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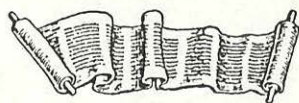
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Point of View



Editor

Each day, no matter what our position in life, there exist certain priorities. As to when they are carried out does not matter. Sometimes they might have to be carried out in a certain order. Priorities are actions or duties that require special attention.

The Bible is a book of priorities. Most of them relate to Israel. Many revolve around the need for Israel to be cleansed so as she can be a worthy servant and Bride. As a cleansed nation she could carry out her divine role in helping to restore the earth, thus fulfilling the Edenic Covenant. The God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has done everything possible in His plan to bring about Israel's realisation of this wonderful duty. Even the death of God's only begotten Son had to be incorporated into His plan. This was done so as Israel's relationship with the Groom could be renewed. This is a priority that has been greatly overlooked by our spiritual leaders. Even in the death and resurrection we see the

perfect law carried out to complete the cycle. This message of Hope is not generally known. The yet future remarriage is all tied in with the question of the Identity story. The many events yet to unfold will bring about a realisation of who true Israel is in the world.

Even though both Houses of Israel perished (scattered due to disobedience) their complete identity was never lost to the Lord who looked upon her as the apple of His eye. No matter what people may say or for that matter organised religion, the God of our Fathers will cause Israel to fully recognise her responsibilities and duties. Just as God is bound by the unconditional covenants so Israel will soon realise she is also bound by these same covenants. The order of priorities for the nation will drastically change.

Once these matters are realised no more will the stock exchange and the banking system rule our lives. The commonweal of the people will take priority. God's laws will be implanted into our lives over the course of time. The people will obey, because Christ will rule the nations with a rod of iron. Just punishments to fit the crime will be reinstituted. Whilst I believe Christ and His government will rule as a benevolent

dictator it will not be long before the people will be willing to have these laws written into their hearts. Once the tares have been separated and dealt with, it will be realised that our Heavenly Father only desires to shower us with blessings. The problem is, we have learnt to live with tyrants. Priority of entry into the Kingdom will have to be realised. Even the Pharisees will be allowed in, but they will be least in the Kingdom. Many will be brought low, whereas others will be placed into positions of authority. Those chosen to rule with Christ will be a special few. Many not of Israel, but who realise the benefits of obedience will take these laws back to their own lands. A heavenly concept of the "Colombo Plan" will be instituted. Throughout the world there will be established "Hills of Zion", or places of learning. From these places will flow the law and Truth in all aspects of knowledge. The pursuit of Truth will be the aim of all studies. The word education will take on a very different meaning.

Special attention will be given to so many aspects of society that the changes yet to occur will appear as though it is a revolution. In many respects not a great deal of change will be required. What will occur as a result of some new legislation and administration are the positive benefits for all. It must be remembered that once the Divine Laws are established it will be only

necessary to administer the laws. Of course courts will be still required to make sure the law is obeyed by the citizens, hand down the punishments and to make sure the law is correctly interpreted.

The main area of change will occur within the money system. This is why Christ said that you can not serve two masters. It is either God's system of economics or that of Mammon (reliance upon a money system). Today the main priority of monopolies is to accumulate monetary wealth at the expense of private enterprise. Every day we are witnessing the destruction of private enterprise. Long established private firms are being swallowed up by international cartels who then manipulate the market economy. Foreign ownership in the hands of the few is the order of the day. When God's Laws are fully adhered to, private enterprise will thrive with special attention given to profit based on natural production. Because rain will be showered upon us in due season as promised the people will be surprised at just how little effort will be required to satisfy our needs. Waste and in-built decay will be to a great extent a problem of the past. I repeat again this is no fanciful dream but a belief based upon the promises of God for the eventual benefit of mankind.

When the "I Wills" of God become reality in His dealings with true Israel we will begin to see our

priorities drastically change. Matters of importance today will become irrelevant tomorrow. Special attention will be given to areas that our leaders have given little thought to and certainly no plans for action. A life of equity will become the order of the day. Not the present attempt to pursue lifeless gods like that of Democracy and Equality which historically have proven to bring about more factions and disunity.

As a nation our priority is to

put our own house in order first. We will not improve our own position by pandering to the desires of the New World Order. We will soon realise that God desires for us a position of example and service. This can only come about when we seek first His Kingdom that is based upon righteousness. It will be only then that all our needs will be met through a correct understanding of faith.

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Ice Man

ICE MAN FOUND ON AUSTRIAN BORDER SCIENTISTS DATE NEAR TO THE TIME OF NOAH'S FLOOD

VIENNA - The corpse of the so-called Similaun Ice Man discovered in glacial ice on the Austrian-Italian border is between 4,616 and 4,866 years old, ORF, the Austrian radio station, reported.

The report followed carbon-dating tests by universities and scientific institutes in Uppsala in Sweden and Paris on grass found at the site, ORF said.

Officials at the University of Innsbruck who first received the body for examination said that both institutes had received half of the same sample.

They said the results could be considered accurate as those coming from both scientific institutes coincided. Tests are continuing on other plant life and samples of wood found on the site, Innsbruck university officials told ORF.

The corpse was discovered in late September 1991 by mountain climbers on the Similaun Glacier.

Scientists have said it is one of the most important finds of the early Ice Age. The body was freeze-dried and remains of clothing and equipment found at the site indicated the man was equipped for high alpine areas at the time of his death.

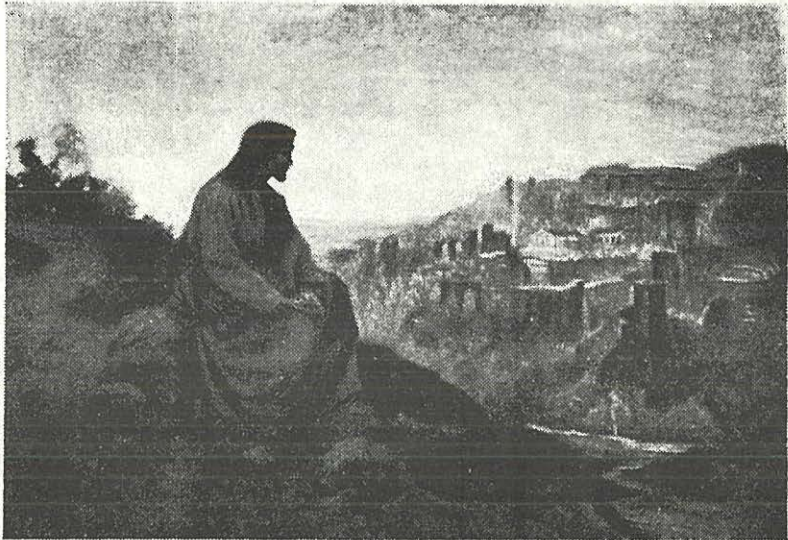
Archaeological Report

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God's Pattern for His People

J. Shenton

'For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith the Lord; that they might be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear' (Jeremiah 13:11)



Painting by William Hole

CHRIST AT JERUSALEM

'And when He was come near, He beheld the city, and wept over it'

'THEY would not hear.' That is the whole sad story of the persistent failure of the people of God. *'They would not hear.'* This is the most tragic sentence in all literature and history, both ancient and modern. All our so-called tragedies are nothing when set alongside the awful failure of God's people - they

would not hear the words of their covenant-keeping God. We find the supreme tragedy repeated within Jewry in the days of the Redeemer when He cried: *'O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen*

gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not' (Matt. 23: 37).

God made known His high purpose for His people - and what a glorious purpose it was! But the complete fulfilment was conditional upon their cooperation and obedience. They were to be a people different from all the nations of the world. The Divine intention for His people was that they should lead the other nations into the blessedness of His Kingdom. But the principle was fixed as the laws of the Universe; obedience would bring results, disobedience would bring consequences and disaster.

No Vision

'Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint: but he that keepeth the law, happy is he' (Prov. 29:18 R.V.). When God's people lose their vision of their special relationship to Him, and their peculiar position in His world purposes, which demand that He be obeyed in every department of their national life, then disaster follows upon disaster. When they are not held together by the cement of God's high purpose for them in the world, then they 'break loose'; they themselves become lawless, refusing to be bound together by His Law. Sin is lawlessness. And where there is lawlessness the true blessings and conditions God desires for His people cannot be experienced. This

has been the unhappy experience of God's people down the ages to this present time.

Only under the Rule and Government of God, only as the people of God in their national life are Divinely environed and enveloped, held and hidden deep in the Divine Omnipotence, surrounded by the all-sufficiency of God, can they be protected from the 'things' and 'powers' which seek to destroy them. Only under the sceptre of their Sovereign Lord in His Kingdom can Modern Israel be enabled to come to the full realization of their own great possibilities for the blessing of all the families of the earth (Gen. 12: 3).

The Vision Glorious

Almighty God always held before His people the vision glorious. He did this by promise, by prophecy, by covenant, by prospect and by purpose. Always there was the Divine pledge and assurance of 'the good life' full of blessedness; their every need would be met, for all of His resources were at their disposal. To them was promised Divine leadership, a guarantee of unfailing guidance, a promise of provision and protection.

No other people had greater privileges, and it must therefore follow no other people had so great a responsibility entrusted to them. To this people it was given to realize

the vital realities of life under the Government of God.

The Divine Pattern

God's intention for His people is that they should be unto Him, *'for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory'*. This was, and still is, the Divine pattern and purpose for His people. There is something irresistibly challenging in this high calling. Here we see something of the glorious spaciousness of God's purpose for our race.

This purpose has been thwarted by the repeated disobedience and blindness of His people but it has not changed. This fact provides the reason for our present plight and shows the only way of deliverance from our impoverishment.

For a People

God's high purpose for the chosen seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob is that they should be unto Him *'for a people'*. Now in all honesty, what can this mean but that they should be unto Him *'a people of God'*? A special people, distinctive, separated, a people for a special purpose. We are aware that this belief is frowned upon and even condemned today by many. But we are not dealing with 'the traditions and opinions' of men. Our

responsibility is to be faithful to the declared Word of God.

The descendants of the fathers were to be unto God *'for a people'*. We can depend upon it that this means a 'distinctive people', and not A mixed up racially intermarried people. They were to be a 'separated people'. In fact, of this people God says *'This people have I formed for myself'* (Isa. 43:21). Separation seems essential to the purpose of God. *'Say unto the children of Israel, I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians . . . and I will take you to me for a people and I will be to you a God: and ye shall know that I am the LORD your God'* (Exod. 6:6-7). Further, we read: *'And I will sever in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people dwell, that no swarms of flies shall be there . . . and I will put a division between my people and thy people'* (Exod. 8:23).

Let the reader note, God clearly states He would put a 'division' between His people, Israel, and Pharaoh's people - the Egyptians! Now we do not say this. God Himself declares it. It is for the reader to decide whether to believe God or the 'traditions of men'. There is another statement about this separation in Exod 11:7, *'But against any of the children of Israel shall not a dog move his tongue, against man or beast: that ye may know that the LORD doth put a difference between the Egyptians and Israel.'* We courteously ask the reader to take special note of

the Divine emphasis, 'sever', 'division', 'difference'. These are not words used by priests, pastors or ministers, they are God's own words concerning those He wanted to be unto Him 'for a people'.

For a Name

It is interesting to follow the Progressive stages in God's plan and purpose for His people: first, a people for His special possession; then a most solemn responsibility to bear His Name. In this connection we think of the prayer of David: *'What one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem for a people to himself, and to make him a name'* (2 Sam. 7:23). Study the Divine movement in the history of this people. First came redemption, God acquired possession of them, then He announced His special ownership of them. Should we ask the question, 'What for?' The answer of the Word of God is, *'For my name's sake'* (Ezek. 20:9). That is it! For His Name's sake He called Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. For His Name's sake He made the covenant contracts. For His Name's sake He formed them into His Kingdom at Sinai. For His Name's sake He announced Himself as their King. For His Name's sake He gave this people His righteous laws. All through their subsequent history He dealt with them for the honour and glory of His Holy Name, and their

responsibility was to interpret that honour to the other nations. When the people of God, Israel, are honouring and bringing honour to the Name of God they are exercising the highest and noblest function for which they were created.

No language of angels and men can ever express or adequately describe Israel's most sacred and sublime vocation - to be to the Lord God 'for a name'! We miss the whole meaning of Scripture if we fail to realize that the vocation applies to this very day.

For a Praise

Think of the unfolding blessedness which God had intended for His people. They are to be unto Him 'for a praise'. This is a strange contrast to what is happening just now. Think of the bitter words of condemnation, scorn and scoffing being heaped upon the people of God today. Obviously a drastic change has yet to take place within the Covenant People. This people has to be permanently cured of her repeated spiritual adultery, spiritual harlotry and self-determination.

Made, preserved and trained by God to serve Him and Him alone, and to have no other gods but Him, the Covenant People now worship at many shrines and altars. Created and preserved to be in a single and utter alliance with the God of Heaven, now their worldly alliances are many

and unworthy of so great a people with so great a history. Away from her faithful covenant-keeping God, Israel will yet learn the bitter lesson, *'vanity of vanities, all is vanity'*.

But Israel, through much trial and tribulation, will at last repent. She will be restored to privilege and power and will be a praise to God in a restored true worship and obedient national life, which will be an instrument of both the Government and Grace of God in all the earth.

The Scriptures make it perfectly clear that it is through the national repentance of Israel and her restoration to her sacred vocation, in fellowship with the God of her fathers and obedience to His Laws, that the whole world is to be reached and eventually won: *'This is the heritage of the servants of the LORD, and their righteousness is of me, saith the LORD'* (Isa. 54:17).

For a Glory

'Unto me for a glory'! This is the most dramatic and thrilling of all prospects before the race. This is indeed our glorious destiny. For God has not cast off His people whom He loved. Israel, like the Prodigal Son, must pass through judgment and trial, but there is going to be a 'coming to herself, there is going to be a glorious homecoming. Then off will come the filthy rags with which she arrayed herself in the far country and God, Israel's God, will clothe

her with garments of 'glory.' For the glory of the Lord is to rest upon her. With what result? Nations will cease their comings and goings to and from U.N.O. For it is the nations that are yet to come to Israel's glory-light, and kings to the brightness, the outshining brightness of Israel's God and King.

Note, not slowly are they to come, not grudgingly, but the prophet Isaiah sees the nations running to Israel, *'because of the LORD thy God'* (Isa. 55:5). In that day, when Israel becomes God's glory, and God's glory becomes Israel's glory, *'They shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed of the LORD: and thou shalt be called, Sought out, A city not forsaken'* (Isa. 62:12).

Israel's national glory will take on a moral, spiritual, political magnetism attracting the nations into the realized Kingdom of God. It is in this Kingdom of God we shall see the hitherto warring nations happily united under a Righteous Ruler, Christ the King, Whom the nations will acknowledge and to Whom they will finally submit. Then will the destiny of Israel be fully realized, her mission fully completed, with the recovery of the nations and the promise to Abraham fulfilled: *'In thee shall all families of the earth be blessed'* (Gen. 12:3). Then He Who came a *'man of sorrows and acquainted with grief'* will at last *'see of the travail of His soul, and be satisfied'*.

God's Pledge

The suffering Son of God, Israel's Redeemer-King, the world's Saviour, King of kings and Lord of lords - satisfied! This is the sure foundation of our hope of the ultimate triumph of that 'amazing love' which followed Israel down through the centuries, often spurned, rejected and neglected, but a love that would never let her go!

