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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.

It must surely be obvious now, even to the most elementary person, that we are in deep trouble. That the world at large is going through a period of unprecedented turmoil is perfectly obvious. But equally obvious is the fact that despite everything that our leaders try to do, they are totally unable to find the necessary answers to the problems.

Natural disasters are obviously quite outside their province. The world looks on in horror at the terrible events that are increasingly occurring all around us. The only certainty about these things is our own complete helplessness. The costs involved are totally beyond our imagination, yet millions of dollars are constantly being poured into these stricken countries to help in some way.

Now I'm not for one moment against giving this aid. As a matter of fact, being a blessing to all the families and nations of the earth is one of our Divinely appointed tasks. But the question still arises. Where is all this money coming from? At the end of the day, so to speak, who is going to pay the bill? It is almost a certainty that the great majority of people, in their very understandable desire to help these other unfortunate people, never think of this question.

But the answer is quite simple. When we use up all the available money we have, irrespective of the fact that quite a bit of it has gone to such humanitarian needs, we just borrow some more from the World Bank. We have a gold plated credit card. Of course, there is the interest to be paid, but who cares? As long as we get what we want now, then we can leave those sort of problems to the next generation, or at least, to the next government that gets into power. And so it goes on.

But the simple truth is that we have reached our 'credit limit.' Practically every western nation in the world is on the brink of bankruptcy. And why? Because we have been foolish enough to entrust our natural wealth to

those who put One-World wealth and control before their own nation. In effect, we are being ruled by traitors. It might sound harsh, but it is a certain fact. These politicians go to their parliamentary meetings, start off with a recital of The Lord's Prayer, and then, having taken their oath of office, (at least most of them) on the Bible, the Word and Law of God, they then proceed to govern us by laws totally foreign to those set out in the very Book on which they took their oath.

It was most heartening recently to read a 'Letter to the Editor' in a local suburban paper. The writer very strongly criticises the present practice of allowing overseas interests to buy up our land and our heritage. Of all things, he recommended that our government introduce the land ownership laws which were given to the people of Israel as outlined in the Book of Leviticus. Now I wonder why our religious and political leaders could not have thought of that? But of course, that would not suit the powers that be, and their plans for total domination of the entire world under their power-hungry and iniquitous system.

But why stop there? If we are really sincere in trying to correct the mess we are in, then why not go the whole way and introduce some more of these laws which God gave to Israel. What about banning the charging of all interest? Now that would create quite a furor wouldn't it? How then could the poor bankers and financiers possibly make an honest living if we prevented them from robbing the people blind? And what if we went further still and introduced the Leviticus requirement of cancelling ALL debts every seventh year. Now wouldn't that be something? With this monstrous burden lifted from our national shoulders, we could not only help the other unfortunate people of the world, but believe it or not, we could also help our own people here at home.

Well when the Lord Jesus Christ returns very shortly, that is exactly what is going to happen. There will be a lot of very happy poor people, and a lot of very unhappy used-to-be rich folk. Don't say you weren't warned.

THE COUNTDOWN ON

JERUSALEM

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Few people realise that, after a period of three and a half years, the Two Witnesses of the Bible will rise, and those who qualify for the Marriage Supper of the Lamb will at the same time rise from the earth and meet the Lord Jesus in the air. What an exciting and earth-shaking event! Those who were seemingly dead arose to their feet and answered the call that came from above, "Come up here with me!" Here is how it is described in the Bible, *"And after three and a half days (years) the spirit of life from God entered into them; and they stood upon their feet; and great fear fell upon them which saw them. And they heard a great voice from heaven saying unto them, Come up hither. And they ascended up to heaven in a cloud; and their enemies beheld them."* (Rev. 11:11,12) The day that the Two Witnesses fell asleep, as we have seen, was on September 1, 1990, and a full year of this time will have been completed on September 1, 1991. What a lot has happened in that first year! And it looks like the tempo will increase in the next 2½ years. Let us review the year and see what has happened.

First of all, let us comprehend the first event: the "falling asleep of the two witnesses". In the Parable of the Ten Virgins, given by Jesus Himself, we read of all ten virgins falling "asleep" as they waited for the Groom to arrive. In this parable Jesus was forecasting the same event. It lay in the far future. All of the virgins (Christians) were waiting for the coming of the Groom. *"While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept."* (Matt. 25:1-13) Many Christians today have "fallen asleep" waiting for the Lord to come. If the Lord is now on His way, most Christians are unaware of it. Many don't even know He is going to appear! (Ps. 102:16; 2 Tim. 1:10; 4:1; 1 Peter 1:7;

Tit. 2:13) Most of the early Christians expected the Lord to appear in their day. But the Parable of the Ten Virgins uniquely pertains to this generation. The evidence lies in Scripture. There are the signs that we are on the very verge of His Appearing, nation being against nation, and kingdom against kingdom.

The most recent of these signs was the invasion of Kuwait by Saddam Hussein in August 2-4, 1989, which set off President George Bush to plan his strategy to retake Kuwait and restore its sovereignty.

Then followed his appeal to the United Nations to impose sanctions for the invasion of Kuwait. A huge army of Coalition Forces flooded into the Persian Gulf area; over 500,000 soldiers from the United States alone assembling in Arabia. The date of January 15, 1991, was set for Iraq to withdraw from Kuwait. At midnight the American and International Coalition Forces were poised ready for the attack. Nothing happened. However, at 12.50 a.m. Iraq time, Wednesday January 16, came the first report of bombs falling on Baghdad. By January 27, 20,000 sorties had been made by Allied Coalition Force's bombing raids. By April 15, 1991, our Ground War was completed and the enemy was in flight, including Saddam Hussein who hid out without being captured. He capitulated without any surrender. If Saddam Hussein's Army had been forced to surrender it would have been immobilised and stopped cold. Little did the Coalition Forces dream that the scenario which followed would actually happen. Instead of Hussein retreating in shame and defeat, he turned his own guns on his own people. Once driven out of Kuwait we allowed Saddam Hussein to use his army and his guns to set up a government in Iraq and to drive out the Kurdish people who were fleeing the country to escape the blood-thirsty revenge of Saddam Hussein. The irony of the war was that, while we freed the tiny nation of Kuwait, we allowed Saddam and Kuwait to slaughter and annihilate another small nation called Kurdistan.

Another important sign we see is the drying up of the Euphrates River. In Turkey engineers have shut the

gates of the mammoth Ataturk Dam for one month to allow a reservoir to fill to a height of 396 feet, thus cutting off the flow of the river, in fulfilment of Rev. 16:12, *"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared"*. Once the big project of building 15 dams and 18 hydroelectric power plants is completed, Turkey will have a strangle-hold on the waters of the Euphrates and Tigris Rivers.

We know that the present turmoil in the Middle East is leading up to a final struggle which will end the conflict all in one day. In Zechariah 3:9 God says, *"I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day"*! Isaiah 47:9 says of Babylon, *"These two things shall come to thee in a moment, in one day, the loss of children and widowhood"*. In Rev. 18:8 we read of Great Babylon, *"Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, and she will be utterly burned with fire"*. One might say that this has already occurred, but this has been by the hand of man, whereas what the Lord says is to be temporary; *"And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day"*.

One can get the idea of what is in store. Isaiah 66 gives us the answer. It won't happen in Babylon, but in Jerusalem! *"Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad with her, all ye that love her: rejoice with joy for her, all ye who mourn her: that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory For behold the Lord will come with fire, and with his chariots, like a whirlwind, to render his anger with fury, and his rebuke with flames of fire It (the time) shall come, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and see my glory."* (Isa. 66:10-11, 15, 18) His final words are addressed to the children of Israel: *"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I shall make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain."* (Isa. 66:22).

What deep secrets of the Divine Purpose are revealed here and in Revelation 21:1 where we read about

John's astonishment, *"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away."*

In Isaiah 66:8 the question is asked, *"Who hath heard of such a thing? Who hath seen such things? Shall the earth be made to bring forth (a new Kingdom) in one day? Or shall a nation be born at once? For as soon as Zion travaileth, she brought forth her children."* Isaiah here compares the birth of Jesus at Bethlehem to the birth of the Kingdom of God on earth at Jerusalem. The first indication of the promised restoration of the Earth was made at Bethlehem in the birth of His Son Jesus Christ. The second indication of the promise of the new heaven and the new earth shall be shown, in one day, at the Appearing of the Lord Jesus in the sky, drawing His Elect from earth to heaven; and the third indication of the establishment of God's Kingdom on earth shall be on the day in which He stands on the Mount of Olives at Jerusalem ready to begin that Kingdom on earth. Zechariah 14:4 and 8 indicates that that day shall be tumultuous indeed! *"And his feet shall stand that day upon the Mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east, and the Mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove to the north, and half of it toward the south and it shall be in that day that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, half of them toward the former sea, and half of them toward the hinder sea."* On that day, great changes will start to take place. There will be shakings and shivers and great earthquakes. Many lives will be lost. But it will all take place at Jerusalem. From that day *"the government shall be upon His shoulders"* and He shall prevail over all existing governments. He will not be alone, for with Him, come down from heaven will be His Apostles and saints, translated into their new eternal bodies to aid Him in setting up the new Kingdom of God on earth. Needless-to-say, His thousands of Elected ones will also participate. They will act under the direct supervision of the Christ, whose plan for the new Kingdom has existed from the foundation of the earth. These are the ones who

responded to the shout of the Christ appearing in the skies inviting them to arise and join Him at the Wedding Feast in heaven. What a privilege it will be for these chosen ones to assist in the forming of the new Kingdom on the new earth. This explains why Paul (Saul) was so willing and eager to spread the word about the new Kingdom. This was why he welcomed all the travail he experienced as he went about telling the Good News of the coming Kingdom on earth. He will have to have waited almost 2,000 years before it would begin. But for him a thousand years was but a day for him to wait.

So should we all feel about the change that is drawing near. It means a new earth and a new heaven. We should all feel excited and enthused about this big, new world that is about to open up for us. Those who have died will awaken to their new bodies which will have an entirely different quality from our present temporary state. There will be no more sickness, no more pain, and no more death! Won't that be wonderful! And we shall live forever with the Lord in His Kingdom come down to earth! Amen!



