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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDITORIAL.

Somewhere, sometime in the past, I seem to remember hearing of something called a 'conspiracy theory.' There was no such thing of course. What was, and is, happening is just a process of social evolution. Anyone who accepted this theory that there is some conspiracy being worked out within our poor old world was just a fool. Well, that's what we are told, and it must be right because the government and the media says so. Who are we poor innocent creatures to contradict such honourable and praiseworthy authorities? We, the citizens, are only the people who pay these people to serve us. What's the world coming to when the servant - the government - can no longer control the master - the people - whom he is supposed to serve, without fear of contradiction.

Well, I must be one of those fools that they talk about. And I'm jolly sure that I'm not on my own. Anyone with half a brain can look back over the last 50 years or so and with an unbiased examination of events, see that successive governments, irrespective of party flavour, have been consistently working to a well prepared programme. When things start to get too hot, then the attention of the people is diverted by changing the party in power, by what the population think is a vote of their own free will, or just by changing the Prime Minister about which we don't even have any say. What we are seeing now in this country, as well as most of the other western Christian nations, is not a process of planned development, but a very carefully laid plan of destruction. The fact that it has been going on for so long, irrespective of party differences, or what minister happens to control which portfolio, makes it quite clear that we are being controlled by powers far beyond and above the ones we see in Canberra. Mr. Hawke, our erstwhile Prime Minister, went as far as he personally could with the implementation of this plan. People were starting to wake up that something was wrong. They were becoming disillusioned with what was happening. So out came the knives, and in stepped our venerable Mr Keating. And he's doing wonders for Mr. Hawke's image. The more I see of Mr. Keating, the more I think of Mr. Hawke as a gentleman. I wonder what a future government is going to do when they too run out of money with which to finance our enormous debt, and they find that there are no more public instrumentalities (which the people are supposed to own at any rate),

left to sell back to us? Or aren't we supposed to ask such foolish questions? Don't ever be fooled by what is going on today. Mr. Keating is the appointed 'hit man' for the world powers, as far as Australia is concerned. The bullets have been in production for a long while. All he now has to do is to fire them. And believe me, when you get that close to the wrong end of a gun, you don't have much option. If there is one thing that we can be absolutely sure of, it is that this process of vilification of our Monarch and our flag, together with the destruction of every vestige of our great Christian heritage, will continue at an ever increasing rate.

And don't think for one moment that the government is the only fly in the ointment. We are seeing an ever increasing number of ratbags, whom the media, and even the churches, are promoting to authoritative status, being heard all over our land. You can't listen to the radio or the T.V. these days without being bombarded with anti-British songs and 'jokes'. If you write a new song extolling the alleged virtue of changing our flag, you have it made. If you want to make it as a 'comedian,' the top subjects are the Royal Family and sex. You'll make a fortune. And don't worry about God. He's the biggest joke of all.

We now have new gods. We have a new 'trinity', sports, sex, and gambling. And so it goes on. Even science, so called, defies God as they perfect their genetic engineering skills to such an extent that now they can change fruit and vegetables quite legally. How long before it becomes legal to change humans into what we want them to be? And on the church scene we have this apology for a theologian, who has found some 'cryptic crossword' in the Bible which is presented as 'proof positive' that our Lord Jesus Christ was only a good man, which denies His Virgin Birth, and His resurrection from the dead. This is the rubbish which gets all the publicity. There's no news value in truth. And so the conspiracy against the Truth of God continues virtually unchecked. We are most certainly wrestling against spiritually controlled powers of a strength and nature far beyond what the ordinary person dreams of.

Well the day is almost here when all these purveyors of lies and destruction are going to feel the wrath of God. Little do they realise that there is another 'conspiracy' which is also in operation. But this one is founded and controlled by Almighty God. Under the terms of this conspiracy, the whole world is to come under the benevolent reign of our Lord Jesus Christ, when all the sorrow and suffering which we now experience will be totally destroyed, and true peace and righteousness will fill the whole earth. Come quickly Lord Jesus.

DID JESUS FAIL?

Part 6.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

We have seen in our studies thus far, that in everything that has happened in world history right up to our present day, not one word which our Lord has promised has failed. Everything has happened in conformity with the foreknowledge and purposes of God. Despite unbelievable opposition, His Divine plan and purpose for this earth is proceeding strictly according to plan, and strictly on time. As expressed by the prophet Isaiah;

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

(Isa. 55:11).

"The Lord of Hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand;

This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the Lord of Hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

(Isa. 14:24, 26-27).

With this in mind, it would be totally unacceptable for anyone not to accept that what He has promised for the future will occur with just as great a degree of certainty and accuracy.

The final events associated with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, which I sincerely believe are about to commence within the immediate future, do not signify the end of everything here on this earth as so many Christians seem to believe. In reality, it will be just the beginning. We are about to enter an entirely New Age here on earth. Not according to the present 'New Age' movement which is destroying the faith of millions of people, nor based upon the false claims of the 'New World Order' on which an equal number of deluded people are basing their hopes. One of the glorious promises of God still to be implemented, and in fact one of the very few, outside those referring specifically to the Lord's return, remaining to be fulfilled, is that relating to the setting up of a completely different world order and manner of life to that presently being inflicted upon us. For centuries, people have erroneously been taught that this earth is to be totally destroyed as a planet. We have been taught that when the Lord returns, all the Christians will be 'secretly raptured' from the earth up to some unidentified location in the skies, and that all those who are left behind, along with the planet earth itself, will be blown to smithereens and cease to exist. Some theological writers have made millions of dollars out of propounding such unscriptural teachings. They have completely lost sight of the plan of God, and joined the ranks of the science fiction writers for the sake of fame and fortune. The fact that they have also sought to turn people back to God by scaring the living daylight out of them instead of by convincing them to turn to God in true repentance with the desire henceforth to obey God in all His commandments, statutes, and judgments, apparently is of no consequence. Let me assure you on the authority of the Word of God that He has no such plans to blow up and destroy this earth. Are we really expected to believe that God is going to destroy all the wonderful beauty of nature which still abounds despite all of man's best efforts to destroy it just because man has failed God? If this is to be the final result, then why on earth are we worrying about what God is supposed to be going to do? Just leave us alone for another few decades and we will wipe it all out for Him and save Him all the time and effort. This fallacious 'Late Great Planet Earth'

syndrome is taken from the writings of both Isaiah and Peter. In Isa. 65:17-25 we read;

"For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.

But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy.

And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying.

There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed.

And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.

They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labour in vain, nor bring forth for trouble; for they are the seed of the blessed of the Lord, and their offspring with them.

And it shall come to pass, that before they call, I will answer; and while they are yet speaking, I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock: and dust shall be the serpent's meat. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord."

Again, in II Peter 3:7, and 10-13 we read;

"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.

But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.

Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness,

Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God, wherein the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat?

Nevertheless we, according to his promise, look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness."

At a casual reading, one might say that the teaching that the entire earth is to be destroyed is quite scriptural. But if that is correct, then we have a few very difficult questions to answer. Where are these children going to be who will be reckoned as being a hundred years old when they die? Where are they going to build the houses that someone else will not inhabit? Where shall they plant the vineyards which no one else will take from them? Where will the wolves and the lambs and the lions come from which we are told will lie down together in harmony and peace? Is God really going to destroy all the presently existing ones and then go to the trouble of re-creating new ones? If that is the case, then why is the whole creation groaning and waiting in anticipation for the revealing of 'the sons of God' as recorded in Romans 8:19-22 if they are all to be destroyed in order that these 'sons of God' can be revealed? Isn't the whole creation in for a very rude shock. Apparently they are not going to be around to witness what they have been so eagerly anticipating. What a let-down that's going to be.

We only get into such theological difficulties when we disregard the whole counsel of God; when we study statements out of context with the rest of the teachings associated with the subject in question. We need to ask ourselves, 'Where are we going to be when Jesus returns?', because wherever that is, then that is where the final promises of God are to be outworked.

Perhaps we could start with John 14:3;

"And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also."

So we establish the first fact. Wherever Jesus happens to be, whether up in the sky, or down here on the earth, we are going to be with Him. Obviously, the next question must be, "Where is Jesus going to be?" If we turn to Acts 1:11 we read;

"Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? This same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen Him go into heaven."

In other words, they clearly were told that just as Jesus left the earth and went up into heaven, so shall He return to the earth. Otherwise, how can He 'come in like manner as they saw Him go.' When we turn to Revelation 20:4-6 we read;

"And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them . . . and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years. But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished. This is the first resurrection. Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection, . . . they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with Him a thousand years."

And where will we be whilst we are reigning thus with the Lord for the thousand years? Revelation 5:10 reads;

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

This is completely in conformity with the promise made regarding our Lord at the time of the annunciation of His impending birth. The angel said unto Mary;

*"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest:
And the Lord God shall give unto Him the throne of His father David;
And He shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever;
And of His Kingdom there shall be no end."*

Now before we get all excited and spiritual about the above statement, let us realise the three facts set forth.

1. The throne of David which is given to Him, and from which He will reign, never has been, is not now, nor ever shall be, in heaven. The throne of David is "the throne of the Lord" which He set up over Israel, right here on this earth. In I Chronicles 29:23 we read;

"Then Solomon sat on the throne of the Lord as king instead of David his father."

2. The house of Jacob over which Jesus is to reign never has been, is not now, and never will be, in heaven. God selected His words very carefully. Note that He did not say 'the house of Israel'. Theologians might like to spiritualise Israel and now refer to a 'spiritual' Israel in lieu of the literal nation, but you cannot spiritualise 'the house of Jacob'. The 'house of Jacob' constitutes the entire twelve-tribed house of Israel down here on this earth.

