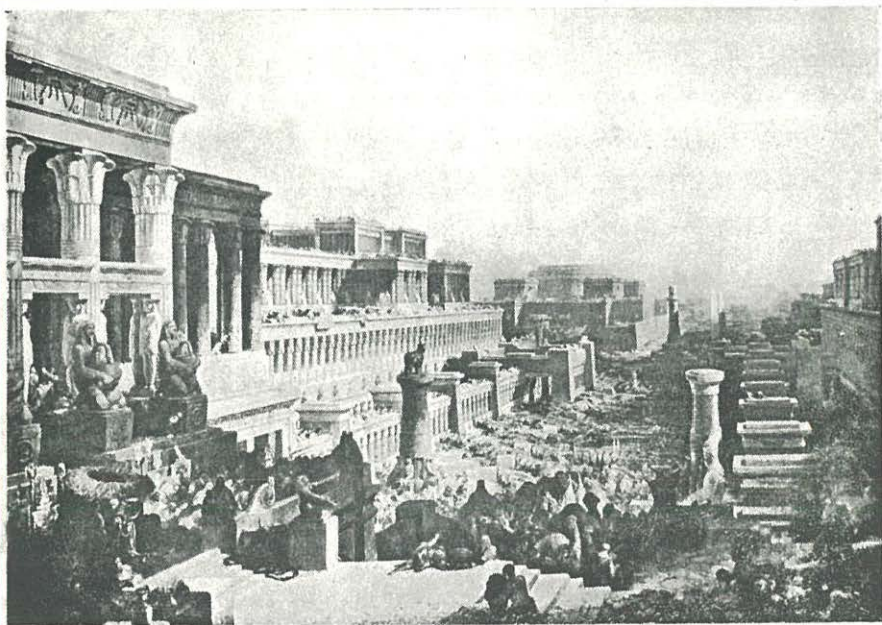


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The Departure of the Israelites



Depicted in this painting by David Roberts is the destruction of Egypt and the exodus of the people of Israel.

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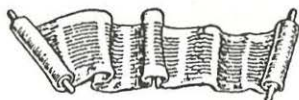
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Point of View

Editorial



In this the last issue for 1996, I would like to make a few comments about science. It is true that knowledge has increased, but how much of this is false knowledge. In I Tim. 6:20 we have a reference to *"science falsely so called"* or more correctly *"knowledge."* The other time the word *"science"* is used is in Daniel 1:4 where it refers to *"certain children in Israel" who were "Skilful in all wisdom, and cunning (gifted) in knowledge and understanding science."* Smith and Goodspeed say it this way: *"Skilled in all branches of learning, equipped with knowledge, and endowed with intelligence."*

A recent "Quantum" programme illustrated the direction that science and knowledge are heading today. The title given to this particular session was, *"I Compute, Therefore I Am."* Whilst interesting, the programme talked about how scientists are trying to put into computers the concept of consciousness. Apparently there have been for some years attempts to put into machines human qualities, not just the five senses but those qualities that

make you and me different to anyone else on earth.

The sacred Hebrew phrase *"I am that I am"* has been degenerated to a level in the mind of people, that *"I am"* is now to be expressed in terms of what is made in the laboratory. The ramification of adopting this philosophy is one of the final signs of man's demise in terms of achieving a Kingdom of Righteousness on earth. The more men and women try to achieve an Edenic existence, the more they unknowingly show the futility of such high hopes.

We hear so often how science will save the day. It is true that many advances have been made, especially in the medical fields. Where years ago our ancestors did things without any real understanding, relying on remedies handed down through family or friends or their own experiences. They did not understand in a scientific way as we do today. This was recently proven to me when I read a book entitled, *"Your Body's Many Cries for Water."* This book explained why we must drink at least 2 litres of water per day. Much of the information in this book is based on commonsense. Yet for the first time the medical explanation showed why. It is good to know why, and this can only come about with knowledge. If we recognise the source of this knowledge and power then God will bless us with the blessings that come as

a result of obedience to His many natural laws.

With all this knowledge humanity thinks it can pull the strings. For many, all this knowledge is to put mankind in the position of God, where man is to become a God and eventually be worshipped. The God in the Heavens is to be dethroned, if not from His heavenly position at least from the minds of mankind. Karl Marx made this boast that he would dethrone God from His position of authority.

One of the side-effects of all this knowledge is the speed of life. We all say just how fast the years seem to go. Is it because science can give us what we want in an instant? Machines can fax notes around the world in a flash, fast food is microwaved in a few seconds, news is instant as shown by a newflash and there are many more examples of what we have learnt to expect. If we don't get it now, it is too late.

On a number of occasions certain people have expressed the view that scientific discovery is racing way ahead of legislation in parliament. The implication of many of these "advances" is entering into the area of ethical and moral dilemma. The question could be asked: Did those who lived during Noah's time also confront such ethical dilemmas? We are told, "Every imagination of the thoughts of their heart was only evil continually." Please do not get me wrong, I am not suggesting that every scientist is evil. They are spe-

cialists in their field, many may not see the whole picture or foresee future dilemmas arising from their research, but this does not make them evil.

We have been told that the events in the last days will be shortened or condensed for the elect's sake. It therefore should be no surprise to see world events rushing to a close. The ongoing restructuring of society on a world scale is a sign that should be taken seriously by the elect of God. We should not express any concern, for the global plan will not only vanish like the morning dew, but those who desire through science to dethrone the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob will be brought low. Just as when Khrushchev cried when he saw "A Man Called Peter," so will many weep and gnash their teeth when they experience the equitable justice of God.

From the observations of the electron microscope to the wonders of what we can see with the Hubble Telescope, for those who have eyes to see there is evidence of the hand-print of a Creative Designer. As we conclude another year may we all seek truth and not be caught up in the selfish desires of a fallen Adamic race. With an open mind that is receptive to new ideas and knowledge may we find time to discover the evidence of a God who still holds the balance of justice and equity. Put not our trust in any mortal, they are only clay like ourselves. May 1997 be a year of contentment and assurance that the God of Israel still holds the hands of time.

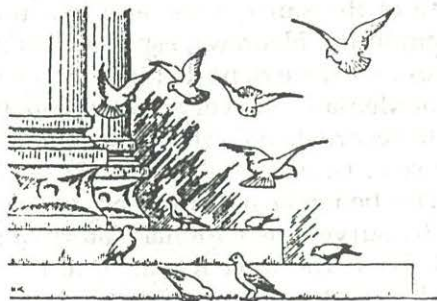


What was the value of the widow's mite?

Strictly speaking, we should refer to the widow's mites, instead of mite, because according to the Bible story she cast two mites into the treasury. Luke 21:1-4 says: *"And he looked up, and saw the rich men casting their gifts into the treasury. And he saw also a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, that this poor widow hath cast in more than they all: for all these have of their abundance cast in unto the offerings of God: but she of her penury hath cast in all the living that she had."* Mark 12:41-44 relates the same incident as follows: *"And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called {unto him} his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they who have cast into the treasury: for all they did cast in of their abundance, but she of her want did cast in all that she had, {even} all her living"*

The value of ancient coins cannot be given exactly in terms of modern money. It is supposed that the Greek lepton which is rendered mite in English translations of the New Testament, was the lowest valued coin used at that time. Foreign coins were forbidden as Temple offerings, it is assumed that the money dropped into the box by the widow consisted of the smallest Maccabean coins, which bore Hebrew symbols and inscriptions. Mite, it seems,

was never the name of a specific coin in England. The original mite (Dutch "mite") was a Flemish copper coin of very small value, being worth, according to some early Flemish writers, only one-third of a penning. It is improbable, says the Oxford Dictionary, that mite was ever in English mercantile use, although in books of commercial arithmetic during the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries it appears as the lowest denomination of English money of account, generally one twenty-fourth of a penny. Mite was used rather as a general name for the smallest current unit of money, in the same manner that the French use "sou" and Americans use "mill." The popular belief that a mite is half a farthing is based entirely on the use of these words in translations of Mark 12:42, quoted above. In this particular instance "farthing" is used to translate the Greek "kodrantes," which was a Roman coin believed to be worth about threetenths of a cent.



G. Stimpson



The Anglo-Saxon People

(Part 1 of 2)

L. Hollins

The following article is taken from a book entitled, "Only One Road," by the Hon. L.H. Hollins. During the 1940's he was Minister for Public Instruction and Minister for Labour in Victoria. He was also author of the book "Democracy at the Crossroads." In future issues of "Look Up" further extracts of "Only One Road" will be printed. This book is one of many examples that show a number of prominent people in the past had an understanding of the Identity Teaching.

Tracing the racial origins of any people is a difficult task at best. It becomes doubly difficult, however, when there is reason to believe, as in the case of the Anglo-Saxons, that somewhere in the distant past, God had punished that people for a long period of time by scattering them among the nations of the earth in such a way that they would lose their identity. Fortunately for those who would trace the migrations of the Anglo-Saxons through Europe, there is now a great mass of evidence to support the claim that all the peoples who came into the British Isles, centuries BC and AD were of the same stock, and had their origin in the Hebrews, especially in the tribes that were deported into the vicinity of Media — the very place where the Bible record leaves the multitudinous House of Israel.

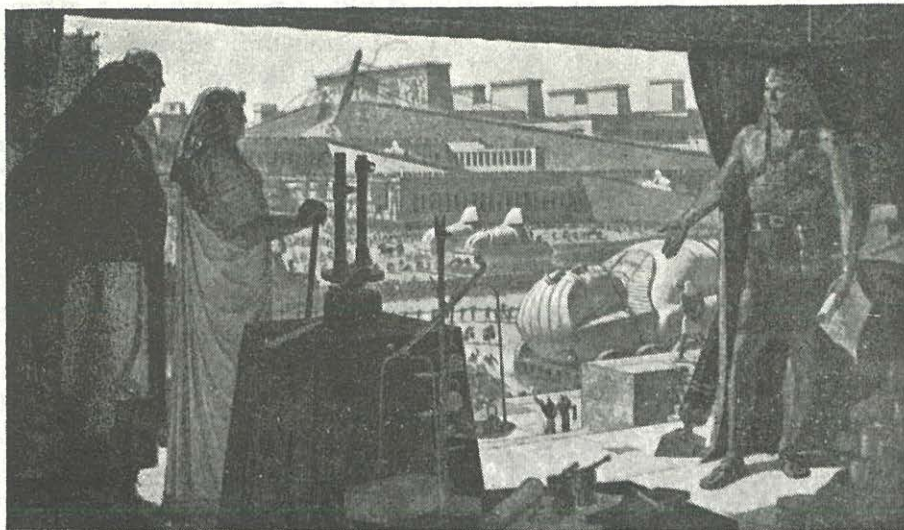
This being so, it is necessary for us to briefly survey the national history of Israel, from where we left them in Egypt until their final dispersion to Media. Now it is generally agreed that Jacob and his family came into Egypt in the year

1701 BC, and that the Israelites remained in that country until 1486 BC — a period of two hundred and fifteen years.¹ During this time the blessing of fruitfulness so increased their numbers that we read:

"The children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them." (Ex. 1:7)

Fear of this growing might caused the Egyptians to sorely afflict the Israelites with a view to reducing their numbers, *"But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and grew."* (Ex. 1:12.)

So bitter, indeed, were their lives "with hard bondage" that the people of Israel prayed that God would deliver them out of the hands of their oppressors. When God heard their cry and selected Moses to lead them out of Egypt, Pharaoh the king, refused to let them go. Despite repeated demands, and afflictions imposed by God, the Egyptians remained adamant. Finally, Pharaoh did let them go, and Moses, under Divine guidance, began the difficult task of leading his people out of bondage. On the first



"And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour"

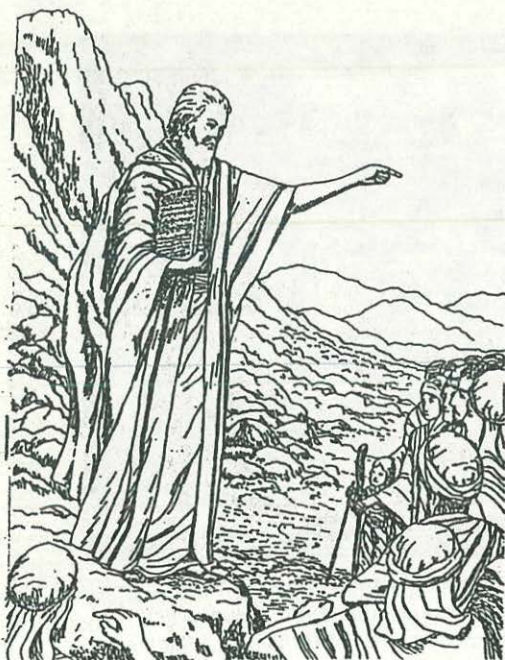
The vivid first chapter of Exodus, describes the dramatic situation in Egypt when the "children of Israel" were required to build the treasure cities of Pithom and Raamses, but the more they were burdened the more they multiplied.

stage of this perilous journey, Israel was led up to the shores of the Red Sea where a great miracle happened. Pursued as they were by Pharaoh and "all his host," the position seemed hopeless until God said to Moses: "Lift ... up thy rod ... over the sea, and divide it." (Ex. 14:16). "And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord caused the sea to go {back} by a strong east wind all that night, and made the sea dry {land}, and the waters were divided. And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry {ground}; and the waters {were} a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left." (Ex. 14:21-22.)

