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

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Pastor Frank W. Dowsett.

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

Those who are teachers of God's Word are, or should be, constantly aware of the great responsibility and requirement of our position as stated in Isaiah 58:1. We are told to:-

"Cry aloud, spare not, lift up thy voice like a trumpet, and show my people their transgressions, and the house of Jacob their sins."

As many will know from experience, this is a sobering, and all too often a thankless task. The continual recital of things that are evil can be most depressing, and I'm sure that it's mainly for this reason that all too many ministers of the Gospel shy away from such declarations. When all is said and done, who wants a lot of gloomy people in the congregation? So let's keep them all happy. Let's talk about love, and all the nice things we can think of. Let's all put our arms around one another and rejoice. That is, until someone has the temerity to quote the above verse with the injunction that as God's people to whom this warning was directed, we should be implementing and obeying God's Laws. Then, quite suddenly and inexplicably, the loving arms change into boots. If I live to be a million years old, (God forbid under these conditions), I will never understand what is wrong with obeying God's Laws instead of the nonsensical, unjust, unmitigated garbage which we now have imposed upon us. The moral depths to which our once great nation has sunk is not only sickening, but frightening. Christians, and in particular, so-called 'shepherds of the sheep' have become paranoid about this subject of God's Laws. They claim to believe and teach the Bible, yet deliberately omit one of the greatest commandments it contains. "If ye love Me, keep My commandments!" I've heard of prominent ministers praised and lauded for their great work in raising up large congregations, and starting new churches all over the place, yet these same ministers deny the necessity to implement and obey the Law of God, choosing to hide behind 'grace', which seems to be something that they see merely in emotive terms. They deny the historical application and understanding of Biblical prophecy, which most of the early fathers of the church never did, and by their slavish devotion to the futurist teachings of the Church of Rome, all too often align themselves, whether intentionally or unintentionally, with this satanic

ecumenical movement. And when it comes to understanding the identity of the people to whom the warning is actually given, they pompously apply it to present day Zionist/Jewry, being too full of their own infallibility to see that they are indeed aiding and abetting God's greatest enemy. They get enormous media cover in many instances, and their message goes round the world before truth can get its boots on. "And my people love to have it so!"

A few nights ago I had a restless night, so early in the morning I turned the telly on just to see what was showing at that unearthly hour. I was really shocked to find that shift-workers and other late viewers are exposed to the most outrageous pornographic advertising you could possibly imagine. On another occasion I decided to watch a new programme on the ABC channel at about 9 p.m. and the language used would have made a wharfie blush. Nudity and sex has almost completely taken over. Even sodomy is now being used to advertise one particular brand of car. The ratbags, the atheists, the republicans, the sodomites, the morons, anyone with anti-Christian views, all get loads of media exposure to peddle their wares, but you just try to get on television and proclaim to the house of Jacob their sins and before you know it, you'll very likely be facing some form of anti-discrimination charge. How do you think the following requirements of God's Laws would go over?

1. MURDER.

The present system is to firstly try to break the charge down to a lesser charge. That's supposed to save the taxpayers money. But if the person charged is found guilty of murder, then all the mitigating circumstances possible are brought before the judge in an attempt to reduce the sentence. The rights of the criminal, of course, have to be protected. Don't worry about the victims or their distressed. We find these days that some convicted murderers are released from prison after only serving a few years in jail. Before we know where we are, these same murderers kill someone else and we have another family destroyed. This is nothing short of criminal nonsense.

God's Law requires that a convicted murderer be summarily executed. There is no provision for commuting the sentence to a lesser penalty. This penalty also applies in the case of rape, treason, (God help the politicians), and several other nominated offenses. The reason is to protect the innocent, so that they can live without fear.

SODOMY.

For the uninitiated, this refers to homosexuals of both sexes. Today we daren't say anything against this abomination. I'm probably sticking my neck out to even mention it here. Good church people will throw their arms around those who engage in this horrifying perversion and tell them how much they love them, albeit disagreeing with their practices. But you let it be known that you believe in our Israel Identity, and I can assure you from experience that despite how sincere a Christian you are, you'll be shown the door in no time flat.

The sin of sodomy is ranked as one of the greatest evils against God. The penalty required by God for this abominable sin is death.

God never promised that obedience to His calling was going to be nice. He never promised worldly acceptance for those who faithfully "lifted up their voice to show His people their transgressions." Quite on the contrary, He firmly warned that "In the world you shall have tribulation." He was not wrong. Since the very early days of His people, the prophets, and those who warned against sin in the camp were as popular as a pork chop in Jerusalem. Nobody ever wants to listen to bad news when it concerns themselves. When it happens to others, then that's really newsworthy and acceptable.

So if you are among those who are constantly trying to warn those around you of our national sins, and the necessity for our nation to return to obedience to the Laws of God, and are having a real tough time getting anywhere, just remember the prophet Jeremiah. In Jeremiah 7:23 & 27 we read;

"But this thing God commanded them saying, 'Obey My voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be My people. Walk in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you.' "

"Therefore you shall speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken to thee. Thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee."

We are not on our own. All we have to do is to give the warning. What happens then is on the people's own heads, and in the hands of a righteous and merciful God. □

GOD'S KINGDOM TO COME ON EARTH

When Shall It Begin?

by Rev. J.A.B. Haggart
(U.S.A.)

With the resignation of Gorbachev as a leader of the Soviet Union of Nations in Russia, we have seen the extinction of the old regime in Russia and the birth of the New Republic to take its place. The rapidity of this transition was unbelievably swift, so that by the entry into the year 1992, the leadership of the five principle states in former Russia was already in evidence. The republic of Kazakhstan, considered a leader among the five Central Asian nations emerging from the breakup of the Soviet Union, has made a secret appeal for aid to major Moslem nations, promising in return to regard its large stockpile of nuclear weapons as "Islamic bombs". There are tactical atomic weapons sites in four of the five Central Asian republics - Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Tadjikistan and Kirghizia - that have become independent countries with the disintegration of the Soviet central government. In addition there are reportedly more than 100 underground silos in Kazakhstan housing giant intercontinental ballistic missiles aimed at the United States and other western countries.

An alliance between some - or all - of these former Soviet republics (whose total population of nearly 50 million is largely Moslem) would tend to dwarf Israel's vaunted atomic arsenal. The state of Israel has from the beginning of nuclear development secretly built up its own nuclear powers to match those of the United States and other western nations. Islam has become a very potent banner for the people of the Middle East, especially with the rapid expansion of ties with Iran on the southern border. Beyond Iran, Kazakhstan's President Nursultan Nazarbayev has made a wide appeal for aid and co-operation to a number of Moslem governments. He has re-

quested financial support from oil-rich Persian Gulf countries as well as technical and military assistance from large nations such as Egypt and Pakistan.

There is no doubt the Bush administration regards the growing unity between Central Asia's Moslems and the larger community of Islam as a very "serious crisis". No doubt a visit has been, or will be made, to the countries of the Russian Soviet Federated Republic, but to date there has been no commitment from Kazakhstan or its brethren to give up their nuclear arsenals, or to place them under the central command of the newly emerging "Commonwealth of Independent States". The world's nuclear balance is teetering undecidedly. Dr. Vanessa Hughessen, of Princeton University, a nuclear physicist specialising in arms control has stated, "Israel must now reckon with the one threat it dreads--an Islamic world whose last-ditch resources include nuclear weapons larger and more numerous than the mini-state's own stockpile".

It is no secret that the nuclear weapons now in the possession of four of the remaining Russian republics has sent President Bush into a panic. Thanks to U.S. meddling overseas and the distinct favouritism towards Israel there are a number of small impoverished nuclear powers in the Middle East spoiling for a fight, and having the means to deliver warheads to Israel by the hundreds in retribution for Israeli treatment of their co-religionists.

In a way we can see in the recent Persian Gulf war a pattern of behaviour for the cluster of small nations which make up the Middle East. Clearly, they are divided by their religious beliefs: the Zionism of the Israelis and the Moslem make-up of the rest of the region, which is largely Arab in character.

One source of conflict is centred in Jerusalem, which the Israelis have recently chosen as their capitol. Up to this point the United States and other western nations have been reluctant to accept this. Certainly, the dispute now centres around the Moslem Mosque which dominates the central plaza of the city. One faction of the

Israelis plans the demolition of the Mosque and the erection of a Jewish temple instead. Until this issue is resolved there will be no peace in Jerusalem. Today Jerusalem is considered only second to Mecca as the sacred centre of the Moslem religion. Hence, it can clearly be seen that the dispute today is centred in Jerusalem. The prophecies in the Bible have clearly indicated that the final conflict will be over the possession of the city of Jerusalem. We may be approaching the final conflict on earth. There is every evidence that we are witnessing today the final struggle, now centred in Jerusalem. The "death of the two witnesses" in Jerusalem is described very graphically in Revelation 11:11 -

"And after three days (years) and a half the spirit of life from God entered into them, and they stood upon their feet and great fear fell upon them which saw."

