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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.

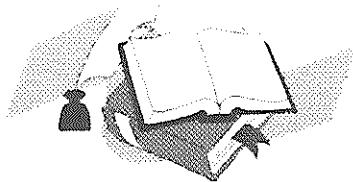
Denominational doctrines and differences are not our concern, and it is not our intention to enter into such arguments. There is not enough time left to waste it on such unproductive, and indeed, destructive, exercises. We are concerned ONLY with what we believe the Word of God says and teaches.

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', which can only

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Editorial.

I've no doubt but that many folk will have noticed the decrease in the mention of the phrase "One World Government" within the various sections of the media. No doubt they work on the old principle that if you don't talk about it, it must have gone away. Or perhaps it's more a matter of giving the subject the 'silent treatment', like they do with so many politically incorrect politicians whom they wish would go away - with one particularly noticeable exception here in Australia.

But the aim of the "One Worlders" has most definitely not ceased, or diminished to the slightest degree. They have just changed the terminology to a much more acceptable sounding name, with an apparently much more acceptable programme. We now have that all-embracing and wonderful word GLOBALISM. It sounds great, doesn't it. It brings us all together without the risk of sounding like some form of conspiracy. We have a "Global Economy", which gives the impression of an economy which is designed for the betterment of all people on the globe. We have "Global Politics" which again assures us of better times ahead for everyone if we would only pull together and forget our various differences.

Don't be fooled folks! A rose by any other name is still a rose, and captivity under an evil system designed to control everyone is still captivity, irrespective of how those in control like to camouflage what they are doing.

There is a very pertinent truth stated by that wise king, Solomon. It reads like this:- "The thing that hath been, it is that which shall be; and that which is done is that which shall be done: and there is no new thing under the sun. Is there any thing whereof it may be said, See, this is new? it hath been already of old time, which was before us." Eccles. 1:9-10.

So if we can find where a similar situation occurred in the past, we should find some answers as to what is going on today. And sure enough, if we go back to the Book of Genesis, chapter 11, we find a very interesting account. It relates to the

construction of what we refer to as The Tower of Babel. The passage is too long to fully quote here, but the pertinent features are as follows.

It states in verse 1 that "the people were of one language and one speech". The first thing we notice is that the whole earth was of one language. This does not necessarily mean that everyone spoke the same language as we understand it today, although this is quite possible. The important feature of this statement is that the people all used 'vain words', which is part of the meaning of the word 'language' used here. In other words, their conversation was vain. It was based on vanity. In the Hebrew, this means "an untruth, a sham, without a cause, deceitful, false, lying, wrongful." If this does not describe what is happening around us today, then I don't know what does. Everywhere we look, there is deceit, lying, and deliberate wrongdoing. It has become a way of life. It is promulgated by the enemy within, whose whole aim is to destroy us as a people and as a nation, and in so doing, completely destroy the Christian Faith. But it is also accepted by the great bulk of our people who have not been taught to know the difference, and who, quite frankly, don't even wish to know the truth

The second condition that we find is that the people were all of one speech. This is quite different to having one language in that 'one speech' refers to the fact that they had a common agreement or purpose. This wasn't so much about what they did, as about what they deliberately purposed to do. It applies to their beliefs. It was the beliefs which caused the actions. Our actions, both then as now, are based upon what we believe. If our beliefs are wholesome and good, then our actions will be wholesome and good. If our beliefs are evil, then our actions will be correspondingly evil. The people had a common belief regarding their economy, trade, treaties, and all the other things that make up a society. We have the very same thing today. And because the great majority of the people, and virtually all our leaders either don't know, or refuse to accept the fact of the very grave responsibility which God has placed on the Western Christian nations of the world, no attempt is made to remedy these conditions in accordance with the requirements of God's Word. Thus we have the earliest Biblically recorded form of a One World Government, now referred to as GLOBALISM. It didn't work then, and it most certainly won't work now. Just as God destroyed those first efforts so many centuries ago, so will He do the same with our modern efforts. There is nothing more certain under the sun. If you don't believe this, then just take off your blinkers and take a good look around you.

The Heritage of Israel.

By Frank W. Dowsett.

Part Three.

The Glory. Part Two.

In our previous study, we discussed the fact of the Glory of God being primarily the presence of God within Israel. We saw how that Glory had been removed over a process of time, and how it began, at Pentecost, to be restored. But now we proceed to the second point regarding this subject, namely;

2. This Glory is primarily restricted to Israel.

Now I fully realise that a lot of people tend to argue about that statement. They say "Oh no, anyone can share in this Glory". But we are not speaking here of individuals. We are dealing here with a national situation. Other nations, and indeed individual Israelites, will come into the blessings of God only if they are obedient to God and accept the Lord Jesus Christ.

But the glory of God was never, ever applied to any other nation but Israel. He's never known as the Lord god of whoever or whatever. He's the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. That is His full name. And I think we should remember when we address Him in prayer that we recognise Him as such. We are

not praying to any old god. As Israelites, and as Christians, we should use His full and correct title. He's OUR God, and we should have no hesitation whatsoever in letting Him know that we recognise Him as such. Surely we are not embarrassed to speak the truth just because it doesn't fit into our modern "political correct" policy which would have us compromise our convictions just for the sake of not hurting the feelings of all the other religions which are over-running our nation?

Perhaps it would help if we went to the true source of what we should believe and do. Look at Isaiah 42:8;

"I am the Lord, that is my name: and my glory I will not give to another, neither my praise to graven images."

I'm sure that this is clear enough. God has plainly said that He's not going to give His glory to anyone else. But let us look at a second witness to this fact. We read in Isa. 48:11;

"For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it: for how should my name be polluted? and I will not give my glory unto another."

Then we have God's statement in Amos 3:2;

"You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities."

The word 'known' has a variety of meanings and applications, but basically it carries the thought of having respect, or a meaningful relationship with the other party. In other words, Israel was the only nation with whom God had a very special intimate relationship. We see a very good example of this principle in the words of our Lord as expressed in Matt. 7:22-23;

"Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."

The Lord is not saying that He never knew about them, or about the deeds which they claim to have done in His Name.

He is pointing out that although they might have thought that they had a good and intimate relationship with Jesus, He had not had a corresponding intimate relationship with them. The reason? They had been workers of iniquity, or lawlessness, as the word 'iniquity' means. Despite all the 'good works' which they had performed in His Name, they had refused to accept and obey His Laws, Statutes, Commandments, and Judgments. This is the only criteria laid down in the Word of God by which we can show the Lord that we really and truly love Him.

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." John 14:15.

So we find that Israel is the only one to whom the glory of God has ever appeared as a nation.

What do we make of the verses from Isaiah and Amos which we stated above? We can fiddle around with them and spiritualise them and do what we like with them, but the plain fact remains that God has categorically stated in no uncertain terms that 'I am not going to give my glory to any other nation'.

He has categorically stated that Israel is the only nation upon the face of the earth with whom He has ever had an intimate relationship. This is not a statement restricted to the individual level. This is a statement of a national relationship! This is one of the basic reasons as to why, as a nation, we are under attack. And it is absolutely essential that we fully realise both the fact, and the reason for the fact of God's plans and purposes for our nation, so that when we talk to people we don't give them the impression that we're just racist, or some form of super-race. We've got to be able to put the word of God to them and say 'this is what God said'. I'm not going to waste my time arguing with ministers or Christians who want to believe something else just because it accords with what their own particular church doctrine teaches, or what they want to believe irrespective of what the Word of God clearly states. If they don't want to believe what God said, they're most certainly not going to believe what I say, and they're most certainly not going to believe what you say to them. We have to convince them of what God said, and of the fact that He means what He says, and prove it from the Word.

3. **The third point to note is the purpose for which God has bestowed upon us His Glory.**

It is a strange fact, but a fact nevertheless, that so many Christians don't seem to bother to find out the purpose for which God plans and acts. One gets the impression that they think that God just gets ideas from time to time, and tries them out to see what happens. But there most definitely IS a purpose for everything that He says and does.

When we turn to Isaiah chapter 43 and verses 1-12 we read this wonderful promise;

1 "But now thus saith the LORD that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned; neither shall the flame kindle upon thee.

3 For I am the LORD thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I gave Egypt for thy ransom, Ethiopia and Seba for thee.

4 Since thou wast precious in my sight, thou hast been honourable, and I have loved thee: therefore will I give men for thee, and people for thy life.

5 Fear not: for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee from the west;

6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Keep not back: bring my sons from far, and my daughters from the ends of the earth;

7 Even every one that is called by my name: for I have created him for my glory, I have formed him; yea, I have made him.

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears.

9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth.

10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen: that ye may know and believe me, and understand that I am he: before me there was no God formed, neither shall there be after me.

11 I, even I, am the LORD; and beside me there is no saviour.

12 I have declared, and have saved, and I have showed, when there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, that I am God."

(Emphasis added).

If we go down to verse 21 we read;

"This people have I formed for myself; they shall show forth my praise."