3. This kingdom over which He will be reigning, and over which those with Him will be reigning as kings and

priests, will never end. This Kingdom, the House of Jacob, or Israel, will last for ever. There will be absolutely no victory for those who today are doing their utmost to destroy this kingdom, the people of this kingdom, the gospel of this kingdom, and especially, the King of this kingdom.

Now with the foregoing in mind, how in the name of all that's wise and wonderful is our Lord Jesus Christ, together with those who are appointed to rule and reign with Him, going to reign on this earth, sitting on a throne that is on this earth, over a kingdom that is established on this earth, if the earth and all that is in it is going to be totally wiped out and destroyed at the very time when He comes back. No wonder people turn aside from the Christian faith when they are taught such falacy. I can't help wondering what the environment lobby is going to say if ever they really wake up to what Christianity alleges about the future of the environment.

Possibly we should also ask just who is Christ and His priests and kings going to be reigning over when He returns if there is nobody left to reign over? Why will they need a rod of iron if there is nobody left who needs the exercise of authority over them? How is 'the knowledge of God going to cover the whole earth as the waters cover the sea' if there is no earth left for it to cover? The more we study the question, the more ludicrous becomes the present God-dishonouring teaching with which His people have been brainwashed. This 'pie-in-the-sky-when-we-die' syndrome is a terrible deception straight from Satan, the Great Deceiver, who will do anything to deceive and confuse God's people from the knowledge of the glory that awaits us in Christ Jesus. Where is Christ's victory if He cannot rule and reign where He said He would rule and reign? Is He going to fail in this just as we are led to believe that He has failed in just about everything else that He promised? Not likely, I assure you. The world is right at the brink of a shattering experience. We are about to pass from the degradation and misery of the present system which is bereft of all justice and decency, into a system which will be the epitome of justice and decency; a

system where people will want to do that which is right in the sight of God as naturally as breathing; a system where freedom in its grandest sense will operate; a system where peace and security will be the norm instead of a vain hope.

As we have said previously, this will be just the beginning. Scientists today talk of the possibility, or even the probability, of people inhabiting other far away planets. Personally, I don't believe it. If there are, are they perfect or not? If they are, then is our planet earth just going through a cycle which occurs on other planets? If they are not, then will Jesus have to go where ever they are and die all over again for their sins as well? What I do believe is that the Great Jehovah, our Lord Jesus Christ, is now in the very final stages of selecting and preparing those who will rule and reign with Him in the coming everlasting plan for the ages to come, when the whole of His creation will come under the blessing of His plans and purposes. It is virtually beyond the power of human thought to imagine, but we will have the power to go in an instant to the furthest reaches of the universe, and to share in its beauty and majesty. I have no reason to doubt but that many far flung planets will be subsequently inhabited in perfect peace and harmony under the reign of the Great Creator Himself, and without any further fear of contamination and destruction from any enemy. God's Word makes it quite clear that ALL enemies are going to be destroyed. There is going to be NO MORE sickness, or sorrow, or mourning or death.

The marvel of it is not so much that it is going to happen, but that you and I are being given the unbelievable opportunity to be a part of it. Perhaps we can now more deeply appreciate the words of the writer to the Hebrews when He said;

"Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and

disobedience received a just recompence of reward; How shall we escape if we neglect so great a salvation, which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard Him."
(Heb.2:1-3)

Did Jesus fail? He certainly did not! Is He going to fail? He certainly will not! Jesus Christ is about to show the world the greatest victory that it has ever seen. He is about to show the fruit of His travail. He is about to step back into the lives of men and nations. The government is about to be placed on His shoulders.

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

*The zeal of the LORD of Hosts
will perform this."*



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As Daniel of old was shown the destiny of this planet Earth, so was Washington shown the destiny of our country. He told of the event within hours after it took place. He told it many times to many people during the 22 years he lived after its occurrence. It was carried in print at the time and has come down to us today as has our Declaration of Independence and other important documents. However, since Spiritual experiences tend to be ignored by secular historians, it remained, at times, in obscurity. Somehow they forget or ignored the Spirit which made it all possible, as a person might look at his watch and not realise it is the unseen main spring that causes it to function. Thomas Jefferson best summed up the divine element when he wrote, "God who gave us life, gave us liberty."

The various accounts of this prophecy all agree in content; there are minor variations only in the circumstances under which George Washington told various individuals through the years after it happened.

The setting was Valley Forge in the winter of 1777, where George Washington was quartering his troops.

Their situation was desperate. Food was scarce. There was great agitation in the colonies against continued effort to secure our freedom from England. The Continental Congress was not sending adequate supplies, many of the troops did not even have shoes to wear in the deep snow, many were diseased, and many died. Morale at Valley Forge was at an all-time low. George Washington was in a desperate situation but determined to see the struggle through.

This is the account of what happened as he told it shortly after the event took place. These are the words of George Washington himself.

"I was sitting at a table in my winter quarters at Valley Forge preparing a dispatch when something seemed to disturb me. Looking up, I beheld standing opposite me a singularly beautiful female. So astonished was I, for I had given strict orders not to be disturbed, that it was some moments before I found language to inquire into the cause of her presence. A second, a third, and even a fourth time did I repeat my question, but received no answer from my mysterious visitor except a slight raising of her eyes. By this time I felt strange sensations spreading through me. I would have risen but the riveted gaze of the being before me rendered volition impossible. I assayed once more to address her, but my tongue had become useless. Even thought itself had become paralysed. A new influence, mysterious, potent, irresistible, took possession of me. All I could do was to gaze steadily, vacantly at my unknown visitant. Gradually the surrounding atmosphere seemed as though becoming filled with sensations, and luminous. Everything about me seemed to rarefy, the mysterious visitor herself becoming more airy and yet more distinct to my sight than before. I now began to feel as one dying, or rather to experience the sensations which I have sometimes imagined accompany dissolution. I did not think, I did not reason, I did not move; all were alike impossible. I was only conscious of gazing fixedly, vacantly at my companion.

"Presently I heard a voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn', while at the same time my visitor extended her arm eastwardly. I now beheld a heavy white vapour at some distance rising fold upon fold. This gradually dissipated, and I looked upon a strange scene. Before me lay spread out in one vast plain all the countries of the world--Europe, Asia, Africa and America. I saw rolling and tossing between Europe and America the billows of the Atlantic, and between Asia and America lay the Pacific. 'Son of the Republic', said the same mysterious voice as before, 'look and learn'. At that moment I beheld a dark, shadowy being, like an angel, standing, or rather floating in mid-air between Europe and America: dipping water out of the ocean in the hollow of each hand, he sprinkled some upon America with his right hand, while with his left hand he cast some on Europe. Immediately a cloud raised from these countries, and joined in mid-ocean. For a while it remained stationary, and then moved slowly westward, until it enveloped America in its murky folds. Sharp flashes of lightning gleamed through it at intervals, and I heard the smothered groans and cries of the American people. A second time the angel dipped water from the ocean, and sprinkled it out as before. The dark cloud was then drawn back to the ocean, in whose heaving billows it sank from view. A third time I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn'. I cast my eyes upon America and beheld villages and towns and cities springing up one after another until the whole land from the Atlantic to the Pacific was dotted with them. Again, I heard the mysterious voice say, 'Son of the Republic, the end of the century cometh, look and learn'.

"At this the dark and shadowy angel turned his face southward, and from Africa I saw an ill-omened spectre approach our land. It flitted slowly over every town and city of the latter. The inhabitants presently set themselves in battle array against each other. As I continued looking I saw a bright angel, on whose brow rested a crown of light, on which was traced the word 'Union', bearing the American flag which he placed between the divided nation, and said, 'Remember ye are brethren'. Instantly, the in-

habitants, casting from them their weapons became friends once more, and united around the National Standard.

"And again I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn'. At this the dark, shadowy angel placed a trumpet to his mouth, and blew three distinct blasts; and taking water from the ocean, he sprinkled it upon Europe, Asia, and Africa. Then my eyes beheld a fearful scene: from each of these countries arose thick, black clouds that were soon joined into one. And throughout this mass there gleamed a dark red light by which I saw hordes of armed men, who, moving with the cloud, marched by land and sailed by sea to America, which country was enveloped in the volume of cloud. And I dimly saw these vast armies devastate the whole country and burn the villages, towns and cities that I beheld springing up. My ears listened to the thundering of the cannon, clashing of swords, and the shouts and cries of millions in mortal combat as her defenders were driven inland into a wedge-shaped pattern. I heard again the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn'. When the voice had ceased, the dark shadowy angel placed his trumpet once more to his mouth, and blew a long fearful blast.

"Instantly a light as of a thousand suns shone down from above me, and pierced and broke into fragments the dark cloud which enveloped America. At the same moment the angel upon whose head still shone the word "Union", and who bore our national flag in one hand and a sword in the other, descended from the heavens attended by legions of white spirits. These immediately joined the inhabitants of America, who I perceived were well-nigh overcome, but who immediately taking courage again, closed up their broken ranks and renewed the battle. Again, amid the fearful noise of the conflict, I heard the mysterious voice saying, 'Son of the Republic, look and learn'. As the voice ceased, the shadowy angel for the last time dipped water from the ocean and sprinkled it upon America. Instantly the dark cloud rolled back, together with the armies it had brought, leaving the inhabitants of the land victorious.

