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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

According to our esteemed Prime Minister, we Australians have an identity problem. It would seem that after two centuries of association with Britain, the British Throne, the Common Law, and all the protection that these have given us, that we don't really know who we are after all.

Well I've got some news for our Prime Minister, and his lackeys. And I'm certainly not on my own. The true Australians who live in this country, the descendants of those who fought and died to preserve it, have no such identity problem as we are being brainwashed into believing. We are not a part of Asia. We never have been, and please God, we never will be.

I watch in disbelief the number of T.V. programmes that are going to air featuring Asiatic settings. The squalour, the filth, the highly intensive living quarters, and the obvious poverty has got to be seen to be believed. And I might add, I have been to both Singapore and Hong Kong, and travelled north into Malaya, and have seen it all first hand without having to rely on the movies. If anyone in their right mind really wants to become a part of this scene, then I'd suggest they go over there and live there for a while before they get too carried away with their emotions.

Now this is definitely not intended to be an attack on Asiatic people. There are a great many fine, intelligent people among them. But this does not for one moment alter the fact of their culture. We seem to think that it is 'Christian' to allow our culture to be changed in order to be compatible to the Asiatic culture. But you just try to change their culture to suit ours and see how you get on. We have nearly a million people out of work in this country, and yet we still bring hundreds of thousands of new migrants each year to not only swell the dole queues, but to then be made citizens, entitled to vote, and to assume the highest offices in the land. If this is racist, then so be it. But I'm sick and tired of virtually having to apologise all the time for being white and British. If you want to know what racist is, try going to Japan and becoming a citizen. It just cannot be done. The naturalisation figures for Japan are NIL. You can't become a citizen of Japan unless you are Japanese. And I might add, this is how it should be. You can't even live in Japan beyond a certain period without having to carry on your person at all times your visa, complete with fingerprints. They are proud of their culture and their

ancestry, as they have every right to be. They must hold us in absolute contempt for the way in which we Australians treat our own culture and our own ancestry.

A nation's character has nothing to do with its geographical position in the world. It has everything to do with the culture of its ancestors, and the heritage which they passed on to us. The actions and decisions of our present leaders, not only politically, but unbelievably religiously, together with all the ratbags who are paranoid about anything British, is clearly aimed at destroying every vestige of the wonderful heritage that our forefathers left us. And if that heritage has the slightest connection with the Christian Faith, then it comes under more concentrated attack. The greatest victims of discrimination these days are not the racial, religious, or social minorities as we are lead to believe ad nauseam. They are those who are proud to be white, and those who are dedicated to being Christian. If those who belonged to this group did and said things against all these other groups in our midst, to just a fraction of what they do and say against us, we would be in front of an anti-discrimination court before you could think.

It is past time that the Christians in our midst woke up to the fact that what is now transpiring is a deliberately engineered plan to discredit, and eventually destroy, the Christian Faith and the Christian way of life. Our Commonwealth of Nations is the fulfilment of God's Covenants to our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, so it had to go. Our flag is the symbol of this fulfilment, and of our Christian heritage, so it has to go. The Monarchy is the fulfilment of God's covenant with David, so it has to go. The 'faith once delivered to the saints' is the guarantee of God's faithfulness, so it has to go.

If only these treasonous leaders would only realise the danger they are in. There IS a God in heaven who has issued His decree. *'No weapon that is formed against us will prosper, and every tongue that shall rise against us in judgment God shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD.'*

God's Word makes it quite clear that in the very last days, our power as His people is to be scattered. What we are now seeing is this scattering process. But it is God who will have the final word, not our politicians. He has said, *'This people have I formed for Myself They shall show forth My praise.'*

We have no identity problem. We are part of God's Israel people, and the sooner we wake up to the fact, and the sooner we act up to the responsibilities that go with this position, the sooner we will experience, on a national scale, the full blessings of the Lord. ☐

DANGER IN THE CHURCH!

Lt. Col. Jack Mohr

Today in the Judeo-Christian churches of America, we hear a great deal about the doctrine of **ANTINOMIANISM**, which was an early Christian heresy that "faith alone, without obedience to God's law", is necessary for salvation.

A "masochist" is someone who invites punishment as a way of making self-atonement from some evil they have committed.

Working as I do, with hundreds of men and women in the Prison Ministry, I come in contact with those who tell me that the reason they were attracted to Christianity was that once you are saved, you don't have to worry any more about sinning. They love to talk about their past sins, sometimes almost bragging about the evil they have committed, as though this adds to their masculine status.

I keep trying to point out to these, that they should "look forward", not "back". For as the Apostle Paul said in Philippians 3:13, we are to "forget those things which are behind, and reach forth unto those things which are before, as we press towards the mark (goal) of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

We should recall past sins only as reminders of what Christ has done for us, for in Psalm 103:12 we are told that "As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us." What are these transgressions? 1 John 3:4, tells us that they are "sin" and that "sin is transgression - breaking - of God's law". So if the Law has been done away, as many in the Judeo-Christian churches teach, then there can be no sin. We **KNOW** from daily observation that there is sin in the world, and we can see its consequences all about us.

There are churches, so I have been told, which refuse to allow the Ten Commandments to be used in any church services. Yet in these same churches, a child molester for example, or an adulterer, will be restored to church fellowship, merely because they make a public confession of their sin. A prime example is the case of evangelist Jimmy Swaggart. Yet if someone in that church, were to suggest that the pastor be removed from his position, because of his sin, they would be rebuked by the majority, which follows the antinomian doctrine that replaces "works" with "words", and despises our Lord's own observation, when he stated "By their fruits shall ye know them" (Matt. 7:20); or how about the observation of Brother James in 2:26, when he said: "For as a body without the spirit is dead, so **FAITH** without **WORKS** (evidence of faith) is dead also."

There are many examples of this doctrine at work among Christians, such as the pastor who counselled a young wife, who had been viciously abused by her husband, to return to him because her problems would end soon on the day of Rapture. This is false counselling and intellectual dishonesty on the part of the pastor.

Anyone who has studied history, or the Scripture, knows that society cannot exist without law. Law is simply a branch of the Christian religion, a most important one, which has been sadly neglected by the modern day church. The religion of any society can be identified by two things, it's law and it's education.

Today, as we progress further into the year of 1992, the laws and education of the United States (and Australia), has changed from the Christian perspective, to that of Secular Humanism, which strives to turn men into gods. Once the Christian church renounces God's Law and teaches that it is dead, then it gives assent to the humanist law and joins Christ's enemies, either knowingly or unknowingly.

Because of this phenomenon, the Christian church for the most part is in retreat, no matter how many

members it may be adding yearly, or how many profess to be "born again". It is estimated that there are 45-million "born again" Christians in America. If this is so, and I have no reason to doubt it, what is the matter with them? This country is headed for hell faster now, than at any time in our history. Could it be that many of these "born agains", have become the Christian "salt" Christ spoke about in Matthew 5:13? He said, speaking to Christians: "Ye are the salt of the earth, but if the salt hath lost his savour (its ability to act as salt and hold back corruption) ... it is thence-forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and trodden under the foot of men."

When a man or woman makes a "commitment" to Jesus Christ, and uses it as a "fire insurance, or life insurance policy", to keep them out of trouble with God, they are terribly misusing this wonderful experience. One of the big problems in the modern church, liberal and fundamental alike, is that men and women are willing to accept Christ as Saviour, but they do not want to accept Him as Lord and King. For to accept Him as "sovereign" means obedience to Him, rather than "doing your own thing"!

It's no wonder that people like this are willing to accept a doctrine such as "antinomianism".

I have known pastors who have literally destroyed families, by insisting that a woman must remain with an adulterous, foul mouthed husband. I have been shocked as I listened to these men who were so foul mouthed it was difficult to be around them.

Yet the church where that woman attended, looked on her as a saint because she continued to put up with his un-Christian conduct. Is this Christianity? I consider it to be subsidising evil!

On the international scene, the anti-Christ Soviet Union seems on the verge of collapse and most Christian leaders are saying: "It is the Christian thing for us to help them now"! Yet we have bailed them out on at least eight

major occasions since 1920, when they were on the verge of economic collapse. Without the aid of professing Christians, this enemy of God and freedom would have died long ago. Is this Christianity?

Some Christian leaders will come back with the statement that this is our chance to prove our Christianity and quote from Romans 12:20, where the Apostle Paul said: "Therefore if thy enemy hungers feed him; and if he thirsts, give him drink ..." But they neglect to tell their people that this text has absolutely nothing to do with foreign affairs, or politics for that matter, but has reference to personal relationships and personal enemies. It refers to overcoming personal animosities by doing good. When dealing on a foreign scale, it would be well for the Christians of America, to remember the admonition of 2 Chronicles 19:2; *"... Shouldest thou help the ungodly, and love them that hate the Lord? therefore is wrath upon thee from before the Lord."* Nowhere in the Bible, Old or New Testament, are Christians given the option to support evil of any kind.

Some want to think of God, and His Son, our Saviour, only in terms of love. We know "God is Love!" for the Scripture tells us so. But we also know that He is a God of wrath against evil doers, and over and over in the Gospels, we see where our Lord denounced the Pharisees, and in Revelation 2 and 3, had some harsh words to say to the "seven churches".

