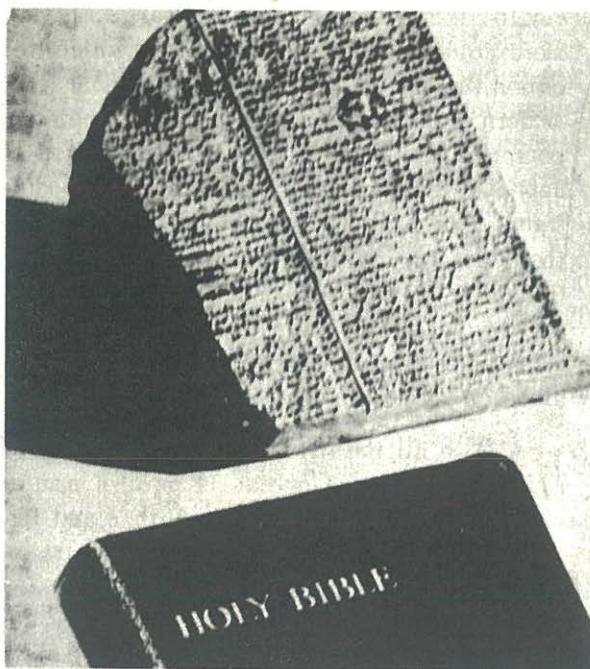




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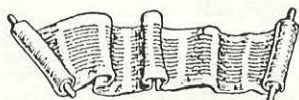
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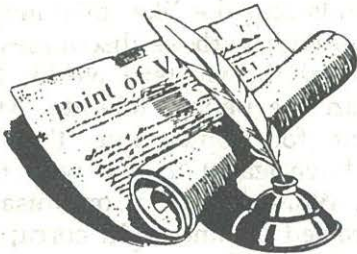
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Point of View



Another Federal Election has run its course. Many in the media said that this election was to be the most important since the 1940's. When one considers how close we are to the control of the New World Order, I believe this opinion is probably correct.

Whilst I was of the opinion that the Liberals would most probably scrape into power, it did not matter which party finally won the election. They are both two sides of the same coin. What differences there are, are only exaggerated to the general public to give the opinion that there is a real choice. But you and I know such is not the case. Quite a number of industrial leaders and political advisers are already saying that Prime Minister Paul Keating is preparing to implement many of John Hewson's ideas of national reform.

The main point that I would like to raise here is the matter of power and authority in the leadership of our party political

Editor

system. We have heard it all before. The promises and the taunts aimed at each other. Yet the news media will perform a diagnostic analysis of every breath uttered by our so-called representatives. It is almost as though the future of the nation hinges on the very utterances of these sheep in wolves' clothing.

Matthew 7:28-29 reflects my thoughts in these matters. These verses say: AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN JESUS HAD ENDED THESE SAYINGS, THE PEOPLE WERE ASTONISHED AT HIS DOCTRINE: FOR HE TAUGHT THEM AS ONE HAVING AUTHORITY AND NOT AS THE SCRIBES. The mention of the Scribes is most interesting. Who were the Scribes? They were the experts in the Laws that God gave to Moses. Some were members of the Sandhedrin. Their lives revolved around constant study. Their 3 fold function was to: 1. preserve the Law. 2. teach the Law. 3. administer the Law as judges in the Sandhedrin. Most of the Scribes belonged to the Pharisees. They clashed with Jesus due to their formalism. Whilst many opposed Jesus some did believe Him.

To put it into modern day context they are comparable to our lawyers, judges and magistrates or

any other professional group that is concerned with law, like that of Constitutional Lawyers. The formalism of the law and how it is interpreted has become a "minefield" of exploitation. As a result the "little people" have virtually no chance in demanding justice within the court system.

But Christ, who knew the Law, for He was the author of such matters, spoke with power and authority on these matters. Can you imagine the many times when Christ would find Himself standing before the lawyers answering their judgmental criticisms and the masses of people waiting in awe. Like today the people know that the system is not just, but they have no one to represent them and righteously defy the court's decisions. It is no wonder that they desired Christ to be their political leader. There was no one else who could beat them at their own game. Again it is the same today. Whilst on the one hand all of us can be corrupted, the ordinary people still like to see the professional level of the community caught in their own games of deceit and double standards.

In John 7:46 we read: "Never man spake like this man". Whilst I am sure that what we have in the Gospels is a very short resume of what was said by Christ, He was most probably a man of few words. He would never have rambled or presented lengthy dissertations with

little substance. People generally appreciate short and honest answers. It is generally accepted that bureaucrats and the like, misinterpret questions with verbose discourses.

As for the western world, how much can the people tolerate. Many have felt for some time that the "slaves have learnt to live with their chains". What person or organisation can be raised up and fight corruption at all levels, when mammon rules the hearts of man? Whilst it is hard to comprehend that times and events are still in God's hands, there is one thing I know, there is little time left. Future events are not only going to be devastating for those who think they can find solutions and solace arising out of man's efforts but our leaders with power and authority are going to be shamed into realising just who are the TRUE ISRAEL OF GOD. This realisation of who we are will be the beginning of establishing order out of chaos.

These leaders for world dominion, with all their majestic appearance and message of hope and peace are going to find themselves wallowing in their own despair. The power and authority that they have wielded so openly in the market place of world trade will be shown to have no approval from the only source of power and authority, the GOD OF ISRAEL.

In that day the people will rejoice. Then we will begin to see preparation for a regenerated society

based upon the hopes and aspirations of the prophets who were relentless in their pursuit for an earthly society based on Heavenly

designs. By keeping our eyes upon these eternal principles we will have kept the Faith of ABRAHAM, ISAAC AND JACOB.

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Three Types of Conquest

A study of history reveals nations can be conquered by the use of one or more of three methods.

The most common is conquest by war. In time, though, this method usually fails, because the captives hate the captors and rise up and drive them out if they can. Much force is needed to maintain control, making it expensive for the conquering nation.

A second method is by religion, where people are convinced they must give their captors part of their earnings as "obedience to God". Such a captivity is vulnerable to philosophical exposure or by overthrow by armed force, since religion by its nature lacks military force to regain control, once its captives become "disillusioned".

The third method can be called economic conquest. It takes place when nations are placed under "tribute" without the use of visible force or coercion, so that the victims do not realize they have been conquered. "Tribute" is collected from them in the form of "legal" debts and taxes, and they believe they are paying it for their own good, for the good of others, or to protect all from some enemy. Their captors become their "benefactors" and "protectors".

Although this is the slowest to impose, it is often quite long-lasting, as the captives do not see any military force arrayed against them, their religion is left more or less intact, they have freedom to speak and to travel, and they participate in "elections" for their rulers. Without realizing it, they are conquered, and the instruments of their own society are used to transfer their wealth to their captors and make the conquest complete.

In 1900 the average Australian worker paid few taxes and had little debt. Last year payments on debts and direct and indirect taxes took more than half of what they earned. Is it possible a form of Conquest has been imposed on our people?

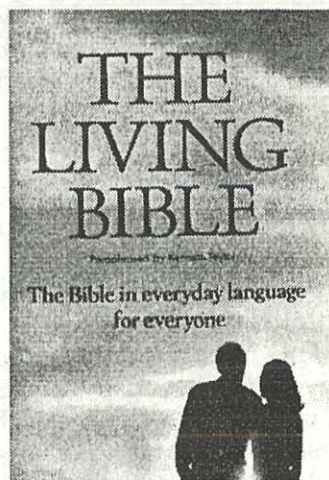
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A Paraphrase is not the Word of God

L. Alley (Wingham N.S.W.)

A speaker recently made the statement that the names 'Hebrew' 'Jew' and 'Israel' were interchangeable thus indicating that any of the three could be slotted in at random. This the Living Bible does, consequently creating difficulties for the newcomer to Bible study. One could so easily purchase the 'Living Bible' at its low cost believing they were obtaining the Inspired Word of God. A search of the New Testament alone and a comparison of this with the highest authorities such as Young's and Strong's Concordances reveals many inaccuracies that are disturbing to say the least. Is it possible or likely that because of the Living Bible one is often hearing from the pulpit and elsewhere personalities such as Abraham, Jacob, Moses and Solomon of the Old Testament referred to as Jews? One wonders!

Granted that the Living Bible is a Paraphrased Version, and therefore not a word for word translation, it is still called a Bible and could present endless difficulties for a beginner seeking Truth.



In perusing the New Testament and researching the names 'Jacob' and 'Israel' one finds that the names 'Jew' 'Jews' and 'Jewry' are substituted for 'Israel' twenty two times. The name 'Israel' has been deleted ten times and once the name 'Israelis' has been substituted for 'Israel.' The name 'Jacob' has been omitted twice and once the name 'Jew' has been substituted for 'Jacob.' And now notice the distortion in the reading of Acts 7:8, "And so Isaac, Abraham's son, was circumcised when he was eight days old. Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob was the father of the twelve patriarchs of the **Jewish nation**", emphasis added. In addition the name "Jew" has been plastered randomly throughout the New Testament. What of the Old

Testament? Are the same distortions there, creating a travesty of the Written Word?

What of the name 'Hebrew'? It is derived from 'Eber' or 'Heber', great-great-grandson of Noah and a forefather to Abram (Abraham). Now Abraham was the grandfather of Jacob who was later called 'Israel', the very first Israelite. No Jews at this point of time and none for several centuries later. So, it is quite safe to call Israelites Hebrews, but all Hebrews are not Israelites for there are eight generations between Heber and Jacob-Israel.

Where does the name 'Jew' come into the narrative? The Bible student knows of the division of the Israelite nation in the time of Rehoboam, son of Solomon. Still no Jews! The tribe of Judah at this time along with the tribe of Benjamin separate themselves from the other ten tribes and two kingdoms are formed. Many years later the ten tribed kingdom is conquered and carried into captivity by the king of Assyria. They are totally removed from the land and eight years later the main body of the kingdom of Judah is conquered and removed from the land. Read it all in the 16th, 17th and 18th chapters of II Kings. Of these two captivities there is no record of them ever returning to their homeland. This is another subject, we are presently dealing with the subject of the Jews and Israel. Over a hundred years after

the first two captivities the remainder of the kingdom of Judah, a mere remnant of the original nation, is conquered and carried to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar. Apart from a random mention of the Jews of Elath in II Kings 16:6, the name is only applied to the very small remnant of the kingdom of Judah that remained and were carried to Babylon. It is also specifically applied to those who returned to Jerusalem after seventy years' captivity at Babylon, only a remnant of a remnant. In no way does the Bible give unbridled licence to apply the name 'Jew' to all Israel nor can it be applied to the whole Kingdom of Judah of which the tribe of Benjamin was a part.

Why did Jesus so roundly condemn the Jews of His day? In John 10:26, Jesus said, *"But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep, as I said unto you"*. Only Israelites were called "sheep" in the Scriptures. Jews were anti-Christ then, they are anti-Christ today, they fulfil none of the wonderful promises made to Israel by an unchanging and Covenant keeping God. We might bear in mind that at the time Jesus walked the earth, Herod was king, he was an Idumean, that is, a descendant of Esau. God said of Esau in Mal. 1:2 & 3, *"I loved Jacob, And I hated Esau"* this is repeated in Rom. 9:13. At this time Esau was in the ascendancy amongst the Jews having been converted to Judaism at an earlier date. Yes, there were also

Israelites present in the land at the same time, some are named. Jesus' eleven disciples were of Galilee, (Acts 1:11) they were a remnant of the tribe of Benjamin but the ruling and religious Pharisees were of Esau, they were not Jesus' sheep.

Note the book of Esther, 8:17 *"And many of the people of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews fell upon them"*, emphasis added. It is impossible to change one's nationality, they simply adopted the Jews' religion or Judaism. Remember, not so long ago 3000 Ethiopian Jews migrated to Palestine, we all saw it on TV, they were all black, they were Jews by religion. Let us not shilly-shally, even Jesus condemned

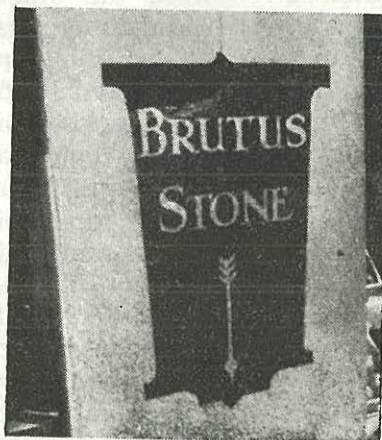
the Idumean Pharisees and told them they were children of the devil, they still read from their ancient Babylonian Talmud.

Even Daniel during the captivity at Babylon knew that Israel was scattered elsewhere, read it in Daniel 9:7. Read it also in the New Testament, James 1:1, where James addresses the *"twelve tribes which are scattered abroad"*. We have no doubt that those who prepared the 'Living Bible' were quite sincere in their efforts but sincerity cannot replace Truth. A travesty of the Written and Living Word has been the result and the tragedy of it is that so many will be deceived by it.

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Brutus Stone

Brutus of Troy is believed to have landed in Britain after the break-up of Troy. Totnes, in Devon, has the stone on which the hero is said to have stepped ashore, in the age of David and Samuel in Israel. An inscription in St. Peter-upon-Cornhill Church, London, also preserves the tradition.



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Does God have the Right to Choose?

R. Thornton

God has no "chosen people." This is what multitudes of Christians believe. By many, the doctrine of a "chosen people" is considered heresy of the most dangerous sort. Now most people who take such a stand against the doctrine of a "chosen people" really know very little about the truth of this important matter. They fit neatly into a category of the spiritually blind. They are well described by Dr. William Paley who declared, "There is a principle which is a bar against all information, which is proof against all argument, and which cannot fail to keep a man in everlasting ignorance. This principle is contempt prior to examination." A greater than Paley made the same observation nearly 2500 years earlier. *"He that answereth a matter before he heareth it, it is a folly, and a shame unto him."* (Proverbs 18:13).

NEAT AND SEPARATE UNITS

Subjects of controversial nature are often used by that old serpent, the Devil, who is called Satan, to keep God's people separated. It is not so much that face to face argument breaks the fellowship

between Christians, but rather it is the careful avoidance of debate about all controversial matters that keeps Christ's followers divided into neat and separate units. No one wants to be controversial so all avoid confrontations over such matters as they would avoid a plague. Such tight-lipped and closed minded followers of Christ are likely to stifle all spiritual growth both in themselves and in others.

God's people can be freed from this denominational sectarianism only by the truth. One often hears this quote, "The truth shall make you free." Those who are fond of quoting this line are really obscuring truth. They are quoting the words of Jesus Christ, but only in part, and out of context. What Jesus really said on this matter of truth was quite different. Here is the passage in its entirety. *"Then said Jesus to those Judahites which believed on Him, if ye continue in My Word, then are ye my disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."* (John 8:31-32).

How different in meaning are Jesus' words than the portion so often quoted. As Jesus put it, truth is made known to those who qualify as

His disciples. To do this it is necessary to "continue in His Word." The key to knowledge of truth then, is to continue in Jesus' Word. As one translation puts it - to know the truth one must hold to Jesus' teaching. (NIV).