Not only did God deliver His people on that day, but He wreaked terrible vengeance upon their enemies. Indeed, "all the host of Pharaoh that came into

the sea after them" was overwhelmed when God caused the waters to return. With the Red Sea safely behind them, the "chosen race" began their forty years of training in nationhood. Cut off as they were in the wilderness, they received instruction in every phase of national life. In addition, they were given a superlative code of laws to govern their future conduct in the social, political and economic realm. At the same time God, through Moses, entered into a conditional covenant with Israel. After concluding this unique training, and following the death of Moses, Israel was led into Canaan (portion of the promised land) by Joshua.

Now contrary to a widely-held belief, the conditional or Mosaic Covenant



*Moses giving the Law of God to Israel.
This Law, nor the keeping of it, did not
annul the Abrahamic Covenant.*

mentioned above does not in any way annul the Abrahamic Covenant which was unconditional and everlasting. The Mosaic Covenant, on the other hand, was conditional and temporary, and was dependent on the children of Israel obeying the code of laws given to them at Sinai. It was a contract made between two parties — God and the people of Israel. If they obeyed His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments, God would confer on them many blessings. If they disobeyed, He would punish them. Should they become a sinful people, and fail to respond to chastisements of increasing severity, God would punish them for a

period of "seven times," (2,520 years - Ed). After indicating the blessings, and outlining the possible punishments, God said:

"If ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto Me, then I will walk contrary unto you also in fury; and I, even I, will chastise you seven times for your sins ... I will scatter you among the heathen, and will draw out a sword after you; and your land shall be desolate, and your cities waste." (Lev. 26:27-33).

That God did not intend the Mosaic Covenant to abrogate the Covenant made with Israel's ancestors, is made clear as we conclude the narrative from which the above extract is taken. God said:

"And yet for all that, when they are in the land of their enemies, I will not cast them away, neither will I abhor them, to destroy them utterly, and to break my covenant with them; for I {am} the Lord their God. But I will for their sakes remember the covenant of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt in the sight of the heathen, that I might be their God: I {am} the Lord." (Lev. 26:44-45.)

Again, St Paul the Apostle, writing to the Galatians, about 60 AD, gives proof, if proof be necessary, that Christ's coming did not in any way nullify the Abrahamic Covenant. Paul wrote:

"And this I say, {that} the covenant that was confirmed before of God in Christ, the law, which was four hundred and thirty years after, cannot disannul, that it should make the promise of no effect. For if the inheritance {be} of the law, {it is} no more of promise, but God gave {it} to Abraham by prom-

ise." (Gal. 3:17-18.)

Beyond any doubt the Abrahamic Covenant is unconditional and everlasting. Obviously, therefore, we cannot help but find, somewhere in the world, God's "chosen race" under another name. But to return to Israel in the promised land. After crossing over Jordan, the history of the Israelites is one of varied success. So long as they were obedient to their Divine Ruler, they triumphed over their enemies, and prospered exceedingly. As the centuries rolled by, however, there was an increasing tendency to compromise. At first, this took the form of incomplete obedience to instructions, and then, contact with the people round about them led to idolatry and other abominations. Just on four hundred years after Israel left Egypt, the people grew tired of theocratic Government, and asked for a king like other nations. Finding that the people were unmoved by warnings of calamity, God, through His prophet Samuel, selected Saul to reign over them.

As predicted, Saul proved a failure, and David, "a man after God's own heart," was chosen. On the death of Saul, David was anointed king, first over the tribe of Judah only, and then seven years later over the United Kingdom, or twelve tribes of Israel. It was during the reign of this wise and good king that Israel rose to their greatest heights. And moreover, it was at this time that God made an everlasting covenant with David concerning his kingdom and Royal House. He said:

"I will appoint a place for My people, Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell

in a place of their own, and move no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime ... And thine house and thy kingdom shall be established forever before thee; thy throne shall be established forever." (II Sam. 7:10, 16. See also Jer. 33:20-21.)

David ruled over the United Kingdom for thirty-three years, and his son, Solomon, for forty. At Solomon's death his son, Rehoboam, succeeded to the throne. Then came dissension. Because this unwise young king attempted to increase the grievous burdens which had been imposed by Solomon, his father, ten tribes rebelled, and caused a division of the kingdom. Following the rebellion, these ten tribes set up a separate and distinct kingdom — the Northern Kingdom, or House of Israel. They made Jeroboam of the tribe of Ephraim king, and later established their capital at Samaria. The remaining tribes, Judah and Benjamin with certain of the Levites, set up the Southern Kingdom, or House of Judah. Rehoboam, was retained as king, as was also Jerusalem for their capital. This division took place in the year 975 BC, and the Bible, from this time forward, never fails to make a clear distinction between the two Houses — Israel and Judah.

Dividing the kingdom seemed, if anything, to hasten the downfall of the Israelitish people. Under the rule of Jeroboam, the House of Israel immediately lapsed into idolatry, while under Rehoboam, the apostasy of the House of Judah was equally rapid. As the years went by, the "chosen race" drifted further and further away from God. Indeed,

they became an extremely sinful people, whose practice of every abomination finally forced God to impose the long-threatened penalty of banishment for "seven times."

Now although the deportations of the children of Israel began two hundred and thirty-four years after the above division took place, Israel and Judah were taken into captivity at periods, differing in point of time by many decades, and by quite different Empires. The House of Israel was the first to suffer when the king of Assyria struck, in 741 BC. Of the first invasion, we read:

"The God of Israel stirred up ... the spirit of Tiglath-Pileser, king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Halah, and Habor, and Hara, and to the river Gozan ..." (I Chron. 5:26).

Further accounts of this partial deportation are found in II Kings 15:29, and in the Assyrian writings of the period. For example, in Tiglath-Pileser's account of his invasion of Israel we can still discern the following fragmentary lines:

"The land of Bit-Humria ... all of its people, together with their goods I carried off to Assyria." (D. D. Luckenbill, *Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia* [1926] p. 292).

Seventeen years after the first invasion the Assyrians, under king Shalmaneser, struck again, and brought to an end the kingdom of the House of Israel, exactly as Hosea had prophesied some fifty years before. The first account of this calamitous event reads:

"Then the king of Assyria came up

throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, and placed them in Halah and in Habor {by} the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes." (II Kings 17:5-6. See also II Kings 18:9-11).

During the third year of this siege, Shalmaneser died, and Sargon, his chief captain, ascended the throne of Assyria. After bringing the campaign to a successful conclusion, in 741 BC, Sargon, in the Assyrian Monuments, wrote:

"In the beginning of my reign the city of Samaria I besieged, I captured ... 27,290 of its inhabitants I carried away."

The importance of this second invasion is found, not so much in the number of captives here indicated (they were from the City of Samaria only), but in the fact that "the kingdom of the House of Israel" was brought to a complete end. Then we have Sargon's son Sennacherib who attacked the southern kingdom of Judah during Hezekiah's reign. Sennacherib swept through Judah conquering 46 cities, but never took Jerusalem. So as well as all of the northern ten tribed House of Israel a large proportion of the House of Judah was also taken captive into Assyria. In 676 BC, the next king of Assyria, Esar-Haddon, was responsible for a fourth invasion of Palestine. On this occasion Assyria did not annex territory, or carry away any great number of prisoners. In this case the Bible record is meagre. It reads:

"Wherefore, the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria,



The Assyrians carry away all of the Northern ten tribes of Israel and most of the Southern House of Judah

who took Manasseh (king of Judah) among the thorns (in chains), and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon." (II Chron. 33:11).

Thus was prophecy fulfilled. "Within threescore and five years," said Isaiah, "shall Ephraim be broken, that it be not a people." (Isa. 7:8). In this exact period of time the whole House of Israel was carried away captive by the Assyrians, and placed "in Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes."

Unquestionably, the whole House of Israel was carried away to Assyria, and "there was none left but the tribe of Judah (House of Judah) only." (II Kings 17:18). Israel did not return from this captivity and their history, so far as the Bible is concerned, terminates in Media, ie., northern Assyria. To be more precise, the Bible story leaves the House of Israel as far

north as the shores of the Caspian Sea. This is the region in which we now find the Persian province of Azerbaijan, together with the district farther east where the Persian city of Tehran now stands. Although the Bible record ends here, the Apocrypha takes it a long step further. Indeed, it gives an account of a journey, lasting eighteen months, which took Israel out of Asia into Europe. It reads:

"These are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea (Hoshea) the king, whom Shalmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took counsel among themselves that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, that they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river. For the Most High then showed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth. Then dwelt they there until the latter time ..." (II Esdras 13:40-46).

Significantly enough Herodotus, the so-called father of history, records a migration of Scythian peoples from Asia into Europe, along what may have been the same route, and at the very time (about 650 BC) that the Lost Tribes of Israel made this great trek to the land of Arsareth, ie., the Ukraine of today. Furthermore, this epic journey assumes even greater importance if we remember that a large proportion of the House of Judah

was still in Palestine. Some fifty years had yet to elapse before they too suffered banishment at the hands of the Babylonian king. Like the House of Israel, Judah was carried away in successive waves. In the years 606-604 BC, Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, struck. He despoiled the temple and carried Jehoiakim, the king, into captivity. (See II Kings 24: 1; also II Chron. 36:6-7.) Five years later, in 599 BC, the same Babylonian king carried out a second invasion. This time also he looted the temple, and carried the young king, Jehoiachin, the princes and other leaders to Babylon. (See II Kings 24:11-16; also II Chron. 36:10.) Nebuchadnezzar, invaded for the third time when Zedekiah king of Judah, rebelled. After a siege Jerusalem was captured, the walls broken

down and the temple utterly destroyed. As a judgment, Zedekiah had his eyes put out, after being forced to witness the slaughter of his sons. The blind king and his retainers, together with a great host of his subjects, were carried off to Babylon. (See II Kings 25:1-11; also II Chron. 36:17-20.) Providentially, the king's daughters with the prophet Jeremiah were left behind with a small remnant, most of whom were poor and indigent persons. In this manner was the House of Judah brought to a complete, even if temporary, end.

To be continued

Editor's Note:

¹ When evidence from ancient records and the Bible are correlated the Israelites were in Egypt from 1853 to 1453 BC.

Hymn of the Month



*All as God wills, who wisely heeds
To give or to with-hold,
And knoweth more of all my needs
Than all my prayers have told!*

*Enough that blessings undeserved
Have marked my erring track;
That wheresoe'er my feet have swerved
His chastening turned me back.*

*That more and more a Providence
Of Love is understood,
Making the springs of time and sense
Sweet with eternal good;*

*That death seems but a covered way
Which opens into light,*

*Wherein no blinded child can stray
Beyond the Father's sight.*

*That care and trial seem at last,
Through memory's sunset air,
Like mountain ranges overpast,
In purple distance fair;*

*That all the jarring notes of life
Seem blending in a psalm,
And all the angles of its strife
Slow rounding into calm.*

*And so the shadows fall apart,
And so the west winds play;
And all the windows of my heart
I open to the day.*



J. G. Whittier (1807-1892)

THE UNEXPECTED

W. Matthews

How unexpected sometimes are the joys and thrills of life! To all sense of logic and common sense we expect certain things to happen in certain orthodox ways — and then the unexpected happens!

Absolutely different from anything we had expected. Was this not the case when our Lord was born? To begin with, the "unexpected" happened to Joseph who was engaged to Mary. She had been overshadowed by the Holy Spirit and when he heard that she was with child, he *"not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily (privately), But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary, thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus; for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Immanuel, which being interpreted is God with us"* (Matt. 1:19-23).

In the normal course of things a Royal birth is expected and prepared for with great ceremony and everyone waiting anx-



iously. Someone in authority is in the palace to confirm the Royal birth. Every care is taken — the best doctors are at hand and the Press ready to report! But the Royal birth of the King of kings did not follow that procedure. It is true that His birth had been foretold centuries before, but those who were expecting Him expected Him to be born in the circumstances of a Royal Prince! What then were the circumstances? His parents were about their usual tasks, and at the time, a decree had gone forth from Caesar Augustus that all the world (meaning the "sphere of Roman rule") should be taxed. This necessitated a journey to Bethlehem, the city of David in Judaea, because everyone had to go to their own city and Joseph and Mary were of the House and lineage of David. No special preparations were made and only Mary knew the "secret" which was in her heart.

It was extraordinary that the little town of Bethlehem should be the Royal birth-place! Although it had been told centuries before that out of this little town of Bethlehem, which, as the prophet Micah tells us, "*{Though} thou be little among the thousands of Judah, {yet} out of thee shall come forth unto me {that is} to be ruler in Israel, whose goings forth {have been} from of old, from everlasting"*

(Mic. 5:2), it was unexpected. Bethlehem became famous overnight. We are told (Luke 2) that after the long journey from Nazareth, there was no room for them at the inn and when the unexpected happened, Mary was obliged to wrap her precious Burden in swaddling clothes and lay Him in a manger! Most unexpected! Then it was fantastic and surely unexpected, that only a handful of shepherds had the joy and thrill of being told of God's Wonderful Gift to mankind. Then the shepherds themselves had an unexpected announcement made to them. Instead of hearing the angels tell them that the Babe would be found in a Royal palace, they were unexpectedly given a "sign" — *"Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger. And suddenly,"* as the announcement was made, *"there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men"* (Luke 2:12-14). It was not surprising, therefore, that the shepherds were in haste and *"Said to one another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us"* (v 15). They had been quietly looking after their sheep when the unexpected happened! It was like "a bolt from the blue." In one short space of time their whole life and outlook had been changed. Unexpected! Absolutely fantastic! Was it any wonder then, that the *"Shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them"* (v 20).