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WHO IS JESUS?

by Frank W. Dowsett.

When we read or speak of the person Jesus in the New Testament, just who are we considering? Who is this Jesus? Where did He come from? When did He come into existence? How long will He continue to exist? What is the extent of His power and majesty? Was He just a good man, as many claim, or is He actually God as so many others proclaim and believe? Does He still possess and exercise His power today? Where does He fit in to the events of the future, if at all?

I'm sure that many Christians would be surprised at the number of questions that can be, and are, raised about their Lord, Jesus Christ. But the variety of expressions used about Him, and the number of different opinions that are expressed about Him lead one to believe that if there is one thing certain about the subject, it is that nothing seems to be certain. Entire doctrines have been formulated about Him, and woe betide anyone who has the temerity to disagree with the established doctrines. Churches have been formed, based on a particular understanding of who Jesus is, and you very quickly find yourself out of fellowship if you dare to question their particular beliefs. Quite frankly, I am amazed at this situation. I personally know of churches which have been split right down the middle on this subject. I know of personal relationships which have been destroyed by it. And yet, when one examines exactly what the various parties believe, we find in many instances that it is not a question of differences of opinions or beliefs, but rather a difference in the way that these beliefs have been expressed. It seems to me that the trouble basically stems from the fact that people just accept what someone else says instead of going to the only authority that exists on the subject, the Word of God.

So the purpose of this writing is simply to study what the Bible says about who Jesus really is. It is not intended as an attack on any particular doctrine, nor as support for any particular doctrine. And it is certainly not intended to offend anyone. If any offence is perceived, then please accept my assurance that none is intended. I am totally convinced that in these present days when so much insult is heaped on the person and the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that a clear understanding of who He really is, is absolutely essential for the survival of our faith. The increasing use of our Lord's name in blasphemy in all areas of the media, and especially on television, is appalling, and must surely be an offence against any decent God-fearing person. Please believe me when I say that this situation is not just coincidental. **The increasing use of the name of our Lord in blasphemy is a deliberately contrived plan to smear His name and to relegate Him to a position lower than any other so-called god.** If this is not the case, then why is it that we never hear the name of any heathen god used in blasphemy? Why don't people use the name of Mohammed, or Buddah, or whoever, when something goes wrong? Why is it always, and only, the name of the Christian God that is used? As I said, this is all part of a deliberate plan to denigrate the Lord Jesus Christ, and to remove the remembrance of Him and His Gospel from the minds of man.

So let us turn to the Bible to find what is actually said about Jesus. Remember, I am not trying to express or introduce a personal opinion, whether mine or anyone else's. The purpose of this study is to simply find out what God says, not to impose our interpretation on what He is saying in order to support a particular belief or teaching which we may hold to.

The first thing we notice is that the actual name "Jesus" itself is not mentioned in the Old Testament. It is first used in Matthew 1:21 where it is recorded that the angel of the Lord said to Joseph regarding Mary;

"She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name JESUS."

Luke records the same incident in Luke 1:31, where he repeats the same statement, adding in verse 26 that the angel was no other than the Archangel Gabriel;

"And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call His name JESUS."

Until this time, no one associated with God had ever been called by this name. So obviously, there must have been considerable importance to its choice, and we understand this when we realise that the name literally means, "SAVIOUR." It is the equivalent of the Hebrew name "Joshua", or "Jehoshua". And we are left in no doubt whatsoever as to the relationship of this JESUS to God when we read the following statement in Matthews Gospel immediately following the angel's first pronouncement;

"Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying,

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us."

Now there are some groups and churches today who preach that Jesus did not exist prior to His birth of Mary. They claim and teach that Jesus only came into existence at the time of his human birth. They totally refuse to accept any prior existence of our Lord. It would seem that this erroneous belief is based partly at least on the fact that the name "Jesus" is not previously mentioned in the scriptures. But when one considers other scriptures which clearly teach the pre-existence of our Lord Jesus Christ, one can only be amazed at such blatant disregard to the whole of the scriptures. Such teachings are not only dangerous, but are an outright insult to the majesty of God and the truth of His Word. They are totally anti-God, and anti-Christian.

The pre-existence of the person who was born of Mary and given the name "Jesus" is so clearly defined in the New Testament that it astounds one to see how the fact could ever be doubted. The following statements are merely a few of the many found within the pages and writings of the New Testament;

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

(John 1: 1-2)

"No man hath seen God at any time. The only begotten son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared Him."

(John 1:18)

"For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed Me: for he wrote of me."

(John 5:46)

"I speak that which I have seen with my Father."

(John 8:38)

"And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was."

(John 17:5).

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of Life."

(I John 1:1)

"I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last."

(Rev. 22:13).

In the face of the above, it can surely not be doubted that Jesus existed with the Father from the very beginning.

The obvious question then arises as to WHO He was, and WHERE He was prior to His birth and appearance as JESUS? Obviously, He must have been somewhere, and must have been known by a specific name. So let us now examine this avenue of thought. What place did Jesus, in His pre-existence, have in the account of the Old Testament and the events portrayed therein?

This leads us immediately to an astounding discovery. Let us examine a few verses from the New Testament.

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."
(John 1:1-3)

"For by Him (Jesus) were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers. All things were created by Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and by Him all things consist."

(Colossians 1:16-17)

The astounding fact is clearly stated that everything was created, not by the Father, but by the One whom we know as JESUS! HE IS THE GREAT CREATOR.

So let us go right back to the account of creation in Genesis and see how this applies. We read in Genesis 1:1;

"In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth."

The Hebrew word here translated as "God" is "Elohim". It means, especially in this plural form, the Supreme God. This word is used in all references to God until we reach Gen. 2:4 where we read;

"These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the LORD God made the earth and the heavens."

Here we find an interesting change of expression. In all the references from Genesis 1:1 to Genesis 2:4 the Creator is referred to as "Elohim". But thereafter, He is referred to as "Jehovah Elohim," or LORD God. Thus for the very first time, we have introduced not only the name of Jehovah, but the fact that HE is the Creator. As we have previously seen that it is positively stated in the New Testament that JESUS was the Creator, then we are left with the obvious conclusion that they must be the one and the same person.

The simple, but profound fact is that the JESUS of the New Testament is the JEHOVAH of the Old Testament. Now I realise that this is going to go against what many Christians believe and teach. But quite frankly, I'm not particularly interested in personal opinions, or beliefs. Nor am I primarily interested in particular doctrines. The Old Testament clearly states that the Creator was Jehovah God. The New Testament just as clearly states that the Creator was Jesus. You don't even have to be a primary school student to work out that unless there were two different and separate Creators, then we have to be talking about the very same person.

JEHOVAH IS JESUS and JESUS IS JEHOVAH!

The obvious conclusion which we must draw from this fact is that the God of the Old Testament is NOT the Father, as so many believe and teach, but is Jehovah/Jesus. I know many who hold to the belief of what is referred to as the "Sacred Names" of the Bible, and have no wish to offend them. In fact, I have in front of me a tract sent by a reader in America which quotes Bible dictionaries as identifying the names "Yahweh" or "Jehovah" or "God" as the same thing. Some don't even accept this, claiming that the word "Jehovah" has a Babylonian or heathen derivation, and thus should never be used by Christians. I'm

afraid that I'm not a bit interested in this kind of semantics. I'm quite happy to accept the English form of "Yahweh" as "Jehovah". The problem with this use of the word Jehovah as being the Father is that Jesus is entirely left out of the Old Testament as such. The name used for Jesus by those of this persuasion is "Yahshua". But if you look up your Young's Concordance you will find that there is no such word as "Yahshua" listed as being used in the entire Old Testament. It is merely the Hebrew equivalent of the Greek word for Jesus, which is "*IESOUS*". The name of God used predominantly throughout the Old Testament is Yahweh, or Jehovah. If this word refers to the Father, as we are led to believe, then where is Jesus in the Old Testament? Why is it, and how is it, that Jesus Himself identifies Himself in no uncertain manner with Jehovah? Surely He would know the difference. How could He possibly claim over and over again to be Jehovah, and be lying about it? It is totally inconceivable. So let us look at some of these claims which Jesus made as regards to Who He actually was and is, remembering that "Jehovah" is never used as an abstract name, but refers to the present, abiding Lord, the "I AM" who indwells us and is with us for ever and ever.

Now the name "I AM" is, as we are aware, the name by which the LORD 'Jehovah' revealed Himself to Moses. You will read the account in Exodus chapter 3. With this in mind, are we really and seriously asked to accept that it was just coincidence that our Lord on numerous occasions referred to Himself by the term "I AM"? Examine the record for yourself. "I AM with you always." "I AM the way, the truth and the life." "I AM the bread of life." "I AM the door." "I AM the Good Shepherd." "I AM the resurrection and the life." "I AM the true vine." "I AM Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending . . which is, and which was, and which is to come, the ALMIGHTY."

The Old Testament uses the phrase 'the LORD God of Israel', no less than 108 times, in which the word LORD is the word "Jehovah". Now if the entire Bible in its original texts is the inspired Word of God, and I cer-

tainly believe that it is, then why do we continually find in the New Testament references to Jesus being Jehovah if in fact He is not? Why is it in Luke 1: 68, for instance, that Zacharias, filled with the Holy Ghost, blesses the "Lord God of Israel" for visiting and redeeming His people, if the One to whom he was referring was NOT the Lord God of Israel?

In his excellent little book, "The Names of God," the late Rev. Pascoe Goard makes the following very relevant remarks;

'Examine carefully the quiet majesty and Jehovah authority of the "*I say unto you*" of Jesus as recorded in Matthew. For instance, in Leviticus chapter 22, it will be seen that to every clause of the statute is affixed the signature "*I am Jehovah*". This signature occurs in verses 2,3,8,16,30,31,32 and 33. Then selecting at random from Numbers 3 we find this; "*And Jehovah spake unto Moses saying*" which occurs in verses 11,14 and 44. To this last paragraph is also added the Jehovah signature, "*I am Jehovah*".