God's pledged Word to Israel is our hope. God is saying to us this very moment in our history: *'Believe ye that I am able to do this?'* This is no time for pessimistic reaction to the perplexing problems which confront us. Let us not grieve the Lord further by our unbelief. Let us take

heart again and really believe God is on the Throne! Let us dwell not on our fears but on the strength of His faithfulness. Let us remember our father Abraham, who never flinched in the face of overwhelming circumstances. 'He staggered not.' He remained unshaken in God. Let us as a people show forth God's faithfulness and declare His loving-kindness unto the sons of men, that they may yet put their trust in Him.

Lift up your hearts! We will yet see the people upon whom God has bestowed His unfailing love become unto Him for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory.

This will be Israel, 'My Glory'!

Courtesy : National Message

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"The wisdom of our forefathers placed the prize of supreme power without the sphere of human passions. Whatever the struggle of parties, whatever the strife of factions there has always been something in this country round which all classes and parties could rally.

"Others are elected to represent our different and conflicting interests and opinions, but the Queen belongs to no class and no party, and her interest is that of the nation as a whole. She is the sole common denominator of our democracy, and the representative not of a party of the people but of the people themselves. Her hereditary throne links the whole nation in a timeless union, the component parts with one another, and the living with the dead."

Famous British Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli.

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Genes Raise Controversy

BIG BUSINESS IS NOW CASHING IN ON THE BUILDING BLOCKS OF LIFE

WASHINGTON, - The effort by the U.S. government to secure patents on hundreds of human genes before determining their role in the body has spurred a controversy, with far-reaching ramifications for genetic research.

The country's National Institutes of Health (NIH) is seeking patents on more than 2,000 human genes, the cellular substances made up of DNA which determine the hereditary characteristics of human beings.

This, however, has created a furore in the international scientific community. Critics charge that allowing patents on genes whose roles are not fully understood will lead to a global competition to identify and patent genes - a situation which could hinder the exchange of genetic data among researchers.

Scientists also fear that small bio-technical companies will reduce their efforts to identify genes should the NIH already own the rights to many DNA sequences.

This new effort to garner patents is of special interest to researchers involved in the government's human genome project which aims to map out the DNA which make up genes.

DNA, considered the genetic "blueprint," is a ladder-like molecule on each of the 23 chromosomes found in the 100 trillion specialized cells in the human body. Now, through a computer-generated process, researchers can identify small pieces of DNA in the laboratory.

DNA has four chemical bases which determine "genetic code." Scientists can identify random sequences of these bases and use the sequences to ascertain that the gene they make up has not previously been discovered.

In this way, the NIH hopes to patent genes for their commercial value in gene-based drugs. The patents would give the NIH control over funds generated through the use of these genes.

Genes are currently used commercially in important drugs such as insulin (the hormone lacking in diabetics), and interferons (proteins that help counteract cancers and viruses). Patents have been granted to a small number of genes for these drugs, but only after their use had been fully determined.

Over 100 similar medicines are currently in development. Some are believed critical to future plans to combat cancer and heart disease and

to study the human brain.

The controversy has major implications for the U.S. government's genome project, a three-billion-dollar, 15-year effort to decipher the genetic code by identifying the estimated 50,000 to 100,000 genes in the human body.

James Watson, the project's director, is one of the most outspoken critics of his agency's latest efforts.

"I think it would be a total mess for industry if someone has been working on a particular gene for several years, but somebody else has patented it before they even know what they have," he told the New York Times.

The success of Watson's project depends on the open exchange of genetic information, which many believe is threatened by the NIH's quest for patents.

The genome project also follows a different philosophy from that implied by the NIH's computer sequencing. Watson's initiative seeks

to systematically identify all human genes, rather than random sequences of the DNA which makes up genes.

The NIH defends its bid to secure patents by saying that such patents will speed up the development of new gene-based drugs.

"Our primary goal is to get products developed," Reid Adler, head of the NIH Office of Technology Transfer told the Washington Post. "Having patent protection will enhance our ability to transfer this technology to companies."

In addition to the controversy's commercial dimensions, at issue are larger questions about the implications of greater genetic knowledge.

Identifying human genes - however it is done - implies a much greater understanding of life itself, which in turn leads to ethical questions about the role genes will play in the future.

Biology Report

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'I will place no value on anything I have or may possess except in relation to the Kingdom of Christ. If anything will advance the interests of the Kingdom, it shall be given or kept only by the giving or keeping of it. I shall most promote the glory of Him to Whom I owe all my hopes in time and eternity'.

- David Livingstone

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Discovered in Constantinople

"Report of Caiaphas to the Sanhedrim concerning the resurrection of Jesus"

Selected from the Archko Volume



In the year A.D. 330 Constantine the Great removed his imperial seat from Rome to Byzantium (later called Constantinople, after the Emperor). He took with him many of the records of the Christians, and at the same time ordered fifty copies of the Holy Scriptures to be written and bound, which he said were "most needful for the instruction of the churches." When Mohammed II took Constantinople in 1453, he ordered all manuscripts to be preserved in the Mosque of St. Sophia. Just over 100 years ago scholars obtained access to these records and published translations of them in the "Archko Volume." Their names were Doctors Twyman and McIntosh.

Two reports from Caiaphas were found. THE FIRST gave lengthy reasons why he condemned Jesus Christ and the charges against Him which he sent to Pontius Pilate. THE SECOND report is an amazing confession of repentance from Caiaphas to the Sanhedrim. In an explanatory preface the translators say:

AFTER having made the preceding record of Caiaphas, on unwinding the same scroll we found another report from him. It may be interesting to the reader to know

what we mean by a scroll. It is similar to parchment. The Hebrew word *numet* means a pulp made from the bark of the reed into a paste, and dried in the sun until it is hard;

when pressed and polished it shines beautifully, and its surface is as smooth as our paper. It is of two kinds: one is called *papyrus*, the other *hierotike*. The latter is more costly, and is used by priests alone. It is about sixteen inches wide, and is cemented together by a gum that exudes from a tree resembling our elm. It is written upon with some kind of indelible ink or paint, with a common reed quill, which is fashioned like our pens. The writing is done by the *sopher*, which is the Hebrew word for scribe. He is called *grammateus* by the Greeks. The report of Caiaphas is written in what is known as the square Hebrew. The letters are from a half-inch to an inch in size, so that one can imagine what a roll of parchment it would take to record a deed. It is read only with difficulty by the best Hebrew scholars, and they must have text-books to assist them. But after one has gotten the thread of the subject he can get along with it. This is the reason I got Dr. McIntosh to go with me. He and Dr. Twyman have been in the business for many years. The windlass, as it might be called (for it more resembles our common rope-winders than anything I can think of), is a square piece of timber, about three inches in diameter, to which the scroll is fastened at one end, around which it is rolled like a spool. At the proper distance are tied two transverse sticks to hold the parchment to its

proper place. The windlass with the scroll is placed at one end of a table, and an empty windlass at the other end, so that as you unwind from the one to read, the scroll winds around the other. The letters are very distinct. There are hundreds of these arranged in rows. They are all lettered and numbered with their dates on them. This makes it easy to find anything desired. There is another class of books of fine sheep or goat skin, about eight by twelve inches. The writing on these is very fine and difficult to read. They are bound between cedar boards, with clasps, and contain from eight to forty sheets to the book. These are the kind of books of which Josephus wrote seventy-two.

But to return to Caiaphas's report. After unwinding several feet, as before stated, we came across another communication from Caiaphas; I hardly know whether to call it a resignation or a confession. One thing I do know, it is one of the most solemn things that I have ever read. We thanked God that we had come to Constantinople, and that Mohammed had given orders to preserve these sacred scrolls in the mosque of St. Sophia. It is as follows:

"Sanhedrim, 89. By Siphri II, 7.:

"To You, Masters of Israel: As I have made a former defence to you, and you have approved the

same, I feel in duty bound to communicate to you some facts that have come to my knowledge since that communication. A few days after the execution of Jesus of Nazareth the report of his resurrection from the dead became so common that I found it necessary to investigate it, because the excitement was more intense than before, and my own life as well as that of Pilate was in danger. I sent for Malkus, the captain of the royal city guard, who informed me he knew nothing personally, as he had placed Isham in command of the guard; but from what he could learn from the soldiers the scene was awe-inspiring, and the report was so generally believed that it was useless to deny it. He thought my only chance was to suppress it among the soldiers, and have John and Peter banished to Crete, or arrested and imprisoned, and if they would not be quiet, to treat them as I had treated Jesus. He said that all the soldiers he had conversed with were convinced that Jesus was resurrected by supernatural power and was still living, and that he was no human being, for the light and the angels and the dead that came out of their graves all went to prove that something had happened that never occurred on earth before. He said that John and Peter were spreading it all over the country, and that if Jesus would appear at the head of a host, and declare for the king of the Jews,

he believed all the Jews would fight for him. I sent for the lieutenant, who gave a lengthy account of the occurrence that morning, all of which I suppose you have learned, and will investigate. From this I am convinced that something transcending the laws of nature took place that morning, that cannot be accounted for upon natural laws, and I find it is useless to try to get any of the soldiers to deny it, for they are so excited that they cannot be reasoned with. I regret that I had the soldiers placed at the tomb, for the very things that they were to prevent they have helped to establish.

Caiaphas interviews John, Peter, Mary & Joanna on the resurrection

"After questioning the soldiers and officers to my satisfaction, my mind being so disturbed that I could neither eat nor sleep, I sent for John and Peter. They came and brought Mary and Joanna, who are the women that went to embalm Jesus's body the morning of the resurrection, as it is called. They were very interesting as they related the circumstances. Mary says that when they went day was just

breaking. They met the soldiers returning from the sepulchre, and saw nothing strange until they came to the tomb, and found that it was empty. The stone that covered the sepulchre was rolled to one side, and two men dressed in flowing white were sitting, one at each end of the sepulchre. Mary asked them where was her Lord; they said, 'He is risen from the dead; did he not tell you he would rise the third day and show himself to the people, to prove that he was the Lord of life?' Go tell his disciples, said they. Joanna said she saw but one man; but this discrepancy must have been due to their excitement, because they say they were much alarmed. They both say that as they returned they met the Master, who told them that he was the resurrection and the life; all that will accept shall be resurrected from the second death. 'We fell at his feet, all bathed in tears, and when we rose up he was gone. Both these women wept for joy while relating these circumstances, and John shouted aloud, which made me tremble in every limb, for I could not help thinking that something that was the exclusive work of God had occurred, but what it all meant was a great mystery to me. It might be, I said, that God had sent this message by the mouth of this stranger; it might be that he was the seed of the woman, and we his people had executed him.

"I asked John and Peter if they

could give me any further evidence in regard to this man; that I wished to be informed of his private history. Peter said that Jesus passed by where he was, and bade him follow him, and he felt attracted to him, but at first it was more through curiosity than anything in the man; that he soon became acquainted with Mary, who told him that he was her son, and related to him the strange circumstances of his birth, and that she was convinced that he was to be the king of the Jews. She spoke of many strange things concerning his life, which made Peter feel more interested in him than he would have been otherwise. He said that Jesus was a man so pleasant in his character, and so like a child in innocence, that no one could help liking him after he got acquainted with him; that though he seemed to be stern and cold, he was not so in reality; that he was exceedingly kind, especially to the poor; that he would make any sacrifice for the sick and needy, and would spare no effort to impart knowledge to anyone that would call on him, and that his knowledge was so profound that he had seen him interrogated by the most learned doctors of the law, and he always gave the most perfect satisfaction, and that the sopher or scribes, and the Hillelites, and Shammaites were afraid to open their mouths in his presence. They had attacked him so often and been repelled that they shunned him as

they would a wolf; but when he had repelled them he did not enjoy the triumph as they did over others of whom they had gotten the ascendancy. As to his private life, he seemed not to be a man of pleasure, nor of sorrow. He mingled with society to benefit it, and yet took no part at all in what was going on. 'I had heard many tell of what occurred when he was baptized, and from what his mother told me I was watching for a display of his divine power, if he had any, for I knew he could never be king of the Jews unless he did have help from on high.

***Testimony of Peter
reveals things not
recorded in the Bible***

'Once when we were attending a marriage-feast the wine gave out, and his mother told him of it, and he said to the men to fill up some water-pots that were sitting near, and they put in nothing but water, for I watched them, but when they poured it out it was wine, for it was tasted by all at the feast, and when the master found it out he called for Jesus to honour him, but he had disappeared. It seemed that he did not want to be popular, and this spirit displeased us, for we knew if

he was to be king of the Jews he must become popular with the Jews. His behaviour angered his mother, for she was doing all she could to bring him into notice, and to make him popular among the people, and the people could not help liking him when they saw him. Another peculiarity was that in his presence everyone felt safe. There seemed to be an almighty power pervading the air wherever he went so that everyone felt secure, and believed that no harm could befall them if Jesus were present.

'As we were in our fishing-boat I saw Jesus coming out toward us, walking on the water. I knew that if he could make the waves support him, he could me also. I asked him if I might come to him; he said to me to come, but when I saw the waves gathering around me I began to sink, and asked him to help me. He lifted me up, and told me to have faith in God. On another occasion we were sailing on the sea, and there was a great storm. It blew at a fearful rate, and all on board thought they would be lost; we awakened the Master, and when he saw the raging of the storm he stretched out his hand and said, "Peace, be still!" and the wind ceased to blow, the thunder stopped, the lightnings withdrew, and the billowing sea seemed as quiet as a babe in its mother's arms all done in one moment of time. This I saw with my own eyes, and from that

time I was convinced that he was not a common man. Neither did he work by enchantment like the Egyptian thaumaturgists, for in all their tricks they never attack the laws of nature. In vain might they order the thunder to hush, or the winds to abate, or the lightnings to cease their flashing. Again, I saw this man while we were passing from Jericho. There was a blind man, who cried out to him for mercy, and Jesus said to me, "Go, bring him near," and when I brought him near Jesus asked him what he wanted. He said he wanted to see him. Jesus said, "Receive thy sight," when he was not near enough for Jesus to lay his hands upon him or use any art. Thus were all his miracles performed. He did not act as the Egyptian necromancers. They use vessels, such as cups, bags, and jugs, and many other things to deceive. Jesus used nothing but his simple speech in such a way that all could understand him, and it seemed as if the laws of nature were his main instruments of action, and that nature was as obedient to him as a slave is to his master. I recall another occasion when a young man was dead, and Jesus loved his sisters. One of them went with Jesus to the tomb. He commanded it to be uncovered. The sister said, "Master, by this time he is offensive; he has been dead four days." Jesus said, "Only have faith," and he called the young man by name, and he came

forth out of the tomb, and is living today," and Peter proposed that I should see him for myself.

