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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.

I recently read an excellent book called "The Other End of the World" by Prof. Roger Rusk of the U.S.A. He commented on the Historicist approach to history and prophecy as developed by the leaders of the Reformation, and went on to remark; "The principle is simple. Read the Book and look out the window. If what you think you see is not to be found in the Book, then either we have poor eyesight, or God is not in control of what is going on."

It struck me just how true this is today. Millions of Christians all over the world seem to be living in a theological fairyland. The events of the world to so many of them are almost meaningless in terms of what God's Word is saying. They see in events around them just what they want to see, or what seems to be in accord with their particular denominational viewpoint. But how much of what people think they see is in reality in the Book? When we look at the present Middle East scene, what do we see? Do we see a United Nations attempt to save the State of Israeli from danger from the surrounding nations? Well, if you do, then you are seeing what you want to see, because that is not what the Book tells us. The people in modern-day Israel have absolutely no connection with true Israel. They are there in response to the command of no less a Person than our Lord Jesus Christ, who said that His enemies were to be brought before Him to Jerusalem in order that they may be slain before Him. If this command does not apply to the people there now, then to whom does it apply? In which case, the present people will have to leave in order to allow the people who are destined to be destroyed to take over. Read the Book. Is God in control, or not? If He is not, then we may as well give the whole game away as there would be no hope for any of us. But if He is, then what happens will be in accord with what He has promised. It is our spiritual eyesight that needs attention.

Then we look out the window again and see the greatest mess you could ever imagine in respect of our political and economic situation. Is God in control or not?

If not, then again, we are totally lost and are about to pass into the deepest time of oppression and slavery that this world has ever seen. But if He is in control, then He is most certainly working to a plan. And the plan will not be the ones that we mere mortals would like to think up. It will be the Plan that our Lord has always had for us, and which He means to accomplish with absolute certainty, and without any foolish help from us.

The basic problem of course is that most people simply don't know that God has a real plan for this old earth of ours. Modern theology would have us believe that all of God's Plans for the future are related to some far away place somewhere up in the sky, with sumptuous mansions, golden paved streets and gates of pearls. Again, this is just wishful thinking. Quite to the contrary, the Book teaches quite plainly that God's plans for the future are for this earth. That's where Jesus is coming when He returns, so why should He prepare some glorious mansion for us in the sky and then come back to earth to reign?

The time for wishful thinking is over. It is high time that Christians based their beliefs on what the Book really says, because it was written by the One who made the Plan in the first place. And if anyone knows what's going on now, and what is going to happen in the future, it should be Him.

What we have to realise is that this plan is in its final state just prior to completion. The wars and famines, and floods, and plagues are not aberrations of nature, or natural phenomenon. The present economic plight of the world is not just a phase that will pick up either in predictable or unpredictable cycles, according to what school we went to. This is all part of the final breakdown and collapse of the old order preparatory to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is about to take the government upon His own shoulder and rule and reign over His people in Justice and Righteousness. We pray that the day will come quickly, and that those who read these words will be fully prepared for that great day.



A TIME FOR EVERY PURPOSE.

By Wilfred Marks, Jr.
(courtesy Destiny Editorial Letter Service).

Solomon's famous verses from Ecclesiastes 3 which begin "to every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven" are more than just philosophical words of comfort to those faced, for one reason or another, with the human inability to explain why certain events happen and why they happen at certain times. Solomon's words state a physical fact--that creation has been arranged so that certain events must occur and must occur at certain times in order to fulfil the Divine purpose. This sounds simple enough but, when we mentally apply this matter-of-fact view to historical situations and consider the time involved, we find a point of view which may help us understand the Divine agenda for this present day.

For over sixty years, DESTINY, as well as other publications, has called attention to the scriptural and historical evidence identifying the Angle-Saxon-Celtic and kindred peoples as the modern-day House of Israel and the necessity for them to recognise their identity and their responsibility to keep, as a nation, the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord in accord with the terms of the covenant made at Mt. Sinai (Exodus 24:8). Such evidence has come to light to be published only in the past one hundred and fifty or so years. A relatively short time, historically speaking.

This could lead some to ask: If this information is true, why doesn't all Christianity accept it as doctrine? Why has this information not been openly available since Old Testament times or at least New Testament times? Why are we just hearing about it now?

Well, the information has been recorded in both Old and New Testament writings but worded in a way so

that it would not become open knowledge until the appropriate time. The prophet Habakkuk, writing about 620 B.C. at the time Jeremiah was active, was informed by the Lord of things relating to the end of the age and was told:

"Write the vision, and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it. For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall speak, and not lie though it tarry, wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not tarry." (Hab. 2:2-3.)

This seems to indicate that at the time of the end there would be information which would "speak" (become open knowledge to those of the Lord's followers who read the information so they may "run"). This reminds us of the statement made by Paul:

"Know ye not that they which run in a race run all, but one receiveth the prize? So run, that ye may obtain." (I Cor. 9:24.)

Daniel also indicates that certain information would be sealed up to the close of the age:

"And he [the Lord] said, Go thy way, Daniel: for the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end." (Dan. 12:9.)

How could this be? The viewpoint of mainstream Christianity is that all we need to know has been revealed to us with the coming of Jesus Christ, His preaching, death and resurrection which comprise the message of personal salvation. This message has been around for nearly two thousand years and is extremely vital in the relation of the individual to God. In fact, the acceptance of the Gospel of Personal Salvation is a necessity for the forgiveness of sins and for eternal life. So what more is there to know?

What there is to know is the means by which God will establish, in time, just government over the nations of the earth. Abraham was called so that his descendants

would provide a means by which the Lord could establish such a government. Jacob, in blessing Ephraim and Manasseh (the sons of Joseph, said that Ephraim would become a multitude of nations and Manasseh would become a great people (Gen. 48:19).

Jacob's blessing has seen fulfilment, for Great Britain and its Commonwealth of Nations are the multitude of nations, while the United States is the great people.

The vision that was to be made plain and the words Daniel was told were to be sealed involve, in one way or another, the part these nations will play in the events which will end the present age and usher in the Kingdom Age (Rev. 204). In fact, a large amount of prophecy deals with Israel's role in the end times and how they will be made ready (as a nation) to receive Jesus Christ when He returns to establish His rule.

It is not the purpose of this article to defend the identification of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred nations as modern-day Israel, for much writings dealing with such historical and scriptural evidence have been published for that purpose. Rather, it is to address those people who may wonder how this information could be true when it is not a commonly accepted belief of mainstream Christianity, which for the most part preaches personal salvation only.

Because the message of personal salvation through the shed blood of Jesus Christ has been openly available for all since New Testament times, many may feel that any new information pertaining to God's dealings with the nations of this world, which does not have widespread acceptance, is just plain wrong - nothing more than the passing fancy of some particular sect.

After all, when the Lord has dealings with the human race, is it not open knowledge to all? Is it not there for all to read in Scripture?

Well, no.

If one considers the time frame involved, it is realised that what we today consider open knowledge and Church doctrine was at one time as unfamiliar and unknown as certain information coming to light to those of us living today.

For example consider Abraham who, as mentioned above, was called by God to become the father of a people through whom Jesus would eventually come as a Messiah to all men, and through which that same Jesus will establish His rule.

In 1917 B.C. Abraham, then seventy-five years old, was told by God to leave his home in Ur of the Chaldees and go to the land of Caanan. The story is in the twelfth chapter of Genesis, and it makes no mention of there being a ceremony of any sort by the residents of Ur to see Abraham off on what was a Divine mission.

Abraham was a man of wealth and his household included hundreds of servants (Genesis 14:14, so it seems likely that the departure of his household from Ur was noticed by the residents and people of that region. However, the significance of the departure was not. Yet today we find that, of all the events which happened in the world of that time, it is the story of Abraham leaving Ur of the Chaldees which God considered important.

Imagine a resident of Ur being alive today and reading what the Bible has to say about his day and age, and then remembering Abraham and his family and how they left Ur after living there many years, supposedly because of a desire to go to a more prosperous land. Imagine that person realising the reason Abraham left that day was because of a command from God, and that Abraham's departure set in motion a 4,000 year series of events involving what would become the nation of Israel.

What was in 1917 B.C. an event of seeming unimportance is in 1990 A.D. an event of great importance and commonly taught to children in Sunday School classes. What a difference time makes!

Another important event, celebrated by the entire Christian world, is the birth of our Lord Jesus. The Christmas Season runs three to four weeks and is marked by special church services, events and all sorts of family gatherings. It is also the time of year when the most money is spent so it must really be important.

Let us mentally transport ourselves back in time almost two thousand years to see how this event was perceived by the general public of that day.

At the time of the Lord's birth in Bethlehem, it is stated that only some shepherds tending their flocks were aware of what had taken place. These shepherds received this information due to an angelic revelation. Months later, the Wise Men came to Jerusalem asking "where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the east" (Matthew 2:2).