Now we have to be kidding ourselves today if we think we're fulfilling this requirement simply because we've got thousands of churches all over the place? There are so many different denominations and doctrines floating around, no one seems to be able to get their act together and agree on anything.

But of course, we always have the option of going along with the crowd and joining the ecumenical movement. Then we can get a bit of this and a bit of that and a bit of something else and put it all together and make a sort of theological fruit pudding out of it, which pleases everyone.

We were put here to show forth the praise of God, and to show forth the glory of God, and to be His chosen witnesses to the fact the He IS the only true God. That is our purpose. God didn't put us here on this earth just as an experiment to see what was going to happen. He put us here to do a specific job. We were to praise His name and we were to glory His name. And what's happened?

Do we really believe that we're praising Him now? As I have said previously, despite all the churches and denominations, and despite all their conventions and rallies, we're becoming less and less of a Christian nation at such a rapid speed that it's almost frightening. You'd think with all the people who are claimed to be converted, thousands of them, and the churches telling us about all the good things they are doing everywhere, (many of which I hasten to add are very genuine and important), that it would make a difference to the way our country is developing.

Yet the whole nation is going to hell twice as quick today as it was ten years ago. And this, despite all their so called revivals, and all their meetings and whatever they're doing. I don't belittle the fact that good is being done in individual lives, which is most important, but it's not affecting the nation as such. The other nations and religions of the world are just laughing at us. The attitude is, "Who wants Christianity"?

I think of the experience of Betty and myself when we lived in New Guinea many years ago. Christianity was looked upon as a 'white man's religion'. Many is the time I have heard natives express the view, "We don't want your religion. Look at how the white men are behaving," they'd say. "They're supposed to be a Christian people, and look at how they go on? If that's Christianity, you can have it." And the dedicated missionaries up there have really got their work cut out trying to overcome that quite natural reaction. And the reason that the local people have that attitude is because we are not singing the praises of God. I don't mean that just in the form of normal vocalising. We are not showing forth His praise and we are not showing forth His glory to the ends of the earth. Many folk who have not experienced this would be ashamed of the amount of compromise that is evidenced, all for the sake of gaining converts. Showing forth the Praises of God is the purpose for which God formed us, and the sooner we recognise this fact, and act upon it, the sooner we will achieve this grand purpose for which He formed us in the first place. Ephesians 2:10 makes a very important point;

"For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them."

What then are these good works that we are ordained to walk in if we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works. There can only be one answer to this question. There is only one thing with God that is considered in His sight to be 'good works', and that is obedience to His Laws, and His Statutes and His Commandments. Refusal to obey this requirement constitutes 'bad works'. We only have two choices, there's no middle ground. We can't just adopt an attitude of compromise. I well remember the day, some years ago in a fairly large church we were attending, where the pastor (who

incidentally believed in our Israel Identity), came up to me and said my big trouble was that I saw things too much in black and white and not in shades of grey. You've got to be prepared to compromise he told me, because people are more important than truth. I was staggered, and still get a feeling of disbelief when ever I recall the incident. With a congregation of about 400 people, on whom you depend for their tithes and offerings for your own livelihood, if you don't compromise then you could have a real problem.

How can you show forth the good works of Christ that He has ordained in us if we're going to compromise? Nothing good was ever achieved by compromise. You might think you are getting somewhere by negotiating, but when you start to negotiate then what do you do? You end up almost invariably compromising. Each party invariably sacrifices part of their convictions in order to appease both sides. Some positions have to be negotiated simply because of misunderstandings or for the purpose of getting the facts right. But compromise is not a word in the Lord's dictionary. He knows absolutely nothing of compromise. It applies to the individual as well as to the nation. We either do it God's way and receive blessing and victory, or we do it our way and reap the reward of judgment and hopelessness which is now all too familiar to those of us who have the slightest modicum of common sense. The purposes of God Almighty will never vary. We read in Isaiah 55:11;

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

Again in Isaiah 14:24 and 27 we read;

"The LORD of hosts hath sworn, saying, Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand: For the LORD of hosts hath purposed, and who shall disannul it? and his hand is stretched out, and who shall turn it back?"

Let us not be found arguing with the purposes of God!

(To be continued).

C.V. NEWS.

Once again we express our heart-felt thanks to those who continue to support us so faithfully both with your tithes and offerings, and your encouragement. We receive many letters with questions, and we will answer them to the best of our ability as time permits.

One of the areas of our ministry that seems to be growing is that of our Video Ministry. In the last week we have heard from two of our members who watch them whilst eating their breakfast. The number of folk who receive them on a loan basis is gradually increasing, and we recommend this service to those of you who own a VCR. In the interest of making the video tapes more available, we now send them out on loan at no cost other than a few dollars to cover our postage, plus whatever may be added as a freewill offering, to suit your income. Our main interest of course, is to distribute the Word of God, not to make profits. But we naturally have to meet our costs, so we leave this aspect of this portion of our ministry to yourselves. In respect to a few of you who regularly receive our video tapes, we apologise for being late with them. I usually sent them out in the third week of each month, but have recently discovered that I had run out of videos past V33. You will no doubt have received your latest copy by now, but I thought I should explain what has happened in case you thought we had forgotten you.

Our services are proceeding quite well, with our usual numbers. We have introduced a new innovation recently, whereby once every four to six weeks we have an 'open' service on our Sunday Morning Service where everyone joins in a study of some aspect of the Word with which they are having some difficulty fully understanding. Our first such meeting was a great success, and we trust that future similar types of meetings will prove as much a blessing.

Our latest book, "Babylon the Great" is now nearly ready to send to the printers, and we hope to have it available within the next few months.

We had one fairly serious hiccup a few weeks ago when our main computer, which we have been using for the last 7 years, developed serious problems, and we were obliged to spend \$2,500 in the purchase of a new computer. So your prayerful assistance where possible would be most appreciated.

Please don't forget our "Prayer List". We up-date this list every week, to include requested prayers at both our services, and we are thrilled at some of the answers to these prayers which we have received.

Betty has not had any pain in her knee for at least three months now, and will not be having the knee replacement operation. Since our previous report, Betty's sister Daphne has been diagnosed with fluid on the brain, as a result of which she frequently loses her balance, and has fallen down a few times, fortunately, without serious injury. The specialists have told her that she will need brain surgery to insert what they call a 'shunt' in order to regularly drain the fluid build-up from her brain. A few weeks ago, at her request, we had special prayers for her at a Sunday morning service, following our Communion Service which we celebrate every week, at which we laid hands on her, and anointed her with oil, in accordance with James 5:14-15, and within the first week thereafter, we saw, and she felt a great change for the better. Her giddy turns have virtually stopped, and the specialist has now advised her that they were not planning the operation for the time being.

Similar prayer at the same meeting for our brother Bruce has also brought good news, and we are most grateful for the mercies of our Lord Jesus Christ for our folk.

Shayne and Janice have found new work, and their financial difficulties have now been greatly relieved.

Cheri Peters. We had received a report that Cheri had been very close to death. But we have just received this message, dated July 7; "Your prayers for Cheri Peters have been heard by our Heavenly Father. As of Saturday evening July 4th, she has been healed. Cheri and her family send their most heartfelt "thank-you" for your prayers and fasting on their behalf. Cheri now needs prayer for her strength to be renewed.

Others mentioned in our previous issue are progressing well, and we express grateful thanks to our Heavenly Father for what He has already performed, and for what He will continue to perform on behalf of His saints in the future.

So until our next issue, we urge every one of you to remain faithful to the cause which the Lord God of Israel has placed upon us. Please remember Betty and I especially as we face the wrath of the enemy as reported in the accompanying Covenant Watch. Our sincere Christian love to you all.

A WALK THROUGH THE GOSPELS.

Part 7.

The Special Training of The Disciples.

by Bruce Horner.

This is the seventh part of our discussion of the events surrounding our Lord in His ministry in Palestine. We have witnessed the Sermon on the Mount and heard the parables of the Kingdom.

We are still in the same day of the events of the so-called "busy day", and you will remember that Jesus had seated Himself in a boat because of the crowd, and taught them from that vantage point.

IN CROSSING THE LAKE JESUS STILLS THE TEMPEST.

Mark 4:35-41. "And the same day, when the even was come, he saith unto them, Let us pass over unto the other side. And when they had sent away the multitude, they took him even as he was in the ship. And there were also with him other little ships. And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the ship, so that it was now full. And he was in the hinder part of the ship, asleep on a pillow: and they awake him, and say unto him, Master, carest thou not that we perish? And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. And he said unto them, Why are ye so fearful? how is it that ye have no faith? And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

What a wonderful demonstration of His power. It was another miracle for the disciples to believe for the works sake. He was compelled to say to them, "Where is your faith?"

Luke 8:25 "And they being afraid wondered, saying one to another, What manner of man is this! for he commandeth even the winds and water, and they obey him."