"Thus argue Peter and John. If Jesus had such power over nature and nature's laws, and power over death in others, he would have such power over death that he could lay down his life and take it up again, as he said he would do. As he proposes to bring hundreds of witnesses to prove all he says, and much more witnesses whose veracity cannot be doubted - and as I had heard many of these things before from different men, both friends and foes (and although these things are related by his friend - that is, the friends of Jesus yet these men talk like men of truth, and their testimony corroborates other evidence that I have from other sources, that convinces me that this is something that should not be rashly dealt with), and seeing the humble trust and confidence of these men and women, besides, as John says, thousands of others equally strong in their belief, it throws me into great agitation. I feel some dreadful foreboding - a weight upon my heart. I cannot feel as a criminal from the fact that I was acting according to my best judgment with the evidence before me. I feel that I was acting in defence of God and my country, which I love better than my life, and if I was mistaken, I was honest in my mistake. And as we teach that honesty of purpose gives

character to the action, on this basis I shall try to clear myself of any charge, yet there is a conscious fear about my heart, so that I have no rest day or night. I feel sure that if I should meet Jesus I would fall dead at his feet; and it seemed to me if I went out I should be sure to meet him.

Jesus appears to Caiaphas in a locked room

"In this state of conscious dread I remained investigating the Scriptures to know more about the prophecies concerning this man, but found nothing to satisfy my mind. I locked my door and gave the guards orders to let no one in without first giving me notice. While thus engaged, with no one in the room but my wife and Annas, her father, when I lifted up my eyes, behold Jesus of Nazareth stood before me. My breath stopped, my blood ran cold, and I was in the act of falling, when he spoke and said, 'Be not afraid, it is I. You condemned me that you might go free. This is the work of my Father. Your only wrong is, you have a wicked heart; this you must repent of. This last lamb you have slain is the one that was

appointed before the foundation; this sacrifice is made for all men. Your other lambs were for those who offered them; this is for all, this is the last; it is for you if you will accept it. I died that you and all mankind might be saved.' At this he looked at me with such melting tenderness that it seemed to me I was nothing but tears, and my strength was all gone. I fell on my face at his feet as one that was dead. When Annas lifted me up, Jesus was gone, and the door still locked. No one could tell when or where he went.

"So noble Masters, I do not feel that I can officiate as priest any more. If this strange personage is from God, and should prove to be the Saviour we have looked for so long, and I have been the means of crucifying him, I have no further offerings to make for sin; but I will wait and see how these things will develop. And if he proves to be the ruler that we are looking for, they will soon develop into something more grand in the future. His glory will increase; his influence will spread wider and wider, until the whole earth shall be full of his glory, and all the kingdoms of the world shall be his dominion. Such are the teachings of the prophets on this subject. Therefore you will appoint Jonathan, or some one, to fill the holy place."

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THE ARCHKO VOLUME.

The foregoing is a copy of the document found in Constantinople, which was published in the ARCHKO VOLUME. In order to be sure that the documents are truly genuine, a letter was written to Mr. J. Leech, K.C., who has given the subject considerable research. He replies as follows:

"In reply to your enquiry, I write to say that after a careful reading and consideration of the contents of the ARCHKO VOLUME, I am quite satisfied that the documents are, in my opinion, on the face of them genuine. No forger could have compiled such documents. They all agree with and corroborate the New Testament accounts. They were discovered where we should have expected them to be, and written in the manner, and in the old scrolls corresponding to the usage of the time they purport to have been written. Then again, if they had been forgeries, they must have been written (with much trouble and at

considerable expense) for some purpose of deception. What purpose could have been achieved by such deception it is difficult to imagine. But in order to accomplish such deception it would have been necessary to publish them, just as the 'Decretals of Constantinople' and other forgeries, written for a palpable purpose, were published with the object of effecting the deception for which they were forged. But here in the ARCHKO VOLUME you have these ancient documents lying concealed for many centuries, without an attempt to give them to the public, and discovered only after diligent and laborious search made recently. All this is corroborated by the account given by the Rev. W. D. McIntosh, in the ARCHKO VOLUME, of the discovery of the documents.

"The above are some of the considerations which have convinced me that the documents in question are genuine.

"JOHN LEECH"

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"Talk about questions of the day, there is but one question and that is the Gospel, it can and will correct everything that needs correction. My only hope for the world is in bringing the human mind into contact with the Divine Revelation. "

HON WILLIAM E. GLADSTONE

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The Restless Multitudes

OURS IS A RESTLESS generation, with multitudes constantly seeking to be entertained, fitfully turning from one diversion to another in their restiveness. The reason for the discontent and intractability so prevalent in our midst is not at all difficult to analyze when the low degree of the spirituality of the people is assessed.

One needs only to scan the type of literature being read, the discordant notes of the music being played, the stage plays that amuse and the subversive paint daubings displayed as art to gauge the depth of the spiritual degeneracy that has swept over our land. None of these worldly trappings contributes to tranquillity of spirit or peace of mind. Nor need we wonder that there is a phenomenal increase in the number of persons who are mentally disturbed, or that psychiatrists flourish from coast to coast as they cater to an ever-increasing clientele.

The cause of all this is succinctly stated by the Prophet Isaiah *"The wicked are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest, whose waters cast up mire and dirt. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked"* (Isa. 57:20-21). There is indeed a great plenitude of mire and dirt being cast up by froward and wayward

members of a godless society. The so-called "new morality" advocated by many church leaders indicates the extent of the degradation darkening our land. When the ecclesiastical shepherds themselves grovel in the gutter, what can be expected of their flocks?

However, the Bible not only refers to the waves as symbolizing the unruly turbulence of the multitudes, but it also uses the surging waves of the sea to denote the blessings that would sweep over God's people if they would only comply with what is required of them. An urgent proclamation is issued through the Prophet Isaiah: *"Shout, roar unrestrained like a trumpet! - Lift your voice, and declare to My People their crimes, to the Household of Jacob their sins!"* (Isa. 58:1, Ferrar Fenton Trans.).

Through Isaiah, the Lord also issues this call: *"Draw near to me. listen to this! ... Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: 'I the Lord am your God, who teaches you for your profit, and who leads you in the way by which you should go. If only you had hearkened to my commands, then would your welfare have been like a river, and your righteousness like the waves of the sea'"* (Isa. 48:16-18, Smith & Goodspeed Trans.).

When all the inhabitants of our

land awaken, listen and then heed the exhortation to respond to the admonitions of the Lord and obey His commandments, statutes and judgments, the frustrations that dog our steps today will disappear in the glow of the rising Sun of Righteousness as snow melts before the rays of a summer Sun. The uncontrolled, rampaging mobs will disperse when the transgressions of His people are purged away.

The Lord, who can still the waves of the sea, producing a great calm, will cause the tumult of the populace to cease in the day when the call to righteousness is acted upon by His people. The Prophet Ezekiel foretells that the Lord *"will consume thy filthiness out of thee"* (Ez. 22:15). The ultimate result, as declared by the Lord, will be: *"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within*

you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ez. 36:25-27).

Many inspired poets and hymn writers have caught a vision of what will be involved to bring about the New Day that is soon to dawn. One such stirring hymn proclaims:

*"The morning light is breaking,
the darkness disappears;*

*The sons of earth are waking to
penitential tears;*

*Each breeze that sweeps the
ocean brings tidings from afar,*

*Of nations in commotion,
prepared for Zion's war."*

When God's people become willing to embrace spiritual values, our former troubles will all be forgotten and the glorious outcome, in the words of the Prophet Hosea 6:2, will be: *"He will raise us up, and we shall live in his sight."*

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The Golden Rule of Interpretation

It shall greatly helpe ye to understande Scripture, if thou mark, not only what is spoken or wrytten, but of whom, and to whom with what words, at what time, where, to what intent, with what circumstances, considering what goeth before and what followeth.

John Wyclif (1324-1384)

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Heaven: Hope or Myth?

J. Flatt



Do YOU REMEMBER being in church as a child, when all those pretty stories were told to us about heaven? The teachers gave us picture cards, some of angels with harps, or of children that had died and gone before, with wings spread forth from their shoulder blades. All this was supposed to represent a heavenly condition. The stories told were how beautiful heaven must be. Along with these there would be a chorus of the most beautiful singing this

side of "heaven," and all about "heaven". Such songs as "I'll Fly Away," and "This World is Not My Home". This left an impression on our childish minds. The minister would stand, and with his sermon he would tell of the glories of heaven, thus lighting the fuse to a bomb that would explode one day as a myth - of how these dear departed ones had gone on to receive their reward; or they are not dead, just moved to a new home. These are the messages of faith and hope that most of us have grown up with. Traditions learned as a child are hard to trade for truth. It is time we

became like Paul, as he said in I Cor. 13:11: *When I was a child I spoke as a child, I understood as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things.* Then Paul speaks of seeing through a glass darkly. Our understanding of "heaven" is darkened. Understanding of when we receive our reward is dimmed, because we have depended on the ministers of tradition. We have a song book religion.

II Tim. 2:15: *Study to show thyself*

approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

Paul never preached of a home in "Heaven". He told of the promise made to Abraham, and in that promise we have our hope. God has never promised His children a portion of "heaven". He did divide the earth according to the number of the seed of Israel. It is this hope of restoration which we look for. The Gospel of Christ, which Paul preached, was, and is, the gospel of the Kingdom.

Matt. 5:5: Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

It was Christ who went to heaven, but thank God, not to stay. When He comes to earth again, we will be caught up in the clouds to meet Him, but not to go to "heaven". *For he has redeemed us to God by his blood, and has made us unto our God, kings and priests, and we shall reign on earth, Rev. 5:10.*

The Jews rejected Christ as a saviour, which lost them the kingdom, restoring the promises to Anglo-Saxon Israel as a nation that would bring forth the fruits thereof. We hear many calls to repentance on the statement of Agrippa to Paul where he said, *Almost thou persuadest me to be a Christian.* Never have I heard a minister tell what almost persuaded Agrippa, but here it is: *Acts 26:6-7: And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our Fathers. Unto which*

promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come, for which hopes sake, King Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews.

There is not a scripture from Genesis to Revelation that tells us we are going to "heaven" when we die, but we are told many times about the new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness. *Psa. 37:9: For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth. Verse 29: And dwell therein forever.*

Misunderstanding concerning heaven results from a misuse of the word. Its proper use is applied to the sky above us, the atmosphere. Sometimes it is thought of as God's dwelling place. Neither of these meanings has anything to do with the eternal home of the redeemed. *Acts 3:21: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began.* Peter spoke of David who was both dead and buried, and his sepulchre being with them until that time, *Acts 2:24.* If any one went to "heaven", it would have been the first of our God-chosen kings over Israel. *Acts 2:34: For David is not ascended into the heavens.* Daniel was getting to be an old man when the messenger of God told him to go his way. *For thou shalt rest, and stand in thy lot at the end of the days.*

The dead have not gone to their reward. There is no promise of "heaven" when we die. There is no

knowledge in the grave, and we are promised a resurrection of the body at His coming. We that are alive will not precede those that are dead, but will rise together to meet our Lord. ICor. 15:22-23: *For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order Christ the first fruits, afterward they that are Christ's at His coming.*

Rev. 22:12: *And, behold, I come quickly, and my reward is with me, to give man according as his work shall be.* If we received our reward at death, there would be no need of a resurrection. I Cor. 15:26: *The last enemy that shall be destroyed is death.* Yet some would have us believe that death was a friend.

Isa. 28:15: *Because ye have said, we have made a covenant with death, and with hell (grave) are we at agreement.*

These people made lies their refuge and hid themselves under falsehood. Verse 18 tells us these will not stand. If the soul lived on after the body is gone, there would actually be no death. Since the soul is asleep in Christ or gone back to God who gave it, there has to be a resurrection. In the story of the rich man and Lazarus, we are told that it is an actual, literal story of the poor man being in heaven; but the scripture said, *In Abraham's bosom.* The rich man was Judah, who had retained the laws, temple worship, and the priesthood.

Jesus told these Jews that the

Kingdom would be taken from them and given to a nation that would bring forth fruits thereof. The poor man, being the dispersed tribes of Israel, were at this time in Asia Minor, which put them at the rich man's gate. They were poor because of their lost condition. The dogs were the heathen nations about them. He was in the position of the lost son, or the two sons. The Lord said of him, this my son was lost, but now is found, he was dead, but now is alive. So to be in Abraham's bosom is a return to God's law, to embrace the promises of Abraham, with nothing said about "heaven". Moses and the prophets tell of a restored Kingdom and a redeemed people to inherit that Kingdom.

God shall wipe away all tears ... and there shall be no more death

In Isaiah 11 we are told of the quality of the Kingdom. How the wolf, the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid - of the lion and the calf. This is not pie in the sky, but God's holy mountain, or government, on this earth. An extension of these promises is found in Isa. 35: *The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for them: and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as a*

rose. *It shall blossom abundantly.* This is the only "heaven" we will ever see, a new heaven and a new earth. It will be "heaven" on earth. These promises are as sure as *Believe on the Lord and thou shalt be saved.*

Believing is more than just a saying - it is His word that we are to believe. Isa. 65 tells of Israel's blessings in the new earth. No more weeping will be heard. Verse 21: *And they shall build houses, and inhabit them, and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them.*

These are promises that stand forth to give us hope, just as Paul said about the prophets. The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the cows. No wild animal will hurt or destroy in all the territory of the kingdom of God. Rev. 21:4: *And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pains for the former things are passed away.* Psalms 115:16: *The heavens, even the heavens, are the Lord's: but the earth hath been given to the children of men.*

The capital of this wonderful new earth will be the new Jerusalem. This was one hope of Abraham, Heb. 11:10: *For he looked for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God.*

This "heaven" is no myth, as was our first thought. This is no figment of the imagination; no idle dream of some writer of songs. This

"heaven" on earth is yours and mine. Of course, there will be great physical changes in the earth's surface. The desert, the mountains, and the climate will all be changed to make habitation pleasant. One great change will be found as in Zechariah 14:4: *And His feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east. And the mount of Olives shall cleave in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half toward the south.* Verse 8: *And it shall be in that day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem; half toward the former sea, and half toward the hinder sea; in summer and winter shall it be.* This great earthquake, at the coming of our Lord, will open a ship channel from the Mediterranean sea to the Jordan valley. The Dead Sea, which is now 1290 feet below sea level, will be at sea level. Water will flow from the river Jordan to the Dead Sea, which now has no fish or life whatsoever, and fresh water (living water) will cause life to spring forth in its waters. The land will come to life and bring abundant life into the entire valley. Where now no water flows from this sea then the water will flow all the way to the Gulf of Akabah. If this earth were to be evacuated, this would all be useless. Evacuation is not the answer: truly the most logical answer is that all this is to help create

"heaven" on earth. It will be better than the days when Lot looked toward the valleys and left Abraham in the hills, but without the wicked cities of Sodom and Gomorrah. For this is "Heaven" on earth.

***I am with you always,
even unto the end of
the world***

II Pet. 3:1: *Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.* This is the first dispensation of time. Verse 7: *But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men.* This is the ending of the dispensation; this second age period is the same era of time spoken of as the end of the world. Matt. 28:20, last clause, *I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.* This is the consummation of the age. The third heaven is the dispensation of which Paul spoke in II Cor. 12:2-4, how that he was caught up into paradise and heard unspeakable words. In this preview of heaven he had a glimpse of the third dispensation of time, after the desert places blossomed out and the rest of the world was restored in the Edenic perfection. Yet in II Pet. 3:13, nevertheless we, according to His

promise, look for *new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.* There will be great changes not only in the earth's surface and climate, but there will be a great change of government, as Christ will be King over all the earth. The liars, deceivers and subversive activities of the present administration will be over. According to Revelation 21:24: *The kings of the earth do bring glory and honour unto it.*

This present order, or system, will be destroyed. II Pet. 3:10: *The elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up.* From the sound of this there will be nothing left of heaven or earth, but let me hasten to assure you that such is not the case. The elements are the same as found in Galatians 4 3: *Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world.* Verse 9: *But now, after that ye have known God, or rather are known of God, how turn ye again to the weak and beggarly elements, whereunto ye desire again to be in bondage.* The elements, while not the same word as world, "Kosmos", has the same meaning. This Babylonian system will be destroyed to make way for the new order of the ages.

