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

THE COVENANT VISION.

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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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OUR COVENANT WITH DEATH & HELL!

By F. W. DOWSETT.

Prior to our next issue of *THE COVENANT VISION* in September, an event will have taken place which I personally believe will be at least one of, if not *THE* greatest signs ever given to us, alerting those who are prepared to listen, to the "times and seasons" in which we live, and the impending end of this age prior to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Even as I write, I know full well that many who read this will just shrug the matter off as being of interest, but with little if any real conviction of the tremendous possibilities which lie immediately ahead of us. There is a lethargy, or apathy abroad today regarding "end-time" events, among those who claim to be Christians, which is nothing short of astounding. One is reminded of the parable of the Ten Virgins. We are told that whilst the Bridegroom tarried they all slumbered and slept. But a study of the words "slumbered" and "slept" reveals a very significant fact. The word "slumber" as used in this context refers to being sleepy, but 'nodding off' now and then. The word "slept" however means 'to go into a deep sleep.' So it is not without significance that the dictionary defines "lethargy" as "abnormally deep sleep."

Whilst one is happy in the knowledge that so many of our friends with whom we now, or have in the past, fellowshiped, have accepted the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, thereby gaining admittance into the Kingdom of God, it is nevertheless sad to realise how many of these folk have become so involved with their various 'Church activities', as helpful as they may be, that they have become totally unaware, and in many cases, totally indifferent, to the ramifications of the events about to officially happen. I use the word 'officially' because these events are not in themselves some personal interpretation of a particular passage of Scripture or denominational doctrine, but are internationally

publicised plans which are being given public effect.

The particular event to which I specifically refer now is that which is scheduled to happen on the 1st. of September, this year of 1990. On that day, an "Ecumenical Instrument" is to be signed with the British Council of Churches and the Church of Rome. The name of the new organisation will be "Churches Together in England", "Action of Churches Together in Scotland", and "Action of Churches Together in Wales". Under this "Instrument" the Church of Rome will from that date on have equal status with the Church of England, the Baptist Church, the Lutheran Church, and all other members of the present British Council of Churches. In order to obtain the above information I first rang the Public Relations office of the Church of England in Sydney. They had heard nothing about it and knew less about the matter than I did. So I then rang the British Consul General's Office. They even made enquires for me and came up with nothing. Nobody there knew anything about it. So then I rang the office of the Commission on Ecumenism of the Roman Catholic Church in Sydney from whom I obtained the above information first-hand. In answer to my question regarding the status of the head of the Catholic Church in relation to that of the Archbishop of Canterbury, the lady to whom I was speaking could not confirm as to whether or not they would be on equal footing in respect to matters which came before the Queen as head of the Church of England, but she pointed out that religious protocol would probably place the head of the Church of Rome higher than the Archbishop of Canterbury on the basis that he was a Cardinal, and the office of Cardinal was higher than that of Archbishop. So one doesn't have to be too intelligent to work out what is going on, and just where we are headed.

Now if this move was nothing more than a genuine attempt to re-establish some form of unity between the various denominations of the Christian Church in order to better serve and glorify our Lord Jesus Christ, and to advance the the cause of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God here on earth, then one might be tempted to accomodate it, at least to some degree. But this is NOT

the position. This is NOT a movement of unity between different Christian denominations.

This is part of a long standing and deliberately designed scheme to destroy the "faith once delivered to the saints!" I have no argument with individual people who attend the Roman Catholic Church. They are, for the most part, unwitting victims of centuries of religious brainwashing. Their sincerity is not questioned. But sincerity is no proof of truth. Satan is as sincere as you will ever get, but I haven't yet met the Christian who accepts him as being anything else but a liar, and the father of lies, just as our Lord Jesus Christ said of him.

The secret in understanding the present position, I believe, is in recognising that the Church of Rome is NOT an apostate branch of the Christian Church as so many Christians think. The Church of Rome has never been a part of the Christian Church, so how can she become apostate? If Christians would only allow God to open their minds and understanding, they would realise that the Church of Rome is nothing more and nothing less than the continuation of the worship of Baal. All that has happened is that the modern prophets of Baal have cloaked this ancient and deadly Babylonian religion with Christian terminology and theology and deluded millions of sincere people into believing that they are in fact worshipping the Lord God of Israel when in fact nothing could be further from the truth. You don't have to be a religious expert to study the Old Testament and find that in every case where God's people turned from the true worship of the True God and fell into apostasy, that they had turned to the worship of Baal. And you don't have to take my word for it. Beg, borrow, or buy a copy of "The Two Babylons" by Bishop Hislop and you will find it all laid out for you in the most unmistakable terms.

God warned that one of the signs of the last days would be an apostasy or 'falling away', but so many Christians have been so brainwashed into believing that this applies merely to their own personal relationship with Christ that they have failed to recognise that in the majority of cases, the very churches to which they belong have themselves become the daughters of the

"Mother of Harlots" as clearly stated in Revelation 17:5.

But there is one other aspect of all this which I feel we should seriously consider. In Revelation chapter 11 we read of the death of the "Two Witnesses". Now I believe, and have taught for many years, that these Two Witnesses are the two families of Israel, the Dominion and the Sanctuary of Psalm 114. Some prefer to use the expression "The Church and State" which is basically the same thing. I have dealt with this subject at some length in my booklet "The Two Witnesses".

If this conclusion is correct, then what more do we need to accomplish the death of these Two Witnesses than to officially raise the worship of Baal to an equal national status with the worship of the True God of Israel? This is blasphemy of the highest order. And if we think that God is going to continue to stand by and see His Name so dishonoured by His own people, then we are living in a fool's paradise. If we have not already done so, then there is no doubt in my mind that we will then have moved fully into the "Time of Jacob's Trouble" as foretold by Jeremiah the prophet. And any schoolboy can work out that if this event coincides with the Death of the Two Witnesses, then the period of 3.1/2 years until their resurrection brings us to Passover 1994. For the sake of those who immediately get all upset as soon as dates are mentioned, let me assure you that I am not forecasting dates. I am merely pointing out what I see as a real possibility. Only time will tell if this application is correct. But in the meantime, it is imperative that we make and keep our calling and election sure before God. I'd rather be prepared and have to wait a bit longer, than wait too long and then find myself unprepared.

But whatever happens, we have the Lord's promise as recorded in Isaiah 28:18;

*"Your covenant with death shall be disannulled,
and your agreement with hell shall not stand!"*

I wonder what Elijah would do to the false prophets of Baal the second time around?



THE THREE ADVENTS

By Rev. J. A. B. HAGGART. U.S.A.

Most people today understand the first coming of the Lord Jesus Christ to the earth, that He came as a sacrificial Lamb to offer up His blood upon the cross at Calvary for the sins of Israel. There was no other way for God to forgive His chosen Bride Israel and to reconcile Himself with her. By His own laws it required Him to send His own Son into the world to be born to a human mother, to be born in Bethlehem, (as foretold by Micah the prophet), to grow up and mature in Nazareth from boyhood to full manhood and to offer to give His own body to be slain according to the laws of Israel. Satan knew the plan and did everything in his power to thwart the plan. It was he who caused Herod to slay all the babies in Bethlehem, scheming to destroy the body of Jesus before He could grow to full manhood. But an angel of the Lord warned Joseph to flee to Egypt with Mary and the baby Jesus and to remain there until Herod had died. What more graphic proof do we need to know that God the Father was aware of the threats to the survival of His Son, Whom He had sent into the world to save Israel and all of mankind from destruction? It was no easy thing for Him to do, but being the Almighty and All-knowing God, He knew what to do to preserve His Son until the time should come for His sacrifice. All four Gospels tell the story of that sacrifice, the central theme of the New Testament.

Certainly it is easy for us to identify the first advent of Christ into the world. It is a part of history. But it is not so easy for us today to understand and know about the other two Advents which still lie ahead of us. Scripture provides all kinds of details of the first coming of our Lord. Does Scripture have anything to say

about the second and third coming? Yes! There are many details proffered in the Old Testament and the New Testament regarding these happenings. But like the people who lived at the time of Jesus' first coming, they failed to identify the generation in which they lived with the Scriptures. Well informed as this generation claims to be, there are few who see that we are living in the generation of the second and third Advents.

Part of our confusion lies in the fact that we have failed to discern the difference between the second and the third coming of our Lord. Whereas the first advent identified Jesus as the Lamb of God, His second appearance is as the Bridegroom summoning His guests to the Wedding Supper in the skies. His feet do not touch the ground at all. The majestic Lord Jesus, as the Groom, stands upon the clouds above the earth and calls on those on (and in) the earth who are His ELECT to rise and join Him in the skies. In Rev. 19:7-8 we read;

"Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to Him. For the marriage of the Lamb is come, and His wife hath made herself ready. And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in white linen, clean and white. For the fine linen is the righteousness of saints."

Then in verse 9 we read;

"Blessed are they which are called unto the Marriage Supper of the Lamb."

This second coming of Jesus as the Groom, is only His APPEARING in the skies, and He gives a great shout to His elect to rise and meet Him in the air.

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, and the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God. And the dead in Christ will rise 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):

Therefore, this second coming of Christ is His APPEARING. This "appearing" is mentioned several times in the letters to Timothy, (I Tim. 6:14; II Tim. 1:10; 4:11,8; and also in Titus 2:13; and I Peter 1:7).

This APPEARING of the Lord is the next event on the agenda of the Lord. In His parable of the Ten Virgins, Jesus referred ahead to the time in which we are now living. We are described as "ten virgins which took their lamps and went forth to meet the Bridegroom . . . but the Bridegroom tarried . . . and they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold the Bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet Him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps."