Then we have an account in St. Matthew's gospel (chapter 2) of the unexpected

appearance of a star which had been seen by some wise men. The wise men saw a star in the East which signified that the long awaited king of Israel was born. They naturally went to Jerusalem the capital city to seek out this very important royal baby. Therefore, they enquired at the palace of Herod, the most obvious place for a King to be born! But it was not so and unexpectedly they were told to go to Bethlehem out of where, to the question put by Herod to the Scribes and Chief Priests as to where Christ would be born, it had been written by the prophets, that a Governor should come Who would rule God's people Israel. This unexpected news troubled Herod and he feigned an interest in the birth of this Royal Child and requested that they go and search diligently for Him and bring back word of His whereabouts that he, too, might be able to go and worship Him. This was not an out of the way request and the wise men promised, but the unexpected happened. They were warned by God of Herod's deceit and in the dream were told not to go back to Herod, but to return another way.

Then, to the young mother and her husband the unexpected again happened. No doubt they had planned to go back to Nazareth just as soon as circumstances permitted. But, *"the angel of the Lord appeareth to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise, and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I bring thee word; for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him"* (Matt. 2:13). And so, instead of returning to their home in Nazareth, they journeyed into Egypt and stayed there until the

death of Herod. How God overrules our carefully laid plans! In our Lord's case it was for his safety, and so the words of the prophet were fulfilled, saying, *"Out of Egypt have I called my son"* (Matt. 2:15).

We see how God overruled plans by the "unexpected." This was not the end of the matter. Our Lord did not remain on earth and, quite "unexpectedly" (to

the disciples) was taken up into heaven. But we have the promise of His Return to this earth to take command. We are not told the "hour" of His Return, but we are given certain "signs" to warn us that the time is now approaching and we are told to "watch and pray." Let us, therefore, not be taken unawares when the "unexpected" happens!

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Espousals

"Mary was espoused to Joseph." (Matt. 1:18)

Espousal among the Hebrews was something more than what a mere marriage engagement is with us. It was considered the beginning of marriage, was as legally binding as marriage itself, and could not be broken off save by a bill of divorce. Hence we find that Joseph is called the "husband" of Mary, (verse 19). The betrothal was usually determined by the parents or brothers of the parties, and the engagement was made between a friend or legal representative of the bridegroom and the father of the bride. The espousals were made very early in life, though marriage did not take place before the bride was twelve years old. Even when the age was suitable, the marriage was not consummated for some time after the betrothal, (See Judges 14:8). At least a year, or sometimes more, elapsed between the betrothal and the marriage of a maiden. In case of a widow marriage might take place thirty days after espousal. The betrothal was usually accompanied by a feast in the house of the bride.

The engagement, to be binding, must be either by written contract, or by the reception of presents by the bride from the bridegroom. When Abraham's servant received the consent of Rebekah's father and brother to make her the wife of his master's son, he presented to the maiden valuable gifts (See Gen. 24:53). The reception of these made the contract binding. The bride remained at her father's house until the time of marriage, when the bridegroom came after her. This custom is referred to in Deut 20:7. Meanwhile communication between her and the bridegroom was kept up by means of the "friend of the bridegroom."

J. M. Freeman



Glastonbury Abbey

Selected

Glastonbury Abbey occupies what is believed to be the site of the first Christian Church building in the world. The original church was built of wattles, and its size was probably the same as the Tabernacle in the Wilderness.

Eusebius (AD 260-340), Bishop of Caesarea and the Father of Church History after the sacred Canon closed, says: *"The Apostles passed beyond the Ocean to the Isles called the Britannic Isles."*

Gildas, the British historian (AD 516-570) says: *"Meanwhile, these islands received the beams of light that is, the Holy precepts of Christ, the true Sun — at the latter part, as we know, of the reign of Tiberius Caesar."* He says, "As we know," seems to refer to a generally accepted knowledge. This date would be at the latest AD 37, some four years after the Crucifixion. This fits in with the decision of the Councils of Basle, Pisa and Constance that the British Bishops took precedence of the French and Spanish because Our Church was founded immediately after the Passion of Christ.

There is an ancient manuscript in the Vatican which states that St Joseph, Lazarus, Mary and Martha, and others were put into a boat off the Levant and landed at Marseilles in AD 35.

Cressy, the Benedictine Monk and historian, tells us that St Joseph of Arimathea died at Glastonbury on July 27th, AD 82, and on his tombstone was

written, in Latin, *"After I had buried the Christ, I came to the Isles of the West; I taught; I entered into my rest."*

Another point about the British Church, it was one throughout the Kingdom — no schisms, no divisions, throughout its history, till Augustine came to England about AD 597.

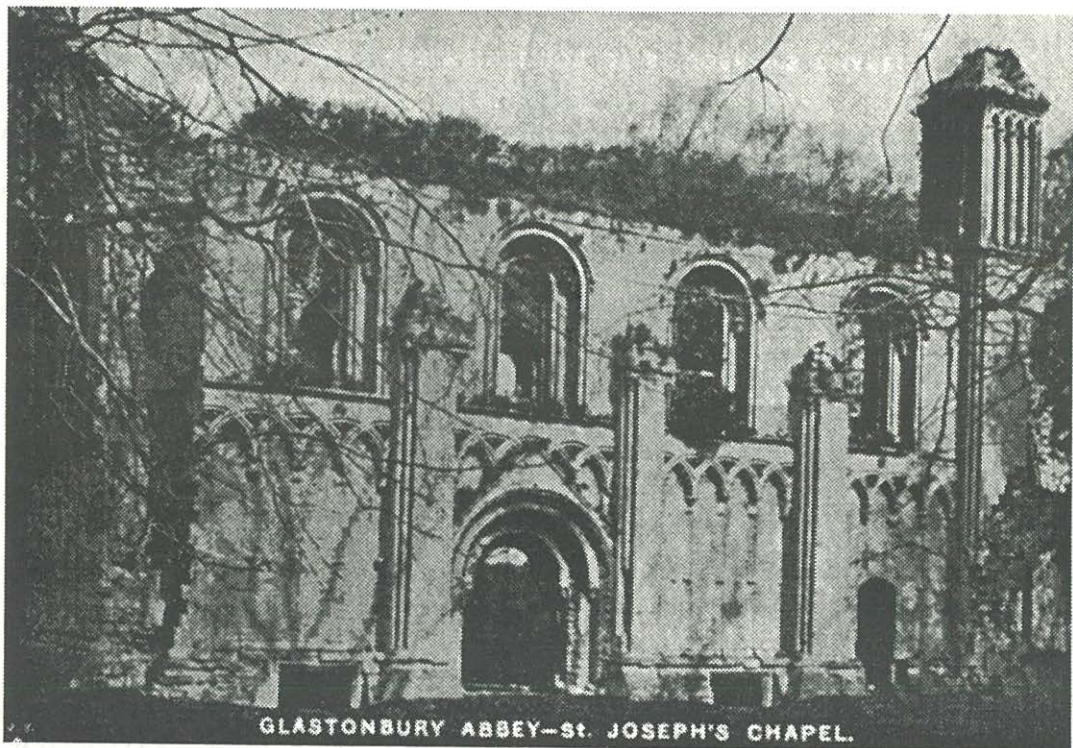
Aristobulus, the fellow worker of St Paul, was associated with Glastonbury; there is testimony from the Eastern Church that Aristobulus was the first Bishop of the Britons, and that Paul chose him as such.

Paul appointed Aristobulus (Rom. 16:10) one of the 70 disciples, father-in-law of St Peter, as first Bishop of Britain.

He also made Linus first Bishop of Rome; Linus was the son of Caractacus, the British King, who was taken prisoner to Rome. And it must have been Linus and Gladys (who changed her name to Claudia on being adopted by Claudius the Emperor) who founded the Church in Rome, as we know that neither St Peter nor St Paul did so.

When Paul went to Rome as a prisoner he found Linus and Claudia there, both of them Christians from Britain, where they had been converted by Joseph of Arimathea. Hence the British Church is older than the Church in Rome.

It is interesting to observe that Pudens, Linus and Claudia are mentioned by Paul in his Second Epistle to



GLASTONBURY ABBEY—ST. JOSEPH'S CHAPEL.

Timothy (4:21), which Epistle the Apostle wrote when he was himself a prisoner in Rome and a friend of these British Christians.

Tradition has it that Paul came to Britain, as well as Barnabas, Simon Zelotes, Aristobulus, Joseph of Arimathea, and that these last two died at Glastonbury.

Perhaps the most wonderful tradition of all is that our Lord actually came as a boy, accompanying Joseph of Arimathea on one of his expeditions to seek metal, he being a rich merchant in metals, the tin and copper mines in Cornwall then being the richest in the world; Joseph of Arimathea being the Uncle of the Virgin Mary.

Obviously, William Blake had heard this tradition, and immortalised it in his,

Jerusalem

*"And did those feet in ancient time,
Wall upon England's mountains green?
And was the Holy lamb of God
In England's pleasant pastures seen?
And did the Countenance Divine
Shine forth upon our clouded hills?
And was Jerusalem builded here
Among those dark Satanic Mills?
Bring me my bow of burning gold!
Bring me my arrows of desire!
Bring me my spear! O clouds, unfold!
Bring me my chariot of Fire!
I will not cease from mental fight!
Nor shall my sword sleep in my hand
Till I have built Jerusalem
In England's green and pleasant land."*



Health – THE IMPORTANCE OF OXYGEN

(Part 2 of 2)

R. Gibbons

Oxygen (O₂)

Our subject is the single most important substance for living. If in doubt, try existing without it for more than three minutes.

Oxygen is a colourless, odourless, tasteless element in its free state as gas in the atmosphere, of which it forms one fifth by volume. Half the weight of all the rocks in the earth's crust and eight-ninths of the weight of the water, rivers, lakes and oceans are made of oxygen in combination with other elements. About two-thirds of your body weight is oxygen.

Oxidation

Oxygen has the capacity of being able to combine with nearly all other elements either slowly or rapidly. Rapid combining with paper produces light and heat and is called combustion. Slow combining with iron is called rusting.

Nutrition of our bodies requires this most important of all ingredients, oxygen, because it is essential for a form of controlled combustion within the body, the metabolism of our food. Food substances when combined with oxygen in our body releases stored chemical energy producing heat and energy necessary for life and health. Just as your car engine needs a balanced supply of both fuel and

air to run properly, so also we need a suitable balance of food and oxygen for good health.

Most of us don't consume sufficient oxygen in our normal daily living, consequently we may resemble a car spluttering along with a very sick sound because the mixture is too rich or the choke is fully out.

Acid Imbalance

Lack of oxygen produces very dire consequences. An acid condition, caused by the accumulation of acid products, occurs in poorly oxygenated cells. No nutrient — whether it is protein, fat, vitamin or mineral, fulfils its function in its original form as food. Oxygenation is necessary to make use of the food. Some foods require more oxygen than others to be processed properly. Fats, red meats, soft drinks and caffeine are notorious for causing body acidity.

Each tiny, living cell of all those billions that together comprise your body, requires a large amount of oxygen to live and work for you. When they are deprived of sufficient oxygen, lactic acid accumulates and the cellular environment becomes acidic. This reduces available oxygen for the primary function of metabolism because more oxygen is required to neutralise the acid.

Through this inadequate supply of

oxygen, food and nutrients are not absorbed properly, thus causing further toxic acids to lodge in the body at weakened areas, which areas become sites for pain. Also because oxidation is poor there is a distinct lack of energy. Food cannot give you energy without oxygen. In fact we can say all the best food in the world is useless, completely useless without oxygen.

Common yeast infections (*Candida albicans*) occur frequently in an oxygen-poor body. Because of the low oxygen environment, the *Candida albicans* generates a substance causing cellular damage. This disrupts intestinal absorptive processes and impairs the function of lymphocytes and red blood cells, thus reducing immune defence.

Frequent use of drugs depletes cellular oxygen, because it is required to metabolise most of these toxic chemicals.

Indoor environments often become oxygen depleted as a result of air pollution and insufficient ventilation.

Cells become cancerous lose their ability to utilise oxygen because they have been oxygen-starved so long they have adapted themselves to an anaerobic metabolism. This is the final stage of degeneration caused by a low oxygen life-style.

Dehydration among the elderly is a frequent and serious problem. Simple is the solution! Grandma and grandpa should drink more water, because, apart from being a nutrition carrier and toxin flusher, water is 85% oxygen by weight!

Emotional and physical stress results in an increase of free radicals, which ul-

timately waste oxygen. (Free radicals are highly re-active molecules that cause deterioration in substances such as plastics, rubber, paintwork, etc, and of course the aging factor in human beings.) If stress is not soon reduced, eventually the tissues affected are depleted of oxygen thus welcoming the prevalent, degenerative diseases of our day. So negative emotions waste oxygen, therefore they encourage sickness and premature death.