The Wise Men understood the Scripture pertaining to the coming Messiah and certainly must have studied the Book of Daniel chapter 9 in order to know to a degree the timing involved in the Lord's first advent. Furthermore, they would have known the meaning of the constellations, for the star they saw must have appeared in a specific constellation, the meaning of which would have signalled to them that the time of the Messiah's birth had come.

At any rate, it becomes evident that the event which forms the basis of the biggest holiday in Christian nations was known to very few people at the time it occurred, none of whom were the religious authorities in Jerusalem, for it is stated that, when Joseph and Mary brought Jesus to Jerusalem shortly after His birth, to present Him according to the Law of the Lord, only two people understood who the Child was (Luke 2:22-38).

One was Simeon, a just and devout man, who had it revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not die before seeing the Lord's Christ. The Spirit also revealed to Simeon the baby Jesus as being that Christ. The other was Anna, a widow and a prophetess. The Spirit also

revealed to her the identity of the Child. She in turn related the information to others in Jerusalem who looked for the Messiah.

Today we can look at this, shake our heads and say, "if only the people of that day had read Scripture they would have known." But would they? The shepherds, the Wise Men, Simeon and Anna had this knowledge revealed to them by God. True, all these people were acquainted with the relevant Scripture and, while this is important, there has be more to be able to perceive God's plans and purposes at the time they happen, before they become written history by Hosea and accepted doctrine.

The Bible states in Matthew 2:15 that, when Joseph and Mary brought the baby Jesus from Egypt back to Palestine after Herod died, the words written by Hosea were fulfilled:

"When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt." (Hosea 11:1.)

Who living at that time would have known that a carpenter and his wife travelling from Egypt with their baby were fulfilling a prophecy made by Hosea some seven hundred years earlier?

Likewise, Jesus at the beginning of His ministry came to the synagogue in Nazareth and opened the scroll to Isaiah and read:

"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me...to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."
(Luke 4:18-19.)

He then told the crowd at the synagogue:

"This day is this scripture fulfilled in your ears." (Luke 4:21.)

As a result, the people became angry with Jesus and got up to drive Him out of town. The people at the

synagogue especially the religious authorities) knew these passages of Scripture, yet were unable to recognise them being fulfilled before their eyes.

Would we recognise all the Scripture pertaining to the events occurring today? It should be noted that the people living at the time of Jesus' ministry did not have the luxury to actually read Scripture but had it read to them from scrolls in the synagogues. Today there is a Bible available in almost every home.

Jesus also performed many works (miracles) to demonstrate His authority. Another time when He came to the synagogue at Nazareth He preached with such force the people were astonished and they asked:

"Where did he get this wisdom, and the power to do these wonders? Is he not the carpenter's son?" (Matt. 13:54-55, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

Though the people heard the powerful teaching of Jesus and witnessed His works (wonders), they were offended by Him. In order for the people of Nazareth, and many others of that day, to have recognised Jesus as being the Messiah preaching "the acceptable year of the Lord," it would have been necessary to compare His teaching, ways and works with Scripture. Yet in order to have done this and arrived at the proper conclusion regarding Jesus, it was necessary to possess sincere faith in God. The record states regarding Jesus' trip to Nazareth:

"And he did not do many wonders there, because of their want of faith." (Matt. 13:58, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.)

Jesus was able to perform wonders but it was better for the people of Nazareth that He did not, for the record indicates they may have still rejected Him. Any works Jesus performed would then have been a witness against them, instead of the blessing He desired.

It is by faith our relationship is established with God so that He may reveal to us that which He wishes us to know in our day and age. Knowledge of Scripture and the events of one's own day and age provide valuable pieces of information. But faith allows God to assemble it all into the picture He wishes you to see.

On one occasion, Jesus asked His disciples, "Whom do men say that I the Son of man am?" The disciples responded that some thought he was John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or some other prophet. Jesus then asked His disciples, "But whom say ye that I am?". Peter answered saying:

"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." (Matt. 16:16.)

Jesus told Peter that he was blessed because flesh and blood (human means or logic) did not reveal this to Peter but God the Father did reveal it. The account next states of Jesus:

"Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ." (Matt. 16:20.)

What a remarkable statement! Today it is the primary objective of mainstream Christian churches especially the evangelical movement) to get people to accept Christ as their personal Saviour. It is an accepted bed-rock doctrine. But here we have Jesus Himself at the time of His ministry wanting to keep it a secret. It was simply not yet time for it to be openly known.

Eventually, Jesus commissioned His followers to preach this message, but only after His death and resurrection galvanised their faith and in turn solidified their understanding of the purpose of His ministry, death and resurrection.

Even the disciples, who possessed faith in Jesus as the Christ, did not at first fully realise the scope of Jesus'

ministry. After Jesus told them not to reveal that He was the Christ, the Bible then states:

"From that time forth began Jesus to shew unto his disciples, how that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised again the third day."
(Matt. 16:21.)

What if Jesus had told all this to His disciples when He first met them? Told them about how He would be killed by the authorities, resurrected, then return to heaven for nearly two thousand years while they preached His message amidst persecution and trials. It may not have gone over so well with the men Jesus chose to be His disciples. But it did after Jesus had the time to develop their faith and understanding.

Could there be some things today which may not go over so well with us if we knew them before we are ready?

Regarding the people at the time of Jesus' ministry, the disciples asked Jesus, "Why speakest thou unto them in parables?". He replied:

"Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given....Therefore speak I to them in parables: because they seeing see not; and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand." (Matt. 13:11-13.)

So the Lord is not always plain land open about the things He would like us to understand. Sometimes our lack of faith requires that His message be concealed until events have been played out and become written history.

Another problem which leads to an inability to recognise the Lord's actions as they happen is a failure to appreciate the time frame upon which the Lord operates. To the Lord a day is as a thousand years (II Peter 3:8).

For human beings, however, a few years is a long time and, if our expectations do not materialise in a short time, we can begin to lose faith.

This is especially true of our generation living today--"the instant generation." We live in a fast-paced time. If we wish to talk with someone, we pick up a telephone. Wish to travel, just hop in the car. Travel is nothing compared to ninety years ago. Then there are movies and television programmes where problems of all sorts are solved before our eyes in two hours (real serious problems require a sequel). It is less and less part of our nature to have to wait for anything.

This is not advocating a return to horse and buggy days but rather to consciously maintain an appreciation of events that take years to develop. An excellent example, and one pertinent to our day and age, can be found in the events of Jeremiah's time.

Jeremiah was commissioned as a prophet in 623 B.C. in the thirteenth year of the reign of Josiah, King of Judah (Jeremiah 1:2). One source places his birth in 653 B.C., so he was relatively young at the time (see Jeremiah 1:6). Jeremiah was both in the service of the Royal House and related to many of the rulers of Judah. The last king of Judah, Zedekiah, was Jeremiah's grandson (Jeremiah 52:1).

When Jeremiah began his office as a prophet, it had been ninety two years since the House of Israel had been carried away to Assyrian captivity. The House of Judah was now slipping into the same sins, placing it in the same type of danger at the hands of Babylon.

It was Jeremiah's mission to tell of the Lord's displeasure of the sins of His people and to warn of their coming captivity by Babylon. At first, the message to Judah was to repent or face an invasion by Babylon but finally the message was definite: the Chaldeans (Babylonians) would attack and capture Jerusalem and carry Judah away into captivity for seventy years.

Jeremiah at this point was forced to tell the rulers of Judah to accept defeat and serve the King of Babylon (Nebuchadnezzar) until the time came when the Lord could return them to their land.

This was also refused, for Zedekiah, the last King of Judah (in Palestine), entered into a league with the Egyptians against Babylon, the result of which was Nebuchadnezzar becoming angry with both Egypt and Judah. He defeated both in battle and captured Jerusalem in 583 B.C. Zedekiah's sons (not his daughters--Jeremiah 43:6) were put to death and Zedekiah had his eyes put out and was carried off to Babylon in chains.

However, from the time Jeremiah was first commissioned to preach this message, until Judah was taken captive by Babylon, there was a space of forty years. In the intervening years Jeremiah had to endure much ridicule and personal suffering. The people thought he was a fool, the rulers thought he was disloyal to the nation because of his message (Jeremiah 38:4), and many religious leaders thought he was mad (Jeremiah 29:24-32). The religious leaders of the day preferred to preach a message of peace (Jeremiah 28:1-17). All this led Jeremiah to exclaim:

"Everyone makes fun of me; they laugh at me all day long. Whenever I speak, I have to cry out and shout, 'Violence! and Destruction!' Lord, I am ridiculed and scorned all the time because I proclaim your message....I hear everybody whispering 'Terror is everywhere! Let's report him to the authorities!' Even my close friends wait for my downfall. 'Perhaps he can be tricked,' they say; 'then we can catch him and get revenge.' But you, Lord, are on my side, strong and mighty, and those who persecute me will fail." (Jer. 20:7-8, 10-11, Good News Bible.)