Let us now compare these affixings of the authoritative name with the exact counterpart in spirit and form found in the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew. In chapter 5, the phrase "*But I say unto you*" occurs in verses 20,22,28,32,34,39 and 44. Not only is there the same majestic spirit of authority manifested in the impressive "*I say unto you*," there is also the assuming and exercise of authority *to amend and ratify the statutes which were signed by the name of Jehovah.*

The Jehovah authority is identical in the statutes of Leviticus, Numbers, and the Sermon on the Mount. As to the amendments of the statutes, **who may amend them but JEHOVAH?**

Who indeed?

But let us turn to another factor relative to this matter. The Old Testament makes it quite clear that the husband of Israel was Jehovah. It is also quite clear that the husband, Jehovah, divorced His wife for unfaithfulness. It is further made quite clear that the only way for a

woman divorced under these circumstances to be remarried was for the original husband to die. Yet it is abundantly clear from both the prophet Hosea and from the Book of the Revelation that Jehovah's declared purpose was to remarry His original wife. The only way by which this could be achieved was for Jehovah Himself, as the husband, to die.

There is no provision in God's Law for a substitute to die on behalf of the wronged husband.

It simply boils down to this. If the husband of Israel in the Old Testament was the Father - that is, if Jehovah was the Father - then Jesus Christ did not, and could not, pay the required price, nor fulfil the required conditions to allow the re-marriage to occur. One could not die as a proxy for the other. **The actual husband must die.** And since it was most certainly Jesus that died, then He, and He alone, must have been the husband Jehovah. It simply doesn't work any other way.

Finally, we find that what Jehovah promised to His people, was actually achieved and fulfilled by Jesus.

The Name "Jehovah" means literally, "I AM." So that when we read the phrase "I AM JEHOVAH," it literally means "I AM THAT I AM," the very name given to Moses. It is a name whose use was totally restricted to Israel. They were the only nation who could properly use that Name. It did not apply to any other nation. It was the name under which were made the covenants and promises to the fathers. And it was these same covenants and promises that the same Jehovah, as Jesus, came to confirm, as recorded in Romans 15:8.

The verses which could be used to prove the relationship of Jehovah and Jesus are far too numerous to be all mentioned here, so we will only quote a few of the more obvious ones. Let us commence with the attribute of "SAVIOUR." In both Isaiah 43:3 and 11, and 49:26, we read in regard to Jehovah, which is the original word for 'LORD',

"For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy saviour."

"I, even I, am the LORD; and beside Me there is no saviour."

". . . and all flesh shall know that I the LORD am thy saviour."

However, when we turn to the New Testament, we read the following statements in regard to JESUS;

"And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call His name Jesus: for He shall save His people from their sins."

(Matt. 1:21).

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord."

(Luke 2:11).

"Of this man's seed hath God according to His promise raised unto Israel a Saviour, Jesus."

(Acts 13:23).

Peter, in speaking of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, as recorded in Acts 4:10,12, writes;

"Neither is there salvation in any other. For there is NONE OTHER NAME under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."

Now in view of the fact that Isa. 43:11 quoted above tells us in the clearest of terms that there is no other Saviour but Jehovah, then unless the Bible contradicts itself, which of course it doesn't, "Christ the Lord" of Luke 2, and "Jesus" of Acts 13, must be no other than "Jehovah."

And what of the attribute of "REDEEMER"? The Old Testament records many references to Jehovah as the Redeemer of Israel. Again, because of the restrictions of space, we list just a few. Remember, that wherever the word "LORD" is used, it is the translation of "JEHOVAH."

*"Thus saith the **LORD**, your redeemer, the Holy One of Israel."*

(Isa. 43:14).

*"Thus saith the **LORD**, the Redeemer of Israel."*

(Isa. 49:7).

*"Their Redeemer is strong; the **LORD** of hosts is His name."*

(Jer. 50:34).

Again, when we turn to the New Testament, we find the following references made in relation to Jesus.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people."

(Luke 1:68).

"But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel."

(Luke 24:21).

Now either there are two different redeemers, or the 'Jehovah/Redeemer' of the Old Testament is the same person as the 'Jesus/Redeemer' of the New Testament. We just simply cannot have it both ways.

The Great God and Saviour, **JEHOVAH**, who delivered His people from their first captivity in Egypt so many centuries ago, is the same Great God and Saviour, **JESUS**, who is about to again deliver the descendants of the same people from the captivity and slavery of modern 'Egypt and Sodom'. We can only pray that this Great Day will come quickly.



THE HIGH PRAISES OF GOD

By BILL BRITTON.

(courtesy *New Beginnings*.)

Praise is one of the mightiest weapons of the Spirit. *"The weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strongholds."* (II Corinthians 10:4). Praising God puts the devil to flight.

When one saint begins to praise God he can chase a thousand. But when the number of saints double, and two are joined together in their praises unto God, the results are multiplied ten-fold. For *"two shall put 10,000 to flight"*! When a body of anointed saints of God begin to sound forth the high praises of God, devils tremble, the heavens are shaken, and thrones begin to topple. We are in a warfare, and God has put a mighty weapon into our hands. We are not in a war against flesh and blood, and humans living in the natural realm cannot understand our life of praise. But devils understand the language, and they hate it. For praise is the heavenly language of victory through Jesus.

What Realm Are You In?

There are various natural realms in which we live, ranging from the lowest sinful life of depraved corruption, to the more sophisticated, cultural realm of natural man, on to the life of the Christian to a Spirit-filled realm of anointing and power, and finally to the highest realm in the heavenlies. Many Christians are living in too low a realm of the Spirit, far beneath their privileges. Very few know of that place in God where we can *"be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in Psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to God."* (Ephesians 5:18-19). This life of praise and worship, the Spirit-filled life, is available to us all, and is a glorious life of overcoming. But far too many live in a depressed, discouraged realm of defeat. This is because they do not

avail themselves of the weapons God has placed at our disposal.

There is a higher realm to which God's people should give more of their thinking and time. Many good books have been written about spiritual things and about the Bible and the Saviour. But more edifying yet are those writings which God hath anointed by the Spirit until you can feel the very presence of God as you read them. These are truly edifying and add strength to the Christian warrior. When you spend much of your time reading trashy things on a lower level, your strength is drained away, and you are made an easy target for Satan. But the highest level of all reading materials is the Bible, the written Word of God. It is not only anointed, it is inspired by the Holy Ghost, literally the words of God breathed into men of God as they wrote. The more you fill your heart and mind with His Word, the more Satan will fear you and the stronger you will be to tear down his strongholds in your own life as well as the lives of others.

What Are You Speaking?

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue" (Proverbs 18:21), and *"By thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned"* (Matthew 12:37). Some poor people live in a low, sinful realm by cursing, lying, and depraved obscenity, and then they wonder why they have no happiness, no peace. By the words of their mouth they open their lives to all kinds of filthy spirits, and Satan has free entrance into their lives. Even Christians live defeated, frustrated, unhappy lives because of what comes out of their mouths. It was never intended that God's children should speak lies, gossip, accusations against the brethren, doubts and fears. We are to walk in the Spirit, sit in heavenly places with Jesus, and the words of our mouth are to be acceptable in His sight, words of praise and victory. The only way we will ever inherit the heavenly promises is to stop walking in the natural realm, and start acting like sons of God! Let your words be anointed of the Spirit, so they may minister grace and edification to the hearers. And yet there is a higher realm

that anoints words of ours . . . and that is the heavenly realm of prophetic speaking, when we speak only the words of God. This truly brings Life and light and comfort to all who will hear.

A Higher Form of Worship

Jesus said (John 4:23-24), *"True worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship Him. God is Spirit: and they that worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth."* Too many people worship God on a natural plane, following the devices of man. Liturgies, ceremonies, forms, rites, traditions and programmes have taken the place of true worship. The natural man is satisfied with these things, for he does not enjoy coming into the awesome and mighty presence of God Almighty. But the Spirit is seeking out those whose hearts are hungry for a deeper depth in God, who are satisfied only by a moving of God's Spirit upon their lives.

As in other things, there are many realms of worship. Some worship demons and devils, others worship various animals, the sun and moon and other parts of the creation. Millions today worship idol gods or men such as Mohammed, Confucius, etc. Many of today's modern generation worship money, power, pleasure, and sex. And then there are thousands of those who call themselves by the name of Jesus who worship according to the forms and rituals of their church or denomination, knowing nothing of a Living God. But of these mentioned we have little to say. Their day of deliverance is coming when they shall be brought out of darkness into His marvellous light! The ones God has placed on my heart to minister unto and edify are those who desire God's best, those who desire to worship Him in spirit and in truth. Unto these I want to say that there is a higher form of worship than what we are moving in today. Most people are satisfied if they can find a place where they feel the members are sincere and the preacher is preaching the truth. They have never come into the higher realm of Holy Ghost anointing upon the worship and the preaching. There are others who

have felt that glorious anointing and have been forever spoiled for anything on a lower realm. Their hearts continually hunger for that which the Spirit has unveiled to them. But in these last days God has once again drawn back the curtains of heaven and let us hear the Song of God, which is far above even the most anointed worship of the past. So now we find ourselves unwilling to stop short of that which is God's highest order.

The Song of God

When Hezekiah came to the throne, Israel had been in a backslidden condition for a long time. They had not had true worship, and the temple of God had been cluttered with all kinds of trash. But King Hezekiah commanded the priests to clean out the house of God. In the first year of his reign (II Chronicles 29:3) he opened the doors of the house of God and repaired them. This is praise, and is of primary importance in getting the house of God (His people, His habitation) ready for the Song of God. And II Chronicles 29:27,36 says that *"Hezekiah commanded to offer the burnt-offering upon the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the Song of God began also And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, that God had prepared the people: for the thing was done suddenly."*

When Israel served God with all their hearts, and obeyed the Word of the Lord concerning their burnt-offerings, etc., they had a song and a worship so beautiful and so heavenly that they were the envy of the nations round about them. And God honoured them with His mighty Presence. At the dedication of the temple in II Chronicles 5:13-14 we find that *"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were as **one**, to make **one sound** to be heard in praising and thanking God that when the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of God; so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of God had filled the house of the Lord."* What a glorious day when God's true Temple becomes **One** in truth, to make **One Sound** in praising God, and God fills that Temple with His glorious Presence

and the cloud of glory is seen upon His people! Then shall the Song of God be heard throughout the earth, and the knowledge of the glory of the Lord shall cover the earth as the waters cover the sea! Even now we feel God's song beginning to come up from within us, and we know the day is very near at hand.

