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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDITORIAL.

As we enter this New Year of 1991, we thought it would be appropriate to make a few personal comments regarding our ministry. Firstly, we sincerely thank all those who wrote to us, or send cards for the Christmas/New Year season. There were too many for us to reply to individually, so we trust you will accept this as our no less sincere thanks for your kind and thoughtful expressions of Christian love and support. Already we have commenced the New Year on a note of real blessing. Late last year it became necessary for us to purchase a new computer, as the old one was giving us increasing problems. We had no sooner bought it than one of our supporters sent us a very considerable donation as his tithe, which covered the balance of what we needed. On top of this, another friend offered to give us a donation to cover the cost of buying a new Laser Printer to go with the new computer. Three of the articles in this issue, including this editorial, were printed on the new equipment, and you will readily see the vast improvement in quality. As if this wasn't enough, another good friend offered to come to our home for the full day every Monday to do my typing. She is an excellent typist and after only four weeks has already made an enormous difference to our work-load. So we really bless these people, and all those who have faithfully supported us in our efforts to publish the GOOD NEWS of the Kingdom of God. This issue is also a little different than usual in that we have included two very long, but special articles which we feel are of vital importance as we commence this new year with all its possibilities.

It already promises to be one of tremendous potential and importance. We are totally convinced that the end of the age is upon us. Peoples' hearts ARE failing them for fear of what is happening, just as our Lord said would happen just prior to His return. Unfortunately, there are still those Christian-based organisations who seem to have no vision of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ as the ONLY hope for our present troubles. Some seem to think that they will be solved simply by introducing the Douglas Credit system of economics. Others are pushing the Citizens Veto concept, and so on. Now whilst

these systems might be a jolly sight better than what we presently have, they are only man-made systems, and will not ultimately resolve our problems. As far as the committed Christian is concerned, there is only ONE answer to our present problems, and that is the implementation of the full LAW OF GOD as the law of our land, under the leadership of our Lord Jesus Christ. Strangely enough, I am still to read any comment in any of these publications offering the return of our Lord as the real answer. I am not 'knocking' the efforts of other groups. The information they give is vital and helpful. But I would suggest that the real answer to our problems is knowing the real answer, not just knowing about all the problems.

So it is, that in these last days, Christians who seriously wish to follow the Lord Jesus Christ, and reap the full benefits and rewards which He has so graciously promised, must re-dedicate themselves to becoming 'separate' from the things of this world order, and become completely acceptable unto the One who loves us and gave His life that we too might have everlasting life. We can no longer afford the so-called luxury of doing that which seems right in our own eyes. Christians today just have to wake up to the fact that God is going to perform His Grand Purposes for this earth of ours in His way, not ours. And that way is clearly set out in the Bible. We can either be a part of it, or we can sit on the side lines and just watch it happen. That is a personal decision we all must make. But I am completely confident that when the Lord appoints those who are to rule and reign with Him over His Kingdom here on this earth, He is not going to chose those who flagrantly disobeyed Him now. What makes Christians think that they can do their own thing now, and then reap the rewards of rulership with Christ later? It just doesn't work that way my friends. Once we have obtained entry into the Kingdom through our acceptance of Christ's sacrifice on our behalf, we must then aim for the goal of the Higher Calling in Christ Jesus. That now must became the ruling passion of our lives. There is no alternative if we wish to share in the full joy of our Lord.

Our sincere prayer is that you will all make this decision of re-dedication as we move towards that Great Day.

the war between God and His enemies, both spiritual and human, which MUST be fought on a moral basis.

As pressures increase against the Christian Patriot, many want to rise up and use carnal (physical) weapons against the enemy. The Apostle Paul warned us of this in 2 Corinthians 10:3-4, when he said: "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal (fleshly -- not guns, bombs, and tanks), but mighty through God for the pulling down of strongholds."

You see, the root of our problems in America, and the rest of Christendom, is a spiritual one. It is our inner, moral rebellion against God and His Law. It is the desire to "do our own thing," whatever that may be, regardless of what God's Law says to the contrary. Paul tells us in Romans 8:6-7; "For to be carnally minded (humanitarian minded) is death: (the wages of sin is death); but to be spiritually minded (inclined) is life and peace." NOTICE CAREFULLY NOW: "because (on account of) inasmuch as the carnal (human nature) mind is ENMITY against God; for it is not subject to the LAW of God, neither indeed can be."

This is something a lot of Identity people need to understand. You can be a literal "seed of Abraham," and still not get into God's Kingdom. For if you have never had the "born again" (born from above) experience of John 3:3, you still have that "human nature mind," which is at eternal enmity with YAHWEH GOD!

Yet, if this root problem is spiritual, why is it that the Holy Spirit, working through the human instrument of the Apostle, in Ephesians 6, tell us to "take up God's armour, as protection against external danger from the enemy?"

As you study this discussion by the Apostle Paul, one thing stands out very clearly. He is calling ALL Christians, everywhere, to "arms." He is telling them about the weapons that our Commander-in-Chief, Jesus

the Christ, has made available for our use and spiritual protection.

We are given a clear warning, that it is of utmost importance that Christians put on ALL the armour, not just a few parts, for the adversary is clever enough that he aims his darts at, and strikes us in, the place that is unprotected.

There is no way we can successfully move against the adversary (call him what you will - Satan, the devil, or your own unregenerate mind), and the "rulers of the darkness of this world," with weapons of our own making. Paul tells us in vs. 12; "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world (order), against spiritual wickedness in high places." Too often we find that the average Christian reads this verse to say: "We wrestle not!" Period!

So because this passage is so important for our victory in this present "life and death" conflict, let's spend a few moments analysing this very enlightening verse.

Paul is not speaking here about a "wrestling match" in terms of a sporting event, or of the fake wrestling we see on TV. He is speaking about the Christian struggle against a trained adversary. He had reference to the Roman wrestler, who often faced a Christian in the arena in a battle to the death. In other words, this is not just an imaginary struggle, but is a bloody battle to the death, against evil, and evil men. One of the major problems we find among professing Christians, and this certainly includes many in the Kingdom Movement, is that they do not really understand the seriousness of the problems we face. As a result, they have not reached the point in their Christian experience, where they are willing to put their lives on the line for their King. In fact, in most cases, we fall far short of the devotion the enemy show to their cause. The writer of the book of Hebrews puts it this

way: "Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin." (Hebrews 12:4). That word RESISTED, in the original Greek literally means "to send troops against; or to withstand." How many Christians do you know, who would be willing to put their lives on the line for their belief? They are few and far between! Many say they would, but the evidence proves they do not mean this. Let me give you an example. A few years ago I was lecturing against Gun Control in the northwest. During the Question and Answer period, a big husky man rose in the rear of the room and said something to the effect: "They won't get my guns. I'll kill the so-and-so's, before they get them!" But when I asked him if he had signed a petition, which was on a table at the rear of the room, to stop Gun Control in his state, he replied, rather indignantly: "Do you think I'm stupid enough to put my name on paper where they can see it?"

Do you mean to tell me, that a man who is afraid to sign a petition, would fight when armed men came to take away his guns? He would be the first one to capitulate, and not only that, he would probably turn in his neighbours who had guns. That's the way things work. I've trained and fought beside young men in three wars, and I can tell you from sad experience, that it is usually the "loud mouth," who tells you how brave he is, that is the one who turns up missing when the "guns begin to play."

Most of us think we are pretty smart and clever, but our human intellect is no match for the cleverness of the adversary. We are warned not to even attempt to resist by running away from the world. This is something a lot of our people in the Kingdom Movement need to learn. We do need to recognise that this war is a reality, and that it affects the daily life of every one of us and can very well deprive us of not only our God-given freedom, but of our lives. Unfortunately, most of our Christian people, especially those "brainwashed brethren" in the Judeo-Christian churches, do not even know there is a war going on.

Some Kingdom Movement people do not believe in "supernatural beings" such as angels and demons, but the book of Daniel, in the Old Testament, gives us a graphic account of an angel (messenger) from God, who was actually delayed 21 days in his task of delivering a message from God, in answer to Daniel's prayers. It appears that this "messenger" was actually ambushed by a mighty demon, who Daniel calls the "Prince of Persia." This indicates some kind of a ranking system among these evil beings. (Read Daniel 10).

One well-known Christian scholar has advanced the idea that the gods and goddesses of ancient Greece and Rome were not mere concoctions of mythology, but were actual "national demons." If you go to some of the remote areas of the world today, such as Romania and parts of Africa, it is frighteningly easy to conclude that there are evil beings called "demons" who still have a grip on mankind. I saw some things during my six year stay in East Africa, in some of the remote areas where they had never seen a white man before, that would have shocked you. There were things done by the "witch doctors," in these remote areas, which cannot be explained in modern terms.

But my purpose here is not to discuss the probability of Satan and his demons, but to discuss what Scripture has to say about the forces which are aligned against Christians, and especially against the Christian Patriot. These are a reality, and we MUST engage them, since they are most certainly attacking Christianity in a physical sense.

Take some time and study present government actions against Christian Patriots, if you do not want to believe this. Ask yourself why this attack is taking place and then be honest enough to look at those who are backing it. Why for instance has prayer been taken from our government schools, along with Bible reading? This was once an essential part of the school activity, and most certainly the school climate was much more healthy then than it is now. Who is behind this move?

By whom and why is there an attack against the use of Christian symbols during our Christian holidays or Christmas and Easter? Why has Christ been de-emphasised and Santa Claus and the Easter bunny been given priority? Who is doing this? Why has homosexuality been glorified in this country as an alternate life style, and why have we allowed these "deviates," to gain so much power that they now intimidate our government in Washington and are welcomed in the White House? Who is behind this movement? Why has the dope trade been allowed to flourish in this country, often with approval from high ranking government officials, who we know protect those who deal in this soul destroying substance? Who is behind the dope trade? We could go on to the liquor business, prostitution, gambling, pornography, and ask the same question. Why is it that the pastors of our largest churches, protect and defend these enemies of Christ and Christianity, by elevating them to the status of "God's Chosen People?"