Again, let us mentally transport ourselves back in time and listen to two men talking about the issues of the

day after Listening to Jeremiah give his message. What would they say?

"O yes, that's Jeremiah of Anathoth going on about an invasion by Babylon," one would say. "I know, he has been saying this for years," the other would respond.

"Babylon's not going to invade, they want money out of us, and they're having problems with the Egyptians. They won't bother with us." The second man agrees, "Yep, you're right. I was at the Temple yesterday. None of the priests agree with this guy and they should know. God's not out to get us, He wants peace for us. This Jeremiah keeps talking about our sins but there's nothing that hasn't been going on for years. What a fool!"

"There's been talks going on, it'll get worked out. It always does," the other one concludes.

The citizens had dismissed the thought that they, both as individuals and as a nation, were out of favour with God. Instead of viewing the years when nothing seemed to happen as God granting them time to get their house in order, they considered it to be an indication that nothing was wrong. Eventually the time came when the Lord could wait no longer.

When the Lord's hand produces an event over a period of years, it can, if we do not watch carefully, blend into the background of history, so that we fail to perceive the Lord's actions.

The people of Jeremiah's day failed to realise that it simply took time for Babylon to become a power capable of executing the Lord's judgment on His disobedient people. Likewise, it has required time for Soviet Russia to grow to the strength necessary for it to fulfil its role in the age-ending conflict. It has been said that we have "kept the peace" with Russia for over forty years. That may not be something to take great solace in.

Today, World War I is considered ancient history--events that are water over the dam. Yet, prophetically,

the start of World War I in June of 1914 set in motion a series of events which have led to the present East-West tensions as well as the Middle East crisis. In essence, it began the final gathering of the nations for the events which will close the present age.

Concurrent to all this, political, economic and spiritual decay has set into the modern-day Israel nations. The time has just about come when the Lord can wait no longer. At the top of the agenda is the necessity for the modern-day Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred nations to recognise our identity as modern-day Israel and fulfil our national responsibilities.

Which brings us back to our original problem. Why is not this common knowledge?

We have seen that it is possible for each generation to miss the Lord's message to their particular day and age. In fact, we have seen that it is likely. Even with Scripture at our disposal we do not always connect it to what is currently happening. Faith seems to be the element which makes that connection. Can we honestly say this is a very faithful generation. Could this be part of the reason why the identity of modern-day Israel is not common knowledge?

It may not be common knowledge but it is open knowledge, for much information regarding the identity of Israel has been openly published. It simply has not been accepted--yet.

But there are other reasons why the identity of modern-day Israel has been kept hidden. Isaiah writes:

"Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the people renew their strength." (Isa. 41:1.)

Does this not refer to the British Isles where, from the time of Israel's captivity and deportation by Assyria, they began to migrate. Their identity was kept secret for centuries to allow time for them to grow in population and

bind together into a stable nation. This was done over a period of centuries and, while some in each generation knew, the knowledge of their heritage became lost:

"Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I sent? Who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the Lord's servant?" (Isa. 42:19.)

But after the people "renewed their strength" and became a solid nation (at least by 1600 A.D. for Britain), why should they remain blind? Paul writes:

"For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in" (Rom. 11:25.)

The Lord did not intend this information to be accepted in a spirit of self-pride, but rather with a humble heart and a spirit of servitude to do the Lord's will as a nation.

Would it really serve the Lord well to have our nation, and other modern-day Israel nations, realise their identity before we are willing to keep the covenant made with God and make the Law of the Lord the law of our land? When will that be? The Lord declares:

"And I will cause you to pass under the rod, and I will bring you into the bond of the covenant." (Ez. 20:37.)

That rod will be the age-ending conflict with Soviet Russia but it has not yet been time for that to begin, and it is not the Lord's will for us to fully awaken to our identity before being made ready.

However, for over one hundred years, it has been the Lord's will that the information be made open, or "plain upon tables" as was told to Habakkuk. During that

time volumes of historical, archaeological and scriptural information has been collected and prepared to that end, ready for the day when the information will be needed.

It is an aspect of scriptural truth which has always been there. The past one hundred fifty years have simply been the process of time required to bring it to the surface, a process which will culminate with its full acceptance.

Over these years, many have accepted the information. Not with the attitude of being the happy few who possess the inside scoop on the Lord's plans and purposes, but rather with the hopes that it will become commonly accepted that we are modern-day Israel so that, in turn, the Lord may return to establish His righteous rule through us and restore order to a world fast spinning out of control.

The return of Jesus as King of kings and Lord of lords and the resurrection of those who have gone to sleep in His name are both events which are commonly said in church creeds. How often is it said with the belief that it will actually someday happen or as the Bible sublimely says: "come to pass"?

It should be believed that during a given year, in a certain month, on an exact day, at a specific minute, these events, upon which our faith is based, will actually begin to occur.

Together with other age-ending items on the Lord's agenda, it is necessary that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic and kindred nations realise their identity as modern-day Israel and their national responsibility.

It is a purpose whose time has come.



Islam.

(Courtesy Richard Hoskins).

ISLAM IN THE PAST

For a thousand years Islam raided, invaded, stormed, burned, and on two occasions almost overran all of Christendom. One invasion conquered Egypt, North Africa, Spain, and was barely stopped in the heart of France. Another Islamic steamroller from the opposite direction was narrowly stopped at Vienna.

Islamic warriors invaded Spain, Sicily, Southern Italy, Greece, Southern Russia, and most of Eastern Europe. Her corsairs raided the British and French coasts for slaves. Europe had to pay tribute to gain permission to sail ships on the high seas.

Islam brought down and destroyed the world's greatest empire, greater than the rest of the West put together, the Christian empire of Constantinople. Islam is the hereditary enemy of the Christian West.

Shortsightedly, the West and the USSR both used the warlike tendencies of these people to market their expensive military hardware which was paid for with oil dollars. It was a powerful stimulus for world economies.

Then, the Israeli nation which had recently wedged themselves into their midst, complained that this armament was causing her Arab enemies to be too powerful for her to handle. One of them in particular - Iraq.

Iraq lies in the geographic centre of Mideast Islam. If her military power were destroyed and the country occupied by a power more powerful than any of her neighbours, the Mideast would then become safe for the Israeli nation, and the rest of the Arab world would also become peaceful in time. As a bonus, the power that occupied the Arab world would also control their oil, and, Europe and

Japan who were dependent on this oil for energy. The occupying power (or powers) would exercise indirect control of the world.

Iraq became the new Evil Empire and was enticed into making a 4th attempt to re-annex Kuwait. She thought she had done her homework when she naively asked D.C. if there were any offensive/defensive agreements between the U.S. and Kuwait. She foolishly believed the United States when it assured her that there were no such offensive/defensive treaties with Kuwait. The Iraqis took this to mean that the road was clear, and that the U.S. would not intervene any more than they had intervened when the Soviets invaded or suppressed Afghanistan, Czechoslovakia, Lithuania and Estonia. Iraq felt that America had no interest in Kuwait.

THE PEACE THAT FOLLOWS

Many strongly suspect that the massive invasion of the Arab world and the attack on Iraq has not been thoroughly thought through any more than the results of massively arming the Arabs in return for short-term economic stimulation was thought through. For that matter, neither was the consequences of giving Arab Palestine to the Jews thought through.

America and her allies can with relative ease defeat and occupy Iraq, if she wishes to forego the economic benefits of an extended police action, and sit on Iraqi ruins for the next 50 years if they desire. Spy satellites can spot Arab military convoys to enable occupying forces to smash them with missiles before they can go 100 miles. But will it work?

Though not understandable by Jewish or Western logic, Saddam Hussein has been faithful to the requirements of the Quoran. If he lives, he will be looked on as one who stood for Allah against the Great Devil. If he dies, he will become a martyr who will in time achieve a place in Islam just below Mohammed himself.

THE GREAT DEVIL

Islam speaks loudly against the "Great Devil". Who does Islam say is this Great Devil? It is those who attack her. They look with scorn on those whose normal every day acts must be toned down by Army advisory pronouncements - whose normal behaviour is offensive to Islamic peoples. The Islamic peoples of the world believe that they are morally superior in most respects to the TV-trained Christian West.

THE NEW AGE

This is a new age we are living in. An Islam depending on American and Soviet-made tanks, planes, missiles, and millions of men under arms has proved to be a disastrously weak Islam. A million men with 2nd hand equipment find it almost impossible to kill a handful of invaders. However, one muslim in a truck sacrificed himself to kill 120 invading U.S. marines in a barracks in Lebanon. One muslim in New York sacrificed himself to walk up and shoot Zionism's most militant advocate. One muslim retaliated for the shooting down of an Iranian airliner in the gulf by blowing up an American airliner over Scotland. This is a new kind of warfare - one that F-16s, Patriot missiles, and the latest radar sighting devices can't defend against. It is a defense/offense that has been successful, and one that can go on and on. This matter has not been thought through.