THE BASIS OF JESUS' TEACHING

Many who profess to know what Jesus' teaching is are as uninformed about what Jesus taught as are those who, as we have just noted, actually distort and fragmentize His Truth, leaving out the meat of His Word. What, actually, did Jesus teach? In every case He taught from the total base of Scripture. In no case did He change or distort the Spirit of the teachings of Moses and the prophets as they are quoted in the Old Scriptures. In the light of this revealed truth it should come as no surprise that Jesus Christ wholly acknowledged the truth as taught by the prophets. He, Himself declared: "*I and My Father are One.*" (John 10:30). In Heb. 1:3 it is stated of Christ Jesus, that He is, "*The brightness of His (God's) glory, and the express (perfect) image of His (God's) Person...*" As Jesus said, it was always The Spirit of God IN Him that spoke the words which came from His mouth, and which performed the works of His hands. Obviously, then, there is no contradiction between Jesus Christ and the Words of the Old Scriptures

which we are carefully informed came also by inspiration of God's own Holy Spirit. (I Peter 1:11 and II Peter 1:21). Once this point is made clear great mountains of Bible Truth emerge from the fog of petty human creeds.

THE QUESTION

Now let us see if God's Word throws any light on the question of a "chosen people." Because many are so disturbed by the mere thought that God has chosen a people, we will start our investigation with the direct question. Does God have the right to make choices? The question answers itself, of course. If God could not or would not make choices then He would have refrained from choosing to create. Had such been the case, there would have been no creation, no earth, no creative life - and no you and me. Are you glad that God chose to create? I, for one, am!

GOD'S RIGHTS ARE INVOLVED

Now, one more question. Does God have a right to exercise sovereignty over His creation? Most of the wars ever fought and most of the personal battles have resulted from arguments between men over the ministration of what they rightly or wrongly claimed as their sovereignty over other men, natural resource, or material goods. If

sovereignty is so important to men in their minuscule destinies, how much more important must it be in the case of God who upholds all things by the Word of His power? (Heb. 1:3). I don't know about you, but for my part, I'm in total agreement with the 24 elders before the Throne of God who fell on their faces, worshipped God and said: "We give Thee thanks, O Lord God Almighty, which art, and wast, and art to come; because thou hast taken to Thee Thy great power, and hast reigned." (Rev. 11:16-17). I believe fervently in the total sovereignty of God and of His eternal right to exercise it.

WHO ARE YOU, MERE MAN?

Before we leave this aspect of our discussion, let us listen to the Apostle Paul on the subject of God's right to be sovereign and to exercise that right by making choices. Concerning two brothers, Jacob and Esau, Paul writes: "... Rebecca's children had one and the same father, our ancestor ISAAC. Yet before the twins were born or had done anything good or bad - in order that God's purpose in election (choice) might stand: not by works but by Him who calls - she was told, The older will serve the younger. Just as it is written: Jacob have I loved, but Esau I hated. What then shall we say? Is God unjust? Not at all! For He said to Moses, I will have mercy upon whom I will have

mercy, and I will have compassion upon whom I will have compassion ... One of you will say to me: Then why does God still blame us? For who resists His will?" Paul's answer to this complaint is straightforward, to say the least, "Who are you, O man, (mere man is the implication here) to talk back to God? Shall what is formed say to Him who formed it, Why did you make me like this? Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for noble purposes and some for common use?" (Romans 9:10-21 NIV).



*God moulds us as the potter
moulds the clay.*

I'm sure we see the direction of all this. It is simply that God, in His sovereignty as Creator and Sustainer of all, not only has the right, but also exercises that right by making

choices. God chooses and so it becomes clear that God does have the right to choose a particular people for His own purposes. The only question remaining, in this matter, is: Did He do so? Let us turn again to His Word to find our answer.

CHOSEN - CHOSEN - CHOSEN

The prophet Isaiah gives us God's Word in this matter a number of times. *"But thou, Israel art my servant, Jacob whom I have CHOSEN the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have CHOSEN thee, and not cast thee away."* (Isaiah 41:8-9).

"But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and He that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not ... Ye are my witnesses ... and my servant whom I have CHOSEN..." (Isaiah 43:1,10).

"Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel whom I have CHOSEN: Thus saith the Lord that made thee, and formed thee from the womb, which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob my servant; and thou Jeshurun (a name of Israel) whom I have CHOSEN."

(Isaiah 44:1-2).

Some 700 years before Isaiah wrote, God directed Moses to declare for Him, to the people of Israel, *"... thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath CHOSEN thee to be a special people unto Himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth."* (Deut. 7:6).

THE PRIMARY REASON FOR HIS BIRTH

There are those who believe that God repudiated His sovereign CHOICE of Israel in Jesus Christ Who is proclaimed the Saviour of all men. What is overlooked here is that Jesus came first of all as the Redeemer of His own people, the family of Israel. This is plainly stated in many passages - space will permit me to quote only one of them now. It was before the birth of the Saviour when His mother to be, filled with the Holy Ghost, prophesied concerning the meaning of the coming birth of her Holy CHILD. She declared, *"He (God) hath helped His servant Israel, in remembrance of His mercy; as He spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever"* (Luke 1:54-55).

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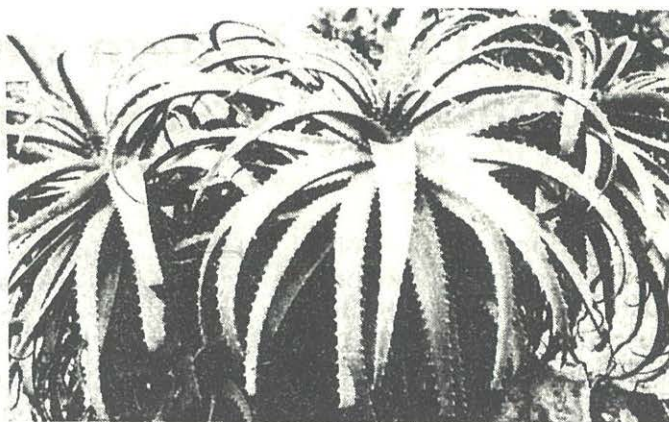
It has been said ...

THAT safe popular freedom consists of four things, the diffusion of liberty, of intelligence, of property, and of conscientiousness, and cannot be compounded of any three out of the four.

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CANDELABRA

(*Arborescens*)



The sap from the leaves of this plant has proved very effective in stopping the pains of Sciatica, Lumbago, Gout, Rheumatics, Tendonitis, Arthritis, RSI, Sinus and Migraine Headaches, Hangovers, Burns, Sunburns, Spurs, Bunions, Asthma, MS, Perforated Veins, Trigger Finger, Cancer, Strokes, Stings, Neuralgia, Planters Wart, all types of Industrial and Sporting Injuries, Tired and Aching Muscles of Feet, Legs, Back, Arms and Neck, Chilblains, Bronchitis, Shingles - in fact, it's been used on all pains.

DIRECTIONS

Split leaf and put juice on affected spot until pain ceases. The pain should stop almost immediately. For chronic pain put leaf in Juice Extractor, this makes a stronger mix. Keep in refrigerator and shake well before using. It can be used on Poultice. Pain and stiffness should be gone the next day. At night a light smear of Soluble Cream or Ointment keeps Linament in and allows sleep.

DIRECTIONS (For Sceptics)- SUFFER.

Most medicines come from plants so there is no reason why one cannot be grown locally. The plant is found in gardens of suburban homes in temperate climates and most people are glad to give you a slip as it grows easily. It can and WILL finally be used by orthodox medicine.

As with recognised medicines some people may suffer a slight reaction.

Someone you know is suffering unnecessary pain. Help them by photocopying this and posting to them.

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Battle Lines Drawn on Monarchy Versus Republicanism

E. Butler

Support by NSW Liberal Premier John Fahey for the Keating push for the establishment of an Australian Republic, made public last weekend at the NSW Liberal Party's Council, with the endorsement of a number of Liberal Party Members and supporters, should come as no surprise to matured observers of Australian politics. The trauma of the Federal Liberal Party defeat on March 13th has brought into the open the depth of the philosophical rot which has been seeping through the Liberal Party in recent years. Revealing that he had written to Prime Minister Paul Keating proposing a convention on the Republic question, Premier Fahey made the revealing statement that it was "inevitable that Australia will become a republic". The deadly "inevitability" theme has been advanced by a number of commentators and editorials throughout Australia. This theme is at bottom a manifestation of acceptance of the traditional Marxist position concerning historical materialism. It is in direct contradiction with the traditional Christian view that while the laws governing the universe cannot be changed, faith and creative initiative can change the course of

history. The doctrine of inevitability is basically anti-Christian.

The hopelessness of the Liberal Party's position may be judged by the response of Federal Leader John Hewson to Premier Fahey's statement. While John Hewson stated that he did not think that a Republic was inevitable, he was not prepared "to state a position until it was clear what form of republic was proposed". He did not come out bluntly stating that the Liberal Party supported the concept of a Constitutional Monarchy as a central feature of the Australian Constitutional system. The truth is that many of the new breed Liberals have no strong feelings about the fundamental importance of the institution of the Constitutional Monarchy, and its role in democratic government. The future of Australia will be determined largely by its constitutional system. That system is rooted in over a thousand years of experience. Destroying that system is not merely a question of academic debate, as Liberals believe, but one which concerns the very life of the nation.

"The Australian" of March 20th published the findings of a survey

conducted by Quadrant Research, confirming what many of us suspected: The overwhelming majority of young Australians know nothing about the Federal Constitution. Republican Professor Donald Horne commented that it was the "complication" of the Australian Constitution which was the problem. The truth is that young Australians, along with large numbers who are not so old, have never been taught about the Constitution at school. Professor Horne has spent much of his academic career criticising a constitution which he has not sought to explain.

Ever since mankind has been grappling with the problem of government, different forms of government have been advocated. But Australia has inherited a system of constitutional government, rooted in British Constitutionalism, which

has been admired by non-British authorities and philosophers. Constitutional Monarchy is a central feature of that system of constitutional government. That system is being attacked in every possible way because it is an obstruction to complete totalitarianism. The Federal Liberal Party of Australia is betraying the very soul of Australia by suggesting that Republicanism is "inevitable". But they have served the valuable purpose of demonstrating the depth of the philosophical rot in Australia. As they have nothing of value to contribute to the case in favour of Constitutional Monarchy, they should have the decency to say so, leaving the task to those who are prepared to provide a full-blooded defence of an institution which is part of the warp and woof of traditional Australia.

Courtesy : On Target April, 1993

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Seek the Truth

The truth frequently seems unreasonable, the truth frequently is depressing, the truth sometimes seems to be evil but it has this eternal advantage, it is the truth and what is built thereon neither brings, nor yields to confusion. Truth is the foundation of civilisation, the very cornerstone of Western culture. A sound future is based on a correct understanding of history. Society cannot base a sound and conflict - free future on an incorrect knowledge of history, seek the truth.

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Worthy to Escape

C. Dickey



THE PARABLE OF THE TEN VIRGINS. By F. M. Strudwick. *"And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage; and the door was shut" (Matt. 25:10).*

Devout Bible students have been ridiculed for calling attention to prophecies of world-wide destruction and distress of nations which presage the violent ending of this present era in history. Now, however, a strange thing is happening; former sceptics from the top bracket in science, education, the church and government have themselves become prophets with sombre warnings of the sudden extermination of human life on this planet.

Speaking of a period of unprecedented trouble when "the

times of the Gentiles be fulfilled," Jesus said:

"And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken. And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh."

"... For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man." (Luke 21:25-28, 35-36); When these things begin to come to pass, your redemption draws near; then watch and pray that you may be judged worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass. Therefore, on no less an authority than Christ Himself, we know that no combination of evil powers will ever be able to annihilate the redeemed people of God.

This is, indeed, good news. Surely there is not a more blessed message of hope for distraught minds and hearts in a world of fear. Regardless of destruction all about us, some will be accounted worthy to escape and stand before the Son of man.

The twenty-first chapter of Luke's Gospel, like Matthew 24 and Mark 13, deals with two periods of history and two different generations. All three of these Gospels record the same sequence of prophetic events. Jesus spoke first of the generation then living and told how it would end. He gave the disciples a preview of wars, pestilence, famine and earthquakes. He described the toppling of the temple walls until not one stone would be left upon another, and of the disintegration of the nation itself.

Now we know that all these things did come to pass at the end of that generation, when Titus and his Roman legions besieged Jerusalem, in 70 A.D., and fulfilled to the letter all the words Jesus had spoken concerning that era.

In these same chapters our Lord moves swiftly over the centuries to another period of history and another generation. He describes conditions which will bring this later era to a close; some are quite similar to events which led to the fall of Jerusalem -- nation against nation, earthquakes in divers places, persecution, hatred, treachery, false prophets and deception. These latter days are marked, however, by the wide range and intensity of upheaval and distress. What was formerly done on a small scale has now spread to global dimensions. *"For then,"* Jesus said, *"shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened"* (Matt. 24:21-22).

There is abundant evidence that the two periods of tribulation occur centuries apart. The first centres around Jerusalem during the forty years following Christ's ministry and His Ascension; the second coincides with His Return and the ending of the present age, sometimes referred to as the Christian Dispensation.

Note, for example, that when Jesus finished the work of His First Advent, *"he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight"* (Acts 1:9); but at the time of His Second Advent, *"then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory"* (Luke 21:27).

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus not only describes the manner of His coming, but testifies to the fact that many on the earth at that time will be counted worthy to escape the desolating judgment associated with that tremendous event. Jesus says of the period immediately after the tribulation of those days:

***"And then shall appear
the sign of the Son of
man in heaven"***

"And then shall appear the sign of the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory. And he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other." (Matt. 24:30-31).

It is generally conceded that Jesus' predictions pertaining to Jerusalem were fulfilled to the letter. He left explicit counsel for the

guidance of His followers in the years of trouble which lay ahead of them. He told them how to meet the various situations which would arise; He told them when and how to leave the country before all avenues of escape would be closed. *"When ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies,"* He said, *"then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judea flee to the mountains; and let them which are in the midst of it depart out; and let not them that are in the countries enter thereinto"* (Luke 21:20-21).

That first generation of Christian believers remembered the words of Jesus and heeded them. They watched for the signs He had given them and were ready to follow His instructions. It is recorded by the historian Eusebius that the Christians left Judea even before the siege of Jerusalem, and took refuge in Pella, in the north of Perea. Concerning this momentous deliverance, the Rev. J. Willcock wrote in his Commentary on Luke's Gospel:

"When the overthrow of the Holy City seemed at hand there was great danger that many of the Christian population would be carried away by the fanatical delusions of those about them, and believe that at the last moment God would intervene and save the nation by a miraculous deliverance. But Christ here warns them that at a certain period the path of duty and safety would lie in their separating

themselves from those upon whom the Divine vengeance was to be poured out. When the Roman armies began to compass the city they must save themselves by flight; a place of refuge would be opened up for them, and they must hasten to take advantage of it. No obscurity hangs about this part of Christ's prophetic discourse: the danger and the mode of deliverance are plainly pointed out, and history records the fact that none of the Christian community perished in the destruction of Jerusalem."

So it is a matter of record that those first-century Christians were accounted worthy to escape the horrors of the siege, which was terrible beyond description, according to the historian Josephus. In his annals Josephus says that the slain in the war with the Romans amounted to 1,100,000, and that 97,000 were sold into slavery, mostly to Egypt and the provinces. These unfortunate inhabitants of the holy places had rejected the manifestation of God in Christ Jesus, hence they were not accounted worthy to escape the catastrophe.

Unhappily Christians of the twentieth century do not present a solid front of unity and dynamic faith like that which characterized Christians of the first century. Jesus and the apostles anticipated the decline which is so evident today:

"For that day [of Christ's return] shall not come, except there come a

falling away first." (II Thess. 2:3).