Those who had oil enough for their lamps went forward to meet Him. But half of them did not have enough oil for their lamps to see their way. So half of the virgins were unable "to go in with Him to the Marriage" because of the lack of oil for their lamps. Obviously, this refers to the Holy Spirit, the means by which one can prepare for this ascension into heaven. The Wedding Supper will be held in heaven, and those not wearing the "white robes of righteousness" will not be admitted. In a similar manner, those who do not have enough "oil in their lamps" will not be admitted. To them the doors will be closed. (Matt. 25:11-12).

In the vernacular of the parable of the Ten Virgins, the Groom is still tarrying at the present time. But we should all be expectant of His coming at any time, giving a shout, and inviting us to His Banquet Halls. We can only imagine the splendour and majesty of that occasion, which will transcend even our wildest imagination! This is the next event on the Divine agenda. Let us not be caught napping! Let's be alert and ready when it happens. Call upon the Holy Spirit to prepare us for it. We will need it.

The sequence of this second "coming" of Christ is found in the 19th chapter of Revelation. We have quoted from the first ten verses of this chapter describing the Wedding Supper in heaven and how blessed will be those who are chosen to attend. The rest of this chapter describes the coming of Christ to earth, leading His army of the Saints, as the Conqueror, as KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS. We can assume that He has met with His Elect in heaven, planning the descent to earth, each one being assigned to some special responsibility. We know that the twelve Apostles will be co-regents in the Kingdom to be erected on earth, each as the head of the twelve tribes of Israel. This much we know from reading the Bible.

The various events that are outpicturing today have all been predicted by the true prophets of God and preserved for us in the Bible. There are reiterations of various prime themes which let us know their veracity and assure us that God has a certain plan which is being carried out. The theme of the 19th chapter of Revelation is found surfacing in Ezekiel chapters 37, 38 and 39. In the very arrangement of these chapters we recognise the sequence of events which lie just ahead of us. In a startling way we find depicted in Ezekiel 37 the resurrection of Israel from death to new life.

"The Spirit of the Lord" caused Ezekiel to be set down in an open valley filled with very dry bones. The Lord asked Ezekiel, "Son of man, can these bones live (again)?" He said, "Behold, I will cause breath to enter into you, and ye shall live (again). And I will lay sinews upon you, and will bring up flesh upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and ye shall live, and ye shall know that I am the Lord." Strangely enough, the Lord was showing Ezekiel the resurrection of Israel from death to new life, with new bodies. He was showing His prophet Ezekiel an event which was more than 2,500 years into the future! He was showing him an event which is yet future to us, yet almost ready to be manifest. These words apply to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob whose bodies lie safely deposited in the cave

at Hebron awaiting the resurrection! They apply to David, whose body lies in its casket in a church on Mount Zion in Jerusalem! These words would apply to Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi whose bodies lie safely buried in a cave high on the side of the Mount of Olives in the Kidron Valley.

The writer visited this cave in 1965, one which Jesus must have viewed as He mounted the donkey at the top of the Kidron Valley and rode down into the valley and up through the Golden Gate into Jerusalem. He knew of this cave, which is circular, the graves of the prophets lying in the sides of a circular passageway. Surely these prophets, and others of Israel, will be roused by the shout of Jesus Christ and rise to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb in heaven. What a day that will be for Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi whose dry bones have laid all these centuries in their secluded sanctuary.

Having attended the Wedding Supper of Christ in heaven, these saints of ancient Israel will join the mighty army of saints descending to the earth with Christ, as described in Rev. 19:11-21. An elaboration of this event finds its parallel in the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel. The armies surrounding Jerusalem are described in Zechariah 14:2, "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle . . ." This is the final battle on earth, portraying the wrath of God being poured out upon His enemies. This is the beginning of the millenium, the thousand year reign of Christ on earth, a prelude to the "new heaven and the new earth".

"For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away, and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the Holy City, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

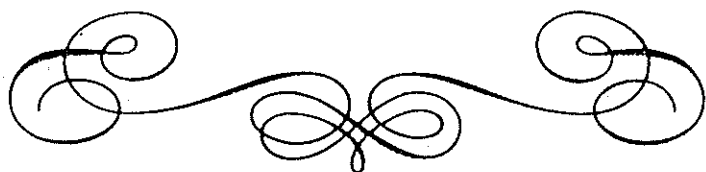
(Rev. 21:1-2).

It is important that we understand the sequence of events leading up to this climax. The Bible will clear

up all confusion and misapprehension if we ask the Holy Spirit to guide us in our understanding of what the Bible says.

We are now at the time of "tarrying" of the Groom, for He has not yet "appeared". This may be called the "second coming" of the Lord. Then, soon afterwards is the grand descent of Christ and His Elect to begin the cleansing of the earth preparing for the new heaven and the new earth.

Like Paul, we should "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus," (Phil. 3:14), which is rulership in the Kingdom of God on earth.



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BENJAMIN.

A Light Before God.

By Edward Hine. (1873).

A very great deal depends upon understanding the Tribe of Benjamin. Benjamin is a Tribe of Israel, and not a Tribe of Judah. The disciples of Jesus were from Benjamin, therefore Israelites and not Jews. Paul was an Israelite, and not a Jew. The conversions at Pentecost included Israelites from Benjamin, and not Jews from Judah.

It was because "Solomon did evil in the sight of God" (I Kings 11:6) that God said;

"I will surely rend the Kingdom from thee. Howbeit, I will not rend away all the Kingdom, but will give one Tribe to thy son, for David, My servant's sake and for Jerusalem's sake, which I have chosen, (verses 12-13) . . . That David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem." (verse 35).

The mission of this one Tribe was to be a "light", and to serve this purpose under Judah. (II Chron. 25:5).

After the return from Babylon, Ezra mentions only Judah, Levy and Benjamin, (Ezra 1:5, 10:9). Obadiah distinctly refers to Benjamin as possessing Gilead, a country extending northward of Jerusalem, near the Sea of Galilee. (Obadiah 19). The Jews, or Judah, were then still inheriting Judea, southwards of Jerusalem.

When Jesus came, He did not go in quest of His disciples in Judea, although He did select Jerusalem as the city to place His Name. But why should He not have selected His disciples from the Jews of Judea? This could not be, because He wanted "A Light". He could not possibly get this "Light" from the Jews, because

Jesus, Himself from Judah, came to His own, but His own (Tribe) rejected Him. (John 1:11). How then could Judah supply the wanted "Light" when they had no light? Therefore Jesus said;

"The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you,
and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits
therefore. (Israel). (Matt. 21:43).

Hence, Jesus went northwards to the country of Benjamin, whose special mission it was to be A LIGHT before Him. And by the Sea of Galilee He found Peter and Andrew, (Matt. 4:18). All His disciples except Judas Iscariot were of Benjamin, Judas coming from Kiriath near Jerusalem. When Peter was in the Hall of the High Priest, surrounded by Jews, he was known not to be a Jew by his speech, or accent. Hence, it is a very grave mistake to speak of these disciples as Jews, or to hold them up as specimens of Jewish conversion.

This one Tribe, Benjamin, was the remnant of Israel left in the land to which Joel referred saying;

"In Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as God hath
said, and in the remnant whom God shall call."
(Joel 2:32).

This was the day of Pentecost, when three thousand were converted, when Peter, speaking of Pentecost said;

"This is THAT which was spoken by the prophet Joel."
(Acts 2:16).

Acts, first and second chapters, include Israel only, therefore the conversions at Pentecost were not Jewish, but embraced only the seed of Israel. This was 'one Tribe', a remnant according to the election of Grace, (Romans 6:5) who were, "Israelites to whom pertained the adoption and the glory and the covenants"; (Romans 9:4); "In whose seed shall all the kindreds of the earth be blessed". (Acts 3:25).

Josephus records that all the Christians of these times escaped from Jerusalem unhurt, immediately prior to the siege of Jerusalem by the Romans. These Christians were Israelites of the Tribe of Benjamin. No harm was done to them. They escaped, leaving their brethren of Judah to suffer the punishment of their sin in rejecting the Saviour.

Benjamin did not escape by the north-west, but took shipping by the Great Sea, (The Mediterranean), hence through Italy by the way of Rome. Then they made a pilgrimage through France, through Gaul and Normandy, where, crossing the English Channel, they met the other Tribes of Israel in England. Hence, the accepted notion of the so-called 'Norman Conquest' was a great delusion forming part of the blindness that was to happen to Israel. These invaders were not in reality Normans, but positively our own kindred Benjamin, directed by God to re-unite themselves with David.

"Oh, the depths of the riches, both the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments, and His Ways past finding out."



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PEACE and SAFETY!

By Wilfred Marks, Jr.
(Courtesy Destiny Special Alert).

At a time when the world is poised on the brink of conflict, our daily news reports herald the remarkable changes in East Europe and the Soviet Union as signs that the cold war is over, and that the possibility of Soviet military aggression is as remote as ever. Even many of our elected officials in the western nations confirm the notion that the peoples of this world are moving towards a period of lasting peace and safety. Let us examine these claims in light of Paul's statement in I Thess. 5:3;

"For when they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall not escape."

In his letter to the Thessalonians, Paul writes about the crisis which will bring this age to a close saying;

"But of the times and seasons brethren, ye have no need that I write unto you. For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."

(I Thess. 5:1-2).