In spite of Islamic shortcomings seen so clearly through Western eyes, Islam considers herself cleaner and purer. Islam sees her men as more dedicated. They prove it by freely sacrificing themselves for their people and to obey the demands of Allah their god.

THE TALLY SHEET

America, for oil, for political obligations to special groups, and simple narrow mindedness, has allowed herself to be entrapped in Near East flypaper. Her entry into Islam will be like the German armies flowing onto the steps

of Russia. Both Russia and Islam are easy to get into and very difficult to get out of again, intact.

Make no mistake, the Jews have taught Islam to hate with a cold deadly hate. Christendom is now included in this hate. Islam hates while she keeps and counts the tallies. For each of the "faithful" who dies - in time, maybe months later, or years - another barracks will go up in smoke, another plane will fall from the skies, another ship will sink, another hostage will be taken, another leader will die. Christendom will pay, and pay, and pay. Life for life. Blood for blood. Week after week, year after year.

This war that has begun will end when Christendom is at least as morally clean as Islam, more just, more righteous, and her men as willing to die for their God as Mohammedans are for theirs'. Christendom's dealings with Islam must become just and fair.

But now, that day will be a long time coming. The thing that must be dealt with is called "Jihad" - Holy War! A thing that Westerners don't really understand, but their memories will become refreshed. It is something that goes on, and on, and on -.

The "peace that follows" may lie generations in the future - on the other side of stacked bodies of sons and husbands.



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The Kingdom Taken Away.

by Frank W. Dowsett.

In Matthew 21:43 we read that well known verse;

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

I recently received a letter from one of our readers who asked me the question, "How could the Kingdom be taken from a people who never owned it in the first place?"

Now that posed a very interesting problem, so I decided not only to answer our friend personally, but to share the matter with our other readers.

To fully understand the position, we need to go to Luke 17:20-21 where we read;

"And when He was demanded of the Pharisees, when the Kingdom of God should come, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall they say, Lo here! or, lo there!, for behold, the Kingdom of God is within you."

The word "within" you as used here means "among" you. The New American Standard Bible translates this passage;

"Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the Kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, The Kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed: nor will they say, 'Look, here it

is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the Kingdom of God is in your midst."

The first thing we need to decide, I suggest, is in what way the Kingdom of God was in their midst? Some might say that it was because the Lord Jesus Christ was there in their midst. But this could not be, because He is not the Kingdom. He is the KING of the Kingdom. To accept this interpretation is to spiritualise the statement in quite an unwarranted fashion, and in my opinion only confuses the issue.

To fully understand this situation we must go right back to the Old Testament, where in I Kings 11:35-36;

"But I will take the kingdom out of his son's (Solomon's) hand, and will give it unto thee, (Jeroboam), even ten tribes.

And unto his son (Jeroboam) will I give one tribe, that David My servant may have a light alway before Me in Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen Me to put My name there."

The subsequent recorded history of Israel shows that the tribe given to Jeroboam was that of Benjamin. He became known as "the light bearing tribe." And it is most important that we realise that Benjamin was NOT originally of the southern House of Judah. He was a part of the "Dominion" house, not of the "Sanctuary" house, as set out in Psalm 114:1-2;

"When Israel went out of Egypt, the House of Jacob from a people of strange language; Judah was his SANCTUARY, and Israel his DOMINION."

So Benjamin, a 'Dominion' or 'Kingdom' tribe, was loaned to Judah, the 'Sanctuary' tribe. These two tribes, with the tribe of Levi, who did not have any inheritance in the land, became known as "the southern House of Judah," whilst the other ten tribes, now numbering Ephraim and

Manasseh as two separate tribes, became known as "the northern House of Israel."

Thus it was that at the time that our Lord made His statement to the effect that the 'Kingdom of God' was among them, or in their midst, He was stating a literal fact. The only remaining portion of the northern 'Kingdom' or 'Dominion' section of Israel left in that place was the tribe of Benjamin. The entire original 'ten tribes', together with a substantial portion of the southern house of Judah had centuries before been taken into captivity north to Assyria, leaving only a small portion of the southern House of Judah in the land. Most of this remnant was taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, and of these, only some 43,000 odd ever came back to Palestine, as recorded by both Ezra and Nehemiah. Included in this number was a section of Benjamites. They settled together in what was known as Galilee, much in the same way that people from other countries come to our lands and congregate together in their own groups. Thus, the Galileans of Christ's day were in the main Benjamites. It is of more than passing interest that 11 of our Lord's 12 disciples were Galileans, as was the special apostle to the dispersed people of Israel, Paul. He, in fact, even identified himself as being a Benjamite. The other disciple, Judas the traitor, was not a Benjamite, but was a Judean. So that when our Lord told His disciples that they were "the light of the world," He was stating a fact that very few seem to realise. These men were of the 'light bearing' tribe of Benjamin, and were literally, as well as spiritually, 'the light of the world.'

But because of the blindness of their hearts, the people of the day were totally unable to see, or comprehend, this fact. The 'Kingdom of God', as represented by the tribe of Benjamin, was literally in their midst.

But when we turn to the 21st chapter of Matthew's Gospel we read some very important statements by our Lord which throw considerable extra light on our subject. Commencing at the 33rd verse, He relates a parable regarding a householder who plants a vineyard and lets it

out to certain husbandmen. As we read this parable it becomes increasingly apparent that these husbandmen are what we would call a real bad lot. In fact, they quickly and deliberately turned to murder in order to prevent the true owner from taking possession of the vineyard. They finally killed the owner's son. When Jesus asked the Pharisees what they would do in such circumstances, they fell right into the trap and pronounced sentence of destruction on the perpetrators. All too late they perceived that it was they themselves of whom Jesus was referring. Now when we realise that it was these very same people that Jesus referred to as 'being of their father the devil....liarsmurderers (John 8:44)....serpents, (Matt. 23:33)....whitewashed tombstones' (Matt. 23:27)....etc., and of whom He said they were 'not His sheep at all', (John 10:26), how can we then even consider the remotest possibility that this conglomeration of criminals and misfits could ever have possessed 'the Kingdom of God'?

It is absolutely certain that our Lord knew all this when He made His statement in judgment of these people;

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

The understanding lies in the words 'shall be taken from you.' Having studied the full circumstances, it is obvious that the main body of the Jews of His day could never have had any ownership of, or in, the Kingdom of God. So how could such ownership be taken away from them?

No! The ownership of the Kingdom was not taken from them. Just in the same way as 'the Kingdom of God was "among them"', so the same 'Kingdom of God' was now to be taken 'away from AMONG THEM.' And so it was. By the time the city of Jerusalem was finally destroyed by Titus in A.D. 70, the only representative tribe of 'the kingdom', Benjamin, had escaped to join the rest of their brethren already heading west in their time of dispersion.

So we see how very important it is for a true understanding of God's Word to study everything in its full context, not only of the particular passage in which a particular statement is made, but of the entire subject to which it relates.



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COVENANT WATCH!

APPALLING APOSTASY AT CANTERBURY.

by Tony Higton.

(Courtesy *Vocal Protestants' International Fellowship*).

By kind permission of the Dean I had a privileged seat for the Observance for Commonwealth Day held in the presence of the Queen and Prince Philip. The Abbey was nearly full when I arrived. Already flagbearers from the 49 Commonwealth countries were lining the main aisle. They made a very colourful spectacle. Many children and young people were there, some of them disabled, and people from many nations were present. This all appealed to me, because in our ministry we have a world vision.

I found my seat and read the Queen's Commonwealth Day message for 1990, in which she described the Commonwealth as 'quite unique'. She concluded, 'On Commonwealth Day especially we greet each other as members of the biggest and most unusual family in a world so marred by racism, selfish nationalism and war.'

The procession entered, beginning with leaders of Commonwealth organisations, including the Secretary General, then religious leaders followed by the Queen and Prince Philip. After the National Anthem the flag bearers processed to the Sacrarium and the Observance began. However, after this inspiring and colourful beginning, I became increasingly unhappy. Almost immediately the Acting High Commissioner for Sri Lanka read from Sutta-Nipata--a discourse of the Buddha about attaining Nirvana, Buddha's ultimate spiritual state. Then the High Commissioner for Mauritius read from the Svetavatara Upanishad, a Hindu text which focuses on Brahma the Hindu creator-god. Following this the High Commissioner for Pakistan read from the Qur'an a passage extolling the virtues of Allah.