In the day of accounting for our age, not all those who claim to be "saved" through faith in Christ will be in the same class. Howard B. Rand brings out this point in the following quote:

"When our Lord related the Parable of the Ten Virgins (Matt. 25:1-13) there were certain truths to which He gave special emphasis. In the first place, He was making it clear that among the Kingdom people there would be those who would be actively making preparations for the day of His appearing, whose spiritual qualifications were summarized by the designation that they are 'virgins.' However, they would be divided into two groups: the 'wise' and the 'foolish.' The degree of their preparedness was the qualifying characteristic and the line of demarcation between them was on the basis of readiness at the right time. The wise were fully equipped spiritually and were on time so that they were admitted promptly when the door to the Marriage Supper was opened. The foolish 'came afterward' and were denied entrance."

The usual interpretation of this parable is that the foolish virgins lost salvation by their neglect. But this is not a logical conclusion; first, because they, too, were virgins; and second, because they were looking for their Lord, and, like the wise virgins, they "took their lamps, and

went forth to meet the bridegroom." What they missed, it seems, was the call to enter in with the Bridegroom to the Marriage Supper. The wise, by being fully prepared, were accounted worthy to join the Lord at His Coming and thereby escape much of the tribulation. The foolish, by not being ready to enter with the Lord, were unworthy "to escape all these things that shall come to pass." They typify those who will enter the Kingdom through the fire of great tribulation, as Paul explained in I Corinthians 3:14-15:

Many will enter the Kingdom through the fire of great tribulation

"If any man's work abide which he hath built thereupon, he shall receive a reward. If any man's work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as by fire."

In the sixth chapter of Revelation it is written:

"For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17.)

Truly we can none of us stand in our own feeble strength, in our own pretence of righteousness. It is not within man's power to overcome evil without the aid of Divine grace and love. For an excellent statement

on this subject, we quote at some length from an article by Dr. Manning M. Patillo in Christianity Today :

"New Testament religion begins at the same point at which the Old Testament arrives, namely, the recognition that no matter how hard we try to satisfy God's demand for righteousness, it is not within our power. According to the New Testament, God himself offers on man's behalf the sacrifice which man is unable and unworthy to offer. This is the meaning of the Cross. Christ, who is genuine God and genuine man, fulfils in our behalf the holy law before which we have stood condemned. Because he is God he can do what we cannot do; in his life on earth he met completely the moral standards of God. If we have faith in Jesus Christ, God accepts Christ's righteousness as if it were ours: or, to state it in another way, we participate in the righteousness of Christ by faith in him. If we believe in him, he shares his righteousness with us, and we can offer it to God in place of our own unrighteousness. This is the very heart of the Gospel, the Good News ...

"Bear in mind that these things were accomplished through historic events. Jesus Christ actually lived in a particular geographical area in a particular period of time. He was actually crucified during the administration of Pontius Pilate, was buried in a specific tomb, rose from

the dead on a particular day, and was seen again by a considerable number of men and women who knew him personally. These events are the very stuff of Christianity. These are the facts upon which our faith is based. Christianity is not primarily a body of philosophical abstractions or a code of rules. It is essentially an historical religion. If you study the great statements of Christian belief, such as the Apostles' Creed, you will find that they are in large part a chronicling of events that happened in history.

"The response of the Christian, when he understands the full meaning of this redemption and the bounty of God's grace in offering it, is a profound and transforming thankfulness to God for his invaluable gift. And so the real motive for Christian conduct is not a stoic submission to a stern law of duty, but the grateful response of a love that is awakened in our hearts by the freely offered love of God. That which we could not earn has been given to us. The driving power of Christian ethics is gratitude to God for his gift of Christ. The law which we were unable to keep through our own efforts, and which had caused in us a corrosive sense of guilt, is now a source of joy. It becomes a means for us to express our gratitude. We still cannot keep it perfectly, of course, but there is now no condemnation to them who are in Christ Jesus, as Paul says. Obedience

is no longer the duty of slaves; it is now the privilege of sons. Our behaviour comes closer to God's purposes for us."

Though all the evil forces in the world should combine their might into one vast phalanx against Christ, they cannot change anything He has decreed nor destroy that which it is His will to preserve for Himself. Man's age-long enemy -- "the prince of this world" -- is already defeated. He lost the battle with Jesus in the wilderness of temptation; and knew that his doom was sealed forever on the morning of our Lord's resurrection. Satan knows that his time is short but still struggles furiously for supremacy over the minds and hearts of men.

If there is anything certain in this world, it is that all the evil devices of men will come to nought:

"Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their curds from us. He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision." (Ps. 2: 1-4.)

Who, then, is worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass? The Psalmist answers as follows:

"Fret not thyself because of evildoers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. For they shall

soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb. Trust in the Lord, and do good ... Delight thyself in the Lord ... Commit thy way unto the Lord ... Rest in the Lord, and wait patiently for him ... For evildoers shall be cut off: but those that wait upon the Lord, they shall inherit the earth The salvation of the righteous is of the Lord, he is their strength in the time of trouble. And the Lord shall help them, and deliver them; he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him." (From Psalm 37.)

If the great climax of the ages should come in our generation, let us remember the words with which Jesus comforted His beloved

disciples; "Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."

Centuries ago the poet Horace said:

"Let God's dread arm with thunder fend the spheres,
Amid the crash of worlds
undaunted He appears."

Paul sums up the matter with this statement in Ephesians 6:10-11 "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

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Hymn of the Month

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun
Doth his successive journeys run;
His Kingdom stretch from shore to shore,
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

For Him shall endless prayer be made,
And praises throng to crown His head;
His name, like sweet perfume, shall rise
With every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue,
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name.

Blessings abound where'er He reigns;
The prisoner leaps to lose his chains,
The weary find eternal rest,
And all the sons of want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring
Peculiar honours to our King;
Angels descend with songs again,
And earth repeat the loud "Amen"!

ISAAC WATTS (1674-1748).

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Australia - a Land of Hope in Israel

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Australia has been reserved by God for a very special purpose. This, the largest island continent on earth, was not settled until just over 200 years ago. This is amazing because, being such a large country just outside well established shipping routes to the far east, it was sighted and landed on on several occasions but not settled. The time was not right according to God's timetable. This country was reserved for His Israel people. It was not until Captain Cook in his search for the Great South Land found the east coast of Australia that the plan for this country began. At Botany Bay on the 29th April, 1770 was the Union of Jacob raised, so that this country could now start its destiny. Captain Cook sailed back to England up the east coast traversing twice the one hundred and third degree east longitude from the throng of David in England. The number 153 is associated with feeding God's Israel people, not with food but the Word of God - read John 21:3-17.

This land at the end of the earth has been reserved for great things in the establishment of God's Kingdom. It is to this country that the outcasts of Israel were sent. To a place far removed from the evil

intrigue of the power base in Europe. To grow into a nation that would play its part at the appointed time in the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth.

Australia like all the Israel nations has transgressed God's Laws and is being punished, but Britain since she signed her allegiance to the E.E.C., a treaty of death and hell, has not only turned her back on the almighty but on her own Commonwealth - Israel people. Her salvation can only come from the almighty who will work through the Israel people outside of Britain.

Australia on the world scene today is but a little voice of a far away country of whom most of the world pays little attention.

But God works through the small or unexpected - the 'still small voice' that spoke to Elijah - or like John the baptist, a voice crying in the wilderness. From a place set apart God works His plans.

Ezekiel was perplexed when God revealed to him the story that this South Land would play.

The parable in Eze. 20:45-49 could be the way God will use His Israel people from the south country to come to the rescue of the Isles of the Sea.

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The Life of a Prophet

M. Bennett



The prophets suffered mental anguish on many occasions as they continued to struggle to proclaim a pure word of the Lord, knowing all the consequences. Not only was their obedience tested in the things that God commissioned them to say, but also in the things God commanded them to do. Many of the things prophets were told to do by God were extremely distasteful to them, and made them an open show, a slander, and a by-word among the people. One can well imagine people

saying of Ezekiel, "Here comes mad Zeke again", and others exclaiming, "What do you think that fathead Jeremiah has got up to this time?" There follows a short list of some of the more distasteful and unusual things that the prophets were called upon to do:

1. Isaiah had to walk naked for three years. (Isaiah 20:2-4):-

"At the same time spake the Lord by Isaiah the son of Amos, saying, Go and loose the sackcloth from off thy loins, and put off thy shoe from thy foot. And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. And the Lord said, Like as my servant Isaiah hath walked naked and barefoot three years for a sign and wonder upon Egypt and upon Ethiopia; So shall the king of Assyria lead away the Egyptians prisoners, and the Ethiopians captives, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with their buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt."

2. Jeremiah had to walk several hundred miles from Judah to the Euphrates and bury his girdle in a hole in a rock. Much later he had to walk back and fetch it again. (See Jeremiah 13:1-11).

3. Jeremiah had to take all the

chief men of Judah on a walk to watch him smash a pot! (Jeremiah 19:1-2, 10-11):

"Thus saith the Lord, Go and get a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the ancients of the people, and of the ancients of the priests; And go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of the east gate, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, And shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Even so will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again: and they shall bury them in Tophet, till there be no place to bury."

4. Jeremiah had to wear bonds and yokes and then send them with messengers to all the neighbouring kings after he had worn them (Jeremiah 27:1-11.).

5. Ezekiel had to play childish games to illustrate what God would bring to pass at Jerusalem (Ezekiel 4:1-3.): *"Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it the city, even Jerusalem: And lay siege against it, and build a fort against it, and cast a mount against it; set the camp also against it, and set battering rams against it round about. Moreover take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face against it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall*

be a sign to the house of Israel."

6. Ezekiel had to lie on his left side for 390 days, and then lie on his right side for 40 days. During this time he had to weigh his food and measure his water exactly, and at the same time he had to eat barley loaves baked with cow's dung. (See Ezekiel 4:4-17).

7. Ezekiel had to shave himself bald. (Ezekiel 5:1-4):

"And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp knife, take thee a barber's razor, and cause it to pass upon thine head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair. Thou shalt burn with fire a third part in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled: and thou shalt take a third part, and smite about it with a knife: and a third part thou shalt scatter in the wind; and I will draw out a sword after them. Thou shalt also take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. Then take of them again, and cast them into the midst of the fire; for thereof shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel."

8. Ezekiel had to knock down a wall of his house with his own hands, and then carry all his furniture and possessions out into the street and then carry them away. At the same time he had to cover his face so he could not see the ground. (This must surely rate as one of the most unusual things any prophet

was ever asked to do.) (Ezekiel 12:3-7.):

"Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will consider, though they be a rebellious house. Then shalt thou bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing: and thou shalt go forth at even in their sight, as they that go forth into captivity. Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy

shoulders, and carry it forth in the twilight: thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the ground: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel. And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for captivity, and in the even I digged through the wall with mine hand; I brought it forth in the twilight, and bare it upon my shoulder in their sight. "

Who would like to apply for the position of prophet to Israel? (Ed.)

From His Book Principles of Prophecy

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In worry God will care

Jesus said:

MAT 6:25 Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment?

MAT 6:32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.

MAT 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

MAT 6:34 Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day {is} the evil thereof.

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Glastonbury - Home of Saints

- And Traditional Site of the First Christian Church

EVERY CHRISTIAN BRITON - and all Christians visiting Britain—should visit this holy spot, for it is the one corner of our land of which we can be reasonably sure that our Lord Jesus Christ trod its soil. When St. Augustine arrived in Britain, in 597, he wrote to Pope Gregory reporting his impressions. In his letter (*Epistolae ad Gregorium Papan*) he spoke of a "royal island of large extent" in western Britain, in which the first missionaries found "a church constructed by no human art, but Divinely constructed, for the salvation of His people." The implications of these words are obvious. The strong West Country traditions concerning our Lord's visit to Britain during the obscure years before His ministry commenced are soundly based. These relate that Joseph of Arimathea, with several companions, on their arrival at Glastonbury, found a sanctuary already in existence where our Lord in His earlier youth had prepared the way for them.

Only a conscious Israelite can understand why Jesus should have done this in the British Isles rather than in any other region outside Palestine -- to those of us who recognize it as Israel's Appointed Place it makes sense. We can therefore understand why

Glastonbury was anciently called the holiest earth in England," why Domesday Book should register the Twelve Hides of Glastonbury as land which had never paid tax, and why the Charter, given to the Church by King Ina (A.D. 700), should refer to its dedication by "the Great High Priest and Chiefest Minister" through "His own ministry and that of angels."

The Welsh Prince and Bard, Taliesin (c.550), described his native faith in these words, "Christ, the Word from the beginning, was, from the beginning, our Teacher, and we never lost His teaching." About a century before Taliesin, Maelgwyn of Llandaff, the uncle of St. David of Wales, had visited Glastonbury and written of the burial of St. Joseph of Arimathea there.

The original Wattle Church was clearly regarded with great reverence, for when it began to be affected by weather, a larger wooden building was erected over it and this was later given a lead covering for further protection.

These treasures, together with the adjacent churches of the fifth and sixth centuries were destroyed by the calamitous fire of 1184, but there is ample written evidence for their having existed.

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The Coronation Stone

The Lia Fail - The Stone of Scone - The Stone of Destiny

V. Martlew



In this photograph the Stone is seen wrapped in the St. Andrew's Cross, at Arbroath Abbey, Scotland, where its surprise journey ended after being appropriated from Westminster Abbey by Scottish Nationalists.

In 1951 this stone received considerable public attention, for Scottish Nationalists "kidnapped" it and took it back to Scotland. Feelings ran high at the time, and the Scots

maintained that it was their right to hold the "Stone of Destiny" since Edward I had stolen it from them in the first place. A knowledge of the stone's romantic history, however, will make it quite clear that it is at present resting in its rightful place, "... until he come, whose right it is." (Ezekiel 21:27)

What is the history of this ordinary, battered piece of sandstone on which our monarchs are crowned?

Genesis, Chapter 28, tells the story of Jacob's dream. He took some stones of the place (Luz) and set them for his pillow. As he slept upon them he dreamed that he saw a ladder on which angels were ascending and descending. In his dream the Lord promised Jacob that the land on which he lay would belong to him and to his descendants. He promised also that his descendants would multiply and spread abroad and be a blessing to the whole world (Genesis 28:13-14). On awakening, Jacob took the stone that had been his pillow and anointed it with oil to sanctify it,

calling the place where he set it up "Bethel" or "God's House." He then made a covenant with God, swearing that the anointed stone should be a pillar of witness. In the area around Bethel to this day, there are stone circles, similar in form to our own Stonehenge, though not on such a grand scale, and the stones are of sandstone. Scientific analysis has shown a great similarity between the chemical compositions of samples of stone from Bethel and the sandstone of the Coronation Stone. Joseph, the inheritor of the Birthright, was appointed the keeper of "The Stone of Israel" (Genesis 49:24). This surely could be none other than Jacob's sacred stone.

During the wanderings in the wilderness the stone was carried around with the Ark of the Covenant and all the other objects sacred to Israel. Is it not significant that the Coronation Stone is fitted with rustless iron rings for carrying?

Our next clue as to the Stone's history comes in II Kings 11:12-14. This tells of the coronation of Joash, of the House of David. The wicked queen, Athaliah, had attempted to put a puppet on the throne, so in order to thwart her schemes, the priest Jehoiada rushed the boy king to the sacred pillar, and anointed him according to a custom which was age-old even at this time. Thus it appears that, from the time of the monarch, it was customary for Israel's kings to receive their

sanctification while sitting on this holy stone.