I am much more troubled with the action in our churches, than I am by the corrupt performance that is coming from our governments. For evil is evil, no matter where you find it, and it becomes worse when it is allowed to germinate in the house of God. Just because we were founded as a Christian nation, does not mean that our present government, whether Republican or Democrat, Liberal or Labour, is Christian. No matter how many times our national leaders and their wives are seen praying in church, or how much they profess their faith in God, it does not make them Christian, for again "By their fruit (works) shall ye know them"!

In Jeremiah 23:20, we are told plainly that if the pastors of the land would "stand in God's counsel, and had caused His people to hear His words, they would have turned from their evil way, and from the evil of their doing". What an indictment.

Could the "antinomianism" doctrine be one of the reasons this is happening? Today, for the most part, the Christian church is sounding a message of retreat, as it occupies itself in petty wars while the world harvest goes begging.

The laws of all Christendom (made up of the White Israel nations) had their origin in the doctrine of atonement. God's Law carefully defines sin, and sin must be paid for. The Bible tells us that the "wages of sin is death", (Rom. 6:23). Christ paid the penalty for sin, first for His own people Israel, and then for all who under the influence of the Holy Spirit would accept Him as Saviour. While we should not sin so that grace may abound (Rom. 6:1), when we do "obey", we find that through our "obedience", "grace much more abounds in us".

Antinomianism undermines the doctrine of "atonement". Holiness does not mean that Christians make themselves "doormats" for evil men, but that they abide by Christ's injunction: "If ye love Me, keep My commandments". We can talk until we are "blue in the face", about how much we love Christ, but until we put our faith in action by our "works", it is empty phraseology. Holiness **MUST** be the Christian's way of life, but it never means surrender or compromise with evil.

If you will recall the Lord's Parable of the Talents, in Matthew 25, you will remember that He condemned the servant who looked on his duty as merely a "holding peration for His Lord". Christ called this man "wicked and unfaithful". We are called to be "more than conquerors", (Rom. 3:37) and you can be sure that the Apostle Paul had in mind victorious Roman legionnaires, when he wrote this. We are to turn this world into Christ's Kingdom, and this will not happen when we are in retreat.

This spirit of retreat **MUST** be stopped, if we are to see the healing of 2 Chronicles 7:14 take place. For if *"God be for us, who can be against us? He that spared not His own Son, but delivered Him up for all of us, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?"* (Rom. 8:31-32.)

We face world-wide economic collapse, wars, the overthrow of the existing Babylonian governments, epidemics, earthquakes and more. As we enter this time of God's judgment, we will either die, or advance and conquer in His name!



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DID JESUS FAIL?

Part 5.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

As we stated in our previous article in this series, God does have a very specific plan for the future of this earth of ours, and indeed the entire universe. This plan involves His whole creation. There is not one element in the entire universe which will remain unaffected by the fruition of this glorious and perfect plan. As a matter of fact, the very continuity of God's creation depends entirely on the outworking of this plan. The great apostle Paul, who was specially commissioned of God to bring the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the scattered people of Israel in dispersion, had this to say to the saints at Rome;

"In my opinion, whatever we may have to go through now is less than nothing compared with the magnificent future God has in store for us. The whole creation is on tiptoe to see the wonderful sight of the sons of God coming into their own. The world of creation cannot as yet see reality, not because it chuses to be blind, but because in God's purpose it has been so limited - yet it has been given hope. And the hope is, that in the end, the whole of created life will be rescued from the tyranny of change and decay, and have its share in that magnificent liberty which can only belong to the children of God!

It is plain to anyone with eyes to see that at the present time, all created life groans in a sort of universal travail. And it is plain too, that we who have a foretaste of the Spirit are in a state of painful tension, while we wait for the redemption of our bodies which

will mean that we have realised our full sonship in Him."

(Romans 8:18-23. Phillips Trans.).

Now it becomes quite evident from the above reading that the implementation of this plan is intrinsically dependant on the realisation and raising to perfection of a group of people called 'the sons of God.' These 'sons of God' have a very important place in the future plans and purposes of Almighty God, a place which is little, if ever, realised by most Christians. To restrict the application of this title to those who have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour is, I believe, totally unwarranted, and places unjustifiable limitations on this aspect of God's Word. To understand the much wider scope of this wonderful position we must employ a very simple and basic rule of Bible study. This is **'the law of first mention.'** This simply means that if you wish to understand the full meaning of anything in the Bible, then go to the place where it is first mentioned, and you will there find the initial meaning and application of the word or phrase. Whatever other application one might like to apply to it, that application must never overshadow, let alone do away with, the initial intent and application of the original statement and usage. So it is with this phrase, 'the sons of God.' When we go back to the Gospel of Luke, chapter three, we find the genealogy of our Lord recorded. All those mentioned are quoted as being *'the son of . . .'*, and when we get to the last verse of the chapter, we read;

"Which was the son of Enos, which was the son of Seth, which was the son of Adam, which was the son of God."

(Luke 3:38).

Thus we find that when God formed Adam from the dust of the ground as recorded in Genesis 2:7, as distinct from the Adam of Genesis 1:27 who was created out of nothing, his position was **'a son of God.'** As a result, his descendants were, by original formation, sons of God in exactly the same way as those who descended from the Patriarch Jacob are called 'sons of Jacob' etc.. So this title

was originally used in a national sense as distinct from an acquired or personal sense. This is made very clear by the statement of Jehovah regarding the relationship between Himself and Israel as found in Exodus 4:22;

"Thus saith the LORD, Israel is My son, even My firstborn."

So from a national point of view, we see that first of all the descendants of Adam, and from them later the Nation of Israel, occupied the position of **'the sons of God'**. I firmly believe that the final outworking of the plans and purposes of God depends on the continuity of this relationship, both individually and nationally. The whole of God's creation is groaning, or as Phillips expressed it, standing on tiptoes, in anticipation of the day when these **'sons of God'** will be manifest - uncovered or revealed - in all their true glory.

As we have pointed out, the initial and major application of this position was manifest in God's people and nation Israel, through their forefather Adam. Their role has never diminished as far as God is concerned. They were formed in the first place to be God's witnesses to the fact that He **IS** God, and to be the vessel through whom He is to bring blessing to all the families and nations of the earth, **and He intends to do just that.**

"God is not a man that he should lie, nor the son of man that He should repent. Hath He said, and shall He not do it? Or hath He spoken, and shall He not make it good?"
(Num. 23:19).

I am appalled at the number of Christians, and especially Christian teachers who, by their denial of the continuity of God's promises to Israel, whether wittingly or unwittingly, make Him out to be a liar. The fact that Israel broke their first covenant with Jehovah, and subsequently was put aside as an act of punishment, (which is what the word 'lost' means in Christ's own statement that He was only sent to the 'lost' sheep of the house of Israel

as recorded in Matt. 15:24), does not in the slightest degree alter God's anointing and calling in regard to His literal people Israel. As we read in Romans 11:29;

"The gifts and calling of God are without repentance."

It was in order to redeem these very same people, and bring them back into covenant relationship with Himself so that they could proceed with their God-appointed task, that Jehovah came to this earth in the form of a man, and cruelly died. He came for the purpose of 'saving', and 'redeeming' his people, and that's exactly what He did. And in becoming the 'redeemer of Israel', He became the 'saviour of the whole world.' In order to buy the treasure in the field, (the world), He purchased the entire world, as our Lord expressed it in Matt. 13:44;

"The kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which, when a man hath found, he hideth, (i.e., the treasure), and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

It is for this very reason that Paul could write to the saints, or Israelites at Rome;

"For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead."

Is it any wonder then that the whole of creation is waiting so expectantly for the revealing of those through whom God is to bring this transformation from death to life?

The tragedy is that all too many Christians, in fact most Christians today, have absolutely no knowledge of, and pathetically no apparent interest in, the fact that this wonderful transformation is literally about to happen. Truly, the sheep of God's pasture have been misled, and misfed, by false and lying shepherds who will yet pay a

dreadful price for their perfidy when they stand before the Throne of God.

But how was this capacity to be used for this transformation to be achieved in God's Israel people? They had grievously sinned, and had been set aside in punishment. They had broken their covenant which they had knowingly and deliberately made with their God Jehovah. They were now an uncovenanted people. Obviously, something had to be done to reverse this situation, and it was. The statement and terms of this 'rescue package' was clearly defined to His people through the prophet Jeremiah. This is God's rescue plan for His people;

"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.

(Jer. 31:31-34 and Heb.8:8-12).

In the eternal purposes and foreknowledge of God, He had provided for a replacement covenant, a New Covenant, which would bring His people into the relationship which was required for them, as 'the sons of God', to

achieve their God-ordained calling of being a blessing to all the families and nations of the earth.

This was not to be achieved through some great and wonderful man-made system such as the prolific variety which are now being canvassed by Christian leaders. It was not to be achieved through some great church revival. It is to be achieved by the simple expediency of the full and complete re-introduction of **THE LAW OF GOD**.