It could be that we are half way through this 3½ year period of the "death of the two witnesses". If this is true, then we can see the closeness of the return of the Lord and the resurrection of the dead, as described in the next verse, Revelation 11:12 -

"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."

There is a great deal of attention given today with the realisation that we are living within this 3½-year time period. The beginning of this time-period called the "death of the two witnesses" was so subtle that few Christians realised that they had entered into it. The time it started was September 1, 1990, when the newly-formed League of Reformed Churches began operations in England, Scotland and Ireland, which included the Catholic Church! Assuming that this new-formed "Church" began on September 1, 1990, three and a half years later would be March 1, 1994! Therefore, we are about half way through to the Appearing of the Lord, which is described

in Revelation 11:12. According to this verse, the Lord will appear in the heavens, and call down with the voice of the Archangel "Come up hither!" and this will have become an accomplished fact!

Now, there are many who expect the Lord, when He comes, will touch down on the earth. No! He will call down to those on earth to "Come up hither" where He stands upon the clouds. We shall all rise to meet the Lord in the air. We shall all be taken to heaven and, for a time, shall fellowship with the Lord at His Marriage Supper. Afterward, we will follow Him to earth for the actual beginning of the Kingdom of God on earth!



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DID JESUS FAIL?

Part 4.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

In our first three articles in this series, we examined three of the reasons why our Lord Jesus Christ came. They were:-

1. To Save His people,
2. To Redeem His people, and
3. To Confirm the Promises Made Unto the Fathers.

As we studied these three aspects of our Lord's ministry, it became quite apparent that He did not fail in the slightest degree to carry them out to their fullest extent. His Word through the prophet Isaiah was fully vindicated:-

"For as the rain cometh down, and the snow from heaven, and returneth not hither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater;

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

(Isa. 55:10-11).

So in this issue, we are going to look at the second question we asked, namely, "What are His plans?"

That our Lord has a plan, and a very specific one at that, is a matter that seems to have been either over-

looked, or else entirely ignored, by a great many Christians. The prevalent teaching that projects us to some place called 'heaven' as soon as we die, in which we walk the golden streets and polish the pearly gates and wave palm leaves for millions of millions of years into the nebulous future must surely be the most brainless and God-dishonouring picture that one could ever imagine. If our idea of God is such that we can't credit Him with coming up with something better than this for us to do, then we certainly have a most insipid impression of Almighty God. But I'm sorry to have to say that this IS the kind of impression so many are given of the future with God. It's no wonder that so many people today turn away to other sources for spiritual satisfaction.

We are never going to understand that God really does have a plan, let alone begin to understand something of that plan, until we realise that this plan is centred upon the total and complete restitution and restoration of the earth by the setting up and operation of His Kingdom here on earth under the governorship of its King, our Lord Jesus Christ. Let the sceptics laugh and sneer all they like. The Bible refers very specifically to TWO advents of our Lord. The first of those advents has already become historical fact, proven beyond all question of doubt. There is thus no possible valid reason to expect that the second of these advents will not similarly come to pass just as surely. The problem seems to be that whereas His first advent was what we would refer to as 'low key', in the sense that He came just as what appeared to be an ordinary babe without great fanfare and jubilation, the second advent will be one of great power and splendour beyond anything that you or I could ever imagine. I must admit that it completely confounds my mind to even try to imagine what that great day will really be like.

The certainty of the fulfilment of both these advents is clearly revealed by the prophet Isaiah, and it is this statement that gives us the starting point in answering our question, 'What are His plans?'

We read in Isa. 9:6-7:

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given:

And the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

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

We note from the above reading that the declaration of our Lord's first advent takes just 13 words. The entire balance of this very same statement comprises the remainder of the two verses, and refers to His second advent. I am constantly amazed by the fact of how little prominence is given to the second part of this great prophecy, in view of how much prominence is given to the first. We see here that the prophet - and remember that he was writing under the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit as recorded in II Peter 1:21 - makes no separation between the first and the second advents. He presents both as part of the same overall statement and plan. We see also that he makes absolutely no differentiation as to the geographical location of what is to transpire in relation to each of these advents. The first, that is the birth of a son to Israel was clearly to happen on this earth, and indeed this is what actually happened. What grounds do we then have for transferring the activities associated with the second advent to some place other than the same earth, and indeed the very same people? Yet modern theology has achieved what God has never stated, and certainly never intends.

Some may query my statement that our Lord's activities associated with His second advent are to be fulfilled upon earth. So let us clear this up before we proceed. In Revelation 20:4-6 we are informed in the clearest of terms that those who take part in the First Resurrection will be

priests of God, reigning with Christ for a thousand years.
We read;

" . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years.

*But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. **This is the first resurrection.***

Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, . . . they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

Now it must be fairly obvious that those who will reign with Christ will be with Him, that is, where He is. So for the sake of the sceptics, let us settle **from the Scriptures** just where that will be, and whether they will be together in the same place. In Revelation 5:10 we read;

*"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests. **And we shall reign on the earth."***

So that should firmly establish just where 'we' shall be reigning from. But what about our Lord's whereabouts? Well, in Acts 1:10-11 we read;

"And while they looked steadfastly toward heaven as He went up (that is, from the earth), behold, two men stood by then in white apparel;

*Which also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? **This same Jesus** which is taken up from you into heaven, (that is, from the earth), shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go."*

So here we have, **from the Scriptures**, the complete picture. Those who are included in the first resurrection are going to rule and reign with Christ, and together they are going to carry out this reign down here on this earth! This leaves no room whatsoever for all this current specu-

lation of some spiritualised kingdom somewhere up in the wild blue yonder.

To substantiate this, we need go no further than the promise made to Mary at the time of the annunciation of our Lord's birth, as recorded in Luke 1:31-33;

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

He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest. And the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David.

And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of His kingdom there shall be no end."

In the context of our present study, there are three factors here which we should especially note as to the stated destiny and authority of our Lord Jesus Christ.

1. **He is to reign from the throne of David.** Contrary to what modern theology would have us believe, this throne never was, is not now, and never shall be, in heaven. The throne of David was that which was set up by God over the nation of Israel. But it was a very special throne. It was not just David's throne, but it was "the throne of the Lord." As we read in I Chronicles 29-23;

*"Then Solomon sat on **the Throne of the LORD** as king instead of David his father."*
(emphasis added)

This throne, together with David's descendants, are the entire subject of the Davidic Covenant which God made with His people. It is a throne right here on this earth. It is not up in heaven somewhere. God has His own throne there. He doesn't need another one in heaven.

2. **He is to reign over the House of Jacob.** The fact that the Angel of the Lord chose the phrase "house of Jacob" and not "house of Israel" is of the utmost significance. Whilst the phrase 'House of Israel' has been spiritualised almost to death, no such thing can be done with the phrase 'The House of Jacob.' The phrase 'the House of Jacob' is, with very few exceptions, if any, always used of the literal nation of twelve tribed Israel. It is never used of a 'spiritual' Israel, and the only connection which the phrase has with the spiritual condition of Israel is in comparing its "Jacob" or "unconverted" state with the nation's "Israel" or "converted" condition. It is thus the entire twelve tribed nation of Israel over which Christ is to reign.

3. **The duration of this reign is to be for ever, or without end.** The word 'ever' as used here means, 'always, at all times, unto all the ages, immeasurable time', whilst the word 'end' means 'not a cessation. It denotes strictly, not the ending of a departed state, but the arrival of a complete or perfect one.' (Bullinger's Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament).

Thus we see from the above three factors that this reign of Christ and His co-rulers is not to be some temporary arrangement, but one which will continue upon this earth, from the throne of David, and over His people and nation of Israel, for all eternity.

But what a change there is going to be. What an absolutely mind-boggling change. It is totally beyond our comprehension to understand or even imagine, but the Satanic inspired and empowered government under which we groan today is going to be completely removed and destroyed, **and the government is going to be upon HIS shoulders! HALLELUJAH.** And let us be well assured of this, He will not be governing with the aid of treaties and committees. He is not going to set up some form of negotiation table whereby He can find some way of placating the unions and big business and the multitudes of crackpot extremists in our midst. There will be only one law in operation at that time, and that will be **THE LAW OF GOD**, the Law which He Himself first originated. It will

be at this time that we will see the full implementation of the terms of the New Covenant which He Himself ratified with His own blood on behalf of the House of Jacob/Israel, over whom He will then be reigning. No longer will we be given a choice as our forefathers were. There will no longer be 'ifs' or 'buts' clauses which we can obey or disobey as we feel inclined. There will no longer be God's offer of blessing if we obey His Laws, and the corresponding promise of cursing if we disobey them. We will no longer have the choice. The terms of the New Covenant are very plain. The Lord has said, as recorded in both Jeremiah 31:31-34, and Hebrews 8:8-12;

*"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah:
Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord:*

*But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in **their inward parts, and write it in their hearts;** and will be their God, and they shall be my people.*

And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

Yes! Our Lord DOES have a plan, and it is wonderful beyond belief, as we will discover as we continue our studies.