"Then once more I beheld the villages, towns and cities springing up where I had seen them before, while the bright angel, planting the azure standard he had brought in the midst of them, cried with a loud voice: 'While the stars remain, and the heavens send down dew upon the earth, so long shall the Union last'. And taking from his brow the crown on which blazoned the word 'Union', he placed it upon the Standard while the people, kneeling down, said, 'Amen'.

"The scene instantly began to fade and dissolve, and I at last saw nothing but the rising, curling vapour I at first beheld. This also disappearing, I found myself once more gazing upon the mysterious visitor, who, in the same voice I had heard before, said, 'Son of the Republic, what you have seen is thus interpreted: Three great perils will come upon the Republic. The most fearful is the third (The comment on his "third" is: the Second Advent.) passing which the whole world united shall not prevail against her. Let every child of the Republic learn to live for his God, and his land and Union.' With these words the vision vanished, and I started from my seat and felt that I had seen a vision wherein had been shown to me the birth, progress, and destiny of the United States."

Such were the words from Washington's own lips, and America would do well to profit by them.

We are now moving rapidly into the third and greatest peril of this Revelation. The signs of its fulfilment are self evident. There is a joining of the forces from continents around the world under the political force of Communism, preparing to move against the United States of America as was prophesied by Marx and Lenin. We have few friends left and many of these would fade away once we stopped giving them financial assistance. Note how throughout the forces moving against America, there "gleamed a dark red light". This is the very colour and symbol of both Communism, and its founder Edom/Esau. It is also strange how over 125 years before the aeroplane, Washington saw men moving with the clouds, as well as by land and sea, against America. It was when after invasion

and great loss, the defenders were driven inland into a wedge-shaped pattern and almost defeated, that deliverance came. □



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COVENANT VISION REPORT.

It is with a great sense of gratitude and thanks to our Heavenly Father that we commence our eighth year of publication of THE COVENANT VISION. We have certainly had our ups and downs, but thankfully, many more ups than downs. The tone of the many letters we receive reveal a real acceptance by our many readers, who are now virtually world-wide. We have been constantly blessed by hearing from those who tell us of the extent of the blessings they have received through our ministry. This has been of enormous encouragement to us, and we are in turn most thankful in that the Lord has been able to use us in this way. We trust you will all understand if we do not answer every letter we receive. These average about 15 per week, and to reply individually to them all would be totally beyond our capability. For this reason we acknowledge all donations etc. with a standard form of receipt which sincerely expressed our thanks. To save postage, these are included with the following Covenant Vision. We receive quite a few questions which we answer as time permits, so please be patient regarding these. Don't hesitate to remind us if we overlook replying within a reasonable time. To all those who so faithfully continue to support us with their tithes and offerings and prayers, we say a big "Thank You." Without this help we would not be able to continue. And we cannot let this opportunity go by without expressing our most grateful thanks for the faithful help of Ruth, who gives up two days per week to type for us and handle the correspondence and the book orders. Then there is Zoran who comes whenever we need him to do photo-copying and tape copying as well as other odd jobs. And what would we do without Allan and Mary of Coff's Harbour who took all the major printing equipment to their home and now do all the printing and distribution of the magazine and the printing of my books for us. I sometimes wonder how on earth I managed to do all this on my own before all these wonderful people offered their help.

Our Home Church, the Covenant Vision Fellowship, is progressing quite well, and although small in numbers, (an average of about 14), is quite comfortable for home meetings. On special meetings, such as the Feast Days, our numbers have reached 27. We have recently been blessed by the addition of another very lovely couple who are already proving a great blessing to us, especially in helping in ministry. Several others are attending once a month because of the distance they have to travel.

The Tape Ministry is proving more and more popular with the introduction of our Tape Club. We try to restrict this to within Australia, mainly because of the postage costs for overseas as they would have to be sent airmail, but if our overseas readers wish to join and pay the extra cost of postage, that will be fine. We encourage as many of you as possible to take advantage of this service, details of which are set out later in this issue.

Our ministry in book sales is also proving quite popular with many folk. Our biggest problem is the high cost of purchasing large quantities of books which come from overseas suppliers, with the result that we have to restrict our stocks to suit our budget. So if you order books on our list and they are out of stock, please be patient whilst new stocks arrive. Unfortunately, seamail delivery from U.S.A. where most of our stock comes from, (other than my own books), takes anything up to 2 1/2 to 3 months.

One thing which we don't like to talk about too much is finance. But there are times when the subject has to be faced realistically. Our biggest single item of expenditure these days is postage. And it's going to get worse. Increasing higher charges are having a serious effect on our limited finances. This added to the financial recession which makes it very difficult for people to give as freely as they once wished, isn't helping our situation. One of the things which we have always been very careful of is our responsibility with the Lord's money which is sent to us. I might add that the Lord has been most faithful in supplying all our needs to date. But He works through people. We don't find a bucket of money on the doorstep each morning. With this responsibility in mind, we are going to have to tighten up on the numbers of free copies of THE COVENANT VISION which we are presently sending out. We try to be as fair and helpful as possible with these, but the time comes when enough is enough. Our policy to date has been to send out a reminder each year to those from whom we have not heard for the past year. If we don't hear, we send another reminder, and just in case they have again forgotten we usually send a further copy. This has to stop. It takes many hours of continuous work to produce our magazine, and we don't think that it is too much to ask our readers to keep in contact at least once a year. Sometimes we find out, if at all, that a reader has died, or moved, or become too ill to read, many issues previously, and we are still sending the magazine, which is a total waste. This problem applies more specifically to our overseas readers. About a quarter of our magazines are posted overseas, yet this quarter costs us two thirds of our total postage costs per issue. A

magazine to the U.S.A. seamail for instance, costs A\$1.60 each, or about A\$10 per year, **just for the postage**. New Zealand is slightly less, and to the U.K. it is slightly more.

In an attempt to overcome this problem we have decided firstly, to send only **TWO** sample copies to new readers in future. Secondly, we are not going to continue sending the magazine to people who, despite several reminders, are not interested enough to advise us of their intentions. This includes ministers to whom we have been sending each issue for several years in some cases, without ever having heard from them. **It especially includes overseas readers.** Those who genuinely cannot afford a subscription will still receive their copy quite free. But you have to let us know. We are not mind readers.

We sometimes get letters from people who ask for a free subscription on the grounds that they give all their tithe to their church and have nothing left. Yet in the same letter they tell us how dissatisfied they are with what they get from their church, and what blessing they get from our ministry. We mention this not to offend, but to illustrate the fact that those who are being blessed by any ministry should realise that nothing costs nothing. Someone has to pay for what is produced and sent out. So we encourage those who may not have given this matter enough thought to prayerfully consider those who minister blessing, so that they can continue to operate in a proper manner. Quite a few of our brethren put their tithe aside each week and send it to us regularly. This is a very sound habit to get into. Don't forget that neither God or His work goes on holidays when we do. It still continues on, and continues to require support, irrespective of what we are doing.

So as we rapidly approach the end of this age, we look forward, with your support, and especially your prayers, to continuing to do everything we can as faithful watchmen in the service of our Great God and Saviour, even our Lord Jesus Christ. □

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COVENANT WATCH!

WORLD AFFAIRS

No. 2 - 1992

Courtesy Pastor Nesor
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Republic of South Africa

By the time you read this edition of World Affairs, the Referendum in South Africa which takes place on the 17th March, will have taken place. With the General Election I stated in the edition of World Affairs which preceded it that: should the Conservative Party win, the powers from both outside and inside that are out to destroy the white man, would crush us; should the National Party win, these same powers would gradually swallow us up.

This is busy happening since the National Party won that election in 1989, and each day at an ever greater accelerating pace. The threats are openly and unashamedly outspoken, and will be carried out literally. So for instance a report on the S.A.B.C. programme Monitor on the 11th February this year, stated that a huge U.S.A. Air Force base is being constructed in Botswana to keep an eye on developments in South Africa. The implication is clear: should events in our country not follow the dictates of the organisers of the NEW WORLD ORDER, we will soon be forced to surrender by the super powers of the world, as it was done in Iraq by their super technology.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

Many analyses of world affairs are being made, and explanations given, and the one wants to be more

"authoritative" than the other. But without a Biblical background, not one of them touches the real heart of the problem. We must remember that there is a God in heaven who not only has the last say, but also gives us in His Word the complete picture, if only we would look for it. It can be simply summed up as a battle between DARKNESS and LIGHT, or a struggle for WORLD DOMINATION.

OF PREHISTORIC ORIGIN:

This conflict started even before the present creation when LUCIFER (the devil) rebelled against God and wanted to take His throne. Read Isaiah 14:12-14; Ezek. 28:12-19; Revelation 12:7-12; Luke 4:5-8 and 10:18. If you want to study this matter further, write to me, I have books and cassettes that will explain it in detail. Nobody will understand without this background what is really happening in the world. Some people are for ever busy with symptoms, but know nothing about the cause of the "disease". In this conflict both LUCIFER and the LIVING GOD (the God of Israel), have their earthly partners. These allies are respectively the heathen nations that come from Satan, and the Israel nations that originated in God.

NO PEACE:

There will never be peace as long as these two groups are both on earth, and not one of them is in an absolute dominant position. Scripture clearly teaches us that if the Israel nations discover and acknowledge their identity and experience a genuine rebirth and make Jesus their King, they will rule over these other nations with an iron rod of absolute righteousness. There will even be peace in nature, and the wolf and the lamb will feed together. (Isaiah 11.)

But if the other nations which did not originate with God, gain the upper hand, they will eliminate the Israel nations, either by annihilation or mongrelisations or assimilation.