Think about this and then if you feel like receiving some real harsh criticism, ask your pastor to answer these questions!

The term "wrestling," used in the King James Version should not lull us into a sense of something unimportant, for many other translations use a more descriptive term and call it a "struggle." This is much closer to the original meaning, but is still not emphatic enough.

Since our life and freedom depends on the outcome of this struggle, it is necessary for ALL Christians to take a close, serious look at the moral armour and weaponry which has been provided for us to use. It must be PUT ON to be of any good. Armour that lays around to rust will give us no protection.

When Paul said that this armour is necessary so that we may be able to "stand in the EVIL day," he was speaking about the days in which we now live. If there was ever a more evil time in which to live, you will have to show me. These are the days which have been

described as the "day of severe trial." It is that critical moment in our life, when the adversary and his cohorts attack.

It is NOW!

Any intelligent, right thinking person should be able to see that we are living in that day right now. We are living in the day Christ spoke about in Luke 21:26 "Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth ..." Have you ever asked yourself why we are having such a rash of suicides among our "intellectuals," and why the psychologists and psychiatrists who are supposed to tell us what's wrong, are committing suicide four times faster than the rest of us nuts?

Yes, Virginia, these are indeed "perilous times!" We know we are living in an "evil day," when we see God ordained pastors, who are thrown into prison by unscrupulous government officials, because they will not "bow the knee to Caesar," and allow their churches to be government registered. We know we are living in an "evil day" when we see Christian parents thrown into jail, because they refuse to allow their children to be indoctrinated with the secular humanism of the government schools. We know we are living in the "evil day," when we see men like Gordon Kahl murdered by our government because they were afraid of his telling the truth. We know we are living in an "evil day" when laws are passed which protect evil men and women, while harassing those who love God. Yes, indeed, this is a "very evil day" in which we live.

The adversary is skilled at instigating the "evil day," that moment of crisis, and it is during that moment when we are most vulnerable, that he attacks the Christian Patriot.

But we should not become discouraged by these attacks. Rather, we should use them to build up our spiritual stamina. We should use them like a boxer does

a sparring partner. He may get knocked around a bit; he may suffer some bruises, but it strengthens him and makes him aware of his adversaries strategy.

The major question I believe we need to ask of the Christian community is this: "How can the Christian soldier keep from being defeated? What strategies must he use to be victorious?" The answer depends on the armour and the weapons he uses.

We will look at these items through a series of "metaphors." Webster's 1828 Dictionary defines a "metaphor" as "a similitude reduced to a single word." Let me illustrate. If I were to say "that man is a fox," it would be a "metaphor." But if I were to say: "that man is like a fox," it would be a "similitude." If I were to say: "Our soldiers were like lions in the battle," that would be a "similitude," but if I was to say: "Our soldiers were lions," that would be a "metaphor." In a "metaphor" the "similitude" is contained in the name. For instance, I might say: "a man bridles his anger," meaning that he restrains it, as a man controls a horse through the use of a bridle.

But before we get into the description of the Christian soldier's armour, we need to ask a very important question: "Do you really want to get involved in this fight?" Are you really sincere about this warfare? or is the idea of "spiritual warfare" repugnant to you?

You see, it is relatively easy for any of us to say: "I'll fight when the chips are down; I'll fight if they back me into a corner," but if you refuse to take a stand now, when you still have some protection from the law, what makes you so sure you will fight when your neck is on the "chopping block?"

In order to give a positive answer to the question of whether we are sincere in fighting this war, we must first be willing to strap on the most basic and fundamental part of our armour, the "belt of truth." Why is this so important? Because, just as the ancient soldier

used his belt, or girdle, as an anchor for other essential parts of his armour, so the Christian Patriot must use "truth," as his anchor. One of the important parts of this armour, which is anchored to the "belt of truth," is the breastplate, which protects the heart and other vital organs. It is to the "belt of truth," that the Christian soldier attached his offensive weapon, the "sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God."

The "belt" is associated with "truthfulness" and by this I do not refer to "revealed truth," which is described in the sword. But just as there is an important connection between the "belt" and "sword," so there is an equally important connection between "revealed truth" and an understanding of truth. Psalm 51:5 says we need an understanding of "truth in our inward parts." I believe this is what Hosea referred to in (4:6) when he said: "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Notice he did not say for "lack of education, but for lack of knowledge," there is a great deal of difference between "knowledge and education." Our world is filled with "educated idiots," those the Apostle Paul referred to in 2 Timothy 3:7, as "ever learning, but never able to come to an understanding of truth."

Before we enter the arena, where the adversary or one of his ungodly thugs is preparing to fight against us, we MUST have that inner anchor of "truthfulness." We must strive to know what is "true," since this is an essential defensive weapon.

Many Christian Patriots give up at this point. They are like the 22,000 Israelites we read about in Judges 7:2-3. When Gideon was preparing to meet a vast host of Midianites, with his little army of 32,000, made up of non-professional fighters, God instructed him to let all the cowards, those who were afraid, to go home. God said: "Proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early (before the fight begins) ... and there returned of the people 22,000; and there remained ten thousand." God has no place for "cowards," or "fearful peo-

ple," in His army. In fact He is so positive of this that He had written in Revelation 21:8 that the "fearful and unbelievers," would go into eternal condemnation. There is nothing wrong with fear, as long as it does not control you. But when it burns up the vital reserves of adrenalin you need for the physical aspects of the fight, then you become a coward and you will be no good in the battle. Are you in this class? Do you talk a good fight? But what will you do when the bullets begin to fly?

Remember, the enemy does not fear talk which is not backed by action!

Then we need to remember how in the Gideon story, God further sorted out the 10,000 who remained, until it was with 300 disciplined men, that Gideon won a magnificent victory, without a shot being fired. That's the way our God works, when we do things His way! (Read Judges 7:16-22).

The second question we need to ask ourselves is: "Am I living the kind of life which will allow me to engage the enemy and be victorious?" Paul calls this the "breastplate of righteousness," (vs. 14).

On the ancient soldier's armour, the breastplate was actually made up of two parts, either metal or hardened leather, which were attached to his belt. This breastplate, as I mentioned earlier, protected his vital organs and gave protection from all sides. It protected him from the thighs to the neck.

This word "righteousness," has four meanings in the New Testament. In Matthew 6:33, it comes from the Greek word "dikaiosune," which means: "justification or equity of character." In Romans 8:4, Paul speaks about the "righteousness of the law," and here the Greek word used in "dikaioma," which means "an equitable deed; by implication a statute of decision." In 1 Corinthians 15:34, we are told "Awake to righteousness and sin not," it is the Greek word "dikaios," which means: "justly or

righteously." In Hebrews 1:8 where we read about a "sceptre of righteousness," the Greek word is "euthutes," which means: "truth or moral rectitude."

The word "righteousness," as used in Ephesians 6:14, means "equity of character, or honesty of character." The root of this word, in all four cases, comes from a "root word," which means "justice, or justification." According to Webster's 1828 Dictionary this means: "showing to be just; absolution; in law showing of a sufficient reason why a defendant did what he did; in theology, the remission of sin and absolution from the consequence of sin, which is eternal death."

Paul mentions this Christian breastplate of righteousness, as enabling the Christian Patriot to resist the attacks of the adversary from any quarter. In 1 Thessalonians 5:8, he describes this "breastplate" as the "breastplate of faith and love." Moffat's translation says: "clad in faith and love as our coat of mail."

Over and over again, the New Testament stresses to the Christian, - and I would be so bold as to say this has a special application to the Christian Patriot - the extreme importance of living a life which is consistent with our proclamation of faith. I am constantly reminding the Israelite Christians in my Prison Ministry, that they will get nowhere with their testimony to other prisoners and guards, if their lives are not consistent with what they say they believe. This is the modern application of "by their fruits shall ye know them," and says: "What you do, shouts so loud I can't hear what you say!"

Any type of example which is not consistent with Biblical faith, will provide us with no defense against an enemy attack. If the controlled press calls the Christian Patriot a "neo-Nazi, a Klansman, a hate monger, an anti-semit," we MUST prove by the lives we live, that they are LIARS. Far too often, Kingdom Movement Christians, and I'm speaking specifically to white Israelite Christians, play into the enemy hands by giving them ample reasons for condemning us.

Many of us have been painfully embarrassed, or we should be, by the spectacle of would-be Christian leaders, such as Jim Bakker and Jimmy Swaggart, as they have fallen into "sins of the flesh," and dishonoured the King they claim to serve. We cannot allow this to happen within the Kingdom Movement. When men divorce their wives for un-Scriptural reasons, so they can marry some other woman, often who are divorced themselves; when Israel men become involved with women who are not their own wives; when they use language which is not consistent with Christian living; when they act like members of this "world order", then they bring disgrace to the King and to everyone in the Kingdom Movement. This cannot be condoned!

If we are to ever make headway against the forces of evil, our leaders in particular must live blameless lives. No one will ever be won to the service of the King, or to our understanding of our identity and the Kingdom Movement, if they are confronted by Israel leaders who refuse to live righteous lives.

By this I do not imply that you will ever reach the state of "sinless perfection," some teach. The Bible infers that as long as we live, we will be tempted, and all will stumble and sin at some time. The man or woman who says they don't is called a liar by the Word of God. (1 John 1:8) "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us." The New English translation puts it this way: "If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth." When a professing Christian makes the habit of sinning, and you can see it in his life, you automatically know he is a "fake." If you can do things you know are wrong, and God does not discipline you for it, then you KNOW you do not belong to him, no matter how many professions of faith you may have made, or how many commitment cards you may have signed. Hebrews 12:8 - "But if ye without chastisement, whereof all (Christians) are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons." Please don't get mad with me, I'm just quoting from the Holy Book.