(to be continued).

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DESPERATE FOR VOTES

By Athol Day

A half page display advertisement in the Sydney Morning Herald on Saturday, 18th January, 1992, was taken out, obviously at no small expense, by the Sydney Gay and Lesbian Mardi Gras Festival organisers. The advertisement describes a festival of decadence and corruption to be held in Sydney from the 15th February to the 1st March, 1992. Events being staged every day during the Gay Festival are described in the advertisement as being:

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WHY SHOULD DONATIONS TO A "PARTY FOR PERVERTS" BE TAX DEDUCTIBLE ? ? ? ? ?

It has been said that people get the government that they deserve. If we elect a government that subsidises perversion, obviously for a few votes from the gay community, then we must bear some of the responsibility for their actions. I can think of a number of causes that the government could subsidise, but the Sydney Gay and Lesbian

Community is not one of them. Within this society, the law allows them to live as they please, but should we as a society condone and support such decadence?

The Bible roundly condemns homosexuality:

"If a man lies with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them."

(Leviticus 20:13)

"for even the women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was meet. (or deserving)."

(Romans 1:26-27)

Ours is not a Christian nation. However, we do have a Constitutional right to freedom of religion, and are free to promote Christian teaching and attitudes. Perhaps we could change our vote at the next election; or perhaps we should lift up our heads and look for the Second Coming of Christ, who warned us that one of the signs of His Second Coming was that "Iniquity Shall Abound".

"Now seems to be a good time for You to come and sort out the mess this world is in, Lord Jesus. Now would be a good time to eliminate the usury that makes the poor poorer and the rich richer. Now would be a good time to save the rain forests and species in danger of destruction by greedy men. Now would be a good time to end wars and bring law and order to the nations. Now would be a good time to heal the earth and take away sickness and disease from the inhabitants of the earth. Now would be a good time to restore righteousness, prosperity and true happiness throughout the earth. We yearn for your coming Lord Jesus."

Malachi

A Study
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PART ONE.

Introduction.

In this issue I am going to commence a study of the Book of Malachi. We have at some time or another all heard or read comments regarding certain parts of this book, but I can't recall that I've ever heard or read a series of studies on the whole of this prophecy. Although it has such a great deal of teaching in it for us, unfortunately it is so very rarely heard of these days. So my purpose in writing this is to study and explain the various aspects of the words of this prophet, especially as it relates both to the events of our present day, and to the material and spiritual position of our nation as the present-day development of God's people Israel, the specific subject of the book itself. We will find from our studies of this prophecy a very wonderful message which God has recorded for our instruction and admonition.

In II Peter 1:19-21 we read these very pertinent words;

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in our hearts:

Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scriptures is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."

Again, in II Timothy 3:16-17 we read;

"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."

I have always found it quite amazing that despite such positive injunctions as those we have just read, and the obvious blessings which accrue from following them, that today we are very rarely ever given teaching on this all-important subject of prophecy. I was reading a little booklet recently, which dealt with facts and figures related to the Bible, in which it was pointed out that about 75% of the Bible dealt with prophecy. So on this basis, we find that if we don't study prophecy, then it is quite obvious that we are ignoring 75% of the Bible. Thus it behoves us to look at these prophets. One would think by the absence of teaching that we receive today, that they are of no further consequence, and that God virtually wasted His time inspiring these men to write. Let us be very clear on this point, that these men did not write of their own volition. These men, as we are told quite clearly, wrote these prophecies as they were moved by the Spirit of God. It was God who actually wrote these prophecies, using the various prophets purely as His scribes. Just the same as a company executive will call in his secretary to take down a letter as he dictates it, so with the prophets. As the Spirit of God spoke to them, they wrote down the thoughts that were put into their minds, and so what they wrote down is the inspired Word of God. We have no right whatsoever to relegate the prophets into the background simply because we don't understand them. I read a little caption recently which read, "Whatsoever man does not understand he finds unconvincing". I thought that was a very good expression of people's attitude today in regard to the subject of prophecy. They don't understand the prophets, so they find them quite unconvincing. They can't understand them, so they put them to one side and say, 'Let's forget about them, and concentrate on the New Testament', completely forgetting of course that the great bulk

of the New Testament refers back to the prophets which they have just discarded.

I have always believed that it is necessary when commencing the study of any book in the Bible, and particularly a prophetic book, to carry out a short investigation of the technical points of the book before you start because it helps to adjust your mind to the right era, and helps to give one the right perspective and context of the book. For argument sake, you could get a different understanding of this book if you thought it was written prior to the captivities, than what you would have knowing that it was written afterwards. So it is obviously necessary to know this fact so as to have the correct basis for your understanding of the prophecies contained in the book, otherwise the reader could apply the message of the book to the period of the first captivities instead of to a much later period of time.

The name "Malachi" means literally "My Messenger". There are a few different opinions expressed regarding the person of Malachi when one studies the various authorities. Some have suggested that "Malachi" was not the name of the person who wrote it, but that the book was written by someone who was the messenger of God, and denoted that fact rather than the name of the actual person. Another authority claims that it was the name of the person as well as his position, adding "by Malachi, who was Ezra the scribe". I don't know where he got that from, but I'm only quoting what some other authorities say about this. Others take it, as I take it, that it was the actual person, "the prophet Malachi". What people don't seem to realise when they make these statements which I previously quoted, is the fact that God constantly used names of people as a message in itself. There was always a meaning in people's names. There was often a purpose for which God had a particular person named as he was. Abraham means 'a father of many nations', Isaac means 'laughter', Isaiah means 'Jehovah saves', Daniel means 'My judge is God', and so on. If you go through the Bible, you find that the names all had a meaning. And just because a man's name has a meaning,

doesn't give us the right to suggest that it wasn't actually that man, but just a title that had reference to some person's ministry. This is quite wrong. The man Malachi was so named because of God's call upon him to be His Messenger.

The book was written about 374 B.C., (Bullinger), although there is some slight difference of opinion among various authorities. There is no dating given within the text of the book itself. It is the last of the minor prophets as recorded in the Bible, and in fact, as we observe, the very last book of the Old Testament. It is interesting to note that these prophets are not called "minor" because they are less important, or because they are less factual, or because we can place less credence upon them, but simply because they are shorter. They are short books, and so are called "minor". The major prophets - Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel, - are long books, and are called "major" for this reason. So the term 'major' or 'minor' simply relates to the size of the book. It is also interesting to note that there are just 12 "minor" prophets, six of which are undated. Malachi is the last of these six and of the three written after the captivities. So now let us examine this very wonderful message as it unfolds in this book of Malachi.

CHAPTER ONE.

The first verse starts off, "*The burden of the Word of the Lord to Israel*". The word "burden" doesn't mean 'a load', but means 'a warning or exhortation'. This is similar to the 'woes' in Isaiah, which also mean 'a warning or exhortation', not 'sorrow'. So the two words have a similar meaning. But the word is not just directed to a small group of people. It is directed to the whole House of Israel. This can be seen quite clearly. For instance, in chapter 1 and verse 2, God introduces the two peoples of Esau and Jacob. He speaks here of Jacob, not Israel, and Jacob was always used in relation to the entire 12 tribed House of Israel. As we go through the book, we find other references, e.g. Chapter 2 verse 4 "*and ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you that my*

covenant might be with Levi saith the Lord of Hosts". That covenant with Levi was made at a time when the whole 12 tribes were together. Then in verse 11 we find, *"Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem".* The prophet covers the whole three aspects - Israel, Judah and Jerusalem itself, the inhabitants of Jerusalem. So he covers the whole context of Israel. He covers the whole people. It is not just to the remnant left at that time or any other time. It is a message to the entire House of Israel, and we need to realise this in order to fully and properly understand its message.

But I feel that the basis of our understanding of the whole book rests upon the very next verse. In verses 2 and 3 we have a statement made by God about which, I personally believe, there is a complete lack of understanding. I further believe that this is the reason why we have so little understanding of the tragic situation in which we find our nation today.

"I have loved you, saith the Lord. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: Yet I loved Jacob, and I hated Esau . . ."