A little later some schoolgirls read the Prayer for Peace. Its words are adapted from the Upanishads and in fact it is often printed in the form of a prayer mandala. This is a Hindu and Buddhist meditation circle. The concluding prayers were for me very distressing. The religious leaders sat with the Dean on a stage at the heart of the Abbey, including leaders from the Free Churches, the Church of Scotland, the Roman Catholic Church, Buddhism, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism and Sikhism.

Firstly, the Venerable Dr. Mebagama Vajiragnana a Buddhist monk with saffron robe and shaved head) chanted (in Pali) praise to the Buddha 'dear to gods and men -- who brings the truth'. Later Swami Bhavyananda (a robed Hindu 'holy man') chanted (in Sanskrit) a prayer to Brahma. Then Sheikh Mahmoud Hammad (a Muslim leader chanted praise to Allah whom 'alone we worship'. Soon afterwards Professor Harminda Singh a Sikh leader chanted (in Punjabi) to God the true Guru who is 'everywhere and in everyone'. The name of Jesus was mentioned only briefly at the end of two prayers led by the Free Church and Church of Scotland ministers. The Roman Catholic's prayer did not use the name of Jesus, nor did the hymns, affirmation or blessing.

I found it both ironical and in that context offensive that the New Testament lesson was from Ephesians 6, about the wiles of the devil and wrestling against principalities and powers. There is a freedom of religious observance in Britain, but I was appalled to see the non-Christians chanting prayers to their deities at the heart of Westminster Abbey and this was in the presence of and under the direct authority of the Queen who is supposed to be the 'Defender of the Christian Faith'!

The 1989 Observance was almost identical and I questioned the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Dean of Westminster about it, without success. I then wrote to the Queen who passed my letter to the organisers, but I heard nothing from them.

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ZIONISTS HAVE THE WAR THEY WANTED

by Eric D. Butler:
(Courtesy On Target).

Clausewitz, the German military philosopher, described military war as "the pursuit of policy by other means". If policy objectives are not obtained as result of military conflict, then that conflict has been a disaster. President George Bush has insisted that his use of massive military force against Saddam Hussein is to create a "just peace". But as Dr. Alfred Lilienthal and other authorities on the Middle East have persistently stressed, unless the continued Israeli occupation of Arab territory and the oppression of the Palestinian people are ended, there can be no peace of any kind in the Middle East. Unless the problem of Zionist Israel is honestly faced, it is certain that the military defeat of Saddam Hussein is going to result in a deepening of the Middle East crisis, to the detriment of the West's best long-term interests.

At the risk of being linked with sections of the radical Left, idealistic but unrealistic pacifists, the traditional anti-American lobby, few of whom have any understanding of the deeper issues involved in what is now unfolding with growing rapidity, it is necessary at this critical time to stress that President George Bush and his advisers have demonstrated that they are on the side of Zionist imperialism. That imperialism is a major feature of the drive to create a New World Order. In his first major address during the crisis which started with the Iraqi annexation of Kuwait, President Bush stressed that he was striving to help create a New World Order.

As stressed by a number of experts on Middle East Affairs, the Bush administration's approach to the Kuwaiti affair reveals, at best, an appalling ignorance of Arab history and culture. At worst, there is convincing evidence that Iraq's dictator, Saddam Hussein, was "set up" to create a situation which could then be exploited to declare a war which had long been urged by Zionist spokesmen, prominent among these being Dr. Henry Kissinger, who origi-

nally claimed that Saddam Hussein had plans for attacking Saudi Arabia after Kuwait. No evidence has ever been produced to support this piece of Zionist propaganda. So far from there being any truth in an allegation used to help justify American troops being based in Saudi Arabia, Pierre Salinger, former press secretary to Presidents John Kennedy and Lyndon Johnson, claims that only American intervention prevented an all-Arab solution to the Kuwaiti affair being reached, with King Fahd of Saudi Arabia telling Yasser Arafat to inform Saddam Hussein that he could keep the frontier oil-fields, a major cause of long dispute, and the two islands of Wrabah and Bubyah if he would withdraw from Kuwait.

Commentators who should know better have attempted to compare Saddam Hussein with Hitler and to advance the false analogy that because it was the alleged appeasement of Hitler which led to World War II, Saddam Hussein must be crushed militarily now in order to avert a wider conflict later. Comparing Saddam Hussein with Hitler merely demonstrated a frightening ignorance of the Arab mind, and the volatile nature of the Arab world. Saddam Hussein is typical of the type of brutal, ruthless leaders thrown up in the post Second World War years, with the Soviet playing a major role in radicalising an Arab world in which a deep hatred of the West developed primarily because of the establishment and expansion of Zionist Israel. Fear and hatred of Zionist Israel is a major factor uniting a Moslem world with its own deep internal cleavages.

President Bush misled the world when he claimed that he had done everything possible to avoid the present conflict. His first major mistake was to believe that an Arab leader like Saddam Hussein would be moved by a threat which left no room for any type of negotiation. Saddam Hussein is typical of his kind, as is Assad of Syria, and Nasser before him. He knows that for a number of reasons, the Arab world has craved for some type of a strong leader who can correct what they see as a long series of injustices at the hands of an alien Western imperialism.

While Saddam Hussein certainly did not move into Kuwait primarily on behalf of the Palestinians, when he found

himself trapped, he soon moved to play the Palestinian card, informing President Bush that he would have retreated from Kuwait if the Israelis promised to at long last obey United Nations resolutions and withdraw from occupied Arab territory. If George Bush genuinely sought peace, he should immediately have taken up the issue. But reacting to Zionist pressure, President Bush refused to do so. He or his advisers realised that if Saddam Hussein could have withdrawn from Kuwait with a victory on the Palestinian issue, he would have increased his standing right throughout the Arab world. Clearly it has been decided that Saddam Hussein was seen as the one emerging military force which could prove a balance to the Zionist threat.

Reflecting the philosophy of the one-way street, Zionist leader Mark Leibler has claimed in a comment on the Iraqi attack on Israel, that this development has demonstrated that the Israelis were justified in their bomb attack on Iraq in 1981, destroying the Iraqi's nuclear reactor. According to the Zionists, Israel is quite justified in developing nuclear weapons, ignoring non-proliferation agreements, but Arab states should be prevented from doing so, even if this necessitates bombing them. Zionist philosophy justifies the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, with extensive bombing of Beirut, Tyre and Sidon, and the total destruction of small towns, villages and Palestinian refugee camps. Forty thousand Palestinians and Lebanese were killed or wounded, with over 600,000 left homeless. U.N. resolutions were contemptuously ignored. Is it any wonder that Palestinians are cheering as they learn that Iraqi bombs are dropping on Israel? And President Bush has the audacity to say that he is "outraged" that a cornered Iraq attacks a nation pledged to destroy Saddam Hussein.

Allowing for the usual propaganda associated with war, there appears to be little reason to doubt that America and its allies, using the most sophisticated military technology, have struck massive and most damaging blows against Iraq. Iraqi counter claims of damage inflicted on the U.S.A. and its allies are obviously manifestations of an attempt to bolster Iraqi morale and to influence Arab opin-

ion. But as Saddam Hussein's Australian representative frankly conceded before leaving to return home, he expected Iraq to be defeated militarily because of the enormous military forces arraigned against it. Which raises the question of why did Saddam Hussein refuse to retreat from Kuwait when threatened with such awesome military power?

The very raising of this question highlights the failure of the Western mind to understand the mind of an Arab leader like Saddam Hussein. Saddam Hussein clearly believes that his future, either as the type of Arab leader the Arab world will follow after the war, or as an Arab martyr if he is killed, is best assured by fighting even with all the odds against him. He knew that to surrender to the unconditional demands of President George Bush would have meant political destruction. Thus his serenity. U.N. Secretary General DE Cuellar said, I saw a man who was serene. He was polite, considerate, articulate. He asked for nothing. He was a charmer."

After an enormous and costly military campaign, it is almost certain that Iraq will be defeated. But George Bush's "just peace" has already been lost. Seen in retrospect, the American adventure into the Middle East will be seen as another major defeat for Western and Christian civilisation.

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THE WORLD AFTER KUWAIT.

As the world trembles on the brink of another major catastrophe, with President George Bush sanctimoniously insisting that high moral principles are central to the Kuwaiti affair, his friend Gorbachev sends in the Red Army to prevent the Baltic nations from regaining the independence they lost when Hitler and Stalin signed their infamous non-aggression pact in 1939.

A U.N. resolution concerning an Iraqi withdrawal from Kuwait must be upheld in the interests of "World Order", says President Bush, blandly ignoring the fact that for 23

years the Zionist State of Israel, a creation and creature of an international Zionist power movement, has consistently thumbed its nose at U.N. resolutions demanding that it withdraw from occupied Palestinian territory. Headed by Dr. Henry Kissinger, the Zionist lobby in the U.S.A has called for military war from the beginning of the Kuwaiti affair. President Bush has hypocritically claimed that he would go to any lengths to ensure that the affair did not end in bloodshed. But he has persistently rejected considering the one move which would have enabled Saddam Hussein to retreat from Kuwait without the loss of too much face: an insistence that the time has come for Israel to withdraw from occupied Arabs' territory.