The hypocrisy of those who say they love the King, while they disobey Him and teach others that His Law was ended at Calvary, is one of the most vulnerable chinks in the Christian armour and this is where the enemy aims most of his missiles. The King has told us very plainly: "If you love me, keep my commandments (law)," (John 14:15). Yet many pastors who preach about "sin," refuse to believe the plain teaching of the Word in (I John 3:4), which plainly states: "Whosoever committeth SIN, transgresseth also the LAW; for SIN is transgression of the LAW." If the Law has been abolished, according to this, then there can be no more sin, and we know this is ridiculous.

Another vital question we need to ask ourselves is: "Am I prepared for this conflict?" This goes far beyond the number of weapons you own, or the amount of ammunition and food you have stored; these are essential, but are not the most important things for your survival. For you see, whether you are willing to accept this or not, your physical preparation will be absolutely worthless, without the necessary spiritual preparation. I don't care how tough you are; how many weapons and ammunition you have stored; how well trained you are, I can assure you that you will fall flat on your face, when you face the enemy, unless you have a personal relationship with the Commander-in-Chief, Jesus the Christ.

According to historians, one reason for the success of the Roman soldier was not only his superb training, and his matchless short sword, but in his superior footgear. One of the keys to success of the armies of both Julius Caesar and Alexander the Great, was their ability to move rapidly over difficult terrain and strike the enemy at unexpected places. The Roman soldier wore sturdy shoes, which were studded with nail-like cleats. Victory often hinges on the readiness or lack of it in the enemy's ranks. The Christian Patriot soldier must always be ready to take advantage of the enemy's weakness.

So Paul calls the Christian soldier's shoes, the "preparation of the gospel of peace." Strange wording, isn't it, when we are talking about warlike weapons? But not when you look at it closely. Today, in the modern Judeo-Christian churches of Christendom, out of which many of us in the Kingdom Movement have come, this term is superficially defined. They often call for a "peace" which they mean as "an absence of conflict." They are the people who according to the Apostle Paul, in 1 Thessalonians 5:3, says: "When they shall say, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction shall come upon them ... and they shall not escape." They are like the religious hypocrites in the National Council of Churches, who teach "Peace at any price!" and who as far back as 1966, devised a plan for the surrender of this country, if we were ever faced by war, before the first bomb ever dropped on American soil. The "peace" these religious charlatans speak about is the opposite of the "peace" mentioned in Ephesians 6:15, for here the Christian Patriot is called on to do battle, in full armour.

In Scripture, the "gospel of peace" is described as the good news that man can become reconciled to God, through the shed blood of His Son, Jesus the Christ. This "peace" has nothing to do with a "wishy-washy, panty-waisted, sissy-britches" Christianity that teaches we should never cause waves in the worldly pond.

One thing becomes self-evident as we study this chapter, and that is that we will never be conquerors, or even survivors in this war, unless we are in a state of constant readiness.

We will never be able to successfully advance against the forces of One-World Zionism and communism, and their conspiracy against Jesus Christ and His church, if we are in conflict with, and disobey our Commander.

We will also have a very difficult time, if we spend most of our time on in-fighting with the brethren we disagree with. I think we need the attitude of John

Wesley, who one time said something to the effect: "I may not agree with what you say; but if your heart is with my heart, then here is my hand!"

One of the saddest facts to be observed in the modern day churches, and this includes Identity, is that we have made very little progress in the vital mission of taking over dominion over our own lives, our family ills, and our civic responsibilities. In the fundamentalist camp, we hear boasts that there are 45 million "born again" Christians in America. I have no argument with that figure. Recently I received a letter from David Wilkerson, asking for a contribution, naturally. In it he told of a great Holy Ghost revival which he said was taking place in New York City. But I wonder about these things? If what they say is true, then why is America headed for hell faster today than at any time in our history? Could it be that these so-called "saved" people, many of them at least, have become the "salt which has lost its 'savor'?" That is, its ability to act as salt and hold back corruption? The King said that when Christians reached this point in their lives, they were only good to be discarded on the "garbage heap." (Luke 14:34-35).

There are other important parts of our armour which we need to mention. There is the "shield of faith." This, as I'm sure you know, was usually a device made of metal, or wood, reinforced by hardened leather, that the soldier carried on his arm and was used to deflect sword or spear strokes, or catch arrows which were shot at him. "Faith," which Hebrews 11:1 defines as "the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen," is tremendously essential. There are at least twelve reasons for this:

1. You cannot be saved without "faith," (Heb. 11:6).
2. You cannot be victorious without "faith," (1 John 5:4).

3. You cannot please God without "faith," (Heb. 11:6).
4. You cannot pray properly without "faith," (James 1:6).
5. You cannot have "peace" without "faith," (Romans 5:1).
6. You cannot have "joy" without "faith," (1 Peter 1:8).
7. You are "justified" by "faith," (Galatians 2:16).
8. You "live" by "faith," (Galatians 2:20).
9. You are made "righteous" by "faith," (Romans 10:4).
10. Christ dwells in your heart through "faith," (Ephesians 3:1).
11. The Holy Spirit is received through "faith," (Galatians 3:2), and,
12. What is not of "faith," is "sin," (Romans 14:32).

So we find a dire need for Christian soldiers, men and women alike, who are able to "quench", (put out), the fiery darts of the enemy.

The Christian soldier's head is protected by the "helmet of salvation." Without "true salvation," no man or woman, no matter how brave or well prepared, can become a soldier in the King's army. There is no way you can join up, unless you have committed yourself to Him, with "all your soul, and strength, and might." God has no mercenaries in His army. (Soldiers who serve for pay), and only those who are willing to love Him more than life itself, and obey His Law, can be trusted in His service. One of the weaknesses of modern Christianity is that the church has tried to fight the battle, using

alien soldiers who do not know and honour the King. By this I mean "unsaved men and women." It can't be done! Our church rolls are crammed with men and women who have never had a personal encounter with the Commander-in-Chief. We know it by the lives they live!

Then we come to the only offensive weapon the Christian soldier needs, the "sword of the Spirit." The sword mentioned here was not the fragile "court sword" used for ceremonial purposes, nor the slim rapier which was good for nothing but dueling. It has reference to the Roman short sword, which was the weapon that conquered the known world. It was a sturdy weapon, used for either slashing, or parrying and was of a double edged sharpness. The "sword of the Spirit," is so sharp, the Word says it pierces "even to the dividing asunder of the soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow," (vs. 12). This Word sets the foundation for the Christian life and is the only weapon we need in the spiritual battle.

Another attribute of a good soldier, is "hatred of the enemy." There is no way that you can be a successful combat man, if you admire and like your enemy. We must be like King David in Psalm 139:21-22, when he said: "Do not I hate them O Lord, that hate Thee? and am not I grieved with those who rise up against Thee? I hate them with a perfect hatred, I count them as mine enemies."

This is something the modern church, especially the Judeo-Christian church, does not seem to understand. There is no way a true Christian soldier can give "aid and comfort to the enemy," either in the spiritual realm, or the political arena, without being a traitor. In 1 John 2:22-23, we are given a clear definition of the "anti-Christ" the Judeo-Christian churches support: "Who is a liar, but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-Christ, that denieth the Father and the Son. Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father; but he that acknowledgeth the Son hath the Father also." This seems pretty clear and concise to me. There is no way you can misunderstand what is being

said. Then in 2 John 10-11, Christians are told how they must treat these anti-Christians. "If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine (that Jesus is the Christ, the King), receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed, for he that biddeth him God-speed, is partaker of his evil deeds." Again, mighty plain! This applies to anyone, whether he is an anti-Christ Jew, whom many of our Pastors call God's Chosen People, or a member of a church, such as Ben Klassen's CHURCH OF CREATIVITY, who disown Christ and have their own "man made religion and bible."

The hour is very late. We are today standing on the "jumping off point" in history. With the present situation in the Middle East, and an ever worsening economic crisis looming in the near future, we may be very close to losing our freedom to worship God. Matters are rapidly coming to a head and we who claim the title of Christian Patriots, can well expect persecution from our own government, and harassment from the Judeo-Christian churches, who refuse to listen to God's Word. If you are a White Christian Patriot, you could well become an "endangered species," in the near future.

When the Communist-Jew, Gus Hall, the perennial head of the Communist Party, U.S.A., made a speech a number of years ago, in which he predicted that 60 million "hopelessly diseased capitalist animals, will be hauled off to the elimination centers by the commissars," he was not making idle threats. He was voicing a Zionist dream, which first took shape in the dusty halls of ancient Babylon and which is getting close to reality. It is a dream in which every Jew will have numerous Gentile slaves, as voiced in their religious book the Babylonian Talmud.

If the majority of white Christians knew the truth, I believe they would "drive the money changers from the National Temple," but they are being kept behind a wall of deliberate darkness, by the media and their own pastors. But this will not happen until Christian soldiers are willing to fight, not only with the spir-

itual panoply of Ephesians 6, but with the sword Jesus spoke about in Matthew 10:34; Luke 12:49, 51; Luke 19:26, and Luke 22:36.

The time for "physical war" is at hand against the evil which has engulfed us because of Christian apathy. But it will not be successful until the Christian soldier first prepares himself, or herself, on the spiritual level. This means, being fully protected by the armour God has given to His people.

Today we have a lot of "shell shocked" Christians in our churches. Many of them, judging by their "fruits," need to be in a hospital ward, because they would be useless on the battlefield. In fact they would be a distinct liability.

We must remember that our enemy, whether in the physical or spiritual realm, is diabolically clever. He always attempts to get the Christian soldier to fight the battles on the social, economic, political, or racial battleground. In this way, we get our eyes off the King. We need to fight this war on grounds of our own choosing. We need to take the enemy into the spiritual realm, where he will receive a sound thrashing. It is here where the offensive weapon, the Sword of the Spirit, will hack him into pieces. Our King was in the forefront of the battle against evil men, when He was here in the flesh. He will return, very soon I believe!

