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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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EDITORIAL

I think that there would be very few people today who are not becoming increasingly worried about the upsurge in crime, and especially violent crime leading in many instances to the death of the unfortunate victims. But when these violent acts are carried out against our children, then surely it is time to seriously consider the direction in which our society is heading. That there has been a catastrophic breakdown in our social life is abundantly apparent. But whilst we sympathise with the families of those who have been so violently bereft of their loved ones, and whilst our crime detection forces do a valiant, and oft-times unrecognised efficient job in bringing culprits to what is somewhat euphemistically called 'justice', the root of the problem is still not solved.

Our nation was once a great Christian nation. That doesn't mean that everyone in it were Christians. But at least, we were governed by laws which had their origins in the Common Law, which itself was based on the Laws of God as given to Israel through Moses. But those days have gone. Because of the paranoid actions of our political leaders to satisfy what they see as the requirements of a 'multicultural society' in which the Christian Faith is increasingly pushed into the background, aided and abetted by our religious leaders who teach the God-dishonouring doctrine that the Law of God has now been done away with and replaced by 'grace,' our people have lost contact with the reality of justice as set forth by the Lord God of Israel, and substituted it with the traditions of men. It is no wonder that the people live daily in fear. Laws today are more protective of the criminal than of the potential victims. You can't even defend yourself against a criminal in your own home without being charged with assault upon the criminal.

God's Word is quite clear as to what God expects both of our leadership and of the people. Three times every year, every male was to present themselves before the Lord. The effect of this was that three times every year, every male above the age of 18 rededicated themselves to obedience to God and His righteous Laws. Every seventh year, on the year of release, which occurred on the Day of Atonement during the Feast of Tabernacles, every man, woman and child, including every stranger that dwelt in the nation, were commanded to gather together in their dwellings, or in other words the towns and cities where they then lived, and the Law of God was to be read in its entirety to them. Deuteronomy 31:9-13 tells us that they

were not only to hear it, but were required to learn it. They obviously didn't have ministers in those days who spurned the Law of God and taught that it no longer applied. Every man, woman, and child knew exactly what God required of them. They were taught the fundamental rule that with God, "Obedience is better than sacrifice."

The result of this practice was that the people learned to fear, or respect God. They learned to honour God by obedience. The reward for obedience to this command was that they would live in absolute safety all the days of their lives. Thus it is not without significance that on every occasion when Israel departed from this practice, and fell into disobedience of God's Holy Laws, that disaster befell them. You can read through the entire Bible and you will find no exception to this basic rule. Obedience always brought good and safety and blessing and abundant life. Disobedience always brought evil, disaster, suffering and cursing and death. There is absolutely no exception to this rule.

We look around us today for somewhere to apportion the blame, because if we can find someone to blame, then we can hold them responsible. But we find it a hopeless exercise. The reason is simple for those who take note of God's Word. **WE ARE TO BLAME!** That doesn't in any way, or to any degree, exonerate those who teach falsehood. But the average Christian goes along with what he is told without a thought as to whether or not it is actually what God has said. The traditions of men have superseded the Word of God, just as surely as when our Lord castigated the rulers of His day.

We make alliances with heathen nations. We introduce heathen customs and religious practices. We pervert the law and make a mockery of justice in the name of humanitarianism, as if these animals who rape and murder our children have any right to the title of 'human.' If a dog bites someone as a natural reaction to its instinct of self-preservation it is shot. But if a human (?) being callously violates and kills another human being he is pitied and locked up for a few years, at the expense of the victim, and then let loose on society to continue his perverted ways.

No wonder God is angry. No wonder we live in constant fear. We will return to a life of freedom, safety and joyous living only when we throw off this garbage we are now being taught, and return with all our heart and souls and minds to obeying God and living according to His Laws, Statutes, Commandments and righteous Judgments. And whether we like it not in our present 'enlightened' society, this includes the re-introduction of capital punishment. If that worries you then argue about it with God, not me. It's His rule, not mine. □

IN PATIENCE POSSESS YE **YOUR SOULS**

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In Luke's 21st Chapter is recorded our Lord's prophecy of the events and conditions to be extant upon earth as this age continues to ripen and we approach the events destined to climax in the return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords.

The account begins in Luke's 5th verse and continues through the 36th verse, covering many individual prophecies that have had one or more fulfilments. These prophetic fulfilments have been covered exhaustively by several writers over the years, most significantly by Mr. Howard B. Rand in his invaluable series entitled **Documentary Studies, Vols. I, II and III**. However, this treatise will deal with verses 10 through to 19 as we analyze the utmost importance of being patient.

Beginning in verse 10, we read:

"Then said he [Jesus] unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and great earthquakes shall be in divers places, and famines, and pestilences; and fearful sights and great signs shall there be from heaven. But before all these, they shall lay their hands on you, and persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues, and into prisons, being brought before kings and rulers for my name's sake. And it shall turn to you for a testimony. Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to

meditate before what ye shall answer: For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist. And ye shall be betrayed both by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake. But there shall not an hair on your head perish. In your patience possess ye your souls." (Luke 21:10-19.)

At this point, let us examine verses 18 and 19 as they are rendered by three other translators.

J.B. Phillips translates thusly: "Yet, not a hair of your head will perish. Hold on, and you will win your souls!"

James Moffatt gives us "But not a hair of your head will perish. Hold out steadfast and you win your souls."

Finally Ferrar Fenton renders it: "Not a hair of your heads, however, shall be lost. By your patience you shall preserve your lives."

The reason for the writing of this treatise, as all other types of work in His service should be, is to edify and minister to the readers or listeners. In the case of Destiny Publishers, and all responsible Kingdom Identity writers, it is "to give meat in due season." It should be evident to all who know and understand the Kingdom Evangel, as well as the identity of the descendants of Israel, or the House of Israel (Jacob) as being the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic, and kindred peoples in the world today, that they are members of a very small, very esoteric minority. They are an actual remnant distinct from the mass of Christianity. Being part of a remnant, or the smallest minority, is most often quite uncomfortable, and our remnant is no exception.

As any Identity Christian will testify, our message of warning is quite unpopular with today's apostatized denominational Christianity. Its unpopularity is only in-

creased by the fact that it is not understood or believed in even the least of its content. As anyone who has witnessed of the Kingdom Message to the uninformed can certainly testify, it can be very disappointing.

Those of us who have been blessed of God with an opening of our eyes to these vital Kingdom truths often find our rejoicing turned to sadness when our friends and relatives refuse to believe or even consider the irrefutable Scriptural proofs of our message. It is then that we must take stock of ourselves and realise that our duty in service to the Lord is not to convince others but only to pass the witness.

Our Lord prophesied:

"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matthew 24:14.)

He made no promise that it would be believed but only that it was to go forth as a witness.

Let us remember the special qualifications required of those carrying out our commission. Let us show forth the **patience** of the watchmen.

Commissioned As Watchmen

During His first advent, our Lord commanded His disciples to go unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel. This inaugurated the three distinct types of service that His followers would be engaged in as He carried out His plan to restore His Kingdom upon earth. Let us review for a moment these three phases of preparatory witnessing, and nowhere are they more capably delineated than in **Documentary Studies, Vol. III**, by Howard B. Rand. On page 255 we read:

"The Gospel to be proclaimed is a three-phased message and throughout the Christian Dispensation the workers who have been called to labour in His vineyard

have fulfilled the specific task assigned to them, giving the message for the particular period in which they lived. Through Jeremiah the Lord declared He would call for fishers to fish for Israel and for hunters to hunt for them:

"Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after will I send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the holes of the rocks.' " (Jeremiah 16:16.)

Jesus identified the fishing period and made it clear that the emphasis during that time was to be upon the Gospel of Salvation. Then hunters were to go forth to proclaim the identity of the Israel peoples in the latter times and locate the nations representing them. Following this, the time would come for the appointing of watchmen and the Lord designated Ezekiel as a type of these watchmen, for he was given much of the message they were to proclaim:

"So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me." (Ezekiel 33:7.)

The watchmen were to commence their work with the approach of the end of the dispensation. They were to point out to the people their responsibility to restore and obey the Law of the Lord, warn of the coming of the sword and proclaim the significance of the passing hours of the night of darkness of the age. They were to be active during the period of judgment just preceding the time of the restitution of all things. There is very little appreciation in the watchman's life; that is, until the enemy attacks. Then, and only then, will the veracity and urgency of his warning be vindicated and accepted by those who, at present, will not even examine the evidence. Until the moment arrives when the Lord Himself will produce events that no man can gainsay nor deny, we can only supply those who inquire with the information available. Isaiah expressed it:

"Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: return, come."
(Isaiah 21:11.)

A Lonely Watch

The task of a watchman is of the utmost importance to the survival of his city. As he makes his rounds during the night, he must remain alert and patient, ever calling out the hourly watch. For this reason, only certain individuals are qualified for such a responsibility. Howard B. Rand had this to say about the difficulties faced by watchmen:

"The task of the watchmen is a lonely one, for often those who should support them shun them as 'prophets of doom'. Few are willing to uphold their hands by keeping company with them during the period of the night watch. Multitudes also among those whom they are commissioned to warn, because their message is most upsetting, become their adversaries and enter the conflict against them. It is not a pleasant task to warn of evil to come, for men dislike to hear unpleasant truth and are seldom willing to face disturbing facts. This is particularly so when they have to do with the ultimate outcome of the evil they do. Nevertheless, the failure to face the issues will in no way prevent the coming of judgment, and this is the message the watchmen must give today."

(Documentary Studies, Vol. III, p. 198.)