Paul then foretells of a period when men will inaccurately utter a cry of peace and safety signalling the imminence of the sudden destruction which will be the day of the Lord.

This subject is not new to our readers. As far back as 1950, articles have dealt with the cry of peace

and safety as it had been seen to occur in years past. And it was true! Since the start of this century, many illusory efforts have been made to secure peace among the nations giving partial fulfillment to Paul's words.

The Hague Conferences of 1899 and 1907, and the Munich Conference of 1938 when "peace in our time" was declared, were all followed shortly by world war. The League of Nations held back the scourge of Hitler as well as did the Maginot Line, while the United Nations has existed among four decades of local war, most instigated by one of its best standing members - the Soviet Union.

During all this, the word "peace" has become almost meaningless - the "empty-nym" of the 20th century.

Yet with the events of the Gorbachev era, and particularly the past year, one wonders if the latest cry of peace and safety is the one which will be the more dramatic and complete fulfillment of Paul's words.

Students of the prophetic Word have for years equated Gog of the 38th and 39th chapters of Ezekiel with Russia. The Rev. W.M.H. Milner wrote a treatise on this subject in 1923. He told how his interest in this subject was first aroused by a pamphlet dated 1879 written by a Mr. W. H. Guest and titled, "The Coming Collision Between England and Russia." Both of the above authors not only identified Russia with Gog, but also England with ancient Israel.

Today, most all of the Fundamentalist school likewise link Russia with Gog, but do not accept the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as being the modern-day House of Israel.

At any rate, the belief that Russia is Gog is not only a widely accepted belief, but one going back many years. To suggest back in 1879 that Russia would become a power capable of attacking England would have

been to court ridicule. How things have changed. How the Word recorded in Ezekiel has remained the same!

Yet today, with our unhappy dealings with Soviet Russia since 1917 recorded as history, and the cold war still fresh in our memory, many proclaim peace because of the changes in East Europe and the "reforms" within Russia.

First, let us look at these changes with our secular eye, putting aside, as best we can, religious convictions. Are these changes within the Communist world genuine? Do they warrant a relaxation of our defences?

In an article entitled "The Fall (and Rise?) of Communism" (Albany Times Union, Jan. 14, 1990) the notion is put forth that the breakdown in communist regimes throughout Eastern Europe had been planned by the Kremlin. The author is a Mr. John Lenczowski, director of European and Soviet affairs at the National Security Council from 1983 to 1987.

Mr. Lenczowski notes that the Soviets still maintain extensive influence, if not control, over the armed forces of the Warsaw Pact countries, and that their foreign intelligence services are mere extensions of the KGB. The Warsaw Pact intelligence services continue to work (more extensively today) on the usual activities such as espionage and technology theft against Western interests. The article goes on to say;

"It is tempting to think that the fall of one Communist Party leader after another occurred as a result of a simultaneous breakdown of party authority in almost every Warsaw Pact state. Indeed, it appears they simultaneously lost the will to maintain the existing order. But if that is so, then is it also simply a coincidence that the successor leaders all seem to have a similar reformist socialist agenda?

"Do we know enough to dismiss the possibility that the changes at the top of almost all of these countries may have come at the instigation of the Kremlin, and

these countries' party leaders simply are following the party line as usual, only this time it's the Gorbachev line?

"Could it be possible that we are witnessing a replay of the Soviet strategy of Brest-Litovsk? That 1918 gambit, in which the Soviets temporarily gave up territory to Imperial Germany to gain time to consolidate power, has served ever since as a classic Leninist model for tactical retreat in preparation for renewed offensive."

In support of these arguments, the article relates the case of Anatoly Golitsyn, who is described as one of the most prominent members of the KGB to ever defect. In 1984, the year before Gorbachev came to power, Golitsyn predicted "a false liberalisation in Eastern Europe with reforms so dazzling that the West would be incapable of retaining a consensus in favour of a strong defense."

Golitsyn also predicted:

1. The demolition of the Berlin Wall.
2. A coalition government in Poland involving Solidarity and the church.
3. Alexander Dubcek's return to government in Czechoslovakia.
4. A Soviet Dubcek succeeding Leonid Brezhnev.
5. Amnesty for dissidents and the return of exiles and a place for Andrei Sakharov in government.

Another voice of warning concerning the changes in East Europe has been the 'Special Office Brief' which has been stating that the Soviet Union is interested in controlling strategic areas, such as the Middle East, vital to the West's economies. Part of this plan includes the neutralisation of Europe, which would leave the United States without essential European bases and also leave England in an extremely vulnerable situation.

'Special Office Brief' has stated for some years now that German public opinion has been one of neut-

rality with a strong desire for reunification. In January 1989 it reported that Russia and Germany had reached an agreement whereby Germany would remain neutral in the event of a U.S. / Soviet clash over the Middle East. If necessary during such a clash, Germany would confine any Anglo-American forces on their soil along with their military equipment. In exchange, Russia would allow German reunification.

Since that report we have seen extensive steps taken towards German reunification, while President Bush is making proposals to dramatically cut the number of U.S. troops in Western Germany.

Germany has had a strange love-hate affair with Russia since before World War I. It has waged bitter war when thought winnable and has made cosy peace agreements when convenient - always to the detriment of the Anglo-American powers. Even stranger is that Germany has never obtained lasting benefits from agreements with Russia, but has gained genuine prosperity in its relationship with America.

Even though Eastern Germany has dumped its Communist leadership, what good will it be if, along with West Germany, it is willing to assist Russia by means of neutrality during a crisis between Russia and the Atlantic powers?

Likewise, other Eastern Bloc countries have done away with the old Stalinist Communist regimes. But what have they been replaced with? Are these not governments which would in the event of a U.S. / Soviet clash remain neutral? Would they even be willing to assist Russia to a degree in order to prevent Russian military reprisals?

In short, Gorbachev has succeeded in neutralising Germany and the Warsaw Pact countries which would have revolted during a crisis involving the West. This is not to say that all has gone as planned for Gorbachev. 'Special Office Brief' has also said, and events clearly

indicate, that whatever was set in motion by Russia has gone further than desired. Mr. Lenczowski sums this up best;

"It is argued that, even if Moscow instigated the current revolution in Eastern Europe for whatever purposes, it has gotten out of control. It is said that, even if the Kremlin wanted a gaggle of little Gorbachevs in Eastern Europe, it couldn't have wanted the crowds, the jeers, the anti-Communist placards and all the harm these things represent for the continuation of Communist rule."

There is also growing dissent in the Baltic States and the outright revolt in the Soviet Islamic republics of Azerbaijan. This, along with various factions in Moscow arguing over economic reform and the best path to follow in foreign policy, indicates that Russia is in the midst of instability.

Still, as many hail the rise of Gorbachev's perestroika programme, one glaring fact seems to be forgotten. Soviet military capability has not decreased one bit. Their POTENTIAL to wage war and wreak havoc has greatly increased under Gorbachev. 'Special Office Brief' has even reported since March of 1987 that Russia has developed an SDI type technology which has been a very major factor in the developments of the past few years.

Many can and will argue that, even if the Russians still pack a powerful military punch, what does it matter if the will to use it is fast dissipating in the face of internal reforms. They would say that confusion in the Eastern Bloc and Russia makes it highly unlikely that they would ever initiate the grand military strike which was traditionally feared. In the present atmosphere, does a Russian threat really seem likely? Isn't it reasonable to expect that we are entering, slowly but surely, into an era of world peace and safety?

However, what would happen if a sudden unexpected event occurred which not only generated great fear and consternation but which also triggered a national renewal of sorts within the Anglo-Saxon powers, all leading the Russians to believe their days as a superpower would be numbered unless they strike? But surely this is entirely out of touch with all logic and reason. How could such an event really happen?

It is at this point we must end our secular view of things and turn to "the more sure Word of Prophecy" (II Peter 1:19-21) and the viewpoint of our God which transcends all human reason and logic (Isa. 55:8-9).

Ezekiel declares the Lord's Word concerning Gog;

"And I will turn thee back, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed with all sorts of armour, even a great company with bucklers and shields, all of them handling swords."
(Ezekiel 38:4).

This indicates to us that Russia will not move according to their own timetable, but rather God will produce an event which will bring them forth. Is there further evidence to support this? Daniel declares of a mighty northern army;

"But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him: therefore he shall go forth with great fury to destroy, and utterly to make away many."
(Dan. 11:44).

We have pointed out before that if one follows a line north and a line east from Russia, they intersect at the North American continent. Could these "tidings" be a reaction within our nation to a sudden unexpected event?

Daniel further declares in chapter 12 that, at the time when this northern power moves, it will be "a time

of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time." (verse 1). He then makes the interesting statement;

"And at that time 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, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt." (Dan. 12:1-2).

Let us return for a moment to the verses in I Thessalonians 5 upon which this article is based. Paul declares that the day of the Lord, with its attending sudden destruction, will come as "a thief in the night". (I Thess. 5:2). What is it that is so unexpected, so outside the realm of human reason, that could initiate a period of sudden destruction at a time when men are expecting the onset of peace and safety? Jesus declares of Himself;

"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).

He used similar language in Matthew 24:42-43 and Luke 21:35-36 in which He tells His disciples the signs of His appearing;

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory." (Matt. 24:30).

The Lord further declares that 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).

These elect must include not only the elect living, but also those who sleep in the dust of the earth of whom Daniel said will awake. In I Thessalonians 5:3 Paul states that the "sudden destruction" will come upon them as "travail upon a woman with child." This is interesting in light of the fact that Ezra was told;

"In Hades the storehouses of souls are like the womb; for just as a woman who is bearing a child makes haste to escape the inevitable birth, so these places also make haste to give up those things that were entrusted to them from the beginning." (II Esdras 4:42).