After the captivities of Israel and Judah, it seems that the prophet Jeremiah obtained custody of the stone, together with the two young princesses who were daughters of Zedekiah, the last king. Following the destruction of Jerusalem in 588 B.C. the fugitives of the southern House of Judah, Jeremiah and the princesses amongst them, went to Tahpanhes (Daphnae or Defanneh) in Egypt (Jeremiah 43:6-7). There the Bible leaves them, and the ancient Irish records take up the story. These state that in the sixth century B.C. a sage came from Egypt, via Spain, and arrived on the north east coast of Ireland. He was accompanied by a princess and his scribe Bruch or Brug (Jeremiah's scribe was Baruch; see Jeremiah, chapters 32, 36, 43, 45, etc.) They brought with them a banner, a large chest, and a large rough stone. Princess Tamar Tephi married Eochaidh the Heremon (Head King) and they were crowned upon the sacred stone, known as the "Lia Fail" which the sage had brought with him.

There is an interesting prophecy in Ezekiel 21:25-27. Speaking of the Royal line, the prophecy says (v.27) "I will overturn, overturn, overturn it." The Stone of Destiny was moved three times in accordance with the triple promise of the prophecy. From Palestine it travelled to Ireland, approx. 580 B.C.;

from Ireland it went to Iona in Scotland, A.D. 530; from Iona it went to Scone, A.D. 787 (but this was still in Scotland) and in A.D., 1296 Edward I took it from Scone to Westminster. The Royal House followed it in A.D. 1603, when James VI and I united the thrones of Scotland and England.

The historian Boece and the *Chronicon Rhythmicum* stated that the Stone came from Egypt. In A.D. 1327 William of Rishanger wrote that the Coronation Stone was the same as the one on which Jacob rested his head. The father of the famous astronomer Galileo wrote that the Irish used to say that they were descended from the Royal Prophet, David.

Coronation on a sacred stone is a tradition common to the Israelites, the Franks, the Swedes, the Saxons

and the Scots. These nations can all be traced back to Israelitish origins, but such a study is not within the scope of this article. The Franks crowned Charlemagne on the "Marmorne Stuhl." The Swedish kings were crowned on a sacred pillar at Upsala. The Saxon kings of England were crowned on a stone which is still preserved at Kingston-on-Thames, in Surrey. As the Royal House of David was still in Scotland in Saxon times, a substitute stone had to be provided for their kings; so it can be seen how deeply this tradition was embedded in the nations which sprang from Israel.

Perhaps this significant lump of rock should be regarded as the most important of "London's Landmarks" because it has the most ancient and wonderful history of them all.

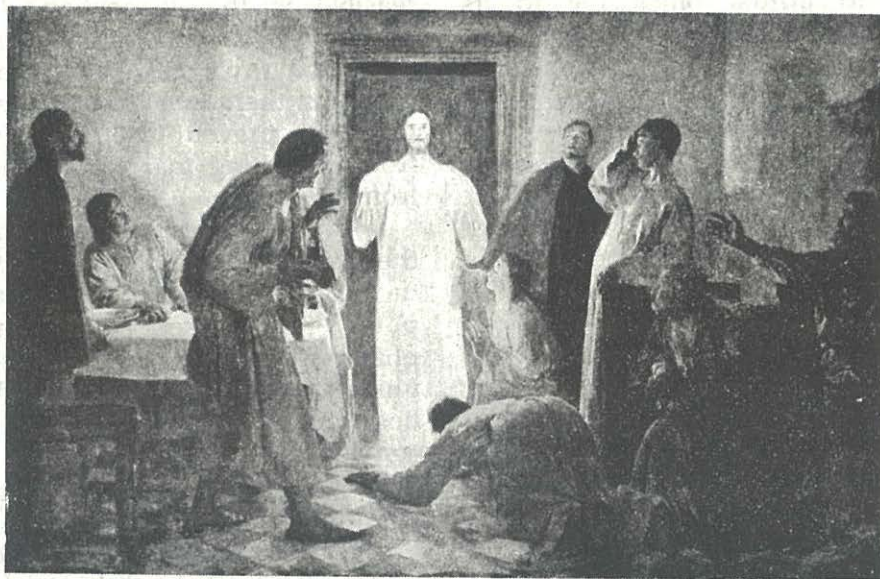
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In 1723 Dr Abbadie published, in Amsterdam, *Le Triomphe de la Providence et de la Religion*, expressing the view that the NORTHERN EUROPEAN TRIBES, are the TEN LOST TRIBES of ISRAEL: "... Unless the Ten Tribes of Israel are flown into the air; or sunk into the earth, they must be those ten GOTHIC tribes, that entered Europe in the 5th century, overthrew the Roman Empire and founded the ten nations of modern Europe ..."

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The Power of the Resurrection

R. Simpson



'PEACE BE UNTO YOU', a painting by J.H.F. Bacon, A.R.A.

'Jesus himself stood in the midst of them' (Luke 24:36)

"Remember that Jesus Christ of the seed of David was raised from the dead according to My gospel". (II Tim. 2:8)

Within the compass of the above Scripture there are several facts intimated. The first is the great truth that Jesus is the Christ, that is to say, the anointed One, the Messiah. The Apostle also calls Him "Jesus" which means, "a Saviour". It is a marvellous truth that He Who was born of Mary and laid in a manger at Bethlehem was and is the

anointed Saviour of mankind. The message of the Resurrection is either a supreme fact of history or else the greatest hoax ever perpetrated by man. On the one side there was a little company of men and women who turned the world upside down by their passionate proclamation of the Resurrection which had transformed their lives; on the other hand, there were those who denounced the whole story as blasphemy. Most people have not

the slightest desire to attack the doctrine of the Resurrection, and yet they only half believe it. If the Resurrection story is true, then it is the greatest event in all history; and to fail to adjust one's life to its implications means irreparable loss. There is no power known to science which can bring about the resurrection of the dead. We are asked to believe not only the doctrine but the fact of the Easter message.

The most radical theory of all is to dismiss the whole story as a deliberate invention and there is scarcely a single critic who would deny the historical evidence of the Resurrection. The Apostle Paul tells us that in A.D. 56 the majority of some five hundred original witnesses were still alive; and we must remember that most of the early records were from these witnesses. We must also take into account the character of these witnesses, not only did they give the world the highest moral and ethical teaching it has ever known, but they lived in the main this life of purity before even their opponents and enemies who were forced to admit that their lives were honest and upright. There are some who would use a somewhat kinder term and describe the accounts of the Resurrection as being just legends. When we, however, see the intrinsic evidence of the stories themselves it contradicts this theory. The accounts are too dignified and

restrained, the details too true to life. The earliest explanation of the empty tomb was that the disciples stole our Lord's Body; this, however, has now been completely denied. More feasible is the suggestion that the Jewish or Roman authorities were somehow involved, but if this was the case then why didn't they state this and prevent the Early Church from preaching that Christ had risen from the dead.

In the Old Testament and in the preChristian times the doctrine of the Resurrection from the dead was purely a matter of faith, the phenomenon predicted being utterly unknown in the B.C. ages. It was, however, a faith held with fullest conviction; but it was a faith which had received no demonstration in the realm of natural phenomena:

"For I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: and though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God: Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me". (Job 19:25-27)

In the A.D. days, however, of the New Testament the Resurrection has taken its place among scientific facts which have been demonstrated as recorded in the Gospels and the Epistles. The New Testament is alive with the teaching of the Resurrection of the dead. The Christian church also holds the fact of a coming resurrection much as the Old

Testament saints held it, namely, as an article of our faith and constituting a vital part of our creed. As we have already intimated, the Resurrection from the dead has been experienced by our Lord Jesus Christ. The fact was demonstrated to the eleven Apostles and to many others of His disciples, who knew their Lord too well to be under any doubt as to His actual Personality, and whose testimony was clearly given. It was resisted by the religious authorities and by the Roman empire but was finally found to be true in every detail. How wonderfully the early Church presents the Resurrection as a fact, observed and proved. Not merely as a Christian doctrine to be accepted and an Article of faith to be believed; but a proven fact not to be denied. The order of the resurrection of the dead yet to be accomplished is still a matter of doctrine, an article of faith to be believed. In the fact of the Resurrection of the dead we also have a demonstration of the Christian Faith:

There is hope because Christ is risen

"For if Christ be not risen then is our preaching vain, and your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. Then they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are

perished. If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable. But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterward they that are Christ's at His coming." (I Cor 15:14-23)

What a wonderful demonstration of the Christian faith is revealed by the Apostle. Our Lord is shown to be the Son of God with power by the resurrection from the dead. The fact that He died, the sinless One for the guilty is revealed. Had our Lord died as a sinful man, death would have retained Him in the place of the dead, and there would have been neither Redemption for Israel nor salvation for the sins of the whole world. Death could not hold our Lord in the place of the dead, the hymnist wrote:

*"Death cannot keep his prey - Jesus,
my Saviour! He tore the bars
away - Jesus, my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes;
He arose, a victor from the dark
domain,
And He lives forever with His saints
to reign; He arose! He arose!
Hallelujah! Christ arose".*

(Robert Lowry)

Christ arose and led the way out from the tomb on the other side. Therefore, Christians follow Him and Him alone.

"But is now made manifest by the appearing of our Saviour Jesus Christ, Who hath abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel ..." (II Tim. 1:10)

Christian Certainties

It is clear that the Resurrection of our Lord was and is a tangible proof that there is life after death. Our Lord told His disciples that after three days He would rise again from the dead:

"And it came to pass, as they were much perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in shining garments: and as they were afraid, and bowed their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen: remember how He spake unto you when He was yet in Galilee, saying, The Son of Man must be crucified, and the third day rise again". (Luke 24:4-7)

Christians have no doubt as to a future existence, for our Lord existed after death. We have no doubt as to a paradise of future bliss, for Jesus went to it and returned. Although He has left us again, yet that coming back to tarry with us for forty days has given us a sure pledge that He will return a second time when His hour is due, and then He will be with us for a thousand

years and reign on the earth over the Kingdom of God. His Resurrection is also a pledge of our resurrection that even though we may go the way of all flesh, yet we shall rise one day to a superior condition. We must always remember that the Body of our blessed Lord was no mere spirit after death any more than before. Jesus said to His disciples:

"... Why are ye troubled? And why do thoughts arise in your hearts? Behold My Hands and My feet, that it is I Myself: handle Me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see Me have. And when He had thus spoken, He showed them His hands and feet. And while they yet believed not for joy, and wondered, He said unto them, Have ye here any meat? And they gave Him a piece of broiled fish, and of an honeycomb. And He took it, and did eat before them". (Luke 24:38-43)

It is evident that the raised Body of our Lord was able to pass from place to place in a single moment, that it appeared and vanished at will and was superior to the laws of matter. His Body was incapable of pain, of hunger, thirst or weariness during the time in which He remained here on earth for forty days and forty nights. The Apostle Paul writing to the Corinthians reminds them that at the day of the resurrection a similar process will operate in our own bodies:

"So also is the resurrection of the dead. It is sown in corruption; it is

raised in incorruption: it is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: it is sown a natural body, There is a natural body, and there is a spiritual body". (I Cor. 15:42-44)

Let us always remember when we think of our risen Lord and be quite sure that there is a future life, and quite certain that our bodies will exist in it in a glorified condition. Again the rising of Christ from the dead proved that this Man was innocent of every sin. He could not be holden by the bands of death, for there was no sin to make those bands fast. Corruption could not

touch His pure Body, for no original sin had defiled the Holy One. Death could not keep Him a prisoner because He had not actually come under sin; and though He took our sins and bore them on the Cross, He had no sin of His own.

"And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. And He laid His right Hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and, behold I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death". (Revelation 1:17-18)

Courtesy : Brith

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DOES THIS REMIND YOU OF ANYTHING? - from "The Civilisation of Ancient Egypt", by Paul Johnson, published by Book Club Associates, London, 1978 (page 213):

"Decline and Fall of the Pharaohs: Under the Saite kings, foreigners poured into Egypt and formed a growing number of permanent colonies. Many of these groups were no longer poor men - economic refugees forming a category of second-class citizens who could be used for unskilled labour, as in the past. These immigrant colonies were often richer and more skilled than the native Egyptians: the proud kingdom of the 'Two Lands' was now technically backward compared to the rising cultures of the first millenium B.C. Indeed, the Saite kings, to raise taxes, even awarded privileges - forerunners of later 'capitulations' - to foreigners.

"At Naucratis, Greek traders were allowed a city of their own; a Greekstyle polis, where Greek law, customs and religion flourished: not essentially unlike the older colonies of Magna Graecia now scattered about the Mediterranean coasts. Thus trade, once a royal monopoly, fell into alien hands. It was only a matter of time before the rest of the country became booty."

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Children's Corner

(FOR THE YOUNG ... and FOR ALL THOSE WHO CAN REMEMBER)

Dear boys and girls,

Welcome to your very own section of our magazine. From now on, in every issue of "Look Up" your corner will contain puzzles, stories, word games, riddles, tongue twisters and much more of which the following is an example. I hope you enjoy your section. And by the way, if you would like to contribute something, or have any suggestions, please send them to Uncle Jack, C/- "Children's Corner", P.O. Box 540, Clarence Street, Sydney. 2000. I promise to personally answer every letter.

Uncle Jack.

1. PUZZLES:

- (a) How many words, of four letters or more, can you find in CARPENTER?
- (b) You are given a bucket containing five \$5 bills, five \$10 bills and five \$20 bills. You may pull out one bill at a time. What is the maximum amount of money you can take out of the bucket? The only rule is that you must stop once you have 3 bills of any one denomination.

2. WHAT IS IT???

- (a) What goes up and down but never moves?
- (b) What tree produces the best food?
- (c) What do you call 144 idiots?

3. RIDDLES

- (a) What does an antelope do when it rains?
- (b) Which word sounds the same when you remove four letters? (Clue: 17th letter of the alphabet)
- (c) What happened to the boy who ran away with the circus?

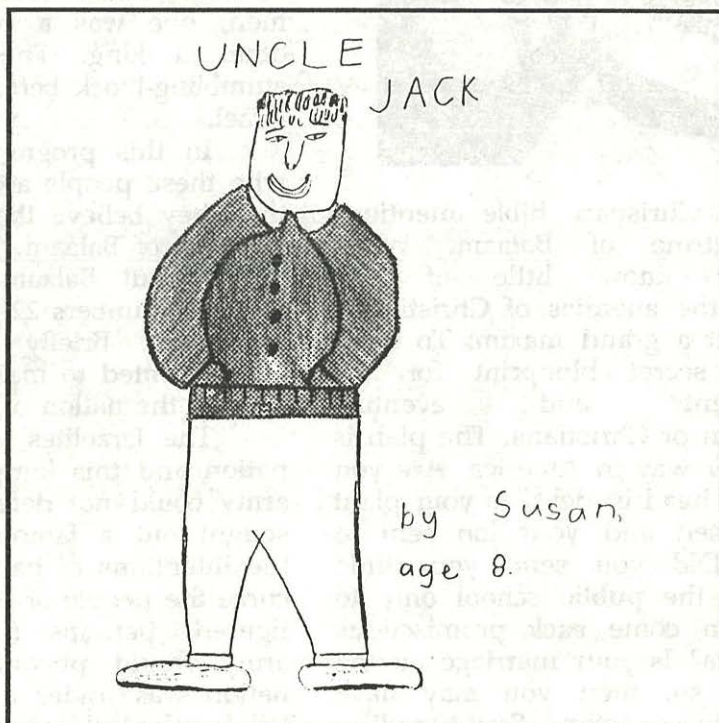
4. BIBLE QUIZ

- (a) Whose name was changed to Israel? (Clue: Genesis 32:23 - 28).
- (b) Was King Solomon the first king of Israel? True or False? (Clue: I Samuel 11:12-12:2).
- (c) Who betrayed Jesus and later hanged himself? (Clue: Matthew 26:19-25).
- (d) Who was the prophet that "walked with GOD and was not"? (Clue: Genesis 5:21-24).