Let's rid ourselves of the song book religion and get rid of all the beautiful lies about how beautiful heaven must be. Come down to earth and return to the Word - and know that at His coming, heaven is on earth. Zech. 14:9: *And the Lord*

shall be king over all the earth; in that day shall there be one Lord, and his name one. Isa. 45:18: For thus saith the Lord that created the heavens, God himself that formed the earth and made

it, he hath established it, he created it not in vain, he formed it to be inhabited; I am the Lord and there is none else.

Courtesy : The Kingdom Digest

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Asteroid

THE UNIVERSE IS FULL OF GOD'S RICHES

WASHINGTON - An asteroid containing some 10,000 tons of gold and 100,000 tons of platinum has been found orbiting the Sun tantalizingly close to earth, according to a report in the magazine 'SCIENCE.'

Asteroid 1986DA, as the so-called solid metal 'near-earth object,' is named, is 1.2 miles wide and shaped roughly like a canned ham. The itinerant astronugget also contains approximately 10 billion tons of iron and a billion tons of nickel.

Current theory indicates that such extraordinary metallic abundances can only form in the cores of planet-like bodies, and research reported that 1986DA appears to be "derived from the interior of a much larger object" that existed billions of years ago and "subsequently was disrupted by a massive collision."

A collaborating team from the Jet Propulsion Laboratory, Cornell's National Astronomy and Ionosphere Centre For Astrophysics, Washington State University and the Arecibo Radio Telescope in Puerto Rico spent nearly five years analyzing data collected during 1986, when the asteroid reached its closest approach to Earth in a multimillion-mile elliptical orbit that reaches out near Jupiter.

Arecibo's 20-acre dish fired a radar beam at the asteroid, which reflected back an astonishing 58 percent of the signal. By contrast, ordinary asteroids - commonly found in the main belt between Mars and Jupiter and usually composed of paltry silicates, carbon compounds and other valueless mineral rubble reflect only about 16 percent of the signal.

Before the researchers could determine what they had found, however, they had to compare it to a large number of other asteroids.

Astronomy Report

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Our Royal Coat of Arms

J. Burnet



As we look back we all smile and wonder at the curious ideas and beliefs of previous generations. Knowledge has increased many fold in the last 100 years, and yet of all the people in the British Empire how few have a knowledge of the Flag, "Our Union Jack" and "Our Royal Coat of Arms," emblems of Empire seen every day, yet are too busy, or willfully blind, to give heed to the message they stand for.

It is through Heraldry that we have today our emblems. Heraldry was introduced about the time of the Crusades (A.D. 1095-1264) when the knight went forth to redeem or recover the Holy Land, and it was

found necessary for each order to be distinguished, although we have a record of arms as far back as Henry the 3rd. But the Heralds' College was not founded till Richard the 3rd in about 1483.

Our "Coat of Arms" embodies all the emblems of ancient Israel; so in it we immediately recognise Israel, ancient and modern.

Not only is it the most beautiful emblem of any nation but it was arranged and ordained by God Himself that we have a constant reminder of His unfailing promises, justice and mercy towards every member of this great "Commonwealth of Nations" to which we belong.

So understand why its designs are so wonderful and significant, and you can prove this statement by comparing our "Coat of Arms" with that of any other nation.

We have the belt around the shield, which signifies that this great Empire "On which the sun never sets" is locked together in the safe keeping of God Himself, and it also reminds us of the promise of everlasting arms.

Upon the belt we have a motto, "Honi Soit Qui Mal y Pense" (Shame be to him that thinks evil of it). The

belt also depicts the Empire encircling the globe: this great Empire, secure in the power of GOD, is not to be regarded lightly, and woe be to those other nations that despise the warning of GOD.

The belt or circle with the motto was added to the arms by Edward 4th.

The shield rests upon a scroll on which is another motto, "Dieu Et Mon Droit," which in plain English means GOD and my right: this is more than significant and gives the lie direct to all the would be conquerors, as to the power of GOD to maintain His kingdom on earth.

Just here I ask you to pardon me if I take the translation into a fuller meaning and read it thus, "God and my birthright." And having expressed the motto this way, the Britisher could rightly say that at the very moment of our birth, we are a part of the family of Israel, and can claim His protection, promises, and all the blessings that we as a people enjoy. So to sum up the two mottoes themselves, apart from the significance of all the other emblems of Our Coat of Arms, thus think not lightly of your privileges and power and sell not your birthright at any time, as Esau did to everlasting shame and regret, for ours is a heritage of the Lord, as pointed out in Isaiah 54:17.

Then comes the shield itself, and this is a further justification of our faith and belief that the British

people are the people who, in previous history, were known as Israel, for God Himself declared that He is our shield and defender.

The shield is quartered or divided into four, and each picture portrayed is a story in itself. We begin with the rampant red lion of Scotland, set on a gold field, with his telltale scarlet thread. Judah had twin sons, Zarah and Pharez. When Zarah was the first born they tied a scarlet thread round the little wrist to distinguish him from his brother Pharez, but somehow the birthright descended to Pharez. So to make a long story short we say that, because of this, "Zarah" got on his hind legs and left Egypt at the time of the captivity and evidently his house later settled in Scotland and to this day display the rampant red lion in defiance with the border of the scarlet thread. This also probably accounts for our official documents being tied with red tape, hence the red tape as we know it of all government departments. Who has not railed at RED TAPE? However Scotland is worthy of the rampant lion, for Scotland has never been defeated, and that's saying something (Gen. 38:28).

Then the harp, representing Ireland, and with the harp the mind at once turns to the expressions "The sweet singers of Israel" or the "Harp of David." David gave us most of the beautiful Psalms, especially the favourite Psalm, the 23rd, which

comes winging its way down the ages as though it were only written yesterday. The white strings on the harp signify purity of praise, and surely this is little enough that the Almighty asks of us, we the people of Israel.

Zedekiah's eldest daughter went to Ireland and became queen

Notice carefully on the harp the woman's head, and this is uncrowned. This is another story in itself, too long to be recorded here, but in brief outline it is as follows: When Zedekiah (the last king of Judah) was carried captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar and his sons slain (II Kings 25:7), it would appear then as though the royal line had failed, but Tea Tepha (the beautiful palm), his eldest daughter was taken to Egypt, and then to Ireland by the prophet Jeremiah who, we think, was her grandfather. And there she married the head man or Eochaid, the Heremon, or prince, about the year 600 B.C. She thus became the queen (though uncrowned) and so the line of descent continued. So this emblem, coupled with the harp, now tells its own story, and from then till

the present time has been embodied in all Irish legend, and finds full expression in the wonderful Irish melodies. I found Ireland very picturesque with many historic places set in delightful surroundings, and music indeed abounds everywhere. They do say the Irish invented the bagpipes, but not caring for their music gave the bagpipes to the Scotch, who they say have not yet woken up to the trick played on them. Be that as it may, Ireland certainly lives up to her reputation of the harp, and is thus accorded her place upon the shield. The harp on the blue field was the flag of the house of David. In 1542 Henry the 8th, in order to commemorate his election as King of Ireland by the consent of the Irish princes, ordered it to become the national standard, for at that time Ireland had none. The wings symbolise guardianship, and this has now been wonderfully demonstrated, first at the taking of Jerusalem in 1917 by the Royal Bombing Squadron (Isaiah 13:5), and then in France, to their everlasting glory, particularly at Dunkirk, when they played their part so nobly and meant protection in a way more fully than words will ever be able to express. Now, when you look upon those wings of the harp, remember Dunkirk and the R.A.F.

Then in the other two quarters we have six young lions. These are the emblems of our young nations referred to by Ezekiel (Eze. 38:13),

viz., Canada, New Zealand and Australia. At the time of the Great War, in 1915, Britain brought out a recruiting poster on which was shown the old lion calling to the young lions who could be seen coming over the rocks.

Now we come to the outstanding figures, the lion and the unicorn. These are known as the supporters. It is curious how we always mention the lion first: people don't say the unicorn and the lion; and this fact in itself places the lion in its right position. The lion is the emblem of the royal house of Judah, from whom our Queen comes. So we have Judah officially recognised first; this is the reason why the lion wears a crown. Then we come to the other supporter, our worthy friend the unicorn. First let me remind you that this is a heraldic design and so the unicorn may be a fanciful representation of a bull and the head, seen in profile, shows what appears as only one horn. If this suggestion is acceptable, we have a complete representation of the house of Ephraim, whose symbol was a bull. Strangely enough, our national Anthem was composed by John Bull or, if we take the animal as the unicorn, then the lion and the unicorn are Israel's national emblems, and belong in their unity to Israel only. So we see the emblems of Israel's symbols of courage and conquest preserved upon the royal coat of arms of Great

Britain. Now let us face the fact honestly and open mindedly: Is this coincidence, accident, or is it divine ordinance, and intention? I will leave the question, my reader, with you.

However, at this point I must make it clear why I speak of Ephraim and not Israel, it is only that Ephraim is the official title for Israel.

See how the chain on the unicorn is hanging loose, or not fastened down; this signifies liberty. We are a free people loving liberty; the crown is around the neck and not on the head. With the lion it is on his head. The crown of the unicorn shows that we are a crowned democracy, we elect our government, they make our laws, and the Queen only signs the decrees that the people themselves have made and desired.

So the lion and the unicorn (or Judah and Israel) support the very throne of God on earth with courage and vigour, to uphold the rights of all peoples of the world.

Above the helmet is a crown showing how we alone are entitled to a royal family and that all other kings will go, as we have seen them go since 1914 till the present day, when they are going quickly. Then above the crown a lion that overlooks or overlords, the whole Empire; this lion, crowned, is symbolical of the lion of the tribe of Judah, CHRIST Himself, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. This is such a prophetic and

wonderful symbol that in it we read that the British Empire is the foundation of the kingdom that will soon be established on earth, begun in the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, carried on down the centuries, and through the millenium, and then on into the aeons of eternity.

***The rose, the
shamrock, and the
thistle are also our
national emblems***

Just as Israel in Palestine had its animal and floral symbols, so also Britain today being the Israel of the Bible still continues in this practice. Proof of this can not only be seen with the animals (Lion & Unicorn) in the British coat of arms, but also with our national floral emblems - the rose, the shamrock, and the thistle.

Take first the rose. This is called the rose of Tudor and is shown as a red rose with white edges, combining the red and white roses of the war of the roses, or the union of the two houses of York and Lancaster, of which we all learned while at school, but it is even more than this, it tells us that the rose of old England was originally the rose of old Canaan (Palestine) and

reminds us of the prophet Isaiah seeing a beautiful rose growing in an old-world garden while looking out over the boundless desert, with prophet eye. Isaiah cried out in his delight, "The desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose." So we see the rose as Israel's floral emblem, in our arms we even see more than this, we see the promise of material blessings brought through Israel (Britain) to the desert places of the earth.

Now the Scottish folk will never forgive me if I overlook the thistle, and quite right too, and I will give the Scottish folk an opportunity to puff out their chest, for I saw the lovely Trossachs Mountains and hills of Scotland and all the lochs and lakes. Well do I remember having afternoon tea at the little village of Luss, on the bonnie, bonnie banks of Loch Lomond, with heather on the hills and the shadows on the Loch and all the world at peace, a place so beautiful and lovely that it will bring tears to the eyes of every Scotsman as he reads these lines. As for Edinburgh, what a gem of a city. For myself I say the prettiest city I have ever seen, set in surroundings of old-world beauty and romance. Scotland is altogether lovely. But I can hear someone say that's all very well, but what about this thistle? Well, it is Scotland's national emblem - in form it stands for the cup of salvation and in its colour for the blood of the redemption. The thistle

also comes from Palestine; reference can be seen in the following: *"The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar ... saying, Give thy daughter to my son, etc.. etc."* II Kings 14:9.

Finally, the shamrock. Just as the triune God was represented in druidical teaching by the three golden rods or rays of light, and continued in the three Prince of Wales' feathers, and even in our convicts' broad arrow or government mark, so the shamrock bears witness to the Trinity, and we have every reason to believe that St. Patrick

would often use the shamrock as a means of carrying his message to the inhabitants of Hibernia amongst whom he laboured so faithfully and well over many years. And so through the shamrock we see the saint in the service of GOD.

And lastly, without some comment on the colours our picture would not be complete - Red, Gold, Purple.

Red, personal sacrifice; Gold, cleansing fire of sacrifice; Purple, redemption through the royal personage of our King and Christ.

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From Palestine, a Prophet Flees West

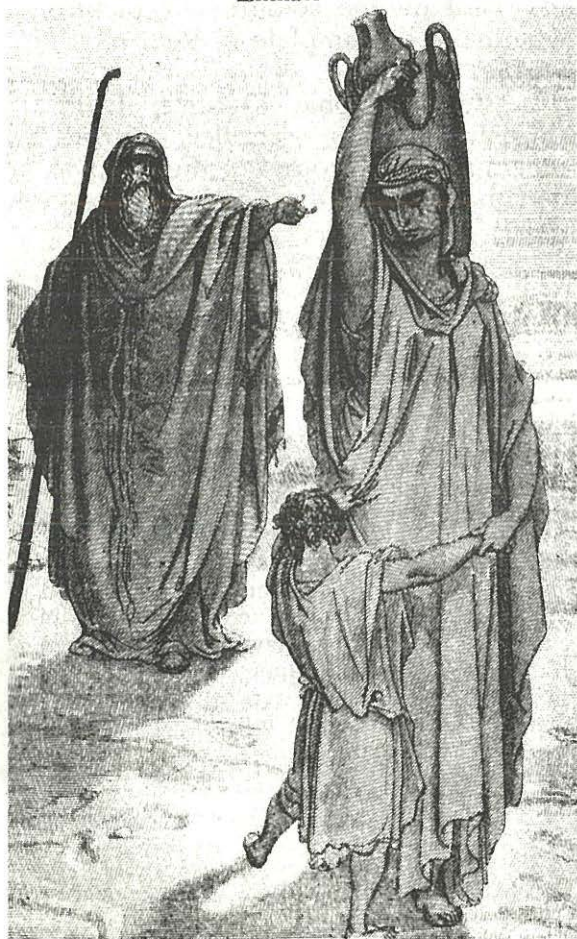
The ancient story of Jonah reflects the existence of the regular sea routes to Tarshish—almost universally interpreted to mean Spain and the European seaboard beyond. 'But Jonah went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it' (Jonah 1:3)

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Man's Vs. God's Way

J. Ames

Ishmael



Hagar and Ishmael sent from Abraham's household a grudge being fostered.

SOLOMON SAID, *There is no new thing under the sun* (Eccl. 1:9). The Holy Bible is supposed to be the authority for an individual Christian and the church. But since Adam disobeyed the one "thou shalt not" of Eden's garden and Cain substituted HIS way for God's way, their posterity have followed suit.