Revelation describes the final crisis to overtake apostate Christendom as the "third woe"; the start of which is signalled by the sounding of the trumpet of the seventh angel, (Rev. 11:14-15). But John records that, before the actual start of this Third Woe (which will be the conflict involving Russia), the "mystery of God would be finished" (Rev. 10:7). Is this not the mystery of which Paul was thinking when he wrote:

"Behold, I shew you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we (those living at that time) shall be changed." (I Cor. 15:51-52).

We find similar words describing a sudden resurrection;

"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump 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."

Those last few verses were also written by Paul and we find them in I Thessalonians 4:16-17, just three verses before Paul declares that something unexpected will cause sudden destruction and shatter men's illusions of peace and safety!

Russia has used this illusion of peace and safety time and time again to lull the West into a false sense of security, all the while engaging in a massive military buildup. Russia has not become strong by any virtue or faith of their own, but rather because we have departed from the values and faith which have made us a great nation. Russia, and its supporters within our borders, have thrived on the decay of our society and the breakdown in its laws.

What will their reaction be if the Lord's sudden thief-like appearing and the events surrounding it produce a national and spiritual renewal within the borders of the modern-day Israel nations? How will the revelation of our Lord's presence be received in the councils of the self-proclaimed atheists in the Kremlin?

"All they which are gathered to subdue Him (the Lord) were sore afraid, and yet durst fight." (II Esdras 13:8).

What will the reaction be of the Roman church, which has much influence on public opinion in East Europe? What will they do, or counsel others to do, if events do not coincide with church dogma?

Likewise, the Israeli State is today at odds with the Soviet Union, for Russia has aligned itself firmly with the Islamic world in order to secure control of the strategic Middle East. In return, Russia supplies and directs the campaign against the Jews.

But again, what will be the reaction of the Israelis when the Lord's thief-like appearing, (an entirely Christian event) becomes a reality? If as a result of it the Anglo-Saxon nations begin to awaken to their iden-

tity as the modern-day House of Israel, how will it set with the supporters of the Zionist programme? Could an alliance with Russia be forged in the heat of unexpected events to accomplish a common purpose?

"Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance."
(Ps. 83:4).

Many will expect that the alignments of the nations will remain the same upon entering the final age-ending conflict. But in between our present time, and the time of the crisis, will be a surprise event of such astounding nature that it will cause fears and concerns among the nations which as yet do not exist. Nations which we consider friendly may not be during the time of trouble.

The question might arise: Why would the Lord use an event like His sudden appearing and gathering of the elect to produce fear and sudden destruction, especially at a time when mankind seems to be making progress towards peace? Even if the motives of the Kremlin have not been ones of peace, has it not produced some positive results which are leading to a more peaceful and safer world?

However, the Lord is not interested in a more peaceful and safer world. He is interested in an absolutely peaceful and safer world. This condition will only be brought about through a knowledge of the Lord;

"They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain. For the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the the Lord, as the waters cover the sea."
(Isa. 11:9).

How then can any treaty with a nation such as Russia, or an organisation such as the U.N., which doesn't include Jesus Christ in its plans or acknowledge Him as God and Creator, produce true peace and safety?

"For what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial?" (II Cor. 6:14-15).

Even in the Anglo-Saxon nations, where most accept Jesus Christ and the need for personal salvation through His atonement, there is still the question of our national acceptance of that same Jesus as our Sovereign Lord (Luke 1:33) and obedience to His laws which pertain to the nation;

"And I will put My spirit upon you, and cause you to walk in My statutes, and ye shall keep My judgments, and do them." (Ezek. 36:27).

It is a necessary part of the Lord's peace plan that His people awaken to their identity, accept Him as their ruler, and obey the terms of the covenant made at Sinai (Ex. 19:8). Because we as a nation have no such plans to do so, it begins to become clear why sudden destruction must follow the Lord's sudden appearing;

"As I live, saith the Lord God, surely with a mighty hand, and with a stretched out arm, and with fury poured out, will I rule over you . . . And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant." (Ez. 20:33 & 37).

The result will be as follows;

"So the House of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward." (Ez. 39:22).

The Lord desires to bring us into the proper heart relationship with Him, and as such will not let mankind's superficial peace plans come to fruition. He is more interested in what is just below the surface. In DESTINY Magazine for May 1943, in the article, "Peace: The Terms Have Already Been Written," we read;

"Men want peace, but for what purpose? Is it not that they may return to their old ways of life, the easy money, and the riotous living? How many truly desire peace that there may come a better world in which to live, where righteousness will be established? It would be interesting to hear from all those who are seeking peace and who desire that wars may end as to the object of their planning. Much of it would turn out to be selfish, some of it would be vicious, while very few would be found who would desire a world free from all the vices and evil habits which afflict society today."

This was written in the middle of World War II. How much truer is it for us living today in 1990 as we face the sudden destruction described by Paul? No one wants the loss of life associated with war, certainly not the Lord (Ez. 33:11), but we must ask what are our motives for achieving peace through agreements with the ungodly?

Do financial interests simply wish to maintain conditions that will be "good for business"? Do members of the liberal establishment who have favoured appeasement and detente policies (because policies based on nationalism are passe) seek vindication? How many politicians, without consideration to our security, seek smaller defense budgets as a quick fix to economic problems or as a new source of spending money? The clever new term for that is "peace dividend," which assumes that peace has already been achieved. In fact, many of the above groups incredibly assume that peace has been achieved or is close to being achieved;

"Because, even because they have seduced My people, saying, Peace; and there was no peace."
(Ez. 13:10).

It should be said that not all in high office believe this to be so but are forced to join in the cry of peace and safety because of the makeup of the media and public opinion. And there are many citizens within the modern-day Israel nations who look for genuine

peace, placing their hopes with God. Ezra, in a dream given to him, describes what will happen to these people following the age-ending conflict;

"Afterward I saw this man come down from the mountain, and call to him another multitude that was peaceable. Then many people came to him, some joyful, some sorrowful, some in fetters, some bringing offerings."

(II Esdras 13:12-13, Smith & Goodspeed Trans).

Ezra tells how he wakes in great fear and asks the Most High for the meaning of the dream. Later in this chapter he is told that the man who comes down from the mountains is the Son of God. Then the identity of the peaceful multitude is revealed;

"And as for your seeing him (Jesus Christ) gather another multitude that was peaceable, these are the ten tribes that in the days of King Hoshea were carried away from their own land into captivity, whom Shalmanesser, King of Assyria, made captives, and carried beyond the river; they were carried off to another country. But they formed a plan among themselves, to leave the heathen population, and go to a more distant region, where the human race had never lived."

II Esdras 13:39-41. Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

It is interesting to note that this "distant region" cannot be Palestine, for it was inhabited (and had been so for years) in the day in which Ezra was given this information.

Those who survive the time of trouble within the Anglo-Saxon Celtic and kindred nations (the modern-day House of Israel), are the peaceable multitude. And it is Jesus Christ who will establish His righteous rule over them.

"I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactors righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting or destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise."

(Isa. 60:17-18).

And is it not part of the Lord's peace plan to through them establish world peace? It is then that another cry of peace, unlike the temporary one of which Paul spoke, will see fulfillment.

"And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

(Luke 2:13-14).

In that day, the word peace will no longer be an empty one. However, there is first to come a period of great conflict as the old order passes. No matter how promising the situation with Russia looks at present, it will not, cannot, produce peace and safety. Lasting peace and safety must involve Jesus Christ, for only He is qualified and empowered to produce it. Isn't that why Isaiah, looking forward many years to the present day could write;

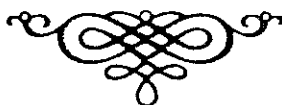
"For unto us a child is born.

Unto us a son is given.

And the government shall be upon His shoulder,
and His name shall be called Wonderful,
Counsellor, the Mighty God,
the Everlasting Father,

THE PRINCE OF PEACE."

(Isa. 9:6).



COVENANT WATCH!

GALLIPOLI, The Campaign that forged a Nation

The 25th April, 1990 marked the 75th Anniversary of the Landing of the ANZACS at Gallipoli, often called the foundation stone of a nation. The haunting wail of the Last Post turned back time for the 57 Anzac veterans gathered at dawn this day at Anzac Cove, the spot where 75 years ago, they had entered hell on Earth. 8,000 Australians lost their lives in this campaign, but this day they returned in glory to remember their fallen mates. Long may we remember this day when a nation re-discovered pride in its Diggers' courage, tenacity and mateship - 'Lest we Forget' their great sacrifice, for our freedom. (Australian 25,26/4/90)

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Not since the Brisbane floods and the Darwin cyclone of 1974 has Australia suffered such a concentration of natural disasters as in the past four months. In the wake of our deepening economic crisis comes the worst flooding in 40 years, which has left millions of hectares of western New South Wales (NSW), and Queensland (and to a lesser extent Victoria) under water, cutting highways, isolating towns and causing massive stock and property losses. In Queensland, a third of the state was estimated to be under water. Flooding has killed an estimated 15,000 sheep in N.W. NSW and another 100,000 were in danger unless the rain ended soon. Charleville, Queensland, one of the country's most important grazing regions has losses of \$50 million out of a total damage bill of more than \$100 million

in the 'town. (Australian 21-22, 25, 28-29/4 1990)

The Newcastle earthquake, the Sydney hailstorm and the floods of outback Queensland and NSW have caused damage of at least \$2 billion, dwarfing insurance payouts for natural disasters in the last 15 years. Australian 15/4/90)

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It is a cruel irony that as large areas of eastern Australia are still assessing the damage caused by last month's floods, experts at the Bureau of Meteorology are looking carefully to the South Pacific for signs of El Nino, the natural phenomenon responsible for Australia's worst drought in 200 years, in 1982. The El Nino phenomenon occurs every two to seven years - the dry period the results of which usually last for 12 months. (Australian 5-6/5/90)

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Immigration: Changing the Australian Racial Composition:

The Australian Government's Immigration Policy is of increasing concern and apprehension to Australians. By signing the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination of the U.N. in December, 1965, the Government has by-passed the Immigration Restriction Act of 1901 and the Immigration Act of 1958.