No Song in Captivity

A very sad story is told in Psalm 137. *"By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion. We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof. For there they that carried us away captive required of us a song, and they that wasted us required of us mirth, saying 'Sing us one of the songs of Zion'. How shall we sing God's song in a strange land?"* Those who have been bound by traditions and false doctrines, ruled over by carnal man, have not had the Song of God. They have been in a place far beneath that glorious place in God which is our inheritance. Psalm 126 tells of the return of Israel from captivity: *"When God turned again the captivity of Zion, we were like them that dream. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing."* Praise God! He has set His people free, and once again they can sing the songs of Zion! Once again the Song of God can be heard in the land. And this is what God is doing today, as He is calling His people out of [religious] Babylon, that system of confusion. He is setting them free from man's rule and traditions, and bringing them back to the land that flows with milk and honey, the land God promised to the seed of Abraham by faith. And as we leave Babylon and head for the perfection of the maturing of the Body of Christ, we find the Song of God beginning to sound forth in the midst of the saints. It is far from perfect yet, and not often enough. But when you are caught up by the Spirit into the realms of praise and adoration and worship until you can hear the angels joining in with your song, then you are spoiled forever for anything less. Press on, saints of God, for this is your eternal inheritance. This is our land of promise where there is a complete salvation, a full deliverance from every enemy,

and a life of praise and worship never before known by any except Jesus Himself!

Praise in the Midst of His Congregation

It is said of Jesus in Hebrews 1:9 that God anointed Him with the oil of Joy above His fellows. Though He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief because of the sin and rebellion of His beloved children, yet He also knew great joy through a life of praise and true worship of the Father. And His desire now is that as he lives in His Body of true believers through the Spirit, that He will be able to have such communion with us that His voice will be heard through His saints singing praise unto God. Psalm 22:22 and Hebrews 2:12 both tell us how He will sing praise unto the Lord in the midst of the congregation. What a glorious sound, to hear the voice of the Son of God, by the Spirit, in true worship. This is a high order of worship indeed.

Victory in the High Praise of God

Every enemy of the Saviour shall be put under the feet of the Body of Jesus. This is the promise of God. Psalm 149:5-6 tells us: *"Let the saints be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their beds. Let the high praises of God be in their mouth, and a two edged sword in their hand; to execute vengeance"* This is the vengeance of God's Temple that Jeremiah speaks of in 50:28 and 51:11, when Babylon falls and God's enemies are found. Psalm 149 says that kings and nobles (not earthly kings, but rulers of darkness) shall be bound with chains and fetters of iron, and that this honour have all His saints! So our Mighty God will take weak insignificant man and defeat the awful forces of evil. Think of it! What a glorious honour God has reserved for us. Much better than running from the battle, or flying away during the crisis. Every devil to be bound, every sickness, every sin, every affliction and curse upon mankind, even death itself and the corruption suffered by all creation. Is this too much to hope for? Is it more than you can believe? Nevertheless, it shall be so, and no amount of unbelief will hinder it

from coming to pass. God will have a people who will praise Him and believe for the impossible!

The Weapons of our Warfare

There are a number of weapons in God's arsenal, and Praise is a very important one. Notice that praising God in a high order of the Spirit is the secret to victory. It is the "High Praises" of God that are to be in the mouths of His Overcomers. This is more than just sincerely praising God, or even praising with an anointing. This is the Song of God that carries us into a realm of worship and praise that few have ever reached. Devils cannot stand before this weapon, thrones topple and principalities are brought low. "Praising God puts the devil to flight." And with the High Praises of God in the mouths we execute the judgment written upon the forces of hell and bind them with chains. This is our privilege and our responsibility.

Press Your Way In

Saints of God, press into His best and highest. Press toward the mark for the prize of the High Calling of God and Jesus Christ. Let us travail before God and believe Him for a moving of His Spirit until we will begin rising into the heavenly places with such a sound of victory and glory that devils will tremble, angels will shout and sing with us, and the voice of the Son of God will be heard in the midst of His people! Glory to God. **Halleluyah!**

Once you have tasted of God's highest order of worship for His people, you are spoiled for the old order of worship. Once the glory-cloud of His Presence has over-shadowed the brethren, and they have tasted of the heavenly reality of singing in the Spirit, they can never be satisfied again with the old order. Once a congregation of believers has heard the Song of God in the midst of His people, they are never very happy again with the fading beauty of man's natural talents.

Someone may say that it is possible to enter such a place of glory only occasionally, and that we cannot expect this to be the regular and consistent order of worship. As your faith is, so shall it be unto you. . . . But I declare to you that this is our inheritance, and we can claim it for our very own. Be not satisfied with the old order of systems of man's ways of worship, and the ceremonies that become such a habit with us. Let us move ever onward and upward into God's highest and best for us in these last days.

Behold, God is in His Holy Temple, let all the earth, all that is earthly, natural, keep silence before Him! Glory to God! **Halleluyah!**



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STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

By C.H. Spurgeon

"For my strength is made perfect in weakness."
(II Corinthians 12:9).

A primary qualification for serving God with any amount of success is a sense of our own weakness. When God's warrior marches forth to battle boasting, "I know that I will conquer; my own right arm and my conquering sword will get me the victory", then defeat is not far away. God will not go forth with that man. He who reckons on victory in this way has reckoned wrongly, for *"it is not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts"* (Zechariah 4:6). They who go forth to fight, boasting of their prowess will return with their banners trailing in the dust and their armour stained with disgrace.

Those who serve God must serve Him in His way and in His strength, or He will never accept their service. He casts away the mere fruits of the earth. He will only reap that seed sown from heaven, watered by grace, and ripened by the sun of divine love. God will empty out all you have before He will put His own into you. The river of God is full of water; not one drop of it flows from earthly springs. God will have no strength used in His battles but the strength which He Himself imparts. Are you mourning over your own weakness? Take courage, for there must be consciousness of weakness before God will give you victory. Your emptiness is but the preparation for your being filled, and your casting down is but the making ready for your lifting up.



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WHAT IF?

By Frank W. Dowsett.

Have you ever wondered about the possibility that what you believe so fervently is wrong? Now I'm not trying to be negative, but I believe that there are times when it is good for us to check on our beliefs. The great majority of Christians believe what they believe, not as a result of careful study on their own part, but simply as a result of what they have been told by others. They would never dream of checking on what they have been told. So they just go through life like good obedient people, and never question the correctness or otherwise of the things which they have been taught all their lives and which they hold dear. This is not a criticism of their sincerity. That is not in question. But we can be just as sincerely wrong as we can be sincerely right.

So what about it? Are we right because we feel we are right, or because we want to be right, or because what we believe appears to match up with various scriptures? Perhaps it's just because someone else said we are right, based on the fact that they believe it, so it therefore must be so. But what if we've got off the track somewhere, and are really quite wrong in our conclusions? Have you ever thought of that possibility?

To be a really responsible student, we must at all times keep this very real possibility in mind. If we don't, we can get so wrapped up in our own infallibility that we can not only end up in error ourselves, but worse still, we subsequently teach this error to others who are looking to us for guidance.

When it comes to the most extensive subject of the Bible, that of prophecy, the scope for error is enormous, simply because there is so much of it. But this fact in itself should in no way deter us from our studies of the subject. The key is to base our studies on what the Bible

says, and not on theological and man-made doctrines and ideas. Many of these may, and in fact are, correct, but it is quite obvious that many of them are also wrong, if for no other reason than that there are such a variety of them applying to the same subject. But if we start with the plain statements of the Bible, and build on them, we at least get off to a good start. But having started, we have to constantly remember that the basic facts and principles on which we started **MUST** be adhered to throughout our entire studies. We can't change the rules half way through just because the answer we arrive at doesn't fit in with the answer we want.

One of the most popular areas of study today is that of trying to determine as near as possible the timing of our Lord's return. We recognise and accept that Jesus said that no man would know **the day and the hour** of His return, but we are also told on the other hand by Paul in his letter to the Thessalonians that we would know **the times and the seasons**, (I Thes. 5:1). The prophet Daniel also makes it quite plain that the timing would be known by certain people. After having been given so much information by the Angel of the Lord regarding the End Times, Daniel asked what surely must have been the obvious question, *"What shall be the end of these things?"* That is, when shall all this come to pass? But the angel answered him and said;

"Go thy way Daniel. For the words are closed up and sealed till the time of the end. Many shall be purified and made white, and tried. But the wicked shall do wickedly, and none of the wicked shall understand. But the wise shall understand."

(Dan. 12:9-10).

So it is quite obvious that there is going to be a 'time of the end', and there are going to be those who will understand and know when that time arrives. It's a simple statement of fact. If we believe the plain statements of God's Word, then there is going to be an end to time as we know it, or to this present age.

Now most students of the Bible accept the conclusion that this age will come to its end 6,000 years after the fall of Adam, followed by what is referred to as the 'millenium,' or thousand years' reign of Christ called the Kingdom Age. Some commence this period from what they believe is the date of creation, believing that this is the same date as the fall of Adam, but personally, I don't accept this view, and it matters little for the purposes of this exercise. The principle involved is made on the basis of a day being a thousand years in God's sight, as stated by Peter, (2 Peter 3:8), and the prophetic use of a day representing a year as told to the prophet Ezekiel, (Ezek. 4:6).

Now the first problem that arises is determining just when this date actually occurred. Whilst there are differences of opinion as to the actual year in relation to our present calendar, these generally fall within a few years either way from the date 4,004 B.C., the date accepted by most authorities on the subject. 4,000 years later from that date brings us to the year 4 B.C., which again is the year accepted by most as the actual year of our Lord's birth. This can be checked to a reasonable degree of accuracy simply by checking the life span of Herod who ruled at the time Jesus was born. But again we find a slight difference of opinion as some authorities disagree on the actual date of his death, some claiming 2 B.C., and others 4 B.C. But again, the result is fairly close for all intents and purposes. A further 2,000 years from this date, making the full 6,000 years, would then bring us to the year 1997, after which, on the basis of this theory, we could fully expect to begin the Kingdom Age or 'millenium.' This leaves us just SIX YEARS TO GO!, or eight at the most if the later dates are accepted.