To only the casual reader, it is quite apparent that the major terms of this New Covenant is **GOD'S LAW**. This covenant, contrary to what most people seem to think, is a **LAW COVENANT**! It utterly confounds me when I hear Christians saying that God's Law has been done away with and replaced with grace. Why on earth would the Lord give us a perfect law, then take it away from us and destroy it just because we are too stupid to obey it, and then resurrect and re-introduce it when our Lord returns? When our nation became disobedient to God's Laws, He didn't destroy the Law. All God did was to allow the penalty of disobedience to come automatically into operation. God didn't destroy the Law, and most certainly, Jesus didn't come to destroy it, as so many seem to interpret Matthew 5:17. The fact that we are suffering from the very penalties set forth in the Law is complete proof that they are still in existence. The present trouble lies in the fact that God has given us a free will to either obey them or disobey them. These were the terms of the Old Covenant, which as we read, the people disobeyed. But when the Lord returns to reign in righteousness and in justice, there will no longer be any choice in the matter. Call it dictatorship if you wish, but it's a jolly sight better than the 'free will' we have exercised in choosing so foolishly. The Lord intends, when He returns, to fully implement the terms of His New Covenant by writing His Laws on our Hearts and on our minds. There will no longer be an opportunity to accept them or reject them. There will no longer be a desire to be disobedient to God. Just think about that. Can you imagine a society where the automatic intent of all the people will be to obey and honour their God? Can you imagine what it will be like for

everybody, including our politicians, to be honest? Can you imagine what it will be like for everybody to love their neighbour. Can you imagine what it will be like for people NOT to want to do that which is evil? Can you imagine a society where there is no more sodomy, no more pornography, no more murders, no more rape, no more burglary, where men and women and children can once again walk down the streets of their cities in peace and safety? Well, believe it or not, that is exactly what it is going to be like when our Lord Jesus Christ returns to rule and reign over us. The government, we are assured, will be upon His shoulders, and there is no way that He will be governing by any other method than by the full implementation of His own Divine Laws which He gave to our forefathers so many centuries ago.

The results of this reign under the perfect Law of God will be beyond belief. Truly it will be as different as life from death. No wonder the whole of creation is groaning for that day.

In our next issue, God willing, we will conclude this series as we look at the details of what the Lord is to do when He returns to reign in righteousness and peace.

(To be continued).



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Holier Than Thou

Even though President Bush asserted all the necessary sensitivities (speaking out against hate, apostles of hate, and especially anti-semitism), it was not enough to stem the condemnation and denunciation of the Jewish community in his address to the 49th annual convention of the evangelical Christian National Religious Broadcasters in Washington on January 28. For his words, "I want to thank you for helping America, as Christ ordained, to be a light upon the world. One cannot be America's president without a belief in God, without a belief in prayer", the Jewish community expressed shock and moral outrage, with some groups advocating censorship and demanding apologies. The typical response was that of Mark Pelavin, Washington representative of the American Jewish Congress, who called the president's remarks "outrageous" and warned Jews to be on guard against "political leaders who use religion for evil purposes."

(Jewish Telegraphic Agency.)

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Does Japan 'Discriminate'?

In his Australia Day address, the Prime Minister Mr. Keating addressed himself to the multicultural future of Australia. "Where for so long we were notorious for the White Australia Policy, we now enjoy a large measure

of respect for the tolerance manifest in our immigration and multicultural policies ..." He believes this is important, in order for Australia to position itself for a "great leap forward" into Asia; we cannot afford to carry racist baggage offensive to Asians.

However, it is more likely that Asian countries hold us in quiet contempt for a distinct lack of national pride and racial identity. For example, the Japanese immigration policy is unashamedly exclusive; Japan is for the Japanese. Back in 1955, when Australia first began to feel self-conscious about the White Australia Policy, Japan was moving in the opposite direction - tightening up immigration procedures. Any visitor to Japan who proposes to stay for longer than one year must still register under the Alien Registration Law. Not only must he register, but he must carry at all times the Alien Registration Card complete with fingerprints. While Mr. Keating congratulates himself upon racial 'tolerance', the Japanese are much more realistic. It might be noted that Japan does not suffer any problems with Cambodian 'boat people' turning up on Japanese coasts. The message has gone back to Indo-China that the Japanese exercise a serious, homogeneous immigration policy, and is quite prepared to "discriminate" against fellow Asians.

The White Australia Policy was never as strict as present Japanese immigration policy.

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As pressure intensifies upon South Africa to commit some form of national suicide - beginning with "power sharing" (an unknown concept for revolutionaries like the ANC) - the attention begins to shift to the next country that has yet to capitulate to the internationalists. There is every indication, for reasons of strategy and natural wealth, that Australia will be next. Mr. Coe laments that in the relationship between European and Aboriginal Australians, "There is no sharing of power, and there is no respect ...". We can expect any incident - no matter how trivial - to be magnified, and bent to serve the purpose of demanding

that the "international community" over-ride Australian Constitutional processes.

(from David Thompson)

Why Does Labor Party Use the Flag?

I am appalled at the comments made at the St. Patrick's Day breakfast in Melbourne by the Prime Minister about the Australian Flag and the need for it to be replaced so that we in Australia can achieve an identity.

Australians and particularly those who have served our country in the defence forces during World War I, World War II, Korea, Malaya, Borneo, Vietnam and the Gulf, as well as other places in the world both in and out of warlike operations, know and are proud of our Australian identity and our Flag. The Prime Minister denigrates all those Australian ex-servicemen and women who have fought for our country and our Flag.

He will make no friends in the veteran and ex-service community with his attacks on our heritage, traditions, the Flag, the Constitution and our Constitutional monarchy associations. If he really believes the Flag should be replaced why does he and the party he leads use it as part of their party political representation? No doubt to gather votes and support.

The Prime Minister should watch our lips and take note of the message. Get your mind and energy on what you are paid for - the economy and the other matters associated with prosperity and growth of Australia.

(from Alf Garland, Nat. Pres., R.S.L.)

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"The character of the Open Conspiracy will now be plainly displayed. It will have become a great world movement as widespread and evident as socialism or communism. It will largely have taken the place of these movements. It will be more, it will be a world religion..."

(H.G. Wells, well-known writer & Fabian Socialist)

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The Handwriting on the Wall

In 54 B.C. the great Roman Senator Cicero wrote: "We are taxed in our bread and our wine, in our incomes and our investments, on our land and on our property not only for base creatures who do not deserve the name of men, but for foreign nations, complacent nations who will bow to us and accept our largess and promise us to assist in the keeping of peace - these decadent nations will destroy us when we show a moment of weakness or our treasure is barren, and surely it will become bare! We are taxed to maintain legions on their soil, in the name of law and order and the Pax Romans, a document which will fall into dust when it pleases our allies and our vassals. We keep them in precarious balance only with our gold. Is the heartblood of our nation worth these? Were they bound to us with ties of love, they would not ask for our gold. They take our very flesh, and they hate and despise us. And who shall say we are worthy of more? ... When a government becomes powerful it is destructive, extravagant, and violent; it is a usurer that takes bread from innocent mouths and deprives honourable men of their substance, for votes with which to perpetuate itself." (He could have been speaking about our American, Canadian and Australian governments in 1992.)

Cicero went on to state: "A nation can survive its fools, and even its ambitious. But it cannot survive treason from within. An enemy at the gates is less formidable, for he is known and carries his banners openly. But the traitor moves among those within the gate freely, his shy whispers rustling through all the alleys, heard in the very halls of government itself. For the traitor appears no traitor; he speaks in the accents familiar to his victims, and he wears their faces and their garments, and he appeals to the baseness that lies deep in the hearts of all men. He

rots the soul of a nation; he works secretly and unknown in the night to undermine the pillars of a city; he infects the body politic so that it can no longer resist. A murderer is less to be feared."

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Courtesy "Wake Up!"
Christian Israel Foundation
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The Praise of Men

TO accept an award from one and refuse that of another reveals much about a person, their friends and those with whom they do business. Thus choosing, they discriminate in favour of one or the other.

When the person holds the highest ministerial office in the land, the nature of the award, and the one refused, may indeed echo aloud the foreseeable destiny of that nation; be it of trouble and danger or stability and security. Hence we were very interested to read in Tasmania's Anglo-Saxon-Keltic Society's *Review* for June 1991 that the June edition of the *Muslim Times* reported that the Prime Minister of Australia, Bob Hawke, received the prestigious Zionist award, "the Shield of Jerusalem", which was presented by the Zionist Federation of Australia (ZFA) on behalf of the Mayor of Jerusalem, Teddy Kollek, and the World Zionist Organisation.

That itself will have its own significance for many of our readers. If we add that the Australian media was not allowed access to the ceremony, and that Mr. Hawke recently refused the "Keys" of the City of London, offered by the Lord Mayor, it would surely take a very special kind of persuasion to convince us that he had the best interests of Australia at heart, especially when we learn that plans are being laid for the 100th anniversary of the Australian Federation to be celebrated in the year 2001 by replacing the nation's Constitutional Monarchy with a Republic.

Letter to The Editor
Courtesy "Newcastle Herald"
by Joyce Moylan
March 19, 1992

Don't Absolve Our Heritage

THE attempts to change our flag and to make Australia a republic are to me attempts to absolve us of our heritage.

A people without an identity are a people lost to the truth of their origins and in ignorance of who they are as a people and of their destiny.