We read this without realising the enormity of the statement that God has made. He says to Jacob, *"I have loved you."* That sentence forms the basis of the entire prophecy which is contained in the four chapters of this Prophecy of Malachi, because with the exception of just two verses, (verses 2 and 3 of the first chapter), God goes right through His dealings with the people of Israel. He tells of how much He loves them, and why He loves them, and what He is going to do about it. *"I have loved you, saith the Lord"*, and yet, we find that He replies, *"Yet ye say, wherein hast Thou lovest us?"* Israel says, how do we know you've loved us. Prove it to us. We can't see any evidence of this at all. God declares His love. He then questions Israel's doubt of this love, and then He answers Israel's doubt. But isn't it amazing, that today we have this very same attitude so prevalent in our midst.

"Wherein hast Thou loved us." I'm sure you will agree with me that 99% of people in our country of Australia, in Britain, the U.S.A., Canada, New Zealand, South Africa, in fact everywhere in the white Commonwealth countries, are looking at their respective countries and saying, "what on earth has happened to us?". And if they have any religious thoughts at all, they will be asking God, "why have you allowed this to happen to us? How on earth can you possibly say you have loved us, and let us get into the mess that we are in now.?" How would you answer that question, for instance, to the people in Northern Ireland and the people in Britain now, where they are experiencing increasing bombings and anarchy? How would you answer the people in our own country suffering so terribly through unemployment and an ever increasing incidence of terrible crimes? And so it is going on in all the Western Christian nations today. We now have a situation for which nobody seems to have the slightest idea of how to reach a solution. And people, whether consciously or unconsciously, are questioning whether or not there is a God at all, let alone whether or not He loves us. There is very little evidence of God's presence among us today. This is the very sad feature of our times. And you know, we have achieved this all on our own. We have thrown God out and said that we could make a better job of running our national affairs than God could, simply because we didn't recognise the part that God had to play in our history, our politics, our economics, our home life, our national life, or our religious life. In every phase of our existence we have taken God out of it. And we turn round to God and say, "How do we know that you love us? Where is the evidence that you love us?"

And God turns to us and makes a reply, giving the basis for His love for us as His people Israel. He says, "*Was not Esau Jacob's brother?*" Now what sort of an answer is that? Why did God choose this particular subject as His reply? Why did God answer the question, "Prove to us in what way You have loved us" with the reply, "*Was not Esau Jacob's brother?*" Would you have answered this question with an answer like that? I'm sure you wouldn't have, and neither would I. God is an abso-

lute marvel at answering questions with what seems to be the most unrelated and unusual answers. He is just so far ahead of us with His reasoning that it is staggering to our understanding. How very true is the statement recorded in Isa. 55:8-9, and how happier we would be if we recognised and accepted it;

"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, saith the LORD.

*For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are My ways higher than your ways, and
My thoughts than your thoughts."*

How seldom we realise or comprehend the enormity of God's statement; *"Wasn't Esau Jacob's brother?"*, for in saying this, God put His finger on the heart of the whole matter. The secret of the present world situation, and the calamities through which we are passing lies in the answer that God gave here.

"Was not Esau Jacob's brother? Yet I loved Jacob, but I hated Esau, and laid his mountains and his heritage waste for the dragons of the wilderness."

This is the secret of the whole question.

"I have loved Jacob, but I have hated Esau."

Now with this statement in mind, I want to quote for you a passage from Romans 9:10-23; (N.I.V. trans.).

"Not only that, but Rebekah's children had one and the same father, our father Isaac.

Yet, before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad - in order that God's purpose in election might stand: not by works but by him who calls - she was told, 'The older will serve the younger.' Just as it is written: 'Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.'

*What then shall we say? Is God unjust?
Not at all! For he says to Moses,*

*'I will have mercy on whom I have mercy,
and I will have compassion on whom I have
compassion.'*

It does not, therefore, depend on man's desire or effort, but on God's mercy. For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: 'I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.'

Therefore God has mercy on whom he wants to have mercy, and he hardens whom he wants to harden.

One of you will say to me: 'Then why does God still blame us? For who resists his will?' But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?

What if God, choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath - prepared for destruction?

What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory? . . ."

Now let us have a brief look at this passage. Rebekah had conceived by her husband Isaac and had eventually found that she was to give birth to twins. The children had not yet been born. They had not had the chance to be good or bad, to do right or wrong. **Yet God had made an act of election in regard to both of them.** He had selected, and indeed **elected**, one of these as yet unborn children in preference to the other. He had made this decision and this choice before they were even born.

It is absolutely essential that we fully realise that this act of election by God had absolutely nothing to do with the unborn condition of the children themselves. **It was a matter of the call and purpose of Almighty God.** He said, 'It is My prerogative to choose whom I will,' and He made His choice before the children were even born. And that choice was not made on the basis of favouritism, but on the basis of His Divine foreknowledge of what the two children would develop into. If God had allowed these two babes to be born and grow up and had then chosen them, people would have criticised God ever since on the grounds of favouritism. God forestalled this. He said, "It is My prerogative to chose whom I will", and He made the choice before they were even born. It was said unto her, Rebekah, quoting from Malachi,

"The elder shall serve the younger. As it is written, Jacob have I loved, and Esau have I hated. What shall we say then. Is there unrighteousness with God? God forbid.

For He said to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion. So then, it is not of him that willeth nor of him that runneth, but it is of God that showeth mercy."

It's God's business, not ours. Look again at part of the above scriptures.

"For the Scripture says to Pharaoh: 'I raised you up for this very purpose, that I might display my power in you and that my name might be proclaimed in all the earth.'"

Do you see the point of this? God deliberately allowed Pharaoh's heart to be hardened so that He could display His power and His might through what He did to Pharaoh. He then answers His critics, who incidentally complain, no matter what He does;

"But who are you, O man, to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to him who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?' Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?"

We can use a simple illustration. Take the furniture in your own home. We don't find one of the chairs complaining because it may not be the same quality as another of our chairs, or because it wasn't made into the table. What has been made has no say as to what it has been made into. It's the person who makes it that has the say. And yet we have the audacity to turn to God and complain to Him that He, the Creator who made us, made us as we are. We want to change things. We want to say to God, "You had no right to make this person thus, and that person something else." And so we find ourselves in the mess we are in today. We have all this intermarriage, integration and inter-everything else in a deliberate attempt to make everything uniform. There is a song currently being aired on the radio, the words of which go something like this. "Get a large pot, place all the races of the world in it; stir it round and round for a few hundred years, and out will come scores and scores of coffee-coloured people". This sort of thing is sheer, unadulterated blasphemy, as it was no doubt intended to be. If God had wanted everything and everybody to be the same, He would have made them all the same in the first place. Look at all the trouble He would have saved. But He made peoples different because He wanted them different. And He wanted them different simply because He had different purposes for them all. This is the thing we forget today. We look at people of other races, and before we know what's happening, certain forces in our midst are breaking their necks trying to make them into people of our race. What on earth for? If God wanted them to be of our race, He would have made them of our race. But He made them of their own race, because He has a particular and specific purpose for that race within His Divine will. By turning people of one race into people

of another race, we are not only destroying our own race and heritage and the purposes of God in us, but we are also destroying them from being what they are, and thus destroying the purposes of God in them. And this is what Paul is saying, *"Who are we to question the wisdom of God?"*

So we find three important conclusions:

1. It is the Creator's right, and His alone, to decide what He wishes to make, and how He wishes to make it.
2. That which is made has absolutely no say whatsoever in what it is made into, and
3. We have no right or authority to change God's decision.

But in studying this subject in the strict context of Malachi's prophecy, we find that it concentrates specifically on just two people, as yet unborn, and the future people and races which would develop from them. In the Bible passages which we read above, there is specific reference to 'two vessels' or 'objects'. In Romans 9:22-23 Paul wrote;

"What if God, willing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects (or vessels) of his wrath - prepared for destruction?"

What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects (or vessels) of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory? . . ."

The context of this statement, as recorded in verse 13, shows that these two 'vessels' or 'objects' were none other than Esau and Jacob. Esau was the vessel prepared for destruction, whilst Jacob was the vessel prepared for glory. This was the predetermined decision and judgment

of Almighty God, and there is absolutely nothing that you or I can do about it. We are not asked to like it. We are expected to accept it. The decision has nothing to do with us. It is entirely God's, and to reject it is tantamount to throwing God's Word back into His face.

What if God did make one vessel, Esau, for destruction? That's His business. What if God did make one vessel, Jacob, for mercy? That's also His business. That is just the way God purposed it. The one He made to honour, and the other He made to dishonour. He could not have expressed it more clearly; "*Jacob have I loved, and Esau have I hated.*" If it wasn't so, then why did both Malachi and Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, say that it was. And here we have the secret of understanding what is going on in the world today.