BEYOND THE LAKE JESUS HEALS THE GERAENE DEMONIAC

The boats arrived on the other side of the Sea of Galilee, and we are faced with one of those discrepancies which critics love. Mark and Luke say they arrived into the country of the Gerasenes, but Matthew says they came into the country of the Gadarenes. The Decapolis was a league of ten cities, the most northerly of which was Damascus and the most southerly Philadelphia (Amman); it included Gadara and Gerasa (Jerash). All but one of these cities - Scythopolis (Beth-Shean) - lay east of the Jordan valley. Gerasa (modern Jerash), just mentioned, lay over 40 miles to the south of Kursi or Kersa, where Jesus landed from his boat. It was a much more important town than Kersa, but it was at Kersa that Jesus healed the possessed man. Its modern name preserves the ancient name of Gerasa or (better) Gergesa. If the region was called the region of the Gadarenes, that may be because the city of Gadara (modern Umm Qeis), nearly 7 miles south-east of the lake, had property around here.

Matthew says that two men met Him there, although Mark and Luke both say that one man met Him. This I am sure can be put down to journalist's licence. There were two men, but it is the story of only one of those men which is being told. For a long time they had been dwelling in the tombs, without clothes.

"And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones." Mark continues, *"and no man could any more bind him, no, not with a chain; because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been rent asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: and no man had strength to tame him."*

Mark 5:6-20; *"But when he saw Jesus afar off, he ran and worshipped him, And cried with a loud voice, and*

said, *What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the most high God? I adjure thee by God, that thou torment me not.* For he said unto him, *Come out of the man, thou unclean spirit.* And he asked him, *What is thy name?* And he answered, saying, *My name is Legion: for we are many.* And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. Now there was there nigh unto the mountains a great herd of swine feeding. And all the devils besought him, saying, *Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them.* And forthwith Jesus gave them leave. And the unclean spirits went out, and entered into the swine: and the herd ran violently down a steep place into the sea, (they were about two thousand;) and were choked in the sea. And they that fed the swine fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they went out to see what it was that was done. And they came to Jesus, and see him that was possessed with the devil, and had the legion, sitting, and clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid. And they that saw it told them how it befell to him that was possessed with the devil, and also concerning the swine. And they began to pray him to depart out of their coasts. And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed him that he might be with him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, *Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee.* And he departed, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men did marvel."

The story is very plain concerning the great interest that was aroused in the people concerning Jesus wherever He went. It was no superficial event, where people were left in some doubt that perhaps He was not what He claimed.

Luke 8:37 "Then the whole multitude of the country of the Gadarenes round about besought him to depart from them; for they were taken with great fear: and he went up into the ship, and returned back again."

It has been suggested that the herd of pigs became the home of the devils, because, being unclean, they were illegally

owned, but against that is the fact that Palestine was subject to the Roman Empire, which certainly did not care whether they were clean or unclean. On the other hand, pigs were kept for the purpose of keeping the countryside free from vermin and snakes, and the loss of 2000 pigs would be a great financial loss to somebody. It is interesting that the Hebrew word for an abomination is piggul, and is probably the source of the word pig. But, as we have noted, this was the Decapolis, on the east side of the Jordan valley, and in gentile territory, where there were no inhibitions concerning pigs. Again, we are told that when the man implored Christ that he be allowed to accompany Him, Jesus sent him away, saying:

Luke 8:39 *"Return to thine own house, and show how great things God hath done unto thee. And he went his way, and published throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done unto him."*

And what a great impact all this would have on the people. Jesus was careful to display His wonders only when the events were of the greatest significance to the observer. This was no ordinary demoniac. This was a man who had been in this situation for many years, and was known by reputation to every person who lived probably within 100 miles and further. His strength was unmatched and men could not control him, and when he was bound by force of numbers or trickery, he simply snapped his chains or fetters. There was none who would gainsay what Christ had done for him. Even His courage in approaching the man, not to say his manner of dealing with him, would be admired. This was the pattern of all the miracles of Jesus. They were miracles which left the observer and the doubter no room to criticise. It is interesting that Jesus chose to encourage the man to tell others of his recovery, whereas west of the lake He usually warned those whom He healed to keep quiet about it. F.F.Bruce suggests that this is because the Decapolis area was a gentile area where there was no danger of the revolutionary excitement that was always liable to break out among the Jews of Galilee. It was, in fact, quite an extensive mission-field for the grateful man.

One final thought concerning this event has occurred to me. It seems that Jesus made this trip across the Sea of Galilee

solely for the purpose of meeting this demented man. From his greeting to Jesus, it is evident that he had heard about Him, but, of course, he was powerless to do anything about it, and Jesus, once He was in this foreign territory, did not have any other agenda than this one confrontation. We know that His message was to Israel. Was this man an Israelite?

People living near borders are usually of mixed nationality, or was this visit driven solely by compassion concerning a man of whom many would have heard, but who was unable to help himself, and was this an opportunity to advertise his presence to a group across the border who may otherwise only be receiving biased reports from disaffected Jews.

THE RETURN AND THE HEALING OF JAIRUS' DAUGHTER AND OF THE WOMAN WHO ONLY TOUCHED CHRIST'S GARMENT.

Luke 8:40 *"And it came to pass, that, when Jesus was returned, the people gladly received him: for they were all waiting for him. It is worthwhile looking at a map to see the length of the voyage that Jesus made. Magdala to Gergesa is about halfway down the lake and at its widest point, and must be about 7 or 8 miles wide."*

At this point in the Gospels, Baker and others introduce the account of Levi's Feast where Matthew introduced Jesus to many of his friends from his tax-gathering days. It is not easy to decide the proper order of some of these events. Generally Mark gives a truer chronological order, whilst Matthew sometimes appears to be disjointed, but I think that this seems to be the correct sequence. We have already noted the occasion, but it was towards the close of the feasting that, logically from the accounts, and followed also by Luke, Jairus made his appearance.

Luke 8:41 *"And, behold, there came a man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus' feet, and besought him that he would come into his house: For he had one only daughter, about twelve years*

of age, and she lay a dying. But as he went the people thronged him."

When one considers the need that pop stars and famous people like Princess Diana had for privacy, I think that it must have been very difficult for the disciples to come to terms with the crowds which, even this early in Christ's ministry, were a feature of His daily life.

Now, as we meet Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, we are reminded that, like Nicodemus and Joseph of Arimathea, not all the Jewish synagogue leaders were in the mould of the Pharisees who pursued Him so relentlessly.

Jairus had a daughter aged about 12, and she was dying. Jairus had no hesitation in finding out Jesus, falling down at His feet, and beseeching His help. Plainly He believed, not only that Jesus could heal, but also that Jesus was God. A man does not ask help, even from the most illustrious people, by throwing oneself down at their feet, especially when he is a man of substance himself.

Mark 5:24-34 *"And Jesus went with him; and much people followed him, and thronged him. And a certain woman, which had an issue of blood twelve years, And had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, When she had heard of Jesus, came in the press behind, and touched his garment. For she said, If I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole. And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of that plague. And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press, and said, Who touched my clothes? And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what was done in her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth. And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."*

Again we see the serious nature of the woman's problem. This was no passing sickness, but a long-standing ailment of twelve years, upon which she had wasted all of her income, only to see the condition growing steadily worse, and without hope. She had visited all the available physicians, and now in her extremity she approached Jesus. Having heard the things which were said about Him, she decided that if she was only able to touch His garment she would be healed. Approaching behind Him, she reached out and touched the hem of His cloak. Now the hem of the High Priest's robe is said to typify the Law of God. We do not know if she understood this - probably not - but she knew at once that she was healed. And Jesus also knew at the same instant that power was gone out from Him. Then Jesus said, "*Who touched me?*"

When all denied touching him, Peter protested, saying that such a question was unreasonable with such a crowd about Him. But Jesus repeated his words. "*Somebody hath touched me, for I perceive that virtue is gone out of me.*"

There is something very touching about the manner in which the woman, when she perceived that she was not hid, came trembling, and falling down before him, confessed that it was she, and that she was healed. Her disorder, according to the law (Lev. 15:25-27) defiled by contact; this may account for her timid and stealthy manner of approaching Christ, for her doing no more than touching the hem of his garment, and for her alarm on being discovered. He faced her and spoke those wonderful words of love and understanding.

"Daughter, be of good cheer; thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague."

While He was yet speaking, there arrived messengers from the house of the ruler of the synagogue, saying, "*Thy daughter is dead: why troublest thou the Master any further.*"

Mark 5:36-43 "*As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe. And he suffered no man to follow him, save Peter, and James, and John the brother of James. And he cometh to the house of the ruler of the*

synagogue, and seeth the tumult, and them that wept and wailed greatly. And when he was come in, he saith unto them, Why make ye this ado, and weep? the damsel is not dead, but sleepeth. And they laughed him to scorn. But when he had put them all out, he taketh the father and the mother of the damsel, and them that were with him, and entereth in where the damsel was lying. And he took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, Talitha cumi; which is, being interpreted, Damsel, I say unto thee, arise. And straightway the damsel arose, and walked; for she was of the age of twelve years. And they were astonished with a great astonishment. And he charged them straitly that no man should know it; and commanded that something should be given her to eat."