For 1656 years God "suffered the manners" of Antediluvian man. But because "every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually," God destroyed man from the face of the earth - only eight persons survived the flood.

As time went on rebellion against God loomed again, in the person of Nimrod - the mighty hunter (Gen. 10:9). *The beginning of his kingdom was Babel* (Gen. 10:10). What was wrong with Babel? The people said, *Let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth* (Gen. 11:4). This was exactly contrary to God's way. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off to build the city (Gen. 11:8).

Seems as if man wanted to be integrated, but God favoured segregation. Of the three sons of

Noah, Shem was selected of God to be the "chosen line". From this "line" God singled out Abram, changed his name to Abraham after his nephew Lot was separated (segregated) from him (Gen. 13:14). and gave him the promise that *In thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice* (Gen. 22:18).

Of the eight sons of Abraham, whose names are recorded (one each by Hagar and Sarah, and six by Keturah), it was through Isaac that his seed should be called (Gen. 21:12). Of Isaac's twin sons God told their mother before their birth that two nations were in her womb and that the elder should serve the younger. (Gen. 25:23). Here God preferred Jacob before Esau. And God said to Jacob, *In thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed* (Gen. 21:14). After this Jacob became the father of eleven sons before God changed his name to Israel. (Gen. 32:28). Later a twelfth son was born, and from these twelve sons of Jacob-Israel the twelve tribes of Israel descended.

Normally the firstborn son inherited the birthright from his father. But because Reuben defiled his father's bed, his birthright was given unto the sons of Joseph. Thus, Ephraim and Manasseh became the tribes through whom God would bless the world (I Chron. 5:1-2). But even these "favoured sons" proved derelict in their mission. Instead of

obeying God and assuming His rightful place of leadership, the time came when the sad pronouncement was made, *Ephraim is joined to idols: let him alone* (Hosea 4:17). And the very name, Manasseh, means forgetfulness.

In "the fulness of time" God sent His Son into this sinful world to show His people the way to God. They didn't want to be shown (*He came unto his own and his own recognised him not*, John 1-11) so they nailed Him to a cross.

Traditional Christendom has celebrated the birth of Jesus on December 25th, and they call it Christmas. They have accepted Luke 1:31 and the first part of 32: *And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name Jesus. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest.* But when it comes to the latter part of verse 32 and all of 33, there seems to be a failure of acceptance. *And the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. We say with our lips, Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven* (Matt. 6:10). But do we really expect it?

Christendom celebrates Easter as the time when Jesus arose from the grave. It also observes Ascension Day forty days later. As Jesus ascended from Mount Olivet His "gazing apostles" were assured that

as He had been taken from them into heaven He would return in like manner (Acts 1:11). Do we really believe this? The last book of the Bible declares, concerning Jesus, *I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty* (Rev. 1:8).

When Moses was on the mount receiving the Ten Commandments the children of Israel turned to a golden calf as their god. It seemed to them that Moses would never return. But he DID. Modern Christendom acts as though Christ will never return, as He said He WOULD. So it has "joined itself to idols" just like Ephraim of old. Throughout the Bible God has commanded His people to be separate from the idol worshippers and unbelievers. But what have they done? They have "united" with pagans to form what they call "man's last and best hope for peace". Man is still saying today, "Let us integrate. Let us become ONE WORLD. As for this man

Jesus, we know not what is become of Him." Man still thinks "he can handle this job all by himself"!

Isn't it time that individual Christians and the church, collectively, began to do some reappraising of the foundations? *If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?* (Psa. 11:3). *To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them* (Isaiah 20:20). *For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry* (Heb. 10:37)

There is going to be, indeed, one world. But it will not be of man's making. It will only be when *The kingdoms of this world are become the Kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and He shall reign forever and ever.* (Rev. 11:15).

Yes, man is a stubborn creature. But in the final showdown he will acquiesce to God's dominion and acknowledge his need of HIM.

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The Prayer Book of Queen Victoria's time contained the following collect for June 20th:

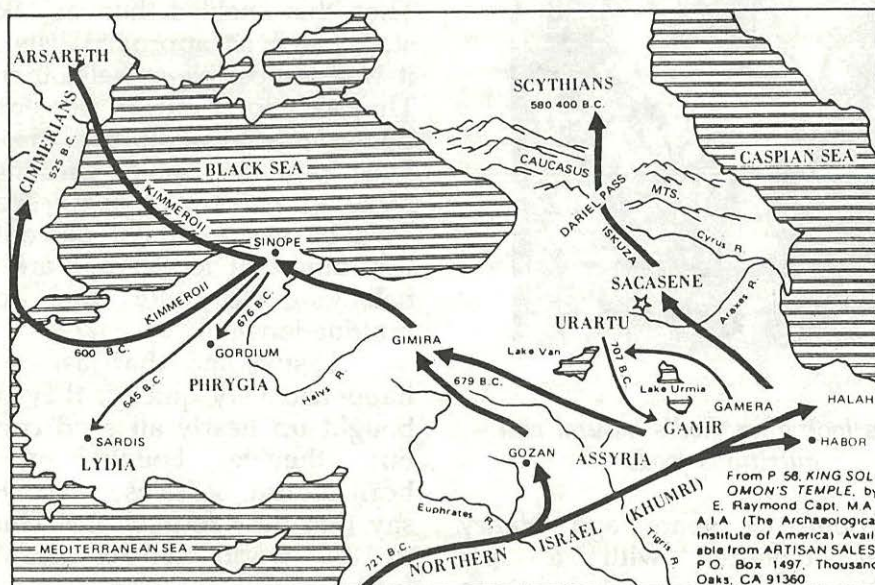
"Let there never be wanting one in her house to succeed her in the government of this United Kingdom, that our posterity may see her children's children, and peace upon Israel. So that we thy people and sheep of thy pasture, shall give thee thanks for ever, and will always be showing forth thy praise from generation to generation. Amen".

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The Caucasian Connection with Ancient Israel

According to Webster's Dictionary, the word Caucasian pertains to the white race that migrated across the Caucasus Mountains into Europe, beginning around 600 B.C. They had originated in the area between the Caspian Sea and the Black Sea, the area of Assyria where millions of Israelites had been carried captive just a few years earlier (2 Kings 17:6).

Were those Caucasians in fact the "lost" Israelites of the Assyrian captivity? We do know that the Assyrian records refer to those Israelites by various names, such as: Gamera, or Khumri (Cymri, or Celts), and Sakka (or Saxons). Historians know that these were the Caucasians who later moved into Europe. They were the Biblical Israelites, whom God had promised to redeem and regather as a great Christian Nation in the latter days.



Israel - Khumri - Gamera - Gimera - Kimmeroi - Cimmerians

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The Seed Conspiracy

Macaba

"And God said, let the earth bring forth grass, the herb yielding seed {and} the fruit tree yielding fruit after its kind, whose seed {is} in itself, upon the earth: and it was so. (Gen. 1:11 KJV)



Let us look after God's natural and nutritious foods.

"About 15 years ago Henry Kissinger together with a few multinationals implemented three strategies.

The first was to get food onto

the commodity market so people could buy futures and tie up specific food through the stock exchange. That worked fine.

Then they decided that if they could patent seeds they could own the seeds and people would have to pay for use, and that worked fine.

Most governments in the Western world have seed patents. Then that enabled them to take other steps such as approved lists so that it was impossible to sell other seeds. They've wiped out 85 percent of the domestic seed of Europe that people had kept in their gardens. A hundred percent of some seeds like soya beans, 70 to 90 percent of all the important food crops are patents belonging to only four or five multinationals.

Lastly, and that last move has happened very quietly, they not only bought up nearly all seed companies but they've bought up most horticultural services. So you can say that only four or five companies in the world control the world's food."

Bill Mollison (from a spot on 2BOB FM, Taree).

SAVING SEED - OUR HERITAGE

Saving your own garden seed and even organic gardening is on the way out. This is not due to the lack of interest among gardening enthusiasts, but rather to the impending removal of all seed from the market from which the home gardener can produce a following generation of plants. Here is what is happening, world-wide, the multi-national companies that deal in fertiliser and farm chemicals are buying up all the seed companies. This has already been completed in Europe, Asia and America, and is now rapidly occurring in Australia. After all the seed companies in a country have been purchased the only seeds that the multi-national companies allow to be produced are HYBRID SEED.

Hybrid seeds are designed so that any seed formed by the plants raised from these seeds do not produce good following generation plants. Another built-in feature of hybrid seeds is that they require large amounts of fertilisers to produce good crops. The final feature of hybrid seeds is that in many cases the plants produced have in-built weaknesses that require sprays and soil chemicals to survive. These fertilisers and growing aids are very happily supplied by the companies that produce the seed.

Not only will this affect the home gardener, but also the large

commercial producers of grain. Wheat and other grains will become even more dependent on chemical fertilisers and sprays to survive. Chemical fertilisers and sprays are oil-based and produced by the oil companies. Unfortunately, there isn't a lot the ordinary person can do about any of this. MONEY TALKS. ("Control the money of a nation, you will control the government of that nation").

The "Plant Breeders' Rights" (PBR) is an important step of the world planners in obtaining absolute control of the world's food resources and subsequent control of the world's people ("Control the food of a nation and you will control the people of that nation"). The "Plant Breeders' rights" law is but the first step in the Grand Plan of the "One Worlders". When the New World Order/One World Government has been firmly established, the "Plant Breeders' Rights" law will be replaced by a World Government law which will make it "illegal" to grow seeds that have not been authorised by the (World) Government.

On the 25 February 1987 the Plant Variety Rights (PVR) Legislation passed through the Australian Senate. 'Patenting' of life forms is now legally enforceable, which means individuals, groups, corporations etc. can gain 'lawful' control over propagation, distribution and marketing of plant material, including seeds. Patents on animal

life-forms (including the product of genetic engineering) are now possible. Australian plant patents have now been granted and the list of privately/corporately 'owned' varieties grows steadily.

***Some of the largest
pharmaceutical
companies in the world
are also the largest
seed companies***

It is evident that there is a strong (forceful) link between major seed companies and pharmaceutical giants (transnationals). Some of the largest pharmaceutical companies in the world are also now the largest seed companies. The connection is rather straight forward:- highly developed or manipulated seeds often require an attendant array of chemical fertilizers/pesticides to perform successfully. The current focus on biotechnology, especially genetic engineering is set to magnify the situation. Transnational pharmaceutical/seed companies now have the potential to control the entire plant food chain, from genetically altered/engineered seeds to new life forms to prolong the shelf life of canned fruits. Artificial seeds,

in a form somewhat like chemists capsules, are now being developed by a biotechnological method called somatic embryogenesis. On the world-wide scale, the most likely casualty of this course of events, is genetic diversity.

**OPEN-POLLINATED SEEDS versus
HYBRIDS**

Open-pollination is the natural exchange of pollen between individual plants within a variety. A hybrid is a cross between two inbred uniform varieties, the natural flow of pollen being restricted by human interference in the breeding process.

In past years, all farmers and gardeners preserved their precious seed stock by careful selection. When seeds from desirable plants are selected in this manner over several seasons, the characteristics stabilise to become consistently dominant features, e.g. the old time zebra climbing bean is resistant to diseases, can give many pickings over months, has a very distinct flavour and is extremely tender. However, the zebra climbing bean's susceptibility to bruising (because of its tenderness) in transit has prevented its acceptance for widespread commercial use.

**THE DISADVANTAGES OF
HYBRIDS**

Some growers find hybrids attractive because they boast features

such as high productivity, uniform size, early cropping and resistance to special diseases.

However such advantages have to be weighed up against:

- * dependence on high input of agrochemicals;
- * loss of genetic diversity in crops, resulting in poor adaptability to changing conditions. Such a shortcoming was evident when 40 million acres of a single wheat strain (variety Besosaja) in the Ukraine, were wiped out during the particularly cold winter in 1972. Massive amounts of high priced wheat then had to be imported from Canada;
- * dependence on large corporations for seed;
- * many hybrid seeds sold in the West are produced by cheap labour forces in Indonesia, Kenya, Chile and Taiwan; and
- * loss of seed-saving know-how.

THE ADVANTAGES OF NON-HYBRID SEEDS

A growing number of gardeners are favouring traditional (non-hybrid) varieties over modern hybrid

varieties because they have:

- * better flavour;
- * higher vitamin and mineral content;
- * longer bearing periods for successive pickings;
- * immunity to a broader range of pests and disease, and
- * the ability to reproduce "true to type".

There are many organisations, groups and individuals encouraging people to become self-sufficient by growing their own food and saving seed and thereby have some say in the full cycle of plant food production. If you want to save true to type seeds take some time to look at what's involved and don't save seeds of hybrids. Hybrids are the offspring of genetically different parents and are often favoured by producers since they can exhibit a trend known as hybrid vigour resulting in an increase in desirable traits. This is normally true for one generation only which necessitates a return to the seed shop for a repeat performance.

Non-hybrid seed, with careful selection, reproduces true to type generation after generation, evolving in the course of time. Broadly speaking, the most appropriate seeds

to sow are those produced in your own garden. When saving seed, always consider the parent plant as a whole, not as individual parts that you think important (such as big fruit, strong colour or earliness) although, obviously, these aspects are indeed a part of the whole.

HINTS TO BEAT THE SYSTEM

1. Form your own group and/or subscribe to an established non hybrid seed (vegetables and herbs) distribution organisation such as:

The Seed Savers Network: P.O. Box 975, Byron Bay, NSW. 2481

Eden Seeds: (The Finch Family)., M.S. 316, Gympie, Qld. 4570

Phoenix Seeds: P.O. Box 207, Snug, Tas., 7054

2. Become self-sufficient by growing your own vegetables using only non-hybrid seeds. Learn all you can about the different forms of gardening (e.g. Organic and Hydroponic gardening). There are many excellent books on various types of gardening which are obtainable from Eden Seeds.

3. Establish your own seed bank. Learn the best methods of storing seed. Storing seed is first and foremost accomplished by simply continuing to grow a species from season to season. For annual

crops this commonly means harvesting seed (preferably after it has dried on the plant) and keeping it in a cool, dry place until time to re-sow. Simple containers are either paper or cotton bags which allow seed to breathe. A detailed label can save much confusion later on. So far as artificial storage is concerned Nature provides some useful clues. For instance, many species produce a seed with a hard seed coat and drop their seed in autumn to lie dormant in cool conditions until the warmth of spring arises and prompts the embryonic plant to stir. Not surprisingly then, some seeds-people suggest that the best artificial means of storing seed is in a sealed, airtight container in the refrigerator (sometimes in the freezer is even better).

4. Form seed growing agreements with our neighbours to exchange seeds of various species, and exchange vegetables that can't be grown in your garden because of cross-pollination.

5. Collect as many seeds of old varieties (non hybrid) as you can. Seeds of many excellent old varieties (vegetables and herbs) can be obtained from the Seed Savers Network and Eden Seeds.

Slowly but surely, old traditional varieties are disappearing from the lists offered by Australian (and international) companies. If

everybody can learn the skills to save one variety of seed for distribution to others, the danger of variety loss will be greatly lessened. So start now!!

Unless we grow our own food and save our own seed from year to year we are handing over our food

future to large scale monoculture production, which uses seed from large international seed corporations. They are concerned more about financial returns than long term health of consumers. Act now! before our heritage is forever lost.