THERE IS NO MIDDLE COURSE:

You can therefore expect that as the pace quickens, the intensity will also increase.

IN THE UNSEEN:

This conflict commenced both in the prehistoric past, and in the unseen. It establishes itself first in the mind and then manifests itself in the physical world. That is why the conquest first takes place on the level of ideology and then in the concrete. Darkness must first extinguish the light before it can establish itself, because it can never suppress it. The smallest spark has absolute supremacy in the thickest darkness.

Darkness has no life in itself and neither can it generate itself. It can only exist in the absence of light.

THE LIGHT BEARERS:

The Word declares - *"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"*. (Hosea 4:6.) This cannot mean mere human knowledge, for never in known history has there been such an explosion of knowledge since the two atomic bombs in 1945. At the same time the existence of man and all that live on earth, have never been more under threat, than during this same period. It also means that when all life on earth is wiped out, absolute darkness will descend upon the earth.

The light bearers have been the white nations, the literal descendants of the true Israel of the Bible. While Israel exists and remains true to her calling, the light will never go out. But if Israel is robbed of the knowledge of who she really is (darkness with respect to her identity), she will also forget her origin and her God.

In this the prince of darkness (the devil) has largely succeeded with God's people. We have a form of Godliness, but deny the power thereof.

FALSE KNOWLEDGE:

False light is more dangerous than total darkness. Likewise false knowledge is much deadlier than total ignorance. The barbarian was much less of a threat than the modern so-called learned "educated" heathen.

God's people have been deceived by secular learning and earthly possessions. The light of their knowledge of the only true God has been replaced with the false light of so-called knowledge. As our Lord Jesus said: *"If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness!"* (Matt. 6:23.)

After God's People had been robbed of the true light, they fell prey to deep darkness in their thinking without realising it. The old lie that man himself can tell the difference between good and evil, made him arrogant and self-assured. He claims for himself the right to know better than God the meaning of love, compassion and righteousness. Hence his drafting of a so-called bill of rights which completely ignores the law of God. This leads as a matter of course to the democratic system of Government in which even our Israel Nations (the white man) take such a pride. According to this system it is government by the majority. The nations of Luciferian origin have always been in the majority, and those of Divine origin the minority. (Please read Deut. 7:7.) The majority have never been right - look at history.

AND NOW?

Now darkness has arrived at where it has always wanted to be. By the time you read this article you will know already what the outcome of the Referendum is. It does not make much difference to me, here shortly before the result. It is a matter of time. If God does not intervene, we are lost in any case, whichever way the result goes. Darkness will overcome us, the one result will only prolong it a little longer than the other. But thank God, we read in the Gospel of John, chapter 1 verse 5: *"and the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness*

comprehended (or apprehended) it not". (KJV.) Our God, the God of Israel, made an everlasting, unconditional, unchangeable and irrevocable covenant with our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Our Lord Jesus, the Christ, also said: "For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled". (Matt. 5:18, K.J.V.)

There are therefore firm guarantees for us in the Word of God. The darkness has even penetrated the Church and deceives us from the pulpits with the liberal teaching that God no longer has a chosen people, but that all races are now equal. While this darkness prevails, God's People will not have the Word to be a lamp unto their feet, and a light unto their path. Great despair and confusion awaits us. Unless we return whole heartedly to the pure Word of God (the pure LIGHT therefore), the darkness will overwhelm us.

THE ASSURANCE:

But here is light! The Apostle Paul wrote: *"For all the promises of God in Him are yea, and in Him Amen, unto the glory of God by us". (2 Cor. 1:20, K.J.V.)* We read in Numbers 23:19 - *"God is not a man, that He should lie; neither 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?" (KJV)*

There are glorious promises of unconditional restoration in God's Word for God's People. These promises are especially for the end time, the time in which we are now living - the time when it will seem as if our hope is lost and that total darkness is about to descend upon us.

THE PLANS ARE FAR ADVANCED:

It is impossible to repeat what I wrote in previous issues of World Affairs (WA). It is all just as relevant at the present time. The whole world is hovering on the

brink of insolvency. The plans of the NEW WORLD ORDER are in an advanced stage. In this ORDER the nations will be disarmed and all the super weapons concentrated in the hands of a small elite order. The plan for South Africa is that a black controlled government can be easily manipulated by this ORDER and our mineral wealth tapped to finance this World Government. Darkness will then descend upon the earth.

This is where you must remember that man proposes, but God disposes! Keep courage, search the Scriptures and note the wonderful promises that await us!

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U.S.A. RIOTS

Lt. Col. Jack Mohr

This letter was sent to Brother Mohr by an officer of one of the U.S.A. Fire Departments on February 25, 1992. General Mohr prefaced the copy with the following comment:-

February 29, 1992

Looks like a "long hot summer ahead". This is one of many indications of what may lie ahead. The major danger will come from Bush declaring a National Emergency, putting an Executive Order into operation and suspending the Constitution.

Dear Gen. Mohr,

I hope this letter finds you in the best of health.

While talking to Brother about this summer, I realised that you should receive the information also.

I am an officer at the Fire Department. A few weeks ago, my black firefighters had told me that this year, we will be having a "long hot summer". The blacks will start to riot when the unemployment benefits run out around the first week of April. [They warned me because I treat them fairly, as the Holy Bible tells me to.]

After I received this information, I had made inquiries to other sources to confirm the warning. What you had warned us about is about to happen.

Sources in Georgia, Michigan, Indiana, and other parts of Ohio had confirmed that the black population is preparing to riot this summer, and that there is a strong possibility of civil war this summer!

A black professor at Penn State University has called for the uprising of the blacks to kill the savage white devils.

Black criminals are robbing white gun stores to steal guns, ammo, and money. They prefer fully automatic weapons. They usually shoot the people in the shops to remove the witnesses.

Toledo, Ohio, is having trouble because the unemployment benefits had run out in Michigan and the people are coming to Toledo to obtain the benefits there. Some of these people have three addresses so they can get the benefits from the three states in that area [Ohio, Michigan, and Indiana].

The Cleveland, Ohio, police noted that blacks were buying pick-up trucks. A car salesman told them that he had overheard the blacks say that they were mounting machine-guns in the back!

The North Olmsted police had arrested blacks for driving a station wagon with the tailgate missing. The blacks told the police officers that they were practicing "strifing" the white homes. We must remember that they

had said the next time they riot, it will be done in the white neighbourhoods!

Three weeks ago, witnesses stated that a car with 4 black teenagers had open-fire on vehicles driving on I-480, thereby causing five accidents. Police were able to find bullet holes in the vehicles.

I did not have to use my military intelligence training to see that the indications are pointing to a major confrontation between the black and white populations. The group that I belong to believe that the Jews are supplying money, arms, and guidance to the blacks. We are seeing the light and are applying to the Christian-Patriots Defence Force. Training will commence next week, as lately we have been buying arms, ammo, food, bottled water, and medical supplies.

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Courtesy "On Target"
145 Russell Street
Melbourne Vic 3000
April, 1992

"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 ..."

- Well-known writer H.G. Wells, a former Fabian Socialist, in his book, The Open Conspiracy: Blue Print For A World Revolution (1928).

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Courtesy Cynthia Murray
Canberra, A.C.T.
April, 1992

"I am very angry at what is happening to this nation since Paul Keating became P.M. I think his behaviour is disgraceful and it is obvious he intends to destroy everything that belongs to our British heritage - our Monarchy, our Constitution and our Flag. I think the man has no manners and showed extreme bad taste in declaring to the Queen when she came here for her 40th Anniversary, that Australia was going Republic. It came as a shock to us all. Also his anti-British attacks are blatant racism, and I feel the man should be charged with treachery. Watching him perform in Parliament makes one sick, for the whole tone of that institution has been dragged down to gutter level. I feel that Australia's future is bleak indeed, and as for us becoming a part of Asia, one wonders if the man is sane. We are not a part of Asia to start with, and our language, culture and heritage are all British. I think the Irish and other Catholics have planned this moment for a long time and I am sure the Pope must be rubbing his hands with glee as he sees the planned destruction of all things British.

Looking at the world situation today cannot help but make one feel unhappy, with so much fighting and unrest everywhere. I think the refugee situation is quite alarming and Australian politicians appear to be deliberately allowing illegal immigrants to stay in this country. I see that Dr. Hewson has declared that the Refugee situation is now in a state of crisis and that there are over 23,000 applications still to be dealt with, all at huge expense to the taxpayer. The Catholic church is putting pressure on the Government to allow the Cambodian refugees to remain here, but no thought is given to the consequences. They are illegal to start with, and if each is eventually allowed to bring their numerous relatives here, it could lead to thousands more being admitted. It makes the mind boggle, the way foreigners are given so much consideration and financial assistance, while the British and their descendants are insulted at every turn."

THE SHORTENING OF THE DAYS!

by Frank W. Dowsett.

In Matt. 24:22 and Mark 13:20 we read an oft quoted statement regarding these last days;

"And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved. But for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."

I sometimes wonder whether many Christians understand the full import of this statement. The impression that I get is that they are expecting the tribulations of the last days to reach such a serious condition that God suddenly wakes up to the fact that if He doesn't do something quickly, then everything and everybody will be wiped out. Thus He steps in and shortens or reduces the time of tribulation in order that the elect will be preserved.

But somehow, I don't think that this application entirely explains God's intentions. It is no doubt comforting to recognise the fact that God is going to step into world events in order to prevent total destruction. But it can still leave us with some degree of uncertainty in that it leaves the timing of this deliverance somewhat open ended.