Notice here how considerate Jesus was of the feelings of the people that He was dealing with. Ignoring the message, He turned immediately to Jairus; He said only: "*fear not, only believe.*" He would not allow any of the crowd to follow, not even the disciples, except Peter, James and John. When He arrived He was greeted by a tumult, of people weeping and wailing. When He said to them, "Why make such a tumult and weep, she is not dead, but sleepeth?", He was answered with laughter and scorn. The servants evidently did not have the faith of their master. He put them all outside, and taking only the father and mother and His three disciples, he went into the child's room, took her by the hand and simply said: "*Damsel, I say unto thee, arise.*" At once she arose and walked. He commanded that she should be given something to eat. Mark and Luke both tell how the parents were amazed "*with a great amazement.*" They both record with what pains our Lord instructed the parents that they should tell no man what had been done, yet still the fame thereof went forth into all that land. It is a difficult thing to reconcile the disbelief of certain people in these stories with the amazement and conviction of others in the face of such conclusive evidence of the things He did.

HE HEALS TWO BLIND MEN, AND A DUMB DEMONIAC. A BLASPHEMOUS ACCUSATION.

Matthew is the only one to record this next event.

Mat 9:27-34 "And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed him, crying, and saying, Thou son of David, have mercy on us. And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea, Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you. And their eyes were opened; and Jesus straitly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. But they, when they were departed, spread abroad his fame in all that country. As they went out, behold, they brought to him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. But the Pharisees said, He casteth out devils through the prince of the devils."

There is no rest for Jesus from his labours in healing those who demanded His compassion. The greeting from the two blind men would indicate that they recognised His claim to kingship as a descendant of King David. They followed Him to the house of His residence, and this would have been in Capernaum where he lived. All He required from them was an assurance that they believed that He was able to do what they required. Then He simply touched their eyes, and said: "*According to your faith be it done unto you.*" And their eyes were opened. I do not believe that He needed to touch their eyes, but these gestures were done as a sop to our disbelief, as a token of something being accomplished. Perhaps some would argue that they were a form of laying on of hands. Once again the pattern of farewell was the same. He charged them - no, that was not the word: He STRICTLY charged them (and the alternative reading is STERNLY), saying "*See that no man know it.*" Again their actions conformed with what always happened. "*But they went forth, and spread abroad his fame in all that land.*"

Before Jesus even had time to leave the spot, they brought to Him a dumb man possessed with a devil. And when the devil was cast out, the dumb man spake.

And the multitudes marvelled, saying, "*It was never so seen in Israel.*" But there were Pharisees there also; indeed, I

think they rarely left His side, so intent were they of criticising and reporting His every movement. Nor are we disappointed with what they had to say, because they were always most predictable. The Pharisees said: "*By the prince of devils casteth he out devils.*"

THE LAST VISIT TO NAZARETH, AND AGAIN REJECTED.

Mark and Matthew both take up the story. Leaving Capernaum Jesus went back to Nazareth for a last visit. Memories of how the people tried to throw Him over a cliff must have been in His mind, yet it seems perfectly natural that after a long interval He should now give the Nazarenes another opportunity to hear His teaching and to witness miracles which He would not work for them when demanded, but now voluntarily works in a few cases, so far as their now wonderful unbelief left it appropriate.

Mark 6:1-4 "*And he went out from thence, and came into his own country; and his disciples follow him. And when the sabbath day was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, From whence hath this man these things? and what wisdom is this which is given unto him, that even such mighty works are wrought by his hands? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, the brother of James, and Joses, and of Juda, and Simon? and are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended at him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.*"

With His disciples for company, and following His usual practice, He taught in the synagogue on the Sabbath day. Many of the people listening were astonished. Where did this man learn such things: whence did he derive such wisdom and how can he do such mighty works? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and are not his brothers and sisters with us. This familiarity with the family prevented them from giving Jesus His just due, causing Him to invent the proverb: "*A prophet is not*

without honour, save in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house."

Mark 6:5-6; *"And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching."*

Jesus had four brother, James. Joses, Judas, and Simon, as well as at least three sisters. The question was asked, are they not all with us? Had there been but two sisters, the word all would have been both.

Many people find it hard to accept that Jesus had brothers and sisters. The Roman church denies this, and argues for the perpetual virginity of Mary, and are against our Lord having any natural relatives apart from His mother. But even many other Christians would like to reject the truth, suggesting that they were cousins. There is a possibility that they were children of Joseph by a previous marriage, but there is no suggestion of a previous marriage in Scripture. I believe there is no warrant to understand anything other than the plain text in this verse. Bullinger points out that the Lord is called Mary's "firstborn" in Matthew 1:25 and Luke 2:7, and the natural inference is that Mary had other children.

This is what I have been able to find out about James.

1. He is spoken about as being among the sisters and brothers of Christ. (Matthew 13:55-56; John 2:12; John 7:3,10).
2. He was not a believer during our Lord's life. Along with the other children of Joseph and Mary, James did not accept the Messiah-ship of Jesus (Matthew 13:57; Luke 7:20-21; John 7:5). The reference in Luke is interesting. It concerns the question sent to Christ by John the Baptist, His own cousin. Do we see here a hint of doubt, occasioned by the close relationship of cousinhood, bearing in mind the unbelief of Christ's own family? John was in prison, and needed the comfort of knowing that he had not been mistaken, and that Christ's ministry since the Baptism conformed with all that the prophets had spoken.

However, John was able to accept Jesus' word to his messengers as final.

3. He was a witness of Christ's resurrection (1 Cor.15:7). It would seem as if James was won to faith by a special manifestation of the risen Lord. (James 1:1). Seen of James! Paul would only know of one "James", the one often alluded to in the Acts of the Apostles. The result of that glorious sight and conversation transformed James into a disciple and a believer. It is after this experience that we find "the brethren of the Lord" joined with "the apostles" and "the women" assembled together in the upper chamber (Acts 1:14).

4. He became a pillar of the Church at Jerusalem, rising to eminence (Acts 12:17; 15:4-34; 21:18-19; Galatians 2:1-10).

5. He became known for his piety and was named "James the Just". Tradition has it that he was a Nazarite from his mother's womb, abstaining from strong drink and animal food and wearing linen. We are told of his strict adherence to the law (Acts 21:17-26; Galatians 2:12).

6. He was the writer of the epistle bearing his name, which has always been attributed to "James the Just". But such was his character that he styled himself not as the brother, but only as the servant or "slave" of the Lord Jesus Christ. Lockyer tells us that his epistle gives us an admirable summary of practical duties incumbent upon all believers.

7. He was a man who believed in the power of prayer, as evidenced by the space he devotes to it in his epistle. Because of his habit of always kneeling in intercession for the saints, his knees became callused like a camel's; thus he became known as "The Man with Camel's Knees".

8. He was cruelly martyred by the Scribes and Pharisees, who cast him from the pinnacle of the Temple. As the fall did not kill him, his enemies stoned him, finally dispatching him with a fuller's club (see Matthew 4:5; Luke 4:9 where Jesus was taken to the same place by Satan). Across from the Valley of Jehoshaphat, there is a sepulchre called "The Tomb of St.James". Some of these stories are traditional, but are probably reliable.

Jude or Judas was full brother to James. Jude is the English form of the name Judas. He was the author of the next to last book of the Bible and describes himself as a brother of James (Jude 1). Although he calls himself "the servant of Jesus Christ", he was our Lord's brother, and like the rest of His brethren did not believe in Christ when they lived together under the same roof. (Matt 13:55; John 7:5).

His brief epistle contains an earnest warning appeal to the saints to defend the faith in an age of apostasy. Couched in picturesque language, Jude's letter was addressed to a church or circle of churches exposed to false teachers. What a message it has for our hearts in these days of modernistic teaching.

This concluded the second tour of Galilee, but it was not long before He had embarked again on a third Galilean Ministry.

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GOOD NEWS FROM UGANDA'S PRESIDENT MUSEVENI

The following is an address that Uganda's president gave recently to the government officials in his country. It appears that his Christian wife has had quite an influence on him, and that he has committed his life to Jesus Christ.

“Thank you, Your Excellencies, for the opportunity to share some thoughts about the spiritual condition of the peoples of Africa. As I observe their tribal differences, religious divisions, poverty and disease, lack of sufficient educational opportunities for our children, political upheaval and racial strife, it becomes obvious that the principles of Jesus Christ have not penetrated Africa enough.

“It may seem strange for some of you to think that I would say this about Christ, because I know many of you may think this is too religious and not a very practical solution to the problems I have just mentioned. Furthermore, I know that most of you do not think of me as a very religious man - in fact, I do not think that about myself. My wife is a much better believer and prayer than I am, and those who have known me through the years know that I have had problems with religious people. As I have grown older, I realise that all of the problems have not been theirs, but I do think that those of us who claim to love God ought to love one another - this is one of the most basic attributes of a follower of Christ.