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The Sleeping Stone



I stopped to call a taxi in the heart of Babylon.

At the pavement's edge I stood - the traffic writhing on -
Leftward to the Whitehall turning like a lustrous snake

Or rightward to Westminster Bridge, the southbound road to take,

There to pass proud Boadicea set towards the tower

Where Big Ben in his solemn grandeur booms the passing hour -
As if to warn the seething crowds that Time brooks no delay

As he sifts the minutes of the unforgiving day.

While I across the street looked out towards the Abbey wall -

Afloat behind a spray of limpid light that seemed to fall -

Veiling the secret features of the Abbey's ancient face

That houses Jacob's Bethel stone in its appointed place. . .

Where Israel's holy treasure lies for every eye to see:

Safe in our keeping. This, the very Stone of Destiny.

The taxi came. Again we plunged into the turgid stream -

And glancing back, the Abbey seemed remote as in a dream.

Sculptured in its frozen calm it stood apart, alone,

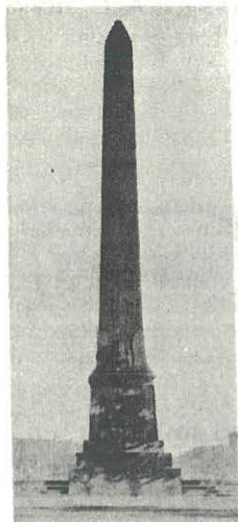
Sharing with God the hidden knowledge of the sleeping stone.

Patience Strong

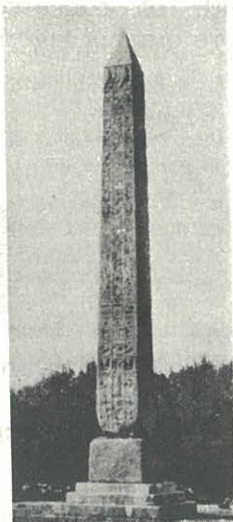
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The House of Joseph

W. Ziegler



CLEOPATRA'S
NEEDLE
London,
England



THE
OBELISK
New York,
U.S.A.

In Genesis 48:2 we read *"and one told Jacob and said: behold thy son Joseph cometh unto thee; and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed."* Note the two names for the one person. This needs some clarification. After his name was changed by God's messenger in Genesis 32:28 from Jacob to Israel, he is sometimes called Jacob and sometimes Israel, but upon close examination we find that the name Jacob is used in connection with the identity and destiny of his family

named Jacob, i.e. the House of Jacob (see for example Luke 1:33), and Israel is used in relation to the covenants and promises to which as Israel, he and his "seed" were the heirs.

It was in this latter respect as Israel he strengthened himself and sat upon the bed. Something of great import he was about to perform before his death. He was to deal with Joseph's two sons (Genesis 48:1) in respect to *their* destiny. *"Let my name (Israel) be named on them and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac, and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth."* (Genesis 48:16) This will yet be in its complete fulfilment, but we see a partial fulfilment of the seed of Joseph's two sons in Great Britain as Ephraim, a company of nations which came to pass in 1926 when Great Britain became officially a "commonwealth of nations" - *Israel nations* - and Manasseh the elder son became the Great People, USA in 1776, exactly 150 years apart. It was a solemn act of "adoption", those boys were made heirs to the birthright promises. We must remember this scene took place in Egypt and these boys of Joseph like their father were nationally and legally Egyptians, so Israel made Israelites out of them, setting up at

the same time a safeguard that should Joseph have any other children they should not share the inheritance. Please read carefully the terms of the covenant agreement as recorded in this 48th chapter, especially verse 19.

Now Almighty God set His clear seal upon this inheritance in these latter days when the Khedive of Egypt sent the two obelisks or Cleopatra's needles where Manasseh and Ephraim as boys played around in Memphis, Egypt. One was sent to Great Britain, the land of Ephraim in the 1880's and was set upon the banks of the Thames, and the other to Manasseh's land, the U.S.A. and set up in Central Park in New York City. The writer saw this obelisk there some years ago.

Despite our sinfulness, Almighty God is pouring out the blessings today upon the House of Joseph as detailed in the prophetic words of Jacob-Israel in Genesis 49:22-26, one of which was the Shepherd (Yahshua the Messiah) and the stone of Israel, that stone of scone which Jacob anointed that memorable night at Luz, which he called Beth-El or house of El, see Genesis 28:10-22. Yes, indeed, that

precious stone followed our forefathers for centuries and now rests under the seat of the coronation chair in Westminster Abbey upon which the royal seed of David are crowned even to this day, for this is "the throne of Almighty God". But the prophetic words of Moses as recorded in Deuteronomy 33:13-17 inclusive, are even greater and prove that the El of Israel is indeed our Covenant-keeping El, for who, but the great House of Joseph, the Anglo Saxon people have been so singularly blessed with the precious things of heaven, of the dew, the sun, of the moon, of the mountains and hills, cattle, etc.? Who indeed? These two great nations have possessed more than all the other nations of the world put together. But they are in great trouble - the enemy has come in upon them like a flood, and they continue to spurn His Perfect Law as the means of their jurisprudence. So, it is time for them to cry unto the Shepherd of Israel as ascribed in Psalm 80. If you love God's people, please join in this majestic petition to Almighty God to come and save us and turn us again to Himself.

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'There never has been a period in which Common Law did not recognise Christianity as lying at its foundation.' Joseph Story in his inaugural address as Dane Professor of Law, Harvard University. 1829.

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Anglo-Saxondom, The Destiny Makers

O. Read



God's Word our Chart and Compass

We are living in tremendous times, even though the rubble of human failure and scars of frustration abound in every society. Mankind is progressively running out of ideas and programmes capable of easing the discomforts and mounting needs of the people. Every attempt thus far to rid the earth of the ever multiplying causes for human suffering has met with failure. The elusive Utopia sought by tribal Chieftans, Kings, Emperors, Dictators

and Presidents remains a dream. Even the so-called Christian church continues to embrace within its almost meaningless ritual the oft repeated prayer, "Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven". The religious heritage of all the sons of Adam embraces a hope for a better life yet to come.

As believers of God, professing confidence and hope in His Word, we find therein the Divine Blue Print of God's eternally projected Plans for all His creation. The prophetic chapters of the Scriptures reveal to us history before it has become enacted. The prophets do not speak in veiled metaphors concerning God's Urban Renewal Programme for Anglo-Saxondom, God's witnesses to the rest of mankind (Isa. 43:10-12). Because theirs were the fathers with whom God covenantally related Himself and to whom He gave as the foundation of their society His perfect Law, it is not difficult for God to relate to them the only way of escape out of the present quagmire. His Word still remains our Chart and Compass. The immediate problem, with the highest priority, is to convince Anglo-Saxondom that

God's Word holds the answer and His Law the solution to ours and the world's problems.

Our fathers have for centuries, in spite of their favoured position, sought other ways of escape from similar situations to ours, today. Their posterity in our generation continue to by-pass God's Law in their hope to make it on their own - a human impossibility! It was to us, the favoured children of Abraham, that God gave the Law and it is likewise through us and our national existence that He is determined to demonstrate His Love and Righteousness toward all others.

Our favoured position in the world society of nations and our being so blessed in every area of our personal life bear witness to our covenanted relationship to the Creator and Provider of all creation. No people in all of history have ever been so blessed as have the peoples making up Anglo-Saxondom. *"The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms: and he shall thrust out the enemy from before thee; and shall say, Destroy them. Israel shall then dwell in safety alone: the fountain of Jacob shall be upon a land of corn and wine; also his heavens shall drop down dew. Happy art thou, O Israel: who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency! and thine enemies shall be found liars unto thee, and thou shalt tread upon their high places"* (Deut. 33:27-29).

God's Covenant with Abraham and his posterity through the chosen line of Isaac and Jacob-Israel promised them many favoured blessings as His chosen people, but they also were to be the instrument through which all others were to receive a knowledge of God and His intended personal and national blessings. Covenantally relating Himself to Abraham's seed, the Almighty *"because he could swear by no greater, he swore by himself ... I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing . . . and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed"* (Gen. 12:2-3; Psa. 105:8-10; Heb. 6:13). The families of the earth still await the promised blessings to be received from God through His Servant Israel - Anglo-Saxondom. They await leadership, guidance and a demonstration of God's Law and the resulting blessings of national obedience.

The so-called Christian Church seems to have deliberately confined the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ to the sandlot league when God has ordained that He should go to bat for us in the world series! We have called Him up from time to time to do a bit of relief pitching when things were going against us, but the influence of the Lord's teachings has been confined to the local church and those within its four walls who hunger for fellowship in His Spirit. The more humble the gathering

place, the greater preeminence given to God's Word, His Law and His Spirit. The larger the church and more magnificent the cathedral the greater the censorship of His Gospel and muzzling of His messenger.

Separation of Church & State was used to keep Divine Authority out of Government

The superstition regarding the separation of Church and State, carried over from the days of the Pilgrim fathers, has since proved to be a very useful weapon in the hands of those who rebel against Divine Authority in government. Although professing to "trust in God" as a nation, our national leaders are fearful of speaking the Name of Him Who was indeed the very Word of God made flesh, unless it be behind closed doors in secret prayer meetings where His guidance by some is still sought. These timid leaders have yet to learn that His Name is above every name and that one day every knee shall bow in reverence to Him Who bears it and every tongue shall confess Him LORD and acknowledge their allegiance to Him as King.

It was the "Lord" (Yahvah)

Who called Abraham and selected him and his seed through Jacob-Israel as the instrument destined to be used as the channel of God's Blessings to all His creation: *"thou shalt be a blessing . . . in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed"* (Gen. 12:2-3). Later when Moses led Abraham's seed out of Egypt to the mount, which he ascended to speak with God (Elohim), it was the Lord (Yahvah) Who propositioned the children of Jacob-Israel and formed them into His "kingdom of priests (kohen), and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:1-6). They received Yahvah Elohim's "perfect law" (Psa. 19:7) at Moses' hand as *"the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob"* (Deut. 33:3; Psa. 147:19-20) and it established a new world order (kosmos), yet destined to absorb all the sons of Adam (Awdawm' - to blush).

The Angel who wrestled with Jacob (supplanter) changed his name to ISRAEL (ruled by God) telling him *"for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed"* (Gen. 32:24-28). The term "prince" (exalted one, king) was prophetic of his seed's destiny. This is why Yahvah Elohim (the Lord God) reminded them through Moses, *"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God; the Lord hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all the people that are upon the face of the earth"* (Deut. 7:6).

Our fathers received from the Lord God the foundation

Commandments of the New World Order. Moses during his long Summit Meetings with the Lord received the Statutes (Laws governing application of the Commandments to every situation arising) and the Judgments to be imposed upon the individual citizen transgressing the Commandment. God's Law covering every area of life in His Kingdom was perfect and righteous. He gave this Law only to Israel as *"the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob"* (Deut. 33:3; Psa. 147:19-20; Romans 9:1-8). We repeat, Yahvah Elohim initially gave His perfect Law, consisting of Commandments, Statutes and Judgments, only to Israel as their Constitution.

Embraced in the Law received was the Commandment prohibiting any amendments, referendums or changes by any of the people, rulers and citizens alike. *"Now therefore hearken, O Israel, unto the statutes and unto the judgments, which I teach you, for to do them, that ye may live ... Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish ought from it, that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you ... What thing soever I command you, observe to do it: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it"* (Deut. 4:1-2; 12:32). It was Israel's responsibility only to administer the Law received. This certainly simplified all governmental administration.

The people's security rested in their knowledge of God's Law and seeing to it that their national leaders administered it as prescribed by Yahvah Elohim within the confines of Its Statutes and Judgments. The initial responsibility rested upon the 'teaching priesthood' of the Levites, *"For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts"* (Mal. 2:7).

The Israel Government had two branches, Zion and Jerusalem: *"for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem"* (Isa. 2:3). Zion was the city of David wherein the king dwelt. The Tabernacle and Temple worship was carried on in Jerusalem under the supervision of the Aaronic priesthood. The rest of the Levites were scattered throughout the Kingdom officiating in their prescribed offices.

When the Lord Jesus Christ, the Greater Son of David, returns to the House of Jacob to ascend the Throne of the Lord which David's seed has occupied, awaiting His Return, we note that He comes to Zion whence the Law goes forth, for He is Israel's King - His Priestly ministry having been brought to an end. *"The Lord also shall roar (sha'ag - to rumble or moan), and utter his voice from Jerusalem and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but the Lord will be the hope of his people, and the strength of the children of Israel. So shall*

ye know that I am the Lord your God dwelling in Zion, my holy mountain, and there shall no strangers (zuwr-foreigner, profane, another seed) pass through her any more" (Joel 3:16-17). Zion will be off limit to those whose roots are not in Israel! In that day the stranger will no longer rule over us!!!

Jesus will return to receive the throne of his father David

The Lord Jesus Christ, Israel's Redeemer, He Who "reconciled the world" back again to God our Father, returns to the "house of Jacob" to "receive the throne of his father David" and as Israel's restored King orders His Kingdom, establishes it "with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Luke 1:32-33; Isa. 9:6-7). Just as the spiritual leaders of the temple at Jerusalem in the Lord's day opposed His Message, so the spiritual leaders of the church today oppose the earthly Kingdom aspect of His Gospel! People still want to keep the Lord Jesus Christ chained to their altar of Sacrificial ritual, but He is destined to return again to proclaim His Message and clean up government from the White House to the rural Justice of the Peace's one

room office in the rear of the local store.

In that day "the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace" (Isa. 9:6).

When the Lord spoke face-to-face to the religio-politicians from Jerusalem, who had even then set into motion their diabolical Zionist scheme, He enquired of them: "Did you never read in the Scriptures, The stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner: this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes? ... And when the chief priests and Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spoke of them" (Matt. 21:42-45). It is written in the Scriptures "Wherefore hear the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, that rule this people which is in Jerusalem. Because ye have said, we have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement; when the overflowing scourge shall pass through, it shall not come unto us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: Therefore thus saith the Lord God, Behold I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a precious stone, a sure foundation; he that believeth shall not make haste. Judgment also will I lay to the line, and righteousness to the plummet: and the hail shall sweep away the refuge of lies, and the waters shall overflow the hiding place. And your covenant with death shall be disannulled,

and your agreement with hell shall not stand, etc." (Is. 28:14-21).

The Lord announced their ambitious plans were doomed to Divine Judgment and failure. *"Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. And whosoever shall fall on this stone, shall be broken: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will grind him to powder"* (Matt. 21:43-44). We are told, *"they perceived that he spake of them"*. Their ambitions concerning the establishment of a world kingdom did not include the Lord Jesus Christ. They were determined to kill Him and seize His inheritance as their own. The Lord was that rejected Stone by these 'One World Builders' who in the final end would crush them and their diabolical ambitions.

He is so identified in Acts 4:10-11, *"Be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even by him doth this man stand here before you whole. This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner"*.

Space forbids a more detailed or further discussion at the moment, but certainly the reader can see the intertwining of the National and Personal aspects of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself being the very heart

and centre of all. How can we clearly separate the one from the other? Both are dependent upon each other if they are to be with meaning. The anti-Biblical teaching of the 'Separation of Church From State' has compelled our spiritual leaders to wrest the Scriptures out of context and wrongly interpret them, leaving the church with no practical Message for the nation in this hour of moral decay and utter collapse of our society. If we continue to discredit God's Law and turn our backs upon His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments, we shall lose everything spiritual and material gained during the past 2 000 years.