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In a personal letter we have just received from one of our supporters in America, we have extracted the following very interesting information.

"I have just read that Iraq has over 100,00 men from all over the world that have gathered in Iraq under their own flags, but under Iraqi command, to fight against Israel and the U.S. They come from Korea, China, India, Pakistan, Brazil, Argentina, Europe, all of the Arab countries, white Russia, Georgia, the Moslem states of the U.S.S.R., etc...Shades of the Waffer S.S. in Europe in W W II. Of course, the media totally censors this out.

"I cannot help but think that the U.S. has created a Frankenstein monster in the Zionist State in the Middle East. It threatens the world increasingly. Now Bush has agreed to provide them with the Cray computers which will allow them to do just about anything they want, including intercontinental ballistic missiles, etc.. Right now they are trying to get Germany to build four subs for them, capable of firing nuclear missiles!

"The numbers out of Auschwitz are dwindling day by day. The latest from Russia is about 74,000 due to disease and starvation, which became common in the latter part of the

war. Of course, the Jews call this "hate literature", which is logical, since they themselves invariably deal in lies and hate, and promote it as truth. Now that the Katyn Forest massacre has been revealed, I would like to see the judges, prosecutors, witnesses, and documentation clerks lined up and asked to explain why German soldiers were executed for this thing which they never did! The whole Holocaust hoax is destined to follow in Katyn's footsteps. Truth is absolute. All truth leads to God. There is no substitute. The perpetrators of these myths and lies, the murderers of innocent men, are already known to God.

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HOSKINS REPORT

AUSTRALIAN TERROR.

An international terrorist group is believed responsible for the murder of Ivan Polyukhovich in Adelaide, Australia. Polyukhovich was accused of undisclosed acts against communists in eastern Europe during W.W. II.

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AUSCHWITZ-BIRKENAU.

"Plaques were taken down in line with recent historical studies that indicate that there were 1.1 million victims. ... Previously the plaques ... spoke of 4 million victims." *The News & Daily Advance. July 18, 1990.*

Mr Richard Hoskins comments: This is about the 15th adjustment in the atrocity story. Directly after W.W. II, it was claimed that 38 million died in extermination camps. This figure was reduced in stages to 32 million, 28 million, 24 million, 22 million, 18 million, 16 million, 12 million, 8 million, 6 million, and now newly released Soviet files show only 72,000 deaths at Auschwitz, and these were caused mostly by disease and malnutrition resulting from disrupted food supply caused by air attacks. It is also noted that Hollywood propaganda still spouts the 6 million figure in

their atrocity programme which includes the now admitted non-existent Auschwitz 3 million. The exterminationists do have their job cut out for them. When they get around to it they must adjust the Holocaust Hoax to make everyone believe in the Auschwitz 1.1 million and at the same time attack the latest 72,000 figure from the Soviet archives. It seems to be a never ending problem. Poor people. Problems, problems. The multi-billion dollar survivor compensation (which Germany is still paying to Israel) may be harder to justify in the days ahead.

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ON THE VERGE OF COLLAPSE.

from Port Lincoln Times.
By Dr. David Squirrell, Port Pirie, S.A.
courtesy 'On Target.'

It is interesting to ponder the plight of our farmers and the philosophy of a government that allows self destruction of such.

This once great nation that inspired the world with its clever, hard working, self sufficient inhabitants is now all but a bankrupt slothful nation on the verge of internal collapse.

The Australian ran an article of late claiming that two-fifths to a half of all farmers would be bankrupt by the end of June 1991. At a time when we should be promoting Australian, as the T.V. adverts direct, we note the following:

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3. Nut growers go broke whilst we import such from California. (they're subsidised too by the U.S.A. government).
4. Our wheat crop is almost worthless from the effort involved in sowing and reaping.
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One of the reasons is due to foreign treaty obligations to Third World countries and others due to our commitment to the New International Economic Order and General Agreement of Tariffs and Trade, (G.A.T.T.).

If we are to survive as a nation, it is imperative to return to a policy which promotes national economic self sufficiency and save traditional industries in agriculture and manufacturing.

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Courtesy New Beginnings.

Are we stumbling toward Armageddon? This question is being asked in numerous secular publications crossing my desk each week. Those best qualified to answer *should be our spiritual leaders*, called of God to teach His Law and encourage his people to walk therein. They should be well versed in His Plans, Purposes and the Blessings assured those walking in the paths of both national and personal Righteousness. Example: "If Thou turn away thy foot from the Sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day, and call the Sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable, and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words; *Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father, for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*" (Isaiah 58:13-14)

The seriousness of our relationship with God was acknowledged by our founding fathers and respected, but ignored by our generation. It is certainly worthy of our sincere attention. The message to the prophet from God states: "For the priest's (administrators of His Law) lips should keep knowledge, and they (the nation) should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. But *ye are departed out the way: ye have caused many to stumble at the law...* Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all people, according as ye have not kept my ways, *but have been partial in the law.*" (Malachi 2:7-9) Therefore, "My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge; because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me; seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will

also forget thy children. As they were increased, so they sinned against me; therefore will I change their glory into shame." (Hosea 4:6-7) Must I draw a word picture of our society and describe the inevitable plight of our children?

America's hour of greatness remains but a memory. Our God-fearing fathers came to these shores for the express purpose of planting the seeds of righteousness in a New World to be enjoyed by their children. *We have reaped the promised harvest of their planting.* The miracle of electronics has opened the windows of the world to our spiritual and material blessings. A never ending inflow of eager pilgrims from every land have been made to feel welcome while we bow to the god of materialism and are being seduced by the princes of greed. We are the desire of all the underprivileged of the world and our leaders became careless in the guarding of our gates. Our eyes have turned aside from Him in Whom we profess to place our trust and our covenant obligations forgotten. The blood of His covenant is being trampled under foot.

The spiritual umbilical cord by which we as a nation are tied to the God of all blessings, *our generation cut itself loose from!* Our founding fathers watched over it carefully. Our national laws once protected it. Our priesthood, both secular and spiritual have failed to indelibly impress it upon the minds of all within our gates. God's covenant with us as the people *most precious to Him of all His creation*, states: "*Verily my Sabbaths ye shall keep; for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations* (a spiritual umbilical cord), that ye may know that I am the Lord who doth sanctify you. Ye shall keep the Sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work in the Sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death." (Exodus 31:12-17; Ezekiel 20:13-25; Hebrews 8:6-13; Colossians 2:9-17)

Mistaken identity creates confusion and most of us have been encouraged to shy away from the Old Testament. *We know not from whence we came* and are being told His Covenant was written for the Jews, that Jesus

abolished Its Commandments, Statutes and Judgments. I would point you to Jesus' own words as found in Matthew 5:17-42. There was a time in Israel's checkered past when our patriarchal fathers became so degraded they were "without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law. But *when they in their trouble did turn unto the Lord God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them.* And in those times there was not peace to him that went out nor to him that came in, *but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries.* And nation was destroyed by nation, and city by city; *for God did vex them with all adversity...* And they entered into a covenant to seek the Lord God of their fathers with all their heart and with all their soul, That whosoever would not seek the Lord God of Israel should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. And they swore unto the Lord with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with trumpets, and with cornets. And all Judah rejoiced at the oath; for they had sworn with all their heart, and sought him with their whole desire, and he was found of them. And the Lord gave them rest round about." (II Chronicles 15:1-15)

The day is fast coming when our God is going to get a lot rougher with us than He has ever become before. His Day of Grace is obviously running out. In Isaiah 61:1-3 we read: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because the Lord hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of prison to those who are bound: To proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord, and *the day of vengeance of our God...*"

In the synagogue at Nazareth where He had been brought up, Jesus launched forth in "the acceptable year of the Lord" by announcing "*this day is this scripture fulfilled* in your ears. And all bore him witness, and wondered at the gracious words which proceeded out of his mouth." He abruptly stopped in the midst of the passage, for "*the day of the vengeance of our God*" was yet forthcoming. I believe it has now arrived. *The Lord is now in the process*

of aligning the nations for the commencement of the final show-down with the "principates and powers, with those who have the mastery of the world in these dark days, *with malign influences in an order higher than ours.*" (Ephesians 6:12 Knox)