“As the years have gone by, however, even though I have not become a member of any special religious group, I have decided to follow Jesus Christ with my whole heart. I find in Him the inner strength, the precepts, and the lifestyle that can help me and all the people of Uganda to solve the problems we face individually and as a nation.

“It is one of the interesting facts about Jesus Christ that people in every nation of the world,

regardless of religion, whether one is a believer or non-believer, consider Jesus the greatest authority on human relations in history. His views on the subject have transcended all religions and cultures. It is remarkable that the person of Jesus Christ is accepted by everyone even when they are not attracted by institutional religion.

“With that in mind, I want to stress at least three significant precepts that Christ taught and modelled, which, if practiced, will help Africa: forgiveness, humility and love.

“Forgiveness: Jesus Christ is the only person ever to come up with the idea of unconditional forgiveness, even of one’s enemies. He went so far as to say if you don’t forgive, God won’t forgive you. In countries where animosity and division go back for generations and even thousands of years, how can peace come to a person, or a group of persons, or a nation, if at some point we do not forgive and let God take the vengeance of our enemies - if that is what He decides to do? It has also been discovered that if we do not forgive, in the final analysis, it hurts us more to hate than it does those we hate. Therefore, I have come to the conclusion that the message of Christ on forgiveness is the only practical solution to healing a nation’s wounds and bringing unity.

“Humility: This is one of the most important attributes necessary to become a good leader. When you observe leaders at all levels of society throughout Africa and I suppose throughout the world, you find them being overcome by power, greed, and self-interest. Somehow, after they have attained the prominence and positions of trust, they forget the people, their poverty and need. They forget that they could become a great instrument to help their country and instead they begin to live like little kings and dictators.

“Only with a humble spirit, one which recognises that we who have been given

opportunities greater than most, are in fact servants of God and the people, rather than masters, will we be able to help our countries move from third-world status and lead the people to a new day. As the Scripture says, God resists the proud, and gives help to the humble. If you have time to pray for me, please pray that God will give me the strength, wisdom and sense to be a humble servant.

“Love: It has been fascinating to me to discover that for centuries people who have been the most thoughtful, the most respected, and who have made the most lasting contributions to the human race have all agreed that the highest and greatest purpose for their lives has been to seek to love God with all their heart, mind, soul and strength.

“These are people like Moses - the great law-giver; Abraham - that man of faith and father of nations; William Wilberforce - the leader against the slave trade; Mother Teresa - and on and on. Jesus Christ said the sum of the law and prophets is to love God and love one another.

“If love for God and for another were the rule and the prevailing attitude in our nations and communities, all problem would move gradually to resolution. Even when love is not the rule for most of the population and only exists among the few, great things happen that give hope and life in a world starved for love and caring.

“Today, as we meet together, let’s resolve to take Jesus Christ out of the religious setting in which we have imprisoned Him and walk with Him along the dusty road of Africa where He feels much more at home.”

Some years ago (1991) President Frederick Chiluba of Zambia declared his nation to be a Christian Nation. Now the president of Uganda is coming close to doing the same thing.

(The above report was extracted from a privately distributed Christian report which I receive. F.W.D. Editor).

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by

Frank W. Dowsett.

Part Nine.

The Eighth Beast.

We now come to the final manifestation of Satan's "Beast System". It is recorded in the Book of the Revelation, chapter 13, verses 11 to 18;

11 "And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.

12 And he exerciseth all the power of the first beast before him, and causeth the earth and them which dwell therein to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed.

13 And he doeth great wonders, so that he maketh fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men,

14 And deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by the means of those miracles which he had power to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth,

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that they should make an image to the beast, which had the wound by a sword, and did live.

15 And he had power to give life unto the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak, and cause that as many as would not worship the image of the beast should be killed.

16 And he causeth all, both small and great, rich and poor, free and bond, to receive a mark in their right hand, or in their foreheads:

17 And that no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark, or the name of the beast, or the number of his name.

18 Here is wisdom. Let him that hath understanding count the number of the beast: for it is the number of a man; and his number is Six hundred threescore and six."

Here we have a clear reference to "another" beast. But it should not be thought for a moment that this beast is a completely separate entity to those which preceded it. This beast, although spoken of as 'another' beast is still an integral part of the overall "Beast System". In Rev. 17:11 we read;

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

It is also interesting to note that the prophet Daniel also alludes to this eighth beast under the title of 'horns' associated with his fourth beast. We read in Dan. 7:7-8;

"After this I saw in the night visions, and behold a fourth beast, dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth: it devoured and brake in pieces, and stamped the residue with the feet of it: and it was diverse from all the beasts that were before it; and it had ten horns.

I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another little horn, before whom there were three of the first horns plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of man, and a mouth speaking great things."

application merely to the Church of Rome is, I believe, to miss the far wider application of what this beast represented. Let us never lose sight of the fact that the main enemy against the Anglo-Israel people is not just Roman Catholicism, as bad as this is. The main enemy of the Kingdom of God is the kingdom of Satan. And just as the Kingdom of God is directed by its King, the Lord Jesus Christ, so the kingdom of Satan is directed by its king, Satan. We know from our studies that the Kingdom of God was established, and is being developed through, the nation of Israel. And just as God is using an earthly nation as His instrument, so Satan is using earthly nations and systems as his instrument. The Church of Rome is only the religious portion of Satan's system. It is not the entire system. By far the greater portion of this anti-God system is the political and economic aspect. All of these aspects are referred to in God's Word under the general title of 'Babylon the Great', or 'the great city Babylon'.

There is a very interesting comment in Rev. 12:12 in respect to "the earth" and "the sea";

"Therefore rejoice, ye heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe to the inhabitants of the earth and of the sea! for the devil is come down unto you, having great wrath, because he knoweth that he hath but a short time."

Here we find both of these elements mentioned, covering the entire scope of this Beast System, from the time of the Roman Empire, right up to our present time. The most interesting feature of this statement though is the reference to Satan's activities. If we ever think that we have troubles, then just give a thought to how Satan must be feeling. We have the assurance of ultimate victory. But Satan has the assurance of ultimate defeat. His anger knows no bounds, especially as we arrive ever closer to the day when his authority will be taken from him. Satan knows full well that he has only a limited time in which to accomplish his purposes, or as the Jerusalem Bible translates this passage, '*He knows that his days are numbered*'. In other words, God has set a time limit on Satan's activities, and Satan well knows this. This explains more fully the words of our Lord Jesus Christ as expressed in Matthew 24:22, where, in speaking of the tribulation of the last days, He says;

“And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened.”

The second aspect of the eleventh verse to which we originally referred is;

“and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.”

We find in this description two separate aspects. Firstly, what this beast looked like, and secondly, what he sounded like.

It is absolutely essential that we clearly understand exactly what these descriptions represent. There are two distinct identification features stated.

Firstly, ‘he had two horns like a lamb.’ Now throughout the Bible, God consistently uses animals and trees and mountains etc. to represent nations and peoples. For instance, Jesus referred to the bad section of Jewry as ‘the seed of the serpent’, or ‘poisonous snakes’. Nations are referred to as “mountains” or “hills”. People are referred to as “trees”, for example, “the trees clapped their hands”.

Elsewhere He refers to non-Israel people as ‘dogs’, a term which originated from the perverted sexual practices related to these peoples’ religious rites and customs. On other occasions the term ‘beast’ is used. These terms are not used for the purpose of offending people, but purely for identification purposes. I realise that some people become offended at such a suggestion. But why should we? The people about which the entire Bible is written, and of which it is the history, were also called by the name of an animal. They are referred to as ‘sheep’. So why should be offended by one such usage, and automatically accept another? If the word ‘dogs’ always and only refers to our four-footed friends, “mans’ best friend”, as they are called, then what are we to make of the following references?

“Thou shalt not bring the hire of a whore, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow.”
(Deut. 23:18).

God was not talking about selling your pet poodle and offering the proceeds of the sale to Him. 'The price of a dog' was the 'hire of a homosexual'.

In other words, anyone who engaged in these abominations was not permitted to pay a tithe or offering to the Lord out of their ill-gotten earnings.

Then in Psalm 22:16 and 20 we read David's plea;

"For dogs have encompassed me: ... deliver my soul from the power of the dog."

In Matthew 7:6 we are told;

"Give not that which is holy unto the dogs."

In Philippians 3:2 we read;

"Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers."

Surely the above verses have a real message for the permissive society in which we now live, and the "Christian" (?) churches which give these abominable practices their sanction.

Serious students of God's Word might like to re-study the passage in Matthew 15:21-28, the account of His discussion with the 'Woman of Canaan', in the light of the above.

These warnings do not apply to the local Alsatians. God is referring to the godless heathen and their evil customs, foremost among which was the abominable practice of homosexuality.