Because man now has the weapons to bring about total destruction, those who know not our God or His Christ may well unloose the products of their destructive inventions and bring upon us a holocaust indescribable with the human tongue. There is no way out of the dilemma we find ourselves the prisoners of, unless we are willing, as His most blessed nation, to take a right-about-face in our attitude toward Him and His desires for our welfare and those of our children's children, as outlined in His Law.

As long as the White Anglo-Saxon protestant nations persist in ignoring the Law received from God, our problems and the resulting sufferings will increase.

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History's Greatest Romance

J. Morey

WHEN A SKILLED AUTHOR writes a story he devotes the first few chapters of his book to the introduction of his characters. The hero (or heroine) soon appears, together with the circle of friends with whom he will be associated throughout the book. Then the villain and his friends are introduced. The two parties are soon found to be in opposition and the basis of an exciting plot is laid.

The events of the story centre around the enmity which exists between the hero and the villain. Stroke and counterstroke follow each other in quick succession: sometimes the hero is victorious, sometimes his enemy, and the reader wonders how it all will end. But in every good story the villain is at last foiled in his plans and defeated. The hero comes through an honourable victor, and he and his friends live happily together ever after.

This is exactly the plan of the best and greatest story in the world: the Bible. Early in Genesis the Hero is introduced and we are told that *"the seed of the woman shall bruise the serpent's head."* Very soon the family of Abraham appears and it is seen that the Hero and Israel are to travel together throughout human history. They are the Redeemer and the

Redemptive Race and these are closely associated together to the end of time.

In the Garden of Eden the villain appears, and very soon the people who are to be his accomplices also become prominent. They are the Gentile races, led by Babylon. To the end of the story these figure as the servants of Satan and the enemies of Israel.

Then the plot begins. First Egypt, pagan and powerful, controlled by Satan, plunges Israel into bondage, but eventually the Hero delivers His people with a mighty hand. Later, Babylonian idolatry is used as a snare and Israel is carried away into captivity.

Then the Hero-King comes Himself as the Great Deliverer and, by the crowning act of all time, achieves the redemption of His beloved people. In due course, after severe struggle, and a prolonged contest affecting every phase of its spiritual and material existence, Israel is released from its second bondage, the villain is captured and bound, and the Hero and His friends live happily in their restored Kingdom to the end of the story.

Jehovah and Israel travel together throughout the Bible narrative, in Old Testament and

New. Satan and Babylon are similarly joined, forming the great opposing force to God and His people until, in the Book of Revelation, Satan is bound, Babylon the Great is destroyed, and Christ reigns as undisputed King.

From the very beginning Satan challenges the authority and Kingship of Jehovah. When, in due time, Israel is established as a Kingdom, with Jehovah as King, the struggle begins in earnest between God and Israel on the one hand, and Satan with Babylon on the other. The whole point in dispute is the Kingdom and the Kingship. It has to be settled as to who shall govern the world, God or Satan; and which shall be the dominant race, the people of God, inspired by His law and His Gospel, or the descendants of Babylon, controlled by the degrading and demoralizing principles of heathenism. That was the ancient conflict and it is precisely the question at issue in our own time.

Jehovah's plans for righteous world government and for the conquest of evil are worked out in the history of the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, from whom came the nations of Israel. Through this line of descent God will restore His Kingdom and His Kingship in the world. This Kingdom was first established at Mount Sinai, but it was eventually captured by Satan and Babylon, and brought into a

degrading bondage, from which it has not yet been restored and re established.

Satan is spoken of in the Scriptures as "the prince of this world" and, before God's Kingdom on earth can be again dominant and powerful, the present world-usurper must be overthrown, and the power of his supporters must be broken and destroyed.

The inspired account of human history falls naturally into five sections and the great events which mark the commencement of new dispensations are closely connected with special revelations of God in relation to His earthly Kingdom and people. They are:

- 1) The Era of the Beginnings.
- 2) The Era of Preparation.
- 3) The Era of Redemption.
- 4) The Era of Restoration
- 5) The Era of Completion or Perfection.

Let us notice these important epoch-making events briefly:

1) At the commencement of human history the Lord God walked with Adam in the garden and the friendship of God and man was natural and unbroken. If man had not sinned, God would walk and converse with us still, and we would not be afraid of Him.

2) At Sinai Jehovah came down to be the King of Israel, and gave the laws, statutes and judgments of the

Law of the Lord for the government of His Kingdom. This great event ushered in a new dispensation.

3) Jesus Christ was born at Bethlehem and His coming to earth as Saviour marked the close of the Mosaic Era and the beginning of the Christian Dispensation, or Era of Redemption.

4) In due time our Lord will make His Presence known. His Iron-Rod Rule will be inaugurated, which will introduce the Era of Restoration on earth.

5) When the thousand years of Christ's reign have passed, our Lord will deliver the Kingdom to the Father, so that God may be all and in all. Then will take place the greatest Coming of God in all history since the fall, for His "tabernacle will

be with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God."

This marks the restoration of the happy conditions which existed in the Garden of Eden: the fall will have been remedied: the normal friendship of God and man will be restored; and the human race will go on in its development toward perfection.

The next stage in Jehovah's great plan is clear. We may be confident that the events of the glorious chapters of human history still to be opened will not fail to come to maturity.

Courtesy : Destiny

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'The properties of the Hebrew tongue agreeth a thousand times more with the English than with the Latin.'

William Tyndale, the great Protestant Martyr (1536), who translated the Bible into English; a memorial to him stands in Embankment Gardens, near Charing Cross, London.

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A New Heaven and a New Earth

R. Record

Many of our fears today with respect to the dangers confronting the civilized world with the development of atomic bombs and other nuclear weapons are often needlessly augmented by careless and mistaken interpretations of prophecy as they pertain to the judgments of God which bring this age to a close. If we take some of these prophecies literally, they would seem to declare that both the world and the heavens above are to be destroyed and be replaced with new ones. Now that our scientists have developed nuclear weapons of such tremendous power, as to destroy whole cities, certain Bible teachers and preachers are convinced that God means to literally destroy the whole earth. By way of proof they turn you to such passages as II Peter 3:10 where Peter says that in the day of the Lord:-

"The heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with a fervent heat." It is true that the Bible teaches of a new heaven and a new earth, but let us be careful not to give this declaration a meaning which God never intended. A good deal of Bible prophecy is written in poetic and figurative language because it more vividly expressed the

Will the earth be destroyed by
nuclear weapons?

truth the writer was setting forth, than a simple declaration of the facts. Such is Peter's prophecy here, and also much of the Book of Revelation. To take such Scriptures literally is to arrive at a wild and distorted understanding of the prophetic Word.

Since we are dealing with the new heaven and the new earth, let us consider two scriptures dealing with this subject. First let us turn to Rev. 21:1-4 where we read:

"And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away: and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself shall be with them, and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away." Before we comment on these verses let us read also from Isa. 65:17-19, and note, if you will, the similarity of the two passages.

"For behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice forever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a

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

Please note first of all, that in each passage after reference is made to the new heavens and the new earth, that in the very next verse we are told that this new creation was the New Jerusalem. After John says, *"I saw a new heaven and a new earth,"* he then becomes more specific and says: *"I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem."* It was here on the earth; it marked the beginning of a new era. In Isa. 65 as God says, *"Behold, I create new heavens and a new earth,"* He then goes on to say: *"be glad and rejoice forever in that which I create, for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing etc."*

Jerusalem in Bible prophecy usually stands for the restored nation of Israel. As John in Rev. 21:9-21 describes the bride, the Lamb's wife, he goes on in metaphorical language to describe the Kingdom of God as a city foursquare. This city has 12 gates, and on them are written the names of the 12 tribes of the children of Israel. The wall of the city has 12 foundations, and in them the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb - as representing all believers in this Church Age. By no stretch of the imagination can we make this New Jerusalem to be a literal city with walls as high as they are long and wide. It is rather a picture in metaphor of God's New Order of

things, in which Jehovah is to "tabernacle with men," and "dwell with them, and be their God." It is the heavenly kingdom of Christ which is to supplant the kingdoms of this world. For 6,000 years the kingdoms of this world have prevailed and held sway. They have been characterized by sin, suffering, injustice and unrighteousness. When Jesus was here the first time, He declared in John 18:36 that His kingdom was not of this world system. He did not mean by this that His kingdom was never to be on this earth, for the day was to come when God would make an end of sin and wickedness in the earth, and rule the world Himself in righteousness and justice. In contrast with the world before it, the kingdom of God will be a New World. The curse of sin, if we may call it that, will be lifted, and a moral and spiritual revolution will sweep the earth. It will be new by the very absence of things which once characterized the life of man upon it. Satan and the powers of darkness will be chained and driven out of the heavens, so as to make them new. Since the Kingdom of God is to be the rule of heaven on earth, the new heaven may also indicate the new rulership of the saints with Christ. Remember that "heaven and earth" are used here as figures of speech which indicate great moral and spiritual changes, rather than changes in the literal earth and the heavens themselves.

Their being removed or changed only 'declares' what shall be done with regard to the facts of which they are the figures.

***The hour is soon at
hand when the
purpose of God will be
realized!***

The hour is soon at hand when the purpose of God in the past 6,000 years will have been realized, and a completely new order of things will be ushered in. But before the Kingdom of Christ can be fully set up in all its blessedness, the earth must be prepared for its reception. One of the first steps in the preparation of the earth is the elimination from it of these wicked peoples, which are now taking peace from the earth, and who would always constitute a disturbing element as long as they were allowed to remain. The wicked now triumph. They are frequently found to be sitting in seats of authority and power. They command; they dominate; and are set in opposition to the kingdom purposes of God. Contrary to the senseless drivel we hear these days about "peaceful co-existence," these enemies of God must be judged and eliminated from

God's kingdom which centres in a nation. This is all to be accomplished in a major crisis that brings this age to a close. Anti-Christian forces now arrayed in part under the banner of the Hammer and Sickle, are to be found seeking the destruction of God's People. When these two great powers come together, a great and decisive battle will be fought in which God Himself will fight for His people as when He fought in the day of battles. In Isa. 66:15-16 we read in this connection:

"For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and with His chariots like a whirlwind, to render His anger with fury, and His rebuke with flames of fire. For by fire, and by His sword will the Lord plead with all flesh: and the slain of the Lord shall be many." And as God says in Ezekiel 38:23: "Thus will I magnify Myself, and sanctify Myself and I will be known in the eyes of many nations, and they shall know that I am the Lord." Thus the stage will be set for the introduction of God's New Order - and that is what we see going on today.

I have said that by this crisis the world would be prepared for the introduction of God's New Earth. Many people have mistakenly thought that when this judgment of God was finished, none but the godly and the righteous would remain. But this is not true. When Christ returns, He comes to His kingdom nation, and in Matt. 13:41 we are told that He sends His

messengers who will gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity. To be thus forcibly removed from the Kingdom to be judged for their sins, will bring both a weeping, and a gnashing of teeth. These ejected people will be taken to some heathen land outside the kingdom. In Matt. 25:30 we are told that the realm outside the kingdom is called "outer darkness." The wicked who are cast out of the kingdom are not slain; they are still alive; they are still on the earth. They are not in hell or hades. Christ with His saints, will rule the nations in outer darkness with a "rod of iron." During the first thousand years of God's New Earth, it will be the function of the Kingdom people to minister to the spiritual needs of these nations. In fact Christ must rule "till He hath put all enemies under His feet." Then, and not until then, will the whole earth be completely new and rid of ungodly people.

Perhaps we should point out before we leave this judgment of God's wrath upon the wicked which prepares the world for God's New Earth, that it is one and the same thing with which Peter is dealing in II Peter 3:5-13, Yet there are very few today who do not take this highly metaphorical and poetic passage literally, and, like prophets of doom, declare a literal destruction of the earth. Some even go so far as to teach that the earth will be laid

waste for a thousand years.

In verse 6 Peter says:

"The world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished". What is Peter saying? He is saying that the world of mankind, the "Kosmos" of wicked men were destroyed by a flood. The literal earth was not destroyed. In a very real sense there was a new earth for man after the flood. Then in verse 7 Peter goes on to say the "Kosmos," that is, the world of men which has developed since - is,

As it was in the days of Noah ... so it will be at the coming of Jesus

"By the same word, kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

As it was in the days of Noah, so it would be in the days of the coming of the Son of man." "Fire" is frequently set forth in the Scriptures as an accompaniment of the manifestation of God. God appeared to Moses in the burning bush. He went before His people by night in a pillar of fire. He filled the tabernacle with a glory as of fire. Fire, in connection with the wrath of God, is a symbol of judgment. Just as surely as the wicked of Noah's day were

judged of God, so would the wicked in these last days be judged at the return of Christ. The "fire" was not to be the result of exploding atomic and hydrogen bombs, but the work of God in breaking the power of evil preparatory to the New Heaven and the New Earth. Just as in Rev. 21:1,4 where we read that "the first earth," or "the former things are passed away," so it is in II Peter 3:10. That which served the purposes of God in the first 6,000 years of human history, will have passed away. Peter speaks of it as being "dissolved." The fervent heat of God's wrath causes it to disappear. It is now but a memory. In fact we read in Isa. 65:17 that the former will not be remembered, nor come into mind. In other words we will forget all about what we went through in this vale of tears, because of the peace and glory and rejoicing in the New Earth.

In Rev. 21:1 we read that in God's new earth there shall be "no more sea." How many there are who have taken this literally to mean that this physical earth, which is now largely water, would have its seas removed. The sea, however, is a symbol of unrest, of trouble and upheaval among men "The wicked," we read in Isa. 57:20, *"are like the troubled sea, when it cannot rest."* Jesus declared that at the time of His coming one of the signs would be:

"Upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring " Luke 21:25.

Mankind, like the troubled stormy sea, would be in a state of upheaval and violence. In the New Earth, there would be no more of this. God would never allow the sinfulness of man to ever again reach a point where it would cause distress and unrest to the righteous. In fact it was to be eliminated altogether.

"No more sea," you say, "in God's new earth?" The sea is one of God's most blessed gifts to man. Life would be impossible without it. It is the vital fluid that animates our earth; and should it disappear altogether, our fair green planet would become a lifeless heap of rock, and sand, and desert. Its breezes, too, are health giving. Its beauty and grandeur are priceless. The God who made it, and saw that it was good, is not now going to take it away. Only the evil, the wicked and vile which it symbolizes, are to be taken away.

Then in Rev. 21:25 we are told that in the new earth: *"There shall be no night there."* Many have interpreted this to mean literally, that in the new earth we would live in eternal day. But in a chapter so manifestly metaphorical and symbolic, one wonders how God's people could err so easily. If there is to be no night, there would be no need of rest, but this will not be true of many.