Also in Isaiah 53:1 it states: "Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?"

Faith and Understanding

In facing the difficulties of his commission, the watchman must have the strongest faith in the Word of God, as well as a working understanding thereof. As Wilfred Marks, Jr., asserted in **Special Alert**, No. 145:

"Though many today might think it is a foolish waste of time, it is important that we try to understand Scripture so that, unlike the Pharisees at the time of Jesus' first coming who Jesus called hypocrites, we can 'discern the signs of the times' (Matthew 16:3)."

It is impossible to make an earnest application of oneself to studying the Scriptures without developing faith in the veracity of all Holy Writ. As one comes to appreciate the historical fulfilment of prophecy as well as beholding the unfolding of the Divine Plan in light of current events, a belief in the Word of God continues to strengthen. The result of this, however, is that the believer, by his spiritual growth, is separated from those who remain in unbelief. The Apostle Paul puts it this way:

"When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child: but when I became a man, I put away childish things." (I Cor. 13:11.)

If and when an individual accepts the Scriptural proofs that irrefutably identify the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and kindred peoples as the modern-day descendants of the House of Israel, they have the key to unlocking the door of understanding the Bible, while this same door remains closed before those who for one reason or another refuse to accept the truth. However, once one passes through this door, he or she literally separates themselves from those who choose to remain in their non-acceptance.

Solomon makes reference to this separation in his book of Proverbs. It is interesting to note that the first Bible to be translated from the original Hebrew, Chaldee, and Greek--the King James Version--is unique in its rendering of Proverbs 18:1. If one accepts the identity of modern Israel, it is easy to understand why Jehovah God would have overseen this translation into English so as to properly instruct His children in the latter days. We read in Proverbs 18:1;

"Through desire a man, having separated himself, seeketh and intermeddleth with all wisdom."

Only those who have experienced the essence of this verse can in any way appreciate its visceral content. Once one's eyes are opened to the truth as revealed in the Scriptures--that is, concerning God's ultimate plan for restoring His Kingdom upon Earth--it is as if he has "beheld the very essence of things, the secret of life, as if veils had been separated"! This is the power of the truth, which in all things bears away the victory! It is the very truth that causes him to desire to separate himself from those not like minded, and to continue to intermeddle (Hebrews 'gala', "to be obstinate for") the truth rather than enjoy the comfort of a great company of like-minded individuals. These are they in possession of the characteristics so necessarily inherent in the spiritual capacity of a watchman! Yes it can be lonely, yes it can be a "tough row to hoe", but please remember Paul's words:

"For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us."
(Romans 8:18.)

Suffering Patiently

"A man does something valuable when he endures pain, as in the sight of God, though he knows he is suffering unjustly. After all, it is no credit to you if you are patient in bearing a punishment which you have richly deserved! But if you do your duty and are punished for it and can still accept it patiently, you are doing something worthwhile in God's sight."

(I Peter 2:19-20, J.B. Phillips Translation.)

It has been said that "patience is a virtue", but one must also realise that patience is only developed in times of trouble or anxiety. It is when a situation arises that is accompanied by discomfort or even suffering that the human mind seeks release. However, if no escape or release is available, this is when patience begins to develop. Everyone occupied in the capacity of a watchman over the modern Israel nations is being tested and tried and at moments pushed to the limit. The only

comfort we have at times is that the Lord Himself is overseeing this process of tempering us in adversity, and that we shall never fail so long as we remain true to Him.

There is contained in the Apocrypha a trenchant appraisal of what one can expect upon entering the Lord's service, and it is especially applicable in these last days of the watchmen. In Ecclesiasticus, Chapter 2, we read:

"My son, if thou come to serve the Lord, prepare thy soul for temptation. Set thy heart aright, and constantly endure, and make not haste in time of trouble. Cleave unto him, and depart not away, that thou mayest be increased at thy last end. Whatsoever is brought upon thee take cheerfully, and be patient when thou art changed to a low estate. For gold is tried in the fire, and acceptable men in the furnace of adversity." (Verses 1-5.)

Loneliness, frustration, complacency, and doubt are only a few of the "fiery darts of the wicked" constantly fired at the watchman as he continues to make his rounds and call out the hourly watches to an unreceptive, unbelieving populace.

A Discouraged Prophet

During this period of witnessing and warning the House of Judah that, except a national repentance was effected, the Almighty was going to deliver the southern two-tribed kingdom into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar, Jeremiah faced tremendous difficulties. In a way, he faced the same difficulties as the watchmen of today, though certainly to a greater degree. However, the watchmen of today can receive great comfort in examining the life of Jeremiah and the many indignities he suffered during his commission. Let us quote from **Study in Jeremiah**, by Howard B. Rand:

"For many years Jeremiah had been prophesying that trouble was coming upon Judea when Babylon would descend upon the people and carry them away into captivity. The years had rolled by and the warnings of

Jeremiah had not materialised. The people and leaders were discounting all that the prophet had to say due to the apparent delay in fulfilment and they refused to believe his messages. In vain Jeremiah warned of disaster. His listeners refused to believe his message and his experience was no different than that of all the prophets, and of any man who proclaims truth distasteful to the people. Even today, when repeating the prophetic messages addressed to our generation by Jesus Christ and the prophets, the result is often indifference and disbelief....

"Continuing, the prophet reminded the Lord that he suffered rebuke for His sake. He had found and embraced God's words which were sweet and pleasant to him but because of the stand he had taken he was derisively labelled a prophet of doom and subject to continued persecution. Jeremiah referred to the fact that he had never joined the assembly of the revellers or merry-makers but instead he sat alone because of the task God had assigned him. It was his lot to endure all kinds of indignities from those whom he had been commissioned to warn and, because this was so, the prophet said his torment was like the perpetual pain of an incurable wound." (pages 59, 78 & 79.)

Surely the above text could be included in the biography of any of today's watchmen, but let us take comfort from the Scriptures. The Almighty did not forsake Jeremiah for one minute, but rather He prepared Jeremiah through difficulties for the ultimate fulfilment of his charge, to oversee the transfer of the Davidic throne to the British Isles! By the same token, none of us know what work lies ahead in our service to the Lord, but we know through faith that "we shall also reap, if we faint not."

Patience's Perfect Work

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; knowing this, that the trying of your faith

worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."

(James 1:2-4.)

Once one dives off the river's bank, a cycle has been set in motion. Upon surfacing and finding himself immersed in rushing water with a steady current beginning to carry him downstream, he must make a decision. The only choices are to 1) admit failure and try to make it back to the point of entry, which option may have been removed by the strength of the current, or 2) begin swimming and making every effort, with patience, to reach the other side.

Patience is of the utmost importance to the swimmer, for, if he should panic and lose his patience, he will most likely use up all his reserves of energy before reaching his destination, the consequences of which would be fatal.

So it is with the watchmen, the Lord has given us a commission which we must continue to patiently perform until His appearing, regardless of whether or not anyone appears to heed our warnings.

Closely associated with "patience" is "waiting" for the events on the Divine Agenda which will not only provide the signal that our period of warning has ended, but will silence all opposition from the disbelieving masses:

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

(Isaiah 64:4.)



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Why should a nation like Australia, gifted with so many abundant natural resources, be in such dire straits as it is now? Why should we have one million unemployed, unprecedented bankruptcies, a foreign debt of \$140 billion plus and our living standards eroded? Why are many industries in jeopardy and farmers leaving the land in droves? Why is marriage breakdown at an all time high? Why has corruption abounded and crime proliferated? Why are our defence forces so inadequate?

The answer is simple: TREACHERY. Australia is being deliberately sold out by those in positions of power.

Should someone sell our national secrets to another power he would be charged with treason. Today, however, we have a government, together with previous governments, deliberately undermining the very essentials of our survival as a people--our nationhood, our industries and the very basis of our society, the family. We are being sold out to the internationalist financiers and the United Nations.

Because it is deliberate, a process of stealth that has continued for years, a systematic scheme aimed at realising a New International Economic Order, it is nothing short of high treason.

Consider just some aspects of this premeditated scheme to sell us out. Since 1974 more than half our manufacturing capacity has been destroyed as we continue to import vast quantities of goods that were once produced locally. From about 300,000 farmers in 1970 we now have 125,000. Our shops are full of fruit and vegetable products from overseas while our crops rot in the ground or on the trees.

By signing, ratifying and implementing the Lima Agreement, the Whitlam-Fraser-Hawke-Keating governments have sacrificed Australian producers for those in the Third World. Thus \$2 billion is spent annually on imports of foodstuffs while our own industries go broke.

While most countries protect their industries with tariffs, Australia has constantly sought to operate on "a level playing field". A very effective way indeed to sabotage our economy. Despite our "generosity", the Third World poor have not benefited, yet we still persist with those Lima Agreement policies. Why?

When the EC dumped products on the world market, the US reacted by imposing 100% tariffs on their subsidised tomatoes. Australia, on the other hand, imported \$55 million worth of canned tomatoes!

Australia has deregulated the domestic wheat market, our farmers now receiving about \$140 a tonne while US farmers are guaranteed US\$210. This deregulation has cost our wheatgrowers \$70 million in domestic sales because the world price became the domestic price.

The sugar industry has been likewise attacked. The Federal Government replace a ban on sugar imports in 1989 with a tariff of \$115 a tonne, subsequently reduced to \$76 last year and to \$55 this year. And they are supported by the Liberals!

Other industries, too, have been affected by this decimation of Australia's productive capacity. The government's policies are picking off one industry after another, despite the fact that our farmers are among the most efficient in the world. Australia's primary producers' subsidy of 11% compares abysmally with those of other nations such as the EC (48%), Japan (68%), Canada (41%) and USA (30%).

