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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.

Current events, both nationally and internationally, are deteriorating at such a rapid pace that it would be helpful, I suggest, if we took an overall look at the scene in an effort to try to understand the underlying reasons for what is transpiring. That there is a conspiracy of some sort being perpetrated throughout the world there can be no longer any doubt. Only the most naive can look at what is happening around them and brush it all off as coincidence. Those who look to the Word of God have been warning for some time that the words of the prophets, and indeed of our Lord Jesus Christ Himself concerning the last days are now being fulfilled before our eyes. In our own pages we have warned consistently of the importance of this year of 1993 as being one of great significance in world events leading up to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. Events which have already transpired in the first half of this year have not altered our opinion as to this conclusion, and we expect that things are going to continue to rapidly deteriorate. But recognising that the problem exists does not necessarily give us understanding as to why the problem arose in the first place. Perhaps a reading of Psalm 83 will give us a clearer insight as to why we are in our present parlous position.

"Keep not thou silence O God. Hold not Thy peace, and be not still O God. For lo, Thine enemies make a tumult, and they that hate Thee have lifted up the head. They have taken crafty counsel together against Thy people, and consulted against Thy hidden ones. They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have consulted together with one consent. They are confederate against Thee."

It is no coincidence that the very first people named as being party to this conspiracy against God's people, as mentioned in verse 6, are the descendants of Edom, found today in Zionist Jewry, a fact that they themselves acknowledge.

The phrase 'hidden ones' means 'covered or protected ones,' and is a clear reference to God's true Israel people. The phrase 'let us cut them off' is of very special significance. It means 'to make desolate by secret words or acts.' The phrase 'no more in remembrance' means 'so as not to be recognised.' Thus we find that the stated plan of the descendants of Edom, found in modern Zionist Jewry, is to

make desolate God's protected people by means of hidden or secret words and deeds in order to make them unrecognisable. Their final aim, as stated in verse 12, is '*to take to themselves the houses of God in possession.*'

Today, we are living at the very time when this confederate action is at its peak. The deliberate destruction of every Christian principle within our nation is a part of this plan. The anti-monarchy movement, the change-the-flag movement, the United Nations treaties being introduced through our 'back door', are all part of the plan.

Without a knowledge and understanding of this basic fact, people will never understand the problem, let alone the cure. And unless we understand and accept the fact that we, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic nations of the world are the literal descendants of the people of Israel, the very people who have been targeted by God's enemies for destruction, then confusion will reign supreme. We might well ask ourselves that if we are not God's Israel people, then why are God's enemies attacking us in the way that they are as if we were those same people?

But there is no reason for despair. Psalm 2 both asks the question, and gives us the answer as to final victory over these enemies.

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against His anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.

He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh. The Lord shall have them in derision.

As Christians know, our faith is one of victory, expressed in terms of laughter and happiness in the Lord. But when the Lord laughs in derision at His enemies, I can assure you that it will be no cause for merriment as far as they are concerned. I don't know about you, but I'm surely awaiting with eagerness the day when that cry of laughter rings through the camp of the enemy, and they finally recognise their defeat at the hands of the Lord God of Israel. The words of our Lord, as expressed in Revelation 3:9 never seemed so sweet.

"Behold, I will make them of the synagogue of Satan, which say they are Jews, and are not, but do lie; behold, I will make them to come and worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee." □

THE JEHOVAH TITLES.

No. 4.

JEHOVAH - MEKADDISHKEM.

The Lord That Sanctifies Thee.

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We come now to the fourth of the Jehovah Titles, that of Jehovah Mekaddishkem, meaning, "The Lord That Sanctifies Thee."

But because of the fact that these articles are written two months apart, let us firstly be reminded of the three major principles to be adhered to in these studies.

1. Jehovah, of whom we read and speak, is no other than our Lord Jesus Christ. In most reliable Bibles, such as the Authorised King James Version, the New American Standard Bible, and Smith and Goodspeed, the Hebrew word rendered into English appears in capital letters thus, LORD. It is interesting to note that Dr. Young, the author of Young's Concordance, in his translation of the Bible, uses the actual word 'Jehovah' on each occasion.
2. The initial application and usage of this title was to, and through, the nation of Israel as God's Kingdom on earth. Whilst each revelation was given by God through a chosen individual, it was NOT intended to apply simply to indiscriminate individuals. All of Jehovah's attributes which were to be revealed and exercised through His Kingdom were revealed in the Old Testament, whilst the New Testament constitutes the teachings on how individual people can become acceptable citizens and rulers of this Kingdom, thereby sharing in these tremendous attributes of Jehovah, their King.

3. To fully comprehend the meaning and application of any subject in the Bible, we must adhere to "**The Law of First Mention**". This will give us the context in which the statement is made, and will reveal the initial meaning and intent of what God is saying.

This title is first mentioned in Exodus 31:13, but we will quote verses 12 to 18 in order to give the complete context in which it is used.

*"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying,
Speak thou also unto the children of Israel,
saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for
it is a sign between me and you throughout
your generations; that ye may know that I
am the LORD that doth sanctify you."*

*Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is
holy unto you: every one that defileth it shall
surely be put to death: for whosoever doeth
any work therein, that soul shall be cut off
from among his people.*

*Six days may work be done; but in the sev-
enth is the sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD:
whosoever doeth any work in the sabbath
day, he shall surely be put to death.*

*Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep
the sabbath, to observe the sabbath through-
out their generations, for a perpetual
covenant.*

*It is a sign between me and the children of
Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD
made heaven and earth, and on the seventh
day he rested, and was refreshed.*

The subsequent references to this title are found in the following passages.

*"And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them:
I am the LORD which sanctify you."*
(Lev. 20:8).

"Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, am holy."

(Lev. 21:8).

"Neither shall ye profane My holy name; but I will be hallowed (or sanctified) among the children of Israel: I am the LORD which hallow (or sanctify) you."

(Lev. 22:32).

"And I gave them my statutes, and shewed them my judgments, which if a man do, he shall even live in them.

Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am the LORD that sanctify them."

(Ezek. 20:11-12).

The word 'sanctify' means 'to set apart for a special purpose, - Holy, - Separated.' This separation is not just something religious. It is far more than just calling ourselves Christians. It means adopting an entire lifestyle that is separated to the Lord in every way; religiously, materially, financially, and politically.

In order for the Lord to function in His capacity as 'The Lord that sanctifies us', I suggest that it is essential that we obey Him in the following areas.

1. THE KEEPING OF THE SABBATHS.

a). The above references reveal that sanctification is dependant on obedience to God's Laws. But in applying the law of first reference, we find that sanctification is more specifically associated with keeping the law of "the Lord's sabbaths". Let us read again the 13th verse.

"Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Verily my sabbaths ye shall keep: for

it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am the LORD that doth sanctify you."

Please note that the word used is plural, 'sabbaths,' not a singular 'sabbath'. In other words, we are not just referring to the seventh day sabbath, but to all of the sabbaths of the Lord. In Leviticus 23:1-4 we read;

"And the LORD spake unto Moses saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, Concerning the feasts of the LORD, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my feasts. Six days shall work be done. But the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, an holy convolution; ye shall do no work therein; it is the sabbath of the LORD in all your dwellings. These are the feasts of the LORD, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their seasons."

Moses then proceeds to specify the remainder of the feasts of the LORD which are to be kept in their seasons. It will be noted that the seventh-day sabbath was the first of a series of feasts, all of which contained special days called sabbaths, and all of which it was compulsory for Israel to keep throughout their generations and in all places where they dwelt. In the Hebrew, the word 'sabbath' means 'an intermission'. (Strong's #7676). In the Greek it means 'a day of weekly repose from secular avocation'. (Strong's #4521). It is also used of any other day of rest which the Lord has set down, sometimes involving several consecutive days. It applies to the seven day cycle, the seven year cycle, and the 49 (7 x 7) year cycle when the entire year following, or the Jubilee Year, is referred to as a sabbath.

b). Furthermore, the keeping of all the Lord's sabbaths is a specific sign or covenant between God and His people, and was intended by God to be such throughout all their generations. It is clearly stated that obedience to

this command is of such importance that it will lead to the recognition of the fact that it is our Lord Jesus Christ, Jehovah, who is the One who sanctifies us, and no other.

c). The fourth commandment is just that. It is a commandment, not an option. We read;

"Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy."
(Exodus 20:8).

"Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee."
(Deut. 5:12).

I am completely convinced that our present national condition is the direct result of our national disobedience to this covenant.

d). This sabbath principle also extends to the land. We read in Exodus 23:9-13;

*"Also thou shalt not oppress a stranger: for ye know the heart of a stranger, seeing ye were strangers in the land of Egypt.
And six years thou shalt sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits thereof:
But the seventh year thou shalt let it rest and lie still; that the poor of thy people may eat: and what they leave the beasts of the field shall eat. In like manner thou shalt deal with thy vineyard, and with thy oliveyard.
Six days thou shalt do thy work, and on the seventh day thou shalt rest: that thine ox and thine ass may rest, and the son of thy handmaid, and the stranger, may be refreshed.
And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth."*

e). The sabbath is to be consecrated to God. The word of the Lord, as expressed in Isa 58:13-14 cannot

leave us in any doubt as to the importance that God places on our obedience to His sabbaths.