The fact that we should be aware of is that God is not going to take action as some form of last resort, but that the action that He takes is going to be fully in accordance with His own pre-determined time-table which has operated right on time since before the very foundations of the earth were laid.

The word 'shortened' means 'to mutilate, or cut short.' In the context of these verses, I'm sure that it is not used in the same way in which we would refer to a doctor 'mutilating' or 'cutting off' a limb in order to save the rest of the body. What the Lord is impressing upon us is that in accordance with His Divine Plans, this time of tribulation is not going to continue endlessly, but is rather

to be cut short, or shortened, to a specific time limit already determined by God Himself. To illustrate the point, stand up and start walking towards the wall. You will obviously note that the wall is not moving closer to you, but that you are moving closer to the wall. The wall remains in its predetermined position. In other words, the wall forms a barrier preventing you from going beyond the limits set by the wall, and shortens the distance which you can travel. So it is with these last days. God has set a time limit on our present troublesome world events beyond which they shall not proceed.

Daniel 8:19 puts the matter quite clearly;

"Behold, I will make thee know what shall be in the last end of the indignation: for at the time appointed the end shall be."

Truly, our times are in His hands. All we have to do is to continue steadfast in the 'Faith Once Delivered to the Saints,' and to stand still and see the salvation of our Lord.



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THE UNFURLED FLAG

by Ian Hendry.

There's an unfurled flag in the country today,
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While mates beside him died.
It's the flag that bears the touch of God,
Who hung the stars in place,
And gave the design of the Southern Cross
Along-side England's flag of grace.
And years ago in schoolboy days,
We'd stand beneath that flag,
And swear allegiance to the Crown
Before our week began.

There's an unfurled flag in the country today,
That wears the scorn and contempt
Of those who seek to have it replaced
Before the decade's end.
And at times I get an uneasy feeling,
It seems the enemy's now within,
As I look at the nation's faults and flaws,
And its unrepentant sin.
Then I look again at the unfurled flag,
And above the Federation Star,
I see the blood-red cross of the Dragon-slayer,
And I know how blessed we are.

There's an unfurled flag in the country today,
And the country's truly blessed.



STUDY IN REVELATION.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

PART TWENTY FOUR.

CHAPTERS 17 and 18.

THE FALL OF BABYLON.

What do we mean when we refer to Babylon? What is "The Great City Babylon"? What does the phrase "The Fall of Babylon" signify? This word or phrase is continually repeated throughout God's Word. It is first used in the book of Genesis, and is last used in the Book of the Revelation. It must then be of significant importance as to run like some form of thread right throughout the Scriptures.

Why does God's Word associate such sorrow and misery with it throughout the centuries of its operation, and such rejoicing at its demise or destruction? In fact, what place, if any, does Babylon play in God's eternal plans and purposes?

WHAT IS BABYLON?

Firstly, it is a city on the river Euphrates. It was the capitol of what was once Nebuchadnezzar's Empire. It was the site of one of the ancient Seven Wonders of the world, the Hanging Gardens of Babylon, built by Nebuchadnezzar as a tribute to his Queen.

Secondly, it was a kingdom or nation, the Kingdom of Babylon. It was specifically the kingdom over which

Nebuchadnezzar reigned. The prophet Daniel, in interpreting the king's dream, said;

"Thou, O king, sawest and behold a great image. This great image, whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the form thereof was terrible.

This image's head was of fine gold, his breast and his arms of silver, his belly and his thighs of brass, his legs of iron, his feet part of iron and part of clay.

Thou sawest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon the feet that were of iron and clay, and break them to pieces.

Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken in pieces together, and became like the chaff of the summer threshing-floor; and the wind carried them away, that no place was found for them: and the stone that smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. . . .

Thou art this head of gold."

(Daniel 2:31-38).

But it was more than just the kingdom of Nebuchadnezzar. The name Babylon became associated with the entire sequence of empires portrayed by the great image of which Nebuchadnezzar dreamed. It came to represent the third aspect of "Babylon", that of a complete system of empires and government which became the very antithesis of God's Kingdom and system of government, a system which would be finally overthrown by God's victorious Kingdom. Daniel expressed this in these words;

"And in the days of these kings, (that is, the kings or kingdoms represented by the entire image), shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom, which shall never be destroyed: and

the kingdom shall not be left to other people, but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms (represented by the image), and it (the kingdom set up by God), shall stand for ever. For as much as thou sawest that the stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the brass, the clay, the silver, and the gold."

(Daniel 2:44-45).

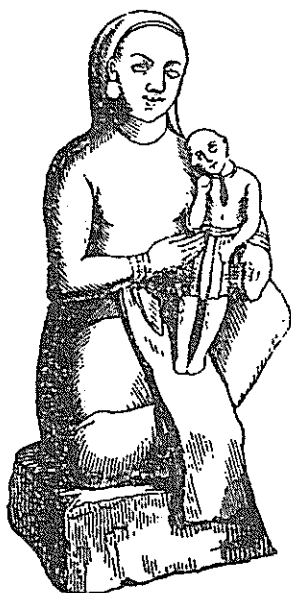
Now we might reasonably ask, what was so important about this kingdom and system of Babylon that it should attract so much attention from the Lord God. To fully understand this, we must go right back to its beginnings. Once again we have this immutable rule in studying the Scriptures, the **Law of First Mention**. We go back to Genesis chapter ten and verse ten;

*"And Nimrod was a mighty hunter before the lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.
And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel."*

The word 'Babel' is exactly the same word in the Hebrew as 'Babylon', (see Strong's #894), and means "confusion". The word 'Babylon' is also the Greek form of the same Hebrew word, (Strong's #897), and is figuratively used to represent a type of tyranny.

As we read in Gen. 10:10, this kingdom of Babel, or Babylon, was founded by a man named Nimrod. Nimrod was the son of Cush, who was in turn the son of Ham, one of the sons of Noah who survived the flood. It was Nimrod, whom Gen. 10:8 tells us *"began to be a mighty one in the earth"*, who together with his father Cush, was the chief instigator of the entire Babylonian system, and especially its religious system, which ever since has plagued and destroyed the people of God, Israel, and their present descendants, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic Christian nations of the world. Space does not permit us to go into the full details

of this extraordinary situation, and readers are strongly advised to beg, borrow, or buy the book "The Two Babylons" by Rev. Alexander Hislop for the full account. But the essential details are these. Cush became known as Bel, of whom you will read, for instance, in Jeremiah 1:2. Nimrod was deified, and regarded as a god. Cush, as the father of the god Nimrod became the father of god, or 'god the father', with his son Nimrod as 'god the son'. Nimrod's mother Semiramis then was worshipped as the 'mother of god'. "The Babylonians, in their religious services, supremely worshipped a Goddess Mother and a Son, who was represented in pictures and in images as an infant or child in his mother's arms. From Babylon, this worship of the Mother and Child spread to the ends of the earth." ("The Two Babylons" by Hislop, page 20). This form or style of worship has continued down to the present day. Millions of people have been deluded into outright pagan worship in the mistaken belief that they are worshipping the true God.



From Babylon.



From India.

Nothing could be further from the truth. Every priest of the Church of Rome is nothing more than a priest of Baal, another name for Bel. The entire Papal system is nothing short of Baal worship, and comes under the most stringent condemnation from Almighty God. So much so, indeed, that He devotes quite a significant portion of His Word to their final judgment and destruction. The accompanying drawing from page 19 of Hislop's great work shows both the Babylonian and the Indian origin and representation of this pagan belief, and illustrates how the Church of Rome is built on pagan customs and worship, and not on the true Word of God.

The conditions which obtained under this Godless and anti-God system are clearly described in Gen. 11:1-9;

"And the whole earth was of one language, and of one speech.

And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there.

And they said one to another, Go to, let us make brick, and burn them thoroughly. And they had brick for stone, and slime had they for mortar.

And they said, Go to, let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth.

And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech.

So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city.

Therefore is the name of it called Babel; because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did the Lord scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth."

Now there are a number of factors stated in the above account which warrant our close attention if we are to have any form of understanding at all as to the long range effect of this system on our present day life and society. What is happening in the world today, and especially to God's true Anglo-Israel people, is not of modern origin. It is the culmination of thousands of years of very careful and deliberate planning. Let us look briefly at the main features of the situation which existed in those far off days.

1. The whole earth was of one language and of one speech or word. Does that ring any bells? It should. The new One World Order which is now very, very advanced in its implementation, is nothing more than an attempt to bring the entire world back into this very self-same position. The powers behind the scenes, those with which we wrestle and which are not of flesh and blood, are essentially spiritual powers under the direct leadership of Satan, and now control our national leadership. They are well on their way to re-converting us back into the same One World Government which came into existence when the system of Babylon was first instituted.
2. The people decided to build a city and a tower whose top would reach to heaven. Now this had nothing whatsoever to do with building the world's tallest skyscraper. What actually happened was that the people built up a system, the top or head of which was a representation of the heavens. In other words, they corrupted the true meaning of the heavenly bodies as previously revealed by God, and by which He set forth the whole of His plans for the restitution of this world, and substituted pagan

beliefs. These pagan substitutes are still with us. They have become, and are increasingly becoming, a dominant feature of our everyday society. You can't pick up a magazine or a newspaper these days without finding your so-called future as depicted by the stars. Astrology (as distinct from astronomy) now virtually rules the lives of countless millions of people all over the world. Some people, even in the highest positions of government, will not make a single decision without consulting their astrologers. It has become a religion in its own right. It is sheer unadulterated idolatry. Even Christians follow this Godless practice without having the slightest idea of what they are doing. You often see them with their Zodiac sign on a chain around their neck. If anyone reading this has one of these charms - for that is all they are, - please throw them away immediately. They have no part in God or in the worship of God. The original message of the 12 signs of the Zodiac as referred to by Job under the name of "mazzaroth" which means "the twelve signs", as recorded in Job 38:32, covers the entire ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ written where nobody can ever erase it. It reveals His birth of the virgin (Virgo), right round to His return as the Lion of the tribe of Judah (Leo). The Southern Cross, which in Australia can be seen most any night of the year, is a part of the constellation which depicts His sacrificial death on a cross. It was all written there from the very instant of creation, and its message can never be destroyed. The enemy can burn all the Bibles in the world, and all the Christian text books, and kill every Christian, and the Lord will laugh them to scorn. It is all recorded in the heavens. God has left nothing to chance.