As for our defence, it would be a joke were its implications not so serious. Apart from our woefully inade-

quate air force and navy, Australia has a regular army of 27,000 personnel - of whom only **3,100** are riflemen!

Morally our nation has been well and truly sabotaged. Pornography has been allowed to flood across the country through films, videos, television and magazines with the predictably resultant increase in crimes of lust and passion-rape, assault and murder. Easy divorce laws have shattered countless families resulting in thousands of single parent families, juvenile delinquency and teenage crime. Social welfare handouts have exacerbated promiscuous behaviour and laws equating de facto relationships with marriage have undermined the very cornerstone of society -- the family.

These things speak loudly of a deliberate plot to send us into national bankruptcy, relieve us of our mineral wealth, eliminate our industries, weaken our moral fibre and sell us out to the proposed one world government.

By placing their stooges in top positions in all major parties, the judiciary, the public service and the police over the past 30 years, the socialists have established the means of implementing their new world socialist order. Then they conned the Queen and the British Parliament into believing Australians didn't want the right of appeal to the Privy Council, as well as persuading the Queen to allow the Prime Minister to "recommend" a suitable Governor General. Thus the atheist Bill Hayden became the Queen's representative here to protect the interests of God, the Crown, the Constitution and the people. **Talk of giving the fox the keys to the hen house!**

Fellow-believing judges were appointed to the High Court and immediately the Constitution became fair game and international treaties superseded the Constitution (e.g. the Franklin Dam case). The socialists then proceeded to by-pass parliament, contrary to the Westminster system, and signed numerous covenants, treaties and conventions without telling the people.

Now their sights are on the Constitutional Monarchy and the Australian flag. These must go if we are to be handed over to the one worldists.

Even so, despite their devious schemes and success to date in achieving part of their goal, we are not defeated. As the ordinary people rally together to support political candidates who are not linked with the New World Order through the major political parties the battle can be won to save Australia. And with God's help we *shall* save her.



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COVENANT WATCH!

From Cynthia Murray

"AUSTRALIA is NOW at the CROSS-ROADS of HISTORY, but She cannot Escape Her Destiny" writes Reginald W. Cox in the May/June 1992 issue of "Wake Up", an interdenominational Christian Israelite magazine published in Ayrshire, Scotland.

The full significance of this truth may be lost to most Australians, particularly our Labour politicians, who do not know that God's Sovereignty is operating in our History and His Purposes will prevail. "Professor Manning Clark's definitive "A History of Australia", began by describing the various nations and peoples headed in the direction of the then unknown southern continent. "Pedro Fernandez de Quires, a zealous Portuguese missionary in the service of Spain decided to establish a Roman Catholic civilization in what was then known as 'Terra Australis', but he missed Australia entirely and landed in the New Hebrides. Explorers from Portugal, Spain, Holland and France all sought to find this land, but they all sailed around, without making any attempt to settle here." ('Wake Up', U.K. May/June, 1992)

"I believe God had a sovereign purpose for Australia and that even through a convict settlement, it was simple evangelical gospel that He intended to be proclaimed in this land." Yes, God reserved the discovery of Australia for Britain's Captain James Cook and the truth is that the Christian message young English Rev. Richard Johnson brought to Port Jackson, was the nearest to the New Testament that anyone of his day is likely to have proclaimed. Each soul was precious to him and his faith in God and absolute conviction that the Bible and God's Holy Laws are our only sure infallible guide, given by inspiration of God, inspired him to the end. Great Christian men like him planted the seeds of Protestant Christianity in this land, under the most difficult of conditions.

("Understanding our Christian Heritage", 'Australia's Destiny in God', Barry Chant, Vol. 2, Chapters 2 & 3.)

But what of that Christian heritage today? Do our Ministers truly believe that the Bible is our only sure infallible guide or has ecumanism and multi-faith worship now replaced the Truths of the Bible? Evil now abounds in this land and forces are arrayed against us that seek to destroy our Christian heritage, our Monarchy, Constitution and Flag. Multiculturalism, homosexuality, pornography, drugs and rape infect this land with their insidious evils.

Multicultural policies have mainly been driven by ethnic and religious minorities whose lobby is now so strong that 'recent statistics show that Britain is no longer the country of origin for the largest number of our migrants, but Hong Kong'. Also it is now claimed that some traditional Christian teaching is offensive to other religious groups and that Christian teaching must be modified. In 1991 Mr. Mark Leibler, President of the Zionist Federation of Australia, accused Brighton Grammar School, Melbourne, of generating anti-Semitism in its scripture teaching.' ('Intelligence Survey' April, 1992.)

'In a series of intimidating letters to the Anglican Archbishop of Melbourne, Reverend Keith Rayner, Mr. Leibler attempted to pressure the school into changing their scripture teaching.'

'As a result of the pressure from Mr. Leibler, Archbishop Rayner has agreed to appoint a delegate to a special committee which will identify areas of the New Testament that can, without appropriate explanations and cautions, nurture anti-Semitism. The teaching of Christianity will be reviewed and the review will be undertaken by the Council of Christians and Jews, established in 1985, according to a report in "The News" 14/9/91. However, there is no suggestion that any Jewish teaching should be modified in any way. It is Christian teaching which must be modified to meet Jewish standards.'" (Intelligence Survey, April, 1992.)

'Orthodox feminist writer Blu Greenburg argues for a **Christian Talmud** and Midrash to deal with its fundamental documents of faith so that **no Christian text is ever taught without a quasi-canonical exegesis based on Christian and Jewish scholarship and a sense of history.** "Only the Gospels can undo what the Gospels have done. Only through the process of quasi-canonisation of the new and positive teachings can the negative ones be banished from consciousness. The Gospels must be bound to an Oral Gospel, a definitive tradition whose interpretation must shape the actual reading of the Gospels."

'The significance of this cannot be underestimated. For Christianity, this is a most revolutionary challenge that can be mounted. It is the Talmud, otherwise known as the "**fence around the Law**", that interprets the ancient Jewish Law. The creation (by Jewish scholars) of a "**a fence around the Gospels**" is the ultimate attempt to interpret the teachings of Christ. It means that the Pharisees, whom Christ condemned, control the way in which Christ is taught in Christian schools.' ... 'The Roman Catholic Church has already produced notes and guide-lines on the correct way for Catholics to deal with Jews and Judaism.'

"...The truth is that the Christian Church is in retreat, under sustained theological challenges pursued under the policies of multiculturalism. It will become illegal to even challenge the process under the new vilification laws." ('Intelligence Survey', April, 1992.) Is this the beginning of new persecutions for Christians?

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Courtesy "On Target"
145 Russell Street,
Melbourne

MULTICULTURALISM AND CRIME IN CANADA
from On Target (Canada), July 20 - Comment from Ron Gostick, National Director, Canadian League of Rights:

"Because of our oppressive 'hate' laws and 'Human Rights' censorship decrees, one has to be very discreet in even reporting or commenting upon these 'visible minority' incidents. However, it's about time that someone told the truth about the rapidly deteriorating social conditions in our major cities while there's yet time to avoid 'Los Angeles-type' conflagrations across our country. A few observations:

"Montreal suffers the same rising crime wave as Toronto, due largely to mounting numbers of black immigrants. Vancouver is experiencing the same assault but at the hands of Asian crime gangs. In every case, the cause points directly at our immigration policy - bringing in hundreds of thousands of 'visible minority' immigrants and 'refugees' of entirely different background and culture, who cannot be readily assimilated. Yet, to even point this out is to risk media smear and legal action!

"Members of the escalating torrent of Third World arrivals, in the main, are part of a civilisation centuries behind ours in material progress and living standards. Suddenly exposed to a completely new culture and environment, with Western-style society and affluence all around them, it's understandable that such immigrants soon scramble for instant 'equality' in the sea of affluence they see about them. Little do they understand that it's taken Canadians and other Western peoples countless centuries of toil and hardship to raise their living standards to our present level. And little do they appreciate our values, customs and mores, and the responsibilities inherent in the institutions and constitutions of Western, democratic society.

"For these obvious reasons, such immigrants find integration and assimilation in our society extremely difficult, and their progeny more exposed and prone to violence in quick-fix attempts to redress what they perceive to be a condition of disadvantage and injustice.

"The cold reality is that these critical problems have their roots in our 'open-door' immigration policy. And re-

fusal to address this issue merely increases the difficulty of constructive change of what has proven itself a disastrous policy now threatening the destruction of the Canada our forefathers built."

OUR FOREIGN DEBT

The continuing increase in Australia's foreign debt demonstrates how the nation is being undermined by a type of drug. Net foreign debt grew \$3.69 billion over the June quarter. The increase was \$12.84 billion over 1991-92, taking the total to a record \$150 billion on June 30. Much of the increase in debt has been the result of new loans taken out to pay the interest on previous loans. The only solution to all forms of drugs is to stop taking them. All new foreign borrowing should be halted immediately along with steps to pay off the debts as they fall due.

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Courtesy "New American View"

The last article in the *Moment* trilogy is "Strategies for Taking Judaism Public" by Egon Mayer, professor of sociology at Brooklyn College. Mayer's essay is the most telling of the desperate attitude of the Jewish community towards converts. While Kosmin enumerates the joys of being one of the chosen people, and Haberman provides the dire consequences of assimilation for the Jewish masses to feat and loathe, Mayer's work is a strong inducement for natural-born Jews to welcome new Jews into the fold. The potential new Jews are easily found in one's community, where they are already married to Jews. With a little prodding, Mayer believes, they could be easily converted.