So in like manner, when we find this beast likened to a lamb with two horns, it is not describing the beast as actually appearing in the form of a lamb, or sheep. The sheep is always used symbolically of God's people Israel. Israel is '*the sheep of His pasture*'. They are '*sheep*' because they follow '*the Shepherd*'. And He is '*the Shepherd*' because He leads '*the sheep*'. The secret of the identity of this beast is that he assumes the

identity of a lamb, or sheep. In other words, he represents himself as God's people Israel when in fact he is not.

A quick look at the meaning of the three main words used in this statement will, I'm sure, clarify the real situation.

1. **“Like”.** This word means to make something look like something else which it is not. In other words, it refers to a ‘deception’.
2. **“Lamb”.** This is the symbol used of God's chosen people Israel.
3. **“Horns”.** This is used to portray power and authority. For example, look at those who today have ‘power and authority’ over our financial system and the media, the two most powerful forces in our society today.

From this we learn that the whole intent of this ‘beast’ was, and still is, to deceive the people into believing that both it and what it represents is actually the true chosen people of God - Israel - when in actual fact, they are nothing more than deceivers and interlopers, exercising complete power and authority over the true Israel people whom they have, for thousands of years, determined to exterminate.

Thus we identify that this beast as an entity which falsely assumes the identity of Israel, but is in fact actuated and controlled by Satan.

Our Lord did not mince matters when He Himself identified them as those who

“say they are Jews (Judeans), and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan.” (Rev. 2:9, and 3:9).

God willing, we will continue this fascinating study of this deceptive “beast system” in our next issue.



Who Says God is Dead?

(Courtesy Willie Martin. Identity List.)

Like any good mother, when Karen found out that another baby was on the way, she did what she could to help her 3-year-old son, Michael, prepare for a new sibling. They find out that the new baby is going to be a girl, and day after day, night after night, Michael sings to his sister in Mommy's tummy.

The pregnancy progresses normally for Karen, an active member of the Panther Creek United Methodist Church in Morristown, Tennessee. Then the labor pains come. Every five minutes ... every minute. But complications arise during delivery. Hours of labor. Would a C-section be required? Finally, Michael's little sister is born, but she is in serious condition. With siren howling in the night, the ambulance rushes the infant to the neonatal intensive care unit at St. Mary's Hospital, Knoxville, Tennessee.

The days inch by. The little girl gets worse. The pediatric specialist tells the parents, "There is very little hope. Be prepared for the worst." Karen and her husband contact a local cemetery about a burial plot. They have fixed up a special room in their home for the new baby -- now they plan a funeral. Michael, keeps begging his parents to let him see his sister, "I want to sing to her," he says.

Week two in intensive care. It looks as if a funeral will come before the week is over. Michael keeps nagging about singing to his sister, but kids are never allowed in Intensive Care. But Karen makes up her mind. She will take Michael whether they like it or not. If he doesn't see his sister now, he may never see her alive.

She dresses him in an oversized scrub suit and marches him into ICU. He looks like a walking laundry basket, but the head nurse recognizes him as a child and bellows, "Get that kid out of here now! No children are allowed in ICU." The mother rises up strong in Karen, and the usually mild-mannered lady

glares steel-eyed into the head nurse's face, her lips a firm line.
"He is not leaving until he sings to his sister!"

Karen tows Michael to his sister's bedside. He gazes at the tiny infant losing the battle to live. And he begins to sing. In the pure hearted voice of a 3-year-old, Michael sings:

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine, you make me happy when skies are gray ---"

Instantly the baby girl responds. The pulse rate becomes calm and steady. Keep on singing, Michael.

"You never know, dear, how much I love you, Please don't take my sunshine away---"

The ragged, strained breathing becomes as smooth as a kitten's purr. Keep on singing, Michael.

"The other night, dear, as I lay sleeping, I dreamed I held you in my arms..."

Michael's little sister relaxes as rest, healing rest, seems to sweep over her. Keep on singing, Michael.

Tears conquer the face of the bossy head nurse. Karen glows.

"You are my sunshine, my only sunshine. Please don't take my sunshine away."

Funeral plans are scrapped. The next, day -- the very next day -- the little girl is well enough to go home!

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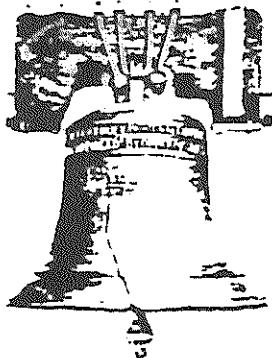
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Many people today, in attempting to salve their conscience in the context of eating food specifically prohibited in the Bible, have, in addition to claiming exemption from the Law through grace, indicated that God's restrictions on certain animals were purely ceremonial and therefore invalid in the physical sense. Make no mistake here. The terms 'clean' and 'unclean' - Hebrew, 'taher' and 'tame' - while occurring in many instances in a ceremonial context, are not limited to that sphere and are positively applied to the dietary Laws which have absolutely nothing to do with religious considerations. Long before any ceremonial ritual had been provided, animals (Heb.: *behemah*: quadrupeds) and birds (Heb.: *owph*; those covered with feathers) were divided into either 'clean' and 'unclean' categories or, as the Hebrew text describes them, 'pure' or 'foul' departments.

It is most interesting to note that these two categories only came into being as a result of the relationship between

Adamic man and the animals in the context of food for in the creation of the whole animal kingdom;

“God saw that it was good” (Gen. 1:25).

Whether or not the Adamic race was given a list of clean or unclean animals is not recorded nor does it suffice to contend that the antediluvian civilisation was a vegetarian one, therefore making such a list unnecessary. However, when one comes to the time of the Flood, Noah was first commanded to preserve two of every species and later, to increase the number of ‘clean’ animals to seven pairs, while that of the ‘unclean’ was to remain at two, or one pair. The point to note here is that while the Hebrew text uses the words ‘*taher*’ and ‘*tame*’ - clean and unclean - no further definition of the terms precedes this, leaving one to understand that the Adamic race either was or had become familiar with the implication of the terminology.

As all animals are basically ‘good’ within their own spheres - this was the Benediction of the Lord after creation - in the context of Adamic man’s relationship to them and within the framework of food, this relationship should be governed by God’s knowledge of that which He created. Within the framework of this knowledge, the Lord said to Israel:

“These are the beasts which ye shall eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. Whatsoever parteth the hoof and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that shall ye eat. Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the hoof: as the camel, because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you . . .” (Lev. 11:2-7).

The identifying principles, so clearly set out in God’s Holy Law, are totally rejected today by God’s Covenant people who relish their breakfast of ‘bacon and eggs’ and who do not object to the increasing usage of pork products within their processed foods. To them, the ‘ham’ has been ‘cured’ and the pig has therefore been transposed, by modern technology, from an ‘unclean’ to a ‘clean’ food.

One wonders if the advocates of the universal ‘cleanliness’ of all foods have ever taken the trouble to have a serious look at God’s Word and to note that it contains more

than just a prohibition against certain animals and that it states, in the case of swine:

"Of their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you" (Lev. 11:8).

Many, of course, will claim that the prohibition against even touching the carcase is going too far and yet, for some strange reason, abattoirs follow standard instructions in slaughter procedures which make sense out of the Lord's prohibition against even touching the carcase of the pig. Abattoir operators are not allowed to slaughter other animals after the slaughtering of pigs unless the abattoir has been completely scrubbed and all floors, ceilings and freezers used for pig carcases completely disinfected. After this procedure has been followed, the abattoir must stand idle for 48 hours. While there may not be complete and universal unanimity on this procedure, the fact that it has been adopted in certain countries as a derivative from experience should cause many to rethink their prejudices about God's Law and to realise that man is the benefactor when he abides by the Lord's instructions.

Abattoir procedures as elucidated above, while preventing contamination of other carcases with that of the pig, does nothing for the consumer who buys his portion and apparently enjoys his meal, secure in the so-called assurance that all is well. One wonders what would happen if the gourmet realised precisely what he was eating and that the bacteria within the flesh of the pig - bacteria so essential to the animal's function of assimilating the world's refuse - is not destroyed, no matter how much technology may claim to 'cure' it. Within the canning process, it has been established that while some bacteria are destroyed by the heat, others come to life which actually thrive on excessive temperatures.

In God's Law He categorically states:

"Of their (swine) flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcase shall ye not touch; they are unclean to you".

and as one studies the official reports of government agencies, one is able to appreciate the answer to the question "Why?" when projected into God's prohibitions in His Law. In the U.S. Department of Agriculture Farmers Bulletin No. 1787 which

deals exclusively with the internal parasites of swine, it states that there are twelve different forms of organisms which should be considered when raising swine. They are (1) dysentery-producing protozoa, (2) coccidia, (3) tape worms, (4) pork bladder worms, (5) the hydatid, (6) roundworms, (7) the intestinal threadworm, (8) the thorn-headed worm, (9) nodular worm, (10) the swine kidney worm, (11) lug worms, (12) trichina.