The Diet Factor

Diet is a very significant factor in making the best economy of oxygen within your body. As we realised earlier, the right proportion of fuel and air, (food and oxygen) will provide much better performance than too little oxygen. Our food is not of one kind, as petrol is to a motor – we have an immense variety of food to choose from. The foods that are worst for us are low in oxygen, the foods that are best are high in oxygen content.

Complex Carbohydrates

A complex carbohydrate is a high oxygen food. Examples are found in vegetables, whole grains, seeds and nuts. From the technical viewpoint, fruits are too high in simple sugars to be classified as complex carbohydrates. However, from the practical viewpoint of the consumer, fruits are a very important part of nutrition, and are actually more easily digested than vegetables, so are in some ways better than other foods.

To quote Dr. Stephen Levine, Ph.D., molecular biologist and geneticist of California, USA: *"More than half the weight of a complex carbohydrate is oxygen, but the percentage of oxygen in fats is less than ten or fifteen percent, so fats are very low in oxygen. In fact, fats are oxygen robbers. Protein is composed of 20 to 50 percent oxygen, depending on the specific amino acid profile. It is obvious that complex carbohydrates have the most oxygen."*

The metabolism of defence compounds such as fat and protein requires extra oxygen, consequently on such diets much less oxygen is available for active muscle tissue. It has been found, logically enough that vegetarian athletes have more stamina than meat eaters. Remember Cliff Young, who in 1983 at age 60, was the oldest man in the Sydney to Melbourne foot-race. He completed the 875 kilometre distance in only 5 days, fifteen hours and 6 minutes, smashing the previous record by more than 1½ days! He got less sleep in those 5 nights than most people got in one night. He ran 21 hours on the last day of the race and when the rest of the field limped in, nearly a day behind him, he further astounded everyone by insisting that half of his \$10,000 prize money should be

shared among them. As a vegetarian, making his breakfast as the main meal of the day, running everywhere around his farm in the pure country air and his positive, peaceful outlook on life all did a lot towards his success.

To Summarise

[a] If our bodies are two-thirds oxygen we should give far more attention to its importance, we cannot continue to live without inhaling it.

[b] Our food is quite useless without oxygen, for oxidation of our food is necessary for assimilation, heat and energy.

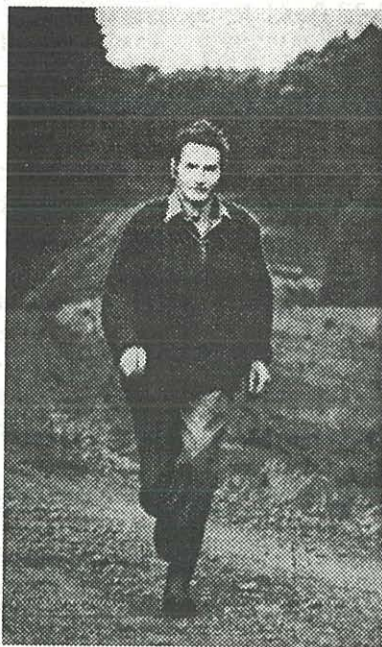
[c] Lack of sufficient oxygen accelerates formation of toxic acids which irritate, stifle and poison our body cells causing pain, sickness and premature death.

[d] Restrict or avoid drugs. Remember also that refined cane sugar is a habit-forming drug.

[e] Shun or correct poor ventilation.

[f] Drink lots of pure water, (rain, distilled or spring water), for it is 85% oxygen and it facilitates all bodily functions.

[g] Avoid harmful stress, especially emotional stress. Cultivate a calm, peaceful and positive attitude to life. "In quietness and confidence (faith) shall be my



Cliff Young - *"I found I could go all day on a bowl of mixed cereal."*

strength. The joy of the Lord is my strength." Rejoice in GOD and thank Him for all things.

[h] Give away eating animal fats, animal meats, junk food and artificial drinks. Fill your daily diet with fruits and complex carbohydrates for they contain more oxygen and are easier to digest. Such foods require less oxygen, less time and less energy to digest, and certainly provide us with more roughage and bulk for better bowel activity and hygiene.

[i] Cultivate deeper breathing habits and ensure you get regular daily exercise for at least 20 minutes in the fresh air — walking or jogging. Blood circulation conveys oxygen to all body cells.

In conclusion, here is a deep breathing exercise: it comprises two inhalations followed by one exhalation.

Stand erect, arms down, hands in front of you, and together. Raise arms directly in front of you, keeping them straight at shoulder level as you inhale. Then swing them apart at the same level to your sides as you further inhale to lung capacity. Next, drop your arms to your sides as you exhale. Allow about two seconds between each of these three movements.

Abdominal Breathing

Now for some even more practical advice to increase your breathing capacity, and you can perform it as you read this magazine, sitting in a chair, lying in bed, drive the car or anywhere you please.

Inhaling air into your lungs is not just by expanding your chest, but it should incorporate a downward push by the diaphragm, the muscular floor beneath the lungs, which of course pushes the soft organs of the abdomen forwards. The co-operation of this diaphragm muscle can vary considerably as you will soon realise.

First inhale normally with your chest, gently filling the upper lungs. Now suddenly push your tummy outwards and as it rises you find room for a second inhalation of air going more deeply to fill the entire lung capacity. You have just doubled your air intake.

In a comparable way you can double your exhalation. Immediately after exhaling in a normal way suddenly force your tummy inwards and there goes a second lot of used air.



In discouragement God will strengthen

"Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Spirit." (Rom. 15:13)



CHILDREN'S CORNER

The Serpent in the Garden

M. Gascoigne

"What tat called?" asked Baby Hilary Jane, pointing with a chubby little finger to the brightly coloured picture of a snake, in the book about birds and animals which she was sharing with Pete.

"That," Pete told her with a shiver and frown, "is what we call a snake, or sometimes, I think, a serpent, and a very nasty horrid fellow he is too. He's not like that poor little worm you were so frightened of this morning. He does bite and his bite hurts people and makes them ill."

"Not 'urt me!" cried the tiny one, laying a rosy cheek against the page and giving it a big kiss. "Him not nasty bad 'nakie, 'im nice p'etty 'nakie. Me lub 'im."

"Oh no he's not, Janie," chuckled Brian, picking her up and setting her on his knee. "It's true he looks nice enough in the picture with all those beautiful shining colours of his, but like that old serpent who came and talked to Eve in the Garden of Eden, he's a wicked cruel fellow really."

"Ah," said Pete eagerly, "now that is something I wanted to ask you about, Brian. The other day I looked in the Bible my Mummy gave me before I came to stay here with Mavis and Hugh, to see what happened next after God had made the woman — her name was Eve wasn't it — and had given her to Adam to help him and love him and to

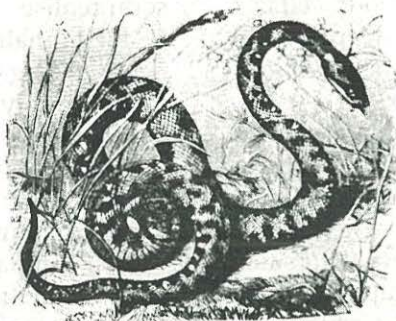
stay with him always. Well it was all about this serpent being the wisest and cleverest of all the living things that God had made, and how it came and talked to Eve — and I couldn't understand it at all, Brian. How could a snake be cleverer than all things, and how could it talk like a man or a woman?"

"It does sound rather strange, doesn't it?" smiled Brian, turning over the pages of the picture book for Hilary Jane. "But you know, Pete, it does say that it was a 'serpent'

and not a 'snake,' and in the Bible the word 'serpent' can mean other things besides a snake, just as it sometimes does when we use it today. In the Bible it meant a thing so beautiful and shining that people just couldn't look away from it, something that had a kind of magic power

about it and a soft hissing voice. Oh yes, Pete, the serpent that talked to Eve was very much more than a snake, whether he may have seemed to be one or not."

"That's true, Pete," went on Mavis excitedly from her chair on the other side of the hearth. "Why that old serpent really wasn't a snake at all. He was Satan, the great and wicked angel who hates God and is His enemy, and Satan had come to try and spoil and hurt and destroy all the good and lovely things which God had made. We cannot guess just what he had made himself look like,



just what kind of a disguise, as we call it, he had put on, but he was more cruel and horrible than any snake we know today, and he too could poison men and women and make them die, even though he may have looked very splendid.

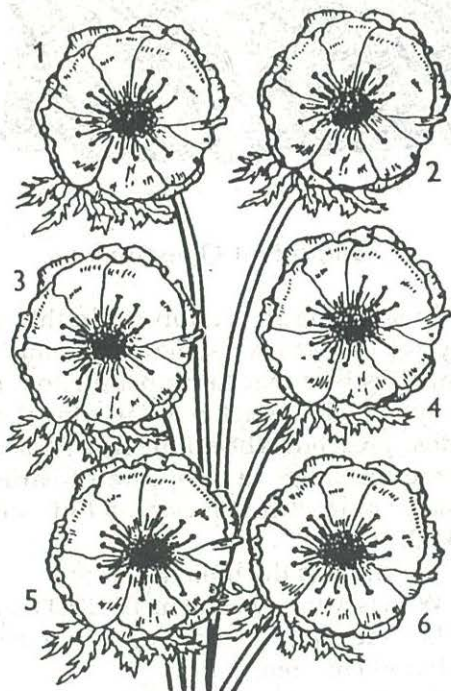
"But," cried Pete, "who was Satan, and why did he hate God and want to hurt Adam and Eve?"

"Poor bunny," cried Hilary Jane, pointing to yet another picture, "naughty 'nakie eat him."

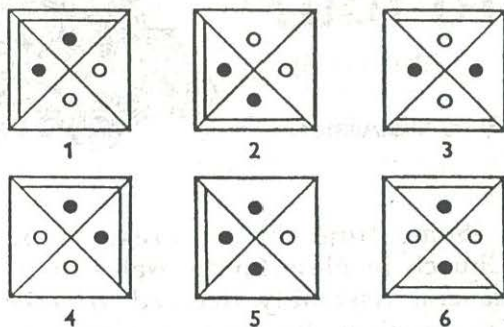
"No darling," said Mummy picking her up and closing the book, "bunny got away. No more serpents or snakes tonight, children, or old Satan either, or you will all be dreaming about them."

(Genesis, chapter 3, verse 1.)

Which flower belongs to another plant?



Which is the odd one out?



Find the number required in the blank square

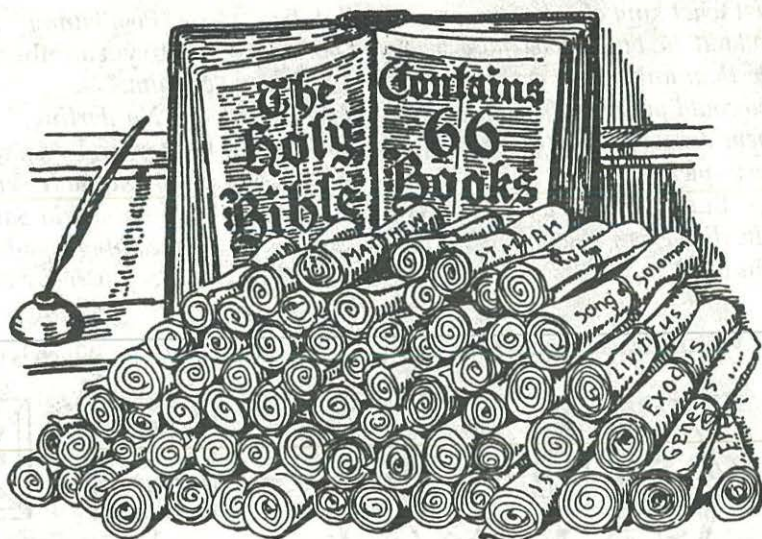
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Which is the Odd One Out?
In other cases the pattern requires a white ball opposite a double line, and a black ball opposite a single line.
Flowers
Number 5
Each flower has a petal with two stamens, and a petal with one stamen in addition to other petals with three stamens each. In number 5 the one-stamen and two-stamen petals are reversed.
Squares
210. In the top row, we start with 6, square it to give 36, deduct 6 leaves 30, and multiplied that by 4 resulting in 120. Follow the same process on the bottom line.

Controversial – Are The Sacred Books Written To You?

(Part 1 of 3)

Ross MacAlister



Some Time ago the Presbyterian Church in New South Wales at its general Assembly, decided to make "evangelism" its theme, for the coming year. This decision was taken due to the "falling away of church membership," a trend they attributed to their failure to adhere to the Biblical directive to: "... Preach the gospel to every creature."

Now it is pertinent at this stage to make it very clear that the Bible is always in harmony with its self and God declares: "At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to death; {but} at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death." (Deut. 17:6). This commandment of the Divine Law, has as its "witnesses" in Deut. 19:15; Matt. 18:16; Heb. 10:28.

Important Questions

In studying the Scriptures in this essay, we will answer some of the important questions that cause people to turn away from the churches today. Churches, whose preachings bear little resemblance to the teachings of Scripture of earlier times. Some of the questions I'm often asked, such as:

- To whom is the Bible written;
- Who is Adam, wasn't he the first man;
- Is there really a Satan, with flesh and blood children;
- Surely the New Testament over-rides the Old Testament?