The flag which is the ensign of a nation is symbolic of a people. Our flag with its Union Jack is symbolic of us as a Christian nation.

The Union Jack is the main reason for the cited change. I think to remove the Union Jack would be to deny or turn our back on our heritage, a heritage having come down to us from ancient times.

Upon our flag of red, white and blue is the union of Ireland, Scotland and England, present in the three crosses making it the union of the sons of Jacob (Israel) thus the Union Jack.

It is a flag which has been flown proudly, and rightfully so, as it symbolises, freedom, justice and liberty.

The Union Jack not only symbolises the truth that the overwhelming majority of the people who explored, pioneered and developed Australia were of English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh background, but that every aspect of social, cultural, constitutional, legal and religious life had its roots in the United Kingdom.

As with our British Monarchy, it is not quite the Queen herself, as it is of what she represents and what she

stands for, is the reason for her being the Head of the British Commonwealth of Nations, of which we are a part.

[I also quoted the Queen's coronation oath, whereby she pledged her "willingness to govern the United Kingdom and the Commonwealth with equity and justice". Her actual wording being, "To maintain the laws of God and the true profession of the gospel". This was omitted. Do we wonder why? I don't, under our Humanistic beliefs of today.]

Should we separate ourselves from the Crown we separate ourselves to those who will lord over us, which I believe will not be to the betterment of the people.

Under our present Constitution we have a protective law of the people which came down to us through the Magna Carta, which was in turn put together by godly men getting their source of information from the only true source, the Bible.

Under a republic, who will make the laws to protect and govern the people?

Can we expect those who will rule and reign over us to do what is right and in the interest of the people?

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Courtesy "World Affairs"
Pastor F.W.C. Nesor
South Africa

Lift Up Your Heads

The nineties started on a stormy note. In 1992 the pace will quicken. The economic crisis will sharpen because the tendency is towards the total collapse of Revelation 18. In like manner the heathen will assert himself more and more and poise himself to completely destroy and swamp God's People, according to Psalms 2 and 83. The nations will become more and more restless like wa-

ters and waves stirred up by a storm. Read Isaiah 17:12,13; 57:20; Revelation 17:1,15; 19:11-21; 11:15-19; Luke 21:25,26.

But we must not despair, but rejoice on the contrary, for it signifies that our redemption is drawing nigh: "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" - (Luke 21:28). In the same way that the punishments and miseries are now descending upon us as a result of our sins, in like manner the blessings and divine intervention that is promised, will also be fulfilled literally. Not one jot or tittle shall be missing. To them that believe, this is the best of all times!

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The following chart was taken from the 1985 reports of the Defense Department, CIA, the Defense Intelligence Agency and the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency. (So much for Peace and Safety).
(Courtesy Lt. Col. Jack Mohr).

	SOVIETS	U.S.A.
Ground Combat Divisions	215	16
Battle Surface Ships	2,249	524
Attack Aircraft	6,750	2,600
Tanks	51,000	4,900
Armoured Personnel Carriers	63,390	7,010
Artillery Pieces	46,500	1,350
Anti-Sub Attack Submarines	280	99
Nuclear Delivery Aircraft	6,800	451
Tactical Nuclear Missiles	800	100
Total ICBM Warheads	20,200	2,100
Strategic ICBM's	2,000	0
Cruise Missile Subs	220	3
Sea Launched Cruise Missiles	575	12
Intercontinental Bombers	650	239
Surface to Air Launchers	13,800	0
Interceptor Aircraft	3,200	42
Defense Radars	7,000	117

ISAIAH'S JOB

Albert J. Nock

Courtesy
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New York. U.S.A.

This little essay by our friend, the late Albert J. Nock (1870-1945), was first distributed by FEE in 1952. But, apparently, its job is never done.

"Isaiah's Job" is the best antidote we've found for a touch of the libertarian blues. It also offers excellent advice on how one may work most effectively for freedom. When "down in the dumps" or overcome by an impulse to "set the world straight", just give this another thoughtful reading.

ONE EVENING last autumn, I sat long hours with a European acquaintance while he expounded a politico-economic doctrine which seemed sound as a nut and in which I could find no defect. At the end, he said with great earnestness: "I have a mission to the masses. I feel that I am called to get the ear of the people. I shall devote the rest of my life to spreading my doctrine far and wide among the populace. What do you think?"

An embarrassing question in any case, and doubly so under the circumstances, because my acquaintance is a very learned man, one of the three or four really first-class minds that Europe produced in his generation, and naturally I, as one of the unlearned, was inclined to regard his lightest word with reverence amounting to awe.

I referred him to the story of the prophet Isaiah. I shall paraphrase the story in our common speech since it has to be pieced out from various sources.

THE PROPHET'S career began at the end of King Uzziah's reign, say about 740 B.C. This reign was uncommonly long, almost half a century, and apparently prosperous. It was one of those prosperous reigns, however--like the reign of Marcus Aurelius at Rome, or the administration of Eubulus at Athens, or of Mr. Coolidge at Washington--where at the end the prosperity suddenly peters out and things go by the board with a resounding crash.

In the year of Uzziah's death, the Lord commissioned the prophet to go out and warn the people of the wrath to come. "Tell them what a worthless lot they are," He said. "Tell them what is wrong, and why, and what is going to happen unless they have a change of heart and straighten up. Don't mince matters. Make it clear that they are positively down to their last chance. Give it to them good and strong and keep on giving it to them. I suppose perhaps I ought to tell you," He added, "that it won't do any good. The official class and their intelligentsia will turn up their noses at you, and the masses will not even listen. They will all keep on in their own ways until they carry everything down to destruction, and you will probably be lucky if you get out with your life."

Isaiah had been very willing to take on the job--in fact, he had asked for it--but the prospect put a new face on the situation. It raised the obvious question: Why, if all that were so--if the enterprise were to be a failure from the start--was there any sense in starting it?

"Ah," the Lord said, "you do not get the point. There is a Remnant there that you know nothing about. They are obscure, unorganised, inarticulate, each one rubbing along as best he can. They need to be encouraged and braced up because when everything has gone completely to the dogs, they are the ones who will come back and build up a new society; and meanwhile, your preaching will reassure them and keep them hanging on. Your job is to take care of the Remnant, so be off now and set about it." ...

WHAT DO WE mean by the masses, and what by the Remnant?

As the word *masses* is commonly used, it suggests agglomerations of poor and underprivileged people, labouring people, proletarians. But it means nothing like that; it means simply the majority. The mass-man is one who has neither the force of intellect to apprehend the principles issuing in what we know as the humane life, nor the force of character to adhere to those principles steadily and strictly as laws of conduct; and because such people make up the great, the overwhelming majority of mankind, they are called collectively *the masses*. The line of differentiation between the masses and the Remnant is set invariably by quality, not by circumstance. The Remnant are those who by force of intellect are able to apprehend these principles, and by force of character are able, at least measurably, to cleave to them. The masses are those who are unable to do either.

The picture which Isaiah presents of the Judean masses is most unfavourable. In his view, the mass-man--be he high or be he lowly, rich or poor, prince or pauper--gets off very badly. He appears as not only weak-minded and weak-willed, but as by consequence knavish, arrogant, grasping, dissipated, unprincipled, unscrupulous

AS THINGS NOW stand, Isaiah's job seems rather to go begging. Everyone with a message nowadays is, like my venerable European friend, eager to take it to the masses. His first, last, and only thought is of mass-acceptance and mass-approval. His great care is to put his doctrine in such shape as will capture the masses' attention and interest

The main trouble with this [mass-man approach] is its reaction upon the mission itself. It necessitates an opportunist sophistication of one's doctrine, which profoundly alters its character and reduces it to a mere placebo. If, say, you are a preacher, you wish to attract as large a congregation as you can, which means an appeal to the masses; and this, in turn, means adapting the terms of your

message to the order of intellect and character that the masses exhibit. If you are an educator, say with a college on your hands, you wish to get as many students as possible, and you whittle down your requirements accordingly. If a writer, you aim at getting many readers; if a publisher, many purchasers; if a philosopher, many disciples; if a reformer, many converts; if a musician, many auditors; and so on. But as we see on all sides, in the realisation of these several desires the prophetic message is so heavily adulterated with trivialities, in every instance, that its effect on the masses is merely to harden them in their sins. Meanwhile, the Remnant, aware of this adulteration and of the desires that prompt it, turn their backs on the prophet and will have nothing to do with him or his message.

Isaiah, on the other hand, worked under no such disabilities. He preached to the masses only in the sense that he preached publicly. Anyone who liked might listen; anyone who liked might pass by. He knew that the Remnant would listen

THE REMNANT want only the best you have, whatever that may be. Give them that, and they are satisfied; you have nothing more to worry about

In a sense, nevertheless, as I have said, it is not a rewarding job A prophet of the Remnant will not grow purse-proud on the financial returns from his work, nor is it likely that he will get any great renown out of it. Isaiah's case was exceptional to this second rule, and there are others--but not many.