Today, in order to discredit Christian Patriots, the enemy is using the same tactics they used against Him. They hire "false witnesses," and because the enemy cannot refute our arguments with truth, they resort to name calling, and we become "anti-semitics; paranoid, hate-mongers" to the controlled news. You have seen this for yourself.

Remember, that the same enemy which intimidates our Congress, our educators, and many in the church, are the one's who call our Savior and King an "illegitimate bastard!" I believe that many Christians fear this

brutal enemy, because their faith in God has grown cold.

So as we approach this "end of the age," and see the heathen anti-Christ as they "rage and imagine vain things," (Psalm 2:1); as the forces of the anti-Christ gather for the final battle for the souls of men and their bodies as well, where will you be? Will you be out there where the battle is the hottest, or will you be one who cowers in your comfortable, air-conditioned spiritual foxhole, praying that God will come back and Rapture you out of the mess which was caused in the first place by your Christian apathy? It could very well be, that it will be to these that the King says: "Depart from me, I never knew you." (Matthew 7:21).

We must exercise our faith, then, using the armour of God, go out singing to the battle, knowing that we will be victorious in the King's strength.

"For this is the victory that overcomes the world (order); even our faith." (1 John 5:4)

Recommended Reading.

by Rev. J.A.B. Haggart.

"Stories of Lost Israel in Folklore."

Snow White, Sleeping Beauty, Cinderella, Jack and the Bean Stalk, Little Red Riding Hood, and others.
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So Shall the Lord Defend.

Rev. Victor S. Harper,
Courtesy "WAKE UP"

Today, offices of the Ford Motor Company stand on a site that in 1940 was occupied by the depot barracks of the Essex Regiment.

In the early days of the Battle of Britain, when large forces of German aircraft raided Britain, I was a serving soldier stationed at Warley Barracks near Brentwood in Essex.

There was a daylight raid one morning when the sky towards the east, on the line of the Thames towards the coast, was dark with a vast formation of enemy planes. When the foremost of the formation was only a very few miles away, a small squadron of British fighter planes appeared, climbing steeply from one of the several fighter stations in the neighbourhood.

Within minutes, the fighters were engaging the leading approaching bombers and immediately causing some confusion at the head of the formation. This confusion spread rapidly rearwards of the leading aircraft and very soon the enemy began to scatter in disarray and it became difficult to distinguish them in the general melee. It was not long before the entire German formation turned and made off towards the North Sea.

About an hour later, I was in the main guardroom of the barracks when a small party of Essex Regiment soldiers arrived escorting a prisoner. The prisoner was a young German airman, a member of the crew of a bomber which had been brought down only a mile or so away. He had baled out and was virtually unharmed; a young man in his early twenties and speaking tolerably good English. He was asked; "Why did you all turn and run

when there were so many of you and there were only half a dozen or so British Spitfires against you?

The German stared in astonishment for a moment and then shouted angrily;

"Half a dozen? You mean six fighters? No! There were hundreds of them! Hundreds!"

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DIVORCED!

By F. W. DOWSETT.

Over a period of many years I have noticed that whenever the subject of Israel's divorce is mentioned, it is always applied to ONLY the northern house of Israel as distinct from the southern House of Judah. As a matter of fact, various people go to no end of trouble to emphasise their belief that the House of Judah was never divorced by God, and that this divorce can never be applied to the House of Judah.

The purpose of this article is to examine this teaching, and whilst I realise that it will attract some criticism from those who believe to the contrary, it is certainly not meant to be a personal attack on such people. It is my considered opinion that this belief has been handed down over the years and automatically accepted without question simply because of its long established acceptance. But this, of course, is no proof of correctness, as I'm sure you will agree. And like all other subjects in the Bible, it can only be properly understood as we go right back to the beginning of the subject, and carefully trace it through. So let us turn to God's Word as set forth in Exodus 24:3-8, where we find recorded the scene where Israel uttered those famous words "I Do", and became the wife of Jehovah.

"And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice, and said, 'All the words which the Lord hath said will we do.'

"And Moses wrote all the words of the Lord, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the Lord. And Moses took half of the blood and put it in basons, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

And he took of the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said;

'All that the Lord hath said will we do, and be obedient.'

And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said; 'Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words.'"

We recognise this, of course, as THE OLD COVENANT. But let us keep in mind one very important feature of this covenant. It was made with the entire twelve tribes of Israel. This leads us to one very important conclusion. And it is this:

GOD MARRIED THE ENTIRE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

All the tribes, the whole twelve of them, constituted His wife or bride. Now this might seem a very obvious remark to make, but I can't help feeling that most people totally overlook this point. This is clearly brought out in the wording of the NEW COVENANT, as recorded in Jer. 31:31-32;

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a NEW COVENANT with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah; Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they break, ALTHOUGH I WAS AN HUSBAND UNTO THEM, saith the Lord."

So it is quite clear that irrespective of how we interpret what is said in future references by the prophets in regards to the marital relationship between God on the one hand, and Israel and Judah on the other hand, at the time of the giving and acceptance of the Old Covenant, all twelve tribes of Israel constituted Jehovah's wife.

Furthermore, right up until the time of the division of Israel into the northern and southern houses, ALL twelve tribes constituted Jehovah's wife, and they continued in this relationship even when they were divided into the two houses. And irrespective of what happened in the meantime, when we turn to the Book of the Revelation, chapter 21 and verses 9-12, it is perfectly clear that Jehovah's (the Lamb's) bride is still to be the WHOLE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL.

The fact is quite evident that the coming Royal Marriage is going to be between Jehovah and both houses of Israel and Judah.

Now I ask the question, 'How can Jehovah remarry the house of Judah if He was never divorced from them in the first place?' If He never divorced Judah, then He must still be married to her right now, and this fact would exclude Judah from the coming marriage. Judah would be sitting in the back pews watching the ceremony, not taking part in it.

But there is a much more serious aspect to this. The Law of God was quite explicit in regards to divorce and remarriage. A wife who had been put aside and divorced by her husband for unfaithfulness could not, under God's Law, remarry until the death of her former husband. It was for this very reason that Jehovah, the Husband in this instance, came down from glory in the form of a man, and died. He obviously couldn't die as God. So He had to become a human man. And in doing this, He, the former Husband, died, and freed His wife Israel from the requirement of this law. Let us never forget the fact that if He had not done this, **there could never be a remarriage with Israel in the future**, and the promise of the

remarriage, as recorded in Hosea 2:19-20 would have been impossible of fulfilment. In fact, it would have been a deliberate deception on God's part to even suggest a remarriage without the fulfilment of His own requirement.

This leads us to the next question. If Jehovah only divorced the northern house of Israel, and remained married to the southern house of Judah, then there was no requirement for Him to die to redeem Judah from the requirements of the marriage law, and the house of Judah would not be covered by the national redemptive work of our Lord Jesus Christ in the same way as the house of Israel was. Ask yourself the question, 'Did Jesus die for both Israel and Judah?' There is only one answer to this. Of course He did. It is the very basis of the NEW COVENANT. This being so, it follows that Judah must have continued at all times in the same marriage relationship to Jehovah as Israel. Why on earth should Judah need to be freed from the law pertaining to divorce if she was never divorced in the first place? And as we have already pointed out, how could Judah be remarried to Jehovah if she was still married to Him?

Let's face the facts friends. You just cannot divorce a part of your wife. If you don't believe me, then try it some day. Go down to the court and tell the judge that you only wish to divorce the portion of your wife down to her knees, but wish to remain married to the part of her from the knees down. Just see how you get on. Yet, as foolish as this may sound, this is exactly what we are asked to believe in regard to Jehovah and His wife. He is supposed to have divorced only five-sixth of His wife and remained married to the remaining one-sixth. Let us remember the fact that although Israel was divided into two sections, this was done in order to achieve a specific purpose by God. Israel was to be the DOMINION, whilst Judah was to be the SANCTUARY. The Prophet Jeremiah refers to these two sections as "the two families which the Lord chose", (see Jer. 33:24), and "two sisters", (see Jer. 3:6-14).

In verse 6, Jeremiah refers to "backsliding Israel", and enumerates her sins. He then turns to Judah and says;

"And I said after she (Israel) had done all these things, Turn thou unto me. But she returned not. And her treacherous sister Judah saw it.

And I saw, when for all the causes whereby backsliding Israel committed adultery I had put her away, and given her a bill of divorce; yet her treacherous sister Judah feared not, but went and played the harlot also.

And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with stones and with stocks.

And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not turned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith the Lord. And the Lord said unto me, The backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah."

Now I ask you. If God gave the northern house of Israel a divorce for committing adultery, then on what basis did He refrain from doing the same thing to Judah, especially when we read that Judah had not only committed the same sin of adultery, but had become worse than her sister Israel. It is interesting to read in verse 14 that Jehovah refers to Himself as the HUSBAND of "His backsliding *children*". (plural).

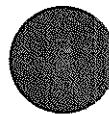
So we see that although there were two sections to Israel, they both constituted the one wife, and although there is no specific mention of a bill of divorce in regard to Judah, in the same terms as that applied to Israel, there is no doubt at all in my mind that in view of all the factors mentioned above, Judah was automatically included in the proceedings by virtue of the fact that she was a part

of the one and the same wife. Let's face it. Jehovah didn't have two wives.

Perhaps we can more readily understand this situation when we remember that the means by which God accomplished the divorce was by the act of sending His wife away into captivity, or as the Old Testament expresses it, putting His wife away. This was not an instantaneous event for either house. The captivity of Israel took quite a number of years. And the fact that the captivity of Judah didn't occur until some years after that of Israel, does not in any way release Judah from ending up in exactly the same relationship to her husband as her northern sister and co-wife Israel. In other words, the act of divorcement was a process which occupied the entire period of the captivities, or putting away, of both the houses of Israel and Judah, and applied equally to both houses as the ONE wife.

For these reasons, I sincerely believe that BOTH houses of Israel and Judah were divorced. Their collective Husband Jehovah died to redeem BOTH houses, and freed BOTH houses from the Law of divorce by His death on Calvary. The same Jehovah is about to return to remarry His entire bride, BOTH houses, the whole twelve tribes of Israel. What a wonderful day that will be for His people. May He come quickly.