The night is a common emblem

of things evil. The Bible references to it are frequently used in a disparaging and deprecatory manner. Darkness, in the Scriptures, is a symbol of spiritual ignorance. *"Darkness shall cover the land, and gross darkness the people,"* we read in Isa. 60:2. As the prophet in Isa. 9:2 looks toward the first coming of Christ, we read: *"The people that walked in the darkness have seen a great light."* In the kingdom there will be no such ignorance of God, for, *"The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea"* (Isa. 11:9). The powers of darkness are said to work in the night. The time prior to the Kingdom is likened to "night" - as compared to the "day" of God's kingdom. There will be night there. Pain, and tears, and crying, are a part of the night. Those who know Christ and are born of His Spirit, will know nothing of these in the Kingdom of God, for the condition that brought them about will be gone.

Is this not wonderful to contemplate? And is it not encouraging to know that God's New Order lies just before us, even at the door? The Kingdom of Heaven is truly at hand, and it behoves the wise to clean up their lamps and see that they have oil in them.

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Images from Space

IMAGES FROM SPACE POINT TO LOST ARABIAN SOCIETY UNDER DESERT SAND IN OMAN

LOS ANGELES - On the fringe of the windswept Arabian Desert, a high-tech archaeological effort has pierced cascading sand dunes to reveal what may be the remnants of a lost civilization.

Using computer-enhanced radar images transmitted from space, scientists have uncovered clues in Oman's Rub al Khali desert to the burial place of a legendary society believed to be the bustling hub of the world's frankincense trade 5,000 years ago.

Known as Ad, the civilization is chronicled in the Koran and mentioned in the tales of "The Arabian Nights," among others. There are indirect references to the region in the Bible. It is likely that the wise men who bore gifts to the infant Jesus carried frankincense traded there.

Members of a California-based scientific expedition claim this summer to have discovered links to Ad literally buried in the sands of time.

"The clues are tantalizing," said George Hedges, a Los Angeles attorney and part-time explorer who is a member of the expedition sponsored by oil magnate Armand Hammer and backed by the Jet

Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena. The expedition included an archaeologist, a geologist, a computer scientist, a documentary filmmaker and renowned British explorer Sir Ranulph Fiennes, a co-leader of the project.

Hedges said his crew surveyed geological evidence of a buried trail that was likely one of the routes used by camel-riding frankincense traders. He said they also stumbled upon what may be artifacts from Ad.

Hedges said he hopes the now-barren land of high-rise sand dunes eventually will yield the once-thriving city of Ubar, a main frankincense shipping centre operated by the people of Ad and described by adventurer T.E. Lawrence as "the Atlantis of the sands."

"This was an initial shipping point for frankincense, which was an extremely important trade commodity in the ancient world and found markets as far away as China and Rome," Hedges said.

Frankincense, an aromatic resin produced from the sap of trees indigenous to East Africa and the Middle East, was once a coveted incense. It was used by emperors and common folk alike in ceremonies

and religious rituals including imperial processions and cremations.

The Ads' lucrative trading society lasted roughly from 3000 B.C. to the 1st century A.D. It died a victim of economic, political and climatic forces that coincided with a drop in demand for the fragrance and the rise of Christianity, which preached burying bodies instead of burning them.

Eventually the villages of Ad were buried by encroaching tides of sand, which now rise like mountains 200 to 600 feet high.

Although historical or scholarly writings on the subject are scarce and many - because of the lack of ruins - thought the Ad civilization was mythical, members of the expedition had always believed the Ads lived somewhere in the sprawling Rub al Khali desert.

Space-age technology made it possible to try to pin-point the Ad city and trade routes.

Unlike British explorer Bertram Thomas, who had tried in the 1930s to map the area but gave up after finding himself isolated amid the sand dunes with no water in sight, the team was able to use sophisticated computers and radar images generated by satellites as their compass.

"We applied new techniques to help define where we should begin looking" said Ronald Blom, a senior

scientist at JPL who joined the expedition. "It's impossible to search the whole desert, so we helped to target the approximate location for the archaeologists to start looking."

Studying satellite topography images generated by computer, Blom and JPL assistant director Charles Elachi were able to distinguish at least one 100-yard-wide hoof-trodden path lying under tons of sand, which they believe was one in a network of roads that cut across the desert.

"It's very subtle. The ground has been worn away ever so slightly into the desert floor," Blom said. "We found modern tracks and ancient ones. The new ones go around the dunes, the old ones go under them."

Although the Ad team had been planning for six years to explore the region they had not intended to start excavating until January 1991. But they stumbled upon 900 pottery shards and flint pieces and the trade route during a three week "reconnaissance" in July.

Because of high-powered desert winds, the team could not stay longer and left the artifacts with the Oman Department of National Heritage until the expedition returns.

"We hope during the main expedition that we can definitely prove these legendary people existed," Hedges said.

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According to Plan and According to Plot

C. Coffin

FAILURE TO discriminate between opposite and antagonistic world forces constitutes a prolific source of confusion and almost incredible misunderstanding in world events operative at this present time. Both the Christian world and that of everyday political affairs are involved in this inability to distinguish between the factors contributing respectively to world disruption or world peace.

Many students of God's Word know that it reveals a Divine plan for ultimate world restoration to His sovereign rule and government by the Lord Jesus Christ and the final destruction of evil in every form. God's intervention and interference in the affairs of the nations, and particularly in the history of non-Jewish Israel, proves how, down through the centuries, He has been and still is operating *according to plan*. Because that plan is based on His foreknowledge of human action, nothing will be permitted to prevent its consummation at the appointed time.

Few, however, seem aware of a Satanic plot to counter, and were it possible, prevent its success. Ignorance of or deliberate refusal to

take this plot into consideration is today causing endless confusion and complete failure to recognize the fact that it is developing *according to plot*, if one may make use of the term. One uses the terms "plan" and "plot" in order to discriminate and distinguish between them. Nothing is, perhaps, more tragic or fraught with more dire consequences than the failure to take into account the existence of the plot, no matter from whatever source it may emanate, on the part of organized Christianity.

In the realm of world politics, under the leadership of its present statesmen it seems almost impossible to penetrate the camouflage beneath which every move appears to be carefully and deliberately hidden. In a very thorough examination of the political situation Mr. Douglas Reed, in his book, *Somewhere South of Suez*, particularly in the closing chapters of Part 3, very accurately summarizes the existing chaos and analyzes the causes. It is interesting to note how his approach to the subject, and the inevitable conclusions to which he arrives, coincide exactly with those of Bible students who have the key to the interpretation of prophecy in the identification of non-Jewish Israel as

Anglo-Celtic-Saxondom in our modern world on the one part and, on the other, that of the twin alliance of Communism and Political Zionism centred in the pseudostate of Israel as functioning under this alias in Palestine.

In a previous book, *Lest We Regret*, the same author describes his quest for truth as everywhere frustrated by what appears to be deliberate intention to prevent access to it. He uses such terms as:

"Never before was so much withheld from so many, as in this age of our Ministry of Information."

"A curtain has been steadily interposed between patriotic seekers after knowledge and truth."

When statements are made in reply to demands for information, these become "devastatingly platitudinous." He refers to "this vast apparatus of anonymity which takes a hundred forms." He reaches the conclusion that "people in this country are trained to recognize, as truth, only lies dressed up, and now hardly know truth when they see it." Quoting a statement attributed to Mr. Lloyd George when Prime Minister of Britain in 1923, he writes:

"Wars are precipitated by motives which statesmen responsible for them dare not publicly avow. A public discussion would drag these motives in their nudity into the open, where they would die of exposure to the withering contempt of humanity."

It is surely not difficult to recognize here the hand of Lord Acton's "hidden managers" working according to plot so accurately blueprinted in the *Protocols of the Learned Elders of Zion*. History forbids one to dismiss as "forgery" what is written so clearly and indelibly on its pages.

In the early 1950's it was reported that ten members of the so-called Israel state were in London for talks with the British government, and were the guests of the government. To some Christians, this is considered to be a part of God's plan for Palestine and that it is "a modern miracle", the coming into being of the state of Israel with its "Embassy" in London. In reality it constitutes another clever move in the political bluff of the twin conspirators (Communism and Political Zionism) to consolidate their annexation of a land which was never theirs, by winning the support of the British government.

May 15th, 1948 was no move toward world peace, but rather a milestone on the road to God's vindication of His Holy Name when the hour strikes for Him to reveal to the world the people to whom, by covenant, He gave that land for a "perpetual inheritance." Truth will out and the not too distant future will declare that the foothold of Communism and Political Zionism obtained by force and fraud in Palestine was not according to plan

but according to plot. This "refuge of lies" will prove to be anything but a shelter in the time of the pending storm.

We had the anomaly of a United Nations Organization led by Britain and the United States of America move to arrest the aggression of Communism in Korea and China while at the same time acquiescing in a *fait accompli* by the same conspirators in Palestine. No wonder statesmen resort to "devastatingly platitudinous" evasion in reply to the request for truth and facts.

To those in the Far East we have taken off the gloves, while to the same foe in the Middle East we have put them on. How vital it is to discriminate and distinguish between the plan and the plot if we are to see our way through the mist and find our way out of the maze. One wonders how long it will be before the eyes of our leaders in both Church and State will be opened and their hearts turned again to God and His Word. Theirs is to be the task of dispossessing the usurpers of what they have illegally annexed, for

dispossessed they will surely be, and that, as it is written, "*I will put My vengeance upon Edom [Esau-Edom-Idumaea in Jewry] by the hand of My people Israel*" (Ez. 25:14). For the actual details see Obadiah. With the Communist octopus spreading its ominous tentacles in every direction *according to plot*, happy indeed are those whose eyes have been opened and whose ears have been unstopped to see and hear the untiring and irrevocable progress of the Divine countermove, also moving *according to plan* to its consummating triumph and the overthrow of the Synagogue of Satan.

As we watch world events, let those who "*have eyes to see and ears to hear*" obey the call of God to moral and spiritual rearmament in readiness for the part we shall have to play when, turning from the false shepherds and the blind leaders, our people awaken and seek light and guidance in their doubt and confusion of mind. Let us by word and by life hold forth the Word of Truth given to be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path.

Courtesy : Destiny

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Light in the pew necessitates light in the pulpit. The Bible in the hands and hearts of the people is the surest guarantee for truth from the lips of the preacher.

John Cumming D.D. 1848.

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WHY CHIDE THE Jews of Jesus' day for not expecting Him to come as He did, when people today who have greater knowledge of the Bible than ever those Jews had are blind to the signs of Christ's return to this earth? The unfulfilled prophecies of the Messiah in the Old Testament can only be fulfilled by His literal return. And there are more such references in the Old Testament that demand the second coming. The same is true of the New Testament. Dr. J. H. Brooks, the Bible teacher, says "318 times Christ's return to earth is directly or indirectly referred to in the New Testament." What do these passages say?

Where Now Is Jesus?

Thirteen times in the references quoted we are advised that

Christ Will Come Again!

P. Rader

Jesus went to, or is now with, the Father.

Eleven times Jesus Himself thus revealed His present abiding place.

Twenty-two times it is stated that Jesus went to, or is now in heaven.

Twenty-two times it is stated that Jesus is now at the right hand of God.

Five times it is mentioned that Jesus is now *in glory*.

Once Jesus says, *I am set down with my Father in his throne.*

Sixty-three times altogether in these references do we find it said that Jesus is now in Heaven, with the Father, on His Father's throne.

Shall we believe men who say that *this same Jesus* is now here on earth ruling the World through the Church and that the Church is His Kingdom, or shall we believe that *this same Jesus* is now in heaven with the Father, in glory, on the right hand of God, yea, on His Father's throne?

How Long Will Jesus Remain There?

Seven times it is stated that He will remain there till his enemies are made his footstool.

Once it is said, until the times of restitution of all things.

Once the time of His coming from heaven is said to be in the regeneration.

Once it says when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven ... taking vengeance.

Will Jesus Return to Earth?

Ten times it is revealed that His going from, and His coming back to this earth was and will be in the clouds.

Seventeen times it is made known that His return to earth will be in power and great glory.

He ascended in glory; He is now in glory; He will return in great glory; He will give us a body like unto his glorious body; and we shall receive a crown of glory. Such is the glory which shall be revealed to us (Romans 8:18).

Twenty-three times there is mentioned His Kingdom, and His own or the Davidic throne.

Ten times it is expressed as when He shall appear, or be revealed from heaven.

Four times it is designated in these words: His appearing and

Kingdom.

Nine times it is said that when He comes He will be seen, every eye shall see Him.

When Will This Messianic, Davidic Kingdom Be Set Up?

Not until after the time of Jacob's trouble. (His return will end Jacob's trouble, Editor)

Not until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

Not until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.

Not until God takes out of the Gentiles a people for His name.

Not until the latter days.

We will also ask again, Who, in consideration of all this inspired, God-given testimony and Jesus' own words, can spiritually and logically refuse to believe and accept as true these 115 classified revelations with the other corroborating Scriptures (and many others not given) concerning Jesus' present location, His present-time high priest service there for His brethren (Heb. 4:14-15; 2:9-13), His future return to earth (John 14:3), and seated on His own Davidic and everlasting throne (Luke 1:30-33), reign with His saints (Rom. 8:17; II Tim. 2:12) for a thousand years (Rev. 20:6) on the earth (Rev. 5:10), ruling till He hath put all enemies under His feet (ICor. 15:25-26; Rev. 20:14); then, when His entire earth-redemptive work is finished, He with His

saints shall still reign on eternally (Rev. 22:5; 11:15) in complete subjection to the Father that *God may be all in all* (ICor. 15:28)?

In the light of all history both sacred and secular relative to the exact keeping, fulfilment and certainty of all past promises, covenants and prophecies of the Bible for nearly six thousand years, why should not God's all-harmonious promises and prophecies for the future be accredited, accepted, and fully believed, at least by His professing children?

Will all such be faithfully kept, come true literally, and really be fulfilled, as has been done in the

past? Or can men through unbelief successfully prevent, pervert and annul them by false, illogical and unscriptural explanations?

God says, *He will keep His word*, and He answers this question also: *For what if some did not believe? shall their unbelief make the faith (faithfulness, R.V.) of God without effect? God forbid: yet, let God be true, but every man a liar* (Rom. 3:3-4).

Truly, it is high time for awakening and filling our vessels with oil, that we be ready to enter with the Bridegroom into His chambers. Christ is coming back. May it be soon!

Courtesy : Kingdom Digest

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Aldersgate, the ancient north gate of the city, stands to the westward of Bishopsgate. On the north, or outside of it, is the figure of King James I, on horseback, who entered the city at this gate when he came from Scotland, on his accession to the throne of England. Over the head of this figure are the arms of England, Scotland and Ireland, and on one side the image of the prophet Jeremy, with this text engraved, *"Then shall enter into the gates of this city, kings and princes sitting on the throne of David, riding on chariots and on horses, they and their princes, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem."* And on the other side, the figure of the prophet Samuel, with the following passage: *"And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that you have said unto me, and have made a king over you."* On the south, or inside of the gate, is the effigy of King James I sitting on his throne in his robes.

(Don Manoel Gonzales, 1894)

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The Fact of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ

1 Corinthians 15:1-8

1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

2 By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain.

3 For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures;

4 And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:

5 And that he was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve:

6 After that, he was seen of above five hundred brethren at once; of whom the greater part remain unto this present, but some are fallen asleep.

7 After that, he was seen of James; then of all the apostles.

8 And last of all he was seen of me also, ...

Paul

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come. Thy will be
done on earth, as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we
forgive them who trespass against
us.

Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is
the kingdom, the power, and the
glory, forever and ever.

Amen.