"If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the LORD, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:

Then shalt thou delight thyself in the LORD; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the LORD hath spoken it."

I mean no offence when I say that if people spent as much time and energy obeying the above commandment as they do on arguing what day it should be held on, we all, both as individuals and as a nation, would be far better off. I'm sorry to have to say that all too many people seem to worship the day itself, rather than the reason for which it was originally given to us.

f). In Leviticus 19:1-3 we read further injunctions associated with the keeping of the sabbath.

"And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy: for I the LORD your God am holy. Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father, and keep my sabbaths: I am the LORD your God."

The word 'holy' simply means 'to be separate'. God requires us to be 'holy' - 'separate' - even as He is 'holy' - 'separate'. It is a matter of history that one of the great signs, or features, of the western Christian world has been the national observance of a day of rest every seventh day. The fact that this observance is now defiled and ignored today, even by many Christians, does not alter the fact that it has separated us from every other religion

in the world. And this is exactly what God originally intended. We were to be holy, or separate, from everyone else, because this separateness was designated by God to be the sign of the covenant that He had made between Himself and us.

g). Finally, we are commanded to reverence His sanctuary, as we read in Lev. 19:30;

"Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am the LORD."

In Psalm 114:1-2 we read this statement;

"When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language, Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion."

Thus we see that 'the sanctuary' which we must reverence is identified with Judah. This is the tribe from which came our Lord Jesus Christ. He was, and still is, the King. The Divine appointment of the House of Judah was to provide the King, whilst that of the House of Israel was to provide the dominion, or territory, over which the King would reign. But this King was not only the Chief Governor or ruler. In Him was vested the entire sacrificial law, or 'law of commandments contained in ordinances', (see Ephes. 2:15 and Col. 2:14), which was necessary for the forgiveness of sins, both of the individual people, and of the nation. In fact, He eventually **became** sin for us so that we might be reconciled to God. God requires us to reverence, or stand in awe of this fact.

From the above we conclude that the sanctification of the sabbath is the very first step in our own sanctification!

Both as individuals, and as a nation, it is absolutely imperative that we recognise and accept this covenant relationship between Jehovah/Jesus, our specific God, and ourselves as His specific people Israel!

2. NATIONAL SANCTIFICATION.

a). The sanctification of the firstborn is one of national importance and significance. We read in Exodus 13:2;

"Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine."

At first sight, this command may be taken as just a personal requirement, but it is not. God intended that this requirement apply as a national law. It was a personal decision of the parents. It was a personal decision of God. The firstborn represented the firstfruits which were always dedicated to God, and always represented those by and through whom He would reign on this earth over His Kingdom. They represented the rulers, as distinct from the citizens, of the Kingdom. This pattern is clearly set forth in Exodus 4:22 where we read;

"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the LORD, Israel is my son, even my firstborn:"

It is because of this very special relationship of Israel to Jehovah as His firstborn son that they inherited the awesome responsibility of becoming His servant nation here on earth, and the very foundation and nucleus of the Kingdom of God on earth. They were, as a nation, appointed to be the witness to the fact that God is indeed God. We have relinquished this responsibility at a dreadful price.

b). The tabernacle and altar are to be sanctified. In Exodus 29:42-46 we read;

"This shall be a continual burnt offering throughout your generations at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the LORD: where I will meet you, to speak there unto thee.

And there I will meet with the children of Israel, and the tabernacle shall be sanctified by my glory.

And I will sanctify the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: I will sanctify also both Aaron and his sons, to minister to me in the priest's office.

And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will be their God.

And they shall know that I am the LORD their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I may dwell among them: I am the LORD their God."

It is of the greatest national importance that we obey the Lord's command to keep our 'tabernacle' and 'altar and sacrifice' holy, or separate. There is absolutely no allowance made by God for us to compromise our faith, nor to allow the practice of any other religious belief within our borders. The downfall of Israel, throughout its entire history, has been the result of the violation of this command. The most dreaded influence towards this violation is what is now called 'multiculturalism.' The very purpose behind its implementation has been to destroy the religious purity of the western Christian nations, and through this, the eventual destruction of the Christian Faith altogether. Whilst we no longer sacrifice the burnt offerings as our forefathers did, we now have the everlasting and continuous offering of our Lord Jesus Christ which is of far greater importance and efficacy. It is only when we keep this sacrifice separate and holy that the promise of Jehovah to dwell within our midst will become operative. In fact it is quite impossible for God to dwell within our nation whilst we compromise its religious faith with every heathen religion known to man, and every crackpot belief imaginable. The Lord has categorically stated that He will not give His glory to another. We will never know the presence of God in our midst whilst we disobey this fundamental command. And any minister or religious leader who tries to tell us otherwise is nothing but a false prophet. God's presence within our nation does not depend on the number of churches we have, or how big and

beautiful they are, or how many members they have. It doesn't depend on great church plans to save the nation, which will not be such good news for so many of our present-day parsons. It will depend entirely on our national obedience to God's requirements. We MUST keep the name, the sacrifice, and the worship of Jehovah separate from every other religious belief. The entire nation of Israel was originally sanctified, or separated to God, by the action of the offering by Abraham of his son Isaac on the altar. Anything that is offered upon the altar becomes sanctified to God. And just as Abraham's seed were to be called, or named, in Isaac, that is, the 'sons of Isaac', so were they for all time and eternity consecrated to the Lord Jehovah as a chosen vessel unto Him. The failure of the Christian church and its leaders to recognise that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people of the world are the descendants of these people, and their paranoid persistence in applying Israel's identity to the present-day Jews or the church, has totally confused, if not destroyed the faith of millions of good Israelite people who I'm absolutely convinced would have readily turned to God if they had only known just who they really were. I believe that their rejection has not been so much a rejection of God, as it has been the rejection of the concept of God and Christianity as portrayed by the churches and its leaders.

c). **The priests and the ministers must be sanctified.** In Exodus 40:12-16 we read;

"And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with water.

And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments, and anoint him, and sanctify him; that he may minister unto me in the priest's office.

And thou shalt bring his sons, and clothe them with coats:

And thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest's office: for their

anointing shall surely be an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations.

Thus did Moses: according to all that the Lord commanded him, so did he."

There are far too many people today who appoint themselves, or are inappropriately appointed by others, as priests and ministers of God. Many of them today assume the office of a minister merely as a vocation on a par with other professional people such as doctors and lawyers. Others, because they have no qualifications for secular work and can't find employment, take on the position of a minister in order to earn a living out of what their congregation contributes. Yet others think that becoming a minister gives them rights and privileges above others in order to break God's Laws at their own convenience, and all too often, to the destruction of the people to whom they minister. Still others become so infatuated with their own self-assessed knowledge and abilities that they aspire to leading positions within the church despite the fact that they know absolutely nothing of the Word of God.

But God's requirement is that they must be appointed, and anointed, by God, as symbolised by the very special garments which were to be placed upon them. Even our Lord Jesus Christ did not assume this role indiscriminately. A reading of Luke 1:5 and 35 shows that He was a direct descendant of Aaron, and thus had a perfect and legal right to His position of High Priest.

d). **And finally, Israel herself has to be sanctified.** Israel is a 'set apart' nation, whether we like to accept it or not. The following readings give us the reasons why we must accept and practice this principle of being separate.

"Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine:

And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the

words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel."

(Exodus 19:5-5).

"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:

But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt."

(Deut. 7:6-8).

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."

(I Peter 2:9).

3. PERSONAL SANCTIFICATION.

It is of the utmost importance that we realise that national sanctification is not enough. There are those who think that because we are born Israelites of natural generation, that there is no need for anything further. But this is totally wrong. Each individual needs to exercise strict separation from every form of evil, and from everything that would compromise our standing and association with our King, the Lord Jesus Christ. When all is said and done, the nation is comprised of the individual citizens within it. It is made up of the people. Whilst the national laws give us our direction, their mere existence does not

achieve anything in itself. They have to be obeyed in order that their blessing and benefit may come into operation. And it is the individual people who must do the obeying. The nation can only be as righteous as the collective citizens of which it is comprised. So how does the individual become, or remain, sanctified or separate unto God? I would suggest that this is achieved through adherence to the following rules.

a). We are Sanctified Through Truth. John 17:17 tells us;

"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth."