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COVENANT WATCH!

THAT POISONOUS U.N. CONVENTION:

(On Target)

Australia has signed the U.N. Convention on the Rights of the Child, and needs only to ratify it in order for this potentially deadly poison to be imposed on all States of the Commonwealth. Ratification does not involve the Parliament according to advice we have received. It merely requires an unchallenged Executive notice in the Government Gazette. The external affairs powers of the Commonwealth, following several disastrous High Court decisions, will be used to 'import' the Convention, and it will become effective without adequate consultation.

SENATOR TATE IS WRONG:

The Minister responsible for spiriting this Convention through loopholes in the Constitution is Senator Michael Tate, reputed to be a Christian. He has supplied a "form letter" to M.P's. who are feeling electoral heat on the issue. It has been used by some A.L.P. M.P's. to damp down opposition to the convention by parents whom Tate calls "somewhat hysterical". In his form letter, Tate makes the following amazing comment:

"This Convention does not change the law in Australia one jot or tittle. Changes in the law can only be effected by our elected parliaments or our judges..." (Our emphasis).

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LIVE BY THE SWORD. (Courtesy New American View).

Meir Kahane, the radical rabbi from Brooklyn, not only preached violence, he practiced it. The Jewish Defence League, which he founded and which was secretly supported by Israeli Knesset right-wingers - today,

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Tehiya party leader Geula Cohen - was responsible for numerous bombings and several murders in New York, New Jersey and California.

Kahane also was a ruthless man, a liar, a cheat and a thief. In earlier incarnations, according to his Jewish biographers, he had been a low level informant for the New York City police and the FBI, a petty swindler and embezzler, a philanderer, and a friend of Mafia mobsters. But he was in addition a surprisingly learned man, a brilliant organiser and a charismatic leader--albeit one who always emphasised anger and violence as the tools by which to accomplish his goals.

His greatest political and personal success came in Israel, where he formed the ultra right-wing Kach party, which advocated the "transfer" of the Palestinians from Israel and the West Bank and Gaza to Jordan and the other surrounding Arab countries--by force, if necessary. His popularity with Israeli Orthodox Jews and Zionist zealots was strong and growing.

In 1984, he was elected to the Knesset, much to the concern of the mainline Israeli politicians. By 1988, as his popularity and power increased, there were attempts to expel him from the Knesset on technical grounds. When these failed, the political establishment banned him and his party from the 1988 elections--even though Kahane renounced his American citizenship and declared his unequivocal allegiance to Israel.

His former secret backers, Shamir and Cohen, joined the drive to force Kahane from the Israeli political scene. This was not because of principle, but rather because they feared his growing strength. Had his Kach party not been banned, say Israeli political observers, it probably would have won between six and nine seats in the Knesset--making it, instead of the religious parties, the key bloc in forming the government now headed by Shamir.

Being a man of violence, it is only fitting that Kahane should have died at the hand of an assassin. The question now is: Will the rabble-rousing rabbi be even more dangerous in death than in life? His followers have sworn to avenge his murder. Will they set off a furious

round of terror - in Israel and the U.S. - directed at his enemies, real and perceived? And if so, where will such violence lead? According to sources with close ties to the Israeli Mossad, this was, indeed, what was intended by those who arranged for Kahane's assassination.

"He had outlived his usefulness," a "former" Mossad officer told NEW AMERICAN VIEW. "He was worth more to certain people dead than alive. It was the Sharon crowd in the Mossad that was behind Kahane's murder. The Egyptian assassin had been in their pay since 1978. He was part of the plan to assassinate (Egyptian President Anwar) Sadat in 1981."

According to these sources, ultra right-wing Housing Minister General Ariel Sharon, the Butcher of Beirut, still hopes to become Israel's Caesar and to fulfill the dream of Eretz Yisrael, the Greater Land of Israel. He is getting tired of waiting, and sees the present - with the Soviet Jewish exodus to Israel and the war fever in the Middle East - as the opportune moment to make his move.

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A MATTER OF FACTS.

As the national debate over America's purpose in the Persian Gulf heats up and Congress at long last gets into the fray, we can expect the Jewish pro-Israeli lobby to sharply raise the decibel level of its war cries. The war-mongers, especially the more clever and hysterical ones in the news media, will try to propagandise and disinform the American public into thinking that war in the Middle East is good for America. Here are some facts to bear in mind and to share with your friends - and enemies, too - as the Jewish campaign to stampede America into war with Iraq unfolds.

* Almost all the media people, members of Congress, and so-called political and defence experts calling for the U.S. to attack Iraq are self-admitted pro-Israeli Jews. All the non-Jews advocating war are well-known, longtime friends of Israel.

- * Almost all the journalists, congressmen and military experts advising caution with regard to American involvement in the Persian Gulf are not Jewish.
- * Jewish support for war in the Middle East cuts across political and ideological lines. Jewish liberals in the news media and Jewish Democrats in Congress have joined forces with their conservative and Republican brethren in the call for war. The only thing they have in common in addition to their Jewishness is their devotion to Israel.
- * There are no U.S. vital national interests at stake in the current confrontation with Iraq. Saddam Hussein is not a direct and immediate threat to U.S. national security. The oil will continue to flow from the gulf, and the Arabs - with U.S. support - can deal with Iraq via a policy of containment and deterrence.
- * The only people in the Middle East, with the possible exception of the occupied Kuwaitis, who want to resolve the situation in the gulf by going to war are the Israelis. But it is not the Israelis who will bear the brunt of the fighting. That will be left to the Americans and the Arabs.
- * Most of the Jewish media loudmouths and other war hawks attempting to stampede President Bush into a bloody confrontation with Saddam have never served in the U.S. armed forces - or ever been in combat. Neither they nor their children are likely to fight or die in the war they are now promoting.
- * Most of the non-Jewish advocates of caution in the gulf have been in the armed services, and many have been in combat. It is their sons and daughters who will have to do the fighting in the desert to satisfy the Jewish lobby's and Israel's lust for an American war against Iraq.
- * There has been no groundswell of Jews rushing to join the U.S. armed forces to fight Iraq, or even to join

the Israel Defence Forces in order to save the Jewish state from the Hitler-like Saddam.

* Ironically, it is not the Israeli military establishment that is hollering for war. They do not believe Iraq will attack Israel - because Saddam knows Israel would retaliate (possibly with nuclear weapons) and destroy him and his regime. It is the Israeli politicians and their supporters here in the U.S. who want war with Iraq.

* Thus, it is quite obvious that the advocates of war in America - almost all of whom are Jewish - are motivated not by any concern for America or Americans, but rather by their desire to serve the ideological dreams of the Zionists in Israel - at no cost to the advocates themselves or American Jewry. But most particularly, they are desirous of serving their own deceitful ambitions - at the expense of America and blood of our youth.

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MIDDLE EAST MYSTERY UNRAVELS. (On Target).

The Australian (November 9th, 1990) reported: "The United States was aware Iraq was planning a significant political move four months before the invasion of Kuwait, a leading authority on the Middle East, David Pryce-Jones, has claimed. Pryce-Jones, a British author, journalist and academic, said his information was based on U.S. reports that claimed President Bush and the U.S. Secretary of State, Mr. James Baker, had met in April to discuss suggestions that a military move was about to start in Iraq. But the silence from the U.S. had led the President of Iraq, Mr. Saddam Hussein, to presume he had tacit approval to proceed with the invasion"

As our previous report showed, it was not simply silence from the U.S.. President Bush's Ambassador in Iraq, April Hersey, was instructed by James Baker to convey to Hussein the information that the U.S. was "not concerned" with any dispute between Iraq and Kuwait. It is the same James Baker who is currently

trying to drum up sufficient support from the national leaders whose troops are currently supporting the U.S. in Saudi Arabia to launch the first strike.

He is being urged on by Israel, who is facing an embarrassing new bout of publicity as a result of its defiant Palestinian population, now threatening to alienate those Islamic nations supporting America, and also from a previous U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, whose article in The Australian (November 5th) stridently called for military action. It seems increasingly clear that Hussein was implicitly given the "go-ahead" for his invasion by devious U.S. leaders who were looking for a scapegoat in an even grander design.

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BUSH AND BRINKMANSHIP. 'What is Overwhelming Force'?

courtesy New American View. December 15, 1990.

The new tactic of the Bush administration for dealing with Iraqi strongman Saddam Hussein is "brinkmanship" - the threat of imminent war and devastating defeat. This threat is backed up with promises by the president and his Secretary of State James Baker that any attack against Iraq will be "sudden, massive and decisive." The Pentagon calls it "overwhelming force." Such an attack will, of course, not be necessary, say Bush and Baker, if Saddam heeds the warning and retreats from Kuwait.

Once again the president has taken a page out of the foreign policy manual of his Cold War predecessors, some of whom, most notably John Dulles, Dwight Eisenhower's secretary of state, developed the tactic of brinkmanship to a diplomatic art form.

In the bad old days of constant confrontation with the evil Soviet empire, when Eisenhower and Dulles rattled their sabers, they were backed up by a powerful American nuclear-armed, strategic-strike force which the Kremlin masters recognised as real and feared. But does the same situation exist today?

Does Saddam understand what the White House means when it threatens "sudden, massive and decisive" action, or what the "invincible force" is that the Pentagon is talking about? And if he does, does he believe - and more importantly, fear - such action?

Saddam, moreover, must carefully weigh the consequences of not backing down and withdrawing from Kuwait, as well as the increasing, perhaps permanent, pressures of another Eisenhower-Dulles Cold War tactic - containment, deterrence and gradual economic strangulation. The choice he is being given is: withdrawal, or the destruction of Iraq - possibly with American nuclear weapons. And he must decide if the threat is real.