The point to be noted here is that this theory of six thousand years, followed by the seventh year as the 'millenium', is nowhere mentioned in the Bible. It is a conclusion arrived at by students of prophecy by the application of information they have obtained from their research and study of the Scriptures.

But what if it is wrong? What time frame do we then use? And how much further into the future is this present age likely to continue? We only have two real alternatives. Either the time frame we are presently using is correct and the end of this age is really here, or else we have absolutely no idea of when it will likely end, **because there are no more time factors in the Bible which go beyond this present time frame.** Are we to conclude that despite the time factors given in the Bible by God Himself, that these present conditions are going to continue on and on *ad infinitum*? Are things really going to keep on getting worse and worse until the human race destroys itself? Is the presently planned one world government really going to come into operation and take permanent and full control of the whole world? Because if all this really does happen, then Satan, and not Jesus Christ, will become the ruler of this world, and I can find absolutely nothing in God's Word which supports such a conclusion!

On the other hand, if there really is a time factor involved which is operating according to a Divine Plan, then I suggest that it is totally unreasonable for Christians, or anyone else for that matter, to ignore the clues placed within the Word of God by God Himself by which we can recognise the 'times and seasons' and by which those designated by God as "the wise" can form an educated and reasonable conclusion as to when this ending will occur. Let us be quite definite about this fact. If God can, and did, plan right down to the last final detail the first advent of our Lord Jesus Christ from before the foundations of the world, then we can be absolutely assured that He can plan with the same degree of accuracy and certainty the details associated with the second advent of the same Jesus Christ.

We now know from fulfilled history that the 1260 years of Daniel 12 culminated in 1917-18 with the freeing of Jerusalem from the heathen when it was returned to its rightful Israel owners. The 1290 period, which is 30 years later than the 1260, when the abomination was set up by the forming of the abortive state of Israeli, occurred in 1948, when that abomination took away the daily sacrifice,

or the daily walk with Christ within the Christian faith from the land of Palestine. And the final period of 1335, which is 45 years later again, concludes in 1992/3. Is it just a coincidence that this is the exact year when God's national people of true Israel will finally be destroyed as a people in the sight of the world by their entry into Europe, thus inaugurating the final outworking of the death of the two witnesses, terminating in 1996, just a year short of the terminal date of 1997? Is all this too fanciful? Because if it is, then I'm afraid that Christians will just have to go back to the drawing board, and design for themselves another set of time frames. I can assure you that God has not revealed any further time frames of His design and planning for the fulfilment of His Divine purposes.

Let us not get all upset because of the slight differences expounded within this time frame. A few years either way in God's sight is just a drop in the bucket. I for one can, and have, come to the conviction, based both on the statements of the Holy Scriptures and the evidence of the times in which we live, that we are now living in the very last few years of this present system. And from here on, things are going to get worse and worse in an ever increasing scale until the Lord God of history moves in again upon the world stage, this time not as a little babe, but as the all-conquering King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

We can only pray that you will all be fully prepared for this great day, and be able to fully participate in this great event. We can only sound the alarm. What notice you take of the warning is your responsibility. But one thing is absolutely sure.

The Day of the Lord is upon us!



God can only steer a moving object.

COVENANT WATCH!

(courtesy "On Target").

BRIEF COMMENTS: President George Bush has at last been forced to admit openly that the Zionist State of Israel is the major obstacle to any peace agreement in the Middle East. Speaking recently in Jerusalem on the 24th anniversary of the 1967 Six Day War, Israeli Prime Minister Shamir bluntly said that Israel had no intention of giving up any Arab territory, including East Jerusalem. Showing their contempt for President Bush, they were blatantly establishing new settlements in the occupied territories at the very time that U.S. Secretary of State Baker was visiting Israel. We seem to recall that President Bush declared war on Saddam Hussein because he would not obey U.N. resolutions. There is no need for President Bush to declare war on Israel to make it comply with U.N. sanctions. All he has to do is to cut off the massive economic and military support provided by the U.S.A. He will not do this because the real strength of the International Zionist movement is in the U.S.A., not Israel. And so there will be more unrest in the Middle East.

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THE CONSTITUTION from The Australian, April 12: "Professor Cheryl Saunders' claim that the Australian republic is 'inevitable' because of British integration with the European community (The Australian, 3/4) seems to follow a train of thought that I cannot understand. How does the linkage of the British economy with those of the Continent constitute an impossible chasm between the United Kingdom and Australia? Political, Constitutional and military integration if the E.C. is opposed by several members, including the United Kingdom.

"Professor Saunders also wonders, 'how long can we go on with the king or queen of England as the king or queen of Australia?' The simple answer is, as long as we want to. From the British we have inherited a most satisfactory political and Constitutional system that has worked in an

excellent manner for the past 90 years and allows us to change to a republic if we want to. Our esteemed professor would be advised to take heed of an old country saying in relation to our system of government - 'don't fix something that isn't broken'."

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UNANSWERED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE GULF

WAR: Now that investigators have discovered that top Zionists leaders met with Soviet leaders Gorbachev, Yeltsin and K.G.B. officials in Moscow from January 5 to January 10, and that Zionist leaders from 45 countries concentrated in Jerusalem from February 11 to February 15, following the first Iraqi scud attacks on Israel with a threat of more to come, presumably without any fear of the whole of the International Zionist movement being wiped out, the question has been asked why did the Iraqis fail to use their much publicised chemical and biological weapons? Did the Soviet military advisers who have been stationed in Iraq for a decade control the use of scuds which killed only one Israeli? What did the Soviet leaders tell the Zionist leaders?

Now while the scud attacks on Israel did minimal damage, they provided the Zionist propagandists with the opportunity to exploit a war in which they had no need to enter, applying pressure on the U.S.A. and other countries to provide far more economic and military aid for Israel. They were also able to generate an increase in international sympathy for Zionist Israel.

The scud attacks were also used by Zionist leaders to apply pressure on the Vatican to persuade the Pope to break from the Vatican's persistent policy not to recognise the State of Israel. But after meeting with 30 Zionist leaders on January 20 to January 22, the Pope and his advisers stood firm against what they perceived to be an internationally orchestrated campaign to exploit the scud attacks. Clearly the hidden role of the Soviet Union in the Gulf War has yet to be fully revealed. But it is now moving openly towards closer ties with Israel, thus preparing the

way for the Soviet to become involved in any Middle East peace conference.

MULTICULTURAL POLICY HAS A RACIST BIAS OF ITS OWN from The Australian, May 8:

"In The Australian (May 1), Mrs. Irene Moss of the Human Rights & Equal Opportunity Commission, complains of 'institutionalised racism', particularly in the police force.

"The group which suffers most from institutionalised discrimination is the Anglo-Celtic people of Australia. According to the Constitutional Commission, the population of Australia was 98% Anglo-Celt at the time of Federation, it is now 74.6% according to the government publication titled National Agenda for a Multicultural Australia, 1989.

"This state of affairs has been brought about by deliberate Asianisation and adherence to the much criticised 'multicultural policy' of the Government. In spite of the fact that a Melbourne Survey of the Department of Demography at the Australian National University showed that of all ethnic immigration groups, those of British origin were the most acceptable to the public at large (Population and Australia, Volume 1, the Borrie Report) the Government has persistently followed an unwelcome policy on immigration. Australian Bureau of Statistics records show that at present a mere 18% of immigrants come from the U.K. and Ireland, 10% come from Europe, and between 45% and 55% come from Asia. This indicates a deliberate policy of Asianisation and a desire to change the ethnic structure of this country. The fact that numerous groups have formed to resist this policy underlies that it is unpopular.

"The Racial Discrimination Act and recent legislation in N.S.W. and W.A. again point to the social conflict which has resulted from government policy and the fact that the Government spent \$7,733,591 in order to 'integrate' the new immigrants (as shown in Review '89) for one year alone shows there is also much expense involved. To cre-

ate a guilt complex in Australians they are accused of having four types of 'racism' in Racism - The Australian Experience, which is available in Australian universities."

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Courtesy "New American View"

THE LOBBY'S MEDIA BASHING OF BUSH

To hear the pro-Israeli crowd tell it, the U.S. president is a wicked conspirator or maybe just a philanderer, and his secretary of state is a simpleton. All hope is lost, unless we do things Israel's way, says the lobby and its flacks and hacks. And what is Israel's way? Glad you asked. That's what this game is all about.

Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, that old terrorist, said a couple of weeks ago when asked about the Bush-Baker peace effort: "I have more serious things to worry over. The absorption of [Soviet Jewish] immigrants preoccupies me more."

Absorption of the Soviet Jews and the *de facto* annexation of the Palestinian territories--bought and paid for by the American taxpayer--is what is uppermost in the minds of the Israeli leadership and its U.S. lobby.

"The world does owe Israel a debt, and owes the Jewish people a debt, to normalise history", Israeli Ambassador Zalman Shoval told the American Jewish Committee in New York earlier this month. "So we are going to approach the American government, and we can only hope and pray [the response] will be a humanitarian one and that this will not be linked with political considerations of the moment."

Shoval said that Israel would ask Congress for \$10 billion to underwrite the resettlement of the million or more Jews expected to immigrate from the Soviet Union. This is over and above the \$3 to \$4 billion annually provided by the U.S. government--which the lobby wants

raised. (They haven't gotten a cost of living boost since 1978.)

The total cost of the Soviet Jewish absorption programme, as estimated by the Israelis, will be \$40 to \$50 billion. In addition to the \$10 billion they plan to get from the U.S., they are asking for \$10 billion from their Jewish brethren in America, Europe and elsewhere. (Doubtful.) Another \$10 billion will be provided by the Western European governments and Japan, the Israelis hope. (Not very likely.) The remainder, they say, will be squeezed from their own economy. (Wishful thinking.)

A more realistic scenario, according to both American and Israeli economists, calls for the U.S. to pony up \$20 to \$25 billion to cover the bill. Only a portion of the rest can reasonably be expected to be provided by world Jewry, the Europeans and the Japanese. Israel's own contribution is considered totally unrealistic.

"Unless the Soviet Jewish exodus collapses, which is a distinct possibility", says a Jewish American economist, "the only way the absorption and resettlement programme can be realised is for the U.S. and Japan to fund the bulk of it together. I don't see how that is likely in Japan's case or possible for the U.S."