5. CRAZY DEFINITIONS

Acorn: Something caused by a tight shoe.
Barbecue: Line up for a haircut.
Coward: A person who thinks with his legs.

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The Doctrine of Balaam

This is a transcript of a broadcast by a fellow patriot in America.



The Christian Bible mentions The Doctrine of Balaam. While Christians know little of this doctrine, the enemies of Christianity consider it a grand maxim: To them it is a secret blueprint for the enslavement and eventual destruction of Christians. The plan is well under way in America. Are you over your head in debt? Is your plant being closed and your job sent to Mexico? Did you send your little angels to the public school only to have them come back promiscuous little devils? Is your marriage on the rocks? If so, then you may have already been a victim - Stay tuned!

Hello, let's listen to Rev. 2:14:

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel.

In this verse God is complaining that His Christian people were living with, or associated with a people who held to something called, The Doctrine of Balaam. This verse mentions two men, one was a prophet and the other a king. These two cast a stumbling-block before the people of Israel.

In this program let's find out who these people are, and what it is that they believe that is called, The Doctrine of Balaam. We can find out more about Balaam and Balak by reading Numbers 22 to 25 in the Old Testament. Briefly King Balak of Moab wanted to make war with and destroy the nation of Israel.

The Israelites were a powerful nation and this king feared that his army could not defeat Israel. So he sought out a famous prophet with the intentions of having the prophet curse the people of Israel. King Balak figured, perhaps rightly, that his army would prevail if the enemy nation was under a curse. So king Balak asked the prophet Balaam to

place a curse on Israel. King Balak offered to pay any amount of money for his cooperation. Balaam the prophet knew that Israel was blessed of God, and he rightly informed king Balak - it was not possible to curse what God had blessed.

However, king Balak was stubborn and determined to have Israel cursed anyway, and this Balaam the prophet, he was anxious to please simply because he coveted the King's money. So this is the deal that was worked out - while the prophet could not place a curse on Israel, he could tell the king how to get Israel to bring a curse upon themselves, and so for money, the prophet Balaam told king Balak how to get God angry and to curse his very own people. And the plan was successful.

The results were - God, in his anger, slew 25,000 of his own people. Balaam got his money, and the enemy king achieved a victory without firing a shot. In fact you could say, his weapon was peace. He gave peace a chance. From reading just The Old Testament, just exactly what Balaam told King Balak is not very clear. Fortunately, more details are available in a well known, well respected history book.

That history book is the History of the Jews by Josephus. Balaam's advice to King Balak is found in Josephus Book 4, chapter 6; here in chapter six Josephus reports what Balaam said to the king. Here is

what he said; If you want to be victorious over them - follow my advice. Select your most beautiful women, women beautiful enough to overcome the modesty of their male companions. Dress them in the finest, most seductive clothing and jewellery that you can afford. Then send them to the Israelite camp with these instructions - that when any of the Hebrew men desire their companionship, they allow it.

And when the men fall in love with them, to let them do as they please but only, only after they have been persuaded to abandon their own laws; the laws delivered at Sinai by Moses, and live by the laws and customs of the gods of the Midianites and Moabites; for by this means God will be angry at them. Balaam's advice is simply this. To persuade, seduce, trick or otherwise get God's people to break God's Law, or live by the customs of other lands.

This is done to get God to remove his blessing and bring instead, curses upon his people. When you read Josephus' account you will find that the men who were seduced, did not believe that they were doing anything wrong. God does not say, it is O.K. to sin, if your intentions are good. He does not say that you can do whatever you please, as long as you think you are doing the right thing.

There is a Bible in every Christian home, and if you believe

that you can live contrary to God's clear instruction, because you have been taught, "God looks upon the heart", then you have been listen to the wrong people. The Doctrine of Balaam is a war of words and ideas. It is a secret war.

A war conducted against Christians. A war conducted by people who live among us. They work very hard to bring change to our society, to replace our traditional Christian values with 'more modern, more enlightened ways'. And often, the ideas are presented by seductive young bimbos, you know, look at modern day advertising. Sometimes the new ideas are presented in T.V. situation comedies, at other times by the talk shows; shows that present every perversion as acceptable, while ridiculing traditional Christian values. These ideas, presented as entertaining, lead to a change in our way of life. Any change that violates God's Law. The story in Josephus is several pages long, much too long to cover in this short broadcast.

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acceptable***

So there you have it, now you know the secret of the Doctrine of Balaam. In the Old Testament, in

Micah 6:5, we find a related warning:

O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab consulted, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him from Shittim unto Gilgal; that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord.

Notice that this verse makes several points. First, this is something for God's people to remember. Specifically, we are to remember what King Balak asked. And, we are to remember Balaam's answer. And finally, the reason for all this, and that reason is, *that ye may know the righteousness of the Lord*. If we have never heard this warning and don't know anything about the Doctrine of Balaam, two things will result.

First, we will not know, and therefore not understand God's righteousness and second, we will not be able to detect, or not recognise these people, if and when they do live among us. King Balak wanted to know how to destroy God's People. He obtained advice from Balaam the prophet. The implementation of this advice caused, persuaded or resulted in sin on the part of God's people. This sin resulted in a plague and the death of 25,000 people. And most important, God caused the plague.

Yes, God caused the plague. The prophet Micah wanted us to understand The righteousness of God. It is simply, when his people are wicked, he punishes them, when they are good he blesses them.

If you were one of them, one of these people who hold the Doctrine of Balaam, and hate Christ and hate Christians, how would you put it into effect? Well perhaps that has already happened. If you are an older member of our society - you have seen great changes in our nation in your lifetime. We now accept customs and ways that were simply not tolerated just a few years ago, in a Christian nation.

Take for example abortion, when you were a child, police arrested abortionists, and they were either executed or imprisoned. Today, abortionists openly do business and the police arrest and jail those opposed to abortion. Who or what brought about this change, and how did they do it in such a short time?

These seducers simply look through the Bible to discover what God likes and what he doesn't like. Then they use their influence on the T.V. talk shows, the situation comedies, and in the movies, to persuade us to do what God hates, to make sin popular, to make it the right thing to do. Just get Christians to do the exact opposite of whatever it is that God wants them to do.

There are a thousand examples of how the wicked could work to change our laws and customs, to make popular the ways disliked, even hated by the God of our Bible. The enemies of Christianity know that a Christian Nation is invincible

as long as they are in God's good graces. They also know that God will not bless a nation of sinners. Even if they sin with the best of intention. Even if they excuse their sin in the name of 'love'.

In fact, the wicked know, if they can make us think that we are good Christians while at the very same time tricking us into doing things God hates, they know, God will still bring curses upon us. Earlier I asked, Are you over your head in debt? Is your plant being closed and your job sent to Mexico? Could these curses be on us because we are, as a nation, in violation of God's economic laws? The answer is Yes.

And these laws, and the curses that result from their violation are listed in your Bible. People ask, Where is the God of judgment? Where is God's righteousness? It is right there in the national debt and right there in plant closings. These are a few of God's punishments on America. All these curses are listed right there in Deuteronomy 28.

Did you send your little angels to the public school only to have them come back promiscuous little devils? Is that because non Christians have taken control over our schools and what our children are taught; not the ten commandments, but rather situation ethics; not traditional Christian morality, but the new morality along with, not the sixth and tenth

commandments, but rather a promiscuous form of sex education.

Many of our children come home unable to read, they graduate unable to fill out a job application form, but knowing everything about sex, drugs and suicide. The newest subject is called 'death education'. The Bible has this to say about that. It's Proverbs 8:35-36:

For whoso findeth me findeth life, and shall obtain favour of the Lord. But he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: all they that hate me love death.

Yes, all who hate Christ love death, and they teach 'death education' to our children. These two verses tell us how to prevent suicide among our young people, simply restore prayer and the 10 commandments to the classroom.

For whoso findeth me findeth life.

These curses are increasing. It is proof, proof that something is terribly wrong in America, and that God is angry with us. Have the wolves been gleefully pulling the wool over the eyes of Christian Sheep?

There was a little old lady who never said anything bad about anyone. One day her Pastor said, Surely you can say something bad about the devil. Her answer, Well Pastor, He's always on the job. These wicked people are always on the job also. What brought about the change from 'Goodbye' to 'Have a nice day'? Goodbye is a Christian word for God Be With you. So 'Goodbye' until we meet again

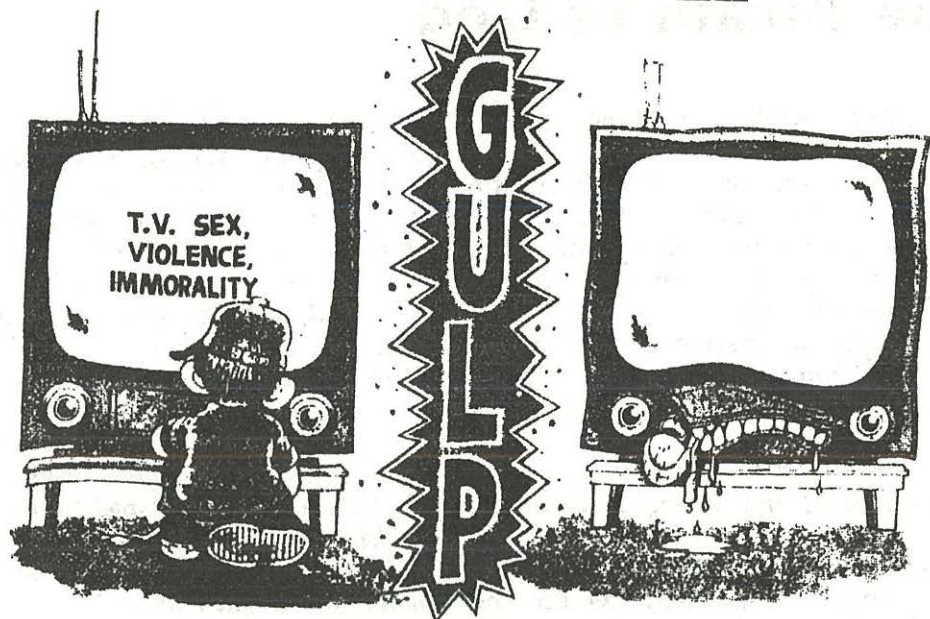
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SIR OLIVER J. LODGE, noted English scientist (1851-1940) stated: "We too, are a chosen people. It is blasphemy to deny our birthright and responsibility. Our destiny in the world is no small one. We are peopling great tracts of the earth and carrying thither our language and customs. The migrating of that primitive tribe from Ur of the Chaldees under the leadership of that splendid old chief Abram, into the land of promise, was an event fraught with stupendous results for the human race".

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Yea, though I live to be a hundred, I shall keep on viewing my TV. as long as it will work, for it is my closest companion. Its sound and its picture, they comfort me.

It presenteth entertainment before me, and keepeth me from doing important things with my family. It fills my head with ideas which differ from those set forth in the Word of GOD.

Surely, no good thing will become of my life, because my TV. offereth me no good time to do the will of GOD; thus I will dwell in the place of the Devil and his angels forever.

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The Breath of God

FEW READ understandingly the account of the crossing of the Red Sea when Israel fled from the pursuing Egyptians. The great majority accept without question the usual Sunday School interpretation of the Israel host crossing on the bed of the sea, passing between two upright walls of water. However, Moses, who wrote the account, was acquainted with Job's declaration: "By the breath of God frost is given: and the breadth of the waters is straitened [that is, made hard]" (Job 37:10). Therefore, he accurately described what really happened when he stated: "And with the blast of thy nostrils ... the depths were congealed [frozen] in the heart of the sea" (Ex. 15:8).

This declaration by Moses that the sea was frozen should cause one to pause and make a new and critical analysis of what actually occurred that enabled the Israel throng to move safely out of Egypt in so short a time. Only a few hours were consumed for an estimated 2,000,000 people, with all their flocks and herds, to pass over the sea. A frozen causeway of some miles in breadth would furnish an excellent bridge for such a rapid transit.

In Exodus 14:21-22 information is given, explaining just how this miracle came about. However, the

translators have hindered understanding by writing words into the text which were unwarranted and cause confusion and misinterpretation of the actual meaning. These words are in italics and if they are removed, the account is left to truly state what happened: "*And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry: and the waters a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left.*"

The translators wrote in the word "back" after "caused the sea to go" and "land" after "made the sea dry." Thus, the true sense of what Moses meant to convey was distorted. What we are to understand from the account is that the sea was made to go dry; that is, to be changed from a liquid to a solid. This being so, the people could safely cross upon the dry (not land but sea), with the open waters on either side of this great frozen causeway acting as a wall of defense to the right and to the left, compelling the Egyptians to follow in behind rather than attack on either flank of the fleeing Israelites.

When the Egyptians pursued Israel, they were evidently

completely unaware that they were moving forward over hardened water as the blast of air would also have blown a covering of sand from the desert over the sheet of ice, creating sufficient friction to enable both people and cattle to walk upon it without difficulty.

It was not until the armies of Egypt had reached about the centre of the great ice causeway constructed by the breath of God that they became aware that all was not well with them. The water had remained hardened for a time after the blast of cold had ceased-- for at least the number of hours necessary for the Israelites to cross safely over. However, by the arrival of the morning watch its strength was beginning to diminish, with the result that the chariot wheels of the Egyptians broke through the softening ice, causing consternation among the pursuing horde (Ex. 14:25).

Then Moses was commanded to stretch forth his hand over the sea so that the water might come again; that is, so that the ice might return to its former liquid state. During the night the water had conformed with Job's poetic description -- hidden under a surface that was as hard as stone: *"The waters are hid as with a stone, and the face of the deep is frozen"* (Job 38:30).

When Moses stretched forth his hand, the ice was swallowed up by the waters below. The statement is

made that the sea returned to its strength again; the straitened (flat or hard) surface of the water again became liquid and rough-- for that is exactly what the word means, and the waves of the sea began to roll once more.

Later on, when Moses and the Israel congregation sang a song of exaltation to the Lord, they phrased their paean of praise in words of wonderment: *"Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea covered them: they sank as lead in the mighty waters"* (Ex. 15:10). This statement alone clearly supports the fact that the Egyptians were "on top" of the water and began to sink into it with the changed conditions when the frozen surface began to break up under them.

This explanation does not in any sense deny the verity of the miraculous intervention of God on behalf of His people. In fact, when the timing of this miracle is taken into account, the marvel of it is nothing less than awe-inspiring. Causing the laws of meteorology to conform with the Divine purpose well in advance of all this, a down-draft from the sub-zero temperatures above was directed upon that specific portion of the sea at the exact moment that Moses stretched forth his hand as he was commanded to do.

No wonder Moses exclaimed in his song to the Lord; *"Who is like unto thee, O Lord, among the gods?"*

Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in praises, doing wonders?" (Ex. 15:11.) The full testimony of Moses and an analysis of the Inspired

Record both confirm the wonder-working power of God when He moves to save His people from their enemies.