It may be thought, then, that while taking care of the Remnant is no doubt a good job, it is not an especially interesting job because it is as a rule so poorly paid. I have my doubts about this. There are other compensations to be got out of a job besides money and notoriety, and some of them seem substantial enough to be attractive. Many jobs which do not pay well are yet profoundly interesting, as, for instance, the job of the research student in the sciences is said to be; and the job of looking after

the Remnant seems to me, as I have surveyed it for many years from my seat in the grandstand, to be as interesting as any that can be found in the world.

What chiefly makes it so, I think, is that in any given society the Remnant are always so largely an unknown quantity. You do not know, and will never know, more than two things about them. You can be sure of those--dead sure, as our phrase is--but you will never be able to make even a respectable guess at anything else. You do not know, and will never know, who the Remnant are, nor where they are, nor how many of them there are, nor what they are doing or will do. Two things you know, and no more: first, that they exist; second, that they will find you. Except for these two certainties, working for the Remnant means working in impenetrable darkness; and this, I should say, is just the condition calculated most effectively to pique the interest of any prophet who is properly gifted with the imagination, insight, and intellectual curiosity necessary to a successful pursuit of his trade.

THE FASCINATION--as well as the despair--of the historian, as he looks back upon Isaiah's Jewry, upon Plato's Athens, or upon Rome of the Antonines, is the hope of discovering and laying bare the "substratum of right-thinking and well-doing" which he knows must have existed somewhere in those societies because no kind of collective life can possibly go on without it. He finds tantalising intimations of it here and there in many places, as in the Greek Anthology, in the scrap-book of Aulus Gellius, in the poems of Ausonius, and in the brief and touching tribute, *Bene merenti*, bestowed upon the unknown occupants of Roman tombs. But these are vague and fragmentary; they lead him nowhere in his search for some kind of measure of this substratum, but merely testify to what he already knew *a priori*--that the substratum did somewhere exist. Where it was, how substantial it was, what its power of self-assertion and resistance was--of all this they tell him nothing.

Similarly, when the historian of two thousand years hence, or two hundred years, looks over the available tes-

timony to the quality of our civilisation and tries to get any kind of clear, competent evidence concerning the substratum of right-thinking and well-doing which he knows must have been here, he will have a devil of a time finding it. When he has assembled all he can get and has made even a minimum allowance for speciousness, vagueness, and confusion of motive, he will sadly acknowledge that his net result is simply nothing. A Remnant were here, building a substratum like coral insects; so much he knows, but he will find nothing to put him on the track of who and where and how many they were and what their work was like.

CONCERNING ALL THIS, too, the prophet of the present knows precisely as much and as little as the historian of the future; and that, I repeat, is what makes his job seem to me so profoundly interesting. One of the most suggestive episodes recounted in the Bible is that of a prophet's attempt--the only attempt of the kind on record, I believe--to count up the Remnant. Elijah had fled from persecution into the desert, where the Lord presently overhauled him and asked what he was doing so far away from his job. He said that he was running away, not because he was a coward, but because all the Remnant had been killed off except himself. He had got away only by the skin of his teeth, and, he being now all the Remnant there was, if he were killed the True Faith would go flat. The Lord replied that he need not worry about that, for even without him the True Faith could probably manage to squeeze along somehow if it had to; "and as for your figures on the Remnant," He said, "I don't mind telling you that there are seven thousand of them back there in Israel whom it seems you have not heard of, but you may take My word for it that there they are."

At that time, probably the population of Israel could not have run to much more than a million or so; and a Remnant of seven thousand out of a million is a highly encouraging percentage for any prophet. With even a thousand of the boys on his side, there was no great reason for Elijah to feel lonesome; and incidentally, that would be something for the modern prophet of the Remnant to think of when he has a touch of the blues.

But the main point is that if Elijah the Prophet could not make a closer guess on the number of the Remnant than he made when he missed it by seven thousand, anyone else who tackled the problem would only waste his time.

THE OTHER certainty which the prophet of the Remnant may always have is that the Remnant will find him. He may rely on that with absolute assurance. They will find him without his doing anything about it; in fact, if he tries to do anything about it, he is pretty sure to put them off. He does not need to advertise for them nor resort to any schemes of publicity to get their attention. If he is a preacher or a public speaker, for example, he may be quite indifferent to going on show at receptions, getting his picture printed in the newspapers, or furnishing autobiographical material for publication on the side of "human interest". If a writer, he need not make a point of attending any pink teas, autographing books at wholesale, nor entering into any specious freemasonry with reviewers.

All this and much more of the same order lies in the regular and necessary routine laid down for the prophet of the masses. It is, and must be, part of the great general technique of getting the mass-man's ear--or as our vigorous and excellent publicist, Mr. H.L. Mencken, puts it, the technique of boob-bumping. The prophet of the Remnant is not bound to this technique. He may be quite sure that the Remnant will make their own way to him without any adventitious aids; and not only so, but if they find him employing such aids, as I said, it is ten to one that they will smell a rat in them and will sheer off.

The certainty that the Remnant will find him, however, leaves the prophet as much in the dark as ever, as helpless as ever in the matter of putting any estimate of any kind upon the Remnant; for, as appears in the case of Elijah, he remains ignorant of who they are that have found him or where they are or how many. They do not write in and tell him about it, after the manner of those who admire the vedettes of Hollywood, nor yet do they seek him out and attach themselves to his person. They are not that kind. They take his message much as drivers

take the directions on a roadside signboard--that is, with very little thought about the signboard, beyond being gratefully glad that it happened to be there, but with very serious thought about the directions.

This impersonal attitude of the Remnant wonderfully enhances the interest of the imaginative prophet's job. Once in a while, just about often enough to keep his intellectual curiosity in good working order, he will quite accidentally come upon some distinct reflection of his own message in an unsuspected quarter. This enables him to entertain himself in his leisure moments with agreeable speculations about the course his message may have taken in reaching that particular quarter, and about what came of it after it got there. Most interesting of all are those instances, if one could only run them down (but one may always speculate about them), where the recipient himself no longer knows where nor when nor from whom he got the message--or even where, as sometimes happens, he has forgotten that he got it anywhere and imagines that it is all a self-sprung idea of his own.

SUCH INSTANCES as these are probably not infrequent, for, without presuming to enrol ourselves among the Remnant, we can all no doubt remember having found ourselves suddenly under the influence of an idea, the source of which we cannot possibly identify. "It came to us afterward," as we say; that is, we are aware of it only after it has shot up full-grown in our minds, leaving us quite ignorant of how and when and by what agency it was planted there and left to germinate. It seems highly probable that the prophet's message often take some such course with the Remnant.

If, for example, you are a writer or a speaker or a preacher, you put forth an idea which lodges in the *Unbewusstsein* of a casual member of the Remnant and sticks fast there. For some time it is inert; then it begins to fret and fester until presently it invades the man's conscious mind and, as one might say, corrupts it. Meanwhile, he has quite forgotten how he came by the idea in the first instance, and even perhaps thinks he has invented it; and

in those circumstances, the most interesting thing of all is that you never know what the pressure of that idea will make him do.



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CHAPTER 16. (Continued).

THE SEVEN LAST VIALS OF PLAGUES. Part 3.

*"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. 16:10-21).

In our last study, we pointed out the fact that with the exception of one major difference, the last Seven Vials are poured out in exactly the same terms and upon the same areas as the Seven Trumpets of chapter eight. This difference is the 'time frame' in which the judgments occurred. As we explained, this clearly shows the principle of prophetic cycles, and reveals the consistency of God's Divine Plans and the way in which He outworks His purposes. Thus we come now to the 5th. of these Vials, which parallels the 5th. Trumpet of Rev. 9:2.

THE FIFTH VIAL.

The Papal Throne Turned to Darkness. 1798-1870.

The Seat of the Beast. Rev. 16:2.



"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."

There is no doubt that at the particular time covered by this Vial, the 'Seat of the Beast' represented the Papal Throne which was situated in Rome. It should be noted that the judgment fell not so much on the occupant as upon his throne and dominion. It was during this time that the Papal system gradually disintegrated. In 1798 the Papal States were captured by the French army. Pope Pius 6th was captured and subjected to all sorts of abuse and committed to prison. However, after the death of Napoleon, temporal power was restored to the Pope who ruled unchallenged for a further 55 years. But in 1848 he was again forced to flee from the French armies, and the temporal power of the Papacy was finally terminated in 1860 when Victor Emmanuel finally invaded the Papal States and set up a monarchy over the kingdom of Italy. Truly, the 'seat of the beast' at that time became full of darkness.

But all this judgment made absolutely no difference to the plans of Rome. There was not one sign of repentance. Quite the contrary, they seemed to become more paranoid in their determination to force their anti-Christ doctrines and control upon an unsuspecting Christendom. By the introduction of their false doctrines, they continued to blaspheme the God of heaven. In 1854 they introduced the doctrine of 'The Immaculate Conception', whilst in 1870 they introduced the doctrine of 'The Infallibility of the Pope'. God's Word could not have expressed the situation more clearly;

*" . . . 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."*

THE SIXTH VIAL

The Fall of the Turkish Empire. 1878-1918.
The River Euphrates Dried Up. Rev. 16:12.