In considering number 12, i.e. trichina or *trichinella spiralis*, these are slender threadworms occurring as adults in the small intestine of swine, in the blood as migrating larvae and in the muscles as encysted or encapsulated worms. The adult worm in the small intestines are from one-sixteenth to one-sixth of an inch long and about as wide as a very fine thread; the migrating worms in the blood are microscopic in size while those in the muscles are spirally rolled and are about one twenty-fifth of an inch long. The life history of *trichinella spiralis* is known and, as trichinosis in Anglo-Saxondom is on the increase as a result of the increased consumption of pig's flesh in opposition to God's Command, this history is now provided.

The adult worms in the intestine are rather short-lived, but before they die and pass out with the droppings, the females produce numerous young worms which are deposited directly in the lymph spaces in the walls of the intestine. From the lymph channels, the worms reach the large blood vessels leading to the heart itself and the blood vessels leaving the heart, and are carried, by the blood, to all parts of the body. When the young worms in the bloodstream reach the muscles, they penetrate the muscle fibres and grow at the expense of the muscle tissue. After approximately three weeks, the young worms have attained their maximum size, having become spirally coiled with a thin membrane or cyst measuring roughly one-fiftieth of an inch forming around each worm. The worm is thus trapped in the muscles and cannot undergo any further development until the muscle tissue in which it is lodged is eaten. It is estimated that pigs acquire trichinae as a result of eating scraps of pork containing the encysted worms, or as a result of eating dead pigs, dogs, cats, rats or mice. Rats and mice become infested as a result of eating scraps of infested pork or each other. Human beings, so claims the report, become infested with trichinae as 'the result of eating raw or imperfectly cooked pork infested with these parasites'.

Dr. Thomas Parran, former Surgeon General of the U.S. Public Health Service, estimated that sixteen million persons in the United States are currently infected with trichinosis and that some fifty other diseased conditions of the human body are the direct result of contracting *trichinella spiralis*. In '*Studies on Trichinosis*', a United States Public Health Report issued in 1943, the insidious nature of trichinosis is reported in that of 222 cadavers studied, each had the worm and yet none had been correctly diagnosed. In the report it is stated that unknowingly, millions of Americans harbour in their muscle tissue the larvae of *trichinella spiralis* and this because vested interests use pork as an adulterant in meat products. In summing up, the Public Health Report concludes: "Of the total persons dying in the United States over the period of these surveys, one out of every six was infected with the trichina parasite."

There are, of course, many who hold that "God has said it; I have read it; I believe it", and who require nothing further than God's Law as the basis for their conduct. On the other hand there are those who take 1st Timothy 4:4-5 as their authority for eating all things.

"For every creature of God is good, and nothing to be refused, if it is received with thanksgiving: For it is sanctified by the word of God and prayer".

No doubt the infected persons referred to in the U.S. Public Health Report were of this persuasion and not even the report by Dr. Willard H. Wright, Chief of the U.S. Zoological laboratory would cause them to change their minds. In this report, Dr. Wright quoted the findings of others and is worthy of record here. "Dr. J.H. Kellogg, in his study, 'Scientific View of the Hog', shows that the hog is such a dangerous carrier of disease because the animal itself is diseased. The lungs of the hog are frequently filled with large numbers of tubercles; in seventy-five cases out of one hundred you will find the liver filled with abscesses; the diseased liver upon closer inspection will be found to contain sacs in which are living tapeworms. Dr. Kellogg then shows that the excess fat of the pig is not a natural or healthy condition, but results from the animal's inability to throw off impurities. Since the swine cannot

throw off its poison, this accumulated venom circulates throughout the body of the swine bringing about a diseased carcase." This, of course, means nothing to those who live under the grand delusion of the time and who care little or nothing about the words of He Who rose from the dead and Who said:

"If they hear not Moses and the prophets neither will they be persuaded through one rose from the dead"

(Luke 16:31).

Meat - in General

While that which has been written above comes within the context of natural phenomena, i.e. God's prohibition against eating swine's flesh on the basis of His knowledge of its constituents, the Law advocating the eating of beasts which part the hoof, is clovenfooted and chews the cud, did not take into account modern technology which is currently turning food into insidious poison. Vested interests, in their corporate desire for more profits, have realised the impossibility of cattle (and pigs) to fatten any faster and have thus joined science and technology to convert meat into refuse. While not specifically in the context of meat, the principles behind God's warning recorded in Amos 8:4-6 is the same in that He condemns the exploiters who '*sell the refuse of the wheat* ' for profit.

In 1976, the U.S Department of Agriculture made a proposal that in the light of modern technology, the definition of 'meat' be widened to accommodate 'additives' not currently covered by the word. At that time the well-known 'hot-dog' already contained 20 per cent of pulverized bones and fat in their total weight and it was estimated that within two years, i.e. in 1978 (twenty years ago from this year), sausages, hamburgers, all processed meat and all other sausages would be composed of this new definition of 'meat'. While reaction against this new concept halted the proposal, the implementation of the definition has not halted the pollution of food. From the information available it would appear that the 'new meat' was to be created from the bones and offal. After the removal of all flesh, the bones would be pulverised to which would be added the fat with

13 portions of the animal carcase not usually eaten by humans, but which formed the basis for cat and dog food.

In the normal course of events it takes three to four years for cattle to be converted into beef, but with today's methods motivated by the demand for quick monetary returns, it takes between one and one and a half years to put beef on the table. According to a report in '*Spotlight*', animals in the United States are fattened by a mixture of urea and carbohydrate added to a high protein diet while tests are conducted using substances such as triturated plastic, pulverised newsprint mixed with molasses, wood shavings or sawdust. Another method to achieve even quicker fattening in the animals is the changing of the metabolism of the animal with drugs such as a very high-powered sex hormone, the results of which, on the consumer, could be extremely dangerous. The meat of a sex hormone-fed animal appears to the casual observer to be tender and delicious, and yet contains all the elements which could produce a very sick people.

The use of antibiotics on animals destined for human consumption makes the fat in the meat white and hard instead of the yellowish soft appearance. The essential difference between the two should be noted, for the fat produced by the introduction of antibiotics contains quantities of cholesterol and which could create heart conditions in the habitual consumer of this type of meat.

Just prior to selling a beast for the consumer's market, some producers inject them with enzymes extracted from pineapples and papayas or paw-paws to tenderise their meat and with other chemical products to make them retain liquid which they would otherwise eliminate in the normal biological process. In this manner, the beast's weight would be greater thus providing the producer with a greater financial return.

All this is as obtains in many places where scripturally permitted meat is for sale. It should be stated with all emphasis that while God's Law merely relates the clean and unclean kinds of animals which should and should not be eaten, the morality of the producers of 'clean' food should be governed by his obedience to the whole body of the Law which does not permit either exploitation of circumstance nor the adulteration of his calling as a food producer. The things that are therefore done in order to gain a quick return for invested capital which are

detrimental to the health of the consumer as much as a violation of the Law as is the eating of swine's flesh.

Identity of 'Clean' Food

It is absolutely true that 'two wrongs do not make a right' and the fact that unscrupulous persons are polluting good food should not give rise to an attitude of capitulation in which God's People discard all that the Lord has commanded and eat all things. The Laws governing clean food still obtain notwithstanding the perversions of vested interests and it behoves each of God's Covenant People to be fully conversant with these. In Deuteronomy 14:1, Israel was instructed:

"Ye are the children of the Lord your God . . ."

and the subsequent instructions concerning the dietary laws were intended to make the people a worthy and healthy depiction of this status. The clean and unclean foods have distinguishing marks by which animals not mentioned in either Leviticus 11:1-8 and Deuteronomy 14:3-8 can be identified. In the case of clean mammals, these are they that must be herbivorous; and they should not have incisor or canine teeth; they must ruminate; they should have a stomach of multiple compartments and should walk on two toes or be cloven-hoofed. All others not conforming with these criteria are classified as unclean.

In verse 4 of Deuteronomy 14, the identification of the ox, sheep and the goat provides no problem, but as confusion may arise in identifying the animals in verse 5, each one will be dealt with separately. The 'hart' (Heb. *Ayyal*) is the deer generally classified as *cervus capreolus* and while now extinct in Palestine was found to inhabit Mt. Carmel until fifty or so years ago. The 'roe-buck' (Heb. *Tsebi*) is the gazelle, *gazella subgutturosa*, which, apart from being a clean animal, was noted for its beauty and speed of flight and is referred to in many symbolic passages. The 'fallow deer' (Heb. *yachmur*) is the antelope *bubalis boselaphus* which is depicted in many ancient drawings of hunting scenes. The 'wild goat' (Heb. *Ako*) is the type designated as *capra aegagrus* which even today inhabits the mountains of the Syrian desert and is also considered a close relative to the 'nubian ibex' (*capra nubiana*) which in Hebrew is

written as the 'yael'. The 'pygarg' (Heb. *Dishon*) is the antelope adax nasomaculatus which at one time, freely roamed the land of Palestine, but which has since disappeared and is only to be found in East Africa. The 'wild ox' (Heb. *to* or *teo*) is the bison, bison bonasus, bones of which have been found in the Lebanon. The 'buffalo', although not mentioned in the list of clean foods, was used as such as verified by the accounts in Isaiah 1:11 under the Hebrew name 'meri' and translated simply as 'fed beasts' and under the same name in Amos 5:22, 2nd Samuel 6:13, and 1st Kings 1:19. The 'chamois' (Heb. *zemer*) appears to be the wild sheep (*ovis musimon*) or the oryx (*oryx algazel*). Some confusion appears to attend a positive identification here as authorities are still in the process of their investigations.