3. Then we are told that they made a name for themselves. In other words, they became totally independent of God. To paraphrase a statement of our Lord many years later, "they would not have this God to reign over them".

4. As a result of this, God recognised that nothing would now be restrained from them which they imagined to do. His statement to Noah was;

"Then the Lord saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually." (Gen. 6:5).

THEN CAME JUDGMENT.

And if anyone thinks that God is going to act any differently in these last days in which exactly the same conditions obtain, then they have a very rude shock coming to them.

Any thinking person must surely realise, in view of the above facts, that we are not talking here of just a series of political or economic or even religious events. We are talking here of Master Plans in operation. Here we have portrayed a fight to the death of the Kingdom of God versus the Kingdom of Satan. To understand this basic principle is the key to understanding the events presently being both planned and implemented in the world today. It is the key to understanding the past, the present, and the future. On the one hand we have God, the Great Jehovah/Jesus and His Kingdom of Israel. This is made up of the true Israel people as found in the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations of the world, the true church or body of Christ, together with the true and righteous laws, statutes and commandments of God. Its aim or purpose is Peace and Unity in God. Its destiny is to fill the whole earth. On the other hand we have Satan and his kingdom, Babylon. It is made up of the false nation of Esau/Jewry now found in the false State of Israeli, the false church of Rome, and the false laws of Babylon and Omri. Its aim and purpose is confusion and ultimate slavery. Its destiny is absolute destruction.

The continuity of this struggle is fully illustrated in God's Word by the statements found in Jeremiah chapter

51 and The Revelation chapters 13, 17 and 18. Jeremiah records this struggle, and the ultimate judgment on this false system under its own name of Babylon. The Book of the Revelation, on the other hand, refers to the same subject by the use of symbolism as we shall see as we continue our studies.

This leads us to two conclusions.

1. The continuity of the struggle requires the continued existence of the opponents.
2. The fulfilment of God's proclamations regarding both opponents requires the continued existence of the opponents.

In other words, we cannot have a continuity of the struggle, nor the fulfilment of God's judgment or blessing regarding the outcome of this struggle, if the opponents themselves no longer exist. The obvious, and only conclusion then is that both the Kingdom of God, Israel, and the kingdom of Satan, Babylon, must still exist and be in operation on this earth today. And since the Bible makes it quite clear in Matt. 21:43 that the Kingdom of God was taken away from the Jews and given to another nation, then it is entirely fruitless for us to look at the present-day Jewish people, or their false State of Israeli, as the identity, or even the representative, of God's Kingdom.

God's judgments on Babylon are clearly foretold by the prophet Jeremiah in Jer. 51:12-18;

"Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set up the watchmen, prepare the ambushes: for the Lord hath both devised and done that which he spake against the inhabitants of Babylon. O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness. The Lord of hosts hath sworn by himself, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men, as

with caterpillars; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.

He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heaven by his understanding.

When he uttereth his voice, there is a multitude of waters in the heavens; and he causeth the vapours to ascend from the ends of the earth: he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures.

Every man is brutish by his knowledge; every founder is confounded by the graven image: for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them.

They are vanity, the work of errors: in the time of their visitation they shall perish."

But His corresponding blessing upon His people Israel is equally clear as stated in Jer. 51:19-20;

"The portion of Jacob is not like them; for he is the former of all things: and Israel is the rod of his inheritance: the Lord of hosts is his name.

Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms."

Ten times within five verses, verses 19-23, God states that He will use Israel as His instrument to break every aspect of His enemies. Insofar as Babylon is concerned, the use of Israel as the instrument by which she will be destroyed is simplicity itself. We are now totally owned and controlled by the Babylonian system. They have bought us, lock, stock, and barrel. Their very life blood is the usurious repayment of the enormous unrepayable debt that we have accumulated to this evil system. All we have to do is to cancel that debt, and refuse to pay any further, and the entire Babylonian house of cards will come toppling down overnight. Do you really think that

when Elijah the prophet comes back to turn the hearts of the children to the fathers that he will advocate extra taxes to pay this debt off more quickly? Do you really think that when our Lord Jesus Christ returns that He is going to take a similar course of action? Not likely. If you have some doubts as to what is going to happen, then read the following from Isaiah 28:16-18;

"Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a tested stone, a costly corner stone for the foundation, firmly placed. He who believes in it will not be disturbed.

And I will make justice the measuring line, and righteousness the level.

Then hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, And the waters shall overflow the secret place.

And your covenant with death will be cancelled, and your pact with Sheol (the grave), will not stand.

When the overwhelming scourge passes through, then you become its trampling place."

(New American Standard Bible).

Such then is the lead up, or introduction, to the destruction of Babylon as set forth in the Book of the Revelation, chapters 17 and 18. We are obviously not dealing with a new or different enemy. We are dealing with the same enemy that has always opposed Israel. Only now, this enemy is identified in terms that cannot be mistaken, provided that we carefully study the record set before us, and accept the clear and precise statements of what God says, as distinct from denominational doctrine and the preconceived ideas and teachings of men.

Within these chapters, and verses 18-21 of the preceding chapter 16, we are introduced to no less than 12 separate, yet completely integrated and entwined, entities or subjects. We list them as follows, with a note as to

their first reference, although they will not necessarily be dealt with separately or in this order:

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| 1. | A great earthquake. | 16:18. |
| 2. | The great city. | 16:19. |
| 3. | The great whore. | 17:1. |
| 4. | The many waters. | 17:1. |
| 5. | Fornication. | 17:2. |
| 6. | The scarlet coloured beast. | 17:3. |
| 7. | The scarlet covered woman. | 17:4. |
| 8. | The golden cup. | 17:4. |
| 9. | The name on the forehead. | 17:5. |
| 10. | The seven kings. | 17:10. |
| 11. | Come out of her My people. | 18:4. |
| 12. | 'One day' and 'one hour'. | 18:10. |

I would suggest at this stage that we put aside all previous beliefs and conclusions which we might hold concerning this obviously far reaching subject. This is not to say that these beliefs are necessarily wrong. But it must be obvious to any sincere student that if we commence a study of any subject with a preconceived belief regarding it, then we will only accept conclusions which agree with such a belief, and all our studies will concentrate on substantiating these beliefs, rather than reveal what is actually being taught. It is my firm belief that too much has been taught in the past in respect to just one aspect of this subject without any consideration, or at least serious consideration, of the more far-reaching applications of what is said. And lest I be misunderstood, let me add that I do not conclude that the application of this subject to the Church of Rome is incorrect. I am merely saying that I do not consider it to be complete. My intentions in these writings is not to contradict previous teachings, but to add to them in accordance with the light of fulfilled prophecy that has been given to us in these very last days. It would be absurd to think that teachers of previous decades could write definitively about things that had not as yet happened. It would be just as absurd to neglect or refuse their teachings simply because they now appear to be incomplete. The fulfilment of prophecy is a continuously ongoing matter, and requires continuous updating of our

studies to keep up with it. So with that injunction in mind, and remembering our study of the origins of the Babylonian system and its place in world events for the past several thousand years, let us turn to this wonderful Book of the Revelation and carefully study what it has to say about this subject, **"The Fall of Babylon"**.

We commence with the statement of a great earthquake in chapter 16, commencing with verse 17.

17. *"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."*

18. *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."*

19. *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."*

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

21. *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."*

We know that the visible return of our Lord Jesus Christ to this earth will be accompanied with a great earthquake, as recorded in Zechariah 14:4, but I do not believe that this is the only manifestation of the 'earthquake' referred to here. The word 'earthquake' means 'shaking, shock, moving to and fro'. It is used here in its symbolic sense, and refers to the shaking associated with God's judgment as signalled by the pouring out of the

Seventh Vial of judgment upon the earth as recorded in Rev. 16:17.

The object of this great shaking is stated to be "the great city", and the result of the shaking was;

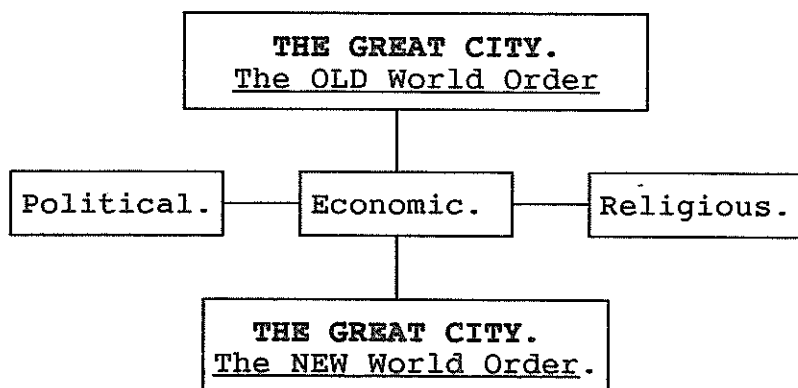
1. This city was divided into three parts.
2. The cities of the nations fell,
3. Great Babylon came in remembrance before God.
4. Every island fled away, and every mountain was not found, and,
5. A great plague of hail fell upon men.