Now there are a few things about 'truth' that we need to remember. The word 'true' and the word 'truth' are not necessarily the same. A statement can be true in its own right, but can be interpreted or used as un-truth if not used in its right context, or only partially quoted. I've lost count of the number of alleged Bible teachers whom I have heard or read quoting passages from the Bible to support their pet theories, but which, on further examination have proved to have been taken entirely out of their context. The classic example in my own experience was the minister who upbraided me when I admitted that I believed everything that the Bible said, on the grounds that I must then believe that there was no God. According to him the Bible said so. And of course, he was correct. There is a phrase that says that there is no God, but it is only half the sentence. The full statement reads, *"The fool hath said in his heart, there is no God."* Yet, as unbelievable as this might sound, an ordained minister used this method to condemn me, and even went as far as to tell me that he wouldn't even have communion with me. Truth doesn't come just from the mouth of a minister, nor just from the point of a pen. It comes ONLY from the Word of God, and we receive it ONLY as we allow the Holy Spirit to lead us. We are not sanctified, or set apart, by doctrine, or personal ideas of what we want to believe, nor by the sincerity in which we may hold these beliefs. We are sanctified only by TRUTH.

b). We are sanctified by faith. We read in Acts 26:18;

*"To open their eyes, and to turn them from darkness to light, and from the power of Satan unto God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins, and inheritance among them which are **sanctified by faith** that is in me."*

We are not sanctified by knowledge. We are not sanctified by good works. We are not sanctified by all our good intentions. We are sanctified through truth **by FAITH**. Faith is the evidence of things not seen. It is believing in what God has promised without having literally seen it. It is believing completely in the integrity and faithfulness of God. It is this kind of faith that opens our eyes; which turns us from darkness into light; which delivers us from the power of Satan; and which gives us the assurance of the forgiveness of sins and the hope of our inheritance in Christ. FAITH is an essential part of being sanctified.

c). We are sanctified in Christ. In I Cor. 1:30 we read;

*"But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and **sanctification, and redemption:**"*

We are not sanctified in our church; we are not sanctified in our family; we are not sanctified in our compromise with other religions; we are sanctified only **in Christ Jesus.**

It is only as we dwell in Him that we can remain set apart or sanctified. Thus the process continues. We are sanctified **through TRUTH, by FAITH, and in CHRIST.**

But there are conditions to our sanctification. It is no use knowing how sanctification comes about unless we meet the conditions that are necessary for it to happen. I suggest that there are four major requirements to which we as individuals must strive in order to qualify for what our Lord Jesus Christ requires for sanctification. They are;

1. We must be without blame or blemish. We read in Eph. 1:3-4, and 5:25-27;

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:

*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, **that we should be holy and without blame** before him in love."*

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;

That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,

*That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but **that it should be holy and without blemish."***

As members of the body of Christ, we are to be without shame or disgrace of any kind. This may, to some, seem a very difficult thing to achieve. But it is not as difficult as it may at first appear. If we are covered, and forgiven by our acceptance of the sacrifice that our Lord Jesus Christ made for us, then we are without blame. Too many Christians either do not, or simply will not, believe this simple truth. They seem to live in constant misery of what they have been and done in the past. And because of this, they haven't got a chance of removing any present blemishes in their lives. As has been already stated, sanctification means separation. If we wish to experience the full separation that God offers us, then we must separate ourselves from our past. It just doesn't work any other way.

2. We must abstain from all uncleanness. In I Thess. 4:3-7 the apostle Paul puts it right on the line.

"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication:

That every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour;

Not in the lust of concupiscence, (the inward passion of mental desire), even as the Gentiles which know not God:

That no man go beyond and defraud his brother in any matter: because that the Lord is the avenger of all such, as we also have forewarned you and testified.

For God hath not called us unto uncleanness, but unto holiness."

3. Be an Honourable Vessel. As we read in II Timothy 2:20-21;

"But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour.

If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work."

We are given the freewill to be a dis-honourable vessel, or of being an honourable vessel. The Lord will never force us in making our own decision about this. He is not interested in manufacturing robots. The Lord will only change us if we are willing for Him to do so. And for that to happen, we must cut ourselves off from every semblance of worldly desire. We must prepare ourselves for every good work for which the Lord would use us, and thus become fit for His service.

4. And finally, we must BE SEPARATE! The requirements of II Cor. 6:14-18 were never more needed than they are today.

"Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?"

And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel?

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.

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

And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty."

This is not only an injunction for the individual, but for the entire nation. It is one thing for us as individuals to seek after righteousness and holiness, but this can only be of limited effect if the entire nation is not dedicated to the same cause. Righteousness exalts a nation, not just the individual. What we need today, and in very large doses, is national separation from all that is evil, and from that which separates us from our Great God and Saviour, our Lord Jesus Christ. Our continuous flirtation with all the other religions and cultures of the world are having a devastating effect upon our Christian Heritage which, if continued, can only lead to absolute ruin, not only for ourselves as a nation, but for the whole Christian Faith and the whole cause of Christ.

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"Strange", I said, "I have never heard of the English having any white-uniformed cavalry, whether Colonial or not. They have all been fighting on foot for several years past, and anyway they are in khaki, not white."

"Well, they are plain enough", he replied. "See, our guns have got their range now; they will be blown to pieces in no time."

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"Their one desire was to get away from that advancing White Cavalry; above all from their awe-inspiring leader whose hair shone like a golden aureole.

"That is all I have to tell you. We are beaten. The German Army is broken. There may be fighting, but we

have lost the war; we are beaten--by the White Cavalry ... I cannot understand ... I cannot understand."

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The Second Advent.

PART 4.

by Frank W. Dowsett.

In our previous study we established what I feel is a reasonable overview of the 'time-frames' applicable to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, culminating in the very days in which we are now living. So we will now proceed to look at the two major aspects of the signs of the times, namely the signs evidenced in the behaviour and conditions applicable to people, and then, the signs evidenced in the behaviour and condition of the nation.

THE PERSONAL SIGNS.

1. There will be Perilous Times.

"This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come.

For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy,

Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good,

Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God;

Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.

For of this sort are they which creep into houses, and lead captive silly women laden with sins, led away with divers lusts,

Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Now as Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men

of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith.

But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also was."

(II Timothy 3:1-9).

The word 'perilous' means, 'heavy, difficult, hard to bear; connected with toil and suffering; dangerous.' And that just about says it all. There has probably never been such a time in the history of the world, or at least our nation, when conditions around about us were so hard to bear for those who love the Lord. The selfishness and arrogance of our present generation is almost unbelievable. Covetousness, in the form of gambling, - which is merely a means whereby people can obtain the same, if not better, than others have, - has now become a disease. More than that, it has become a god, worshipped by the great majority of the population, including many Christians. It is now promoted and encouraged by all levels of government as a very lucrative means of raising revenue. In view of the organised crime which is associated with this gambling trade, I wonder if anyone has ever worked out the cost to the community in crime and law enforcement arising out of the gambling business, and compared it with the income the government derives out of it. It would not surprise me one little bit if the costs far outweighed the so-called benefits or financial returns. The gambling industry brings no benefit to our country, either morally or financially. It just feeds God's enemies, and destroys the lives of God's people as well as the social fibre of the nation. It promotes sheer covetousness. It is a vital sign of the end days.

The increase in blasphemy is legend. One can scarcely watch a T.V. programme these days without being pounded by this offensiveness. And when we realise just who completely owns and controls the media these days, it shouldn't surprise us that the name of our Lord Jesus Christ is blasphemed at every opportunity. Incidentally, the word 'blaspheme' means 'to drop evil or profane words, to revile, especially of God or divine things'.

Then we have the ever increasing problem of relationships between children and parents, where disobedience seems to be a badge of honour necessary to impress our peers. Children are now even divorcing their parents. The family unit is now almost a farce, thanks again to God's enemy in our midst who has introduced every law imaginable to favour the child and disadvantage the family unit and parental control and discipline.

People today are becoming increasingly unthankful for what they receive, considering that the world owes them whatever they desire. Natural affection has become reduced to the point of perversion. A man's word is no longer his bond. Promiscuity and lewdness is now the norm, and the media feed on this evil, and indeed continue to feed the evil in the name of 'necessary education'. And as for despising those that are good, just note how many wackoes get air time on the T.V. in comparison with that granted to those trying to improve our nation. Anyone who tries to do good, or actually makes good, automatically becomes the target of every self-appointed expert imaginable.

Pleasure has now become our God. I love to watch a good game of sport as well as the next person, but today, the pursuit of pleasure, and its elevation to the chief aim of all endeavour is destroying the will-power and initiative of the people to the extent that they now cannot see past the next sports-day. Let us not overlook the fact that this is one of the recorded reasons for the decline and fall of the Roman Empire. There is nothing new under the sun. Sport and pleasure are our new gods, and the God of our fathers languishes in the distant background for the old fogies and religious nuts to take care of. All too many of those who profess to believe in God and call themselves Christians are so insipid or wrapped up in their own euphoria that they have never realised, let alone experienced, the mighty power available to them if only they would take hold of it.

From such as these, we are specifically warned to **TURN ONE'S SELF AWAY!** We are not told to walk

beside them, or try to reason with them, or compromise with them. We are specifically told to keep ourselves separate from them. God's Word tells us to be holy, or separate, even as He is holy or separate. It is because of our disobedience to this command that so many Christians spend most of their lives studying every conceivable opinion and philosophy and line of thought and theological idea that comes along, and never ever finally come to the knowledge of the simple truths of God and His Word. They want the Word of God to be hard to understand and complicated so that they may obtain more status in the eyes of their fellow man because they have some academic or theological qualification supposedly proving that they have mastered all these sanctimonious difficulties. Thus they become nothing more than educated fools. And believe me, they're the worst type.