"These couples need low-risk opportunities for Jewish involvement: opportunities that hold out the promise of warmth, connectedness and affirmation of self-worth without the immediate spectre of overwhelming obligations

like saving the Jewish people, defending Israel against her enemies, and becoming holy." Mayer maintains that spouses and even other Gentiles would be more likely to convert to Judaism if only the Jewish community would see to it that there are:

- * "More positive, identifiable Jewish characters, themes, and images on the major television networks."

- * "More Jewish cultural content in high school and college textbooks and courses."

- * "Restoration of Hebrew as a language option in high schools and colleges."

- * "Greater inclusion of Judaica in the holdings of local libraries, in the exhibition schedules of museums, and in the programmes of community-sponsored theatres and symphonies."

- * "Expanded cultural exchange with Israel and other significant centres of Jewish life around the world."

Mayer tries to provide motivation for his selling of Judaism by citing various successes in the modern-day religious business. "Based on the recent successful histories of the Mormons, Lubavitcher Chasidim and various televangelist movements", he says, "taking Judaism public can yield high rewards for community, family and individual. All we need is the will, the imagination, and the commitment of resources to achieve these goals. Once public awareness of and esteem for Jewish living is increased, it should be easier for local synagogues, Jewish community centres and other community agencies to act as underwriters and brokers of the Jewish tradition."

FLORIDA ATTRACTS ILLEGAL ISRAELIS

There are thousands of undocumented Israeli workers living in South Florida. The Immigration and Naturalisation Service says hundreds of illegal Israeli immigrants are deported every year, and many more choose to leave

when they are caught. Immigration lawyer Lisa Enfield speculates that Israeli aliens may be so numerous that they out-number the 25,000 legal Israelis living in South Florida. The illegal Israelis get fake Social Security cards and work permits on the black market and usually work for cash, so that they do not have to pay taxes. Some of them marry Americans in order to get green cards. (*Dallas Morning News.*)

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From Joyce Moylan

They changed our currency, likewise our measurements. Now it is to change our flag. Next our Constitution. Given time and they will try to change the seasons.

Why we must ask, is the reason behind all these changes? Could it be to destroy our heritage? A heritage having come down to us through the Anglo-Saxon Celtic and kindred people.

Destroy one's history and you destroy a culture. By changing a symbol on an ensign does not change a people. Miscegenation and misinformation alone does that.

When a people can no longer identify with their origins, they become a lost people.

Today with so little teaching of our culture, we are becoming unknown as to whom we are. It is through this lack of knowledge that we are fast being destroyed.

We are of British origin, with the very same laws and culture. We can identify with them. We are a one-people, as the Union Jack upon our flag depicts. It is the Union Jack symbolic of the union of the sons of Jacob-Israel, which is offensive to the New World Order masters.

Our Constitution based upon the Christian laws, along with our flag with it's Union Jack is binding upon every politician.

Politicians of today, unlike great Statesmen of past eras, no longer look upon our flag and laws as being unique. It is under our flag and our Constitution that we are born a free people.

By changing our flag, our laws and bringing us into a Republic into the New World Order, One World Government under Caesar will see the loss of all that our Christian heritage stood for - Liberty, Equality and Justice.

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From Ray French
U.S.A.

"Dear Frank,

My wife, youngest son and myself just got back from a Christian camp in Colorado which was good as always. While we were there an episode took place near Naples, Idaho, in which a family was beset by Federal agents in what most people just wouldn't believe - but in a manner becoming fairly common to covenant or identity Christians. As usual the press has all but ignored and blacked the thing out. It involved one Christian family living in the mountains in northern Idaho - mother, father and 4 children aged 16, 10, 14 and 8 months. For this "operation" which was in response to allegations that the man had sold a shotgun, with a barrel $\frac{1}{4}$ " shorter than legal, to a government informer - a massive operation involving 400 assorted Federal agents including some murderous snipers from the U.S. Marshals Office in Washington D.C., several armoured cars, a couple of tanks and some armoured helicopters were put into play. It would take me many pages to describe to you what I have found out but in the end this Christian man's 14 year old son was shot in the back and killed by one sniper and his mother was later shot between the eyes by another sniper while standing at the door of their little cabin. She was holding her 8 month old daughter in her arms whom she dropped

as she went down. A young man who had also lived with them for many years was severely wounded by this same shot - receiving bone and bullet fragments in the chest. The father was also hit at some point, in the arm, by sniper fire.

Had it not been for the efforts of two men from Arizona who came up to intercede I have no doubt that the intention was to destroy the whole family - for what? Not because of some $\frac{1}{4}$ " of barrel - but because they were a God fearing Christian family that refused to bow!

Innocent blood defiles the land - my people die for lack of knowledge - the masses yawn and change channels First the slaughter of the unborn and now direct attacks on Christian men, women and children. The wrath of almighty God cannot be far off!

I will send you an audio tape concerning these killings soon."

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Daily Telegraph. 5.12.91

PRINCESS JOINS IN PRAYER BOOK FIGHT

By Damian Thompson
Religious Affairs
Correspondent

PRINCESS MARGARET has joined the Prince of Wales in deploring the loss of traditional language in Church of England services.

Speaking at the Prayer Book Society's Thomas Cranmer award at St. Michael Paternoster Royal in the City of London, the Princess said that new liturgies were "a

vain attempt to make the incomprehensible mysteries comprehensible".

She added: "About those who have wished to deprive us of the Book of Common Prayer we might feel tempted to use one of those curses we found in the service of Commination -- 'Cursed is he that removeth his neighbour's landmark'.

"For those who have this treasure and have now lost it, a church can feel only empty, shorn of what truly and naturally belongs to it."

The Princess stressed she had no quarrel with "serious and creative" additions to prayer and praise.

Her remarks echo a speech made by the Prince of Wales on the same occasion two years ago, in which he attacked the "banality" of the Alternative Service Book.

Baroness James, the crime writer P.D. James, headed a panel of judges who chose award-winners from children reading extracts from Thomas Cranmer's 16th-century Book of Common Prayer.

The first prize was won by 17-year-old Sarah Jones from Nottingham Girls' High School, who read from the First Book of Corinthians.

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ISRAEL'S STEALS U.S. MILITARY SECRETS

Courtesy "The Truth at Last"
U.S.A.

Israel's World Wide Economic Warfare

Never in history has a nation so tiny waged such a massive world wide campaign of economic and military

subterfuge to siphon money out of a "host ally". In seeking to enrich its own treasury Israel deliberately creates all sorts of mischievous problems and economic chaos for nations and businesses all over the world! The scope of this international conspiracy is so vast that it boggles the mind. While individual cases have infrequently been reported in the daily press this is the first time the entire story of their skulduggery and trickery has been combined into one article.

Israel Sells Top U.S. Secrets to Red China

During the Gulf War with Iraq the U.S. sent Israel two Patriot batteries and 64 rockets (worth \$117 million) to shoot down Scud missiles. The Jews insisted that their own crews be trained to use the sensitive weapons which "must remain in Israel in case of another war". No sooner had our troops left than Jewish scientists disassembled the Patriots and sold their secrets to Red China. This allows the Chinese to develop weapons to penetrate our radar shield and hit U.S. targets.

These findings were made by State Department Inspector General, Sherman Funk, according to *The New York Times* of March 15. Funk also said there is "overwhelming evidence" that Israel is selling U.S. air-to-air missiles to Red China, anti-tank missiles to South Africa and Cluster bombs to Ethiopia and Chile along with radar jamming devices. Other countries sold similar secrets are Venezuela and Thailand. This is in total defiance of signed and sworn agreements that none of these weapons or secrets will be sold to any other country without our specific permission. *Funk charges that Israel illegally sells millions-of-dollars in weaponry which America gives them free!!!* Later they request that the material be replaced using the excuse that, "it was used up during training exercises".

(Note: Israel receives more U.S. Foreign Aid money than any other nation in the world - \$3.2 billion a year in "regular aid". Last year they were given \$2.5 billion in "extra aid" for a grand total of \$5.7 billion. This

means that we give Israel \$110 million in foreign aid each week.)

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AUSTRALIA'S "COMBAT" FORCES

Courtesy "Fight"

79 Ferry St.,

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Of Australia's 27,000 strong regular army, there are only 3,100 riflemen. However, there are:

2,500	clerks
964	cooks
500	medical assistants
192	movement assistants
1,631	drivers
817	vehicle mechanics
285	musicians
585	information systems operators
430	stewards
1,729	technical storemen
241	cartographic technicians

The Australian Defence Force also has one of the highest ratios of officers to other ranks of any military force in the world. The Australian Defence Association calculates that 17 percent of the defence force were officers in 1990 compared with 13.7 percent in 1977. In the U.S., only 6 percent of the U.S. Marine Corps were officers.

Sources: Figures supplied by the Minister for Defence, Senator Ray and reported in the Australian Financial Review, May 15, 1991; and Australian Financial Review, October 24, 1991.



IF GOD WENT ON STRIKE

Courtesy "Kingdom Tidings"

It's just a good thing God above
Has never gone on strike
Because he wasn't treated fair
Or things he didn't like.
If he had ever once sat down
And said, That's it - I'm through!
I've had enough of those on earth.
So this is what I'll do:

Do you know He'd be justified
If fairness was the game
For no one has been more abused
Or given such disdain
Than God - and yet he carries on,
Supplying you and me
With all the favours of his grace
And everything for free.