As we will see from our following studies, this great city is in fact Babylon the Great. It is comprised of three major elements, Political, Economic, and Religious, and has been for most of its existence. But the statement clearly shows that it is to be divided into three parts. It is thus not referring, at least primarily, to its three major elements as listed above. Whilst God's judgment is to fall on each of these elements, it consists initially in dividing the entire system into three separate parts. This is an early stage of, or preparation for, the punishment. To give a definitive explanation of this at this stage would be unwise, as prophecy is not given to us for the purpose of foretelling the future. Its prime purpose is that we may recognise where we now are in God's plans. We will only know the full explanation after the event happens. But the fact that we now see the nations of the world divided into three major economic blocs - in Europe, in Asia and in America - cannot be overlooked as at least having some considerable bearing on the fulfilment of this section of the prophecy.

Associated with this we find that the cities of the nations fell. All nations are now completely ruled by 'the great city Babylon'. It is this 'city' within the various nations that will fall as a result of God's judgment when Great Babylon comes in remembrance before God. 'Islands' and 'mountains' are used continuously in prophecy as symbolising small and large nations and kingdoms. The internal strife and destruction going on within the nations

of the world today, and even within our own Israel nations, is a matter of common knowledge and record. The nations are in increasing turmoil as the judgments of God continue to fall, and the people are blaspheming or reviling God for all the accompanying troubles that have fallen upon them, in that they are turning more and more from God and removing Him from their thoughts completely. They do not know, and are certainly not being taught, that these troubles which they are now experiencing are all a part of God's righteous judgment on the evil system which has for so long enslaved them. I never cease to be amazed by the number of people and organisations, many of them run by sincere Christians, whose only answer to our present condition is to try to prop up or revitalise the present system by the introduction of seemingly fine man-made systems which are supposed to cure all our economic and political ills. This has to be sheer nonsense. Nothing! Absolutely nothing, is going to save our present system. It is under Divine judgment for the purpose of utter destruction. Those who are trying to improve it, or solve its problems, are totally wasting their valuable time and resources. They have as much chance of improving or saving or correcting this system as they would have of preventing a multistory building from collapsing once the demolition charges have been fired. We should not be trying to rescue the system. We should be shouting for joy at the certain knowledge that we have at last reached the end of the road, as it were, and that at long last, the righteousness of the Kingdom of God is about to be established for ever upon this earth under the reign of no less a Person than our Lord Jesus Christ.

But to fully understand how this judgment is to take effect, we must recognise the three sections of Babylon into which it is now divided, as previously mentioned, i.e., The Economic, the Political, and the Religious. The present plan is to bring these three aspects back into one single unit, as it originally was when the people were all of one language and one voice as we discussed earlier. The proposed new "Babylon" is now called "The New World Order". The following chart may more clearly illustrate this point.



Thus the intention becomes abundantly clear, as does the necessity of God's judgment. If He was unhappy with what was happening the first time, you can be absolutely sure that He will be just as unhappy the second time round. The second judgment will be no less certain, and no less dramatic, than the first.

When it comes to checking out scriptures, experience has shown that people all too often don't get their Bible out to read the passages quoted, so we reprint the entire 17th chapter of The Revelation so that the reader can check on what is being studied as we proceed.

Chapter 17.

1. *"And there came one of the seven angels which had the seven vials, and talked with me, saying unto me, Come hither; I will shew unto thee the judgment of the great whore that sitteth upon many waters:*

2. *With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.*

3. *So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names*

of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication:

5. And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration.

7. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.

8. The beast that thou sawest was, and is not; and shall ascend out of the bottomless pit, and go into perdition: and they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, whose names were not written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.

9. And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth.

10. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.

11. And the beast that was, and is not, even he is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goeth into perdition.

12. And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast.

13. *These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.*

14. *These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them: for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings: and they that are with him are called, and chosen, and faithful.*

15. *And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.*

16. *And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire.*

17. *For God hath put in their hearts to fulfil his will, and to agree, and give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God shall be fulfilled.*

18. *And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.*

In order to follow through with the identification of the various entities which were previously listed, we also need to refer to the 18th chapter, as these two chapters are actually one composite account. So we now reproduce it here for the readers' convenience. May I strongly recommend that you get some coloured pencils and mark the references which will be given, using a different colour for each subject. You can then connect the references to each subject with a line of the same colour.

Chapter 18.

1. *"And after these things I saw another angel come down from heaven, having great power; and the earth was lightened with his glory.*

2. *And he cried mightily with a strong voice, saying, Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils,*

and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.

3. For all nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.

4. And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.

5. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities.

6. Reward her even as she rewarded you, and double unto her double according to her works: in the cup which she hath filled fill to her double.

7. How much she hath glorified herself, and lived deliciously, so much torment and sorrow give her: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall see no sorrow.

8. Therefore shall her plagues come in one day, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned with fire: for strong is the Lord God who judgeth her.

9. And the kings of the earth, who have committed fornication and lived deliciously with her, shall bewail her, and lament for her, when they shall see the smoke of her burning,

10. Standing afar off for the fear of her torment, saying, Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! for in one hour is thy judgment come.

11. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more:

12. The merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stones, and of pearls, and fine

linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet, and all thyine wood, and all manner vessels of ivory, and all manner vessels of most precious wood, and of brass, and iron, and marble,

13. *And cinnamon, and odours, and ointments, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and wheat, and beasts, and sheep, and horses, and chariots, and slaves, and souls of men.*

14. *And the fruits that thy soul lusted after are departed from thee, and all things which were dainty and goodly are departed from thee, and thou shalt find them no more at all.*

15. *The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing,*

16. *And saying, Alas, alas, that great city, that was clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls!*

17. *For in one hour so great riches is come to nought. And every shipmaster, and all the company in ships, and sailors, and as many as trade by sea, stood afar off,*

18. *And cried when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like unto this great city!*

19. *And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and wailing, saying, Alas, alas, that great city, wherein were made rich all that had ships in the sea by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate.*

20. *Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye holy apostles and prophets; for God hath avenged you on her.*

21. *And a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone, and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall that*

great city Babylon be thrown down, and shall be found no more at all.

22. *And the voice of harpers, and musicians, and of pipers, and trumpeters, shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, of whatsoever craft he be, shall be found any more in thee; and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee;*

23. *And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived.*

24. *And in her was found the blood of prophets, and of saints, and of all that were slain upon the earth."*

Let us first of all look at what is called 'the great city.' You will find it in 16:19, 17:18, 18:10, 18:16, 18:18, 18:19 and 18:21. The references in 18:10 and 18:21 clearly identify this 'great city' as 'Babylon', and this is further supported by the reference to Babylon in 18:2. Verse 16 of chapter 18 gives us a perfect symbolic picture of this 'great city Babylon.' She is "*clothed in fine linen, and purple, and scarlet, and decked with gold, and precious stones, and pearls.*" Her destiny is described in equally unmistakable terms. She is 'fallen', (18:2), she is 'judged', (v. 10), she is 'burnt' (v.18), and she is 'thrown down, to be found no more at all, (v. 21). In other words, the great city Babylon is to be utterly destroyed, never to exist or operate again. There will never be a resurgence of this evil system ever. No wonder we are told to rejoice.

So let us at this point examine the third entity which we previously listed, namely, "the great whore". She is first mentioned in chapter 17 verse 1. The angel told John that he was going to shew him the judgment of the great whore. Then in verse 3 we are told that he was carried away in the spirit and saw a woman, so obviously the woman referred to in verses 3 and 18 must be this 'great

whore'. She is then mentioned in verses 5, 6, 7, 9, 15, 16, and 18. But here we make a remarkable discovery. Verse 18 specifically informs us that 'the woman', that is, 'the great whore', is no other than 'that great city' which we have already identified as 'The Great City Babylon', or 'Babylon the Great.' So it becomes obvious that the terms 'The Great City', 'That Great City Babylon', 'Babylon the Great', 'the woman', and 'The Great Whore', are all synonymous terms, referring to exactly the same entity. Look also at 17:4 and 18:16 where both 'the woman', i.e. 'the Great Whore', and 'that great city', i.e. Babylon, are described in exactly the same terms. They are not separate entities as so many seem to believe. We are constantly told that the 'Great Whore' represents the Church of Rome, as distinct from, although a part of, 'Babylon the Great'. But the above study shows that this is not consistent with the usage of these terms. Please don't misunderstand me here. I'm not saying that 'the great whore' has nothing to do with the false Church of Rome. I am merely pointing out that the chief and major application of this phrase is to the entire Babylonian system, not just to its religious aspect. And as if to put the seal on this conclusion, if we turn to the second verse of the 19th chapter of the Revelation we read;

*"For true and righteous are His judgments: for He hath judged **the Great Whore**, which did corrupt the earth with her fornication, and hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand."*

Having seen that 'the Great City Babylon' and 'the Great Whore' are one and the same thing, let us then recognise the effect that this has on our understanding and application of the overall activities of 'the Great Whore'. We can come to no other conclusion than this, that whereas we have previously applied and restricted the activities of 'the Great Whore' to those of the Church of Rome, in actual fact they refer to the activities of the entire Babylonian system, of which the Church of Rome is only a part. This puts quite a new and enlarged light upon our understanding of these two chapters, as we shall see.