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RECALLED FROM DUTY

It is with sincere regret that on behalf of Covenant Fellowship, the Board of Directors announces that Miss G. D. James of Lenah Valley, Tasmania, a princess and a great lady, has been recalled from duty to receive her reward.

For many years Miss James was a loyal supporter of the British Israel World Federation and on the formation of Covenant Fellowship became a foundation supporter both morally and financially.

Miss James was a dedicated worker and a great witness for our **GOD** and her recall from duty leaves behind a vacuum within the Identity Movement that will not be easily filled.

A dear friend to many of us, she will be long remembered. Truly, in these last days, our Race can ill afford to lose women of the quality of Miss James.

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

"A time to be born and a time to die....." Ecclesiastes 3:1-2

Beginning of the Bank of England

"An Act of Parliament was passed in the year 1694, being the 5th year of William and Mary, the title of which act is in the following words ... words fatal to the peace and happiness of England, words which were the precursor of a scourge greater than ever before afflicted any part of God's creation-- 'An Act for granting to their Majesties several rates and duties upon tonnage of ships and vessels, and upon beer, ale, and other liquors, for securing certain recompenses and advantages in the said Act mentioned, to such persons as shall voluntarily advance the sum of fifteen hundred thousand pounds toward carrying on the war against France'. This Act lays certain duties, sufficient to pay the interest of this one million, five hundred thousand pounds. Then it points out the manner of subscribing, the mode of paying the interest, or annuities, and then it provides that, if so much of the whole sum be described by such a time, the subscribers shall have a charter under the title, 'The Governor and Company Of The Bank of England!'

"Thus arose loans, funds, banks, bankers, bank notes, and a national debt--things that England had never heard or dreamed of before this war for 'preserving the Protestant religion as by law established'; things without which she had a long and glorious career of many centuries, and had been the greatest and happiest country in the world; things which she never would have heard of, had it not been for what is audaciously called 'The Reformation', seeing that to lend money at interest, that is to say, for gain, that is to say to receive money for the use of money, seeing that to do this was contrary and still is contrary to the principles of the Catholic Church. ...

"... the scheme, the crafty, the cunning, the deep scheme, has from its ominous birth been breeding swarms of Jews, Quakers, usurers of every description, feeding and fattening on the vitals of the country, till at last it has produced what the world never saw before -- starvation in the midst of abundance."

--William Cobbett in "Protestant Reformation in England and Ireland."

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Electronic Surveillance

Careful Someone May be Listening

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JUST a few years ago, electronic eavesdropping meant planting a bug in a flowerpot or tapping a phone wire. Not any more. Leaks are now showing up in the fast-growing system of data and communications channels that crisscrosses the globe, from electronic mail to cordless phones to satellites. As fast as this network is expanding, so too is the potential for unseen surveillance -- from within and without, for purposes of justice or crime.

Increasing awareness of the problem has spurred efforts to pass legislation and develop technologies that counter intrusions into once-private transactions and information. The US congressional Office of Technology Assessment (OTA) has produced a series of reports on information technology, covering subjects such as electronic surveillance and computer crime.

New potential abuses stem from the increasing availability of "high performance technology and computer literacy," says Michael Nye, president of Marketing Consultants International Inc in Maryland, and author of *Who, What and Where in Communications*

Security. "Intercepting information used to be a needle-in-a-haystack problem," he says. "Computer technology now allows for the rapid and automatic sifting out of information of interest to the interceptor."

A recent stir was created by a demonstration conducted by Wim van Eck, an electrical engineer with the Dutch postal, telephone and telegraph service. He combined a portable television, an antenna, and some electronic circuitry, stuck the gear in a van and proceeded to eavesdrop on institutions across Europe. According to Harold Joseph Highland, editor of *Computers and Security* which published the first American accounts of Van Eck's feat, the engineer was able to pick out signals from a computer eight floors up in an office complex and from terminals in a bank across a wide boulevard. Scotland Yard was electronically invaded for a report produced by the BBC.

Van Eck relied on a phenomenon that has long been both feared and exploited by American and Soviet intelligence agencies: Computers and their cables, circuits and peripheral attachments emit

electromagnetic radiation that can be picked up through walls, floors and windows and translated into TV images.

More than a decade ago, the US National Security Agency (NSA)--the huge, secret bureaucracy that monitors Soviet communications, breaks codes and prevents codes from being broken or communications monitored--created the top secret program called Tempest. The program developed a standard for shielding computer communications hardware so that no stray signals would be leaked. Many federal agencies were equipped with Tempest class electronics.

Last year the NSA was given the task of maintaining Communications security for every federal agency. It is also receiving many inquiries from outside the government. In the private sector, however, the NSA is encouraging the use of scramblers or encryptors.

Some of the weakest spots in the electronic network, according to several consultants, are the various Communication links between any two points. Interception is possible

at almost every step along the transmission path of voices, pictures or data from phone line to microwave to satellite to terminal. Reports indicate that even fibre-optic cables, in which signals are sent via laser beam, may be tappable.

One example is satellite communications. "The network structures, both land and extra-terrestrial, were not built to be secure," says Belden Menkus, a computer security consultant in Middletown, New Jersey. "They were built to move stuff, quickly and in large quantities. A hacker publication recently provided detailed instructions on how to break into and manipulate the teleconferencing service of AT&T." When that company was informed, "the feathers flew," Menkus says.

Cellular phones also have security problems. According to Nye, a simple radio scanner, which searches frequencies until a signal is picked up, can make private phone conversations excruciatingly public. "People who use cellular telephones are out of their mind," he says. "You'd be amazed at what we hear."

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"... the tearing up of our history, the denial of all need of seeking guidance from the past, can lead only to an ever-increasing concentration on material things and beyond that an ever increasing sense of vagueness, confusion and uncertainty in all that concerns our life and our role as a nation in the life of the world. "

- John Fathing in "Freedom Wears A Crown"

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Perilous Times Shall Come

S. Wood

IN THE DAYS of Noah "violence filled the earth" from which we assume with reason, surely, that there was a total absence of law and order. No one respected the laws of the land--neither lives nor property were safe. Might was right. There was no such quality as righteousness, i.e. right living, living according to God's laws. People behaved as they pleased and no one and nothing was safe.

During Abraham's lifetime, Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed. It is noteworthy that if so few as ten righteous people could have been found, the cities would not have been destroyed. They could not be found! There was the same lack of respect for law and order as was observed in Noah's day. Even as few as ten would have provided God's elect, and, for their sakes, the cities would not have perished.

After Moses and Joshua passed away from this earthly scene, parents failed to acquaint their children with the wonderful ways that Jehovah had led them and the numerous times they had been miraculously preserved. In their ignorance of God they turned to the worship of idols, and we read "*Every man did that which was right in his own eyes*". Not just once but time and time again the people of Israel failed to have

respect for the 'establishment', and violence and rioting always followed (Judges 17:6, 21:25).

One after another, the prophets in Israel mourned over the spiritual condition of the people who got so low that they were worshipping creeping things and the starry host of heaven and sacrificing their children to the god Moloch. What the Psalmist says is so true: *Evil shall slay the wicked* (34:21). Physical weakness follows moral decay and as surely as night follows day, *whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap* (Gal. 6:7). God is not mocked!

The history of these people demonstrates this truth many times, and perhaps never more so than in these very days in which we live. A deep decline in spiritual matters bringing about a revolt against discipline and orderliness resulting in anarchy is what we see all around us. What a low state we have reached when groups of our young people, and indeed, some not so young, go about practicing and preaching anarchy.

As in Noah's day, so in the day of the coming of the Son of Man. This atheistic, anarchial outlook is to develop and become so widespread that once again life and property will not anywhere be safe.

This time, however, an 'Elect' can be found and they will be kept by the mighty power of their Lord. Those, fierce, perilous days will be shortened for their sakes. *And when*

these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh. (Luke 21:28).

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The Dawn of God's Good Day

Let us keep our faces toward the dawn of God's New Day for the peoples and nations of the world - that day in which all human attempts at government will cease because "the Kingdom is the Lord's and He is the Governor among the nations," (Ps. 22-23) the "King over all the earth" - that day when there will be no muddles, miscalculations, frustration, tragic surprises, tyrannies or oppressions, with their attendant heartache and bitter disillusionments, because beneath the sway of that Divine Sceptre righteousness will dominate every phase of human life.

It is said that the darkest hour is just before the dawn, and we are exhorted to trust and not be afraid because "the night is far spent and the day is at hand." There are those who would reverse this order and have us believe that the world is passing from light into, darkness but it is not so.

To those who have the vision of modern Israel - as found in the Anglo-Saxon Celtic race - standing over against the gathering forces of evil, and who know that where Israel is there is God's dominion, there is no anxiety as to the future. While the old world systems and forms of government are in process of disintegration and God is liquidating the affairs of a world that for so long has excluded Him from its life, we already trace the evidences and note the signs of the emerging new world order, and our hearts rejoice with a joy unspeakable. All is in readiness for the glorious appearing of the Great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ. The world's Magna Charta was written at Calvary by the, King Himself and signed in His own blood, the blood of the new covenant. As we watch and wait, let the prayer rise with increasing insistence to our lips: "Even so come, Lord Jesus! Come quickly!"

- Rev. Claud Coffin

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What Happened to Jeremiah?

D. Cooper

WHAT other nation can have produced such a crop of prophet-statesmen as the Hebrews. In every period of their intense, emotional history the telling influence of the prophet can be detected. Time and again his discerning mind correctly interpreted the probable trends of international politics, often in the very teeth of court opinion, repeatedly confuting the wisdom of professional statesmen.

Such a prophet was Jeremiah, a priest of gentle birth, who dominated the political scene of Israelite-Palestine six centuries before the birth of Christ.

Internal declension and moral and spiritual decay had combined to reduce the remnants of the ancient Hebrew nation to a state of vassaldom under the Babylonian monarch, Nebuchadnezzar, whose fabulous Hanging Gardens of Babylon were the pride and wonder of the Euphrates, and, incidentally, qualified as one of the Seven Wonders of the ancient world.

It is an engaging thought, that such familiar characters as Daniel, Ezekiel and Esther may have gazed upon those gigantic terraces of masonry, from seventy-five to three hundred feet high, burdened with gardens of gorgeous tropical flowers,

groves and avenues of luxuriant palm trees; all irrigated by water pumped from the River Euphrates. And the entire structure built to satisfy the caprice of an Empress who wearied of the plains of Babylon.

But in battle-scarred Judah Jeremiah alone of the Judean aristocracy, divinely moved, had perceived that Judah's traditional ally, Egypt, was finished, a broken reed. Nothing could withstand the growing might of the Euphratean titan, least of all the Judean Israelites, upon whose shameful history the curtain of obscurity and captivity was about to fall.

Surrender the City!

One of the most astonishing spectacles of the day must have been the sight of Jeremiah the prophet, at the height of Nebuchadnezzar's two-year siege of Jerusalem, boldly parading the city's streets predicting victory to the enemy. Or Jeremiah issuing a peremptory communique to king and government demanding immediate capitulation.

Small wonder, then, that the conquerors were favourably disposed towards this strange prophet, and, in reward, excused him the ignominy of

slavery in Babylon, to which the bulk of his pagan countrymen were consigned.

Murder in Jerusalem

But it is at this point that the mystery of the man deepens. The last glimpse of him the Old Testament permits us is of his - quite innocent - involvement in the murder of Gedaliah, Babylonian Viceroy at Jerusalem.

In the ensuing panic the prophet, and the surviving daughters of Judah's captive king, were hurried, under a majority vote of escapees, southwards to the safety of the Egyptian border. And there we lose sight of him, still prophesying; still warning of coming danger; still the same old inimitable Jeremiah.

Some traditions have it that his own countrymen, irritated beyond endurance by his prophetic outbursts, murdered him: a fate he had narrowly escaped at court.

Others locate him in Babylon. Yet others speak of his bones being brought to Alexandria in the days of Alexander the Great.

Royal Ladies

But most surprising of all are the ancient tales of monkish Ireland, where the sage's name appears in a tangle of myth and legend. And this is a story which I should hesitate to dismiss as at once impossible, or

even unlikely; for contacts between Ireland and the East have existed from very ancient days.

Indeed, Irish goldwork, wrought 2,300 years before Jesus was born, has actually been found at Gaza on the Palestine coast - and the River Thames was certainly no stranger to the Phoenicians of North Palestine. Besides, archaeology has established beyond any shadow of doubt that extensive commercial relations between Palestine and the British Isles had developed as early as 1600 B.C. In fact, works of art and utility produced in the British Isles were much in demand in the countries of the Middle East.

Who knows, then, but that those old monks had access to records denied to the writer of, for instance, *Introduction to Jeremiah* (Speaker's Commentary) who in his puzzlement wrote: 'We can not understand why he (Baruch, Jeremiah's companion and scribe) should have withheld from us a thing so deeply interesting as the account of Jeremiah's death.' Perhaps the obvious answer is best: (a) he did not know, or (b) he was not there to record it.

Anyway, of one thing we may be quite sure, and that is that Jeremiah certainly went to Egypt with the royal ladies of Judah.

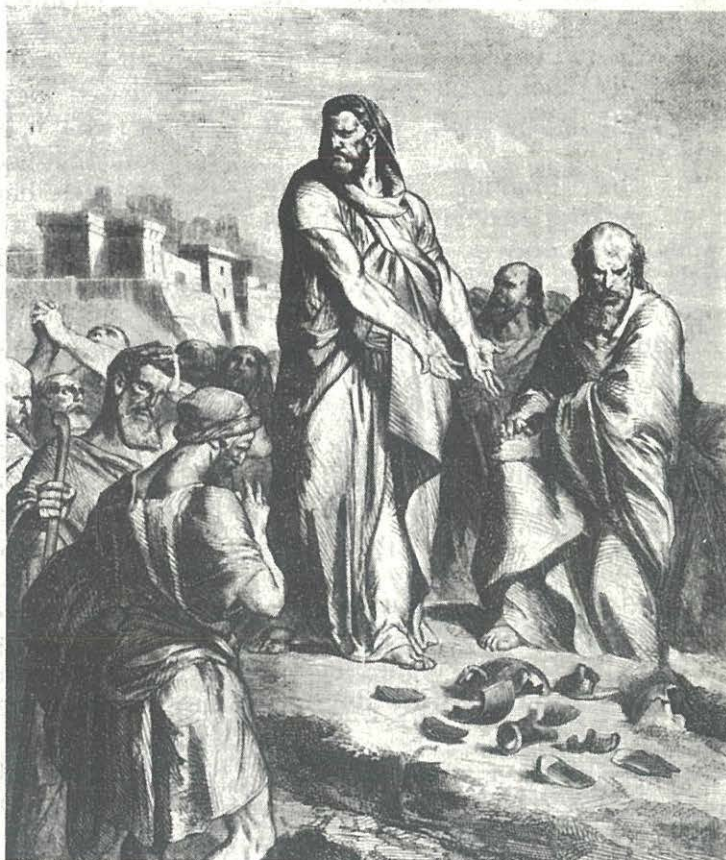
The Fugitives

Sir Flinders Petrie, the archae-

ologist, has described the mound in Egypt, once a border fortress which opened its doors to the fugitives from Jerusalem. To this day it is known as Qasr Bint el Yehudi - the Palace of the Jew's Daughter, at Tahpanhes, modern Tell Defneh.