Just as Pharoah's magicians, Jannes and Jambres, duplicated the miracles which God performed through Moses, so the modern-day prophets duplicate and pervert the promises and Word of God to the destruction and disillusionment of the people. We are being duped all along the line by false prophets and false teachers who promise the people everything that they want to hear and acquire. People will flock by the hundreds, if not thousands, to see and hear so-called 'miracle workers', whether they be political or theological, and they have been completely taken in by the so-called wonders which are described and promised to them by these all-too-often charlatans who have no thought beyond their own power and importance. They are in for a terrible shock, for God's Word goes on to tell us that their folly is going to finally catch up with them as the people wake up to what has been happening.

2. Sound Doctrine will not endure.

"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but after their own lusts shall they heap to themselves teachers, having itching ears;

And they shall turn away their ears from the truth, and shall be turned unto fables."

(II Timothy 4:3-4)

If there is one thing that marks our present day, it is the amount of false, or un-sound, doctrine that is being taught. Truly did the prophet Amos write;

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD."

(Amos 8:11).

The doctrines that are being promulgated today by so-called Christian leaders is nothing short of frightening. Some of these doctrines are more anti-Christian than those openly espoused and taught by God's mortal enemies. So much so, in fact, that one can't help but wonder if the people who are spreading these false doctrines from our pulpits are in reality members of the enemy camp who have deliberately infiltrated the church for the very purpose of destroying it. Never sell God's enemy short. They know, and use, every trick in the book. And they have a very large book. And what they teach is so plausible, and so inviting, and so lacking in any form of condemnation, that it is just what people want to hear. They have 'itching ears' for palliatives that will excuse anything and everything that they want to believe and do. They don't want to hear hard things. All they want to hear are smoo-ooth things. So an obliging clergy gives them just what they want, and in return a satisfied congregation gives the clergy everything that they want. Both sides are perfectly happy, so just don't rock the boat. After all, happiness and satisfaction are supposed to be the hallmarks of the Christian faith, aren't they?

But for those who really wish to follow Christ, and remain faithful to His Word; for those who wish above all else to be faithful servants and watchmen; for those who wish only for the Lord to be glorified, the injunction is quite specific.

"Preach the word; be instant in season, and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."

"But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

(II Timothy 4:2 and 5).

Perhaps the rendering of verse 2 above as given in the New English Bible will press the point home;

"Proclaim the message, press it home on all occasions, convenient or inconvenient, use argument, reproof, and appeal, with all the patience that the work of teaching requires."

Perhaps we should take heart from Peter's advice;

"Seeing that the Lord saved Lot, the righteous man in acute mental distress at the filthy lives of the godless - Lot, remember, was a good man, suffering spiritual agonies day after day at what he saw and heard of their lawlessness - then you may be absolutely certain that the Lord knows how to rescue good men surrounded by temptation, and how to reserve His punishment for the wicked until their day comes."

(II Peter 2:7-9, Phillips Translation).

3. There will be Scoffers.

In Peter's second epistle, the third chapter and verses 3 and 4 we read these words;

"There shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? For since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation."

It must be apparent, even to the most naive, that this is one of the hallmarks of present society. We are taught, ad nauseam, to 'do our own thing'; 'if it feels good then do it'; 'it's our own body, so we can do what we like with it'. And so it goes on. The fact that there is going to be a day of reckoning is totally ignored. But to associate this day of reckoning with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, well that is just too far fetched for any normal person to even contemplate. Our descent into every form of decadence and evil practice is so alarming that any true follower of our Lord can only observe in horror what is going on around them.

And as if it is not bad enough that non-Christians deride and scoff at any mention of the return of our Lord, even so-called ministers of the gospel are increasingly joining in the chorus of mockery. But don't for an instant think that this criticism applies only to those who oppose this truth openly. What about the thousands of ministers who never speak about it, let alone teach it to their flock? All too many Christians have little, if any, idea of this subject other than it being a Christian doctrine. But worse still, if you mention the subject, many will treat you as a leper, or even worse. They not only don't know, but they don't want to know, simply because it would upset their grandiose plans for the fulfilment of their own desires as to how they are going to serve and help the Lord.

Scoffing can be both active and passive. The simple fact is that if we are not actively engaged in promoting and teaching the wonderful truth of our Lord's return, and warning the people of its nearness, then like it or not, we are scoffers.

4. **Knowledge shall be increased.**

In Daniel 12:4 we read;

"But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end. Many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased."

This is what we might call one of the more obvious end-time signs given to us from God's Word. The increase in not only the incidence of travel, but its speed, would scare the daylights out of our forefathers if they could see it. And the increase in knowledge is undisputed.

But there is an aspect of both these conditions which goes far deeper than what most people realise. Running 'to and fro' not only refers to the increasing incidence and speed of travel, but is a significant description of the condition of the people in that they are running around in circles, not really knowing what way to go in the first place. They have been presented with so many options, that the Way of Life through our Lord Jesus Christ is lost to them. They are running around, following every wind of doctrine in order to find peace of mind, and they have become lost in a maze of confusion. And in this lost condition, they run in all directions, knowing instinctively that there must be an answer to our problems, but not knowing which way to turn in order to find it.

Our increase in knowledge also has a much deeper application and significance. The statement in II Timothy 3:7 which we quoted earlier is very applicable here;

"Ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Knowledge can apply to that which is not only good, but to that which is evil, and it is of this latter application that we should take special notice. In Genesis 6:5 we read a very significant statement;

"And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

The marginal translation of this verse reads;

"And God saw that the wickedness, (or lewdness and moral depravity), of man was great,

(or multiplied), in the earth, and that the whole imagination of the thoughts of his heart was for the continual purpose and desire of evil."

As Solomon once said, "*There is nothing new under the sun!*" Knowledge has certainly increased. But side by side with the knowledge of good things, there has grown the knowledge of every conceivable aspect of evil. One is reminded of the very first sin recorded in the Bible. We read in Genesis 2:16-17;

"And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat.

But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it. For in the day that thou eatest thereof, thou shalt surely die. (marg. 'dying thou shalt surely die')."

You see, God never intended for us to know anything about evil. His original intention was that we should only know of the things pertaining to life. Our forefather Adam broke this fundamental law, and suffered for it. We today are doing the very same thing, and in like manner, we are also suffering for it. But the trouble today is that we are delving into the knowledge of things that are evil much more than into the things that are good. And woe betide anyone who has the audacity of trying to educate people solely in good, or Godly, things. Today is the day of no discrimination. Knowledge is knowledge, irrespective of its moral impact on society, and the standard rule today is that people have a right to know about all these things. We are told ad nauseam that we then have a right to make up our own minds about what we accept. The fact that education in the things pertaining to evil far outweighs education relating to the things that are good is naturally never mentioned. So the thoughts and desires of people's hearts have become increasingly directed continually to evil.

This is a sure and certain sign of the end of the age. It requires no higher education to see it. It is all around us for everyone to see and recognise. The fact that the great majority of people ignore the warning makes no difference at all to the fact that God foresaw this condition; He warned us about it; and what is more to the point, He has promised to totally destroy this insidious evil that has destroyed His people by means of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, when He will reign with justice and in righteousness upon this earth.

5. There will be many false Christs & Prophets.

In Matthew 24:4-5 and 24-25 we read;

"And Jesus said unto them, Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many."

"For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; inasmuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect. Behold, I have told you (or warned you) beforehand,"

I have often asked people to whom I have been speaking, 'How many people have you heard of that claimed to be Christ?' The answer has always been the same. "Perhaps one or two". But God's Word tells us that there will be "**many**" who make this claim. So how do we explain this seeming contradiction?

The word "*Christ*" in the original Greek is "*Christos*". The literal meaning of this word is simply "anointed". It must be understood that this word is not always used of our Lord Jesus Christ. He is obviously the **anointed One**, that is, 'Jesus, the anointed of God.' But this is not always the intended application. For argument sake, look at the statement in Revelation 11:15 where it says;

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ."

The word 'Christ' as used here cannot possibly refer to Jesus Christ because the phrase would then read, ". . the kingdom of Jesus Christ (our Lord) and of His Jesus Christ", which doesn't make sense. But when we apply the original meaning of the Greek word used, we get ". . the kingdom of our Lord and of His anointed," the word 'anointed' applying to His 'anointed people', which gives sense to the passage, and brings it into line with the clear statements made in Daniel 7, verses 18, 22 and 27;

"But the saints of the Most High shall take the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever."

"Until the Ancient of Days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High; and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom."

"And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey Him."

With this in mind, the earnest students of God's Word might like to restudy the statement in I Cor 10:4 which refers to "the rock which was 'Christ'" (anointed), and to Galatians 3:16 which refers to "the one seed from Abraham which was 'Christ'" (anointed).