I'll give my orders to the sun,
'Cut off your heat supply',
And to the moon, 'Give no more light
And run the oceans dry.'
Then, just to really make it tough
And put the pressure on,
'Turn off the air and oxygen
Till every breath is gone.'

Men say they want a better deal
And so on strike they go,
But what a deal we've given God
To Whom everything we owe.
We don't care whom we hurt or harm
To gain the things we like
But what a mess we'd all be in
If God should go on strike!

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STUDY IN REVELATION.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

PART TWENTY SIX.

CHAPTERS 21 and 22.

THE PERFECTION OF THE KINGDOM.

Revelation Chapter 21.

21:1 *And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.*

21:2 *And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.*

21:3 *And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.*

21:4 *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.*

21:5 *And he that sat upon the throne said, Behold, I make all things new. And he said unto me, Write: for these words are true and faithful.*

21:6 *And he said unto me, It is done. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*

21:7 *He that overcometh shall inherit all things; and I will be his God, and he shall be my son.*

21:8 But the fearful, and unbelieving, and abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

21:9 And there came unto me one of the seven angels which had the seven vials full of the seven last plagues, and talked with me, saying, Come hither, I will shew thee the bride, the Lamb's wife.

21:10 And he carried me away in the spirit to a great and high mountain, and shewed me that great city, the holy Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God,

21:11 Having the glory of God: and her light was like unto a stone most precious, even like a jasper stone, clear as crystal;

21:12 And had a wall great and high, and had twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and names written thereon, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel:

21:13 On the east three gates; on the north three gates; on the south three gates; and on the west three gates.

21:14 And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb.

21:15 And he that talked with me had a golden reed to measure the city, and the gates thereof, and the wall thereof.

21:16 And the city lieth foursquare, and the length is as large as the breadth: and he measured the city with the reed, twelve thousand furlongs. The length and the breadth and the height of it are equal.

21:17 And he measured the wall thereof, an hundred and forty and four cubits, according to the measure of a man, that is, of the angel.

21:18 And the building of the wall of it was of jasper: and the city was pure gold, like unto clear glass.

21:19 And the foundations of the wall of the city were garnished with all manner of precious stones. The first foundation was jasper; the second, sapphire; the third, a chalcedony; the fourth, an emerald;

21:20 The fifth, sardonyx; the sixth, sardius; the seventh, chrysolite; the eighth, beryl; the ninth, a topaz; the tenth, a

chrysoprasus; the eleventh, a jacinth; the twelfth, an amethyst.

21:21 And the twelve gates were twelve pearls: every several gate was of one pearl: and the street of the city was pure gold, as it were transparent glass.

21:22 And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

21:23 And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

21:24 And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honour into it.

21:25 And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

REV 21:26 And they shall bring the glory and honour of the nations into it.

21:27 And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.

Whilst it is true that the central **Person** of the entire Bible is our Lord Jesus Christ, either as Jehovah in the Old Testament, or as Jesus in the New Testament, there can surely be no doubt but that the central **Theme** of the entire Bible is THE KINGDOM OF GOD. The prophets wrote of it. Our Lord Jesus Christ preached it. He even commanded us to pray for it. As our studies thus far have shown, it is a Kingdom right down here on this earth. It is not some spiritual condition within our hearts, nor is it some nebulous place somewhere up in the heavens. It was originally formed by Jehovah Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be His 'peculiar treasure,' His witness, His agency through whom He is to bring final and complete blessing to all the nations and families of the earth. They were to be a nation of priests, or servants of God. Not a Master Race, but a Servant Race. The Bible is the history book of this kingdom. It records its beginnings at Mount Sinai. It records its very checkered history. It leaves nothing out. We read of the good times and the bad times. It was a history of untold blessings when they

obeyed their God, and of untold disaster and cursings when they disobeyed Him. But throughout all these times, the love of God never deserted them. He chastised them, but loved them. He sent them into punishment and captivity, but never forsook them. Despite the fact that they turned away from Him and His protection, He still saved them. Despite the fact that He was obliged by the terms of His own righteous laws to put them aside, He redeemed them. They were His for all time and eternity, and no power on earth or in heaven would ever change that wonderful relationship. Though their sins, both individual and national, were an abomination in His sight, they would never change the purposes of God in and through them. They were formed for His glory, and like it or not, they WILL show forth His glory. The prophet Isaiah leaves no doubt of this fact.

"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).

Again, in Isaiah 55:11 we read;

"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."

Now what is His purpose for His Kingdom? What is this word which is going to be accomplished and not going to return to Him void? People might argue about

the identity of this Kingdom, and propound various theories about its nature, but one thing is absolutely certain. It is to be set up here on this earth. The Scriptures leave us in no doubt as to this fact. Consider the statements of the prophets and the apostles.

"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.

Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."
(Isa. 9:6-7).

"He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God will 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."

(Luke 1:32-33).

"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.

And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you.

Whom the heavens must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began."

(Acts 3:19-21).

"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."
(John 14:3).

"And hast made us unto our God kings and priests. And we shall reign on the earth."
(Rev. 5:10).
(Emphasis added).

Now if one thing is apparent from all these readings, it is that the Lord Jesus Christ is going to be here on this earth, reigning on this earth over a kingdom here on this earth, and that we are going to be on this earth reigning with Him.

With this fact in mind, let us read the very first verse of the 21st chapter which commences with the statement;

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth."

The prophet Isaiah records two similar statements, where we read in Isa. 65:17, and 66:22;

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth."

"For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before Me, saith the LORD, so shall your seed and your name remain."

Then again in II Peter 3:13 we read;

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

Now if these verses refer to a completely new heaven and earth in the sense of this literal earth, or planet, being totally destroyed as so many teachers of

God's Word claim, and new heavens and a new earth being created somewhere up yonder in the clouds, then why has God been so insistent in telling us that our Lord is going to reign down here on this earth, as we read in the above passages? You will note that in the reading we quoted from Luke 1, it is stated that the Lord is to rule over the House of Jacob. It does not say the House of Israel. God really knew what He was doing when He expressed Himself in this manner, because He was quite aware that in the last days the phrase "The House of Israel" would be spiritualised, and used of a 'spiritual' Israel instead of the literal Israel. But there is no way that anyone can 'spiritualise' the phrase "The House of Jacob." That always was, and always will be, the literal 12 tribed nation of Israel here on this earth. These are the same literal 12 tribes over whom the disciples will reign as promised to them in Matthew 19:27-28;

"Then answered Peter and said unto Him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed Thee, what shall we have therefore.

And Jesus said unto them, Verily I say unto you that ye which have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit in the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel."

The new heavens and earth are symbolic terms. Remember that the Book of the Revelation is a book of 'signs and symbols.' God is here referring to a "renewed" earth and heavens. This planet, and the heavens in which the planet exists, is wonderfully beautiful beyond human word to describe. God has no intention of completely blowing it all away and replacing it with some spiritual kind of alternative. All He has to do, and indeed all He intends to do, is to remove from the existing earth all unrighteousness, and to restore it to its pristine glory as when He first created it and saw that it was "very good." That has been His plan from the very moment when man first sinned. As we quoted above, Jesus will remain in the

heavens only until the time arrives to return to this earth to restore all things in accordance with the statements of the prophets. And you will not find one solitary statement from a single prophet which teaches that God is going to destroy this planet. They speak of its renewal, not its removal.

What was this renewed heaven and earth like? John immediately describes it in the very next verse.

"And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband."

We note that whatever 'the holy city, new Jerusalem' is, or represents, it comes down out of heaven. This is clearly stated in verses 2 and 10. Furthermore, in verses 24 and 26 we read that the kings of the earth bring their glory and honour into it. That would be quite a problem if this 'New Jerusalem' was some spiritual condition or kingdom up in the air somewhere. So again we have the testimony of God's Word to the fact that what ever John saw, it was to be here on this earth, fully supporting the comments we made relative to the verses previously quoted.

The 21st chapter then proceeds to describe two major aspects of this 'new heaven and new earth', or 'the holy city, New Jerusalem.' In the first of these aspects, we are given a wonderful description of the conditions which will operate within this 'new heaven and earth.' They are magnificent beyond words to fully appreciate.

Firstly, God, the Lord God of Israel, our Lord Jesus Christ, Jehovah, is going to dwell with His people. The word 'tabernacle' means 'a covered sheltered place or tent.' The word 'dwell' means 'to tent, or to pitch tent, hence to dwell in tents.' This surely takes our minds back to the time when the Lord God of Israel first dwelt in the Tabernacle among His people when the glory of His presence shone forth for the entire nation to behold. King

David saw the vision of this Presence as he recorded it in Psalm 27;

*"The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear? The LORD is the strength
of my life, of whom shall I be afraid? . . .*

*One thing have I desired of the LORD, that
will I seek after; that I may dwell in the
house of the LORD all the days of my life, to
behold the beauty of the LORD, and to en-
quire in His temple.*

*For in the time of trouble He shall hide me
in His pavilion. In the secret of His taberna-
cle shall He hide me; He shall set me up
upon a rock.*

*And now shall my head be lifted up above
mine enemies round about me. Therefore
will I offer in His tabernacle sacrifices of joy.
I will sing, yea, I will sing praises unto the
LORD."*

(Psalm 27: 1,4-6).

Secondly, we shall be His people, and He shall be our God. This is a very important fact to note. When we turn to Leviticus 26:11-12 we read one of the earliest promises made by God to His people Israel.