"And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

As in the parallel passage in Rev. 9:13-19, the symbolism of 'the Euphrates' is used here of the Turkish Empire. But whereas the 'Second Woe' or 'Sixth Trumpet' referred to the rise of this empire, the Sixth Vial refers to its demise. By 1878 the modern Balkan nations had gained their independence. Turkey became known as 'the sick man of the east', and following their wars in 1911 with Italy, Bulgaria, Greece, Serbia and Montenegro they lost most of their European territories. Their final collapse came in 1917-18 when General Allenby marched into Jerusalem at the head of the British forces and freed the Holy City from Turkish domination. On October 29, 1923 Turkey was declared a republic, and on March 6, 1924 the Turkish Caliphate was abolished. With the final removal of this empire, the '*way of the kings of the east*' was now prepared, exactly in accordance with the Word of God.

At this point of the Biblical account, the continuity of the Seven Vials is interrupted by one of the most important series of prophetic statements for the present days in which we now live. It is absolutely imperative that we recognise that the last decade has seen historic events which were entirely unknown, and unforeseen in detail by many previous exponents of this wonderful Book of the Revelation. This fact does not make them wrong. They have rendered an outstanding service in the understanding of this wonderful prophecy. But it is unreasonable to expect them to have been able to comment on certain aspects of fulfilment to the degree that present day expositors can. The glass through which they looked was somewhat darker than that through which we can now view events. For instance, prior to 1948 when the abortive Zionist State of Israeli was formed, no one could possibly have been expected to understand the full ramifications of this event. Up to that time, the Church of Rome was seen and understood to be the fulfilment of anti-Christ, and I

for one have no argument with this conclusion. But with the rise of Zionism in our midst, more and more Bible students within the Historicist interpretation of prophecy are realising that Rome is only the religious aspect of anti-Christ, not the whole. And that statement is not intended in any way or to any extent, to lessen the evils of that false ecclesiastical system. Thus, our views and understanding of last-day prophecy takes on a much wider scope and depth of understanding than hitherto. It has always been a source of constant amazement to me to find so many Bible teachers who accept history as the ongoing fulfilment of prophecy, and yet refuse to constantly update their own understanding and application in line with these events. To try to understand present day events on the basis of the restrictions of the knowledge of fifty years ago seems to me to be as fruitless as trying to understand how a computer works by counting on one's fingers. This doesn't imply by any means that what was taught 50 years ago was wrong. We don't have to throw away all this knowledge. All we have to do is to update it, and to continue to do so in the light of continuing historical events and conditions. I cannot find any excuse whatsoever for present-day prophetic teachers to sit back and rigidly clasp to their respective bosoms their teachings of yester-year, as good and correct as they were at that time, presumably so as not to offend anyone. This is the time of the 'watchmen', and a watchman that can only parrot the events of yesterday, and refuses to give proper warning and understanding of what is going on right here and now, is to my mind as useless as a dog that's lost his bark.

Accordingly, I now intend to go back over these last Six Vials in order to show, and apply, the present-day cycle of fulfilment of these prophecies. Whereas we have previously applied the word 'earth' prophetically to the Roman earth, I am convinced that it also has the much broader application to the whole earth, and more specifically to the true Israel earth, when related to present-day events and conditions. In support of this, it should be noted that in verse 1 of chapter 16 the entire seven angels were directed to pour out their vials upon the earth, whereas in dealing with each angel individually, only the first angel did this, as

described in verse 2. Thus we can look on these judgments on a world-wide basis, and in particular, to our present times and to our present Anglo-Israel people. They will be seen, as we proceed, to be a series of punishments on all aspects of ungodliness in these last days. And there will be no prize for recognising the similarity between these last-day plagues and the plagues which God used against Egypt immediately prior to the first great deliverance of His people.

The First Judgment.

"And the first (angel) 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." (16:2)

This first judgment was to be in the form of 'a noisome and grievous sore'. The meaning of the Greek word here translated as 'noisome' is: "Bad. Generically embracing every form of evil, whether moral or physical." The word 'grievous' means "Causing labour, sorrow or pain; hence, evil in its active form. Malignant." Thus we see that the First Judgment which a righteous and angry God pours out upon an apostate people is a widespread, active, and malignant form of both moral and physical evil. At the time of our first deliverance from Egypt this judgment was described thus in Exodus 9:9;

"And it shall become small dust in all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man, and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt."

Exactly the same thing is happening to us today as we are about to be delivered the second time from 'Egypt'.

And who are those upon whom this judgment falls? It is those who have the 'mark of the beast' upon them. This, as we have previously explained, has little if anything to do with people having tattoos placed on their right

hands and forehead, although there is no doubt that this is what the One Worlders are planning. The proper and original interpretation and application of this phrase is found in Deut. 6:8, and 11:16-18 where we are instructed to write the Law of God on our hands and between our eyes, or on our foreheads. It is those who refuse to do this who will pay the price for the evil which they have subsequently committed by their gross disobedience. It is not without significance that we read that those who finally stand before THE LAMB are those who have the Father's Name written upon their forehead, and who have been victorious over the beast and his image and his mark and his number. There is no room for both the name of THE LAMB and the name of the beast on the same forehead, as many sorrowful Christians will soon find out.

The Second Judgment.

"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."
(16:3).

This second judgment falls upon 'the sea.' In its prophetic application, 'the sea' refers to people in various stages of agitation, unrest and uprising. We remember our Lord in His reply to His disciples' question as to the signs of the end of the age saying, *"On earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring, men's hearts failing them for fear, etc..."* (Luke 21:25-26).

The phrase 'and became as the blood of a dead man' is most significant. What happens to the blood of a dead man? Well firstly, it ceased to give life. *"The life is in the blood,"* God's Word tells us. And secondly, it ceases to act as a cleansing agent. It loses its power to distribute nutriments and to eliminate waste. The resulting condition is that the soul that was once living now dies. The words of the prophet Amos 8:11 were never more applicable;

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a

famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the Words of the Lord."

The famine of the life-giving Word of the Lord has brought about death, and the people in their rebellion against God have surely become like the blood of a dead man, without life, and without purpose.

The Third Judgment.

"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." (16:4-7).

The third judgment falls upon 'the rivers and fountains of waters.' To more clearly understand the application of this statement, we go back to Exodus 7:17-20 where we read;

"Thus saith the LORD . . . I will smite with the rod that is in my hand upon the waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned to blood.

And the fish that is in the river shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink of the waters of the river. . . .

Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod and stretch out thine hand upon the waters of Egypt,

upon their streams, upon their rivers, and upon their ponds, and upon all their pools of water."

From this it becomes quite clear that the major result of this judgment was **pollution of their life source**. Water has always been associated with life. Without it we die. But the Lord uses the word many times in a much grander way. He repeatedly refers to "living" waters. Jeremiah 2:13 identifies these 'living waters' for us;

"For my people have committed two evils. They have forsaken ME, the fountain of living waters, and hewed them out cisterns, broken cisterns, that can hold no water."

(emphasis added).

It is this 'fountain of living waters' which has today been polluted by God's enemies, and quite frankly - and I might add sadly - by many who profess to be His friends. Just as the Egyptians of old could not drink of the water in their rivers because of the pollution therein, so the people today turn from the only source of 'living water' because it has been so polluted that it has become totally unpalatable to them. The 'water of life' has been so watered down that it has become like the blood of a dead man, totally without the ability to give life, and totally without purpose and direction.

God's judgment is to fall upon this situation. The 'famine of the Word of God', as spoken by the prophet Amos, is to be removed. It is certainly not without significance that during the great prophet Elijah's ministry, the rain returned only after God performed the great miracle recorded in I Kings 18. This outstanding evidence of the power and glory of God brought about the result;

"And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, He is the God, the LORD, He is the God."

(I Kings 18:39).

It will only be when this same great prophet Elijah returns to fulfil the remainder of his ministry, as clearly stated in Malachi chapter 4:4-6, that we will see the greatest national revival of all time;

"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments.

Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD:

And he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

The spiritual and material pollution which has muddied the waters of THE FAITH for so long will be removed, and the LIVING WATERS from the Lord God of Israel, Jehovah/Jesus Himself, will finally bring true peace and prosperity to His people.

But God's enemies will most certainly pay dearly for what they have done to His people. They should note the promise of Deuteronomy 30:7;

"And the LORD thy God will put all these curses upon thine enemies, and on them that hate thee, which persecuted thee."

The Fourth Judgment.

"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."*** (16:8-9).

As we have pointed out before, 'the sun' used in its symbolic and prophetic sense, refers to the ruling powers. We dealt with this subject at some length in our previous study of Revelation chapter 6, verses 12 to 17. (see Book 1 of our series).

The present world position leaves us in no doubt as to the fulfilment of this plague. World leaders are tumbling everywhere. It could very well be the mark of this decade. If they are not tumbling because of their own stupidity, then it is because of the perfidy of others who are playing the 'power game.' And it is the people who are being burnt in the process. They are the ones who suffer as they pay a dreadful price for the negligence and sheer incompetence of their leaders as they sell our land and our country from under our very feet. But as the Lord foretold, none of these woes have made the slightest difference in their attitude to God. They blaspheme Him in that they turn to human remedies instead of to the only Divine remedy which will prevail, obedience to the Laws of God both in our personal and national life.

The Fifth Judgment.