In the light of the above we can now understand just what our Lord was actually saying regarding this end-time sign. He was not referring to many people claiming to be Jesus Christ, but to the many who would come in His name **claiming to be anointed**. Now ask yourself the question, "How many people have you heard of who come along and say that they have an anointing from God, or

are anointed of God, with a 'thus saith the Lord', and 'the Lord has said or revealed to me', and have then gone on with the most arrant drivel that you have ever heard?" You know as well as I do that you hear them, and hear of them, every day. There are **MANY** of them, just as the Lord warned.

In these last days, to which they witness as a sign, their intention, whether consciously or unconsciously, is to deceive the very elect. And the degree of their success in doing just that can be measured by the number of people who have fallen for their false teachings. The great majority of Christians today are looking for 'pies in the skies'. They will accept the most outrageous explanations of what we will all be doing in 'heaven' after the Lord returns, from sitting on clouds for endless eternity waving palm leaves and singing Hallelujah, to sitting for millions of years in outsized stadiums five miles high and countless miles in diameter, all with telescopic vision and bionic hearing so that we can see and hear the Lord who is seated upon His throne miles away from us in the centre of the playing field. And don't laugh, because I've personally heard the messages and read the books. But try to tell them that this glorious Kingdom is to be set up down here on this earth and they don't want a bar of you.

This attitude arises simple because most Christians cannot face the reality of a personal and actual return of our Lord Jesus Christ, and find an escape from their unbelief by substituting these outrageous doctrines for the truth. We even have many sincere Christians who know the truth, yet still pay their ministers to occupy their pulpits and disseminate these evil and erroneous doctrines.

God's commandment was never more applicable than it is today. "Come out from among them, and be separate." Compromise with truth is 'lukewarmness', and you only have to read Revelation 3:15-16 to find out Christ's opinion of that.

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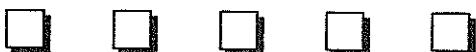
As we enter our ninth year of publication, we thought that it would be appropriate to inform our readers of our progress during the past year. That we have been richly blessed of God there can be no doubt, and we praise Him for His ever-present mercies and provision for us. We are firmly convinced that whilst we faithfully carry out the work that He has appointed to us, He will remain faithful to provide not only for our material needs, but for the health and physical strength to carry on. Early in June my specialist, who I see every three months, told me that I was so well that he didn't want to see me for another 4 months, and since then my G.P. told Betty and I that for a man who has been so ill over the last few years, he doesn't know how I have kept going so well. So we praise God for His constant care over us regarding our health. We also acknowledge the wonderful work of our faithful secretary Ruth, together with Allan and Mary in Coffs Harbour who do all the printing and distribution of *The Covenant Vision*, and the printing of all our own books. This has been a tremendous help to us, and we thank them sincerely in the Lord for their faithfulness. This thanks is also extended to others who, over the year, have so willingly stepped in to help in times of emergency.

Our normal activities are all progressing very well. Readership of *The Covenant Vision* is gradually increasing, as is our Tape Ministry. We are also about to commence a new ministry in Video Tapes which in the main will be of my own messages and which we feel will be quite acceptable to many of our readers. Our Fellowship meetings, whilst quite modest in numbers, are proving a real blessing to those who attend, and we often have visitors from interstate coming to worship with us.

In the last few months I have had the privilege of touring Victoria, Tasmania, and South Australia where I addressed 27 meetings. In May, I had three meetings at Moe in the Gippsland area of Victoria, followed by nine meetings in Tasmania, six at Burnie and three at Hobart.

Whilst in Hobart I was also invited to record a 20 minute interview over the Hobart Christian Radio station, which was an added bonus. My messages at the six meetings in Burnie were all Video Taped, and will now form the basis for our new Video Ministry. After a four week break at home, I went on my second tour, this time addressing another three meetings in Melbourne, Victoria, before proceeding to Adelaide where I addressed another 12 meetings, both in Adelaide itself, and the surrounding areas of South Australia. This involved travelling some 1,200 km. by car, and for five consecutive days speaking at two meetings each day, several of them two to three hour's journey apart. The love and fellowship that was extended to me on both these tours was something that I will never forget. To name all those who so lovingly looked after me and assisted me would take a full report in itself, but I know that the Lord will bless them all abundantly for the share that they played in the ministry which we were able to bring to all those people who attended the meetings. It is our sincere hope and prayer that these meetings will be the catalyst for the commencement of other meetings where our identity and responsibility as God's people can be proclaimed, so that the urgency of the days in which we live can be made known to so many who are seeking answers for what is really going on in the world today.

We do not anticipate that the days immediately ahead will get any easier for us, particularly with the new laws which are being proposed by governments owned and controlled by God's enemies. In fact, they could be fraught with danger, both spiritually and physically. But the one thing that we do know is that the Lord God of Israel, our Lord Jesus Christ, is still in control. Our days are indeed in His hands, and we ask you all for your constant prayers and continued support so that the work which the Lord has given to us will continue to be blessed to His glory.



COVENANT WATCH!

Courtesy "On Target"

Revelations of Auschwitz Survivor

When the League of Rights heard that the Melbourne David Irving meeting was to be cancelled, League officials took quick action to obtain a small hall to which known League of Rights supporters could be quietly directed. Some had come from country areas. Approximately 30 League of Rights supporters gathered to hear Advisory National Director, Eric Butler, report on what was happening. At question time there was a dramatic incident when an elderly lady made a statement concerning Auschwitz. She had been an inmate of Auschwitz, taken there as a young girl. She explained what happened to all those being brought in by train. Because of the deadly Typhoid problem, with hair covered in lice, all those arriving had their hair completely shaved off, their clothes taken from them, and given steam baths, after which they were provided with fresh clothing. They were then allocated to the various parts of the Auschwitz industrial complex where they were required to perform different kinds of work. There were no gas chambers and Jews were not treated any worse than others. Large numbers of non-Jews were used by the Germans to help provide labour for their industrial machine. At the conclusion of the woman's moving testimony to the truth, those present involuntarily gave her an ovation.

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Although he did not look too comfortable, Prime Minister Paul Keating accepted the traditional way of greeting Maoris while in New Zealand, rubbing noses with them, as does the Queen when she visits New Zealand. But the same Paul Keating refused to have his wife give the Queen the traditional curtsy when she visited Australia last, thus demonstrating his vulgar bad manners.

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You would be wise to copy this issue and send it out to as many people as you can: friends, customers or clients. It is a fateful message.

If the Western Powers militarily intervene in the Balkans the World crisis will gradually escalate and all the following may occur:

- (1) Russia will assist the Serbs.
- (2) Hungary will attack Serbia and Romania (with German sympathy).
- (3) Bulgaria and Greece may intervene.
- (4) The Russo-Iranian Axis will eventually attack Israel and that country would be forced to use nuclear weapons.
- (5) Libya and Sudan will undermine Egypt which will collapse.
- (6) India and Pakistan will clash (with consequences in Sri-Lanka).
- (7) China will then attack Russia.
- (8) South Africa would dissolve into Civil War (cutting off our vital supplies).
- (9) France would face an Islamic upheaval.

As a result of such chaos the Institutions we now know as the Vatican, the English Church, Crown, Parliament and the U.S. Presidency, would encounter a supreme crisis.

The Balkan situation is one that must either self exhaust or will *eventually* lead to World-wide upheaval - if we intervene.

The reasons for the above are:

- (1) Russian pan Slavism and her Middle East complex.
- (2) Islamic fundamentalism versus Israel.
- (3) Chinese hatred of Russia.
- (4) The South African ANC versus Zulu Tribalism.

- (5) Fundamentalist Indian Hinduism versus Islam.
- (6) Vatican and German support for Croatia.

Every Secret Service knows the above to be true. The only safe course is to allow the Balkans to self exhaust. Any other course will eventually lead to a total World upheaval impossible to manage or police and extremely severe consequences within the Atlantic domestic community itself. If we intervene such will be the eventual result together with the slaughter of millions in the Balkan area itself.

It is argued by some that the threat of intervention will force peace. That may be true in the short term but we should have to provide a large force to maintain in Office the puppet administrations we set up. That would not last. We might buy time - but bought at the cost of forces located in an area of extreme danger from which withdrawal became impossible but supply thereto precarious.

Of course, those who favour Western intervention argue that if it be not imposed, then the entire U.N. and E.C.C. policing system will collapse - as did The League of Nations. No doubt that is true.

But the Western Powers have to consider what is practical and they dare not risk the integrity of the Atlantic Powers themselves for the sake of a theory. The Chiefs of Staff sternly warn. The Secret Services warn.

The Times (London 26th January, 1993) came all out for intervention if immediate ultimatums failed to enforce peace in the Balkans. The Times is a very important newspaper. No doubt its advice is being most carefully considered.

However, in this particular matter the reports available to this Office are such that we cannot properly advise you to agree with The Times.