WHAT LAND FOR PEACE?

The White House is smarting from the recent rip-off by Israel and its friends in Congress who squeezed \$400 million from the U.S. government to finance housing for Soviet Jews. And it is bracing for the big hold-up of \$10 billion to finance Soviet Jewish absorption, planned for September by AIPAC and American Jewry.

But Sharon did something else while he was here. He held a number of private meetings in New York with wealthy Jewish investors, who provided him with millions of dollars "to complete the buyout of Arab lands before any U.S.-sponsored peace negotiations can get under way," according to Israeli sources.

"By the time Baker gets Israel to finally agree to sit down with the Palestinians," say these sources, "there won't be any land left on the West Bank for the Arabs to trade for peace. We will own it all by then."

Among the shoddy scams used by the Israeli government and Sharon's speculators to steal land is the claim that the Palestinian owners cannot document 10 consecutive years of cultivation—even though their families have tended these farms and orchards for hundreds of years. Unfortunately for these villagers, they neglected to keep the kinds of records which would satisfy the Israeli authorities. When records are available, the Jewish government simply ignores them and exercises its right of public domain. It just robs the Palestinians of their land.

"First the Israelis steal our land," said a recently dispossessed West Bank farmer, "then they prevent us from leaving the village to find alternative work in Israel. What is left for us except to live like dogs and die?" Well, there is one thing: You can leave your country and make room for the Soviet Jews—which is precisely what the Israelis and their allies in America want.

Not even religious property is exempt from the Israeli land grab. Centuries-old Christian convents, surrounded by flourishing fruit and nut orchards, have been confiscated in recent official robberies. The fulfilment of *Eretz Yisrael* and the momentum of the Soviet Jewish *aliyah* (ingathering) are not to be denied. The Middle East's only democracy (kosher style) is determined to see to that.

Since the beginning of the Bush-Baker peace offensive in early March, Israel has confiscated more than 18,000 acres of Arab-owned land as part of its continuing effort to develop the occupied territories for Jewish settlement, says the Wall Street Journal. The Zionist state now holds legal (?) title to about 925,000 acres—68 per cent—of the West Bank! The situation is so bad, say Palestinian sources, that the West Bankers will agree to any settlement with the Israelis that the U.S. can arrange,

just to save what little is left of their land. For many of the dispossessed, however, all hope has been lost. The only land remaining for the Jews to steal belongs to wealthy Palestinians who want to get what they can and get out.

ONWARD CHRISTIAN SOLDIERS

For 10 years, Ed McAteer organised national prayer breakfasts in Washington at the National Religious Broadcasters Convention for more than 1,000 evangelical Christians to "Pray for the Peace of Jerusalem." Now, he plans to bring at least that many to Israel so they can pray for the peace *in* Jerusalem.

McAteer is the Memphis-based founder and president of the Religious Roundtable, a coalition of the nation's top Christian business, political, military and religious leaders. He is planning to hold this year's prayer breakfast in Jerusalem as part of an eight-day convocation designed to build Christian involvement with Israel and with the immigration and absorption of Soviet Jews. "I know that, to millions of Bible-believing Christians who are solidly pro-Israel, this is a very important project," McAteer said. "It is a unique way for them to participate in something that's personally fulfilling spiritually and emotionally, and that is supporting the Jewish people."

McAteer, a 64-year-old businessman and former director of sales and marketing for the Colgate-Palmolive Corporation, was cited in 1978 by Newsweek magazine as "one of the four leading lights of the Conservative Christian religious movement in America," along with televangelists Jerry Falwell, Pat Robertson and James Robinson.

The attraction to Israel of the fundamentalists is visceral, mystical and prophetic. Termed "Apocalyptic Zionism" by Prof. Ruth Mouly of Pittsburgh University, the appeal of Israel to the Christians lies in premillenarian theology, in which "certain events preceding the Second Coming of Christ must take place in Israel." Because of

this, many fundamentalists believe Israel must be kept in Jewish hands.

The overly politicised elements of the Christian Right have not only laboured to assure this, but have walked that extra mile to blindly support **AIPAC** and its perpetual quest to acquire as much American tax money as possible for Israel. The most visible and committed of these **AIPAC** tools is the Christians' Israel Public Action Campaign (**CIPAC**), the self-described "sister of **AIPAC**". **CIPAC** is "the only Christian organisation registered to lobby [in support of] Israel and the Jewish people in the Congress, the White House, and the State Department." The most recent Christian tool to join the Jewish lobby is the Watchmen on the Wall. Another pro-Zionist brain-child of super-slick ex-salesman Ed McAteer, the Watchmen hope to unify scattered pro-Israeli Christian groups, mobilise them, and launch a formidable lobbying operation. Making no effort to down-play the political nature of this fundamentalist organisation, the Watchmen boast that 20 per cent of their board of directors is Jewish.

Not all pro-Israeli Christian groups are so rabidly fanatical in their efforts to facilitate Armageddon. The International Christian Embassy (**ICE**), was established to demonstrate to Israel that she has many sympathisers in the Christian world. **ICE** has concentrated its efforts on fundraising and settling Soviet Jewry. Providing over \$1 million and purchasing land on the West Bank, **ICE** has helped settle the new immigrants, while inadvertently exacerbating the Palestinian situation.

A symbiotic relationship has developed between fundamentalist evangelical Christians, who hope to see biblical prophecies fulfilled, and the Jews, who see dollar signs. Having tapped out their sources of revenue from the Jewish community through increased fundraising drives for Soviet Jewry over the last several years, the Zionists now measure the value of the Christian fundamentalists in dollars and cents. The fundamentalists enjoy a much broader base of support (30-40 million) than the Jews could ever amass on their own. Aside from direct

fundraising, Jewish organisations are courting these Christian groups with the intent of using the political support to lobby Congress for more money to "help absorb the enormous influx of Soviet Jews, revive the flagging economy and acquire new weapons." In addition, they figure the Christian support will quash Secretary of State James Baker's land-for-peace overtures and boost "Israel's resistance to giving up all or part of the occupied territories" with no consideration of the Palestinians.

While Jewish reaction to the allegiance in the political arena of these deluded pawns "ranges from enthusiasm, to ambivalence, to revulsion," their reaction to Christian tourist dollars knows no such distinction. The Israeli Commission for Tourism, using Pat Boone as its spokesman, has pulled all stops in an effort to draw Christian pilgrims to the Jewish state. "Because the Evangelical movement has always supported us," says Raphael Farber, Israeli Commissioner for Tourism in North America, "we think it is now time for us to support their efforts in promoting pilgrimage to the Holy Land." And to extend a warm welcome to those Yankee dollars, no doubt.

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HOW OLD IS THE NEW AGE?

The following editorial appeared in the December, 1990, edition of **THE GUIDE**, a magazine published by the Christian Labour Association of Canada, 5920 Atlantic Drive, Mississauga, Ontario L4W 1N6, Canada:

Malcolm Muggeridge, the famous British satirist and former editor of *Punch*, once wrote, "It has been said that when human beings stop believing in God they believe in nothing. The truth is much worse; they believe in anything."

Nowhere is this better illustrated than in the New Age movement, a hodgepodge of old religious heresies and Eastern mysticism in which Mother Earth is worshipped, Nature becomes divine, and human beings are proclaimed to be gods. It will not do to shrug the New Age movement off as just another fad on the fringes of society, for in North America alone it counts its adherents in the millions.

But what does all this have to do with the workplace and our daily work? Quite a lot. *Fortune* Magazine published a revealing article some time ago about major corporations spending vast sums on training their workers in the new transcendental technologies developed by the New Age gurus. The clients include Dow Chemical, General Motors, Hewlett-Packard, Pacific Bell, and Sears, to mention only a few. Executives on every rung of the corporate ladder are sent to training centres where they are subjected to mind-bending (and often nightmarish) techniques that are supposedly designed to increase their human potentials.

The new corporate philosophies are often worded in pure gibberish. Pacific Bell's new statement of corporate principles, for example, states that human interaction is ". . . the continuous ability to engage with the connectedness and relatedness that exists and potentially exists, which is essential for the creations necessary to maintain and enhance viability of ourselves and the organisation of which we are a part."

The jargon may be gruesome, but the message is plain: many corporate executives are deeply infected with the New Age virus and deliberately expose their workers to its influence. Robert Tucker, head of a Toronto organisation that helps people break away from cults, correctly stated, "It's one thing if an individual walks in off the street and signs up for a course, but quite another if your boss sends you . . . Does my boss have the right to put me through training that conflicts with my religion and my world view?"

Of course, we are not suggesting that the corporate elite is converting *en masse* to yoga and Hinduism. In typical corporate fashion many think New Age is good for business. If it's good for business it must be good for America. And anything goes for a quicker buck.

But that proves once again the underlying materialism of our society and of the New Age leaders who may be worshipped like gods, but gods who drive around in Rolls Royces and live in palaces.

It also highlights the spiritual emptiness of our culture, a void that is easily filled with alien spirits bent on convincing us that we are capable of eradicating all poverty and suffering. In the words of one prominent New Age guru, Maharishi Mahesh Yogi, "Every government can now raise every area of national life to perfection through Maharishi's Master Plan to Create Heaven on Earth." Incredible as it sounds, such hokum by self-anointed leaders has deceived vast crowds of people in the Western world.

But perhaps it isn't so unbelievable after all. Our society is losing its spiritual moorings and drifts around like a rudderless ship. Anything that promises firm ground is welcome. Isn't it telling that, while we live in an age of enormous power and mind-boggling scientific certainty, there is such an overwhelming feeling of powerlessness and uncertainty?

While the winds of war are blowing in the Middle East, our world is once more preparing to celebrate the birth of the Prince of Peace. Unlike the New Age message of self-redemption. Christmas proclaims the arrival of a Redeemer from the outside, someone who did not preach a soothing do-it-yourself redemption but who sacrificed himself in order that God and sinners may be reconciled. To make renewal possible in human relations, also labour relations. To herald a radically New Age.

Intelligence Digest (Oct. 12, 1990)

British Nationhood is on the verge of extinction. (The government has decided that it is no longer competent to conduct economic and monetary policy on behalf of the British people.)