As God always abides by His own rules (laws), He has more than one prophet write on any subject — *His witnesses*. If some passage has been added,

or translated erroneously, then it will have no witness in Scripture and so it is not of God. Having searched the Scriptures and found this directive, you may understand my dismay as to why learned members of the Presbyterian general Assembly should choose the passage: "... Preach the gospel to every creature." Especially when only a brief study of God's word is required to reveal it is quite out of harmony with the rest of His inspired word. This position is expressed once only in The Bible, and consequently this passage has no other witness in Scripture and is therefore clearly, **NOT OF GOD.**

To make the point clear, let us consider the passage in Matt. 7:6, "*Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you.*" This passage refers to "dogs" and "swine" (pigs) and indicates they have "feet." As neither dogs nor pigs have feet, but paws and trotters, it indicates **people** as we will see, for God has His three witnesses. If we turn to Matt. 15:26 we will read: "... *It is not meet (correct) to take the children's bread, and cast {it} to dogs.*" And in Phil. 3:2, "*Beware of dogs, beware of evil workers ...*" etc., And Rev 22:15, "*For without (outside) are dogs ...*" And Matt. 13:10-11, "... *Why speakest thou unto them in parables? He answered and said unto them, Because it is given unto you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given.*" Jesus Christ makes it plain there are two classes of people; one that understands and one that cannot and to these people the word

is **not to be given.** We have the "wheat" and "tares;" the "sheep" and "goats;" the "Children of God" and "children of the devil;" the "living" and "dead;" the "formed" and "created." John 8:47 says: "*He that is of God heareth God's words; ye, therefore, hear {them} not, because ye are not of God.*"

The English Dictionary defines **Creature**: "*Kretur, noun, anything that has been created, anything not self-existent, animate, inanimate. Animate: From anima = breath, animate — to give life to, make alive, an animal, a man. Inanimate: Lifeless, spiritless, dead.*"

In the next passage we see an accurate description of the mainstream churches of today, as foretold in Prophecy in Revelation, from which we read: "*I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot; I would thou wert cold or hot. So, then, because thou art lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will spew thee out of my mouth.*" (Rev. 3:15-16). This situation could well be covered by the definition of "creature," with some of the members animate, others inanimate, some the Children of God **with life**, others the children of the devil, and **lifeless**. When one looks at the Churches, we see their members, some sheep, some goats, but all the while they put on the appearance of **unity**, but what concordance hath Christ with Belial or what part hath he that believeth with an infidel? Little wonder the churches are emptied of His flock, the "false shepherds" scattering the sheep of God's pasture and in their place they fill the churches with goats, beasts, figs, swine, serpents, vipers and liars!

If you are fortunate enough to have access to a *Scofield Bible*, then I suggest that you to open it and look at the "notes" at the bottom of the passage, in the Book of Mark, Chapter 16, near the end of the chapter. For here we see the true colour and purpose of these "creatures," or more correctly "swine" or "dogs." Here it is explained, that from verse 9 to the end of Chapter 16, the words are a 100% forgery, inserted there it would appear, by two Jews, who happened to be priests, Irenaeus and Hippolytus.¹ This false doctrine did not appear in the early manuscripts, and was inserted at the end of the 2nd century and the beginning of the 3rd century, when these two forgers began quoting it. No doubt it could be said, that these two priests of the race Jesus Christ referred to as having descended from the father of the lie, Satan, have succeeded in "hood-winking" oh so many of His flock, to compass the world, making untold numbers proselytes (converts), and when they were made, they make them twofold more the child of hell than themselves.

Adam, Not The First Man?

So who is this *Adam*? If we search James Strong's Concordance, you will read, #H120 AW-DAWM, from #H119 Ruddy, to show blood in the face ie, flush or turn rosy. So for this man who was "formed" or "moulded" (as is clay in the hands of a potter), by God Almighty, YHWH, he was a white man, the first Anglo-Saxon, Celtic or Nordic man of today. In Gen 1:26-27 the word translated

"Image" from the Hebrew is, *tseh'-lem*: #H6754, and it means "to shade." You should also read as witnesses to the descendants of Adam being white, in; I Sam 16:12; 17:42; Acts 7:20 and Job 42:15 to mention but a few. It should be pointed out the creation of "beast[s] of the earth [or field]," Gen 1:25, are in addition to the animals ie, the cattle; creeping things; living creatures; fowls of the air; whales, etc. In Strong's Concordance, the created "beast[s] of the earth," are explained: "#H2416, *chay*, from #H2421, *alive*; flesh etc," if you read it carefully, you will see the word *animal* is not mentioned as a description. So it was many "days" in God's time, before Adam was formed in Gen. 2:7. God tells us why Adam was formed, in Gen. 2:5; for there was "not an (#H120) Aw-dawm to till the ground." It may be helpful at this point to also look at what is written about Eve, turning to Gen 2:23 "She shall be called Woman, (*ish-shaw*) because she was taken out of Man (*iysh*)." Reading further in Gen 2:6-7 "But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. And the LORD God formed Aw-dawm (#H120) {of} the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and Ad-dawm (#H120) became a living soul." The other races were created in the first Chapter of Genesis, to replenish those destroyed in the battle referred to in Rev 12:7-12: "And there was war in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon fought and his angels, And prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil and



THE CREATION OF ADAM, by Michelangelo.

Adam was not the first human created. He was however the first man *formed* of the dust of the ground by Yahweh.

Satan, who deceiveth the whole world; he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him." Note there was no longer a place in heaven for Satan, or his angels, and that **they were cast out down onto the earth.** This particular war is well covered in the book of *The War of The Sons of Light Against the Sons of Darkness*,² among some of the documents found recently, commonly known as "The Dead Sea Scrolls." This sacred book among others, some complete, some only fragments, are among the manuscripts, which are held jointly by the Roman Catholics and Israelis in Israel. Jesus Christ did not redeem these outcasts, nor has he any intention to do so, as their fate is reserved to judgment day. The above quote of Satan's whereabouts and the fact that he is **very real**, is entirely consistent with God's conversation with Satan as

day when the sons of God came to present themselves before YHWH, and Satan came also among them." Despite these clear indications of the reality of Satan and the fact of him seducing Eve (read Gen 3:15), and the children produced as a result of that union, there are many "students of theology" that have the effrontery to suggest that those passages are just one of those unexplainable "mysteries." They neither deny nor explain these truths, for fear of exposing the error of their position of Satan just being a "symbol of sinfulness" in the minds of those that they invite in among "the flock" in their churches. As Christ said, "neither hot nor cold" but "like warm"!

Now just regressing for a moment, as stated above, the earlier creation's purpose was to, "...*Replenish the earth.*" (Gen 1:28). The word "replenish" comes from

recorded in Job 1:7 "And YHWH said unto Satan, *W h e n c e comest thou? Then Satan answered YHWH, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it.*" And further: Job 1:6: "Now there was a

an early English word "plenish" meaning "to fill." Now, to be able to "replenish" or "refill" to its former, the earth must obviously have been originally "plenished" or inhabited by people in the first place. Perhaps it should also be pointed out that these creations, Gen 1:26-28, which were to "replenish the earth," are indeed not the original people either, as these people were to replace those destroyed by earlier calamities such as mentioned in Jer 4:23-29 where we read:

"I beheld the earth and, lo, {it was} without form, and void; and the heavens, and they {had} no light. I beheld the mountains and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved lightly. I beheld and, lo, {there was} no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. I beheld and, lo, the fruitful place {was} a wilderness, and all the cities were broken down at the presence of the LORD, {and} by his fierce anger. For thus hath the LORD said, The whole land shall be desolate, yet will I not make a full end. For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black, because I have spoken {it}, I have purposed {it}, and will not repent, neither will I turn back from it. The whole city shall flee for the noise of the horsemen and bowmen; they shall go into thickets, and climb up upon the rocks; every city {shall be} forsaken, and not a man {shall} dwell in them."

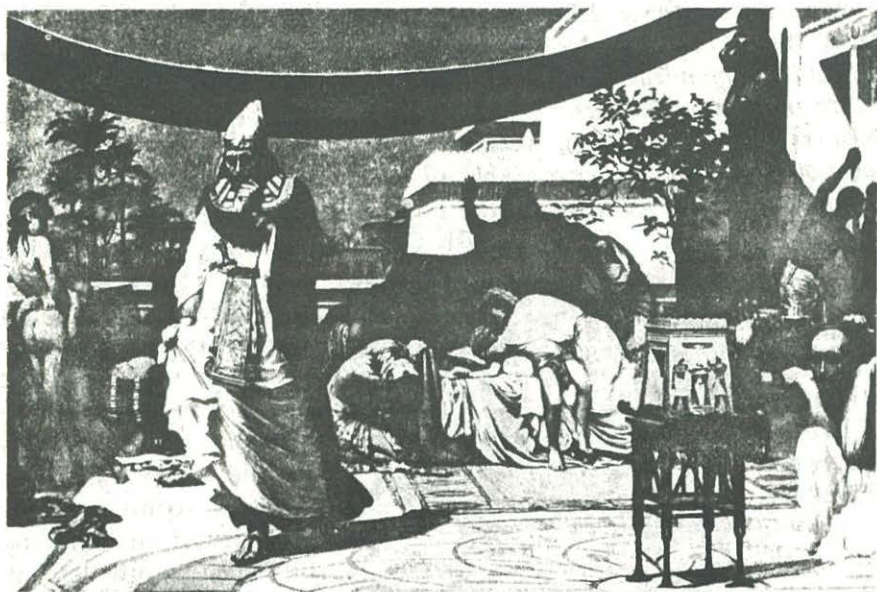
To expand our vision further on this point let us look a little closer at the ancestry of the Adamites, in Scripture. Turning now to Exodus 4:22-23 "And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith YHWH, Israel {is} my son, {even} my first-born. And I say unto thee, Let my son go, that he may

serve me." Then further in Jer 31:9 "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim {is} my firstborn." Here God says quite clearly that He is not only Father to the nation Israel, but also the literal Father to Ephraim (in the flesh), His first born. In Luke 3:38 we read: "... Seth, who was {the son} of Adam, who was {the son} of GOD." How could this be so? We know Adam and Eve were son and daughter of GOD, and were with GOD when He formed the world for the witness to this truth, turn to Job 38:4, Where GOD reminds Job that indeed Job was there, Job 38:7: "When the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of GOD shouted for joy?"³ And by asking him the question "Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the earth? Declare, if thou hast understanding." Then read on to Job 38:21 "Knowest thou {it}, because thou wast then born?"⁴

The Old And The New

Many churches of today blatantly disregard the Old Testament teachings. These hypocrites simply take "bits" and "pieces" that suit church dogma, to reinforce their preaching, while discarding as irrelevant, every passage that they can neither explain on the one hand, or which prove their utterances as lies, on the other.

The Old Testament, or more correctly covenant, is written about, Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, who became Israel and further to all his descendants, the children of Israel. Unlike most recorded history, in the Old Testament we learn of not only the



THE DEATH OF PHARAOH'S FIRST BORN, by Ernest Norman
This was the penalty that Pharaoh paid by not letting Yahweh's first born son Israel leave Egypt.

effect, but of the CAUSE of history written as examples to later generations, of the lives of our early ancestors, then it tells the descendants that which shall befall them at the end of the age. "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you {that} which shall befall you in the last days. Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel, your father." (Gen 49:1-2). The witness to this can be found if you read what Moses tells us in Deut 33:6-25

The New Testament or covenant, is with or to Israel, "the children of Israel," in the time of Christ and until His second coming, as described in the parable of the good Samaritan in Luke 10:30-37.

ence in the scene of this parable. Christ painted the "scenes" in parables ever so accurately, for his flock only to understand throughout the ages.

Then reading further, in John 8:48: "Then answered the Jews, and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?"

New Testament Writings, To Whom?

Early in the book of Matthew we see the writer's direction of address, "And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judaea; for thus it is written by the prophet, And thou Bethlehem, {in} the land of Judah, art not the least among the princes of Judah; for out of thee shall come a Governor that

This parable is the history of Adam here referred to as "A certain man" and Jesus Christ is the "Samaritan." If you now read the passages again, aware of the identity of these two "characters" in the parable, then it will shed light on the racial identity of the other characters of influ-

shall rule my people Israel." (Matt. 2:5-6). Further in Matt. 10:5-6, "These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles (#G1484 Non-Hebrew, foreigner), and into {any} city of the Samaritans enter not; But go, rather, to the lost sheep of the house of Israel."

This instruction is further reinforced in our next reading, in which we can also learn a second valuable lesson. Here we see Jesus has travelled into the coasts of Tyre and Sidon, Matt. 15:22-27: "And behold a woman of Canaan came out of the same coasts (borders), and cried unto him, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, {thou} Son of David; my daughter is grievously vexed with a devil. But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. But he answered and said. **I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.** Then came she and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. But he answered and said, **It is not meet (correct) to take the children's bread, and cast {it} to dogs.** And she said, **Truth, Lord; yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters' table."**

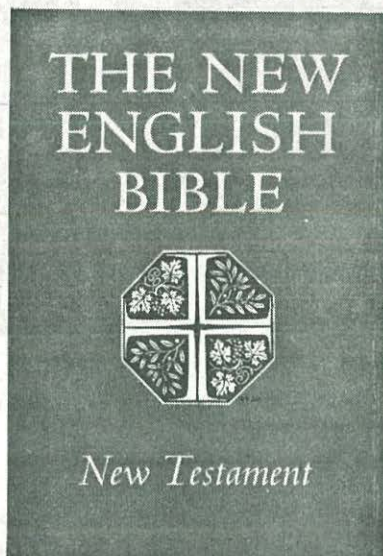
In Satan's mad rush to impose his New World Order upon the world, as his time runs out he enlists the help of

the goats and tares inside the churches, especially within the precincts of the halls of theological learning. In the 70's there were several questionable translations of The Bible, the *Good News Bible*, in *Today's English* being one. But in their haste, and more than probably, with God "frustrating their knavish

tricks," they have, in this instant, translated it with exceptional accuracy! For In Matt. 15:22 it reads: "A Canaanite woman ... etc," so it cannot be argued she was simply some woman who lived in Canaan, but of Canaanite descent in fact. Further in verse 24, "Then Jesus replied, I have been sent **only** to those lost sheep, **the people of Israel.**" In "The New English" translation, in verse 24 of Matt. 15, it reads with even more emphasis thus "I was sent to the lost

sheep of the house of Israel, 'and them alone'."