It will be recalled that it was to Tahpanhes that the party of Jewish princes, with Jeremiah and company, fled - to 'Pharaoh's house in Tahpanhes' (Jer. 43).; 'The identification of it', says Sir Flinders, 'is certain'.

*A broken pot
drives
home the
Jeremiah's
dramatic
announcement
of the
coming
doom of
Jerusalem*



Now, in view of the fact of Jeremiah's emphatic announcement that the Babylonian monarch would soon set up his throne upon the very

stones of the palace in Tahpanhes, and that all those who had fled from Jerusalem (strictly against the prophet's advice) were to perish

before him in his conquest of Egypt, is it likely that Jeremiah would remain for long in so admittedly dangerous a spot?

Either, then, the prophet's timely decease - whether by martyrdom or natural causes - put an end to the problem or he left the country. And the absence of any record of his death from the pen of Baruch, and the exceedingly uncertain traditions of the Jews themselves, favours the view that he escaped.

But where? Did he return to Jerusalem? Did he go to Babylon? Both possibilities are fraught with difficulties, not least of which is the fact that Jewry's indefatigable scribes would have seized upon such a definite gem of information.

An Open Question

In the circumstances the whole subject must remain an open

question. Although, for myself, I confess to an interest in Mr Clifford Parker's suggested solution of the mystery.

We know from the Apocryphal Books of the Maccabees that the Jews claimed some sort of affinity with the Greeks. We also know that Tahpanhes was garrisoned by Greek mercenaries at the very time of Jeremiah's arrival there, and that they were driven out of Egypt soon after, following an internal disruption in which Pharaoh Aahmes assumed power. We know, too, that native Irish historians, with some independent support, relate that the Greeks did in fact colonize Ireland.

These things, plus the peculiar Irish traditions about the prophet's presence in Ireland, could add up. They could explain why nobody out east ever really recorded what happened to one of the most vigorous characters in the long list of Old Testament prophets.

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Children's Corner, answers from page 35

1. (a) Carp; Rent; Rate; Pant; Near; Enter; Earn..... etc.
1. (b) \$90. You could draw out - two \$20, two \$10, two \$5 and then the third \$20 bill.
2. (a) Stairs; (b) Pantry; (c) Gross stupidity.
3. (a) Gets wet; (b) Queue; (c) His parents made him take it back.
4. (a) Jacob; (b) False. Saul was the first king of Israel; (c) Judas Iscariot ; (d) Enoch.

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Eclipse, Not Extinction

H. Rand

The following article appeared in the Destiny magazine of January 1959 and is just as relevant today as it was then, if not more so.



IN ANCIENT TIMES, when the aborigines beheld an eclipse of the sun, they were convinced that some monster was swallowing up their god of light. In our generation we have observed the passing of parliamentary forms of government, the extermination of nations by division and absorption, while the defense of colonialism has become taboo in modern society. Consequently many are busily writing the epitaph of empire building. Referring to the British Empire, the columnist Lynn Landrum wrote in the Dallas News (Dallas, Texas):

"From day to day we are witnessing England go back to being just an island again. Yet most of us can remember the time when the empire of Great Britain was truly great. It was an empire whose might was unequalled and unquestioned. Its possessions extended all around the globe.

"What is left to this people who shaped civilization for 900 years? Will it be reduced to legendary glory and impotent

dreams? What is happening to the Suez Canal seems important now. But within a few years from now, it really won't be making any difference at all whether the Suez is closed to the British Navy bound on missions of defense of British interests in Asiatic waters. There won't be any British Navy - and there won't be any Asiatic holdings to concern Britain.

"The winds of freedom blow cold indeed on empires now. The multitude of little people have ceased to take orders, ceased to move over to make room for their betters, ceased to acknowledge that they have any betters at all.

"In a little while Hong Kong will be Chinese again. In a little while British Guiana will be independent. In a little while the Caribbean Community will know the British flag only at seaports and consulates. In a little while the dissolution will have been complete for the empire of which Winston Churchill once growled that he was not about to preside over its dissolution.

"The disappearance of Britain as a force for the balancing of world power has not come suddenly. Indeed, it has not come to the point of final disappearance yet. But even now Britain is not much of a make-weight in the scales of international power. The banks of England constitute a more formidable threat to Nasser than the guns of England. It is true that there are still guns, but England is short of men to man them now."

It cannot be denied that at the moment we are witnessing this great empire in eclipse, but this was to be only a temporary condition. In fact, like an eclipse in nature as Webster's Dictionary defines it, it was to be only "a temporary obscuring of lustre or brilliancy." In due course of time the same prophets who foretold the empire's decline in power and prestige also predicted that, when spiritually revived and restored in order to assume its Divinely-ordained role, this commonwealth of nations which is destined to endure forever will shine forth greater and mightier than ever before. All peoples and nations will again acknowledge its greatness, for, cleansed of the evils which brought about its decline, it will once more be favoured by God and honoured by men.

Kingdom Organized

When God organized Israel into a kingdom at Mt. Sinai, the seed of

Abraham became the nucleus of the Kingdom of God upon earth. God gave to the people of this kingdom His commandments, statutes and judgments to be administered as the law of their land. Schooled in the wilderness of Sinai under Moses, the people then entered the Promised Land with Joshua as their leader. There they functioned as a kingdom, charged with the administration of their God-given constitution. They were first under judges and then under kings until, due to their refusal to obey and administer the Law of the Lord, coupled with national degeneration with the introduction of idolatrous practices of worship, the judgment of deportation overtook them. First the House of Israel, the northern ten-tribed kingdom, was carried away into Assyrian captivity (and most of the Southern Kingdom - Ed.); then, 130 years later, the southern two-tribed kingdom, or House of Judah, was taken captive to Babylon.

The Throne of David

During the time of the kings, following the death of Saul, David came to the throne, ruling first over Judah and then over all Israel. However, David's throne was established in perpetuity. The original covenant God made with David was in these terms: (following is an excerpt from "Study in Jeremiah" by H. Rand, p.208)

"'And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever.' (II Sam. 7:16.)

"God promised three unconditional things to David:

"1st) The continuity of David's House.

"2nd) The endurance of his Kingdom.

"3rd) The perpetuity of his Throne.

God confirms the certainty of His covenant with David

"God confirmed the certainty of this covenant which He made with David as set forth in the Psalm:

"I have made a covenant with my chosen, I have sworn unto David my servant, Thy seed will I establish for ever, and build up thy throne to all generations ... I have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I anointed him ... My mercy will I keep for him for evermore, and my covenant shall stand fast with him. His seed also will I make to endure for ever, and his throne as the days of heaven. If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my judgments; If they break my statute, and keep not my commandments: Then will I visit their transgression with the rod, and their iniquity with stripes. Nevertheless

my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, nor suffer my faithfulness to fail. My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven.' (Ps. 89:3-4, 20, 28-37.)"

Later on, when the House of Judah was about to be carried away into Babylonian captivity, the Lord confirmed His covenant made with David when, through the Prophet Jeremiah, He declared:

"Thus saith the Lord; If my covenant be not with day and night, and if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; Then will I cast away the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so that I will not take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them." (Jer. 33:25-26.)

The continuity of David's house, Kingdom and throne were Divinely assured and today there is a monarch of the line of David ruling over the seed of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in fulfilment of these promises. Only the blindness of disbelief on the part of the Christian world prevents an acknowledgment of these great and wonderful facts which, when understood and believed, fully substantiate God's Word. While the House of Judah lost

the Throne of David, the Lord informed Jeremiah it was to be established over the House of Israel (Jer. 33:17). By many proofs it has been established that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are the descendants of the northern ten-tribed kingdom of Israel who left their Assyrian captivity (along with most of the Southern Kingdom - Ed.) and moved westward through central and southern Europe under different names, ultimately arriving in the isles north and west of Palestine - the British Isles. From those isles they spread out to inherit the desolate heritages of the earth (the North American Continent, Australia, New Zealand, etc.) as predicted by Isaiah the Prophet. As pointed out in "Study in Daniel" (p.253):

"Beginning with 1890 A.D., both of the great Anglo-Saxon peoples [the British Empire and the United States of America] entered an era of blessing never known before. The Covenant of Peace was confirmed with many of His people Israel, beginning with this 50th, or great Jubilee Week of 49 years. But though in Great Britain Queen Victoria herself knew she reigned on the Throne of David and that her subjects were the House of Israel, the Church in Israel refused to accept and proclaim this great truth. While the knowledge did reach the people, their indifference to the responsibility it engendered pre-

vented a long continuation of peace. Instead of being grateful to God for the revelation of their identity, and turning to the full administration of all His laws, Israel's prosperity produced only the advancement of materialism and spiritual decadency as higher criticism and Modernism began to flourish throughout Anglo Saxon lands. In the midst of this great week of the greatest of Jubilees, when God's people were enjoying a high degree of progress and prosperity, peace passed away."

Chastisement of Tribulation

With the ending of the Seven Times (2520 years) of chastisement for their sins, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, modern Israel in the world today, entered upon the period of their greatest expansion as the nineteenth century closed and the twentieth century opened. Their 2520 years of punishment had come to an end. Simultaneously, the ascendancy of the Gentiles had exercised the maximum of its opportunity. With the beginning of World War I in 1914, the 2520 years of Gentile domination began to run out, but, because God's people had failed to act upon the facts concerning their identity as the Israel of God, and arise to their responsibility, the end of Gentile domination saw peace pass from the earth. God began to move to compel His people to turn back to Him and acknowledge His

overruling sovereignty under the chastisement of tribulation. World War I began this period of turmoil and trouble and the pressures have steadily increased from that year to the present time, resulting in the decline of the might, power and greatness of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic race.

Proof of Identity

How do we reconcile these developments with the prophesied glory and greatness of God's people? The answer to this question is in the Sacred Record itself and shows that the very condition of national impotency extant throughout the nations of Israel today is itself a proof of their identity as the People of the Book! When the Prophet Daniel, in vision, heard the question asked, "How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?," the Angel replied:

"And when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished." (Dan. 12:7.)

Ferrar Fenton translates this:

"And when they have completely broken to pieces the power of the Holy People, all these would be accomplished."

A Prophecy Fulfilled

Until the Israel of God became a great and mighty power in these latter days, it would not have been

possible to carry out this verdict. However, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples did grow into a nation and company of nations, as well as a great people, during the nineteenth century. The fulfilment of the identification marks of greatness in their principal nations has been remarkable - a phenomenal national growth in the history of any race. Also, the very fact that these same peoples are now in the throes of trouble, as we observe the weakening of their prestige and influence, is not a basis for denial that they are the House of Israel; rather, it is confirmation that they are God's people whose power He is breaking as the age comes to its end. As pointed out in "Study in Daniel" p.371-372:

"The aftermath of World War II has left Great Britain in a weakened condition and even the United States of America ends its economic situation far from healthy as we pour billions into relief, trying to stabilize Europe and prevent chaos. This is a direct result of Hitler's evil aggression, for since his defeat the power of Great Britain has been shattered and the United States has been left with a burdensome indebtedness that will ultimately impair our economy beyond its power to recuperate. It is also true that the military power for defense of both Great Britain and the United States has been so weakened that neither is in a position now to wage

successful war against an aggressor. The power of the Israel people has indeed been broken."

Evidence that, subconsciously at least, the leaders of both Great Britain and the United States recognized their power was broken was given in the joint communique issued on June 28, 1954 by President Eisenhower and Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill at Washington, D.C.

"Their joint statement that the two great governments they represented would stand ready to aid oppressed smaller nations 'by peaceful means' (what tyrannical despot can be deterred from evil aggression by mere peaceful means!), while not intended as such, was an open admission that Anglo-Saxon leadership had become powerless to effectively deal with aggressors and assist victimized peoples. This was the fulfilment of the prophetic pronouncement by the Prophet Daniel that the power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon Israel) would be broken, or shattered (Dan. 12:7). Following this, Daniel prophesied, the end would come when 'all these things shall be finished'".

Let all those who point to the shattered power of God's people to support their notion of the extinction of empire carefully consider the fact that the perpetuity of His Kingdom people is assured under the Divine covenant. Not only that but, with the passing of the present order, the

Throne of David will be exalted over all governments and kingdoms.

Redeemer and Deliverer

Moreover, another end-time prophecy was now to see fulfilment:

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." (Isa. 59:19).

The enemy has indeed come in like a flood and has been a useful weapon of chastisement against His people in the hands of the Lord. But those who contend for the extinction of empire are ignorant of many facts, not knowing that this very condition betokens the nearness of the coming of the Redeemer *"And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord."* (Isa. 59:20).

This statement specifically refers to the selection of the few, the overcomers of the New Testament, to whom the Redeemer comes - those who have "turned from transgression in Jacob." Afterwards, and as a result of the revelation of His Glory, His people will repent and turn back to Him:

"And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Zion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob: for this is my covenant unto them, when I shall take away their sins." (Rom. 11:26-27.)

It is in His foreordained role as the coming Deliverer of Israel that

He will bring about a national spiritual awakening to righteousness.

Passing of Eclipse

The command will then go forth that will signal the end of this period of eclipse:

"Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee." (Isa. 60:1).

Let us carefully note the phrasing of this verse. The call is to arise - that is, "get up," "make good" - and it is addressed to a people who at the moment are in a state of prostration. In his translation of this verse Ferrar Fenton clearly indicates that it is the direct effect of the coming of the light of the glory of the Lord that brings about this right-about-face:

"Arise to the light, for your dawn has arrived; the Lord's splendour above you has sprung."

The people of the Kingdom are not only commanded to rise following the appearing of the Glory of the Lord, but they are admonished to "shine;" denoting a state of happiness as well as signifying "morning brightness," "to become glorious," "to set on fire." The result of this will be that their latter-end greatness will exceed in measure anything known in the past: *"Nations shall walk by your light, and Kings come to your sunrise!" (Isa. 60:3, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)*

The prophet continues with the

comforting assurance that the Lord will be a perpetual light for the people of His Kingdom when the days of their sorrow will have ended. This hardly substantiates the contention of those who, in assessing these days of trouble, assume they are witnessing the decline of empire. Lacking in understanding and bereft of vision, they attribute this final phase of Divine chastisement, as God moves to compel His people to return to Him, as evidence of the passing of a once mighty empire. But God has decreed otherwise and states of those who are inclined to scoff:

"All your scorers bend down to the soles of your feet, and proclaim you the CITY OF LIFE, - Zion, the Holy of Israel! Instead of you being forsaken and hated, with none passing through, I will make you a Glory for ever, - for ages and ages a Joy! ... For I, the Lord, saved, and the MIGHTY of Jacob set free." (Isa. 60:14-16, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

Moreover, it is emphatically stated through the Prophet Isaiah:

"The nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted." (Isa. 60: 12.)

Sun of Righteousness

The present eclipse will pass when the Sun of Righteousness arises with healing in His wings (Mal. 4:2) and God's Kingdom people

will then fulfil the requirement:

"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments." (Mal. 4:4.)

When justice and judgment are fully established, the people will have become ready to assume world responsibility as Divinely determined:

"When your People will always be just, they shall conquer the earth; - like a plant My hand set and made grow, the few will become thousands, - the weak a strong Nation; - I, the Lord, hasten it

now!" (Isa. 60:21-22, Ferrar Fenton Trans.)