In 1966, the migrant intake from the UK and Ireland totalled 63,700 or 52.70%, while the Asian's only comprised 4940 or 4.09%. In 1987 the UK and Ireland intake had dropped to 20,210 or 17.73%, while the Asian intake

had risen to 47,910 or 42.03%.

This evidence indicates that the ethnic composition of the Australian population is deliberately being changed without reference to the electorate and indeed in the face of much opposition from it. (Wake Up, Australia! December 1989)

The Federal Opposition has upset the powerful ethnic lobby with calls for debate on the economic impact of immigration. Why did they not discuss this during the March Federal Election Campaign? No politician is game to debate the Race issue, except Labor Senator Walsh, who has accused Mr. Hawke of pandering to the environment and ethnic vote and claimed recently that 'immigration was "seriously aggravating" Australia's economic problems and migrant intakes should be cut.' (Canberra Times 17/4/90)

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There is 'Confusion and mistrust of multiculturalism, and many people perceive it as divisive. Recently, there has been a marked increase in public expression of race hatred, through offensive graffiti, inflammatory leaflets and posters, and even in the incitement to and acts of violence.' (National Agenda for a Multicultural Australia, Office of Multicultural Affairs, July 1989 - Australian 5-6/5/90)

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Decisive Battle for Australia Developing

Immediately following the Federal Elections on March 24th, it was made known by official quarters in Japan that the Hawke government's return to office was welcome,

as this meant the policy of establishing a Multifunction Polis (MFP) in Australia could go ahead. A few days later, the Japanese Consul-General for Brisbane made a comment stating that the Japanese would prefer to have the MFP established in Queensland. (The preferred sites are Melbourne and Sydney.)

'The Japanese strategy, aided by either short-sighted or treacherous Australian Big Business representatives, is to use Australia as a base from which to be the major force in the establishment of an Asian-Pacific Common Market ... This is what the New International Economic Order, backed by the International Socialists and the International Bankers, is all about.

'A study of the programme for the New Economic Order clearly shows that a major objective is to "restructure" the economies of the nations to the stage where no nation is economically independent ... Australians must face the fact that the programme of planned surrender is far advanced. Our future as an independent, sovereign nation depends upon a thorough exposure of the Trojan Horse implications of the MFP. The next few months are going to be decisive'. (Intelligence Survey, League of Rights, April 1990).

To consolidate their plans for the MFP to establish a site in Queensland, Japanese interests are amalgamating a large site next to the land targeted for the controversial high-tech city of the future MFP. Three Japanese groups have either bought or are in the process of buying, what appears to be part of the "core site" put forward by the Queensland 2020 syndicate for the MFP. A 384ha property has already been bought and a

further 118ha parcel is the pipeline, with negotiations for a further 225ha site. (Australian 7-8/4/90)

While Mr. Hawke continues to deny there is any Japanese/Asian takeover of Australia, the mountain of evidence is to the contrary! However, Building workers may black-ban work on a high technology city on Melbourne or Sydney's outskirts if the bold plan goes ahead. Mr. McDonald, BWIU NSW Secretary said, "This special city where 80,000 of the 100,00 people will be Japanese citizens - that is of great concern to us. We believe Australian workers should be taught hi-tech skills." (The Herald 1/1/90) Australians are still being kept in the dark and the question some are now asking is, "Is there a threat of monetary or trade sanctions against Australia if we reject occupation?"

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Japan flexes its military Pacific muscle, while its Defence Forces have a clear and growing offensive capacity. The outcome of negotiations - expected to begin in April - on the future of US bases in the Philippines, will have a critical influence on Japanese military planning. (Australian 1/3/90)

Australia's top naval officer has agreed with his Japanese counterparts that the dramatic changes in Washington-Moscow relations have made the western Pacific region more uncertain in military terms, rather than more peaceful.

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Migrants with crime links are filtering

into Australia and the NSW Police Minister, Mr. Pickering has called for a more effective process of screening potential migrants to minimise Australia's intake of criminals. He told 'The Australian' that many criminal were becoming Australian citizens to escape deportation when convicted of offences here. Australia, he warned, was taking in people with connections in the illegal drug trade, compounding our existing drug problem. (Australian, Jeni Cooper, 5-6/5/90)

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A Bleak Future Warning by Economists

Company liquidations are multiplying so rapidly they are threatening to overwhelm the banks, many of whose managers have found themselves confronting a scale of problems beyond their previous experience. Farm debts a growing concern - and the manufacturing sector could slide into recession within a year, economists and market analysts have warned. (Australian 6,10 & 18 April, 1990)

Hundreds of companies have been put out of business. Thousands of bankruptcies are in the offing. Net foreign debt is about \$120 billion ... National sovereignty has been taken over not by a foreign power waving the conqueror's flag, but by an anonymous group of overseas speculators whose very identity is unknown to us, but who do understand financial power is the true criterion of sovereignty. (Australian, B.A. Santamaria 21-22/4/90)

C. Murray
14th May, 1990

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HOW MUCH is a billion US dollars?

Answer! A thousand million dollars. And if you find it hard to comprehend that much money, think of it this way. If someone living at the time of the first advent of Jesus Christ had stayed on earth and spent \$1,370 (at current rates) every single day for the past 1990 years, he'd still have a sizable chunk of change left in his pocket today. And that's assuming that he didn't invest any of it, and that it hadn't accrued any interest. We think we've got problems! America's national debt is now \$2.9 trillion, (2,900,000,000,000), and to put that into perspective, if the same man had spent \$3.99 million every day for the past 1990 years, he'd still have spent less than the US national debt!. What's more frightening is that this debt increases by about \$600,000 every minute of every day of every week of every year!

And we have the audacity to argue about the necessity of keeping God's Laws which not only ban the practice of charging usury or interest, but also require the total cancellation of all debts every seventh year. How stupid can we get?

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"Baptists Immersed in Ecumenical Swill!"

A joint service of "worship" was held in Glenbrook (NSW) Baptist Church on 20th February last between the Baptists and Romanists of the area. Star billing was given to Bishop Bede Heather, member of the R.C. Secretariat for Christian Unity and co-chairman of the "Catholic Baptist International Dialogue". The supporting players were Rev. M. Groenewegen (Uniting - we wish they would hurry up!), Rev. D. Hartman (Baptist - who must surely have forgotten Spurgeon), and R.C. "Father" Fay. The Anglicans also supported the show according to the official programme, but perhaps got stagefright. This has been fully covered in an excellent broadsheet produced by Dr. Allen Roberts of A.C.C.E., Box 300 Baulkham Hills, N S W 2153, copies of which may be

obtained from that address for 25c each, plus postage.
It is an excellent hand-out for Baptists.

(The Rock. May 1990).

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CAN YOU BELIEVE IT? In a classic "locking-the-barn-door-after-the-horse-has-been-stolen" move, Norway is paying Israel \$1.8 million to return 10.5 tons of heavy water (deuterium oxide) it sold to the Jewish state in 1959. According to the Norwegians, they became suspicious in 1986 that Israel was using the heavy water to make plutonium for nuclear weapons, instead of for peaceful purposes. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency).

(New American View. May 15, 1990)

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"Decline and Fall of the Pharoahs." Under the Saite kings, foreigners poured into Egypt and formed a growing number of permanent colonies. Many of these groups were no longer poor men - economic refugees - forming a category of second class citizens who could be used for unskilled labour, as in the past. These immigrant colonies were often richer and more skilled than the native Egyptians. The proud kingdom of the "Two Lands" was now technically backward compared to the rising cultures of the first millenium B.C. Indeed, the Saite kings, to raise taxes, even awarded privileges - forerunners of later 'capitulations' - to foreigners. At Naucratis, Greek traders were allowed a city of their own; a Greek style polis, where Greek law, customs and religion flourished: not essentially unlike the older colonies of Magna Graecia now scattered about the Mediterranean coasts. Thus trade, once a royal monopoly, fell into alien hands. It was only a matter of time before the rest of the country became booty.

(On Target. June 1, 1990).

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FROM BONDAGE INTO PROSPERITY

by Claude D. Powell

courtesy THE KINGDOM COME.

God has often come to the rescue of his national servant Israel. More than 2,000,000 Israelites crossed the Red Sea while the Egyptian hosts were drowned when they tried to follow after them; God caused a great wind to blow and the Spanish Armada was destroyed; remember the angels at the battle of Mons and how fog and a peaceful North Sea at this crucial time permitted 330,000 Allied troops to escape to Britain from Dunkirk. Man proposes but God disposes.

Consider this unconditional promise by our Lord found in Isaiah 43:1 to 3, "But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine. When thou passest through the waters, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour."