How does this sit with the preachers in most of the churches of today? Simply they explain it away as one of those conundrums, or worse, that Jesus really doesn't mean what He says! Here we are clearly told from his own lips again who he was sent by GOD to save, and who the "dogs" are that we referred to earlier. In Mark 7:27 Jesus replied to this women saying: "Let the children first be filled."



Modern translations sometimes help explain difficult passages.

What Pedigree "The Dogs"?

Mention of the passage, "*It is not meet (correct) to take the children's bread and to cast {it} to dogs,*" (Matt. 15:26), brings to mind an interesting word and statement that has always been part of our Celtic heritage. Our ancestors always referred to Roman Catholics as "Tikes" and, also warned of keeping company or being involved with people who had "bad blood" in them. This bad blood comes from Lucifer, that old serpent, when he seduced Eve, in the Garden (Gen 3:13), the resulting child, Cain had this bad blood in him, which comes down in his descendants to this very day. Adam and Christ had the blood of YHWH, and it can be said therefore, that God's blood was shed before the flock at Calvary. In Webster's International Dictionary, the word "Tike" means "dog" in the English and, "bitch" in the Scandinavian.⁵ In a close study of the Roman Catholic religion, we find all the features presented to us today as "tradition," come to us from a long time prior to the time of Christ. The Babylonian church, its ancestor, was set up by Cain when he ruled the kingdom of Akkad or Enosh, the city referred to in Gen 4:17. Cain ruled this kingdom for over 600 years and the religion had priests, the confessional, child sacrifice, burnt incense, a long baton in the form of a cross, gold mitre on the priest's head, violet silk mantle resembling a "cope" and "mass" with actual human sacrifice. The word "mass," again from Webster's, was the word uttered before the [human] sacrifice began.⁵ No

young virgin could marry, until she had sat on the temple steps and had a sexual union with the first priest to enter the temple, "mass" was said, and the resulting child sacrificed. They had a "Madonna and Child" (as do most heathen religions), always depicted as a white women with long blonde hair to the waist, holding aloft a coloured child. No other than Eve holding up Cain, erroneously passed off as Mary and Christ. The witness to this fact is found in Gen. 4:1: *"...and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the LORD (BAAL)."*⁶ They worship the "mother" (Eve/Mary) asking her to intercede to her Father God on their behalf as **they have no other access to Heaven.** Cain grew more animal like as he aged and was shot by Lamech, in company with Tubal Cain, mistaken for an animal as recorded in Gen. 4:23, and further explained in the Book of Jasher 2:26-28. Cain made two trips to America and the Mayan Indians still celebrated the Babylonian (Roman Catholic) religion in the days of Cortez, who was welcomed as "the long lost white gods" who had brought them their religion in the first place. Confirmation of this fact can be found in the archives of the Spanish Parliament. Cain was a tiller of the ground, a cultivator. He cultivated the Satanical religions among the "beasts of the field" or "people of the earth" ie, spiritless man. Today they still have Christ on their crucifix, He is *not risen*. The cross is not vacant.

The reference to "the children's bread" that Christ would not give to

the dogs is also interesting, as this is not what most people imagine as their "daily bread and butter," also wrongly assumed as such in The Lord's Prayer, "Give us this day our daily bread." In truth we have no need to pray for food see Matt. 6:31-32: "Therefore, take no thought saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed? For after all these things do the Gentiles (or Heathen) seek. For your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Bread, as referred to in the foregoing passages, in reality is our personal knowledge of Christ as we read in John 6:35: "... I am the bread of life ..." and includes His sacred knowledge as our mind is ready to absorb it. If we were to receive it all in one issue, we could not comprehend it and it would be lost. Just as in a cloudburst, the water is lost to the soil. Just as the children of Israel received the Manna from Heaven daily, so it is with the word (bread) of God, not too much, just enough that we can "digest" it, as we read in Psa. 78:24-25: "And had rained down manna upon them to eat, and had given them of the corn (or bread) of heaven. Man did eat angels' food; he sent them meat (food) to the full." Also read for our example and learning in Exodus 16:15-35.

To be continued

Editor's notes:

¹ The following is the actual quotation of the notes from the Scofield Reference Bible: "The Passage from verse 9 to

the end is not found in the two most ancient manuscripts, the Sinaitic and Vatican; and others have it with partial omissions and variations. But the passage is quoted by Irenaeus and Hippolytus in the second or third century."

² According to Theodor H. Gaster's compilation of the *Dead Sea Scriptures*, Third Edition, "The War of the Sons of Light and the Sons of Darkness" is written in the future tense from the formation of the nation of Israel. It appears to be detailing the final defeat of Satan and his Kingdom.

³ The point that Adam and Eve existing at the time of creation depends largely on the identification of them being the "Sons of God" in this passage. It should be noted that it is only the Hebrew text that uses the word "Sons" in this reference, the Septuagint and the Aramaic uses angels.

⁴ In my opinion this particular rendering of the Hebrew text is not consistent with the context of the chapter as a whole. I would recommend that this chapter be read in its entirety so that verse 21 is understood in its context. The Aramaic version is in my opinion a more accurate text in this instance. Lamsa's translation from the Aramaic of Job 38:21 is as follows: "Do you remember when you were born, and do you know if you will live many days?"

⁵ I could not confirm this from Webster's New International Unabridged Dictionary 2nd Edition.

⁶ According to the Hebrew text the word *Lord* in Gen. 4:1 is YHWH, #H3068, meaning self-existent or eternal. Not the word Baal, #H1168 from #H1167, meaning a master.



Food Collection at Corinth

Paul wrote to the Corinthians concerning a food collection for the saints who were suffering from famine in Jerusalem. That such was a *food* collection has sometimes been overlooked as one reads I Corinthians 16:1-4. *"Now concerning the collection for the saints ... upon the first {day} of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as {God} hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come. And when I come, whomsoever ye shall approve by {your} letters, them will I send to bring your liberality unto Jerusalem. And if it be meet (suitable) that I go also, they shall go with me."*

The saints in Jerusalem had a need — probably not so much for money as for food (See Acts 11:28-30). Because it was a contribution of food, we can understand why Paul told them to go ahead and store it up so it would not have to be gathered when he got there. Being a contribution of food, we can also understand why several people would be needed to take it from Corinth to Jerusalem.

In reference to this very collection, Paul wrote to the Christians at Rome that he was going *"Unto Jerusalem to minister unto the saints. For it hath pleased them of Macedonia and Achaia [this is where the Corinthian church was located — II Cor. 1:1; Acts 18:1, 12] to make a certain contribution for the poor saints who are at Jerusalem ... When, therefore, I have performed this, and have sealed to them this fruit, I will come by you into Spain."* (Rom. 15:25-28).

In this passage, Paul specifically mentions fruit. Without modern methods of preserving food, I believe the fruit that was sent to Jerusalem was *dried* fruit. Raisins were no doubt sent from Corinth, such being one of the main products of that area. The word *currant*, according to the dictionary, comes from: *"raisins de Corinthe, raisins of Corinth, currants, from Corinth in Greece, whence, probably, the raisins were first imported. A small seedless raisin."* Thus we see that Corinth was especially known for this product. The port of Corinth is still a centre for the export of various fruits, including currants.

R. Woodrow



Our Great Heritage and Mission

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"He must indeed have a blind soul who cannot see that some great purpose and design is being worked out here below, of which we have the honour to be faithful servants." (The Rt. Hon. Winston Churchill, in a speech to the United States Congress, Washington, 26 December 1941.)

The development of the British family of nations is in fact the fulfilment of the heritage and mission to which God appointed the Servant Nation of Israel. It proves not only that the Bible is true, but also that there is a purpose being worked out.

The Heritage

According to the prophets, the Servant Nation was destined in the latter days to, become a great and mighty nation (Gen. 12:2, 18:18); Be a Kingdom with an enduring throne (Gen. 17:6-7; II Sam. 7:10-16); Dwell permanently and securely in a place of their own away from Palestine, the prophets repeatedly focus attention on the "isles afar off" from Palestine "at the uttermost parts of the earth," the "north country" and "the west" (II Sam. 7:10; I Chron. 17:9; Isa. 11:11-12; 24:15-16; 42:4, 8-12; 49:1, 12; 51:5; 59:18; 60:9; Jer. 3:18; 23:7-8; 31:8-10); Become a numerous and a maritime people (Gen. 13:16, 15:5, Num. 24:7),



Spread abroad into many countries (Gen. 28:14; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Isa. 54:2-3); Settle in far countries, inherit desolate heritages and absorb many Gentiles (Zech. 10:9; Isa. 49:8-9; 54:2-3); Acquire abundant natural resources (Gen. 49:1, 25-26; Deut. 33:13-16); Develop into "a nation and a company of nations" (Gen 17:6; 35:11; 48:19; 17:6); Overthrow despotic states, be preserved from destruction and stand for ever (Isa. 41:8-12; 54:15-17; Dan. 2:28, 44); Possess the gate and occupy the strategic approaches of their enemies (Gen. 22:17).

The Mission

At the same time the nation was appointed to serve mankind, uphold justice, freedom and mercy, liberate the oppressed, undo the heavy burdens, loose the bands of wickedness, care for the needy, deal mercifully (Gen. 12:2-3; 18:18; Isa. 58:6-12); Receive and treat the

stranger and refugee with justice and as a brother (Lev. 19:33-34; 25:35; Deut. 10:17-19; 23:15-16; 24:14-18);¹ The witnesses of the truth and proof of God's faithfulness in the earth (Isa. 43:10-12; 44:8; 19:3, 6); Respect the Sabbath (Isa. 58:13-14).

The remarkable working out of these several features in Anglo-Saxon development cannot be attributed to chance, it is a clear indication of the existence of modern Israel in the English-speaking world.

God Has Called Our Peoples To Serve

Can we deny that, in spite of their failings, our peoples have been called, blessed and marvellously preserved for a great purpose.

If our nation would turn wholeheartedly to God, to honour His Son, to walk in His ways and teach our children so, then would all nations begin to see the real example of national service to God, and its amazing rewards:

"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe {and} to do all His commandments ... that the Lord thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth; Blessed {shalt} thou {be} in the city, and blessed {shalt} thou {be} in the field. Blessed {shall be} the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy cattle, the increase of thy kine (cows), and the flocks of thy sheep. Blessed {shall be} thy basket and thy store. Blessed {shalt} thou {be} when thou comest in, and blessed {shalt} thou {be} when thou goest out. The Lord shall cause thine

enemies who rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face; they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways ... The Lord shall establish thee an holy people unto Himself ... And all people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of the Lord, and they shall be afraid of thee. ... The Lord shall open unto thee His good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thine hand; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath ..." (Deut 28:1-13).

There have been times in our history when such good fortune has in a measure been granted to our people, when indeed its realisation has seemed almost to be in prospect. Such blessings have always followed periods of noble Christian service and devotion which have done so much to develop all that is best in the nation's character; while our relapses into godlessness have always been followed by times of misfortune and decline — as it is today.

Our mission is to awaken our people to a knowledge of their high calling and destiny and so to restore their belief in the Bible, their faith in the Lord and their fervour in His service.

Editor's Note:

¹ The Hebrew word for "stranger" in all these references means, an Israelite living out of their own country.

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Archaeology Report –

A Decree of a Persian Governor

A. Millard

French archaeologists working at Xanthos in south-western Turkey made an exciting discovery in 1973. Lying at the foot of a wall in the temple area was a stone stele inscribed in three languages, Greek, Lycian, and Aramaic. A brief notice of the find has been contributed to *Anatolian Studies* 24 (1974) 58f., by Henri Metzger, the director of the expedition. Much longer preliminary reports on the inscriptions appeared in the *Comptes rendus de l'Academie des Inscriptions et Belles Lettres* of Paris, June 1974. These were contributed by M. Metzger (on the Greek), Professor E. Laroche (on the Lycian), and Professor A. Dupont-Sommer (on the Aramaic).