*"And I will set My tabernacle among you:
and My soul shall not abhor you.
And I will walk among you, and will be your
God, and ye shall be My people."*

But the time came when, because of Israel's great sinfulness, that The Lord Jehovah cast His people away so that, as we read in Hosea 1:9;

*"For ye are not My people, and I will not be
your God."*

But the gifts and calling of God are without repentance. Thus we read in Hosea 2:19-23 of a time then fu-

ture when this sentence of removal from God would be reversed by His great love and mercy.

"And I will betroth thee unto Me for ever; yea, I will betroth thee unto Me in righteousness, and in judgment, and in loving-kindness, and in mercies. I will even betroth thee unto Me in faithfulness: and thou shalt know the LORD.

. . . And I will sow her unto Me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them that were not My people, Thou art My people; and they shall say, Thou art our God."

This very statement is reiterated by the apostle Paul in II Cor. 6:16-17;

"And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? For ye are the temple of the living God: as God hath said, 'I will dwell in them, and walk in them, and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.'

Therefore, come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing, and I will receive you."

Thus we see that the statement in Rev. 21:3 is completely in conformity with the promises made throughout His Word regarding the ultimate relationship between God and His people Israel.

Thirdly, we are given a wonderful statement of the conditions which will operate within this 'new heaven and earth.' We are told that there is to be no more death. There is to be no more sorrow or mourning. There is to be no more crying. There is to be no more pain. All these evidences of suffering and anguish will be totally eradicated. The re-introduction of the full Law of God will eliminate all these terrible conditions, and only justice,

righteousness, and happiness will be experienced by His people. What a tremendous change from our present way of living. This will come to pass on the authority and guarantee of the Word of Jehovah-Jesus Himself. This guarantee is contained in the very titles of our Lord set forth in the sixth verse;

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

'Alpha' and 'Omega' are the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet. This indicates that our Lord is the very first and the very last of everything that is written or stated. The word 'beginning' means 'the origin,' whilst the word 'end' means 'the fulfilment,' NOT the cessation of anything. It denotes 'not the ending of a departed state, but the arrival of a complete or perfect one.'

Thus we understand that the renewal of the 'heavens and earth' is entirely in the hands of the Great Creator Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ. He has the first and the last say in everything. He is its origin, and it is He who will be the instigator of the new and perfect conditions which will from that time on prevail upon this sick and sorry world. The water of life will be freely available to all who seek it.

Of far more significance however, is the message to those who are 'overcomers' and achieve the 'high calling of God in Christ.' They are to be inheritors of all things, and will attain the almost unbelievable status of becoming literal sons of God. Such will be *"Heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ."* What a goal to aim for. And what a glorious prize to achieve. This prize does not come automatically with personal salvation. That gives us the right to be citizens in the Kingdom. The forgiveness of God has been achieved only through the sacrifice and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ, and there is absolutely nothing that you and I can do by which we can achieve this. It is a free gift made available through the grace and mercy of God. But as we have stated previously, to be an overcomer, and to achieve the right of rulership and

kingship in the Kingdom can, and most likely will, cost you everything that you have.

But sadly, there will be those who will not be permitted to gain entry into this renewed heaven and earth. They are listed in verse 8. They include the 'fearful', or those who are cowardly and timid. There are the 'unbelieving', or those who are distrustful and faithless. There are the 'abominable', or those who are loathing or disgusting, which incidentally is the very phrase that the Lord Himself uses of Sodomites. They might be ordained to the ministry now, but when the Lord returns to take control they will find themselves ordained to an entirely different end. There will be the murderers, not only of the living, but of the yet unborn. There will be the 'whoremongers', or those who debauch themselves and others. The word comes from the Greek word '*porno*' from which we derive our word 'pornography.' There will be the 'sorcerers', which applies particularly to those who use and deal in drugs. There are the 'idolaters', those who engage in every form of worship contrary to the worship of the Lord God of Israel. This includes not only the worship of heathen gods, but of money and sex, and sport, and everything else that has supplanted God from His rightful place in our lives. And finally there are the liars, those who deceive, and who have taught deception. If anyone reading these words falls within any of these categories, then I implore you to take a fresh look at your life. You might fool yourself with excuses and seemingly acceptable reasons for what you are doing and believing, but I assure you that you will not fool God. The sentence on such as are found guilty of continuing in the above offences is severe in the extreme. It is to be no less than complete separation from God, and the final death and destruction of the very soul itself. At this time, God has no intentions of messing around any longer with those who are too stupid or full of their own importance to be obedient to Him. You will be either IN, or you will be entirely OUT. The choice is yours alone.

Following this vision, John was shown the second aspect of this renewed heaven and earth. To him was re-

vealed the identity of this 'holy city, the New Jerusalem.' One of the angels who had previously spoken to him informed John that he was about to be shown "the bride, the Lamb's wife." Now let us be quite clear in our mind as to the fact that whatever it was that John then saw, this was the 'Bride of Christ.' And what did he see? Verse 10 states that he saw "that great city, the New Jerusalem, descending out of heaven from God." This is exactly the same city which he saw as recorded in verse 2. But the word 'saw' means not only to see with the eye, but to understand what one sees. It shone with the glory of God. The remainder of the chapter from verse 11 onward, describes this bride, or wife, in wonderful and glorious detail.

And it is NOT a description of the 'church'!

Every aspect of this description applies to the nation of Israel, now in its ultimate condition of complete perfection, in full accord with God's stated plans and purposes for it.

There are **12 gates** in the wall surrounding it. The wall signifies the total protection of God around his wife against the intrusion of those mentioned in verse 27;

"And there shall in no wise enter into it any thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination, or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life."

Stationed at these gates are **12 angels**, or messengers, one at each gate. Each gate has inscribed upon it the name of one of the **12 tribes** of the children of Israel.

Why on earth, we may ask, would God inscribe the names of the 12 tribes of Israel on his bride if He had discarded literal Israel and replaced her with a 'spiritual' Israel? Of what possible importance could the names of the 12 tribes be in that circumstance?

The formation of this city, the Lamb's wife, was four-square, exactly the same as the original encampment

of the nation of Israel, with three tribes on each of the four sides.

The wall of this 'bride-city' had **12 foundations**, and in these 12 foundations were the names of the **12 apostles** of the Lamb. Why was this? Because the Lord had previously promised His disciples that in the regeneration when He returned, they would be sitting on 12 thrones, ruling over the 12 tribes of Israel. How on earth would they be able to do this if the 12 tribes had been replaced by something called 'the church'?

The actual measurements given if this city indicated its complete perfection. Remember that the number 12 in scripture refers to 'perfection in government.' Its length, its breadth, and its height were each **12,000 furlongs**, which is simply 12 x 1,000, the millenium number. And the length of the wall itself was 144, or **12 x 12 cubits**.

The city itself is stated to be of gold, representing its absolute purity.

We have commented on the 12 foundations, and the names of the 12 apostles written thereon, but there is also another feature of these foundations. They were garnished, or adorned, with **12 manner of precious stones!**

Over the centuries names tend to change, but investigations strongly suggest that these 12 adorning precious stones were the very same stones that adorned the breast-plate worn by Aaron, the high priest. One can surely logically wonder why the 12 stones of the breast-plate of Israel's high priest are mentioned here if there is now no connection with the nation of Israel.

Finally, we have the statement that the 12 gates were each made of one single pearl, making a total of **12 pearls**. The great significance of this can be seen when we understand the parable of the costly pearl as recorded in Matt. 13:45, which represents our Lord Jesus Christ, and the added fact that He alone is the Door, or gate, and the only way of entry into the Kingdom.

Altogether there are mentioned NINE references to the number 12. In Bible numerics, the number NINE represents not only "judgment," but "finality." Thus is represented not only God's judgment on all that is evil and contrary to His perfect will, but the absolute finality of His Divine plans and purposes for this earth. This is no 'spiritual' kingdom. This is no mere 'spiritual' condition. Here we have at last the literal, perfect, Kingdom of God, established here on this earth, under the reign of the King of Kings Himself, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Here at last is perfection beyond the wildest dreams of man. It will not depend on the will of man, nor upon man-made systems. The greatest light that man can shed upon this world with all his inventions will be as darkness compared to the brilliance of the light of the Lamb, the Lord God Almighty. There will be no place for earthly leaders, represented by the sun and the moon of verse 23, because the Glory of God will far outshine anything that human endeavour could ever contrive or imagine, let alone achieve.

The perfection of the Kingdom will be such that the nations shall walk in the light of it. The kings of the earth will bring their glory and honour to it. As we read in Isa. 60:1-3;

*"Arise, shine, for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee.
For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people, but the Lord shall arise upon thee, and His glory shall be seen upon thee.
And the Gentiles (nations) shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising."*

And again in Isa. 2:2-5;

"And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains,

and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.

And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord."

At last, we will be the blessing to all the nations and families of the earth for which God formed us to be in the first place. Our witness to the glory and majesty of God will never cease from that time onward. The knowledge of the Lord will cover the earth as the waters cover the sea, and no evil of any kind, no abomination, no deceit, will ever again turn our hearts from our Great God and Saviour. The citizenship of the Kingdom will consist only and solely of those whose names are found written in the Lamb's Book of Life.

BEHOLD, I COME QUICKLY!

Revelation chapter 22

22:1 And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.

22:2 In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

22:3 And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him:

22:4 And they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

22:5 And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

22:6 And he said unto me, These sayings are faithful and true: and the Lord God of the holy prophets sent his angel to shew unto his servants the things which must shortly be done.

22:7 Behold, I come quickly: blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book.

22:8 And I John saw these things, and heard them. And when I had heard and seen, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel which shewed me these things.

22:9 Then saith he unto me, See thou do it not: for I am thy fellowservant, and of thy brethren the prophets, and of them which keep the sayings of this book: worship God.