I've said this many times before and I want to say it again. When you study the Bible, study the words. This is absolutely necessary. You will never understand the **WORD** of God unless you understand the **WORDS** of which it is comprised. Get yourself a good concordance, and with its aid, **STUDY** the Word of God. I repeat something else I've said before. Nowhere in the Bible does it say to just read the Word of God. It says;

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing, (or understanding), the Word of truth."

(II Timothy 2:15).

No one can study the Word of God just by getting out the Bible and flicking through the pages and doing a speed reading course through it. You have to study it. Pull it apart. Study the words. You get wonderful things out of it. In this passage we read, "*Jacob have I loved.*" The word "loved" means "to have affection as for a friend." Now doesn't this immediately turn our mind to another verse - "To have affection for someone as a friend". Have any of you any friends you don't love? It doesn't work that way, does it. To be a friend, they must be someone

you love. You don't say of someone you don't like, or love, 'That's my friend'. You call someone your friend because of the feeling you have towards them. You introduce someone to someone else and you say, 'meet my friend?' You don't introduce your enemies this way. But when you say, 'I'd like to introduce to you my friend', you say this as an indication of the love and respect which you have for that person, and you indicate that you love, or like or respect the person whom you are introducing. So in this context, to love someone is to have regard for them as a friend. In the 15th chapter of John's Gospel, and in this context, we read this;

"Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.

Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.

Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

These things I command you, that ye love one another."

Do you notice the deeper implications of this wonderful passage from John 15? It makes us realise that this word "friend" is so closely associated with God's love for His people Israel. He loved them as "friends". He refers to them here as friends. You will recall the title that Abraham had - the only man recorded as being referred to as "the friend of God". And this was a very special relationship which God has, not only with us as individuals, but also with His people Israel. "Ye are My friends", He says to them, and what a depth of meaning is behind that verse, *'that greater love hath no man than this, than a man lay down his life for his friend'*, - those whom he loves. This was His people Israel, for whom He went to the cross to redeem. This is the love referred to in the statement, **"Jacob have I loved"**.

But God also went on to say, *"but Esau have I hated."* The word "hated", as used here, means "to hate as an enemy, or foe. Something which is odious", and the idiom of the Hebrew word used means that the hatred is to its fullest extent and is all-embracing. It is utterly hateful. This is the exact meaning of the Hebrew word. It is not just a feeling or attitude which is 'intermittent'. It is not just some minor displeasure. It does not refer to something about somebody which you may not like. It is a completely, utterly, all-consuming hatred of that thing. This is what the original Hebrew word means. A complete despising of it. And that is what God thinks of Esau and his descendants. Just look at the two different aspects. *Jacob have I loved.* God outlined in that extract from John to which we previously referred, the fruit which He said would come from them. *"Ye have not chosen Me"*, He said, *"I have chosen you and ordained you that ye should go and bring forth fruit."* You will no doubt remember that in Matthew 21:43 when the Lord spoke to the Jews of that day, He said, *"The Kingdom of God shall be taken from you (i.e. the Jews) and will be given to a nation which will bring forth the fruits thereof."* This is exactly what John has said in the passage we referred to earlier. *"Ye have not chosen me, I have chosen you and ordained you that you should bring forth fruits,"* and these are fruits which Christ has here said would be evidenced in

the Kingdom which was taken from the Jews and given to another particular nation. Now, it is not my intention at this stage to go through the fruits of the Kingdom, we should all know what they are. The Gospel - the Good News - of the Kingdom of God, was the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ had returned and redeemed His people, and now because of this fact, they were able to go forth and fulfil the terms and conditions and blessings of the covenants which God had made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This was something that they couldn't do up till this time because they had been divorced from God. But now, Christ had paid the price and fulfilled the conditions of His Own law which then enabled Him to re-establish that wonderful Husband/wife relationship with His people Israel. He had died. The curse or sentence of the law had been broken, and Israel was now free to march forward under the covenants which God had made with them, and perform the duties and services which God had laid upon them, and in fact bring forth the fruits which were appointed to them, i.e. to go out and take the message of the Lord Jesus Christ to all the nations of the world. And this is exactly what we have done. We have sent missionaries to virtually every country on the face of this globe, and yet the people whom we are told are God's Chosen People have been, and still are, the greatest enemies of these missionaries and the Gospel which they have tried to teach. I've never yet heard of these people having sent out Christian missionaries to Christianise the rest of the world. Neither have you, and I'm sure you never will. And this is simply because they were never elected to bring forth the fruits of the Kingdom. Our Lord Jesus Christ said it in the simplest of terms when He said of these people, "*Ye are NOT My sheep.*" (John 10:26).

But when we come to the descendants of Esau, that is quite a different story. These are the ones who were hated. It was of these that God said, "*But these mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither and slay them before me.*" (Luke 19:27). The return of the present Israeli's to Palestine has absolutely nothing whatsoever to do with the promises of the land made to Israel. Rather, it is the fulfilment of the words of

our Lord just quoted. In the words of Paul, they are 'the vessels for destruction', and they are now gathered exactly where Christ told them to gather for that specific purpose. There are going to be a lot of very shocked and surprised, and indeed ashamed, Christians in the very near future when this sentence of the Lord comes into effect. And so we find the two very contrasting destinies of these two peoples. One of them the people whom God loves, whom He has chosen, whom He has called "His Friends", for whom He died. The other, a people whom He said in plain language He completely and utterly despises, because they are His enemies. These are the people of whom in the verse 4 of Malachi 1 we read;

"Whereas Edom said, 'We are impoverished, but we will return and build the desolate places,' thus saith the Lord of Hosts, 'They shall build, but I will throw down. They shall call them the border of wickedness,'"

And note this,

"They shall be called the people against whom the Lord hath indignation forever".

That is the complete opposite of what God said about his people Jacob/Israel. These are the people whom He swore He would love forever.

Thus we have the introduction to the message of Malachi. Here is the context and foundation of his prophecy. It is this great controversy that has raged ever since these two children were born - in fact before they were born - and we have it reaching its culmination right now in the world in which we live. In this year of 1992, we see in front of our very eyes the final battle which is being fought between these two children and their descendants, Esau trying to destroy his brother Jacob/Israel. They have brought out every part of their armoury they can lay hands on. They are using deception, degradation, insult, persecution, indeed, every evil that you can possibly imagine, and they have aimed it against us. You just look

at what is going on in our country; the pornography, the drug scene, the filth which is ceaselessly pumped into peoples' minds through virtually all avenues of the media, abortion, the destruction of all moral standards, the destruction of our Bible-based legal system, to say nothing of the pitiful and compromising stand now evidenced in so many if not most of our churches; and you will have just a small glimpse of the depths to which these enemies of God, the descendants of Esau/Edom, modern Zionist/Jewry, have gone in order to destroy the descendants of his brother Jacob/Israel. Such is the state to which we have sunk, simply because of this enemy in our midst which has been fanatically aided and abetted by false shepherds who not only keep on pounding and pounding the idea that we no longer have to worry about the Law of God, but who then unbelievably teach that this insidious enemy is itself the chosen people of God. May God have mercy on us.

This enemy is not actually mentioned by name any further in the Book of Malachi, by the way, but we will still keep them well in mind because of the manner in which God speaks to Israel in subsequent chapters, and their relationship to what God says.

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On the matter of the current peace negotiations with Israel's neighbours and the Palestinians, the *sabras* (native-born Israelis) said, "It's a joke. There will never be an independent Palestinian state. Israel will never give up the Golan [Heights] or get out of southern Lebanon. The Golan is militarily too important, and we need the water from the Litani River [in southern Lebanon].

"Shamir has handled the peace negotiations just right. He sat down with the Arabs and didn't give an inch. Now, he's dragging out the talks in Washington, and everybody is getting tired and discouraged. That's what he wants. There will be no deal with the Arabs in 1992. It's an election year in Israel, and if Shamir gave up any territory, he would never be able to win re-election."

Another added, "You Americans always underestimate Shamir. You forget that he was a revolutionary, an underground fighter. He's a lot tougher than any of your presidents--and a lot smarter, too. So was [former Prime Minister Menachem] Begin. He still advises Shamir.

On the subject of the Soviet Jews, the *sabras* said, "This is a complex issue. We don't really need them, or want them. Basically, they're a political tool, a publicity thing like the holocaust and anti-semitism. The main purpose they serve is to justify the eventual absorption of the West Bank and Gaza. And they provide a good excuse to get more money out of the U.S. government and the American Jews." (Emphasis Added.)