God has established three witnesses that we can observe. The first is in heaven, "the heavens declare the glory of God and the firmament sheweth His handiwork". The second witness is a scientific revelation - the Great Pyramid - the Bible in stone built before the Flood, (Isaiah 19:19 and 20), the only one of the Seven Wonders of the world that remains. It tells in inches what the Bible tells in years. The third witness is the written Word, our Bible, written by 40 different men, in 66 books, over a period of 1500 years with a harmony that defies explanation. God said He would do nothing without revealing it to His servants, the prophets (Amos 3:7); it is His-story written in advance; it is an Israel book, other nations and kingdoms and their activities are related only as they affect the birth, growth and expansion of national Israel.

The governments of the western world agree that inflation is the leading economic problem; the analysis given in the media is that the purchase of foreign oil at high prices, and deficit spending by governments are the principal cause of inflation; although the

media does not suggest it, the chief cause of deficit spending is in fact the payment of billions of dollars for interest to Banks and other financial institutions, who in turn loan it out to secure more interest. Inflation has depreciated the value of our dollar more than 100% in the past few years; this should convince us that breaking God's law, which forbids the payment of interest (except to a foreigner), is very unprofitable and brings severe chastisement for our disobedience. (Deut. 23:19 and 20).

Under this capitalistic system the owner is penalized with more taxes if he improves his property. There is income tax but no property tax under the Divine law - no income no tax: It is based on private ownership. The depreciated value of the Canadian dollar subsidizes our sales to foreign buyers. When oil was discovered in the North Sea the value of the British pound increased with the result that the output of their cotton mills could not meet competition with Asian products; the unemployment that resulted is in the very areas where the recent strife with the police has occurred.

Much of the strife between management and labour is because both are in servitude to those who control the money system of the nation; to produce they are compelled to pay tribute of interest to a third party, thus the producer is robbed of his profits and the labourer of his wages.

The Bible does not teach the doctrine of community of possession. When the kingdom of God is perfected under the administration of our Lord then "they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree and none shall make them afraid" - not even the tax collector, Micah 4:4. Labour should and will be able to purchase what it produces.

It was William Penn who said, "men must be governed by God or they will be ruled by tyrants". History has proved this to be true.

Our natural resources are the gift of God to His people but like Esau we have sold much of them for a mess or pottage; unfortunately, this national wealth has become the private property of financial interests, who for a pittance to the nation have developed this national asset for their corporate profit.

We cannot overlook the fact that the Common Law of Britain is based on the Divine Law of God and is the inheritance of the Anglo-Saxon Celtic people; God's laws are perfect - nothing else is. This Common Law has been carried by the Anglo-Saxon people

(modern Israel) wherever they have gone in all parts of the world. Our disobedience of the economic laws of God that provide for the release of debt every seven years, that forbid the charging of interest to a fellow citizen and limit taxation to income (or increase) are major factors that have made us partakers of the Babylon economic system.

The Bible's indictment of the Babylon economic system starts in James 5:1 to 8 which is easy to understand. The whole of the 18th chapter of Revelation is devoted to the fall of economic Babylon as its total destruction affects the financial and industrial systems of the world. The words of condemnation and indictment found in verses 2 and 3 indicate that its further existence would serve no useful purpose; the Lord has judged her by her fruits and decreed her downfall.

But God's national servant Israel is involved and so the Lord, mindful of His covenant, issues a grave warning to Israel in verses 4 and 5 saying, "Come out of her, O my people, so that you may not become partakers of her sins and lest you be smitten by her plagues. For her sins have reached up to heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities."

As required by the divine law, God always produces two witnesses so that we can be sure what is required of us; so in Isaiah 26:20 and 21 is the confirmation of His command, "Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain." The context of this scripture proves that both are dealing with the same event and concerning the same people - namely Israel.

These command instructions from the Lord indicate that the Israel nations will come out of the Babylon system (including the United Nations) to escape from the judgments of God that prevail in the earth. This will mean closing our doors to the outside world and at the same time taking the offensive to recover the vast wealth that the Babylon system has taken from modern Israel; this in obedience to the instructions in verse six to take from her double what she has taken from us just as God's law requires in Exodus 22:7. Remember that wealth (real) is not gold nor silver nor bank credits - they represent wealth only so long as the government of

the day accepts them in payment for goods and services. Real wealth, in such, is food, clothing, shelter, land, or essential services, things that have use value.

The Bible plainly states that Israel will be severely chastised for our sin of disobedience during a period called "Jacob's trouble" Jer. 30:7, it also says, "we shall be saved out of it". This is in "the latter days" - see verse 24 - when Israel comes out of Babylon she escapes the judgments that fall on the system as related in verses 8 and 10.

We recommend that in order to gain an understanding of what is involved in this vital prophecy you should read verses 11 to 20 of this marvellous 18th chapter of the Revelation. God has accomplished quickly this tremendous act of cleansing His earthly kingdom - now He calls His people to "Rejoice over her, O heaven and angels, apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her."

It is quite apparent that these events described in this 18th chapter of The Revelation coincide with the time when Israel goes into her chambers and shuts her doors about her as foretold by the prophet Isaiah: this will stop immigration, shut off overseas commerce and cut off the ties with international finance; this situation will afford the Israel nations the opportunity to rid ourselves completely of the Babylon system of debt and usury and to restore the Law of the Lord with the Divine economy.

What a day that will be for God's servant people Israel. This article is published for the express purpose so that when the Babylon system is removed, you will be acquainted with and ready to restore the law of the Lord and welcome the Son of God as the King of kings.

The "Times of the Gentiles" started in 603 B.C. with the reign of King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon and ended 2520 years later in 1917 A.D. as foretold in Luke 21:24 but the "fullness of the Gentiles" will end with the fulfillment of Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39 at which time the blindness of the true Israel to their national identity will be removed as told in Ezek. 39:22 "So the house of Israel shall know that I am the Lord their God from that day and forward."

This threatened invasion of Israel (the land of unwalled villages - Ezekiel 38:11), to take place "in the latter years" (verse 8), seems to indicate this North American continent where most of modern Israel is located, but again in verse 18 tells of God's reaction toward

this attack, with the results related in verses 21 to 23, followed by the total destruction of the forces of Gog, and their burial, that will take seven months to complete.

The names Meshech and Tubal mentioned in Ezekiel 38:2 are the ancient names of Moscow and Tobolsk in modern Russia. In verse 5 Ezekiel speaks of Persia (modern Iran) - in line for occupation, Ethiopia (already occupied), and Libya (allied with the Soviet); verse 6 tells of Gomer (on ancient maps where Ukraine is located; the Bible says Togarmah - son of Gomer).

As for the burning of weapons spoken of in Ezekiel 39:9 and 10, many weapons are now made from wood which can be processed to harden it so that it is as strong as steel; how could the prophet have knowledge of this 2,500 years ago? Divine revelation is the answer.

The result of all this is told in verse 25, "Therefore thus saith the Lord God; now I will bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon all the house of Israel, and will be jealous for my holy name's sake."

Turn now to Ezekiel, chapter 48:1 to 29 where it states that each of the twelve tribes of Israel is allotted as their inheritance definite portions of the Holy Land which completely disproves the Jewish claim that the Jews are the sole inheritors of this land promised by God to the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

The true Israel is being chastised for our sinfulness just as a father would chastise a disobedient son but our Lord Jesus Christ purchased our redemption from the curse of the law, "being made a curse for us" Galatians 3:13; He opened the way for all true believers (verse 29) to be adopted into the Israel family, "and if ye be Christ's then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise."

In the book of Hebrews, chapter 8:10 to 12, is the New Covenant (with no conditions attached) which God makes with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: and they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother saying, know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more." (This is a

restatement of the New Covenant from the Old Testament in Jeremiah 31 to 34).

In John 14:3 we have Jesus' own words, "If I go and prepare a place for you, I WILL COME AGAIN and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also". We know He is returning to this earth to rule just as the angel said to Mary in Luke 1:32 and 33, "He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end."

Our Lord Jesus was raised from the dead with a resurrection body (nevertheless physical); He partook of food (John 21:12 and 13, Luke 24:39). We have the witness of the angels in Acts 1:11, "Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven."

We hope that the information in this article will give you a reason for your faith in our Lord Jesus Christ; that it will help you to be ready to meet the King when he comes.



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THE "NEW" TEMPLE.

Further to the portion of my letter published in the section COVENANT WATCH in the May/June issue of THE COVENANT VISION, I have an article on hand from the Jerusalem post, October 28, 1989. Here is the astonishing report of the attempt to lay the Cornerstone for the Third Temple at that time.

"Led by a cohen in priestly robes, and equipped with special vessels for the Temple ritual, two ram's horns, a clarinet and an accordin, members of the Faithful of the Temple Mount marched last week from the Western Wall to the Pool of Siloam to consecrate what they have designated as the Cornerstone of the Third Temple. . . The one-metre-cube stone, which in accordance with Biblical concept was not hewn with an iron tool, was donated by Zion and Ezra Alafi, stone cutters on Jerusalem's Hanev'im Street. The stone was 'laid' in the Alafi's stoneyard some two kilometers away, when the group was denied access to the Temple area. Salamon, a leader of the FTM, said that the stone, which he described as 'Holy', would soon be put in its rightful place."

Not only the cornerstone, but all the stones for the Third Temple are said to be already prepared and stocked, ready to be put into their proper place. The rightful place, of course, is where the present Dome of the Rock stands! This will have to be torn down, as the Jews now plan to do, since they have the legal right to do it, Jerusalem being their Capitol.