22:10 And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

22:11 He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still.

22:12 And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be.

22:13 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.

22:14 Blessed are they that do his commandments, that they may have right to the tree of life, and may enter in through the gates into the city.

22:15 For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and whore-mongers, and murderers, and idolaters, and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie.

22:16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the off-spring of David, and the bright and morning star.

22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst

come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.

22:18 For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book:

22:19 And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and {from} the things which are written in this book.

22:20 He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus.

22:21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. Amen.

We have now reached the final chapter in this amazing Revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ, and indeed, the final chapter in the entire Bible. How fitting then it is that we find ourselves right back at the beginning again.

In the book of Genesis is recorded not only the account of God's great creative works, but of the formation of the very special man and race which were to be the instruments through whom God was to bring His perfection and love and mercy to the whole earth. From the dust of the earth He **formed**, (a different word to that used in Genesis 1 for the man He **created**), Adam, or as the Septuagint Version renders the phrase, the Adam. (my emphasis). The sacred record shows that this Adam and his wife Eve disobeyed God and brought upon themselves the inevitable sentence that "dying, they would surely die." That is, from the time they sinned, the process of death would commence to operate in their human bodies until at last they would physically die. It must be realised that this was not God's original intention for them. They were not only not to experience death, but they were not even to know about it. The Tree of the knowledge of 'good and evil' was literally the tree of the knowledge of 'life and death.' As we read in Deut. 30:15;

*"See, I have set before thee this day
life and good, death and evil."*

Thus, good is associated with life, and evil is associated with death. We are only too painfully aware that both Adam and Eve miserably failed. It was at this stage that God had to step in to prevent an horrific future for His specially formed race. You see, there was another 'tree' in the Garden of Eden which was also available to the couple. It was the "Tree of Life." God realised that if Adam and his wife were to partake of that tree, then they would live forever, despite the fact that their bodies were under the sentence of death because of their partaking of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. In other words, their bodies would gradually deteriorate with sickness, infirmities, and eventual old age, yet it would be impossible for them to die. There would in fact be no release from their sickness. What ever degree of suffering they eventually attained would continue for eternity, and they would eventually be living an endless life of absolute hell and torment.

So in His infinite mercy, God made it impossible for them to partake of the Tree of Life, thus allowing the process of death to mercifully terminate their eventual sickness and suffering. Thus we read in Gen. 3:22-24;

"And the Lord God said, Behold the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever:

Therefore the Lord God sent him forth from the Garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken.

So He drove out the man: and He placed at the east of the Garden of Eden Cherubims, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life."

Thus, access to the Tree of Life was barred. It was now no longer available to Adam or his descendants.

The entire plan of God from that time onward was directed to restoring access to that very special Tree. God

IS life. He is the only source of life. Modern man might be able to play around with it, and save it, but they can not create it. The most advanced doctors and scientists in the world can only look at it in awe. But God's wonderful purposes are not to be diminished to the slightest degree. His original plan was for life, and life there shall be. His purposes to this end were so intense and so all-consuming that the very One who created life in the first place, reduced Himself to the level of mankind so that He could surrender His own human life that we might share in His eternal life. This is something that is totally beyond our power to understand. All we can do is to humbly and gratefully accept the offer He has made. Not to do so will result in inevitable and final death, the death which He has tried so hard to prevent and overcome. We are told that *"the soul that sinneth, it shall die."* This does not refer to the death of the body, but to the final and irreversible death or destruction of our soul. It is referred to in The book of the Revelation as "the second death."

Thus the final chapter of our Lord's Revelation opens with the glorious scene of a pure river of water of life proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. The 'Tree of Life', we are told in verse 2, was seen in the midst of the street of this river, and on either side of it. Now if we take these statements to be literal, as do those of the Futurist persuasion, then we really have a problem in understanding what the Lord is here revealing, because we would have a literal throne, out of which proceeded a literal river or stream, and running down the middle of this literal river would be a literal street, with a literal tree growing not only in the middle of the street, but also on both sides of the literal river. No wonder the majority of people can't make any sense out of this wonderful book and give it away in desperation and disgust. So let us study the symbolism of what is set out for us so that we may understand the glorious picture that the Lord is revealing.

The setting is the perfected Kingdom of God. The 21st chapter which we have just studied reveals the identity of this Kingdom as the perfected nation and kingdom of

Israel, the Bride of the Lamb, now referred to as "The New Jerusalem." The 22nd chapter, on the other hand, sets forth the perfection of the operation of this Kingdom, both in regard to the citizens of the Kingdom, and of the rest of the nations, and indeed all of creation. The Tabernacle in the wilderness sets the pattern for us. The LORD was not wasting His time and His words when He said in Heb. 8:5;

"As Moses was admonished by God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern shewed to thee in the mount."

So in the centre, where it should always be, whether in our individual lives or our national life, is the Throne and Presence of God. Surrounding the Throne is the encampment of Israel, representing the Kingdom of God, as signified by the 'four living creatures' of Rev. 4:7. And surrounding the encampment of Israel were the camps of the other nations who had come to worship the God of Israel. At last, The Lord God was in His rightful place at the centre of all human activity.

Now what is meant by the phrase that out of this throne proceeded a river of water of life? What did this represent? The Scriptures, I believe, give us the perfect answer. In Isaiah 9:6-7 we read;

*"For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this."*

In Psalm 36:7-9 we read;

"How excellent is Thy loving-kindness, O God! Therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of Thy wings. They shall be abundantly satisfied (marg. 'watered'), with the fatness of Thy house; and Thou shalt make them drink of the river of Thy pleasure. For with Thee is the fountain of life. In Thy light shall we see light."

And again in Daniel 7:9-10 we read;

"I beheld till the thrones were cast down, and the ancient of Days did sit, whose garment was white as snow, and the hair of His head like the pure wool. His throne was like the fiery flame, and His wheels as burning fire. A fiery stream issued and came forth from before Him. Thousand thousands ministered unto Him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before Him."

The word 'life' used here means 'resurrected or eternal life.' It is the perfect life that God offered His people. He gave them the choice of selecting 'life and good', or 'death and evil.' But whereas there were conditions placed upon them at that time, now in the perfected Kingdom there were none, because under the terms of the New Covenant, God was to write His perfect Laws upon their hearts and minds. Thus the 'river of waters of life' represents the results and outworkings of the perfect operation of the Law of God, not only among His Kingdom citizens, but upon the whole of creation. No wonder that the whole creation is standing on tip-toes awaiting the manifestation of the Sons of God. (Rom. 8:19, Phillips Trans.).

Apart from the Throne of God at the centre of all things, the central symbolic object is "the Tree of Life." It constituted the centre-piece of everything that issued from God's Throne. Here, for the very first time since our forefather Adam sinned, is to be seen, and shared, the Tree of

Life, the source of Life that our loving God intended for us in the first place. Now it is surely obviously that this does not represent a single tree, as it grew not only in the middle of the street running down the centre of the river, but also grew on both sides of the river. It symbolised the ever-present, and ever-flowing life of God that was now available to His whole creation through the price of reconciliation, redemption and salvation made by our Lord Jesus Christ. The angel which had been placed at the entrance of the Garden with a flaming sword to prevent all access to the Tree of Life is now removed. Month by month it continuously yielded its life-bearing fruit for the enjoyment of the citizens of the 'New Jerusalem', whilst its leaves carried HEALTH, not just healing, to all the other nations. In this condition of absolute perfection, there will be no more curse, either of things or of people. The Law of God will be absolute, and will be absolutely obeyed. Thus there will be no more reason or cause for any curse. There will be no spastic or crippled children born to confused and disillusioned parents. There will be no more murder, rape and incest. There will be no more murderers, kidnappers, Sodomites, rapists, thieves or liars. Honesty, safety and peace will be the natural inheritance of all people. His servants shall have His Name upon their foreheads, as we read in Rev. 14:1, and will no longer be tempted with the mark of the beast. They will have no need for the sun for light, for we are told that the Lord God will give them light. Have you ever wondered just how He would do this? Well think back to our very first forefather Adam. It seems very obvious that for him to be able to walk and talk with God in the Garden in the cool of the evening, as we are told, that he must have been protected in some very special way from the glory which would surround God. I believe that Adam, and then Eve, were surrounded with a cloud of glorious light which protected them from the effects of the glory which surrounded God. It was this covering of glory which disappeared from them when they sinned, by which they immediately recognised their nakedness. This, I believe, is the light which will be restored to us in all its power and majesty and brilliance. Did not our Lord Himself promise in Matthew 13:43;

"Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the Kingdom of their father."

Daniel 12:3 tells us;

"And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever."

And how long is this unbelievably glorious condition to last. We are told that His servants, along with their King, the Lord Jesus Christ, the King of kings and Lord of Lords, will reign for ever and ever. As we previously quoted;

*"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."*

God will be with us, and we will walk with Him, throughout the ages of eternity. An impossible dream? No! It is a fact as certain as God Himself. It is what He intended and promised right from the very beginning of His creation. He, Jesus, created all things for His pleasure. As we read in Rev. 4:11;

*"Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power.
For Thou hast created all things, and for Thy pleasure they are and were created."*

And that pleasure is to be fully satisfied. That is why He could tell John; *"These sayings are faithful and true."*

But before proceeding to the final exhortations and warnings contained in this marvellous prophecy, let us not overlook the statement made in verse 12;

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

I'm sure that many, if not most students read this as applying to the rewards to which we will attain as a results of what we have done in the service of our Lord. But this is not what is said. The reward is not for what we HAVE done. It is clearly applied to what we **SHALL be doing**. It will be '*according as to what our work shall be.*' In other words, those who are found faithful and worthy, are to receive rewards, or abilities in accordance with their new positions of rulership and authority in Christ's Kingdom. If you think that the gifts and ministries of the Spirit are something special right now, then let me assure you that they will seem as nothing when we receive our eternal gifts and ministries in God's Kingdom.