Firstly we are told in 17:1 that this 'Great Whore' sits upon 'many waters'. The identification of these 'waters' is given in verse 15 as 'peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues.' The one who sits upon these 'waters' is clearly identified by the prophet Jeremiah as Babylon. We read in Jer. 51:12-13;

"Set up the standard upon the walls of Babylon, for the Lord hath both devised and done that which He spake against the inhabitants of Babylon.

O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come, and the measure of thy covetousness."

Our study of God's Word, together with our application of its prophetic message, clearly shows that the entire world has for thousands of years, and still is, completely ruled over by the iniquitous system of Babylon. We are also informed in 17:2 that the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and that the inhabitants of the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication. The same charge is repeated in 18:3. This condition of 'fornication' is of such importance that it became Babylon's title, and was written upon the forehead of the Great Whore which symbolised the entire Babylonian system. The word 'Harlots' as used in the King James Version means 'fornications.' It is an aspect of the operation of Babylon that is mentioned seven times, including 19:2. So we can reasonably ask the question, what is meant by 'fornication'? Strong's #4203 defines 'fornication' as 'to indulge in unlawful lust, to practise idolatry'. Whilst it has an affinity with 'adultery', I do not believe that we can understand it in such a restrictive manner, otherwise, why does Paul mention both fornicators and adulterers separately in I Cor. 6:9, and Gal. 5:19? Once again, we need to go to God's Word to fully understand its meaning and full application. In Rev. 2:14 we read;

"But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the

doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication."

Now what was it that Balaam taught Balac to do which would become such a stumblingblock to Israel? Chapters 22 to 24 of the Book of Numbers records what are known as "The Parables of Balaam". These describe the unsuccessful attempts by King Balak to have Balaam curse Israel. But the entire account contains not one single curse, only blessings. What then was the stumblingblock which Balaam taught Balak, and which became such a curse to Israel? Josephus gives us the answer to this question, and the 25th chapter of Numbers gives us the result. Balaam simply told Balak that the only way in which he would defeat and destroy Israel was to induce the Israelites and the Moabites to intermarry and merge their religions. In other words, the secret of destroying Israel was the introduction of what we now know as 'multiculturalism'. This is fornication in its initial and major sense. In every way, the kings and inhabitants of the earth have been seduced by The Great Whore, Babylon the Great, to adulterate and mix their cultures, their religions, their laws, and their economies. They 'have been made drunk' by this iniquitous system, and it is because of this willingness to 'fornicate' with every other system and culture that *'the merchants of the earth are waxed rich through the abundance of her delicacies.'* In fact, not to have done so would have brought about total financial ruin. It has been the ultimate outworking of 'the mark of the beast,' as a result of which 'the woman' became drunk with the blood of the saints and the martyrs of Jesus. (17:6). To restrict this shocking conclusion merely to those who were persecuted by the Church of Rome, as bad as that was, is, I believe, to place an unwarranted restriction on our understanding of the terrible nature of this totally evil and godless system. As a matter of fact, most Christians have never appreciated the full depths of the problem because of this restrictive application, simply because their attention has been concentrated on only a part of the problem.

We read in 17:3 that this 'woman' is sitting on a 'scarlet coloured beast.' Chapter 12 and verse 3 clearly identifies this beast as Satan. The description is exactly the same. This 'woman sitting on the beast' is not the Church of Rome being supported by Babylon, it represents the entire system of Babylon being supported by Satan. Verse 4 of chapter 17 gives a good description of 'the woman,' yet 18:16 gives exactly the same description as being that of the great city Babylon. They are one and the same thing. The same verse 4 of chapter 17 describes the woman as having in her hand 'a golden cup, full of abominations and filthiness of her fornications.' This is exactly the same cup as described by the prophet Jeremiah in reference to Babylon;

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the Lord's hand, that made all the earth drunken. The nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."

(Jer. 51:7).

The 'beast' on which the 'woman' sits is described as having 'seven heads', which in 17:9 are stated as being, or representing 'seven mountains'. Now it is quite true that the Vatican City is situated on seven mountains outside of Rome. This certainly identifies the Papacy as being at least associated with this evil Babylonian system. But why is it that those who accept and teach the Historicist understanding and approach of prophecy, especially in its application to the Book of the Revelation, apply the symbolism of the book to its understanding until we get to this verse, and then interpret this particular verse as being purely literal? The 'mountains' represent 'kingdoms', which are ruled over by kings or rulers. They receive their power and authority from Satan, the beast. They are in total agreement both in their dedication to the system which controls them, and to the destruction of the Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb, and His people. Under the direction of God, they give their kingdoms unto the beast, until God's words or purposes are fulfilled in them. And at the point of time appointed by God, these nations and leaders turn on this beast system of Babylon, no doubt as a result

of recognising what has been done to them, and bring about Babylon's utter ruin and collapse. Let us particularly notice that even the activities of God's enemies are allowed by Almighty God. I wonder how these enemies would feel if they realised that the God whom they are trying to destroy is actually controlling them even in their destructive opposition?

But finally, the time comes within the plans and purposes of God for this evil system to be judged, punished, and destroyed. This is foretold by the prophet Isaiah, where in speaking of the destruction of 'the golden city Babylon' he says;

"The Lord of Hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand.

That I will break the Assyrian (Babylon) in my land, and upon my mountains tread him under foot. Then shall his yoke depart from off them (His people Israel), and his burden depart from off their shoulders.

This is the purpose that is purposed upon the whole earth, and this is the hand that is stretched out upon all the nations.

For the Lord of Hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and His hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

(Isa. 14:24-27)

With this in mind, the whole of the 18th chapter can now be read with understanding of the awesome result of this punishment, when the entire economy which has so evilly ruled the world, and especially God's people Israel for so many thousands of years, will totally collapse. The merchants of the world will be in total disarray and confusion. The entire source of their trade and profit will have disappeared overnight. Chapter 18 and verses 10 and 18 refer to this destruction coming in 'one hour'. This time factor has often been applied in a prophetic sense of 15 years, being a 24th. part of a time, or 360 years. It could

also be applied as the 24th part of the 'thousand year prophetic day, in which case it would take 41.66 years. But the trouble with this application is trying to identify when to commence these periods. However, I feel that the question doesn't arise. The actual meaning of the word 'hour' as used here is "a certain, definite space of time." But when we combine it with the statement in verse 8 which refers to its destruction as happening in 'one day', which means 'a period or point of time,' I feel that it is more realistic to understand this statement as referring more to the pre-appointed time and certainty of the destruction rather than a particular time frame in which it happens. However, both possibilities cannot be overlooked. The main thing is that we do not start to set dates extending into some time in the future in order to give us some latitude in case our forecasts don't quite work out as we thought they would. The important thing is not how long it will take, but the absolute certainty of the fact that it will happen. Babylon, the entire evil system of politics, finance, and religion, is to be destroyed with great violence, and will never be seen again.

Does this mean that there will be no more trade or industry in the earth? Will everyone cease to work? Of course not. Verses 22 and 23 of chapter 18 do not say that the voice of the musician and the craftsman and the bridegroom will never be heard again. It says that these voices will never be heard in **Babylon or the Babylonian system** again. In other words, the entire economy of our nation, and of the entire world, will no longer be under the control of the evil Babylonian system. People will no longer be deceived by the magic of 'money' and its purveyors. Money will at last become a means, not a master, as God originally intended it to be.

But there is one final injunction which we dare not overlook. Chapter 18 and verse 4 gives us a specific and direct warning. Both as a nation, and as individuals, we are told;

"Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not

of her plagues. For her sins have reached unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities."

What can we do about this? How can we obey this command? It would be the height of foolishness to suggest that Christians can completely insulate themselves from this evil system in which we live and breathe. We are affected by it in virtually everything that we do, and quite frankly, there is little that we can do about it. But whilst being **IN** the world, we must try as much as possible not to be **OF** the world. There is a great difference. Every one of us must examine ourselves to ascertain just where we are being **'OF'** the world. It will not be an easy job, but if we want the full blessing of God, we have to do it. Not to do so will be to court disaster, because the extent to which we are **OF** the world will be the extent to which we will be joining with the people of the world and committing fornication with the Great Whore Babylon. And to the extent that we deliberately continue to give our support to any portion of her system, so will be the extent of our punishment as we share in her plagues. Let us be quite certain of this fact. The entire system of Babylon is even now falling. How many of you would deliberately stay inside a building if you were informed by the highest authorities that it was about to collapse? Do you really think that you could then blame that authority if you were too stupid to heed their warning? I think not. Neither then will you have any excuse whatsoever if you remain tied to this system beyond your capacity to escape. We can't stop the world and get off. But the Lord knows the intent of our hearts, and will, I'm sure, judge us accordingly. The warning is there for all to see. Babylon is falling, and is about to be destroyed forever.

Come out of her, that you might be able to rejoice with the holy apostles and prophets as God avenges us upon her. For those who have their faith set upon the Lord God of Israel there is no need for fear. The night is far spent. The Great Dawn is about to break upon us in all its glory and majesty! The **KING** is about to return to reign with justice and righteousness for evermore!

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*God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and
cause his face to shine upon us;*

*That thy way may be known upon earth,
thy saving health among all nations.*

*Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.*

*O let the nations be glad and sing for joy:
for thou shalt judge the people righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.*

*Let the people praise thee, O God;
let all the people praise thee.*

*Then shall the earth yield her increase;
and God, even our own God,
shall bless us.*

*God shall bless us;
and all the ends of the earth
shall fear him.*

Psalm 67.

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