Paul plainly stated the truth when he forewarned "It is not against flesh and blood that we enter the lists", but against these spiritual forces *which have down through the ages entered into men and nations* in opposition to the Lord's Will, Plans, Purposes and Ultimate Destiny of all His creation. In the Garden of Eden the Lord commenced to bring into being a super creation formed from the dust with His Own hands. It was there the super creature of the beast creation, appearing as an angel of light (II Corinthians 11:14), hoisted his banner and challenged the Omnipotent One's integrity and authority. In response the Lord announced: "I will put *enmity* (open hostility) between thee and the woman, and *between thy seed and her seed*; he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. (Genesis 3:1-7, 14:15)

Very few of you now reading this article will probably fully grasp what I am daring to share with you as suggestive thoughts, *but the Lord is at this moment aligning the nations from both the seeds* which have been in a spiritual warfare since the woman was taken out of the man (Genesis 2:23) *and fell into Satan's trap!* That hour the Lord commenced to work out His Plan of Redemption for all His creation. We live amidst physical and material surroundings in bodies of flesh, bone and blood - all of us. We are God's creatures with no choice as far as our being is concerned. *Our equalities are in Jesus Christ.* Outside of His caring for us, His love and mercy, we are but pawns to countless "malign influences of an order higher than ours", which *know more about us than we do ourselves.* The spiritual battle in process involves others, it involves families, nations, all and everything *in whom dwells the breath of life.*

The power of the enemy of the Lord must be broken and it shall be! (cf. Psalm 83)

"The day of the vengeance of our God" is rushing in upon us. The prophet describes it: "And it shall come to pass in the day that the Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy fear, and from the hard bondage which thou wast made to serve, That thou shalt take up this proverb against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased! The Lord hath broken the staff of the wicked, and the sceptre of the rulers. He who smote the people in wrath with a continual stroke, he who ruled the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth. The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet; they break forth into singing. Yea, the fir trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying *Since thou art laid down, no hewer is come up against us.* Sheol from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up the dead for thee, even all the chief ones of the earth, it hath raised up their thrones all the kings of the nations. All they shall speak and say unto thee, *Art thou also become as weak as we? Art thou become like unto us?* Thy pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the noise of thy lutes; the worm is spread under thee, and the worms over thee.

"How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, who didst weaken the nations! For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the starts of God; I will also sit upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds, I will be like the most High. Yet thou shalt be brought down to Sheol, to the sides of the pit. They that see thee shall narrowly look upon thee, and consider thee, saying, *Is this the man who made the earth to tremble*, who did shake kingdoms, who made the world like a wilderness, and destroyed its cities, who opened not the house of his prisoners?"

All the kings of the nations, even all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own house. But thou art cast out of thy sepulcher like an abominable branch, and like the raiment of those that are slain, thrust through with a sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; because thou hast

destroyed thy land, and slain thy people; the seed of evildoers shall never be renowned. Prepare slaughter for this children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they do not rise, nor possess the land, nor fill the face of the world with cities." (Isaiah 14:3-21)

We live in a world subject to spiritual forces which manifest their presence in the natural man through his attitude, desire, ambition and the character of both individuals and nations. The Serpent was told by God: "And I will establish a feud between thee and the woman, between thy offspring and hers; she is to crush thy head, while thou dost lie in ambush at her heels." (Genesis 3:15 Knox) Jesus knew from the beginning the Father was going to work out His Will on planet earth through the seed of the woman via Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob - Israel's posterity. *He foreknew the seed of him who deceived the woman would likewise deceive her seed* and to the natural eye raise havoc with the Lord's chosen line of her seed destined to be formed into His Kingdom on earth. Before God's Son descended from heaven's glory, the prophet was alerted: "It was for our sins he was wounded, it was guilt of ours crushed him down; on him the punishment fell that brought us peace, by his bruises we were healed. Strayed sheep all of us, each following his own path; and the Lord laid on his shoulders our guilt, the guilt of us all...Ay, the Lord's will it was, overwhelmed he should be with trouble. His life laid down for guilt's atoning, he shall yet be rewarded; father of a long posterity, instrument of divine purpose; for all his heart's anguish, rewarded in full. The just One, my servant; many shall claim for his own, win their acquittal, on his shoulders bearing their guilt. So many lives ransomed, foes so violent balked of their spoil! Such is his due, that gave himself up to death, and would be counted among the wrong-doers; bore those many sins, and made intercession for the guilty." (Isaiah 53 Knox)

Jesus Christ foreknew and identified His enemies. In a vicious argument involving *race and descent* with members of a conspiracy determined to silence Him, our Saviour told them bluntly: "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer

from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own; for he is a liar, and the father of it." (John 8) Matthew in his Gospel relates another run-in Jesus had with the religious leaders of the Jews and certainly knew who He was entangled with. "Ye serpents, ye *generation* (margin says 'offspring') of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell? Wherefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes; and some of them ye shall kill and crucify, and some of them ye shall scourge in your synagogues, and persecute them from city to city (as did they the apostle Paul. Acts 20:3,19; 23:23,27; 24:1-9, etc.) That upon you may come all the righteous blood shed upon the earth, from the blood of righteous Abel unto the blood of Zechariah, the son of Barachaih, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this *generation* (offspring). (Matthew 23:13-39) Check me out with your own Bible and concordance.

Pilate gave them their choice. "Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus, who is called Christ? *For he knew that for envy they had delivered him...* When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but rather that a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, *I am innocent of the blood of this righteous person. See ye to it.* Then answered the people, and said, **His blood be upon us, and on our children!**" (Matthew 27:17-25) And so it has! Jesus had already exposed their determined conspiracy and they had chosen their own destiny.

In parabolic language He had left them aghast. "Hear another parable: There was a certain householder, which planted a vineyard, and hedged it round about, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into a far country. And when the time of the fruit drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, *that they might receive the fruits of it.*" The vineyard was described by the prophet Isaiah (5:1-7) in detail hundreds of years before our Saviour visited His peo-

ple to save them from their sins and work out their national redemption. Continuing Jesus' parable "...And the husbandmen took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them likewise. But last of all he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. But when the husbandmen saw the son, they said among themselves, **This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance.** And they caught him, and cast him out of the vineyard, and slew him.

"**When the lord therefore of the vineyard cometh,** what will he do unto those husbandmen? They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those wicked men, and will let out his vineyard unto other husbandmen, which shall render him the fruits in their seasons. Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures (Old Testament), 'The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: *this is the Lord's doing*, and is marvellous in our eyes?' Therefore I say unto you, *The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof.* And whosoever shall fall on this stone shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall it will grind him to powder. And when the chief priests and the Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. But when they sought to lay hands on him, they feared the multitude, because they (the multitude) took him for the prophet." (Matthew 21:33-46)

The blind leaders of Zionism should take heed! The battle between seeds continues to the present day and the Serpent's seed are making their last attempt to seize what does not belong to them. Those to whom it does belong, *blind to their own identity*, would give it away. Mother Eve was not the last to fall into the Serpent's trap.



Rules For U.S. Military in Saudi Arabia.

(courtesy *Hoskins Report*).

The following information directive was issued to American troops stationed in Saudi Arabia - Operation Desert Shield. Its purpose - to prevent American soldiers from getting into trouble with their Saudi hosts.

1. ISLAM: The Islamic religion is the single most important factor in Saudi Arabian life and culture. Islam is based on the word of god revealed to the prophet Mohammed. Islam's revered prophets also include Abraham and Jesus. Islam's holy book The Quran, is the basis of all religious thought and practice. No public worship of any other religion is openly permitted. ...
2. ALCOHOL AND DRUGS: The possession or consumption of alcohol or non-prescribed drugs is illegal ... The penalties are quite severe.
3. INDECENT MATERIAL: Materials ... such as the Sports Illustrated "Swimsuit edition", lingerie catalogues and some women's fashion magazines are considered pornographic in Saudi Arabia. ... Penthouse or Playboy, and videotapes of sexual content and nudity are absolutely forbidden. ... Turn them into your non-commissioned officer for destruction immediately.
4. SAUDI WOMEN: Islam teaches that women hold a position of special honour and dignity in society and should be closely protected. ... Saudi women dress very conservatively, and dating is not allowed. Don't stare or attempt to strike up a conversation with Saudi women. Any dishonour is cause for severe punishment. ...
5. CIVILIAN DRESS: American men and women must dress conservatively, particularly in public. Men should wear trousers, and shirts which are not open below the collar bone or sleeveless, i.e., tank tops. For women, skirts should be well below the knee, no pants or pantsuits. Generally, clothing should be loose fitting and concealing

rather than revealing - no shorts, no exposed shoulders, no plunging necklines. Likewise, T-shirts glamorising alcohol or other sensitive subjects may not be worn. Religious jewellery (Christian crosses) should be kept hidden beneath your clothing. Men should not wear earrings.

6. MALE-FEMALE RELATIONSHIPS: Any public association between males and females is considered inappropriate. Touching, holding hands and kissing a member of the opposite sex in public is considered to be bad taste and could be viewed as obscene. Anything more intimate in public is illegal and is dealt with severely.

