruction of Babylon of old, the prophet Isaiah gave a remarkable prophecy describing the ultimate day of battle when the Lord will muster His hosts for the conflict that will bring all wars to an end:

"Exalt (lift) the voice unto them, shake the hand (beckoning), that they may go into the gates of the nobles. I have commanded My sanctified ones, I have also called My mighty ones for Mine anger, even them that rejoice in My highness. The noise of a multitude in the mountains, like as of a great people; a tumultuous noise of the kingdoms of nations gathered together. The Lord of Hosts mustereth the host of the battle. They come from a far country, from the end of heaven, even the Lord, and the weapons of His indignation, to destroy the whole land.

Howl ye; for the day of the Lord is at hand. It shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt; and they shall be afraid. Pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them. They shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth. They shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate. And

He shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it."
(Isa. 13:2-9).

Notice carefully again that before the battle itself becomes an actuality, a prior event is to take place that is concerned with the unannounced coming of our Lord:

"Behold I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame."
(Rev. 16-15).

When Paul addressed those who could be counted on to be alert and watching, he said;

"For yourselves know perfectly well that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night . . . But ye, brethren, are not in darkness that that day should overtake you as a thief."
(I Thess. 5:2 and 4).

Rather, they are assured they will escape the time of wrath (I Thess. 5:9). It is of much interest to note that the warning of the coming "as a thief", given in the 16th. chapter of the Revelation, immediately follows the statement of the gathering for the Battle of That Great Day of God Almighty, which is the result of the voice of the angel before the sounding of the trumpet of the Third Woe. The very next statement is:

"And He gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon."
(Rev. 16:16).

When the outpouring of the Divine vial of wrath takes place, "a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne," proclaims, "It is done" (Rev. 16:17). Accompanying the vial of wrath, there are voices, thunders, lightnings and a great earthquake. Great Babylon is to come into remembrance before God, to receive the cup of the wine of the fierceness of His wrath, indicat-

ing the complete overthrow of the world economy which has been patterned after the Babylonian system. (Rev. 16:18-20). At the same time there will be a "great hail out of heaven", and this is symbolical of the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophecy:

"For the indignation of the Lord is upon all nations, and His fury upon all armies. He hath utterly destroyed them, He hath delivered them to the slaughter." (Isa. 34:2).

When the angels of the First and Second Woes blew their trumpets, devastating wars resulted and this will be equally true when the angel of the Third Woe is no longer restrained and sounds his trumpet. Thereafter the indignation of the Lord will be "upon all nations" as Isaiah has prophesied:

"For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity. The earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." (Isa. 26:21).

But notice once more that, preceding this announcement by Isaiah, the statement is made:

"Thy dead men shall live, together with my dead body shall they arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in dust." (Isa. 26:21).

We may conclude from this order of events, that before Divine vengeance and wrath descends, the First Resurrection will become a reality. Daniel confirms this, for after he gave his prophecy concerning the coming time of trouble, which would be unlike anything experienced since there was a nation on earth, he testified:

"Thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake." (Dan. 12:1-2).

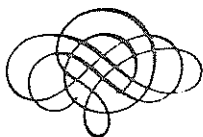
Writing of the events which will follow the First Resurrection, John said of the Two Witnesses:

"They ascended up to heaven in a cloud, and their enemies beheld them." (Rev. 11:12).

In the same hour, John states, there was "a great earthquake" (Rev. 11:13). It is no wonder that the Scriptures speak of the consternation and fright which will sieze the inhabitants of the earth as a result of these stupendous developments which are to occur when the transit of the threshold of the Third Woe is completed.

The testimony of so many apostles and prophets, all confirming the same order of events, is surely a firm guarantee that none of these words shall fail. We are reminded of the exhortation of the writer of the Book of Hebrews (12:1):

"Wherefore, seeing we also are encompassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us."



A CALL TO REPENTANCE.

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that it cannot save;
neither His ear heavy that it cannot hear.

But your iniquities have separated between you
and your God;
and your sins have hid His face from you."

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

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A NEW YEAR INTERCESSION.

O Lord, the great and dreadful God, keeping the covenant mercy to them that love Him, and to them that keep His commandments; we have sinned, and have committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even by departing from Thy precepts and from Thy judgments. Neither have we hearkened unto Thy servants the prophets, which spake in Thy name. O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto Thee, but unto us, confusion of faces, as at this day. O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face because we have sinned against Thee. To the Lord our God belongeth mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against Him. Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in His Laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed Thy Law, even by departing, that they might not obey Thy voice. Therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against Him. As it is written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us, yet made we not our prayer before the Lord our God, that we might turn from our iniquities, and understand Thy truth. Therefore hath the Lord watched upon the evil, and brought it upon us. For the Lord our God is righteous in all His works which He doeth. For we obeyed not His voice.

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