The Stele

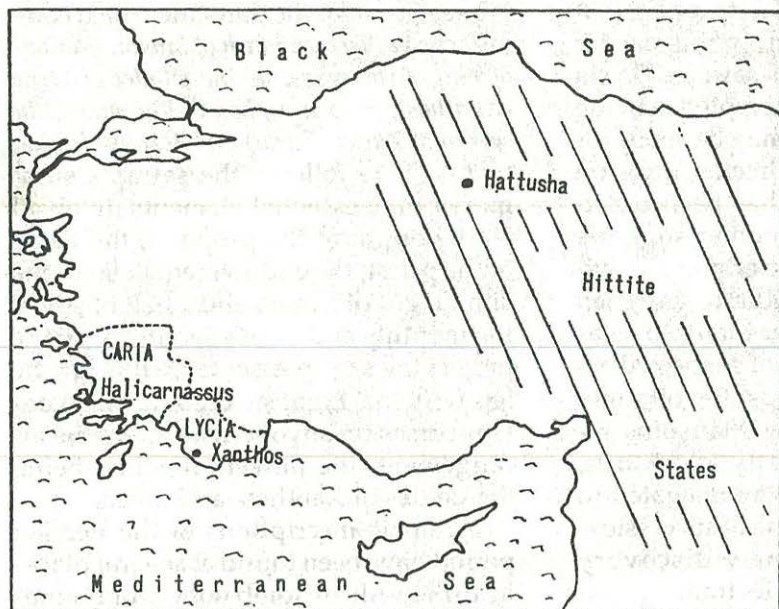
The stone is a block 1.35 metres high, 0.575 metres wide, and 0.30 metres thick. Head and foot have a simple decorative moulding, the rest is plain. No clue could be found to show its original position. The Greek text is the most easily understood, and gives the following information.

The stele was erected as the foundation charter of a cult for two deities, the king of Kaunos — a city in neighbouring Caria — and an unknown one, Arkesimas. The citizens of Xanthos de-

cided to institute this cult by building an altar, appointing a man and his family as its priests in perpetuity, with tax exemption, and donating property for maintenance of the cult. Further specified are payments of one and a half minas of silver from the town each year, and two drachmas from every freedman at his release. Each month a sheep would be sacrificed and each year an ox. The people of Xanthos bound themselves by an oath to execute their responsibilities exactly, and to prevent anyone from abolishing them. A curse was placed upon the person who interfered with the provisions.

A Key to Lycian

Hitherto the Lycian language has been known from 150 or so inscriptions, mostly on stone. The writing is based upon the Greek alphabet, though using other signs beside, so the texts could be read, but few could be understood with certainty. The majority of the inscriptions are short epitaphs, not the most informative type of document in any case! Even when bilinguals were discovered, the Greek versions could only illumine this limited range of vocabulary. Now scholars are provided with a bilingual containing forty-one lines of Lycian concerning



Map of places in Asia Minor and Syria referred to in this article.

a far broader subject. The Greek and Lycian do not correspond throughout; the Lycian version is the longer and more detailed, perhaps the original text, certainly the one for local citizens to read.

Much that had been deduced earlier about the language is now confirmed, several possibilities become probabilities, and a whole new well of information is opened. Most significant are clear signs that the Lycian language is related to Luwian. This is known from some texts in the cuneiform script found at the Hittite capital, Hattusha (modern Bogazkoy), and from the Hittite hieroglyphic inscriptions of the small states in Syria and Anatolia that replaced the Hittite Empire after 1200 BC. Knowledge gained on either side may now be used

to elucidate the other. One very long Lycian inscription which has remained enigmatic may begin to tell some of its tale at last.

The Date

The Greek and Lycian texts commence by stating that the decision to establish the new cult was taken when one Pixodaros was satrap of Lycia. This gives an approximate date to the event, for Pixodaros, son of Hecatomnos, is

known as a satrap about 340 BC under the Persian emperor Artaxerxes III, who reigned c. 358-338 BC. Pixodaros was the youngest brother of the Mausolos who commemorated himself by the famous monument at Halicarnassos called the Mausoleum (fragments may be seen in the British Museum). Mausolos ruled Caria c. 377-353 BC and expanded his realm to include several other regions, among them Lycia. His widow succeeded him, completing the Mausoleum, then another brother followed as satrap, and a sister, Ada. Finally, Pixodaros, the younger brother, ousted his sister.

The reading of the Aramaic text upsets this fairly straightforward picture. In its opening line it gives a more precise date than the other two texts, the month

of Siwan, the first year of Artaxerxes, that is, June-July, 358 BC. How this earlier reference to Pixodaros as satrap of Lycia is to be fitted into the accepted scheme will be debated. There may be room for reinterpretation of the Greek sources on which our knowledge has been based hitherto. M. Dupont-Sommer suggests Pixodaros held office briefly at the beginning of Artaxerxes III's reign when perhaps his elder brother Mausolos was out of favour as a result of suspected association with the Satraps' Revolt, only just ended. Presumably Mausolos regained his position shortly afterwards, the youngest brother being relegated to his proper place in the line of succession. As often happens, a new discovery brings new problems in its trail!

The Aramaic Text

Pride of place on the stele was given to the Aramaic text. The Greek and the Lycian were engraved upon opposing faces, the Aramaic on the intervening, narrower one. As the fourth face was blank, we can assume the stone was set with that face to the wall, so displaying its Aramaic side first to anyone approaching it. (Other arrangements are, of course, conceivable.)

By its content, too, the Aramaic is distinguished from the Greek and the Lycian, for it is the decree of Pixodaros permitting the cult to be set up as requested by the Xanthians. Despite the family aspect of Pixodaros' control in Lycia his document is drawn up as an official edict of the Persian empire. That

is one reason for the date-line which commences it: *"In the month of Siwan, year one of king Artaxerxes, in the citadel of Orna (Xanthos), Pixodaros, son of Katomnos, the satrap of Karka (Caria) and Termila (Lycia) said."* There follows the satrap's summary of the essential elements involved — the origin of the proposal, the name of the priest, the endowment in land, the annual gift of a mina and a half of silver, the monthly and yearly sacrifices. To the project the satrap assented, "this law he has written." Eight succeeding lines contain curses on anyone who alters the arrangement, the powers invoked being the deities of Xanthos, and others.

Aramaic inscriptions of the Persian period have been found at several places in Turkey. All are tomb notices or boundary stelae. Our text is the first piece of official Persian writing to have been found in the area. To find it is no surprise in the light of the well-attested employment of Aramaic as the administrative language of the whole empire. Only in Egypt can its use really be seen because the papyrus and leather documents have not survived outside of the dry soil there. Texts like this one, such as some from as far away as Afghanistan, and others from Persia itself, are meagre survivors of an enormous amount that has perished.

The Aramaic of the Persian empire has been studied intensively, not least in connection with the language of parts of Ezra and Daniel. It is seen to be a fairly homogeneous language, with slight local variation detectable occasionally. Linguists find no difficulty in accepting the



*Tablet with Aramaic inscription from
4th year of Nebuchadnezzar.*

Old Testament sections as good representatives.

One feature of Imperial Aramaic is its acceptance of Persian loan-words, and M. Dupont-Sommer has identified four in the Xanthos stele. Two are obscure, the other two are the well-known terms for "satrap" and "law" found in Daniel and other writings.

Biblical Parallels

Scholars will discover all manner of topics for detailed study in this new monument; here we shall consider a few points that seem to relate to the texts of the Persian period in the Old Testament.

Reflections of Persian practices have long been recognised in the Old Testament, but lack of documentation from Persia led scholars to speculate that such specific passages associating the Persian kings with Israel's religion as the decrees

of Cyrus and Darius in Ezra 5-6 might be Israelitish fabrications. Recovery of Aramaic letters and other writing on papyrus from Egypt have given good grounds for arguing in favour of the authenticity of those decrees. (These are the texts from Elephantine by Aswan, and other places.) As a result, the sceptical and completely hostile views of these decrees in Ezra have been largely discarded in recent books on the Old Testament. They remain, unfortunately, in older works that are still frequently quoted.

The Xanthos stone gives general support in favour of the Ezra material, too. Although it is a local document, issued on the spot in response to a local request, the edict of the satrap would have received ratification at the Persian court, we may assure, had that been necessary. Whether a copy of his edict was sent to the central administration, or simply kept at Xanthos, we do not know. Evidently control over the institution of a new cult in this way fell within the scope of the satrapal authority.

What we find in Ezra 5 and 6 is a Persian governor, Tattenai (titled *peha*, not satrap), who had not himself given permission for the reconstitution of an old cult, and was not satisfied with the claims of those who were engaged upon the work. To cover himself and set the matter upon a proper footing, he reported to his master Darius, receiving a satisfactory answer. It is to be noted, in passing, that he did not stop the work whilst awaiting the imperial reply.

Tattenai's report, Cyrus' edict, and Darius' confirmatory reply have been branded forgeries on several counts. De Vaux refuted these charges with the evidence available in 1937. The stele strengthens some of the answers he gave. Most obvious is the similarity of wording between Greek and Lycian requests and the satrap's Aramaic answer. Such resemblances in the Ezra passages, thought to show a forger's hand, are signs of normal practice. This practice explains how the Persian king or officer appears to know in detail about the cult in question; his information stems from its adherents. There are no grounds for supposing they inserted those sections into the official documents. The further objection that the Persians would have paid no attention to such details falls away. At Xanthos, as for the temple in Jerusalem, amounts of sacrifices, names of priests, responsibility for upkeep are all specified.

Another doubt has existed over the final clause of Darius' decree in Ezra 6:12. Here the king has invoked a curse, in the name of the deity whose cult he is supporting, upon anyone who should alter or upset his arrangements. For a Persian



A trilingual inscription in Latin, Greek and Palmyrene (Aramaic).

king to acknowledge an alien god may seem strange, for so mighty a monarch to conceive of his work being overthrown may also seem incompatible with his state. However, both attitudes are well and widely attested in the Persian Empire. Cyrus clearly acknowledged Marduk's role in his conquest of Babylon in the famous Cyrus cylinder, for example. Now at Xanthos the gods invoked are the local deities, and the satrap, coming of local family, may have revered them. Nevertheless, the parallel remains: the gods of the place involved are asked to protect what are, really, their own interests.

As to the use of curses, the custom reaches back to royal inscriptions of the third millennium BC. However great the king, he was well aware of his mortality and the speed with which his power

could wane. Many themselves ordered the destruction of monuments bearing the curses of their predecessors! So, again, we read Ezra 6:12 and see a recognised custom. With de Vaux, we may speak of the "exceptional reliability" of these records in Ezra.

Beside Ezra, the books of Daniel and Esther are heavily imbued with the atmosphere of the Persian Empire. The use of Aramaic is exemplified, of course, in Daniel 2:4 for the previous, Chaldean Empire. It was a universal language, freely borrowing words from Babylonian and Persian. M. Dupont-Sommer draws attention to use of the word *dat* "law" in the Xanthos stele to describe the satrap's curse-guarded decree. This is the first example of the word in Imperial Aramaic, although it is known in a compound form, and occurs in Babylonian tablets of Persian date. This is the word

used for the immutable law of the Medes and Persians in Daniel 6:9, 15 and Esther 1:19.

In Esther we are told of imperial edicts issued in every language spoken in the realm (3:12 etc.). Xanthos demonstrates the ability of secretaries to render a text in various languages at the western limits of the empire, just as the Behistun inscription shows was done in the centre (that is extant in Persian, Elamite, Babylonian, and Aramaic).

The chronological problem raised by the stele is a reminder that even information apparently complete and satisfactory may be far from supplying all the story. This is a factor to be kept in mind whenever a claim is made that some ancient text contradicts the Bible, or indeed, any other ancient text.

Courtesy: Buried History



It Has Been Said

The late Bishop of the Falkland Islands said: *"If the British Empire is not Israel, then none of the prophecies concerning Israel are YET fulfilled! Then we are on the horns of a dilemma: First, God has failed in His promises; secondly, we shall lose all we have got, and God has been playing with us, for WE hold all that Israel is supposed to hold, and yet there is some other nation not yet developed which is to take all this, as well as our unique character and reputation in the world (for Israel is to have it all), and if we are not Israel, we shall have to give it all up, even the Coronation stone itself."*



Have Your Say—**A Possible Trade Off!**

Subscriber

Many years ago I remember listening to a man's experiences in the Middle East between the two Great Wars. The gentleman due to his position was friendly to both the Arabs and Jews. Many of these people confided with this man on many issues. As a result of his position he learnt a lot about the political and religious position of the Middle East. Many of the comments made by him about the Middle East have come true. It is therefore, in view of the above comments, that the following article ought to be seriously considered.

This gentleman stated that many of the Jews were quite aware of who true Israel were and where they had moved to. A number of the Rabbis and Jews stated without any hesitation that Israel had moved west from their area of captivity to the "isles of the west" and to other areas in western Europe. Even though small groups of Judah and Israel had been left the bulk of the movement westward left very few behind. I am nevertheless prepared to accept the possibility that a small percentage of Jews today are possibly of Judah. As Identity Believers we must not forget that approximately 200,000 from the 46 fenced cities of Judah were also taken into captivity by Assyria. As a result of this deportation we should recognise that both Houses of Israel were taken captive into Assyria. The House of Judah that remained in Jerusalem was a proportion of the total number taken captive.

The pertinent point made by these Rabbis during the period between the Great Wars was that they would only

openly recognise who Israel was once the world officially recognised the State of Israel, as not only a home for the Jews but the fulfilment of certain prophecies in the Scripture. Such acceptance of the State of Israel is now complete. Any person or organisation who expresses otherwise is outside the official established point of view. I remember reading in a book some years ago that the western world, in one sense was divided into two groups: those who believe in the State of Israel as being the home of the "Jews" and those who express otherwise. Those who express otherwise will be looked upon as being socially unfit and could be considered by some as being mentally disturbed. What these social engineers have forgotten is that there are many Rabbis and Jews very concerned about the supposed legality of the State of Israel. Like a number of other matters not all Jews are united on this issue.