The more than 500,000 American-Arab troops (420,000 Americans and almost 100,000 Arabs) on the ground in Saudi Arabia are not sufficient to drive half a million dug-in Iraqi soldiers, artillery and armour from their positions in Kuwait. True overwhelming force, according to standard military practice, would necessitate a two or three-to-one advantage - a million or more American-Arab troops. Thus, a desert ground war fought with a force of only half a million troops would result in a slaughter - especially of the invading coalition forces - and probably the total destruction of Kuwait. It would be at best a Pyrrhic victory (and a domestic political calamity) for President Bush.

The UN resolution calling for Saddam's removal from Kuwait, however, allows for the use of whatever military force is necessary to accomplish the task. This provides the president and his generals in the Pentagon with the widest array of possible options to end the crisis decisively and quickly - and with the minimum loss of American lives. Short of capitulation by Saddam (or some sort of secret Washington-Baghdad deal), such a victory can be accomplished only through the use of overwhelming American air power.

Neither the so-called surgical strikes nor the kind of massive carpet bombing by the Americans and British which failed to bring Germany to its knees in World War II is likely to suffice. Instead, a devastating nuclear strike - the kind that compelled Japan to quickly and unconditionally surrender - would be required. What the

immediate, as well as long-term, consequences of an American nuclear strike against Iraq would be in the Middle East and, for that matter, the international community, can only be guessed. Are these risks acceptable - even to a president who leaped into the Persian Gulf without looking and who might be a desperate and drowning man by the 15th January deadline he himself has set for the resolution of the crisis?

"If President Bush and Secretary Baker cannot cut a deal with Saddam before the deadline, their game of brinkmanship may be given the acid test, says a former Defence Department strategist. "Brinkmanship is a tricky game. The key to it is the other side's perception of your threatened action. Saddam has got to understand what Bush means by 'overwhelming force.' The president does not mean he will launch a ground offensive against entrenched Iraqi troops in Kuwait. He is saying, 'We'll bomb your country into submission, and if you attack our troops in Saudi Arabia with chemical weapons, or do some other stupid thing, we'll decapitate you with a nuclear strike against Baghdad!'"

That the president and his military advisers might be considering a nuclear strike against Iraq may seem surprising. But, as this strategic expert points out, America's military power since the end of World War II has become increasingly reliant on its nuclear strike capabilities.

"The Korean War was fought to a draw because we did not have the conventional warfare capability to win it," he says. "We could have won, however, if we had used nukes. Similarly, the Vietnam War was dragged out unnecessarily long and ultimately lost because of a reluctance to use nuclear weapons to compensate for our inadequate general purpose forces.

"It is not widely understood, even in our own leadership circles, that the U.S. has become a one-dimensional military power. For the past forty years, most of our money and talent has gone into the development of nuclear strike weapons and strategies. Almost all of our energies were directed toward developing a capability to fight a nuclear war with the Soviet Union. As a re-

sult, we have today an awesome strategic nuclear strike capability - and very little else.

"We have intercontinental ballistic missiles, missile subs and nuclear-armed bombers. We have enough war-heads to destroy the entire world. But we do not have the general purpose forces or logistics to fight a sustained ground war. We can do guard duty for NATO in Europe, or have the Navy show the flag around the world, but we are not capable of much more than quick hit-and-run invasions of Grenada and Panama. Except for our nuclear strike capabilities, U.S. military might is a myth.

"Therefore, when the president talks of launching a massive and decisive attack against Iraq, he is either bluffing - which is a very dangerous thing to do with a man like Saddam - or he is implying that he is ready to use American's real military strength - its nuclear capability - to defeat Iraq. If the latter is the president's threat, then he is indeed playing at brinkmanship.

"But for brinkmanship to work, the threat must be perceived as real by Saddam. The Iraqi leader must believe that President Bush will use his full strength - American nuclear power - to accomplish his purpose. Unless Saddam believes that, Bush's brinkmanship won't work. And even if the Iraqi believes Bush, there's no guarantee that he is not dumb enough or crazy enough to dare the president to use nuclear weapons.

"What President Bush does then will be the true test of his brinkmanship."

Saddam has already blinked and released the hostages he had taken to prevent an American attack. Whether he will withdraw from Kuwait, in part or entirely, by the 15th January deadline is unknown. Whether there is a secret deal in the works, as many believe, also remains to be learned. One thing is certain, however. If Saddam does not withdraw from Kuwait by mid-January, President Bush will have to initiate hostilities - or kiss his "new world order" goodbye.

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Two Signs of the End of the Age.

By Wilfred Marks, Jr.
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During recent months, events have been developing which have bearing on prophecy concerning the last days. This Scripture was given to help us understand events as they relate to the approaching crisis and to provide signs by which we can gauge our distance from that one sign in particular for which we look--the Sign of the Son of man (Matthew 24:30). Let us review recent events in light of the prophetic word, focusing on two specific signs, with hopes of gathering some new information on this subject.

• The Prophet Daniel was told by the Lord:

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end."
(Dan. 12:4.)

The Moffatt translation of this verse reads:

"O Daniel, keep all this a close secret and keep the book shut as a secret, till the crisis at the end."

That crisis is now fast approaching with much of what Daniel was told to seal having been revealed, so that those of us living at the "time of the end" would have a warning sign marking the Day of the Lord, and that is the first of the two signs we will deal with.

The eleventh chapter of Daniel relates this final crisis, using the same method as in the eighth chapter. Although both chapters start out revealing events which would take place in the three hundred years immediately following Daniel's life - that is, during the period of the Persian and Grecian Empire - we soon realize the word-

ing is such that the prophecy has application to our present day. In "Study in Daniel" by Howard B. Rand, the author deals with this aspect of prophecy.

"We have continually pointed out that much of prophecy has a minor and a major fulfillment. This has previously been expressed as the short term and long term applications of certain prophecies. In the Book of Daniel we discover a third, and sometimes a fourth, application of the principle involved and perhaps this in itself has been the major factor in concealing the full meaning of Daniel's prophecies which were to be kept secret until the period of the crisis at the end of the age. Thus, the Angel could say to Daniel: 'O Daniel, keep all this a close secret and keep the book shut as a secret, till the crisis at the end.' (Dan. 12:4, Moffatt Trans.)" (Page 281.)

In Chapter 11, Daniel describes the final crisis in terms of a conflict between the "King of the North" and the "King of the South." Verses 1 & 2 give a forecast of the history covered by Persia and Greece. Verse 3 tells of the strength of Greece under Alexander the Great, while Verse 4 foretells how, following Alexander's death in 323 B.C., the Grecian Empire was divided into four subdivisions each ruled by one of Alexander's generals. The ruler of the southern subdivision was called the King of the South. He mainly controlled Libya, Egypt, Arabia and Palestine. The King of the North ruled Syria, most all of the northern Middle East, as well as several provinces in Asia Minor.

How could this apply to today? Again let us quote from "Study in Daniel" at the start of Chapter 21, "The Crisis: Kingdom Against Kingdom":

"The Kings of the South would be those who have from time to time held power over Egypt and Africa. Throughout the centuries we have seen different nations exercising that domination and during the time they had authority over Africa and Egypt they acted in the role of the King of the South. For the past century and at the present time the King of the South is Great Britain.

"The same reasoning that identifies the King of the South may also be used to identify the King of the North. Within recent years Soviet Russia has come into a position which enables her to act at this time in the role of the King of the North. We shall not wait long before this deduction of the Soviet position will be amply verified by events, for in the coming campaign Moscow plans to send her troops into Syria and Palestine, following the route taken by the ancient Kings of the North when they invaded Israel's land." (pp. 296-297.)

That was written in 1948, before Russia began its alliance with the Islamic nations of the Middle East, and before it began sending military personnel to nations such as Syria and Iraq.

At the same time, Britain has maintained a notable presence in the region of the "King of the South." During both World Wars, Britain controlled North Africa and even Palestine up until 1948, when they were forced out by the Zionists through terrorist acts in fulfillment of what Ezekiel wrote:

"Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord: unto us is this land given in possession."
(Ez. 11:15.)

Yet, despite Britain's diminished influence in that region as a result of the loss of the Palestine Mandate in 1948 and the Suez Crisis of 1956, Britain still retains strong ties to that part of the world, not to mention the part played by its kindred nation, the United States.

Today, Britain and the United States consider Saudi Arabia and Egypt to be allies and are the major suppliers to those countries of military equipment. Both the U.S. and the U.K. respectively have sent the largest number of troops and ships in defense of Saudi Arabia during the present crisis.

The recent invasion of Kuwait also brought to light an amazing fact. The government of Kuwait, now

in exile in Saudi Arabia, had prior to the invasion taken much of their wealth and invested it in many varied Western assets in preparation for the day when their oil resources would run dry. At present, the Kuwaiti Princes make more money from their investments than they do from oil income, and those investments and assets are, and have been, entirely controlled from a Kuwaiti office located in London.

Although in its present weakened state, Great Britain still relates to the end-time "King of the South" of Daniel's 11th chapter. (For further detail see "Study in Daniel.")

Ezekiel also has something to say about the moves leading up to the crisis which will close the present age in the 38th and 39th chapters of his book.

Ezekiel is told to prophesy against Gog of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech. Gog has long been identified with Russia. Meshech refers to an associated tribe descended from Japheth (Genesis 10:2). The Greek historian Herodotus calls this tribe Moschoi and locates them in mountains southeast of the Black Sea. Many believe Meshech came to refer to the place where this tribe settled, being the ancient name of Moscow. Further information on this may be found in "The Russian Chapters of Ezekiel" by the Rev. W.M.H. Milner, first published in 1923, and inspired by a pamphlet written in 1879! This was long before Russia's rise to world power status.

Ezekiel next foretells of a confederacy assembled by Gog:

"Persia, Ethiopia, and Libya with them; all of them with shield and helmet." (Ez. 38:5.)

This was from the King James version. Other translations such as the Smith and Goodspeed use the original names of Persia, Cush and Put (Pars, Kush and Phut in the Ferrar Fenton translation).