***"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."*** (16:10-11).

This judgment is destined to fall on the throne, or emblem of authority, of the beast. We will not go into the details of 'the beast' at this point, as this is covered elsewhere in these studies. Suffice it is to say at this point that it has now a two-fold identity. In the religious sphere,

it denotes the false Church of Rome, whilst in the political and economic sphere it symbolises modern International Zionism, or Esau/Jewry. The kingdom of this beast, in all its ramifications, is totally full of darkness. In fact, it IS darkness. It is the type of darkness that obtained in the plague which God sent upon Egypt when He first delivered His people. It is no less today. Exodus 6:21 records;

"And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand toward heaven, that there may be darkness over the land of Egypt, even darkness that may be felt."

This condition of darkness is further prophesied by Isaiah where we read in Isa. 60:2;

"For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people."

Again, the people are in agony because of the consequences of this darkness. And again, they refuse to repent. But as far as God's people are concerned, this agony will end in rejoicing. Isaiah goes on to say;

*"But the LORD will arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."*

The Sixth Judgment.

"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."
(16:12).

The river Euphrates is the site of Babylon, and represents that entire system. So as we reach this point in our studies where we review the judgments on the entire Babylonian system, which carry over into the following

17th. and 18th. chapters, we note a very definite order of progression:

1. Upon the entire Israel world.
2. Upon the people in turmoil because they are disobedient to God's Laws.
3. Upon the source of false teachings.
4. Upon the rulers and principalities and powers controlled by Satan.
5. Upon the authority of these Satanic agents.
6. Upon the entire kingdom of Satan, i.e., Babylon, the counterfeit to God's Kingdom.

The events covered by this 6th vial are so significant that they take up the entire 17th and 18th chapters of the Book of the Revelation, which will be the subject of our further studies. But the immediate result and effect of God's judgments to this point, whether on the earlier cycle, or the present day cycle, is stated in the latter part of verse 12 to be;

" . . . that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared."

Some teach that this refers to eastern nations such as China and Japan. But the account doesn't say 'the kings **from** the east.' It refers to 'the kings **of** the east.' This statement refers to the 'eastern bloc' nations, now mainly represented in the separate states of the former U.S.S.R. Republic. These states are virtually out of control. Our people are being totally deceived by what is going on with them. They are desperately seeking financial assistance from everywhere, on the pretext of being broke, yet they have not made one single significant reduction to their military capability. They are still spending money on armaments like it is going out of fashion. And this in the midst of so-called 'peace' talks. Their way is



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now virtually prepared to carry out their final destiny as foretold in Ezekiel chapters 38 and 39. The final battle against Amalek, (see Ex. 17:14, 16), and the deliverance of True Israel from modern 'Egypt and Sodom' is now finally upon us.

And it is in the context of these final judgments that John exclaims;

"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."

Now before we proceed any further, let us clearly define the details of what was revealed to John. First and

foremost, the apostle did not see three frogs. He saw **three unclean spirits**.

So let us first of all study the meaning of the words used in regard to these 'spirits'.

Unclean. 'impure, embracing impurity of all kinds.'

Spirits. 'demons, or evil spirit beings.'

Like. 'having the external form or appearance.'
Note that this is an entirely different Greek word from that used in Matthew 3:16 where it records the Spirit of God descending **like a dove** upon our Lord as he came up out of the waters of baptism. The word used there means **'in the manner of.'**

Frogs. So called from its harsh croaking.

Thus we see that what John saw was three totally impure demonic spirit beings with the physical appearance of harshly croaking frogs. Not really a nice sight.

They came from three sources. The first source was a 'dragon.' The identification of this source needs no speculation as Rev. 12:9 states that the dragon is 'the devil and Satan.' The second source is referred to as 'the beast.' The description of this 'beast' as given in Rev. 13:1 is the same as that of the 'dragon' in chapter 12 verse 3, revealing that the 'beast' is no other than the system to which Satan delegated his authority, and through whom he acts, as we saw in previous studies. The third source is 'the false prophet.' To more clearly understand the full import of this phrase, let us look at the definition of a true prophet. According to Dr. Bullinger in his 'Critical Lexicon and Concordance of the English and Greek New Testament,' a 'prophet' is 'one to whom God reveals His truth, and through whom He speaks.' On the other hand, a 'false prophet' means 'a false hypocritical prophet, one falsely professing to come as a messenger, and with a message from God.'

It is these three evil demonic spirits whom we are told are 'working miracles', or as Bullinger's Lexicon expresses it, 'bringing to pass signs which demonstrate their own power in a continuing, but as yet uncompleted plan'. The purpose of this plan, as far as God is concerned, is that they are gathering, or bringing together and joining in one, the kings of the whole world, which of course includes the leaders of the present world systems, to the final battle of the ages.

It is interesting to look back over the years and compare the explanations given to this statement. During, and subsequent to, the Second World War, prophetic teachers of the Historicist School of prophecy, to which we subscribe, identified these three unclean spirits as Communism, Fascism and Nazism. At the time, and to the extent that history had developed at that time, this was a fairly accurate conclusion. These three ideologies provided a very fitting fulfilment of this prophecy at that particular time. But as I have stated previously, just as history has continued, and events have revealed further detailed information, so it is necessary for us to up-grade our applications of prophecy. This does not mean in any way that what was formerly believed was wrong. It just means that there have been further developments which now require additional analysis and application. So it is in the present situation.

On the international scene, these unclean spirits can be, and have by some, been identified as Zionist/Communism, Roman Catholicism, and Islam. There is no doubt about the Satanic origin of Zionist/Communism. This demonic system has literally lulled the Christian world to sleep. They are the openly declared sworn enemy of our Lord Jesus Christ and everything that He stands for. That Satan has given his power in the ecclesiastical field to Roman Catholicism is also not in question, and the religious portion of 'the beast' is plainly discernible. As a 'false prophet', Islam can also be identified in the fact that it now has in excess of 800 million followers, and is the fastest growing religion in the world today.

But having acknowledged this, I feel that neither of the foregoing explanations have fully covered this aspect of God's Word. Let me make my position clear. I am not for one moment saying that any of the foregoing conclusions are in any way wrong. I am only saying that we now recognise a further, and much deeper, application of the fulfilment of the identification and activities of these 'three unclean spirits.' I believe that we are now at the very climax of their evil manifestation, and that we should now recognise not only their ultimate identification and source, but the demonic methods by which these evils are now engulfing God's true Israel people.

As we have seen, there are three sources of our present evils. They are firstly, 'The mouth of the dragon,' secondly, 'the mouth of the beast', and thirdly, 'the mouth of the false prophet'. From this we realise that the primary nature of these three evils is verbal - they all come from 'the mouth' of these evil spirits. Thus we see that we are not dealing just with evil actions so much as with evil teachings. And in view of the fact that present-day teaching comes either from the various sections of the media, or from our education system, both secular and religious, then our field of search is fairly well defined.

In dealing with 'spirits' it is not sufficient to just identify who they are. We must clearly identify their particular characteristics. Their names are of little importance in themselves. They can, and will, call themselves anything as long as it will cause people to argue about the accuracy of the name rather than recognise their special characteristic which is what we really should be looking at. So it is with these 'three evil spirits.' In order for us to recognise their works, we must recognise their characteristics. And when we do this, we find some very profound conclusions.

The first of these 'evil spirits' is identified as 'The Dragon', and as we have already seen, is clearly stated to be Satan. In this Book of the Revelation, the word 'dragon' is used exactly 13 times. This gives us our first clue, as the number 13 in Bible numerics denotes

'rebellion.' His major activity consisted of PERSECUTION against God's people Israel. We read in ch. 12:13;

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

Now this persecution has been going on for a long time. But today it is evidenced as a deliberate plan of smearing, insulting, and degrading everything Christian. True followers of the Lord are persecuted consistently for their faith and beliefs. Even the laws of our land are being changed in such a way that Christians are being progressively robbed of their God given freedoms to even declare the fullness of the Gospel of Christ. You try being outspoken about the present depravity in our midst, and you stand in very serious danger of being dragged off to court on some discrimination charge. But the 'spirit of the dragon' is allowed to say anything it wishes with impunity, just as long as it persecutes Christians, and the Christian standards and way of life.

The second of these 'evil spirits' is identified as 'The Beast'. That this 'beast' is identified as being closely associated with 'the dragon' is quite obvious. In Rev. 12:3 the dragon is described as having 'seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads', whereas the beast, as described in Rev. 13:1 has the same description with the exception that the crowns are now on the ten horns. We discussed this at some length in a previous chapter.

The characteristic of this beast is openly stated. We read in Rev. 13:1, 5 and 6;

*"And I stood upon the sand of the sea, and saw a beast rise up out of the sea, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his horns ten crowns, and upon his heads, the name of BLASPHEMY. . . . And there was given unto him a mouth speaking great things and **blasphemies**; . . .*

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

The word 'blasphemy' means; "To revile God or Divine things." The Beast of this evil spirit is the same as that of Rev. 17:3 upon which the Great Whore sits. One only has to look or listen to any area of the media today to see this 'evil spirit' at work. The Sacred Name of our Lord Jesus Christ is used constantly in blasphemy in an ever increasing number of programmes. It has become a major identification mark for 'those who have ears to hear' as to who the writers and producers of these programmes are. They revile God at every opportunity. They will go to any lengths to bring God down to a human level. They attack His Divinity, His majesty, and His holiness or separateness. They attack His manhood in their diabolic attempts to "desex" both Him and His Word. They even go as far as to attack the morals of our Lord Jesus Christ, trying to identify Him with the perverted sodomites who now infest our lands with their abominations. The Christian ethic has become the target of countless parodies and God-dishonouring plays. The spirit of blasphemy is working overtime to destroy God's people and to achieve their own godless ends.