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RUSSIA

Yeltsin is not in effective control. He is still tolerated as a front man by the Ultra Military

Establishment. They can throw him out any time. He cannot throw them out. Many of his decrees are altogether ignored.

The Atlantic Powers are much troubled by the nature of Russia's Military capability and aims. In particular the Atlantic Powers have current reports which trouble them about:

- (1) The true extent of control and location of nuclear devices.
- (2) The continued production of highly lethal germ weaponry.
- (3) Post nuclear electro-magnetic weaponry.

The Russian Ultras are not soft. The new state of affairs in Russia is more dangerous than was the Cold War. Whether President Clinton will have the wisdom to explain that we know not.

The facts ought to be explained. You should not be left to rely upon a false story of an emerging liberal Russian democracy eager to accept the guidance of the United Nations. No such Russia presently exists.

In fact the course of the next mainstream of events can clearly be seen. It will be a Russo-Iranian attempt to kick America out of the Middle East. Almost certainly that will provoke China. And such vast occurrences will almost certainly not only involve Pakistan and India, but eventually exhaustion fatal to all the parties involved.

That being so the less the Atlantic Powers become involved the less the risk of our own exhaustion. If we do self exhaust, then indeed no stability would be re-established for perhaps a century.

An entire epoch is self destructing and it is desirable that the Atlantic system does not itself self-destruct by exhausting efforts to save what cannot be saved.

It would be dangerous if we intervened in a whole mass of incurable tribal disputes which we cannot hope to settle, but which could so exhaust us that we came out of it impoverished and useless.

The urge to impose peaceful settlements is quite considerable amongst theorists. It sounds good sense to many. But the truth is that the Atlantic Powers and the European Community do not possess sufficient capability to intervene in extensive areas all over the World. They would self exhaust in the process - an outcome which would benefit only rogue elements.

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Courtesy "International Express"
Winter 1993

Aids Horror in Zimbabwe

MORE than one in seven of Zimbabwe's 10 million population are now infected with the HIV virus which causes AIDS. White farmers predict disaster for exports as 1,000 victims a day are added to 1.5 million cases. Doctors report 30 to 50 per cent of hospital patients and half the armed forces prove HIV positive. In Bulawayo last year, 17 per cent of all deaths were AIDS related.

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Newcastle
April 24, 1993

Legalised Brothels

THE argument that legalised prostitution is a necessary evil for the protection of women from rape is, I believe, a false notion that suggests that one social evil can be substituted for another.

The watering down of God's laws that gave the death penalty for crimes against humanity, such as rape, incest, bestiality, sodomy, murder and so on, is, I believe, the root of the problem.

Brothels are money-spinners for parasites who live off immoral practices that destroy the dignity of women, and feminists, by their silence, are showing their true colours.

Because, I believe, nothing is accidental in politics, Newcastle brothels are a foregone conclusion, and, who knows, maybe they will go under the name of Rape Prevention Clinics.

Newcastle City Council is encouraging public comment on where brothels should be sited should they become legal (as if they will not) and policy decisions left to the council (*The Post* 17/3/93).

My comment is that brothels are an abomination and the people behind the changing laws and civic leaders, who will implement prostitution policies, contribute to the disintegration process now being manifested through unemployment, and a church with the spiritual death rattles.

Laws such as the death sentence for rapists are the deterrent, but I suspect that the ulterior motive for brothels in this once-thriving community is to cater for a new world order tourism.

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Life's Values Declining

IN support of Jim Shanks (*Readers' Opinions* 24/4/93, see above), I agree whole heartedly with the views on brothels. The deeper we sink, spiritually and morally, the greater the decline there is for life's true values.

When base instincts of lust and greed raise their ugly heads, then virtues and sound values soon crumble. Civilisation was built upon Christian ethics and laws were given as a guide.

Today we have humanist one-world government laws which have no virtuous values. It takes man to his base instincts. Such is the degeneracy which abounds and is predominant today.

I say no to whore houses. What is needed is a return to a higher regard and fuller meaning to life.

Loose morals, easy lifestyle, love of money and materialism are no foundation for a sound society.

If those who now make the laws which govern our lives are of the humanist philosophy, without regard to the higher meaning of life, without responsibility (which is

accountability) to that which brings about a greater decline among the people, then I greatly fear the consequences.

When once again, if ever, the voice of the church is heard, whereby it is the lifeblood of the nation, we may well again see a return to the great nation we once were.

Until such takes place, I believe, all is lost to a one-world dictatorship with its humanist, atheistic ideologies.

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Courtesy "The Watchman"
Loyal Orange
Institution of NSW

Lord Runcie Hurt in Loft Fall

LORD Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, has been forced to cancel a 5-week lecture tour to Australia after falling from a loft.

The 71 year old Lord Runcie was putting Christmas decorations away when he slipped on a ladder. "It's a miracle he wasn't hurt more, he's jolly lucky", Lord Runcie's secretary, Frances Charleswort, said. "He's terribly upset about having to cancel the tour but there is no way he can travel all that way with a huge plaster cast on his leg."

Lord Runcie was due to arrive in Australia February to conduct lectures on the Anglican Communion in Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide and Perth.

(Perhaps in the light of Lord Runcie's hell-bent enthusiasm to unite the Church of England and the Church of Rome - as evidenced by his dialogues with the Pope - could we be cynical enough to suggest that his unfortunate accident may have been the result of "Divine intervention"? - Ed.)

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For All Those Born Before 1950 - The Over 40's

Consider the changes you have witnessed.

You were born before television, penicillin, Polio shots, frozen foods, xerox, plastic lenses, the pill, radar, credit cards, split atoms, laser beams, ball point pens, pantyhose, dishwashers, clothes dryers, electric blankets, air-conditioners, drip-dry clothes, and before man walked on the moon.

You were born before house husbands, gay rights, computer dating, dual careers, and you got married first, then lived together. How quaint.

We had never heard of FM radio, tape decks, electric typewriters, artificial hearts, word processors, yoghurt and guys wearing earings

You thought fast food was what you ate during Lent, time sharing meant togetherness - not computers or home units, a chip meant a piece of wood, hardware meant hardware and software wasn't even a word. "Made in Japan" meant junk, "making out" referred to how you did in an exam, and pizza, McDonald's and instant coffee were unheard of.

In your day, closets were for clothes and not for coming out of, designer jeans were scheming girls called Jean or Jeanie, having a meaningful relationship meant getting along with your cousin, cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was for the fire, and pot was something you cooked in. Rock music was a grandma's lullaby, and AIDS were helpers in the Principle's office. We made do with what we had and were the last generation that was so dumb as to think we needed a husband to have a baby.

No wonder you are so confused - but you survived!

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Courtesy Pastor Alan Campbell
"Kingdom Tidings", Belfast

BARABBAS
SON OF THE RABBI

According to *The Jewish Encyclopaedia*, Barabbas is a title and not a surname. It is Aramaic (not Hebrew)

and is thus broken down: *Bar*, the Aramaic substitute for the Hebrew *ben*, meaning 'son' with *abbas* the Aramaic for 'rabbi' as distinct from the Hebrew *abba* which means 'father'. The mob was adamant that they would not 'have this man to rule over us' (Luke 19:14) preferring the '**son of the rabbi**' - thus setting the pattern of acceptance of rabbinical teaching and rejecting that of the Son of God.



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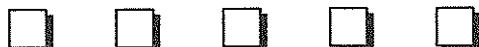
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GIDEON'S BAND OF HEROES.

God Needs Them Again

By The Late Rev. John W. Shenton

An outstanding example of Divine Revelation is manifest in the fact that Almighty God, Who in His Declared Purposes uses all types of people as instruments, created His Servant People, Israel, as a *theocracy*. The Book of Judges records a remarkable situation which today's Christians will do well to heed. In their faltering steps to nationhood, God's People failed to show the wholehearted obedience which He had demanded of them in the Mosaic Covenant made with their forefathers, assembled before Him at Sinai and solemnly ratified by them. Their children's flagrant - often arrogant - departure from His Code produced the inevitable decay and disaster of which He had warned them, resulting ultimately in degeneration, disruption and unbelievable humiliation. At an early stage, there had come an infiltration into key positions by the obscure Midianites, which paved the way to a virtual 'take-over' of their Promised Land. The Bible record states that many in Israel were reduced to living in dens and caves, for fear of these aliens.

In their extremity the afflicted ones cried out to God, in penitence and prayer. Immediately, their action commenced to bring the promised aid. God's rescue operation remains an epic, to this day. First, He appointed his leader, a most humble man, in Gideon who sent out a nation-wide call in response to which 32,000 men rallied to his side. God, knowing the hearts of all men, counselled Gideon to free from obligation to remain, all who felt in the least apprehensive. This Gideon did, and 22,000 men accepted the release, feeling that discretion might be the better part of valour. They had at least 'shown willing'. Looking again at the 10,000 men who still stood ready, God further advised His leader. In these days, 32,000

Christians rallying to a call would be hailed as a mighty revival and even 10,000 would be considered wonderful.