Just as surely as the light shines forth with renewed splendour following an eclipse, the broken power of His Kingdom people heralds the coming of the day when all these things shall come to pass. A glorious New Order of the Ages is now at hand when the restored Kingdom of God on earth will function in perfection and righteousness shall fill the earth as the waters cover the sea.

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Don't Quit

When things go wrong, as they sometimes will,
When the road you're trudging seems all up hill,
When your funds are low, and your debts are high,
And you want to smile, but you have to cry,
When care is pressing you down a bit,
Rest if you must, but don't you quit.

Life is strange with its twists and turns,
As each one of us sometimes learns,
And many a failure turns about,
When he might have won had he stuck it out;
Don't give up though the pace seems slow,
You may succeed with another blow.

Success is failure turned inside out,
The silver tint of the clouds of doubt,
And you never can tell how close you are,
It may be near when it seems so far;
So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit,
It's when things seem worst, that you must not quit.

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Letter to Tiberius Caesar from Pontius Pilate



The original of this letter is in the Library of Rome. An authenticated copy is in the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.

A young man appeared in Galilee preaching with humble unction, a new law in the Name of the God that had sent Him. At first I was apprehensive that His design was to stir up the people against the Romans, but my fears were soon dispelled. Jesus of Nazareth spoke rather as a friend of the Romans than of the Jews. One day, I observed in the midst of a group of people a young man who was leaning against a tree, calmly addressing the multitude. I was told that his name was Jesus. This I could easily have suspected, so great was the difference between Him and those who were listening to Him. His golden coloured hair and His beard gave to His appearance a celestial aspect. He appeared to be about thirty years of age. Never have I seen a sweeter or more serene countenance. What a contrast

between Him and His hearers with their black beards and tawny complexions. Unwilling to interrupt Him by my presence, I continued my walk but signified to my Secretary to join the group and listen. Later, my secretary reported that never had he read in the words of all the philosophers, anything that compared to the teachings of Jesus. He told me that Jesus was neither seditious nor rebellious, so we extended to Him our protection. He was at liberty to act, to speak, to assemble, and to address the people. This unlimited freedom provoked the Jews -- not the poor but the rich and powerful.

Later, I wrote to Jesus requesting an interview with Him at the Praetorium. He came. When the Nazarene made His appearance I was having a morning walk and as I faced Him my feet seemed fastened

with an iron band to the marble pavement and I trembled in every limb, as a guilty culprit, though He was calm. For some time I stood admiring this extraordinary Man. There was nothing in Him that was repelling, nor in His character, yet I felt awed in His presence. I told Him that there was a magnetic simplicity about Him and His personality that elevated Him far above the philosophers and teachers of His day. All in all He made a deep impression upon me and everyone because of His kindness,

simplicity, humility and love.

Now, Noble Sovereign, these are the facts concerning Jesus of Nazareth and I have taken time to write you in detail concerning these matters. I say that such a man who could convert water into wine, change death into life, disease into health, calm the stormy seas, is not guilty of any criminal offence and as others have said, we must agree -- truly this is the Son of God!

Your most obedient servant,
PONTIUS PILATE

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The "Britannia" in a Storm

(From "Tracts for the People" collected
by Mrs. Hannah More in 1884)

Many a storm our ship has
weathered,
Many a tempest shook her mast,
But the heavenly hand that steers
her,
Brings her safe to port at last.

Tell the haughty foe that threatens,
Britain's God still rules the seas;
He can raise the waves, or still them,
Sink or save whene'er He please.

Each brave Briton takes his station
All to meet the foe prepare:
Toss each Jonah from the vessel,
Fill her sails with hope and prayer.

Tell the wondering nations round us.
Britain's God is still the Lord.

He still is our Shield and Buckler,
In His Name we draw the sword.

Oft has Britain bowed before Him,
Mourned her sins, and sought her
God:
Oft the righteous prayer has saved
her,
Oft has stayed the uplifted rod.

Now, again, we'll crowd His temple,
Bow the knee before His throne,
Plead the mercy He has promised,
Plead the Name by which He's
known.

Britain's God, ye shores resound it,
Let the Name be echoed round
Shout it till our foes shall tremble,
Fleets and armies catch the sound.

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Benjamin the Light-Bearer

W. Graham

IT is often a matter of profound regret to believers in British Israel Truth that we are not yet in possession of sufficient factual evidence to prove our case beyond all doubt to the sceptic. God, in His wisdom, has so far withheld the full, final and incontrovertible evidence which will one day dispel doubt and banish opposition. Had such proof been available hitherto, there would have remained no room for our faith that God will honour His covenant promises, made nearly 4,000 years ago, to our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to the people of Israel.

There are many facets in our teaching on which we should dearly love to have direct, compelling proof. Though our desires are not yet granted, we are thankful that God has left us with sufficient testimony to vindicate His promises in the minds of believers; enough to convince them that prophecies not yet fulfilled will come to fruition in His good time.

In such case is the Bible account of the history and prophecy concerning the tribe of Benjamin, in relation to God's plan for His people Israel, whom He appointed to be the

guardians of His Church and the nucleus of His Kingdom on earth. We have been given an indication - in broad outline - of His purposes through the medium of that tribe by various prophecies which are pregnant with meaning. Some of these were partly fulfilled in Old Testament times, whilst others awaited fulfilment during the Christian era.

The New Testament frequently emphasizes the Old Testament prophecies. St. Peter said that we do well to 'take heed' of the 'more sure word of prophecy' as 'unto a light that shineth in a dark place'. 'For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.'

But what should finally settle this question in the mind of every Christian is the fact that our Lord endorsed the prophecies, Himself fulfilling many of them in His own life and death. Jesus said, 'Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil'. We therefore contend that the thinking Christian is left with no option but to regard the fulfilment of all Bible prophecy as certain.

What are the facts about

Benjamin? He was the youngest son of Jacob, and his mother was the beloved Rachel. From Benjamin sprang one of the most important of the twelve tribes of Israel. When the kingdom split during the reign of Rehoboam and ten tribes broke away under Jeroboam, Benjamin remained loyal to the Throne of David. This was by divine decree (1 Kings 11:11-13; 12:22-24), for two important reasons, as we will show directly.

Another fact, of much later date but one which is of no small importance to our subject, is that St. Paul, who is the most quoted of all the Apostles and who left more writings than any other, declared himself to be a Benjamite. Obviously he was proud of his heritage.

We must bear in mind that only small remnants of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin were in Palestine in the time of our Lord. A great number of their progenitors had been swept away in the early Assyrian invasions, and of the balance - later transported to Babylon - only fragments returned to Palestine to form the nation of the Jews.

Let us review some of the Scriptural statements and prophecies relative to our subject:

When Herod ordered the slaughter of the innocents, we read of Rachel weeping for her children (Matt. 2:17-18). She was the mother of Joseph and Benjamin; but as the descendants of Joseph, the leaders of

the Northern House of Israel had been carried away captive by the Assyrians in the eighth century B.C., from whence they never returned to Palestine, this reference must admittedly indicate descendants of her other son - some Benjamites - in the area of Bethlehem, a town quite close to Jerusalem, at the time of our Lord's birth. Ramah, where the voice of Rachel is heard weeping, was in the territory allotted to Benjamin, so the reference is obviously to Benjamites.

Moses foresaw a wonderful future for Benjamin. When blessing the tribe, he said, 'The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by him' (Deut. 33:12). It behoves us to look for the fulfilment of this prophecy.

Coming to the reasons previously mentioned in relation to the joining of Benjamin with Judah, we recall that it was through Ahijah, the prophet, God spoke on this occasion (1 Kings 11:30-36), and the reasons were as follows:

(1) 'That David My servant may have a light always before Me in Jerusalem.'

(2) To reserve to Judah - the sceptre-bearing tribe - a fragment of the 'kingdom' (1 Kings 11:34).

Remembering that Judah held the sceptre, whilst Israel constituted the dominion (or 'kingdom'), and the further promise that the sceptre

should not depart from Judah (Gen. 49:10; Psa. 114:1-2), we can well understand this second reason; for a sceptre without any kingdom would have been meaningless - and that would have been the position if the entire 'kingdom' had followed Jeroboam into idolatry leaving Judah wholly isolated. There had to be some 'kingdom' for the 'sceptre' to reign over.

Referring to reason (1); what can this mean other than that Benjamin would remain faithful to God, and later to His Son, referred to by Moses as 'the beloved of the Lord'?

Benjamin was destined to give sanctuary to our Lord

Thus it was provided that Benjamin should remain faithful, whilst the second reason insured that the relationship between 'sceptre' and 'kingdom' would be maintained. (We shall see later what happened about this when the Jews crucified our Lord and the 'kingdom' was taken away from the Jewish remnant of Judah.)

It therefore becomes clear from the passages already quoted that, if prophecy be true, Benjamin would continue faithful, bearing witness to

the Light, and that he was destined to give sanctuary to the Messiah.

Two Israelite Peoples

Coming now to the days of our Lord's Ministry, we find that the Gospels show there were in Palestine two Israelite peoples, Judeans and Galileans. We also know that the Judeans were mostly hostile to Him - certainly officially so - while the Galileans received Him gladly. The Gospels clearly demonstrate that Jewry was ever antagonistic - as it is to this day - so much so that when Jesus purposed to visit Judea His disciples remonstrated with Him and referred to the Jews as His dangerous enemies.

We know that our Lord was of the House of David, of the royal tribe of Judah, and that He came to His own (Judah) who received Him not, but that the Galileans received Him. Surely, therefore, we may conclude that many of His disciples and close followers were Galileans; we are certainly told that the first four chosen were from among these. The Galileans were His friends and He dwelt safely among them, while in Judea He was always in danger.

What can all this mean from the prophetic standpoint if it is not that among these folk of Galilee we may seek light-bearing people of Benjamin fulfilling the prophecies already stated earlier in this article - i.e., of faithfulness to God, and in

providing sanctuary for His Son?

So far, we have been looking back from the time of Christ. If we now look forward, we shall see that the story of Benjamin is not by any means yet complete. Let us see what was to happen when the Kingdom was taken from the Jews, as Jesus declared.

For this we may turn to Zechariah where in chapter 11 we find the prophecy in the important, though neglected, parable of Beauty and Bands (11:7-14). The context makes it plain that in Beauty is typified our Lord, whereas it is stated that Bands relates to the connecting link between Israel and Judah - i.e., to that portion of the tribe of Benjamin still in Palestine.

Though the parable has two aspects, these must be considered together. All sections of Israel had placed themselves outside the beneficent Clauses of the Sinaitic Covenant and under its penal Clauses - the Jews most of all by their persistent rejection of the Messiah. For this final act of defiance, surely no blame could be attached to the Galileans who had accepted Christ and given Him refuge, and whom we have already recognized as containing many of Benjamin.

God, alone, could annul the penal code of the covenant which, failing such annulment, must now surely operate. The prophet tells us that God, in His infinite love and

mercy, accomplished this at a cost far beyond the power of mortal minds to measure. In the sacrificial death of His only begotten Son, Who gave His life freely - 'a ransom for many' - and paid the price of sin, He redeemed His people from the curse of the law (Gal. 3:13) - typified by the prophet in the breaking of his staff, Beauty. The whole subject is transcendental and entirely beyond our human comprehension, but the picture portrayed in this parable foretells future events and confirms the tenets of the Christian religion in a striking manner.

The Broken Brotherhood

There can be no possible doubt as to the meaning of the second part of Zechariah's parable and prophecy, viz.: the breaking of Bands. God's purpose in joining Benjamin with Judah was now nearing fruition, and the 'kingdom' remaining to Judah - which we have already seen to be confined to a portion of the tribe of Benjamin - was taken away (Matt. 21:43); thus, the prophet breaks his second staff, viz.: Bands, this time signifying the breaking of the brotherhood between Israel and Judah, i.e., the severance of the tie which Benjamin had so long provided. It is important to note that the staff Bands was broken after the staff Beauty, signifying that the release of Benjamin could not take place until after the departure of the

Messiah.

Are we then being informed that Benjamin would dissociate himself from Judah? Most surely this must be so. The time for Benjamin to bear witness to the Light in Palestine was fast coming to an end, for the city of Jerusalem was soon to be razed to the ground and the Jews scattered. Benjamin's mission of providing sanctuary for the now risen Lord was ended; he had now been given the mission of carrying the Gospel of Salvation to the twelve tribes scattered abroad (Matt. 10:5-6; James 1:1), so that it might, through them, reach all nations (Matt. 28:19).

On the subject of the fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy as to the severance of the bond between Benjamin and Judah, we recall our Lord's injunction to His adherents to 'flee to the mountains' when the invading armies approached Jerusalem. They were to flee in haste, not waiting to take anything with them (Luke 21:20-21; Matt. 24:15-18). We find similar directions given to Benjamin centuries before, by Jeremiah (Jer. 6:1).

There is every reason to believe that Christ's followers would remember and obey this command, and we have secular evidence in support of this. Eusebius writes:

'But the members of the Church in Jerusalem, having been commanded before the war in accordance with a certain oracle

given by revelation to the men of repute there, to depart from Jerusalem and to inhabit a certain city of Perea called Pella, all the believers in Christ in Jerusalem went thither, and now when the Saints had abandoned both the royal metropolis itself and the whole land of Judea, the vengeance of God finally overtook the leaders and persecutors of Christ and the Apostles.'

Josephus also records that at the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem 40,000 were allowed to escape.

In conclusion, we may summarize:

1. The 'kingdom' tribe of Benjamin was attached by God to the 'sceptre' tribe of Judah, in order that a tie between Judah and the remaining tribes of Jacob might be preserved until the sacrifice of Israel's Redeemer had been made.

2. Benjamin, acknowledging the Messiah, provided a safe refuge for His Person during the vital period of His Ministry.

3. Always faithful, Benjamin accepted the appointed mission as 'lightbearer' and, in accordance with the parable of Beauty and Bands, broke away from Jewry to carry the Gospel Message to the 'tribes scattered abroad', in the light of the example provided by the greatest of all Benjamites - Paul.

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Remove NOT!

*Remove not the ancient landmarks,
which thy fathers have set.*

Prov. 22:28.

From the Picts to the Kelties we follow our race,
From the Saxons, the Angles, our lineage trace,
From marks in the sand, new oceans first wet,
Remove not the landmarks our fathers have set!

From the garden of Adam's original sin,
And the ark of Noah where few entered in.
Where the camp of the Hebrews and Pyramids met
Exist ancient landmarks our fathers have set !

From standing stone to castle mount raise
Symbols of progress from long ago days,
The tribes with their crests they carry as yet
Nor remove they the landmarks their fathers have set.

From the annals of history, proud halls of fame,
From emblems and mascots in heraldry's name,
From the antique value, the cost and the debt,
Remove not the landmarks our fathers have set!

So our flag with its corner so aptly embossed
With St. George, St Andrew, St Patrick encrossed,
Are the blood-marks, the scars of our National fret,
Remove NOT the landmarks our fathers have set!

Shirley Rowe,
Crows Nest, Qld.

A Prayer

O Heavenly Father, we pray for our families and our nation. Take away, we beseech Thee, the spirit of animosity and apathy and cause Thy Holy Spirit to spread among us a new way of life which gives Thee all Honour and Glory.

Bless our homes and those whom we love and keep them safe. Use our homes, O Lord, that those who enter may experience, in some small measure, a foretaste of Thy Kingdom to come. Bless our homes, O Father, that we might in all we do, be a living witness to Thee.

O Lord, give light to Thy people whom Thou has redeemed and may they live and move and have their being only in Thee.

We ask all this in the Precious Name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour.

Amen