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New World Order

Jewish American organisations have decreed 1992 to be the year of "an extensive global agenda to benefit Israel and promote Jewish interests worldwide". Hoping to achieve their goals of lifting of the Arab economic boycott of Israel and securing \$20 billion in loan guarantees (\$10 billion from the U.S. and \$10 billion from Europe) for the Jewish state, the activist organisations are relying on Jewish control of the U.S. Congress. Said Jess Hordes, Washington representative of the ADL, foreign officials pay attention to American Jews because they are "an important constituency which has immense influence on public policy". Support for the agenda was emphasised by Malcolm Hoenlein, executive director of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations. (Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)



THE THREAT TO AUSTRALIA'S SPIRITUAL ROOTS

by Eric D. Butler

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Australia Day weekend, 1992, has witnessed the insidious campaign to cut Australia from its roots, emerge into the full light of day. The announcement that the Australian Republican Movement has planned a national convention later in the year, to draw up a blueprint for the proposed change, and to prepare for a referendum, should be regarded by supporters of traditional Australia and its institutions, as a formal declaration of war. If traditional Australia is to be saved, the spirit which prevailed during the Australia Day weekend of fifty years ago must be rekindled.

Australia Day weekend, 1942, was the blackest period in Australian history. Imperial Japan had carried all before it to Australia's very front door. Military strategists felt that in the event of a Japanese invasion, a large part of Australia would have to be evacuated for a period. The writer had moved from infantry to anti-aircraft units which were expected to defend Victoria's industrial centres from possible air attacks. Australia's best equipped and battle experienced divisions were in the Middle East.

But during those dark days of fifty years ago, the essential Australian spirit was alive. Australians generally had no difficulty in answering any questions about the Australian identity. This was before the madness of multiculturalism, with its fragmenting effects. Faced with the problem of lifting the nation on to a full war setting, the Curtin government did not look overseas to find the finance necessary to ensure that Australian industry reached its full potential of production. Young Australians today are generally unaware of the resourcefulness and innovativeness of their fathers and grandfathers. While it was agreed that American support was vital, there was a strong spirit of nationalism. And while it was elementary that because of its vital role in the European theatre of war, Britain was unable to play a major role in the Pacific War, there was still loyalty to the basic British roots of the nation. People instinctively stood when "God Save the King" was played. I saw no evidence of anyone feeling a sense of that "colonial cringe" our Republicans and others talk so glibly about.

Not Part of Asia

Younger Australians are not to blame for their lack of understanding of the achievements of fifty years ago, as the nation was faced with black disaster: they have not been taught real history. There has, through "progressive education", been a deliberate policy of cutting them off from any understanding of real history. The republicans, most of them secular humanists, are able to advance their shallow and superficial arguments because of this. Australians are subjected to the constant theme that Australia is part of Asia. Australia is an island continent which in

terms of geography is relatively close to Asia. But only the secular humanists believe that people live only in terms of space and material environment; neglecting the fact that people also live in terms of time. None of the essential roots of the Australian people can be traced to Europe. Australians have inherited a political and constitutional heritage with its roots in the United Kingdom. The Common Law and the priceless English language did not come from Asia, but from England.

If the Australian people wish to live in harmony with their Asian neighbours, and to have their respect, they must first have proper pride in themselves and their essential heritage. The future of Australia depends upon Australians developing and displaying pride in that heritage. The essence of that heritage is spiritual, not material. Nothing so clearly demonstrates the peril threatening Australia than the developing sophisticated attack on the Australian flag. The 1992 Australia Day period has seen a more subtle approach to the flag issue. Confronting the Australian people with a completely new flag design has failed. Now comes the suggestion that a major and easily recognisable feature of that flag - the Southern Cross on a blue background - be retained as the new flag. "All that we are proposing is that a foreign flag, the Union Jack, be removed", Australians are now being told.

The description of the Union Jack as merely a "foreign flag" ignores the reality that the Union Jack symbolises the Christian origins of that British constitutional and political heritage out of which the Australian nation grew. The attack on the Union Jack as a part of the Australian flag is an attack on the Christian heritage. The tragedy is that even the Christian Church has failed to join the battle to defend the symbols of the Christian heritage. The significance of the subtle campaign to remove the Union Jack from the flag is much greater than is generally realised.

One of the features of the 1992 Australia Day weekend has been a flood of articles by the cynics, the knockers and others, denigrating nationalism, patriotism, the Crown and everything associated with the Royal family. A classic of its kind was the Phillip Adams contribution in

The Weekend Australian. For sheer vindictiveness it would be hard to beat. Eric Butler gets, once again, the Adams treatment. I am interested to know that his files are full of my material. I wonder who supplies that?

Back to Roots

We have writers who claim to know that Prince Charles is "depressed" because his mother will not abdicate, and that he spends more of his time talking to the flowers. But little or no reference to the thoughtful and constructive addresses by Prince Charles on architecture, literature and, of course, his strong advice that if a nation wishes to survive into the future, it should look to its roots.

Here is a message of salvation for Australians at this time: Let them rediscover their roots and reactivate the vitality which lies there. This is the way to dispel the darkness which the secular humanists seek to create.



WORLD AFFAIRS

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The Battle for World Domination

The Bolshevik Revolution in Russia in 1917 was without a doubt led and financed by the Illuminati, a group of internationalists under satanic inspiration aiming for world domination. There is no doubt that they are being inspired by a super-natural power. They chose the Communist red horse to carry them to their goal of world domination. But it does not matter to them what colour the horse is, as long as they achieve their purpose.

Gorbachev, as one of their lackeys, used his tricks of glasnost and perestroika, to acquire masses of Western capital (from the pockets of Western taxpayers) to

strengthen the Russian economy and perfect their secret weapons.

Now that Communism has collapsed in Russia and the East Block, the present "emergency" serves an even better purpose to obtain that capital for still the same purpose. At the same time the hand of the international aspirant world rulers is strengthened in their ultimate drive to bring the **New World Order** to finality.

This New World Order can be briefly summed up as follows: a centrally concentrated power group in control of all the lethal weapons in absolute control of all governments. The motive is that no war will be possible any more. Under this central world authority in control of all the governments and their economy, mankind will be moulded into one international grey mass without any identity and with no will of their own.

The New World Order

In this society all love of family, national pride and patriotism, and anything that can still be identified with the "old order", will be completely eradicated. There will be one common religion composed of all existing faiths. The "New Age" movement, gaining such rapid ground among millions of people, is the forerunner of this New Order.

More than twenty years ago Dr. Zbigniew Brzezinski, the national security advisor to President Jimmy Carter, declared in his book "Between Two Ages" that "national sovereignty is no longer a viable concept" and suggested piecemeal "movement toward a larger community of the developed nations ... through a variety of indirect ties and already developing limitations on national sovereignty". (Intelligence Digest: THE NEW WORLD ORDER, August 1991, 17 Rodney Road, Cheltenham GLOS GL50, 1HX, UK).

James P. Warburg, a leading member of the well known American CFR (Council on Foreign Relations), told a US senate Committee on February 17, 1950: "We

shall have world government whether we like it or not ... by consent or by conquest". In 1976 Prof. Saul Mendlovitz, director of the "World Order Models Project", prophesied that there "is no longer a question of whether or not there will be a world government by the year 2000" (Ibid).

World Annihilation

The scare story by which this world will be forced into submission to a world government (they think) will be that the world is already on the brink of self annihilation. More and more terror weapons are being developed, and more and more countries are acquiring them. This was the great pretext by which the UN under the leadership of the USA forced IRAQ into submission. They argued that if Hussein is not subdued that he would in the near future threaten the Israeli State with nuclear weapons. It was not for the sake of righteousness, but to enforce world order.

The world is on the brink of total annihilation for sure, in several areas: there is the danger of all kinds of sophisticated weapons, starvation, pestilence (like AIDS for example), air and environmental pollution, population explosion, etc. No world government will be able to ward this off, no matter what the mass media, under control of the world financiers tell the masses. Only God can save by a Personal Intervention, and He has promised in His Word to do it. This intervention is explained in our literature, cassettes and videos. Please write for a complete list.



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DUMP HYPE, KEEP QUEEN (From The Australian,
January 31)

"The amount of publicity you are giving that greatest non-event of all time, the Republican Party, makes me wonder whether your newspaper has some sort of hidden agenda.

"With the amazing resources you have at your fingertips, particularly with opinion polls and the comments of people in the public eye, it must be obvious that the Republican Party hasn't a show of achieving its aim. But the question "why a republic?", doesn't even seem to be answered. If the public at large is satisfied with the status quo, and all the information I get indicates that there's no need for a change, why all the hype? I absolutely discount any of the remarks made by Franca Arena, who has been on several hobby horses over the years, all of them questionable.

"And as for Donald Horne's remarks that there is confusion, there is his own. It's high time that all the so-called famous Australians realised that the most important people in this country, the average hard-working Australians, are quite satisfied to have the Queen and her successors remain where they are in the overall Australian political scene.

"The actions of the Socialist Government of South Australia in removing the royal coat of arms from its courts is, of course, childish and despicable and it should be replaced forthwith.