But, as Holy Writ observed, God looks at the heart and He has His methods. He directed Gideon to march the 10,000 to a nearby watercourse and to instruct them to drink. At Gideon's command, they obeyed, though doubtless wondering. Three hundred of them--hands holding their weapons secure--threw off decorum and, with an appropriate sense of urgency, 'lapped the water like dogs'. 'Enough', said God to Gideon. 'By the 300 men that lapped, I will save you.' The remainder who had drunk by kneeling were told to return to their homes. These, though they had not been accepted for the operation, had opted for dangerous service. Finally, following Divinely inspired strategy, Gideon's 300 were the instruments used by God for the rout and expulsion of the oppressors.

And what of today? Surely we are in precisely similar case. We are unpleasantly familiar with the words 'infiltration' and 'enemy in key positions', mutely regarding an incoming of anti-God aliens. Coupled with widespread loss of Faith and the reverse of obedience to the God of our fathers, do we not see a parallel degeneration and disruption on every side? Within and without our Family of Nations, the odds against us are increasing. As with Gideon's 300, there is now no place in the Divine call to Faith and Service for those daunted by the prospect of unequal contest; no room in the ranks for quitters in this 'last great fight of all'. We may be sure of this: **Almighty God would not call men and women to attempt the impossible if He was not going to be present with them in the fight.** The One Who challenges us to service at this dark hour will also give His confidence and strength to those who respond.

So! Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King? Courageous men and women must choose, for the testing time is at hand. Let us therefore make our unshakeable resolution to answer the summons and, with firm determination, to finish the task, so that the Lord's Gospel of the Kingdom shall be *comprehended* throughout His Family of Nations. It is becoming increasingly obvious that the Divine Rescue Operation which the Word of God

portrays will not result from a mass evangelization along present desultory lines which will produce a world fit for God's Son to rule--though this has been the cherished hope of devout Christians, ever since the Wesley revival.

The contrary will surely be the case: for we have our Lord's firm advice to the effect that, by reason of the rising hatred between men and nations, the Faith which He committed to His followers will sink to a low ebb. This situation is fast developing. Due to theological dilution of the beliefs which for centuries have held Christendom in some degree of cohesion, mankind is under heavy, unremitting strain. Even the English-speaking peoples are falling woefully short, both in actual *belief* and the Christian Code which stems from recognition of the True Faith.

If we read the Word of God aright, the time is fast approaching when the Fellowship of True Believers will be reduced to a comparative *cadre* - to a heroic remnant, under pressure as heavy as any which confronted the Early Church of Christ. The dedication which inspired Gideon's 300 will be resurgent in the long-prophesied Godly Remnant upon which the Spirit of God will be outpoured. Thus, there will be produced in the nations of modern Israel the upsurge of soul and spirit which will bring God's Servant People back to Him, rendering them worthy of the rescue which He has already planned - -which His Son, His prophets and Apostles have already proclaimed.



Many years ago, an aged and revered Chinese philosopher was asked the question,

"If you wished to take control over another country or nation, what is the first thing you would do?"

The wise old man replied,

"The first thing I would do would be to change the meaning of words."

Malachi.

A Study
by Frank W. Dowsett.

PART FOUR.

The Covenant With Levi. Part 1.

We now proceed to the second chapter of Malachi where we are introduced to an entirely new subject, and one, I might add, which very few people seem to consider. Thus we read in the first nine verses;

"And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you.

If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the LORD of hosts, I will even send a curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings: yea, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

Behold, I will corrupt your seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your solemn feasts; and one shall take you away with it.

And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the LORD of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear where-with he feared me, and was afraid before my name.

The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity.

For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth: for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts.

But ye are departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble at the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith the LORD of hosts.

Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have been partial in the law."

There are two major issues contained in the above verses. The first is God's very dire warning upon the priests who do not listen to and obey His commandments. The second is that to which I previously referred, the Covenant with Levi.

In order to fully understand the necessity of God's warning to the priests, we must first understand the nature and implications of this Levitical Covenant upon which God obviously places such importance. It is referred to in verse five as "My covenant with him of **life and peace**." What is this "life and peace" to which God refers? In fact, what place does Levi have in God's plans and purposes, and in respect to His Divine purposes regarding His people Israel? Perhaps we should go back to the beginning, as it were, and study the position of Levi within the overall context of the nation of Israel.

Whilst being one of the twelve tribes of Israel, Levi was never given any portion in the land. When God apportioned the land to the various tribes of Israel, He made no provision for any special area as an inheritance for this tribe. But they were given an inheritance that no other tribe received. Their inheritance was the Law of God. Levi was appointed as the priestly tribe. They were the tribe from which came the priests and ministers, using these offices in their fullest sense, not just their religious sense. They were priests and ministers in the same way that we now refer to members of the government, complete with the various ministers for health, education, and justice, etc. They administered the Law of God. The Levitical Priesthood were in fact the Public Service of Israel. They were the ones who were given the responsibil-

ity of giving the Law to the people, of policing that law, and exercising the judgments upon those who broke these laws. The Laws which they gave and policed were the Laws of God. The judgments which they enacted upon those who broke these laws were the Judgments of God. At no time were they ever given the authority to make their own laws, or to execute any other judgments. The enactment of these laws had absolutely nothing to do with the personal feelings or beliefs of individual Levites. The Law of God was completely explicit in every area of individual and national life, as were the judgments which were to be exacted upon those who broke them. All were equal under the law, from the priest right down to the most humble citizen. Both then and now, God was no respecter of persons.

What a pity that we have departed from this wonderful system. If we still operated under these perfect laws, we wouldn't have the present-day shocking travesties of justice within our community where criminals convicted of the most horrible crimes are sentenced to gaol for various periods of detention, and then released or paroled in a much shorter time, thus allowing them to perpetrate their criminal activities and desires upon more innocent victims. All too often we hear of the same criminals committing the very same offence for which they were imprisoned in the first place. God's Law knows nothing, and teaches less, of this kind of nonsense. Under God, premeditated murder, rape, incest, sodomy, and child sexual abuse are punishable by the death sentence. And what's more, there is no provision whatsoever for the remission of such a sentence to a term of imprisonment. It should be emphasised for the sake of those who worry about the possibility of executing an innocent person that the laws of evidence under God's laws are also extremely strict in order that this eventuality be avoided. For instance, if anyone gave false testimony that had, or even would result in a death sentence, then that false witness would automatically become subject to the very same sentence, even if it had not as yet been carried out against the one who had been falsely accused. The lawless condition of our present society is the direct result of our rejection of the perfect Law of God.

As we have said, this was originally placed under the care and keeping of the tribe of Levi. Their first great leader was Moses. The Law of God was given to Israel through this great leader. It's a pity that so many people today refer to this law as 'the law of Moses' instead of giving it its proper title of 'the Law of God'. I suspect that too many people, and even Christians at times, get somewhat embarrassed about associating such laws with the God in whom they wish to believe, simply because this picture doesn't fit in too well with that which they wish to have of God. Thus we had the great general and leader of Israel, together with the tribe of which he was a member operating as his parliament or governing body. But when God appointed Moses, he complained to God that he wasn't a very good talker, and thus not really suited to this position. Now you could have fooled me. When we read his writings and particularly his prayers, it makes one somewhat envious that we haven't the same gift as Moses. But be that as it may, God then appointed Moses' brother Aaron to be his associate. And thus was formed what became known as 'the Aaronic Priesthood'. Whilst working in close association with each other, they were two distinct priesthoods, with two distinct and separate areas of service. I am constantly surprised at the number of Christians who have no knowledge of, and certainly no understanding of this fact. When they read Paul's statement, for instance, where he says that 'we are now no longer under the law but under grace', they immediately conclude that the entire Law of God has been superseded by grace, a conclusion which is totally unscriptural. Let us get one thing clear in our minds. The Levitical Priesthood controlled the entire law of the nation, which was the complete system of jurisprudence by which the nation as a whole was governed. This included all the laws which we have to obey for an ordered and secure society, as well as the judgments that were to be exacted on those who broke these laws. What is more, on the basis of 'an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth', the punishment was to be no more, and no less than befitted the offence which had been committed. When any person broke any of these laws, it was referred to by God as SIN. The apostle John clearly defines sin in I John 3:4 as being "the transgression, or breaking, of the

law." Thus, whenever we brake any one of God's Laws, we commit sin. And once we have broken even one of these laws, we automatically become guilty of the whole law. This has very little to do with so much of what modern day teachers refer to as sin, many of which are nothing more than the traditions of men which our Lord Jesus Christ so roundly condemned. These days we are branded as 'sinners' simply because we don't do just what the ministers tell us to do. Now whilst much that we do might be socially unacceptable, this does not necessarily, and I emphasise the word 'necessarily', mean that we have committed a 'sin' in the strict sense of God's Laws. But whilst the breaking of any of these Laws of God required the prescribed punishment set down in the Judgments, they also required a further punishment. They were not only an earthly law which required an earthly punishment, but they were God's Laws, the breaking of which required a much more severe punishment. That punishment is simply that "*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" Thus the ultimate punishment for sin irrespective of whether it was a little sin or a big sin, was DEATH. It was because of this legal requirement that God, in His mercy, instituted a system of sacrifices by which this sentence of death could be stayed. God also laid down the law that "*without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin*". It was the ordained duty of the Aaronic Priesthood to operate these sacrificial laws, or the laws contained in ordinances, as distinct from the ordained duties of the Levitical Priesthood which was to implement the Laws contained in Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments. The Levitical Priesthood, or Public Service, was sustained by the tithe, which was originally the national taxation system. Out of this tithe they then paid one tenth to the Aaronic Priesthood, which was in effect the national church, to cover their running costs. Denominationalism, as we now know it, is completely unknown, and untaught, in the Bible. There was only ONE national church, which was paid for out of government funds.