Another factor is the Ark of the Covenant. After 16 years of intensive study and search, Tom Cotser of the Institute for Restoring Ancient History, International, has seemingly found and photographed this same ARK for the first time in all history. This innocent-looking gold box was hidden by Jeremiah (supposedly) in a cave on the top of Mount Horeb in Jordan. The pow-

erful Rothschild banking dynasty has been intimately involved with a long search for the Ark, and offered to publish the fact of Cotser's find. I have had the deluxe book on hand for five years and studied it. On page 164 is a picture of the Golden Box. But no one has touched the Box nor opened it to find the contents - Aron's Rod and the original Ten Commandment Tablets.

Even Cotser dared not open the box for fear of losing his life. As far as I know, no one has ventured to open it or move it. It is the property of Jordan, though I am sure Rothschild has enough money to buy it when he wants to move it into the New Temple. According to his plan, the finding of the sacred Ark of the Covenant is the sign that will again bind together God's Chosen People, Israel. (The Jews).

Confidentially, I believe that David Rothschild is now back of the plan to rebuild the Temple at Jerusalem. The Temple containing the Ark would justify their efforts to rebuild the Temple at this time. They forced Senator Bob Dole to accept the Jewish declaration of Jerusalem as their proper Capitol and actually siezed it as such in April.

If you are interested in owning the book, entitled "Elijah, Rothschilds and the Ark of the Covenant" by Tom Cotser and Jeremiah Patrick you might order it from the Restoration Press, Frankston, Texas, U.S.A. The cost is U.S.\$15.95 plus shipping charges. It is a very daring book, proof positive that the Jews are trying to prove to the world that they are Israel. But nothing could be further from the truth.

However, their plan is very real and they think they have enough money to buy their way to the top. We should carefully watch the developments in Jerusalem, because that is where the action is shaping up.

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STUDY IN REVELATIONS.

By F. W. DOWSETT.

PART TWELVE.

THE REFORMATION.

In our previous issue we concluded our studies on the Second Woe, or Sixth Trumpet. But as we noted, the description of the Third Woe, or Seventh Trumpet does not proceed immediately. The continuity of these Woes is interrupted by the description of two other major events which were yet to take place within the Israel nations prior to the completion of the Second Woe, and the commencement of the Third Woe or as it must be more importantly recognised as The Seventh, or Last, Trumpet. This Seventh Trumpet is referred to in chapter 10 verse 7, but its actual occurrence is not recorded until we reach chapter 11 verse 14:15, which will be the subject of a future study.

The first of these two events separating the last two woes or trumpets is found in Revelation chapter 10;

"And I saw another mighty angel come down from heaven, clothed with a cloud. And a rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as it were the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire.

And He had in his hand a little book open. And He set his right foot upon the sea, and his left foot on the earth, and cried with a loud voice, as when a lion roareth. And when He had cried, seven thunders uttered their voices.

And when the seven thunders had uttered their voices, I was about to write. And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Seal up those things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not.

And the angel which I saw stand upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his hand to heaven,

And sware by him that liveth for ever and ever, who created heaven, and the things that therein are, and the earth and the things that therein are, and the sea, and the things which are therein, that there should be time no longer.

But in the days of the voice of the seventh angel, when he shall begin to sound, the mystery of God should be finished, as he hath declared to his servants the prophets.

And the voice which I heard from heaven spake unto me again, and said, Go and take the little book which is open in the hand of the angel which standeth upon the sea and upon the earth.

And I went unto the angel, and said unto him, Give me the little book. And he said unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but it shall be in thy mouth sweet as honey.

And I took the little book out of the angel's hand and ate it up. And it was in my mouth sweet as honey. And as soon as I had eaten it, my belly was bitter.

And he said unto me, Thou must prophesy again before many peoples, and nations, and tongues, and kings."

Now before going into any specific detail, we should note that this chapter is divided into two sections. Verses 1 to 7 describe a mighty angel descending from heaven. The description can fit no one other than our Lord Jesus Christ Himself. It was the very same Person whom Daniel saw in his vision as recorded in Daniel 12:5-7. He was 'clothed with a cloud' as recorded in Rev. 1:7. He had 'a rainbow upon His head' as described in Rev. 4:3, and Ezek. 1:28. 'His face shone as the sun', as described in Rev. 1:16 and Matthew 17:2. And 'His feet were as pillars of fire' as described in

Rev. 1:15. All these descriptions agree perfectly with those applied in the other references to our Lord Jesus Christ. So the fact that He Himself appeared to John in lieu of sending an angel must surely alert us to the significance of what was about to be revealed.

We note firstly that these first seven verses constitute a cameo of a specific historical event which was to take place from that time right up until the sounding of the seventh, or last, trumpet, by which time we are informed, "the mystery of God will have been finished, or completed and accomplished." Within this period there are two specific items to which our attention is drawn. The first is "a little open book" which is held in the hand of the Mighty Angel. But before the details and significance of this "little book" was revealed to John, the details of a further period of history timed to occur prior to the sounding of the Last Trumpet, was revealed to John. These details are designated as "Seven Thunders", and they were proclaimed to John with a voice so loud and positive that it resembled the sound of the roaring of a lion. But then a most unusual thing happened. Just as John was about to record the message contained in these "Thunders", in the same way as he had done when he received the previous messages related to the seven churches and seals and trumpets, he was commanded not to write down what these seven "Thunders" revealed, but to seal up their message. And nowhere in the remainder of the entire Book of the Revelation is this seal referred to as being broken or opened. It must then be obvious that the message of these Thunders was not intended for general consumption or understanding, particularly at that time. But two things stand out very clearly. Firstly, they covered certain events which still had to happen within God's Israel people between the presentation of the "little open book" and the sounding of the final Trumpet, and secondly, that there must be certain servants of God to whom these details would be revealed, referred to by the prophet Daniel in Dan. 12:10 as "the wise who would understand." If this conclusion is not correct, then one wonders why the Lord even mentioned the Seven Thunders in the first

place. Unless some further information not revealed here was going to be revealed to certain people at some stage prior to the sounding of the Seventh Trumpet and the end of this age, then the whole subject becomes totally redundant. Whilst I have my own convictions on what this additional information and understanding is, I am certainly not going to offer what would undoubtedly be branded as pure speculation by those who are not prepared to study the Word of God to the extent of being ranked among those whom God designated as "the wise". So if God saw fit not to reveal these details, I'm certainly not going to be presumptuous enough to even attempt to publically and specifically state what God has determined to keep publically hidden. But the astute student might like to consider certain statements made through His prophets such as;

"Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy (Israel's) way with thorns, and make a wall, that she shall not find her paths."

(Hos. 2:6).

"And I will bring the blind by a way that they knew not. I will lead them in paths that they have not known. I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them. They shall be turned back. They shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods."

Hear ye deaf, and look, ye blind, that ye may see.

Who is blind but my servant? or deaf as my messenger that I sent? Who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant? Seeing many things, but thou observest not. Opening the ears, but he heareth not."

(Isa. 42:16-20).

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in

your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel until the fulness of the nations be come in.

And so all Israel shall be saved, as it is written, There shall come out of Zion a Deliverer, and shall turn away godliness from Jacob. For this is My covenant with them, when I shall take away their sins."

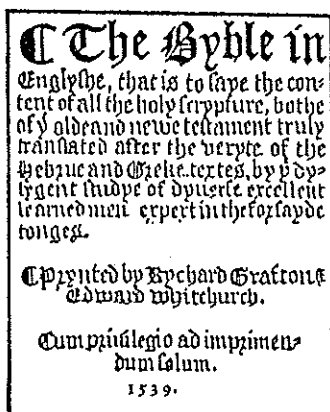
(Rom. 11:25-27)

Daniel was informed by the Mighty Angel that the completion of this age would occur after a period of three and a half times, (Dan. 12:7), by which time "the power of the holy people would be scattered." On the other hand, John was informed by the same Mighty Angel that following the events depicted by the Seven Thunders, there would be "no more 'time' ". Our Lord swore by His own Name that these hidden and hitherto unrecognised events would immediately culminate in the sounding of the voice of the Seventh Angel, of which we will study more later.

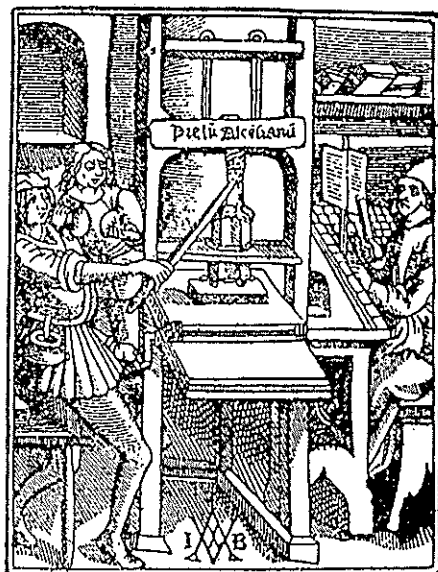
So in the second section of this chapter, following the incident of the sounding of the Seven Thunders, the Mighty Angel specifically drew John's attention to the "little open book" which was in His hand. He was told to eat, or digest it. And just as he was forewarned, whilst it was pleasant to the taste, that is, whilst it appeared outwardly to be a pleasant experience, once it had reached his stomach, the full ramifications and agonies of what it really represented in what was to transpire brought agony and revulsion to him. For the "little Book" which was specifically stated to be "open", was the symbol Jesus used to represent the great Protestant Reformation which was about to break upon the world.