The third of these 'evil spirits' is identified as 'the false prophet'. By very definition, we find that the specific characteristic of this evil spirit is DECEIT. It is the very essence of a false prophet. He is only false because of his deceit. The purpose of a false prophet is to deceive the people into believing a lie instead of the truth. And the best way to do this is to present that lie as close as possible to the truth. In other words, the deceit is so similar to the truth that people cannot tell the difference, and thus rarely study what they are told or taught because it sounds so 'right'. As we found in our previous studies of chapter 13, the great example of this deception today is the representation of a certain people as being the Chosen People of God when in fact they are motivated, and were indeed

brought into being, by the 'beast' who in turn is nothing more or less than the representation of Satan. Our Lord Himself gave the answer to this deception by identifying these people not as His own, but as being of their father the devil, or Satan. Then we have this odious teaching of evolution by which millions of people have been deceived into accepting a lie. Deception is now the rule of the day. It has become the hallmark of business, and particularly of most sections of the advertising industry. The people themselves are deceived into thinking that it is better to be something different to what God created us in the first place. For instance, if people would be content with looking like how they are, instead of making themselves look like what they aren't, the entire cosmetic industry would collapse overnight. If people accepted the colour and race into which they were born instead of trying to make themselves into a colour and race for which they were never created in the first place, then the diabolic deception of multiculturalism would be exposed and rejected. All people of whatever race could then walk with their heads held high and be proud of themselves and their origins. But of course, this doesn't suit Satan and his agents. Purity in all its forms has to be done away with. The people have to be deceived into accepting that which was never intended for them. Let us never forget that the very first recorded sin in the Bible was the result of deceit. We are told quite clearly that the woman was deceived, and after that, the man.

Thus we have these three terrible and evil spirits operating in both our personal and out national life today. We have PERSECUTION. We have BLASPHEMY. And we have DECEIT. They permeate every fibre of our modern society and life. They are 'working miracles' as God's Word says. Their works are carried out in such a manner that they make what they say seem as if it has come from God. I've lost count of the number of times I have heard someone in church get up and preface his remarks by the phrase "Thus saith the Lord", and then go on with the most arrant drivel. If you then disagree with what is said, you are persecuted. If you don't object to it, you join with them in their blasphemy. And if you join with

what is said, you become a supporter of the deceit which is practised.

What is not fully realised is that all this has a purpose under God. These three evil spirits, and those who support them, are in fact being used of God in that they are setting the stage for the final drama of the ages, the battle of that great day of God Almighty. Through their operations, they have infected the entire inhabited earth and its leaders. The words 'to gather them' as used in Rev. 16:14 means literally, "to gather together, or to join in one." And this is exactly where we are today. Every attempt possible is being made to join us together in one; racially, in our religious beliefs and doctrines, in our economy, in our politics, and in our nationality. We have now arrived at this point of time. **THIS IS TODAY!** This is the day whereof the Lord spoke by the mouths of His Holy prophets.

We are now at the very threshold of **The Great Day of God Almighty.**

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

Contrary to what many people believe, Armageddon is a place, not just a battle, although there is quite obviously going to be a battle of tremendous proportions associated with this place and time. This, I believe, will be the setting for the great final battle as foretold in Ezekiel 38 and 39. The word 'Armageddon' appears to come from three Hebrew words; "Arma" meaning 'bare grain', as having been threshed, "gai" meaning 'a valley', and "don" meaning 'judgment.' This 'valley of judgment and threshing' is surely that of which the prophet Joel spoke;

"I will also gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and will plead with them there for my people and for my heritage Israel..."

(Joel 3:2).

Ezekiel points to the fact that God's enemies are to come up like a cloud against the land of Israel, and goes on to describe in some depth the details of this final battle. Now it is inconceivable that these three prophecies referred to three different places and three different battles. There are certainly not going to be three final battles at the very end of this age. The Book of the Revelation, as we have made clear on numerous occasions, is expressed in symbolic terms, and the word 'Armageddon' must be so understood. The expression 'the valley of Jehoshaphat' meaning 'the valley of judgment' is also clearly a symbolic term. So neither expression gives us a specific geographical location. But this is not the case in the other reference made by the prophet Ezekiel. He specifically refers to the 'land of Israel'. Most people have concluded that this is a direct reference to the present country of Israel. But I doubt this. At the time that Ezekiel wrote his prophecy there was no such country with the actual name "Israel". It was the place where Israel dwelt that was known by that particular name. His expression 'the land of Israel', I believe, refers to the land where Israel dwells at the time of the fulfilment of his prophecy, and that certainly is not the Middle East. Ezekiel was referring to all the lands occupied by modern true Israel, and from a military point of view at least, those Israel countries are directly west of Palestine, i.e., the British Isles, and the Israel countries to the north of Palestine directly over the North Pole, i.e., Canada and the U.S.A. From which ever way we look at the present world situation, it fully supports this application of God's prophetic Word for this time of the end of the age.

It is at this very time, when the gathering together is completed, that everything is finally ready for the pouring out of the last, or 7th. vial or plague of judgment. And I further strongly suggest that the culmination of this 'gathering together' will be the final act in the 'death of the Two Witnesses' when at the end of this year of 1992, Britain is 'gathered together' as another state of Europe.

At the time of this writing, there is less than one year before we find out. A very sobering thought indeed.

THE SEVENTH VIAL.

The Destruction of Babylon the Great.
The Voice From the Air. Rev. 16:17-18.



"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."

This vial is poured out into the air. It points specifically to the direction from which both the warning and the judgment will come. Of the angel of the seventh trumpet we read in chapter 11 verse 15;

"And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever."

Thus we see that the timing of the seventh vial coincides with the times and seasons relating to the return of our Lord when He will take the throne of His father David and rule over the house of Israel for ever.

It is also a clear identification of the timing of this event, as it portrays both aerial and missile warfare of a nature, ferocity and extent not previously possible.

As we have previously pointed out, these seven vials parallel the type of events described by the seven trumpets. And the seventh vial is no exception. In Rev. 10:7 we read these words;

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

And what is it that 'his servants the prophets' declare? In Ezekiel 39: 7, 8 and 22 we read;

"So will I make My Holy Name known in the midst of My people Israel; and I will not let them pollute My Holy Name any more; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, the Holy One in Israel.

Behold, it is come, and it is done, saith the Lord God; this is the day whereof I have spoken." . . .

"So the House of Israel shall know that I am the LORD their God from that day and forward."

This final act of judgment is poured out upon 'the great city Babylon', and will be dealt with in our future studies. It is the culmination of God's righteous judgment on Satan and his iniquitous system which has for thousands of years destroyed God's people Israel in particular, and the people of the world at large. It will be a judgment of such staggering and terrifying proportions that even Christians will be amazed, mainly because most Christians today have no idea of the proportions and the extent of the works of the enemy among us, let alone of who this enemy really is.

But there is one final verse with which we shall deal briefly before concluding this chapter. That is verse 15.

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

There are two distinct aspects of this verse with which we should be familiar. Firstly, there is a warning of the unexpectedness of the events portrayed in the surrounding verses. Thieves never come when you expect

them. And in like manner, the events of the great day of God Almighty will fall upon an apostate nation, and all too sadly, upon an apostate church, with shattering unexpectedness. For those who do not watch and prepare themselves, it will be a time of great fear and trembling. As our Lord said Himself in relation to this very time;

*"Men's hearts will be failing them for fear,
and for looking after those things which are
coming on the earth."* (Luke 21:26).

But there is also a promise of blessing. It is to those who watch. I like the way the Jerusalem Bible expresses this promise;

*"Happy is the man who has stayed awake
and not taken off his clothes so that he does
not go out naked and expose his shame."*

What is the clothing which he has to be so careful to wear. I suggest it is that spoken of by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 6:13-18. It is the whole armour of God;

*"Wherefore take unto you the whole armour
of God, that ye may be able to withstand in
the evil day, and having done all, to stand.
Stand therefore, having your loins girt about
with truth, and having on the breastplate of
righteousness; And your feet shod with the
preparation of the gospel of peace; Above
all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye
shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of
the wicked. And take the helmet of
salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which
is the Word of God. Praying always with all
prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and
watching thereunto with all perseverance and
supplication for all saints."*

THE END OF PART THREE.

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

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rejoicing the heart.*

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enlightening the eyes.*

*The fear of the LORD is clean,
enduring for ever.*

*The judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.*

*More to be desired are they than gold,
yea, than much fine gold.*

Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb.

*Moreover by them is thy servant warned.
And in keeping of them there is great reward.*

(Psalm 19:7-11).

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