It was the sacrificial ordinances practised under the Aaronic Priesthood that was done away with, or replaced, by the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Aaronic

Priesthood itself terminated with its fulfilment by its last High Priest, Himself a direct descendant of Aaron, and was replaced by the order of Melchisedec, of which our Lord Jesus Christ is the everlasting, and only, High Priest.

But all this in no way affected the continuity of the Levitical Priesthood. The law associated with this priesthood has never been abrogated. It remained in operation, and still remains in operation, whether we like it or not, or whether we obey it or not. The proof of this lies in front of our very eyes as we see all around us the awful consequences of our sinfulness in disobeying the Law of God.

Now it can be logically asked, 'How can we prove that this Levitical Priesthood is still in operation?' Well first of all, let us turn to Jeremiah chapter 33 where we read what is known as the Davidic Covenant.

"For thus saith the Lord; David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel;

Neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt offerings, and to kindle meat offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saying,

Thus saith the Lord; If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, and that there should not be day and night in their season;

Then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and with the Levites the priests, my ministers.

As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me."

(Jer. 33:17-22).

It is completely obvious from the foregoing that the Davidic Covenant not only applied to the perpetuity of the Throne of David, but also to the perpetuity of the Levitical Priesthood. God included within the great Davidic Covenant, His Covenant with Levi. And as Levi administered the Law of God as their Divinely appointed duties, then this can only mean that the Law of God was also continued in perpetuity as a Covenant made by God Himself! If God's covenant with Levi has failed, then His covenant with David has also failed. If His covenant with David is still in operation, then so also is His covenant with Levi. That this is the case is fully supported by our Lord's remarks as recorded in Matthew 5:17-19. I don't often quote from "The Living Bible", but do so now because the matter is expressed so clearly;

"Don't misunderstand why I have come. It isn't to cancel the law of Moses and the warning of the prophets. No, I came to fulfil them, and to make them all come true. With all the earnestness I have I say: Every law in the Book will continue until all things be accomplished. (marg.). And so if anyone breaks the least commandment, and teaches others to, he shall be the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But those who teach God's Laws, and obey them, shall be great in the Kingdom of Heaven. But I warn you, that unless your goodness is greater than that of the Pharisees and other Jewish leaders, you can't get into the Kingdom of Heaven at all."

Jesus never had the slightest intention of doing away with the Law. Quite the contrary, His clearly stated intention was to raise it to a much higher standard. So much so that He established it as the entire basis for the New Covenant which He ratified in and through His shed blood. As we read in Hebrews 8:10;

"For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord. I will put My laws into their

minds, and write them in their hearts, and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to Me a people."

This is the covenant to which our Lord refers in Matt. 26:28 when on the occasion of the Last Supper, He took the cup and said,

"This is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many, for the remission of sins."

And all this was promised on the perpetuity of the sun, and the moon, and the stars. When the day arrives that we can go outside and discover that the sun and the moon and the stars have completely disappeared and no longer shine or give their light, then, and only then, will we be able to say that God has broken His sacred covenants that the true Israel nation, the Throne of David, and the Levitical priesthood would continue for ever. Please don't hold your breath waiting. I have to say, whether it offends or not, that those who teach that God HAS broken these covenants are false prophets, and are openly calling God a liar. Be it upon their own heads.

Now what was this covenant that Jehovah/Jesus made with Levi? Let us read again Malachi 2:4-6 as previously quoted;

"And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear where-with he feared me, and was afraid before my name. The law of truth was in his mouth, and iniquity was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and equity, and did turn many away from iniquity."

There are three distinct elements contained in this statement. Firstly, God DID make a covenant with Levi.

That covenant was unconditional. There are no conditions expressed regarding any lack of continuity in respect of this covenant. As a matter of fact, it was as unconditional as the Davidic Covenant of which it formed a part. This has nothing to do with the conditional nature of the blessings and cursings which followed obedience or disobedience to the laws which Levi controlled. Secondly, it was a covenant of life and peace. Thirdly, it constituted the law of truth; it contained no iniquity; it led to peace and equity; and it turned many away from sin and iniquity.

Now these are very powerful promises and statements, and one can only wonder just why they have been so consistently, and I must add deliberately, ignored by our theological leaders. In an age when the whole world is crumbling around our ears, when peace and security are fast becoming fantasies, and when every form of evil and perversion is obsessing our people, there is absolutely no excuse whatsoever for the paranoid rejection of the only cure that God has given us in order that we may experience the peace and life that He offers us. That cure is a total return to the Law of God as exemplified in the Levitical Covenant which has never been abrogated by God.

In seeking the answer to our question as to what this covenant to Levi comprised, we must follow the only rule that I know of by which we can understand the Scriptures. We must go to the Scriptures. There is no way in this wide world that we are ever going to understand God's word unless we turn to the Word of God. We must get away from the habit that so many have of giving our own opinion of what we think God meant when He says something. This has been the direct cause of the rise of hundreds of denominations, all claiming to be 100% Bible based in their theology, yet all being different. Being the tribe to whom was entrusted the Law, and of which Israel's great general and law-giver was born, it becomes quite obvious that the Levitical Covenant, or the Covenant with Levi, was none other than the great Law Covenant which God made with His people Israel through His servant

Moses. God's promise regarding this covenant is expressed in Deut. 30:9-20 thus;

"And the LORD thy God will make thee plenteous in every work of thine hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy land, for good. For the LORD will again rejoice over thee for good, as He rejoiced over thy fathers; If thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to keep His commandments and His statutes which are written in this book of the law, and if thou turn unto the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul.

For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not hidden from thee, neither is it far off.

It is not in heaven, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldest say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, that we may hear it, and do it?

But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil;

In that I command thee this day to love the LORD thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply: and the LORD thy God shall bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it.

But if thine heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hear, but shalt be drawn away, and worship other gods, and serve them;

I denounce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish, and that ye shall not prolong

your days upon the land, whither thou passest over Jordan to go to possess it.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

That thou mayest love the LORD thy God, and that thou mayest obey his voice, and that thou mayest cleave unto him: for he is thy life, and the length of thy days: that thou mayest dwell in the land which the LORD sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them."

Here is God's promise or covenant with Levi of 'Life and Peace'. From God's point of view, it is totally unconditional in that it is as immutable as the sun, the moon, and the stars. But from our point of view, as we stated previously, whether or not we receive blessing or cursing depends entirely on ourselves, and is totally dependent, or conditional, on our obedience to these laws which God has given to us.

The Lord has firstly promised us "Life". And this promise is fully echoed in John 10:10 where the very same Lord said;

"I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."

How was this to be achieved? Simply through the terms of the New Covenant which He made with the House of Israel as set forth in Jeremiah 31 and Hebrews 8. This was the great law covenant which He sealed with His blood, the fullness of which we are yet to experience.

Secondly, the Lord promised "Peace". Again we turn to the words of the very same Lord where, in John 14:27, He says;

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

The promise of God to Levi was made to him because he feared, or reverenced, the LORD God of Israel, and stood in awe of His name. From the mouth of Levi came the law of truth. No iniquity was found in this law. Levi walked before God in peace and justice, not so much in a tribal sense, but in the sense of their appointment from God as the tribe whose duty it was to administer God's Laws. What is more, iniquity was turned away from many because of this very fact.

If we wish to experience today, either as individuals or as a nation, the full blessings of God; if we wish to experience the 'more abundant life' which the Lord has promised; if we wish to experience the peace and security that is ours for the taking; then we will only achieve it one way. It will NOT be achieved simply by becoming a Christian. It will NOT be achieved by joining some church. It will NOT be achieved by running ourselves ragged doing all the good deeds that we can think of, or joining in with all the various church programmes.

There is only one requirement.

WE MUST STOP BEING SINFUL!

The very first thing that God requires is not worship, or rituals, or even offerings. They come second. The first thing that God wants from us is OBEDIENCE. Only then will we experience the fulness of the Covenant of Life and Peace that He originally made with Levi.

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

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With our Christian love,

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They that wait upon the Lord

shall renew their strength.

They shall mount up with wings as eagles.

They shall run, and not be weary.

They shall walk, and not faint.

(Isa 40:31).

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