The carnivorous animals are unclean and among those listed in the Bible although not specifically within the Law, are the lion (Heb. *arye*); the leopard (Heb. *namer*); the dog (Heb. *keleb*); the wolf (Heb. *zeeb*); the jackal (Heb. *iyym*); the hyena (Heb. *tzaboa*); the fox (Heb. *shual*) and the bear (Heb. *Dob*).

"Nevertheless, these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that divide the coven hoof; as the camel, the hare, and the coney: for they chew the cud, but divide not the hoof; therefore they are unclean unto you."

(Deut. 14:7).

The reason behind the prohibition in this instance appears to be that while they chew the cud, they have no cloven hoof and therefore are unclean. The 'hare' (Heb. *arnebet*) has been in the center of much controversy because of the Greek translation of the Hebrew into 'dasypoda' which means 'hairy-footed'. When the Septuagint was produced at the order of Ptolemy, the translators were in the difficult position of not offending the ruler whose mother's name was 'Arnabta' which, as is obvious, has a close affinity with the Hebrew 'arnebet' which means 'the hare'. Whichever way one may look at this, the hare and its associates which do not part the hoof are not good for food. The 'coney' (Heb. *shaphan*) is the hyrax, *procavia syriaca*, whose external and internal structure is so anomalous that it is classed in an order by itself, having an affinity with the cloven-hoofed animals on the one hand and to the animals possessing trunks on the

other. As the Law specifies the coney as unclean, it falls within the category no matter what men say about it.

Clean Birds

It should be stated in the outset that in connection with birds, no distinguishing marks of cleanness or otherwise are provided in the Pentateuch. One is therefore left with accepting what the Law actually says, leaving the subject at that. However, there are one or two pointers which provide the basis for further research and which the individual could follow up. For instance, among the birds which should not be eaten, one finds the statement:

“. . . And the pelican, and the gier eagle, and the cormorant, And the stork, and the heron after her kind and the lapwing and the bat . . .” (Deut. 14:18).

In the English translation, most names are easily understood, but when one comes to the Hebrew text, one finds that instead of the names of the various species of birds, their main characteristics are recorded. For instance, the English name eagle is translated from the Hebrew 'nesher' which means literally to 'lacerate', and by implication covers the activity of the birds of prey. It was on this basis that the priesthood of the Old Testament ruled that all birds of prey were unclean.

Attention is now drawn to Leviticus 11:18 and Deuteronomy 14:16 where the swan is referred to as unclean. The Hebrew word from which this has been translated is 'tanshemeth' which literally indicates a characteristic rather than a proper noun and means 'irascible' and has, in various places been translated as 'tree toad', 'mole', 'waterhen', 'ibis', 'swan' and 'heron'. As the context under consideration is birds, the tree toad and mole can be discarded thus leaving the waterhen, ibis, swan and the heron. These four belong to the family known as the 'Anatidae' which is the name generally applied to the web-footed species and as the heron is specifically mentioned in both Leviticus and Deuteronomy plus those 'after its kind', one can safely say and still be within the authority of the Law, that the Anatidae family comes under the prohibition as food. The duck, which many consider a delicacy, comes under this heading.

Previously and under the generalisation of clean and unclean birds, the authority for which is 1st Kings 4:23 where Solomon, at the height of his wisdom, provided a feast which comprised, among other things, "Ten fat oxen, and twenty oxen out of the pastures, and an hundred of sheep, beside harts, and roebucks, and fallow deer and fatted fowl . . .", the fatted fowl is translated from the Hebrew '*barburim abusim*' which rabbinic authorities identify as the white goose whose fat and lungs were also used for medicine. The prefix 'bar' means pure while 'barbara' in Arabic means 'to scream', this is the basis for this identification. However, while it would appear that the '*barburim abusim*' was used for food, its association is only on the most flimsy of data and should be excluded.

The 'Creeping Things'

Of those creatures which are classified as creeping things, the weasel, the mouse, the tortoise after his kind, the ferret, the chameleon, the lizard, the snail and the mole are singled out as unclean. There is no difficulty in identification here for each type enumerated is an accurate translation from the various Hebrew words.

Sea Food

"These shall ye eat of all that are in the waters; whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, them ye shall eat. And all that have not fins and scales in the seas, and in the rivers of all that move in the waters, and of any living thing which is in the waters, they shall be an abomination unto you"

(Lev. 11:9-10).

The criteria here is very straightforward, for anything in the waters which has fins and scales is good for food, while anything falling outside this, is not. The waters of the earth are a vast unknown despite man's much vaunted science and technology and within this sphere live animals who are being exploited to supplement the worlds food supply. All and sundry are fished and presented in various ways as edible for human consumption. This is not what God said and while men may

have a free choice as to his sea food, he has absolutely no choice when it comes to the by-product of that choice if it falls outside that which God declared as good for food. Shellfish are eagerly sought out today with oysters, crab meat, mussels, and crayfish highly prized as exquisite delicacies. The ominous warnings which appear in daily newspapers are disregarded and men wonder why the general health of the nation is deteriorating and the need for larger hospitals is growing. Last month and in Australia, the people were warned against eating oysters - a warning which was followed by an all-clear signal in a Sydney newspaper which stated that Australians would be relieved to know that it was safe again to eat the oysters. An outbreak of food poisoning caused by eating oysters resulted in at least two thousand people being treated in hospital. The explanation was that the oysters had been harvested too soon after heavy rain had washed sewage into the rivers. The oysters were performing their natural function of cleaning up the mess - men were performing a lawless one by eating them.

A dead and rotting carcase, washed down the rivers and into the sea soon disappears when the shrimp and other shellfish begin their task of cleaning up the oceans of the world and man, notwithstanding his demand for a healthier life and better environment, harvests the scavengers of the sea and devours them! It is small wonder that the world's ecology is shot to pieces and smaller wonder indeed that human society is demanding more and more by way of hospital facilities. Looking at the overall situation and knowing full well the gravity of this, men still ask for the reason behind it all. Why, in the light of present technology is there so much misery and suffering? Why, after all this time is human society in such a state of upheaval, chaos and anarchy? The answer is unbelievably simple - men have forgotten God Whose appointed witness nation wallows with the rest of mankind in the cesspool of its own choice. As always, God's Way is the way to recovery for He says:

"Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions, whereby ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will you die, O house of Israel?"
(Ezek. 18:30-31).



This is the final message in this truly wonderful series on the Law of God. Truly, the Law of God is perfect, converting the soul. Truly has the prophet Isaiah stated;

"O that thou hadst obeyed My commandments. Then had thy peace been as a river, and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea".

How long are we, as individuals, and as a nation, going to continue to flout the righteous Laws, Commandments, Statutes, and Judgments of a loving God who desires nothing more for His people than the absolute best that He can give. We continue to disobey Him at our continuing peril. Our safety and health and well being in every avenue of our lives is assured only when we humble ourselves in total obedience to the One who loved us so much that He gave His life to redeem us from the curse of the law which through continued disobedience could, and would, have only one end - Misery and Death. He did not do this for us as a matter of favouritism. He did it because He loved us. He did this because for reasons which most of us find impossible to even begin to understand, He has foreordained us to be the instrument by which, and through which, He will bring hope, life, and joy, to all families and nations of the earth. We can only achieve this noblest of all purposes as we demonstrate through our example His Great Purposes for a sick and weary world. We dare not fail Him. Indeed, it is His Divinely stated intention that we will not fail Him. The prophet Isaiah assures us of this. May we, in the short time that remains for us, do our very best, in every way, and at every opportunity, to awaken our people to the fact that the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, is still our God, and that, despite all our failings, we are still His people whom He has chosen to show forth His glory.

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

For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts.

watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower, and bread to the eater: So shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it.

For ye shall go out with joy, and be led forth with peace: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir tree, and instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle tree: and it shall be to the LORD for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off."



"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

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fret not thyself because of him who prospereth
in his way,
because of the man who bringeth wicked devices
to pass.

Cease from anger, and forsake wrath;
fret not thyself in any wise to do evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off
but those that wait upon the LORD,
they shall inherit the earth.

For yet a little while, and the wicked shall not be:
yea, thou shalt diligently consider his place,
and it shall not be.

But the meek shall inherit the earth;
and shall delight themselves in the abundance of peace.

Psalm 37:7-11.

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