Persia is easily identified with Iran. Put was a descendant of Ham and was related to Egypt (Genesis

10:6). Put is also translated Libya in Ezekiel 30:5 and Jeremiah 46:9. Even the historian Josephus identifies Put with Libya.

Cush generally refers to southwest Arabian peoples also found on the nearby African coast. In most passages it is rendered Ethiopia. However, in Genesis 2:13 it denotes the territory drained by the Tigris and Euphrates rivers which would be present-day Iraq. The historian Herodotus describes Asiatic Ethiopians who were unlike African Ethiopians.

Genesis 10:8 states that Nimrod was a son of Cush and that he became mighty on the earth. Nimrod's kingdom began at Babel (Babylon). The ruins of Babylon are in modern-day Iraq. It has been a project of the Iraqi government to restore that city, a project which had been delayed due to the war with Iran.

Looking over the peoples named by Ezekiel as in Gog's camp, one wonders if it has reference to the hard-core Islamic nations which have been armed, trained and guided by Moscow.

Ezekiel says that Gog is to "be thou a guard unto them" (Ez. 38:7). This indicates an uneasy relationship between Gog and the nations of the confederacy, as if Gog was to keep them in line. This describes the relationship between Russia and Islam. Islam has been given certain promises concerning Palestine but has had to await the Russian timetable.

Ezekiel also makes reference to nations which will suffer as the result of Gog's actions:

"Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil?"
(Ez. 38:13.)

Sheba and Dedan were the grandsons of Abraham through Jokshan, his son by Keturah, whom Abraham married after Sarah's death. It is commonly accepted that Sheba and Dedan became the progenitors of the

tribes of South Arabia. The Westminster Bible Dictionary says, "Sheba was a country and people of southwest Arabia, well known from its own records and classical geographers." The present-day location of Sheba and Dedan would therefore be Saudi Arabia.

Daniel adds Egypt to the list of nations that will suffer as a result of Gog's activities:

"He shall stretch forth his hand also upon the countries: and the land of Egypt shall not escape." (Dan. 11:41.)

As to Tarshish, the "Ships of Tarshish" carried on a mineral trade with Palestine in the days of Solomon (1 Kings 10:22). Such a trade was known to have been established in ancient England. While many will identify Tarshish with Tartessus in Spain, there is an ancient map in the British Museum which labels the British Isles as Tarshish. Spain would no doubt have been a stopping point for ships coming and going to Tarshish.

The "Merchants of Tarshish" would be the inhabitants of Great Britain, while the "young lions thereof" would be its offshoots like the United States. As the modern-day Israel nations, they will be the main objects of Gog's hateful aggression:

"Thou shalt come up against my people of Israel, as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the latter days, and I will bring thee against my land." (Ez. 38:16.)

Has it been noticed during the present crisis that Saddam Hussein has singled out American and British citizens in his taking of hostages? This only reflects the inner attitude of hatred the confederacy headed by Gog has toward the Israel nations:

"They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel

may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent: they are confederate against thee." (Ps. 83:3-5.)

While on the surface relations with the Russians seem to be warming, their true attitude will be revealed when Russia feels it must directly move militarily to secure its aims. But before this happens, and the major and critical phase of the approaching crisis is reached, Jesus Himself gives us a warning:

"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.)

This warning has to do with the Lord's sudden unannounced appearing described by Jesus to His disciples:

"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.)

Jesus does not return at this time but from His position near the earth directs the gathering (rescue if you will) of those He will spare (see Malachi 3:16-17) from the time of trouble:

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

Paul makes reference to this event when Jesus shall send His angels with the sound of a trumpet but also tells us more of what this event will entail.

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the arch-

angel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall 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." (1 Thess. 4:16-17.)

Thus we see that it is not just those elect living who will be gathered, but also those elect who have gone to sleep in the Lord who will be raised through the process of resurrection described by Paul:

"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 (the living at the time) shall be changed."

(1 Cor. 15:51-52.)

Paul later confirms in 1 Thessalonians 5:2 that this will occur when Jesus comes just prior to the time of trouble like "a thief," corresponding to the previously mentioned verse from Revelation.

The problems in the Middle East, therefore, provide us with a sign (one of many) indicating that we are drawing closer to the appearing of the "sign of the Son of Man" so that Paul may say:

"But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief."

(1 Thess. 5:4.)

However, as we compare current events in the Middle East to the prophetic word, it seems that there are at least three things we need to keep in mind to maintain the proper perspective.

- 1) Events may provide us with a sign and not be advantageous at the same time. While we may use the current events as a signpost, it is not the purpose of this

article to comment on the merits, benefits, or lack thereof, resulting from our involvement in the present Middle East trouble.

2) Many view the age-ending crisis as one gigantic extremely brief battle, but Daniel was told there would be a time of trouble such as never was since there was a nation (Daniel 12:1). Though the nature of the awesome weaponry in the hands of man today requires that "those days should be shortened" or no flesh would be saved (Matthew 24:22), the crisis must still be long enough to accomplish the Lord's purposes of cleansing and judgment.

The present troubles are not the crisis itself, but as the saying goes, "only the tip of the iceberg." We should consider that, as time proceeds to reveal more of the approaching crisis, the alignments of nations may change. Present allies may become enemies, while present enemies may find it useful to enter into alliance. We will have to wait and see.

One thing is certain, while Russia has found it necessary to be "supportive" of the United States in the present troubles, and our leaders have found it convenient to enter into a "new relationship" with Russia, this is one alliance that WILL NOT STAND.

3) Since the critical phase of the approaching crisis is not reached until the sudden thief-like appearing of our Lord Jesus, we should contemplate the effect this will have on the world. Jesus said that all the tribes will mourn when they see Him coming in the clouds with power and great glory (Matt. 24:30). Describing this event John writes that the kings of the earth, the rich and mighty men and many others, will hide themselves in the dens and rocks of the mountain and say:

"Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?"

(Rev. 6:16-17.)

This will be an actual event, visible, if not understood, to the whole world. What will be its effect on the nations of the earth and on their present beliefs? Could this prove to be the factor which will dissolve the superficial "new relationship" and surface Russia's deep-seated hatred for His people Israel and, indeed, the Lord Himself?

The present Middle East troubles have aggravated another growing problem, which is the second sign of the approaching crisis that we will deal with.

Conflict in the Persian Gulf region has led to fears that the oil used to fuel Western economies will be cut off or available only at greatly increased prices. This in turn is panicking financial markets and causing fears of a recession. Why?

To begin with, oil prices shot up immediately with months' worth of supply still in the pipeline and with Saudi Arabia increasing production. The United States also has considerable oil in Alaska, a good portion of which is shipped to Japan.

There are even oil wells in various states which have been capped because it is "too expensive" to keep them running. One would think that domestic oil would be cheaper to produce than Middle East oil because of smaller shipping costs. America also has vast supplies of coal. The Germans converted coal to gas during World War II. However, that technology seems to have been lost.

While our oil problems appear to be a mystery, the panic on the financial markets really is not. The present energy problems will slow the nation's economy and hinder the ability of the public to service its debt and maintain stability in the financial markets. Unfortunately, our economy is now bloated with debt.

In an article published in "The Canadian Intelligence Service" report for July 1990 entitled "America Needs Interest-Free Money", we read:

"Many Americans are unaware of the fact that about one-third of the taxes collected by the U.S. government goes for interest on the government debt....Now the American taxpayers are paying close to \$200 billion a year to service this debt. And the principal of the debt is never touched but only added to as the government continues to borrow more money to run the country.

"The United States now has the biggest national debt in the world. In fact, it is so badly in debt that it could give the entire country over to the banks and it still could not pay off the debt.

"Debt comes from borrowing. The United States now operates on a debt-money system, having to borrow the money to run the country at interest from private bankers who call themselves the 'Federal' Reserve."

While this has to do with the federal debt, there is also a foreign debt which other countries owe on money loaned to them by big U.S. banks. A Jack Anderson column from 1987, "The Bank House of Cards" lists the foreign debt owed the ten biggest U.S. banks at \$234.6 billion. This is a 1985 figure! The article states:

"There is a further unfairness....The big banks that attract the uninsured foreign deposits pay no insurance premiums to the FDIC on these deposits, yet they rely on the full faith and credit of the American taxpayer to keep them in business."

Then there are the bad debts from the massive Savings and Loan scandal, the bill from which is to go to the American taxpayer. Indeed, on every level of government - federal, state and local - there are massive amounts of debt. The average American also faces huge personal debts on homes, cars and other items.

Debt and its more silent partner in crime - interest - are at the centre of our problems. Because of them, money is valued more than real wealth (goods and

services), giving control to money lenders who syphon off the true wealth of our nation.

Under the Divine Law, interest would be forbidden (Deut. 23:19). This, in combination with laws pertaining to taxes, the medium of exchange, and other economic laws would eliminate debt. But for now, inflation, debt and periodic depressions are the order of the day.

It is all part of the economic system that Jesus called Mammon (Luke 16:9-13). In the 18th chapter of Revelation it is called "Babylon the Great", for this system had its beginnings in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, King of Babylon, when gold became the standard of Wealth (Daniel 3).

This system became great in recent centuries with the advent of financial institutions. With the industrial age beginning in the 1800's, vast wealth and power has gravitated to the few, while many have become burdened by endless debt. Some may feel that, because of amassed wealth or hidden assets, they could weather any kind of trouble and perhaps come out wealthier in the end. However, such wealth is only of value relative to this system, and in the approaching crisis this economic system is to be destroyed. Thus James could say to those who rely on its continuance:

"Come now, you rich people! weep aloud and howl over the miseries that are going to overtake you! Your wealth has rotted, your clothes are moth-eaten, your gold and silver are rusted, and their rust will testify against you and eat into your very flesh, for you have stored up fire for the last days."

(James 5:1-3, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

We live today in the shadow of a mountain of debt held up only by the faith that things will continue as they are. If the present Middle East troubles are enough to shake that faith and cause a panic, what will be the result when "they shall see the Son of man com-

ing in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory"?