Two other words require understanding. In verse 6 the angel shows John what must **shortly** be done. Then, on three separate occasions, the Lord uses the expression "I come **quickly**." Both these words have nothing to do with events happening in the near or immediate future to that time when the message was given. They mean 'with swiftness or speed.' We are simply told by the Lord that irrespective of when the timing for these events occurs, that when that time arrives, it will happen swiftly and surely.

And now, Our Lord Jesus Christ stamps for all time His authority on what He has revealed. In verse 13 He says that He is "Alpha and Omega." As we have previously pointed out, in being the first and the last letters of the Greek alphabet, He indicates that He is the first and last word in everything that can ever be written or spoken of God's immutable plans and purposes. As "the beginning and the end" He reveals Himself as the originator of all things, and the fulfilment of the arrival of the new and perfected state which has replaced that which has been done away with and replaced. As "the first and the last" He reveals Himself as 'He who is the foremost, the first in order, place, time, and dignity,' and as 'the extreme, the

most remote, that which concludes anything, with reference to time.' (Bullinger's Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek Testament).

Then in verse 13 He confirms His Kingship in the line of King David. He is to be the final occupant of that throne, the Throne of the Lord, which was given to David and his descendants in perpetuity for as long as the sun and the moon and the stars existed; the throne that has continued on this earth without interruption from the day it was first established right down to the present day. There may not always have been someone actually sitting on that throne and reigning over God's Israel people, as in the days of Oliver Cromwell, for instance, but there has always been someone of the descent of David available to do so.

Our Lord also refers to Himself as 'the bright and morning star.' How very apt a title. The 'morning star' is at its brightest just before the dawn which it heralds. Thus our Lord represents Himself in this, the very last description of Himself given to us, as the One Who heralds the dawn of the New heavens and the New earth, with all that portends for the countless ages which will follow.

We are now left with but three final injunctions.

Firstly, in verse 7, we read;

"Blessed is he that keepeth the sayings of the prophecy of this book."

The apostle John was so totally staggered by the revelation which he had been given that he instinctively fell at the feet of the angel who had spoken to him. Yet at his point of time, he could only look forward in faith to what was to occur. Today, nearly 2,000 years later, when virtually everything that John was told has now happened, and become a matter of verifiable history, and when God's Works have given the proof of this faith, are people staggered and amazed at the faithfulness of Almighty God which has evidenced itself in front of their very eyes? No!

They are not. What is worse, they just don't care. They couldn't be less interested. They have no hope because they have no vision. And to compound the situation, there are men who call themselves ministers of God who deliberately discourage their flock from having anything to do with the study of this book. I know, because I have personally had experiences of them. The injunction of the Lord is quite clear. If you keep, or observe attentively, the words of the prophecy of this book, **then you will be blessed**. Why should the Lord make such a promise of blessing if He didn't intent for you to understand the very means by which you would receive the blessing. In fact, HOW would we receive the blessing if we didn't understand?

The second injunction is contained in verses 10-11;

"And he saith unto me, Seal not the sayings of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand.

He that is unjust, let him be unjust still: and he which is filthy, let him be filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him be righteous still: and he that is holy, let him be holy still."

You will remember that when the prophet Daniel received his revelation regarding the end times, he was instructed to seal up the word spoken to him because the time of its revealing was still some time in the future. But now the situation is reversed. Now the time for understanding has arrived. John is told NOT to seal up what he has been told, because the time for the fulfilment of God's plan was now at hand. In other words, beginning at the time when John received the revelation from our Lord, the plans and purposes of God regarding His people were now to swing into full operation. And how and why was this? Why did these events have to await a certain time? Simply because the nation to whom, and of whom the prophecies were made had first to be redeemed. The curse of the law which had separated them from their God, Jehovah, had to be lifted. Israel had to be re-covenanted with God. As soon as our Lord Jesus Christ paid the supreme

and ultimate price on Calvary, that curse was lifted. The promises of God in relationship to His people could now proceed without any further fear of failure. Jehovah-Jesus was now in full control. Satan had for ever been defeated, and although he could, and certainly did, make life as miserable as possible for this redeemed people, he had now lost the ultimate battle, and he knows it.

From this time onward, the Lord was not to fool around any longer with those who deliberately chose to be wicked. The outstretched hand of forgiveness was, and still is, there, for those who wish to reach out and accept it. But those who choose to continue in wickedness and deliberate ignorance and rejection will remain in their filthy condition. On the other hand, those who accepted the righteousness of God in Christ, because of their acceptance of the absolute faithfulness of God, would remain in their righteousness. Only those who deliberately chose to be separate would remain separate.

The third injunction contains a further blessing as stated in verses 14-15;

*"Blessed are they that do his commandments,
that they may have right to the tree of life,
and may enter in through the gates into the
city.*

*For without are dogs, and sorcerers, and
whoremongers, and murderers, and idolaters,
and whosoever loveth and maketh a lie."*

Surely the Lord could not have made the situation any clearer. The ones, in fact the ONLY ones, who have continual access to the 'Tree of Life' are those who keep His commandments. These blessed people have free access at all times to the Great City, the New Jerusalem. They become an integral part of this Kingdom in all its aspects. But there are notable exclusions. First of all there are the dogs. They are not allowed in. And if you think that the Lord is talking here about your pet poodle, then forget it. The word 'dogs' as used in this and other similar contexts throughout the Bible referred firstly to those who

practiced other religions as their culture. But secondly it referred specifically to Sodomites whose repulsive acts imitated the sexual habits of the dog. Then there are the sorcerers. They are not allowed in. This particular word refers specifically to those who deal in drugs and spells. It has no reference to your local friendly chemist. The ones referred to here are those who are destroying our people with the spell inducing drugs that are saturating and decimating our people. The next group who are banned are the whoremongers. Whilst this word is usually associated with prostitution, its literal reference is to sodomites and catamites, a catamite being a sodomite's darling or favourite dependant. (Oxford Dictionary). Now that more and more churches are ordaining these abominations into the so-called ministry, it is obvious that the Book of the Revelation will not be part of their religious curriculum. Following this we have the murderers. They will not be allowed in. I am absolutely certain that this does not only pertain to those who openly kill people. As much as society these days will not like to accept it, this refers to any form of deliberate killing of human beings, starting within the womb. As I write this chapter, (September 1992), one of the largest church denomination in Australia has just passed a law which allows and recognises the right of women to have abortion on demand. This is MURDER. There is no other word for it. Those who practice it, and particularly those who countenance it under the guise of Christianity are, on the authority of God's Word, to be excluded from His Kingdom. If ever we needed to obey God's injunction *"to come out from among them and be separate, and to touch not the unclean thing,"* it is right now. Then there are the idolaters. They will not get in. Let us remember that idolatry comes in many guises. It doesn't have to be an idol on our mantle-piece. It is anything that we place before God, and of more importance than God in our lives. And finally there are those who are liars or deceivers. This doesn't refer to anyone who has ever told a lie, otherwise nobody would be in the Kingdom. God is here referring to those who deliberately set out to deceive the people, and by their deception, destroy them. The Lord has told us that His people are destroyed for lack of knowledge. And this has arisen because those

who have had the responsibility of teaching God's people have in fact deceived them with the doctrines and traditions of men. Such teachers, and there are many of them today, are going to pay a dreadful price for their perfidy.

This is especially evident when we apply it to the teaching of the Book of the Revelation. The penalty for misrepresentation is horrific to say the least. The responsibility of teaching the words of this book should lie heavy upon the hearts of all who attempt it. To add to what God has said will automatically bring the wrath of God in the form of the plagues enumerated therein. But worse than this, if any should take away from what our Lord has revealed, that is, if anyone wrongly presents its teachings, and thereby takes from those whom they teach the full meaning and instruction contained therein, the penalty is beyond contemplation. Such a one will have his name removed from the book, or tree, of life, and he will not be given access to the Holy City wherein dwells the very presence and glory of God.

The invitation is still there for all who would heed it. Those who thirst after righteousness are invited to Come. Those who are eager for enlightenment and understanding are invited to Come. Whosoever would avail themselves of the grace and mercy of God are still invited to take of the water of life. It is till free. But time is fast running out. The offer is soon to close when all those who have not accepted this inestimable free gift of life through the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ will find the door shut.

The promise of our Great God and Saviour is ever present.

"Surely I come quickly."

The night is now far spent. The cry is even now going forth,

***"Behold the Bridegroom cometh.
Go ye out to meet Him."***

The end of the age is now upon us when,

*"The kingdoms of this world are now to become the Kingdom of our Lord,
and of His anointed,
and He shall reign for ever and ever."*

"Even so, Come Lord Jesus!"

"And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne, and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands.; saying with a loud voice;

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.

And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying,

Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever,"



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

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and He shall give thee the desires of thine heart.
Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him;
and He shall bring it to pass.
And He shall bring forth thy righteousness
as the light,
and thy judgment as the noonday."

Psalm 37:4-6.

"The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous,
and His ears are open unto their cry.
The righteous cry, and the LORD heareth,
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
The LORD is nigh unto them that are
of a broken heart;
and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit."

Psalm 34:15,17-18.

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