It is not an exaggeration to say that Britain is at the most decisive moment in its history since the Battle of Hastings. (1066 A.D.)

Intelligence Digest (Feb. 1, 1991)

Israel will not compromise its borders.

In 1943 Churchill urged Ben Gurion to use his influence to ensure that the Jews in Palestine did not retaliate when attacked by Arabs. Ben Gurion's response was to remind Churchill of Buffon's description of the leopard: "This animal is treacherous it defends itself when attacked."

Ben Gurion's leopard is not about to change its spots.

Intelligence Digest (March 1, 1991)

Israel

Everything in the Middle East revolves around Israel. Grass-roots opinion will be even more anti Israel as a result of Saddam's humiliation This hatred will be fanned, not dampened, if the U.S. holds out unrealistic hopes of forcing Israel into a land for peace deal because no such deal will be forthcoming.



There is a principle which is a bar against all information,
which is proof against all argument,
and which cannot fail to keep a man in
everlasting ignorance.

This principle is contempt prior to investigation.

STUDY IN REVELATION.

By F. W. DOWSETT.

PART EIGHTEEN.

THE BEAST SYSTEM. Part One.

"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads the name of blasphemy.

And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and his feet were as the feet of a bear, and his mouth as the mouth of a lion: and the dragon gave him his power, and his seat, and great authority.

And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast.

And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?

And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and power was given unto him to continue forty and two months.

And he opened his mouth in blasphemy against God, to blaspheme His name, and His tabernacle, and them that dwell in heaven.

And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: and power was given him over all kindreds, and tongues, and nations.

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.

If any man have an ear, let him hear.

He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity: he that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

(Rev. 13:1-18).

In an earlier chapter we pointed out that this Book of the Revelation was compiled in cycles, forming the different aspects of the national development and life of the nation of Israel, the Kingdom of God on earth. It was further pointed out that these cycles did not necessarily follow in chronological order as set out in the Revelation. To explain, the events described in the 12th and 13th chapters do not happen after the events described in the 11th chapter, just because they are recorded later. The 11th chapter ended a complete cycle which took us right up to the second advent of our Lord and the setting up of His Kingdom here on this earth. But as we found, the 12th chapter took us right back to the time of the captivities, and described how God protected His people whilst they were fulfilling their appointed task of migrating to their appointed place in the Isles north and west of Palestine. The success of this operation on God's part angered Satan so much that we are told in the final verses of the 12th chapter that;

*"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."
(Rev. 12:15-17).

Today, more than ever, people need to understand the teachings of these verses. There is no doubt whatsoever that people generally today are quite fearful as to what is happening in the world, and more so of what is likely to happen in the foreseeable future. The prophecy of our Lord as recorded by Luke is now a reality. When the disciples asked Him as to the signs of the end of this age, He replied;

"Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers (various) places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven.....

And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; (symbolising upheaval amongst people);

Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming upon the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken."

(Luke 21:10-11, 25-26).

And this is exactly what is happening. People know that something is dreadfully wrong, but just can't put their finger on it. They are literally becoming worried sick about the possibilities ahead.

Now I know that many people think that I am too hard on the churches, and possibly criticise them too much. But what else can one say about the present situation when it is quite obvious that the people are just not being taught what the Word of God has to say about these times in which we live. Generally speaking, there is virtually no teaching regarding the prophetic Word for today outside of the entirely false teachings regarding the supposed fulfilment of prophesy regarding the bandit state of Israeli. The people, both inside and outside the churches, are told nothing about God's plans for His Kingdom here on this earth. How can they be when all they hear of is some spiritual kingdom somewhere up yonder in the blue when we die? And it stands to reason that if we know nothing about God's literal Kingdom down here on Planet Earth, then it's hardly likely that anyone will have the slightest idea of the part that Satan is playing to utterly destroy the people and nations that make up that kingdom. We have to acknowledge the basic principle that we must accept both God and His Word as they

ARE, not as we would prefer them to be. God is not necessarily the God we say He is. He is the God **HE** says He is. And if we are going to continue fiddling with His Word in order to make it conform to what we want to believe, in the face of the obvious shortcomings of this practice, then we are never going to understand what is happening, or what the result will be.

The simple truth is that "*Satan is angry with the woman*," Israel. His only thought and desire is to destroy this nation and people. He is totally paranoid about it. It's a pity that the Christians who are the target of Satan's attack are not just as paranoid about stopping him.

And so we find enunciated in the 13th chapter the overall details of Satan's plans. As a matter of fact, the remainder of the entire Book of the Revelation from this point on concentrates on this battle between Satan and Christ. It gives us in graphic, though highly symbolic language, the ebb and flow of the fight as Satan executes his plans, and God foils and overcomes them, until at last we have the amazing account of Christ's ultimate victory and the final and total destruction of Satan.

Let us remember that if Satan didn't know that we are who we **KNOW** we are, that is, God's Israel people, and that it was us to whom God has given the responsibility of being the blessing to all the families and nations of the earth, then he wouldn't be trying so desperately hard to destroy us as a nation and a people. You had better believe that he knows exactly who we are. Hence his unremitting attacks.

The agency by which Satan is trying to destroy us is referred to as a "beast." This means 'a wild ravenous beast,' not the 'Living Creature' of Revelation chapter 4. And we notice that this 'beast' is no stranger to us. It is described as having seven heads and ten horns. It is quite obviously a development of the same beast referred to in Daniel chapter 7. That beast is described as being dreadful and terrible, with great iron teeth, devouring and

breaking in pieces, and stamping on the residue with its feet. Daniel 7:23 describes it thus;

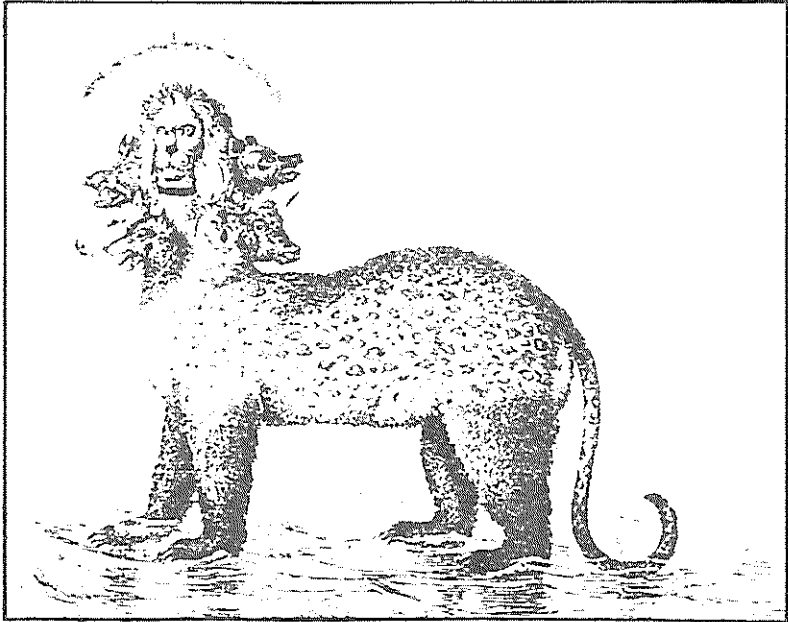
"The fourth beast shall be the fourth kingdom upon earth, which shall be diverse from all kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces."

It also had ten horns, although it is not at that time described as having seven heads. We are told that it represented the fourth kingdom on the earth, that is, the Roman Empire of Nebuchadnessar's dream. This beast of Revelation 13 however is described as not only having the attributes of all the first three beasts of Daniel, the leopard, the lion, and the bear, but it now has seven heads. It is as swift as a leopard, it tears like a lion, and crushes to pieces like a bear. It is the very same beast which is mentioned in Revelation 12:3, and 17:3. In chapter 12:3 it is clearly identified as '*the great red dragon*', a positive reference to Satan himself. Whilst in Rev. 17:3 it is identified as the beast on which the '*great whore*' sits.

Now there is a law associated with Bible study to which the sincere student of God's Word must always heed. It is called "**The Law of First Mention.**" This simply means that if you wish to find out the basic meaning and application of anything in the Bible, then go to the reference where it is first mentioned. This 'first mention', and its context, will give you the basic meaning of the word or subject, and this must then form the basis of understanding for any future reference of the word or subject. This is why I have quoted from Daniel chapter 7, and I suggest that the reader turn to that chapter and study it in conjunction with this study of the 'beast' in Revelation 13.

Let us now examine the various aspects of this beast so that we may come to a reasonable conclusion as to what it represents. The first verse of chapter 13 tells us that this beast has seven heads, and ten horns. It also tells us that unlike the beast of Rev. 12:3 which had the crowns on the seven heads, this beast has ten crowns on the ten

horns, not on the heads. The crown being a symbol of authority, this means that in this second description, the power or authority had now been moved or delegated to the horns, whatever they represented. And finally we find that the crowns which were originally on the heads had now been replaced by what is referred to as "*the name, or names, of blasphemy.*"



Sketch from Imagination of the Apocalyptic Seven Headed Beast from the Sea, having the mark of one head wounded as it were to death, but with the deadly wound healed, and ten horns diademed on the moved head.

By E. B. Elliot: *Hora Apocalyptica*.

The second verse of chapter 12 tells us that the dragon, which is clearly identified in Rev. 12:9 as Satan, gives to this beast his '*power, his seat, and great authority.*' Let us examine the meaning of these three attributes. The word "power" as used here means 'Natural capability, inherent power, the ability to perform anything.' The word "seat" means 'Throne. The emblem of regal authority.'

The word "authority" means 'permission, or license to do anything.'

So before going any further, let us put together what we have found so far.