7. PRAYER TIME: Muslims pray five times each day. Respect their religious convictions and give them privacy ... All business and commercial establishments are required to close during prayer calls. Restaurants suspend serving meals. Leave politely at these times, if asked.

8. PROFANITY: Foul language is particularly offensive to the Saudi public. ...

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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.
\$7.50 posted. Overseas seamail, \$8.00

by Mr. Alan Campbell.

"Did Christ and the Apostles Keep the Food Laws?"

\$2.30 posted. Overseas seamail, \$2.50.

"The Sign of Jannes & Jambres."

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STUDY IN REVELATIONS.

By F. W. DOWSETT.

PART SIXTEEN.

THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS.

"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; and she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered.

And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.

And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born.

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

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

And there was war in heaven: Michael and his angels fought against the dragon; and the dragon fought and his angels,

And prevailed not; neither was their place found any more in heaven.

And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan,

which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night.

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitors of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time.

And when the dragon saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman which brought forth the man child.

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

And the serpent cast out of his mouth water as a flood after the woman, that he might cause her to be carried away of the flood.

And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed up the flood which the dragon cast out of his mouth.

And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

As we pointed out in a previous study, chapter 11 marks the end of a cycle of revelation which takes us from the time of the First Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ right up to the glory of His Second Advent when '*the kingdoms*

of this world will become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ.'

So we now come to this all-importamt 12th chapter of this wonderful Revelation. As previously suggested, it forms a 'parenthesis', or introduction to the remainder of the Book which deals almost exclusively from this point on with the destruction of the entire Babylonian system as that which has been used by Satan down through the ages as the means by which he intended to destroy God's Israel people, and thus thwart the Divine Plans and Purposes of Almighty God. From here on we are dealing not so much with the history of nations, as with the history of the political, economic and ecclesiastical systems which arose either concurrent with, or as a result of the various nations which formed 'the kingdoms of this world' with which Satan tried to tempt our Lord. Here we are introduced not only to kingdoms, but to the King. A failure to recognise this fact will have a detrimental effect on our understanding of the remainder of the Book of the Revelation. From this point on, we notice that the attacks of the enemy are directed not only against the people of God as a nation, but specifically against God Himself together with His 'saints.' This is now not just an account of physical warfare and opposition, but rather of warfare and opposition on the higher spiritual level, the concentrated effort to destroy the very special relationship between Jehovah/Jesus and His Kingdom people over whom He will reign as His Kingdom here on earth.

Thus we should not be surprised that this 12th chapter concentrates primarily on the birth and preservation of the King, together with the preservation of the people who gave birth to that King.

The very first thing we notice when we commence our study of this chapter is that there are two 'wonders' mentioned. The word simply means a 'sign.' The first of these 'signs' or 'wonders' is found in the very first verse, and is identified as '*a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.*' The second 'sign' or 'wonder' is referred to

in verse three as '*a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads.*' To understand what the Lord is revealing to us, we must correctly identify these two 'wonders.' So we will commence with that of 'the woman.'

But the first thing we discover is that there are TWO women mentioned in the Book of the Revelation. There is this one in the 12th chapter, and there is another one in the 17th chapter. Whilst the difference is obvious, it nevertheless should be recognised. The second 'woman' is clearly stated to be 'the great whore', and represents Babylon. The 'woman' we are studying in the first verse however is an entirely different one, and in fact is the prime target of the second 'woman.' Here we have the perfect example of the old adage, "Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned." And in its application to this second 'woman' you'd better believe it.

So who is this 'woman'? She is quoted as having several marks of identification;

1. She is clothed with the sun.
2. She has a moon under her feet.
3. She has a crown of twelve stars upon her head.
4. She is giving birth to a man child.

Now before we proceed, let us realise that this 'woman' does NOT represent the Virgin Mary as the Church of Rome would like us to believe. They have gone to no end of trouble to try to confuse this issue, even to portraying Mary as an idol having a ring of twelve stars round her head. Their perpetuation of this theme is clearly recognised in the design of the new European Community flag, which is a plain blue flag containing a circle of twelve white stars. One wonders at the very possible connection between this and the latest suggested design for a new Australian flag which is a plain blue flag with five white stars on it, supposedly to represent the Southern

Cross. Like a leading politician once said, 'nothing in politics ever happens by chance. If it happens, you can be sure that someone planned it that way.' Be that as it may, the one thing that is noticeable is the absence of the colour red, signifying the redemptive blood of Christ.

No. The description of this 'woman' reveals her to be symbolic of Israel. Israel is the only answer that fits all the identification marks. The very mention of the sun, moon, and stars immediately takes us back to the dream of Joseph where he saw the sun, moon, and eleven stars bowing down to his star, thus portraying that his descendants would be the leaders of the future Israel nations, a prophesy which has been amply fulfilled in Ephraim/Britain and Manasseh/U.S.A. Then we have the very promise of Jehovah Himself in Jeremiah chapters 31 and 33 where He based the certainty of the fulfilment of these promises on the everlasting continuance of these very same sun, moon and stars. If any further proof of this identification is required, then the establishment of the identity of the 'man-child' which was born to her should settle the matter. The only description given as to His identity is that "*He was to rule all nations with a rod of iron.*" Only one person can possibly fit this description, and that is our Lord Jesus Christ. Psalm 2:9 informs us regarding God's Son that "*Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron. Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel.*" Isaiah 9:6-7 gives us the certain identification of both the 'woman' and 'the man-child or son.'

"For unto us (*Israel*) a child is born, unto us a son is given. And the government shall be upon His shoulder. And His name shall be called wonderful counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon His kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform it."

But there is one added piece of information that is contained in verse one. Whilst the moon is part of the identification marks of Israel when mentioned in conjunction with the sun and stars, it can also have a separate meaning in its own right. It will be noted that the 'moon' mentioned in the account is placed under the feet of the woman. This position is usually delegated to that of anyone who is defeated. The victor is usually represented as having his feet upon the vanquished. Is it just coincidental that the insignia and symbol of Islam is the crescent moon? Has the Lord hidden away in this account a further little gem for the encouragement of those with 'eyes to see and ears to hear'? I have to admit that this is not an original thought on my part. Only a few days ago I was reading a book by the late Pascoe Goard written in 1916. It was a study in the Book of the Revelation, and in a list of identification marks he states; "**The moon under her feet - the emblem of Mahammed, the false prophet.**"

To this we should add the fact that in the scriptures Israel is often portrayed as a woman. Firstly, of course, she was Jehovah's wife. Hosea chapter 2 is full of such references. And if we turn to Isaiah 54:4-7 we are left in no doubt as to the Identification of Israel as the 'woman.'

"Fear not, for thou shalt not be ashamed. Neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame. For thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth, and shalt not remember the reproach of thy widowhood any more.

For thy Maker is thine husband; the Lord of Hosts is His name; and thy redeemer the Holy One of Israel; the God of the whole earth shall He be called.

For the Lord hath called thee as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit, and a wife of youth, when thou wast refused, saith thy God.

For a small moment have I forsaken thee, but with great mercies will I gather thee."

Thus we have clearly identified for us the first wonder, the WOMAN. She represents the nation of Israel.

But what of the second 'sign or wonder?' In verse 3, it is referred to as 'a great red dragon.' The dragon's identity, as distinct from its activities, poses no problem. In verse 9 we are clearly informed;

"And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world."

Thus it is revealed that the principle participants of this chapter are the King, Jesus Christ, born to the nation of Israel, and Satan as the head and leader of the forces that are determined to eliminate both the King and His kingdom. The enemy's plan is clearly stated in the final verse of the chapter;

"And the dragon was wroth with the woman, and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

God willing, we will continue with our study of this chapter in our next issue. We will see how the Lord provided the necessary means of protection for His people in strict conformity with His everlasting promises and covenants that He made with them so many centuries before. And as we proceed into further chapters we will find and understand the intensity of the all-consuming attack that Satan and his agents have been making against us. The forces behind our present national position will be revealed in all their fulness and all their fury.

But more importantly, we will understand the end of the whole matter, even the final victory of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Kings, as He unfolds before our eyes His plans which will finally and for ever defeat not only the plans of the enemy, but will bring final and everlasting destruction to the enemy himself.

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

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Psalm 130.

Out of the depths have I cried unto Thee,
O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice: Let Thine ears be attentive
to the voice of my supplications.

If Thou, Lord, shouldst mark iniquities,
O Lord, who shall stand?

But there is forgiveness with Thee,
that Thou mayest be feared.

I wait for the Lord, my soul doth wait,
and in His word do I hope.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that
watch for the morning:
I say, more than they that watch for the morning.

Let Israel hope in the Lord; for with the Lord there
is mercy, and with Him is plenteous redemption.

And He shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

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