"The R.S.L. and its membership is clear on its position - we will never agree to this country becoming a republic. We are proud to be associated with the Queen, who is our patron, and who, as this country's head of State, has never once put a foot wrong. Show me a politician with such a record."

(B.C. Ruxton, State President
The R.S.L., Melbourne, Vic.)



STUDY IN REVELATION.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

PART TWENTY TWO.

CHAPTER 16.

THE SEVEN LAST VIALS OF PLAGUES. Part 2.

"And I heard a great voice out of the temple saying to the seven angels, Go your ways, and pour out the vials of the wrath of God upon the earth.

And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image.

And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead {man}: and every living soul died in the sea.

And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory.

And the fifth angel poured out his vial upon the seat of the beast; and his kingdom was full of darkness; and they gnawed their tongues for pain,

And blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores, and repented not of their deeds.

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.

And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet.

For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see his shame.

And he gathered them together into a place called in the Hebrew tongue Armageddon.

And the seventh angel poured out his vial into the air; and there came a great voice out of the temple of heaven, from the throne, saying, It is done.

And there were voices, and thunders, and lightnings; and there was a great earthquake, such as was not since men were upon the earth, so mighty an earthquake, and so great.

And the great city was divided into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell: and great Babylon came in remembrance before God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath.

And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found.

And there fell upon men a great hail out of heaven, every stone about the weight of a talent: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof was exceeding great."

(Rev. 16:1-21).

Having studied in our last issue the details leading up to the actual pouring out of the seven vials or plagues, which incidentally are the last of the series of 'sevens' con-

tained in the Book of the Revelation, we come now to a detailed study of the meaning and prophetic application of these 'vials'. As was mentioned previously, they covered a period of some 200 years, the broad scope of which is clearly illustrated in the chart which we have reproduced on the following page. This chart has been copied, with grateful acknowledgment from "Amazing Book of Revelation Explained" by Thomas Foster, D. Lit., and the earlier book "The Book of Revelation" Part 2, by A. J. Ferris, B.A.. As with previous charts, the dates are very close approximations, and shouldn't cause concern if some authorities quote slightly differing dates, which are sometimes based on a different incident for a starting point.

As we commence our study of these seven vials or plagues, we discover a most interesting feature. We find that the areas on which these vials are poured out are described in exactly the same terms as those affected by the Seven Trumpets. This shows a definite consistency in the judgments of God as applied to the evil, godless systems, of whatever age or period, which have been set up in opposition to God's people Israel as the foundation of His Kingdom here on earth. As a matter of interest these similarities are listed hereunder:-

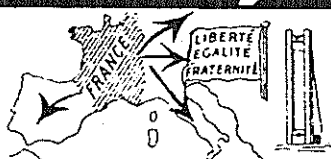
In chapter 8 verse 5 we find that an angel, not being one of those who had the seven trumpets, poured out the censer filled with fire from the altar upon the earth.

In chapter 16 verse 1 we similarly find an angel, not being one of those who has the seven vials, pouring out the wrath of God upon the earth.

From this it seems clear that the word 'earth' is used in these two instances to represent the entire territories or aspects attributed to both the seven trumpets and the seven vials. But whilst the recipients of both the trumpets and the vials are described in similar terms, there is a great difference in the time-frame, or period, in which the two judgments were to be carried out. This is an outstanding example of the manner in which prophecy is fulfilled in cycles. We see an early period of fulfilment, and

The Seven Vial Judgments of Rev 16

1ST
VERSE 2
 SORE ON
 THEM WHICH HAD
 MARK OF THE BEAST



**THE FRENCH
 REVOLUTION**
 1789-1793

2ND
VERSE 3
 SEA AS BLOOD
 DEATH IN THE SEA



**NAVAL DEFEAT OF
 FRANCE & SPAIN**
 1793-
 1805

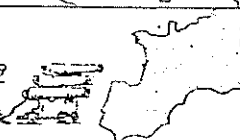


3RD
V 4 & 7
 THE RIVERS
 AND FOUNTAINS
 BECAME BLOOD



**FRANCE INVADES
 NETHERLANDS, GERMANY,
 SAVOY, PIEDMONT, VENICE.**
 1793-1806

4TH
V 8 & 9
 ON, SUN
 MEN SCORCHED
 WITH GREAT HEAT



FALL OF THRONES
 NAPOLEONIC
 WARS
 1806-1815



5TH
V 10 & 11
 SEAT OF THE BEAST
 HIS KINGDOM FULL OF DARKNESS



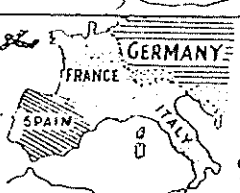
**PAPAL STATES
 & ROME INVADED**
 POPE A CAPTIVE & EXILE
 1798-1848-1870

6TH
VERSE 12
 THE
 RIVER EUPHRATES
 DRIED UP



**DECAY OF
 TURKEY**

7TH
V 17 & 21
 FAIR
 (1) GREAT EARTHQUAKE
 (2) BABYLON DESTROYED
 IN THREE PARTS
 (3) ARMAGEDDON



Civil War in Spain, 1936-1938
 2nd World War, 1939-1945
 3rd World War, Armageddon

The Second Advent

much later on, a second period of fulfilment. It is only as we understand and accept the historical application of prophecy that we can appreciate this fact. As we have mentioned previously, prophecy and history are exactly the same thing other than the timing. The expression of any event before it happens is called prophecy. The expression of the same event after it happens is called history. It's as simple as that. So let us look at this connection between the seven trumpets and the seven vials.

In 8:7 we read that the judgment of the 1st trumpet was poured out upon 'the earth'. In 16:2 we find that the judgment of the 1st vial was similarly poured out upon 'the earth'. Similarly we find both the 2nd. trumpet and the 2nd. vial associated with the 'sea'. (8:8, and 16:3). The 3rd. trumpet and the 3rd. vial are associated with 'the rivers and fountains of waters', (8:10, and 16:4). The 4th. trumpet and the 4th. vial are associated with 'the sun', (8:12, and 16:8). The 5th. trumpet and the 5th vial are associated with 'the bottomless pit and darkness, and the seat of the beast and darkness', (9:2, and 16:10). The 6th. trumpet and the 6th vial are associated with 'the great river Euphrates', (9:14, and 16:12). The 7th. trumpet and the 7th. vial are associated with 'the air, or heaven', (10:7-8, and 16:17).

Now this is too significant to be pure coincidence. The only conclusion which I believe explains this extraordinary situation is firstly, that the wording of the various events and circumstances in both periods is primarily symbolic, proving that a purely literal interpretation and application of this Book as expounded by the Futurist school of interpretation is totally untenable, and that this wonderful Revelation is exactly what our Lord said it was, that is, history and prophecy expressed in 'signs and symbols' as stated in Rev. 1:1 by the use of the word 'signified'. Secondly, that whilst the events in each period were entirely different in themselves, the forces at work were of the same origin and intent. In Part 2 of this series of books, chapter 2 and page 17, we made the following comment as to the period of the Seven Trumpets. "What was about to be revealed to John, and to us, is what was about to begin

in the form of judgments upon the Roman Empire mainly from sources external to the empire, as distinct from previous internal causes." And thus we saw the invasions of outside forces upon the Roman Empire which brought about its ultimate collapse. In similar manner, what the Lord is now revealing to John, and of course to us as we study, is the destruction of that power which sprang from the Roman Empire, the Holy Roman Empire, by the external forces of this later period. Remember that we are talking about two periods of history which commenced some 1500 years apart. Thus we have, as it were, a second cycle of prophecy relating to things of the same, or similar factors. This is quite normal in the study of prophecy, and is indeed one of the remarkable features of the manner in which the Lord reveals the activities of both His Kingdom people and their enemies. It gives us a new insight into the unbelievable lengths to which the Lord God of Israel has gone in order to develop and preserve this marvellous Kingdom here upon this earth, the Kingdom for which we are instructed to pray, and over which He is very soon to reign at His glorious return. So let us now have a brief look at how the history of the downfall of Papal Rome was prophesied and prefigured by these seven vials of judgment.

THE FIRST VIAL

The French Revolution, 1789-1793.

The Earth. Rev. 16:2.



"And the first went, and poured out his vial upon the earth; and there fell a noisome and grievous sore upon the men which had the mark of the beast, and upon them which worshipped his image."

By the 18th. century, France had risen to power and was one of the main nations supporting, and controlled by, Papal Rome. But there was another far greater power controlling France, and indeed all the major nations of the world, and this was the power of International Finance.