This beast of Rev. 13:1 represents the development of the entire four beasts or kingdoms described to the prophet Daniel, and earlier to Nebuchadnezzar in the form of the great image which itself represented in its entirety the whole Babylonian system under the leadership of God's arch-rival, Satan. When we turn to Rev. 16:19 we find Babylon referred to as 'the great city.' In Rev. 17:1 & 3 we find reference to what is called '*the great whore, the woman sitting upon the scarlet, or red, coloured beast.*' In Rev. 17:18 we then find this 'woman' identified as '*that great city.*' And in Rev. 18: 10 & 21 we find this 'great city' identified as "**BABYLON.**" We will examine this more closely when we study these chapters later. So in order to carry out his plans for the destruction of God's people, Satan gives to this beast, now revealed as "Babylon the Great," the natural capability and inherent power to perform anything that has to be done to achieve this end. He also gives this Babylonian system this capability at the highest level of authority. And furthermore, he gives it license, or permission to carry out from this high or regal position the very acts for which it has been given the capability to perform. Thus, whilst retaining to himself the overall control of the operation of the 'names of blasphemy', which remains with the heads, he now delegates to his kingdom, referred to as 'Babylon the Great', both the capability and the permission to achieve this end through the power which he has delegated to it, as typified by the crowns being now placed on the horns.

Prior to the First Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ, this Babylonian system had appeared to have died, or been slain, with the demise of the Roman Empire, although it did survive in part in what became the Holy Roman Empire, culminating in the Papacy, which will be dealt with in a future study. But with the coming of the Redeemer of Israel, Satan was now forced to act in no uncertain manner against God and His people. Thus we read in Rev. 12:17;

"And the dragon was wroth, or angry, 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."

So the 'beast' of Babylon, which was thought to be dead or slain was, as it were, 'resurrected' by Satan, and given all the power and authority it needed in order to accomplish Satan's plans to destroy God's people. Verse 3 tells us that *"his deadly wound was healed,"* and from henceforth it is mentioned as *'the beast which was, and is not, and yet is.'* (Rev. 17:8).

I wonder how many students of this great book have realised the following facts, which I assure you, are no coincidence. Associated with the FIRST advent of our Lord Jesus Christ was the prior activity, and then the 'death' of Satan's kingdom or agency, Babylon, which was then 'resurrected' and given power for 42 months, (verse 5), which is 3.1/2 years. And associated with the SECOND advent of the same Lord Jesus Christ there is the prior activity and apparent 'death' of Christ's kingdom or agency, His witnesses Israel, after a similar period of 3.1/2 years of no activity as recorded in Rev. 11:3-11. Think about it!

Now how did the people of the earth react to this plan? Verses 3 and 4 tell us;

"And all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast. And they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? Who is able to make war with him?"

Let us look at some of the words used. The word "wondered" means 'to be amazed, to admire.' The word "worshipped" means 'to prostrate oneself in reverence. To crouch, crawl or fawn like a dog at his master's feet.' Now if that is not an absolutely accurate description of how the world has reacted to Satan's system, and to Satan himself, then I'll give the game away. They were taken in by the

sheer power of Satan's system, and realising that it gave them what they thought they wanted, and what they desired in their hearts, just like our mother Eve did so long ago, and realising the futility of fighting against such a powerful and attractive system, they simply joined it.

The next thing which we will look at is the method that Satan and his beast system used in their fight against God. And it is absolutely essential that we note that Satan employed only ONE weapon. That weapon was, and still is, **BLASPHEMY!** The word means, 'To drop evil or profane words. To be abusive and reviling in destroying one's good name, and especially to revile God or divine things.'

I repeat. This is Satan's master weapon.

Up to this time, Satan had persecuted the individual Christians in order to eliminate this Christian Faith. He caused them to be fed to the lions, to be soaked in oil and tied to posts and then set on fire to provide lighting to the arenas, to be tortured in the most excruciating manner, and yet the faith of Christ not only continued, but grew rapidly under the example of these early martyrs who were not only prepared, but willing to suffer in ways that you and I today can only barely imagine. I sometimes wonder how many Christians today would be prepared to go through the same things for their faith? But it became obvious to Satan that the plan he was using was not working as he wished. It became obvious that just attacking the believers was not the way to go. What he had to do was to entirely and completely destroy the credibility of the God whom the people worshipped and believed in. If he could achieve this, then Christianity would be destroyed simply by default. It should take no words of mine to emphasise the fact that this is exactly what is now happening in every area of our lives. From the highest levels of our national life right down to the lowest levels of our individual lives, the name of God is being reviled and blasphemed in the most outrageous and disgusting ways. No God-fearing man or woman can look on the present world scene and not wish to weep. It's long past time that we followed the example of Lot as recorded in II Peter 2:7-8;

"And delivered just Lot, vexed (afflicted with pain and worn out) with the filthy conversation (mode of life, actions) of the wicked. For that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, vexed his righteous soul from day to day with their unlawful deeds."

But it was not only God who was the object of this blasphemy, but also His tabernacle and them that dwell in heaven. The word 'tabernacle' means 'a booth, or sheltered place. A dwelling place.' This doesn't refer to heaven. This refers to His people Israel, for we are specifically told that God did, and will, dwell among His people. And it is just as obvious that Satan is not only reviling the name and credibility of God Himself, but also His true Israel people. What is happening today to our nation is not just a process of political or economic evolution. It is the outworking of Satan's plan to destroy us, to destroy God, and the very remembrance of God and His people from the earth.

Thus he has made war with the saints, and given to his beast system/empire the power and authority to overcome us and kill us. This is a battle, the proportions of which are totally beyond the realisation of the great majority of Christians, let alone people generally. Almost the entire world has been sucked in by this iniquitous system. But what is worse, they are enjoying it. But note that I said *'almost'*. Verse 8 refers to a group who would not be taken in and confounded and confused by this Satanic plot. They are referred to as *'those whose names are written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world.'*

Who are these people? Are they all those who claim to be 'Christians'? I'm sorry to say, but I think not. It's a sad fact, but a fact nevertheless, that the great majority of so-called Christians today are not only a part of Satan's system, but actually enjoy being a part of it. I am constantly astounded by the lack of commitment of so many 'Christians' to the commandments and requirements

of God. God made us in HIS image. But man rebelled, and is going all-out to re-make God in OUR image.

"If any man have an ear, let him hear."

Whenever you read this injunction it means that there is a very special message which has to be sought out and understood in what has just been stated.

What does the statement "written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundations of the world" mean? The original Greek word used here for 'world' is *kosmos*, and refers not to the geographical earth or world, but to 'the world system.' Thus, the expression 'from the foundations of the world' means literally, 'the establishment of God's world system or order.' The entire phrase can thus be rendered, 'except those whose names are recorded in the book of life of the Lamb slain, from the establishment of God's world order or system.' This puts an entirely fuller meaning on the statement. What would be 'the book of life?' I feel confident that this involves much more than the simple message of personal salvation, as necessary as this is.

If we go back to when the perfect system of God was instituted, we find that God instructed Moses to tell the people of Israel to chose between two alternatives, "life and death", and "good and evil." Thus, evil = death, and good = life. If they chose the evil way, they chose the death way. If they chose the good way, they chose the life way. And the 'good or life way', as God commanded, came only from obedience to the Law of God. And it is only as we teach people that the only answer to our present-day conditions is to get back to obedience to the Law of God that we can show them the 'way of good or life.' That is the record that God set up at the foundation or establishment of the system or order which He created, and which He loved so much, that He gave His only Son to die to preserve it, (John 3:16-17), so that it would never be destroyed. This is what Satan is fighting against! We will never have a proper understanding of God's ultimate purposes, nor of Satan's methods to destroy those purposes

unless we have at least a reasonable understanding of the importance and place of the Law of God. We can't combine God's system with Satan's system which dominates the world. To put it in other words which are familiar to most of us, we cannot put the new wine of the Kingdom of God system into the old bottles of Satan's world system under which we now travail. They are not compatible, and the old bottle will, and must, break. Sadly, when this happens, people blame the 'new wine' of God's Kingdom, instead of replacing the old bottle. So as we study the things of God, we must study them in the full context of the Word of God. You just cannot marry the two systems together. It was never designed to work that way, and it never will work that way. If we don't '*rightly divide the word of truth*' in its full relationship and context to the whole plan of God, then we will end up in deep trouble.

Verse 11 leads us into a further development and revelation as to the details of the operation of Satan's beast-system and its opposition to God and His people, but we will leave consideration of this further phase, God willing, until our next study.

What we now need to know is the end of the matter. It is contained in verse 10;

"He that leadeth into captivity shall go into captivity. He that killeth with the sword must be killed with the sword. Here is the patience and faith of the saints."

As we look around us, isn't it clearly evident that we have been led into captivity just as real and devastating as that suffered by our forefathers in Egypt? Aren't we even now being killed off by the sword that Satan is wielding? Well, God has some real good news for us. In verse 10 we are told that he who has led us into captivity is himself going to be taken captive. The one who is killing us with his sword is going to be himself killed by the sword. The '**sword of the spirit**', the '**two-edged sword that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lamb**' is destined to finally destroy both the sword of Satan, and even Satan

himself. What a victory for the saints! No wonder we praise His Holy Name.

"Here is the patience and the faith of the saints."

The word 'patience' as used here does not mean waiting around without complaining for something to happen. It means 'endurance, a bearing up under.' The word 'faith' refers to our conviction, 'our confidence in what we hear and understand from the Word of God.'

Thus the message to us in these very last days brethren is this. Because of our confidence and conviction in the integrity of the Word of God, we can endure and bear up against all the strain of what is happening around us. This is our patience and our faith. It matters not what man or Satan says to the contrary, God Almighty is going to triumph, and He is going to destroy for ever this iniquitous, Satanic system which is destroying us, together with Satan himself. **The Kingdom will be given to the saints of the Most High, and nothing that offends will ever be allowed again to enter into it.**

This is the inheritance that God has planned for us. Let us not lose it by being foolish enough to reject the only One through Whom we can obtain it, even our Lord Jesus Christ, our soon coming **KING OF KINGS** and **LORD OF LORDS**.

(to be continued).



"And behold, I come quickly; and My reward is with Me, to give every man according as his work shall be."

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

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With our Christian love,

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*A word of encouragement for those
who are persecuted.*

(Isa. 41:10-14).

Fear thou not; for I am with thee;
be not dismayed; for I am thy God:
I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee;
yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand
of my righteousness.

Behold, all they that were incensed against thee
shall be ashamed and confounded:
they shall be as nothing;
and they that strive with thee shall perish.

Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them,
even them that contended with thee:
they that war against thee shall be as nothing,
and as a thing of nought.

For I the LORD thy God will hold thy right hand,
saying unto thee, Fear not;
I will help thee.

Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel;
I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer,
the Holy One of Israel.

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