For over 1,000 years, the Word of God had been a closed book. The Church of Rome had seen to that. They had translated the Bible into Latin, and those who couldn't understand Latin, which was nearly everyone, couldn't read it, and so had to depend on what the clergy taught them as to its meaning. So the Bible was a

closed book for centuries. And of course added to this was the fact that the Church of Rome was not actually teaching, or practicing Christianity at any rate. The whole Romish teaching was the simple process of immersing Baal worship into a solution of Christian phraseology, and passing this anti-God religious system off on the poor unsuspecting people as God's Word. But when the printing press was invented in the 15th century, the wheels started to fall off their blasphemous deception.



The writing on the title-page of the "Great Bible" which was printed in 1539, and placed in every English church by Royal command.



A Printing Press of 1498.
 (From the Frontispiece to a Book printed in that Year).

John Wycliffe had already translated the Bible into English in the year 1382. In 1516, Erasmus published his famous Greek translation of the New Testament, and this paved the way for the translation of God's Word into several other languages. It is an interesting fact that following the invention of the printing press, one of the first books to be printed, rather than hand copied on to vellum as had previously been done, was the Bible. How times have changed. Today it's difficult to convince people just to read the Bible. How would you like to sit down and painstakingly copy out the en-

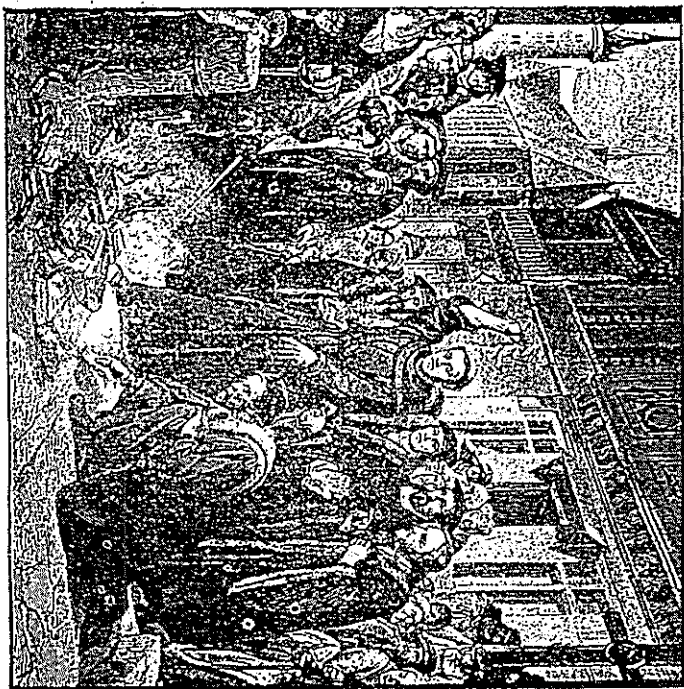
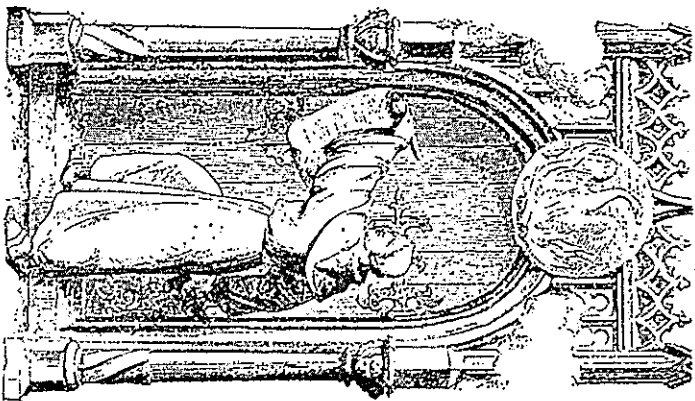
tire Bible by hand, letter by letter? Sometimes we just don't fully appreciate the blessings of God which we now take so much for granted.

Mr. Howard B. Rand, LLB., (who incidentally is still alive at 100 years of age), writes in his book "Study in Revelation" in regard to John Wycliffe;

"He assailed the false teachings of the Church of Rome, and the dogma of transubstantiation. (The teaching that the bread and wine of the Mass becomes the actual body and blood of our Lord). . . The influence of his teachings in England became widespread and made him the champion of National Rights as against foreign aggression. The Bulls issued against him by Pope Gregory XI in 1377 were never enforced. . . John Huss, a Bohemian reformer who became Dean of the Philosophical Society of the University of Prague was greatly influenced by the writings of Wycliffe, and because of his teachings he was excommunicated. . . The Council of Constance . . after years of wrangling and vain debates, adjourned without the decision of a single question except that Huss and Jerome of Prague should be burnt at the stake as heretics. It was Huss who has the honour of having been the intermediary in handing on from Wycliffe to Luther the torch which kindled the Reformation."

Martin Luther was a German reformer of the 16th century. He became so indignant at the abuses of the Church of Rome with its false teachings and its sale of indulgences, that he finally broke from the church on the question of its authority and nailed his now famous ninety-five theses to the door of the Church at Wittenburg. These theses became the foundation of what became Protestant doctrine. He finally married a nun who had been one of nine nuns who had emancipated themselves from their religious vows as a result of his teaching.

The printing press became God's instrument by which the Word of God spread like a flame through Eng-



Left:—Luther nailing his 95 theses on the church door at Wittenberg, (from "The Story of Luther's Life," by T. S. Rivington).
 Right:—Luther burning the Papal Bull and edicts, December 10th, 1520.

land and the continent. The Bible at last became the book of the common people, whereas it had previously been a very bulky book, chained to the pulpit, written in a foreign language, and available only to the clergy. Thus the dogmatic ties which had bound the people to Rome had now been severed, and the doctrines of the Protestant faith had become that of the land. But naturally enough, Rome was not happy at this situation, to say the least. Her chance came with the accession to the English Throne of Mary Tudor who set about to make a reconciliation with the Pope. Times certainly haven't changed. So in order to strengthen their position, the Catholic Church arranged for her marriage to Philip II of Spain. This commenced a reign of persecution in England with many sincere followers of Christ gladly suffering martyrdom for their faith. Some of the most well known of these martyrs were Archbishop Cramer, Latimer and Ridley, names which present-day Christians have probably never heard of. It was Latimer who cheered his companion Ridley amidst the flames, exhorting him to "Be of good comfort, Master Ridley, and play the man. We shall this day light such a candle by God's grace in England as I trust shall never be put out".

Following the death of Mary, who had no children, Elizabeth I came to the throne of England. She brought to bear every force under her power to restore the Protestant Faith to her land, and quite naturally, the anger of the Papacy was once more aroused. Isn't it strange that whenever the supposed "True Christian Church" of Rome takes over, it's always only the Christians who are persecuted. It certainly makes one think. After Mary's death, her husband Philip II of Spain tried unsuccessfully to marry Elizabeth. Upon her rejection, he returned to Spain determined to invade England in order to restore the land back to Rome. He assembled what was then an enormous fleet of some 129 vessels which became known as the "Invincible Armada." This Armada set sail for England on 29th May 1588, and as history has now recorded, was destined never to return. A destructive storm arose which scattered the Spanish vessels

right around the shores of England, Scotland and Ireland. In acknowledgment of God's deliverance, Queen Elizabeth I had a special medal struck containing the words, "He blew with His winds and they were scattered." This marked not only the end of the famous Armada, but the end of the Spanish Empire which then fell into virtual obscurity. The promise of God had again been justified, as recorded in Isa. 54:17;

"No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper. And every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord, and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord."

Thus God's Israel people, now firmly settled in the "Isles of the West", reformed and freed from the chains of Rome, were able to get on with the task of spreading the Word of God throughout the entire world, and carrying on their God-given responsibility of being a blessing to all the families and nations of the earth and being His witness to the very fact that He is indeed the only God, as recorded in Isaiah chapter 43.

(to be continued).



"I the Lord have called thee in righteousness,
and will hold thine hand, and will keep thee,
and give thee for a covenant of the people, for
a light of the nations;

To open the blind eyes, to bring out the
prisoners from the prison, and them that sit in
darkness out of the prison house.

I am the Lord! That is My Name.
And My glory will I not give unto another,
neither My praise to graven images."
(Isa. 42:6-8).

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

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With our Christian love,

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"AND IN THAT DAY THOU SHALT SAY,
O LORD I WILL PRAISE THEE.
THOUGH THOU WAST ANGRY WITH ME,
THINE ANGER IS TURNED AWAY,
AND THOU COMFORTEDST ME.

BEHOLD, GOD IS MY SALVATION.
I WILL TRUST, AND NOT BE AFRAID.
FOR THE LORD, JEHOVAH, IS MY STRENGTH
AND MY SONG.
HE ALSO IS BECOME MY SALVATION.

THEREFORE WITH JOY SHALL YE DRAW WATER
OUT OF THE WELLS OF SALVATION.
AND IN THAT DAY SHALL YE SAY,
PRAISE THE LORD, CALL UPON HIS NAME,
DECLARE HIS DOINGS AMONG THE PEOPLE,
MAKE MENTION THAT HIS NAME IS EXALTED.

SING UNTO THE LORD,
FOR HE HATH DONE EXCELLENT THINGS.
THIS IS KNOWN IN ALL THE EARTH.

CRY OUT AND SHOUT, THOU INHABITANT OF ZION.
FOR GREAT IS THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL
IN THE MIDST OF THEE."
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