John states that he saw an angel come down from heaven and "the earth was lightened with his glory" (Rev. 18:1). This results in the collapse of the economic system:

"And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen."
(Rev. 18:2)

The force and rapidity of the fall of the economic system is described in Verse 21:

"And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all."

This occurs after the Lord gathers his elect as described earlier, for Revelation 19:1-3 declares that those gathered rejoice over the collapse of this system which has been the cause of so much suffering.

This system is to be replaced upon the actual return of Jesus Christ by the Israel economic system based on the Law of God found in the books of Moses. The scope of these laws is too lengthy for this article. (For more detail see "Digest of the Divine Law," by Howard B. Rand.) When these laws are administered, they will bring the conditions described by Micah:

"But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it." (Micah 4:4.)

But first, the present system must be removed. The events surrounding the "thief-like" appearing of our Lord Jesus will cause fear, destroying the confidence

supporting the economic system and reveal its worthlessness in the face of Him from Whom all things come. That appearing is to be totally unexpected for Jesus said:

"For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth."
(Luke 21:35.)

The fact that, at present, no one expects any such event is in itself a sign that we are drawing close to the day when the Lord will make His presence known prior to the critical phase of the approaching crisis which will completely destroy our Babylonian economic system, already drowning in debt and ready for collapse. The Lord then will issue His command for us to:

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."
(Rev. 18:4-5.)

Isaiah also saw the coming destruction of this system:

"And he answered and said, Babylon is fallen, is fallen; and all the graven images of her gods he hath broken unto the ground." (Isa. 21:9.)

This chapter also includes those verses in which Isaiah writes:

"Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come."
(Isa. 21:11-12.)

In "Standing Guard in the Night" by Howard B. Rand, we read that at the beginning of the twentieth century:

"The type of message to be given to modern Israel again changed with the changing times. God called for watchmen to be placed over the House of Israel to warn the people of the coming of the sword."

Today, we are near the end of the period of the watchmen as the approaching crisis is almost upon us. The Smith & Goodspeed translation of the above verse is:

"Watchman, what hour of the night is it?
Watchman, what hour of the night is it?" The watchman says: 'Morning comes, but also night;
if you wish to know more, come again.'"

Again from "Standing Guard in the Night":

"As the shadows of the night deepen, a corresponding acceleration in the tempo of trouble will be in evidence. The necessity on the part of those who heed the watchman's call to 'come again,' if they are to learn more, is an admonition to keep alert from hour to hour, during the remainder of the night. This is so because each passing hour will disclose its own significance until the darkness is at last dispelled by the dawn of the New Day and the inauguration of the New Order of the Ages."

As we watch for signs of the approaching crisis, no other advice is more valuable than that of our Lord Jesus:

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

STUDY IN REVELATIONS.

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PART FIFTEEN.

THE SEVENTH TRUMPET.

When we first began our study of this wonderful book, it was pointed out that it was made up of several sections or cycles. It set out the course of Israel's history from the time of our Lord's First Advent up until, and even beyond, His Second Advent. But this was revealed to John in its various aspects of the future experience and history of Israel. We had revealed to us, for instance, the on-going spiritual condition of the nation right up to our Lord's return, including the present age of being luke-warm. We only have to look around us to see the fulfilment of this condition. But after this, the cycle started back from the beginning again, and we had the history of the same people from the point of view of the growth of the forces which had such a powerful effect upon the nation. And so the cycles were revealed, each showing forth a different aspect of God' dealing with His people.

We have now reached the stage in our study when we have again reached the end of a cycle. The 11th chapter, which we studied in our last two issues, dealt with the death and resurrection of 'The Two Witnesses', and concluded with the announcement that;

*"The second woe is past; and behold, the third cometh quickly.
And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying,*

The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord and of His Christ, and He shall reign for ever and ever."

It should be noted that many other translations render the word 'kingdoms' as the singular word 'kingdom', which I believe is more correct.

Following this we come to the 12th chapter which takes us back to the beginning of a fresh cycle, into a study of the history of Israel's dispersion and re-gathering into the 'Appointed Place'. But before going on into this chapter, I feel we should make a short study of a very important aspect of the 11th chapter with which we have not as yet dealt in detail. And that is the matter of 'The Sounding of the Seventh Angel'.

As we have seen from our studies thus far, there were seven angels to whom were given trumpets. Each trumpet was sounded to introduce a further historical period or event. It must then be obvious that when we refer to the seventh of these trumpets, then we are automatically referring to the LAST Trumpet. This LAST TRUMPET is sounded by the seventh angel, and sounds the warning that the very last period or event is about to occur. For instance, in the above reading from the 11th chapter, the seventh angel sounds to announce the fact that the time has arrived for 'the kingdom of this world to become the kingdom of our Lord'. This is an obvious reference to our Lord's second advent. When we go back to Rev. 10:5-7, we read;

"The angel...lifted up his hand to heaven, and swore...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 shall be finished, as He hath declared to His servants the prophets."

The final reference to the seventh angel is found in Rev. 16:15-17;

"Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame. And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue, Armageddon. And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done!"

In addition to this, we have the statements in II Cor. 15:51-52, and I Thess. 4:16;

"Behold, I show 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 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 shall rise first: then we which are alive and remain will be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air."

It must then be obvious that the sounding of this last trump announces the very last period and event associated with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ.

And this is in full accord with the conditions which were prophesied to obtain on the earth at the very end. Notably among these are the following:

The parable of the Ten Virgins makes it quite clear that at the very end, when the actual cry goes forth to the effect that the Bridegroom, our Lord Jesus Christ, is on His way, that only a portion of those who would be waiting for Him would actually be awake enough to what was going on in order to be ready to go out to welcome Him.

God's people would be experiencing what Jeremiah the prophet referred to as "The time of Jacob's Trouble." This is confirmed by our Lord Himself by informing us that the conditions immediately prior to His return would be similar to that which existed in the days of both Lot and Noah. He told us that it would be a time of great tribulation and great degradation, lawlessness, and immorality.

The prophet Micah tells us that we would go into Babylon, but be saved out of it. (Micah 4:10). He goes on to remind us that we are committing the same sin that Balaam brought upon our forefathers, that of miscegenation. (Micah 6:5).

In fact, when we study our present position, we find that there is not one solitary sign relating to the end of this age which is not now present. Thus it is totally appropriate that the Lord should warn us by means of the seventh, or last, angel, sounding the seventh, or last, trumpet.

In previous chapters we have consistently warned of the fact that we are now living in the days designated as 'the time of the end' by the prophet Daniel. Many people don't like dates. Well, I'm sorry about that. But God didn't give Daniel these time periods just for fun. He intended that those who wished to be numbered among the "wise" should study and understand them in relation to the signs of the times. I don't notice the sceptics criticising the wise men from the east for recognising the signs relating to our Lord's first advent! As we have pointed out before, the end of the 'time, times, and a half', or 1260 day/years to which Daniel referred, concluded in 1917-18 with the deliverance of Jerusalem by the armies of modern Israel/Britain. 30 years later, at the end of the 1290 period saw the inhabitants of Jerusalem taking it from us again just as prophesied in Ezekiel 11:15. And 45 years later, to the end of the 1335 period will bring us to 1992-93. We have already mentioned in previous chapters our firm belief that the period of the death of the Two Witnesses of Rev. 11 would occur during the years 1992 to 1996.

And we have previously pointed out the fact that if this age ends 6,000 years from the fall of Adam, and 2,000 years from the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, then this age is due to come to its conclusion in 1997.

We are not interested in trying to fix dates. That is simply an exercise in futility. What we are trying to do is to make what we consider to be an intelligent analysis of the present situation by applying all the known relevant details, and by so doing come up with an answer that fits, as far as we can, the clear statements of God's Word regarding the last days in which we live. The fact that the periods of time quoted may turn out to be wrong makes no difference whatsoever to the certainty of the end result. Only time will tell how correct or incorrect we have been. But as I have stated many times before, I would rather sound the warning and be found in error as to the timing, than stand back, and for fear of sarcastic criticism, (which I assure you we have already received), say nothing and then find that we were correct. At the very worst, we will have at least awakened people to the extreme urgency of the days in which we are living, so that they can prepare themselves for this coming event which will, by its very nature, stun the world. Sadly, I'm sorry to say, it will also stun most Christians because of their sheer lethargy in regard to this whole subject of the return of our Lord.

Let me assure you friends, that the seventh angel is now sounding. There is now, "time no longer". The greatest event in the history of this tired old world is about to burst upon us. What your position will be in this event is entirely up to you. You can accept the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on your behalf, and thus qualify for eternal life and become a citizen of Christ's Kingdom, or you can 'press on towards the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus', and become a priest and king and ruler with Christ over that glorious Kingdom. The choice is entirely yours. Of course, you can even choose to do nothing at all and miss out on the Kingdom and its everlasting life altogether. What a tragic choice that would be to make after having heard or read the Words of Life, especially when the alternative offered by

God is so simple. But irrespective of your personal choice, God is not going to delay His plans and purposes any longer. He knows the very hour of the very day of the very month of the very year in which He intends to step back into the affairs of our nation, and of the world. He has known it from before the foundations of the world. And He has recorded in His Word as much information that He knows we should need to work out for ourselves the 'times and seasons' of this great event. If He didn't want us to know these things, then He wouldn't have put all the clues there for us.

But He has, and we can now only study them in order to be '**a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of Truth**', and as faithfully as we can, pass on the warning to those who 'have eyes to see, and ears to listen.'

We are now at the very cross-roads of history. At last we are about to hear the "trump of God" and come face to face with the **KING OF KINGS** Himself.

THE END

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PART 1.

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Psaln 46.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High.

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved. God shall help her, and that right early.

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved. He uttered His voice, the earth melted.

The Lord of Hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations He hath made in the earth.

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; He burneth the chariot in the fire.

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.

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