Let us never lose sight of the fact that the major enemy of both God and His people Israel, as recorded in the Bible is ESAU. Ever since Esau sold his birthright to his brother Jacob, he has done everything in his power to retrieve it. That struggle commenced thousands of years ago, and is now reaching its inevitable climax. Every incident in the world's history is tied up in one way or another with this conflict. The Church of Rome and its opposition to true Christianity is only one phase of this mighty struggle. It is NOT the entire struggle. And if we become so single-eyed in our approach to the Papacy problem - and it certainly is a problem of enormous proportions - that we see the whole world situation in terms of Protestantism - v -Romanism, then I'm afraid that we will fall far short in our ultimate assessment of what is really going on behind the scenes. Whilst Rome is a terrible enemy, she is to a great extent the visible enemy. But if we conserve and expend all our energies in fighting this section of the enemy alone, then we are playing right into the hands of Satan, because not only will we not be fighting the main body of the enemy, but as is already happening, the great majority of people don't even know that there IS another and far more dangerous section of the enemy hidden from view. The French Revolution is a good illustration of this. It was not just an attack on the Church of Rome as such. It was an all out attack on Christianity with the deliberate aim of destroying the Christian Faith. It just so happened that the Church of Rome was, at that time, seen as the major, if not only, purveyor and champion of that faith, and so she became the obvious target. And the fact that God used this circumstance to bring judgment on this iniquitous false religious system does not alter the situation. It was the devilish power of Esau that was behind the International Bankers that had by this time taken virtual control of every nation upon the earth. The kings and rulers, even of the true Israel nations, had succumbed to their power, and were even then helplessly enslaved within their debt/usury system. These national rulers, including the Church of Rome, became fabulously wealthy as a result of the support they gave to the International Bankers, and it was this fact that eventually caused the people to rise in Revolution. And of course, as history has shown, the

French Revolution was not the only time this has happened. I hope I don't offend many of my friends when I say that if we believe that the present aim of the New Word Order is to set up a one-word government based on Roman Catholicism, then we are greatly mistaken. The aim of this New World Order that is being thrust upon us is the total destruction of the Christian Faith, and the people who are the real and proper and appointed champions of that faith. This is clearly supported by the Word of God;

"Keep not thou silence, O God: hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

For lo, thine enemies make a tumult; and they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

They have taken crafty counsel against thy people, and consulted against thy hidden (covered or protected) ones.

They have said, Come and let us cut them off (desolate by word or act) from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. (be recognised)."

For they have consulted together with one consent (heart). They are confederate against thee; the tabernacles of Edom, and the Ishmaelites; of Moab, and the Hagarenes."

(Psalm 83:1-6).

History has revealed that Napoleon Bonaparte came to recognise the terrifying part which the International Bankers were playing in the destruction of his country. His determination to reveal and fight this enemy eventually cost him his life.

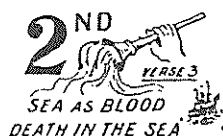
The present aim of the One Worlders is not to set up a conglomeration of so-called Christian denominations under the oversight of Rome, but the establishment of a One Word religious system of Judaism, which will consist of all religions and thereby become totally non-Christian. The support and publicity given to 'Ecumenism' and the coming together of Protestantism and Catholicism is noth-

ing more than a smoke screen which is blinding the majority of Christians to what is actually going on, as it was without doubt designed to do. It must be the ultimate irony that the Church of Rome, the most terrible persecutor of Christians and the true Christian faith, is itself the target for destruction of the very anti-Christ forces which have used and supported them for so long. Such was the real reason for the French Revolution, and the judgments that God poured out upon the 'earth', or that portion of the development of the Roman Empire. It was most certainly 'a most grievous sore' upon them.

THE SECOND VIAL.

Naval Warfare. 1793-1805.

The Sea. Rev. 16:3.



"And the second angel poured out his vial upon the sea; and it became as the blood of a dead man: and every living soul died in the sea."

It was during this period that the fleets of two of the great powers of that day, France and Spain, were not only defeated, but almost annihilated. Even though the government of England was under the control of the International Banking forces, it was nevertheless the might of this great maritime nation, the people of The Book, modern-day Israel, whom God used to defeat the naval might of the anti-Christ forces of both Rome and Esau/Jewry. In 1793 almost the entire French fleet was destroyed at Toulon by Lord Hood. In 1794 the French fleet was again defeated by Lord Howe. In 1797, off Cape St. Vincent, the Spanish fleet was defeated by the British navy. In August 1799, the French fleet was again routed by Admiral Nelson and the British fleet at the battle of the Nile, and again in 1805 both the Spanish and French fleets were again defeated by the same great British Admiral at Trafalgar. When one adds to this list the much earlier defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, we realise how wonderfully God protected His people from invasion from the

sea, and how the sea, in very deed, became the object of the outpouring of the judgment of the second vial.

THE THIRD VIAL

The French Invasions. 1793-1806.

The Rivers & Fountains of Waters.

Rev. 16:4-7.



"And the third angel poured out his vial upon the rivers and fountains of waters; and they became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters say, Thou art righteous, O Lord, which art, and wast, and shalt be, because thou hast judged thus.

For they have shed the blood of saints and prophets, and thou hast given them blood to drink; for they are worthy.

And I heard another out of the altar say, Even so, Lord God Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments."

It will be noted that the timing of this particular vial runs parallel with that of the second vial. This is simply because God's judgment is being poured out in two separate areas at the one time. The area involved by this third vial is the same as that involved by the events covered by the third trumpet, but whereas those previous judgments applied to the Imperial Roman Empire, the judgments of the third vial applies to the Holy Roman Empire. This was a time of unprecedented bloodshed, both in warfare and in persecution. This was the time of the Waldenses, Albigenses, Huguenots, Vaudois, Wicliffites, Hussites, Moravians, Lutherans, and the reformers. Tens of thousands of these gallant and faithful Christians were martyred for their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ during these terrible years. In no way was Papal Rome anywhere behind in the persecution of Christians than her predecessor Imperial Rome. Most Christians today know absolutely nothing of these brave souls, let alone appreciate the great debt which we owe them. Without their unselfish bravery and

devotion, we would certainly not be enjoying much of our Christian faith as we now know it. No wonder the angel of this 3rd vial could refer to the Lord as being righteous in His judgments. The Church of Rome then, as it does now, considered itself to be the only source of truth in respect to the Word of God. They considered themselves to be 'the rivers and fountains of waters'. The acceptance of our Lord Jesus Christ as the only source of the waters of life was foreign to their teachings, as it still is, and God's judgment upon this false source was most appropriate and timely.

THE FOURTH VIAL

The Fall of Thrones & The Napoleonic Wars.
1806-1815.

The Sun. Rev. 16:8-9.



"And the fourth angel poured out his vial upon the sun; and power was given unto him to scorch men with fire.

And men were scorched with great heat, and blasphemed the name of God, which hath power over these plagues: and they repented not to give him glory."

As with the account of the events of the 4th. trumpet with its application to the sun, so the events covered by this 4th. vial similarly apply. In prophetic terminology, the sun refers to the ruling powers of the period, with the moon and the stars, where mentioned, referring to lesser rulers. So just as the 4th. trumpet applied to the rulers of Imperial Rome, so the 4th. vial applies to the rulers of Papal Rome. It should also be noted that in the period of the 4th. trumpet the sun was darkened, whereas during the period of the 4th. vial the sun caused scorching and destructive heat

It was during this period that Napoleon came to power. He became known as 'the scourge of Europe' as he brought the judgment of God upon all the Papal kings and rulers of Europe, replacing them with rulers of his own choice. Under this leader, men were literally scorched with fire, not only from military sources, but as a result of the consequent famine and desolations of war. Keith, in his "Signs of the Times" page 191, as quoted by Thomas Foster in his "Amazing Book of Revelation Explained", has this to say, 'Napoleon performed the miracles of genius. His achievements still dazzle, whilst they amaze the world. Within the space of eight years, he scorched every kingdom in Europe, from Naples to Berlin, and from Lisbon to Moscow. Ancient kingdoms withered before the intense blaze of his power . . . decrees were issued; supplies, the most exorbitant, were levied; kingdoms were unsparingly reft like garments . . . like the sun, there was nothing hid from his great heat.' The prophecy that 'power was given unto him to scorch men with fire' was remarkably fulfilled.

As a result of these Napoleonic Wars, the thrones of the Roman Catholic nations fell, until finally in 1870, Italy itself rejected Papal Sovereignty. Twelve days after the French troops withdrew from Italy, the French Empire collapsed. Judgment had truly fallen upon 'the sun'. Yet despite all this, Rome refused to repent. It really makes one wonder just what God has to do to finally convince men and nations of their wicked ways.

(To be continued).



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"Oh that Thou wouldst rend the heavens,
that Thou wouldst come down,
that the mountains might flow down
at Thy presence.

For since the beginning of the world
men have not heard,
nor perceived by the ear,
neither hath the eye seen,
O God, beside Thee,
what He hath prepared
for him that waiteth for Him."



(Isa. 64:1 and 4).

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