During recent months I have become aware of the fact that a number of admittedly very interesting books have

been written about Israel's westward migrations. Whilst these books support the view that Anglo-Saxon-Keltic people are modern day Israel, the authors state that all "Jews" are of the tribe of Judah. Now whilst there is nothing new in this reference to the "Jews" being of the tribe of Judah, I am a little concerned that this might be a "trade off." What my friend said years ago appears to be coming true, namely we will tell the world where the Ten Lost Tribes are, as long as you accept the view that the "Jews" are of the Tribe of Judah.

During many discussions over the years I have tried to make it quite clear that I am not "Anti-Semitic" or "Anti-Jewish." History and the Scriptures are quite clear about the fact there are many who call themselves "Judahites" but who are not of the Tribe of Judah. To not consider the Edomite, Khazar and possibly Hittite influence within Jewry is to overlook considerable evidence from history that not all "Jews" are of Judah. It really is a case of trying to separate the counterfeit "Jew" from the true Judahite. It must be realised that the "Jews" religion does not automatically infer you are of the tribe of Judah. It is important to realise the distinction between a "Jew" by religion and a Judahite of the tribe of Judah. This whole matter is an enigma that is being deliberately kept confused. It soon becomes obvious that most opposition comes from within the churches when you try to make the distinction and explain this confusion.

During these last days "Satan" will try everything to create confusion. Now

whilst this is true not all blame can be placed at the feet of "Satan" or even with false Jewry, it must be remembered that considerable blame for the confusion must be squarely placed on the shoulders of true Israel. We have allowed foreigners to control virtually all the affairs of this nation. This is a result of the lack of our will to obey God's Laws.

I believe we have historically arrived at a situation similar to the incident in which Christ was presented to the crowd. Amongst the crowd there were agitators who demanded the release of Barabbas, the Idumean Jews also depended upon the ignorant masses to have Christ crucified. I am also very sure that if Christ was to return in a similar manner as He did in Bethlehem as a babe, the opposition to His authority would be even more severe. But fortunately Christ is to return as Ruler over Israel. He will separate the tares from the wheat. By his authority He will separate forever the cursed counterfeit. The prophecy of Obadiah will be completed and Israel will begin their role as a Servant Nation in an atmosphere where obedience will be more acceptable. No more will the enigma of Edom have any influence in the affairs of the "body politic." The two Houses of Israel will be finally reunited in a completed fashion. For those Jews in the world who have the same desire as our own, but are unable to speak out for fear of "false Jewry," will also rejoice in the realisation that the Husband of Israel is a loving and forgiving God who will declare His plan of service to those who are truly the "apple of His eye."



God's Law On Usury

The following pages are from a book by
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In the Bible, following the Ten Commandments, God gave Moses the several hundred Commandments, Statutes and Judgments which make up God's Law for Government and for Individuals. In Exodus 22, as God exhorted Israel about the personal relationship of people, He told them not to oppress any stranger¹ or afflict any widow or fatherless child (see v. 21 and 22) and then He speaks on lending money: "If thou lend money to {any of} My people {who is} poor by thee (among you), thou shalt not be to him as an usurer, neither shalt thou lay upon him usury" (Ex. 22:25). This is expanded in Leviticus (25:35-37): "And if thy brother be waxen (has become) poor, and fallen in decay with (by) thee, then shalt thou relieve (help) him; {yea, though he {be} a stranger,¹ or a sojourner, that he may live with thee. Take thou no usury from him, or increase, but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. Thou shalt not give him thy money upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals (food supplies) for increase."

In Deuteronomy Chapter 23:19-20, God says He will bless them if they do not charge usury: "Thou shalt not lend upon usury to thy brother; usury of money, usury of victuals, usury of anything that is lent upon usury, ... that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all that thou settest thine hand to in the land which thou goest, to possess it."

Psalm 15 asks: "Lord, who shall abide in Thy Tabernacle? Who shall dwell in Thy Holy Hill?" Part of the answer is in verse 5: "{He that} putteth not out his money to usury, nor taketh reward against the innocent."

Jeremiah declared his righteousness by saying he had never charged usury. (Jeremiah 15:10). Ezekiel said if a man did that which is lawful and right he would not charge usury (Ezekiel 18:8) and declared of the usurer: "He shall not live; he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die," (verse 13). Just imagine, in God's Word, the death penalty for lending money at interest, yet today there is hardly a Christian Church in the Nation that condemns the taking of this unjust gain!

God told Israel in old Canaanland that He would "scatter thee among the heathen, and disperse thee in the countries" and one of the reasons was: "In thee have they taken gifts to shed blood; thou hast taken usury and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten Me, saith the Lord God." (Ezekiel 22:12). That sounds like the United States of America!

One of the most tragic errors taught from today's Christian pulpits is that



these Laws are no longer in effect. But Jesus Christ said: *"Think not that I am come to destroy the Law, or the Prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil."* (Matt. 5:17). From this and from other Scriptures we know He came to *"Put my Laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts"* (Hebrews 8:10). In Luke Chapter 6, He specifically told His followers they were not to lend for reward (gain) but to be merciful (verses 34-36). Jesus said: *"If ye love Me, keep My Commandment's"* (John 14:15). In I John 2:4 it is written: *"He that saith, I know Him, and keepeth not His Commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him."*

Martin Luther, the great light of the Reformation in Europe, and others of his day, taught no such nonsense that God's Laws were not to be obeyed. He compared the taking of usury with theft and murder, as the Scripture does. From the Reformation era to within the last 100 years many Christian denominations refused Church membership to anyone who lent money at interest! Today, churches not only condone this ungodly evil but practise it themselves. Our entire financial system is based and established on the disobedience of these Commandments of the Lord Jesus Christ. Our ministers tell us we need not obey those Commandments, and the result is debt-usury-bondage for our People and the threatened destruction of our Nation.

During England's several hundred years' march towards personal liberty, the loaning of money at interest was declared illegal by the Kings. In the 10th century usurers had their land forfeited to the Crown. In the 11th century, in ad-

dition, the usurer was declared an outlaw and was banished from England. Up through the 15th century the punishment varied from forfeiture of all property to the putting to death of lenders of money at interest.

By the 18th century, the turning away from Biblical Law led to the establishment of interest charges as a legal claim, and by the 19th century England had passed into the control of the Bankers. Eight hundred years of upward struggle and thrust to personal liberty and National prosperity has been all but destroyed in the last 100 years by Banker's wars, usury and taxes.

America is following in England's footsteps because they disobeyed God's Law on interest! Our Bankers' dictatorship would collapse without their ungodly usury, yet American ministers are silent on this iniquity.

"{There is} a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof ... Her priests have violated My Law, and have profaned Mine Holy Things; they have put no difference between the Holy and profane, neither have they shown {difference} between unclean and the clean." (Ezekiel 22:25-26). They do not show the People right from wrong!

On Debt

Although usury is forbidden, God's Law commands that we lend to a brother who needs money or food or clothing, etc. (Deut. 15:7-11) but to prevent unpayable debts from accumulating at the year of the Sabbath, every seventh year, any balance owing then were to be

cancelled and forgiven. This was not seven years after the origination of the debt, but at the National cycle of seven years, so that all debts in the Nation would be cancelled the same year.

Deuteronomy Chapter 15 verses 1 to 4 gives the Law: *"At the end of {every} seven years thou shalt make a release. And this {is} the manner of the release: every creditor that lendeth {anything} unto his neighbour, shall release {it}; he shall not exact {it} of his neighbour, or of his brother, because it is called the Lord's release. ... Save when (to the end that) there shall be no poor among you; for the Lord shall greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee {for} an inheritance to posses it."*

God's Law is quite specific and easy to understand. It includes a promise of blessing, even to the elimination of poverty among us, if we but obey — which we have not done. There is also a further release every 49 years, called the year of jubilee which is recorded in Leviticus Chapter 25.

On Gold And Silver

Many who recognise the evil of usury (interest) still assume that money should be composed of valuable metal and redeemable by some such precious material as gold and silver. However, it is the stability of the Government and the correct volume of currency available which gives value to money, not some arbitrary amount of metal.

The Bible has much to say about gold, and it is mostly bad. The reign of King Solomon will give us a good example.

Scripture and history indicate that his empire was the most peaceful and prosperous of that time and perhaps of all recorded history. Of gold and silver in his Kingdom the Scripture records: *"And the king made silver and gold at Jerusalem {as plenteous} as stones ..."* (II Chron. 1:15). Their value would therefore have been the same as stones, and certainly not used for the "backing" of money.

The vision of the beast empire which Daniel saw, had a head of gold, (Daniel Chapter 2). Heathen gods are often represented by gold. Speaking of the end of the Age, Ezekiel said: *"They shall cast their silver in the streets, and their gold shall be removed; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of the wrath of the Lord ... because it (the gold and silver) is the stumbling block of their iniquity."* (Ezekiel 7:19).

The control of the gold supply of the world by the Bankers has been used by them to fluctuate and to control the currencies of all the world's governments, not for the good of the People, but for the enrichment of the Bankers. Wise King Solomon did exactly the opposite.

An historical example of the inability of gold and silver to enrich a nation, is Spain. From the 16th to the 18th century Spain attempted to enrich itself by bringing tons of precious metals from the New World. While they did that, America developed production of real wealth through manufacturing and farming. By 1900 Spain had lost or sold its empire, and America was the fastest growing Nation in wealth and power in the world.

Gold and silver as wealth is an illusion. Food and products that people need and enjoy are true material wealth.

Yet, many are still deceived by the artificial price placed on gold and silver by the Bankers. If the Spanish king had considered gold and silver "as stones" — worthless — his people would have turned to the production of real wealth and Spain would have flourished.

America did have an early experience with gold. A small quantity was found at Jamestown shortly after the colony began, and Captain John Smith wrote later that the men neglected their work to search for gold and the colony almost

perished of famine the next winter. God seems to have blessed America with a LACK of gold, and its scarcity has had little effect on our production of food and real wealth. Christian teachings and God's blessings have provided American prosperity, not gold. Russia and India have large per capita supplies of gold, again providing nothing toward national prosperity.

Courtesy: Thy Kingdom Come

Editor's Note:

¹ The Hebrew word "stranger" in this reference means, an Israelite who is from another area or country.



Greater Works

"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater {works} than these shall he do, because I go unto my Father." (John 14:12).

In this connection, it is often said that Jesus promised that His disciples should do "greater works" than those which he did. But it appears that no one has ever performed such: and this has led to much questioning and speculation.

The answer will be found in the Greek word "Meizon" — "larger, greater, more." Jesus meant, that after he had returned to the Father, He would rely on an increasing number of Believers to exercise their faith (Jesus promising to do whatever such asked in His Name), and so perform "more," or a greater number of miracles — which they did! Notice that the word "WORKS" is in brackets, so should be omitted.

Therefore, the early Apostles and others (James 5:14-16) witnessed an increasing measure of the healing power of the Name of Jesus. The Apostle Paul includes GIFTS OF HEALING as one of the many gifts bestowed by the Spirit. (See I Cor. 12:4-13, etc.).

J. C. Hawkins



Herbs for Health –

Salad Mallow

(*Corchorius olitorius*)

I. Shipard

Looking for an easy to grow nutritional, delicious source of greens? Then try SALAD MALLOW.

Salad Mallow is an annual bush to 1 metre, that yields a great quantity of leaves which can be picked off the bush and eaten fresh in hand, or in salads, sandwiches, coleslaw, or steamed, in quiche, stir-fry, etc.

Leaves can also be dried and crushed finely and added as a sprinkle to any meal for an extra protein source, thus making it valuable as a **survival food**, and in vegetarian meals.

Nutritional Leaves

An analytical report done April 1991 by a Brisbane company, of leaf tissue revealed the leaves are 20.4% protein, thus making this vegetable an extremely good source of protein. As protein in greens can be easily digested by the body, this plant can become a valuable source of protein compared to meat, dairy products, legume seeds and grains. Primary protein source is generally not abundant in green leaves. Plants with the richest source of leaf protein include the Horseradish tree 38% protein (and extremely high in 10 essential amino acids), the Sweet Leaf Bush 34.8%,



Comfrey over 30%, Cassava 24.6%, Nettle 15%, Hibiscus Manihot 20%, Kangkong 12%, Spinach 7.3%, Amaranth 9%, Beet Greens 6%, Cress 12%, Dandelion 8%, Kale 10%, New Zealand Spinach 6.6%, Parsley 10%, Purslane 4.8%, Sweet Potato Greens 6.9%, Watercress 5%, Chinese Cabbage 4%, Celery 3.9%, Lettuce 3.6%. It can be seen that the Oriental and exotic greens have a higher source of protein than our most common used Australian vegetables.

Mineral analysis of the leaf revealed a reading in milligrams per 100 grams: **Phosphorus** 700; **Potassium** 3680; **Calcium** 1432; **Magnesium** 284; **Iron** 7.4; **Manganese** 3.6; **Sodium** 12.5; **Sulfur** 235; **Zinc** 4.2; **Silica** 8.6. The plant being an extremely rich source of potassium, can become valuable in our daily lives; as potassium is termed the "muscle mineral" essential for our development, maintenance and repair of all the body's 650 odd muscles. Potas-

sium is essential for digestion of carbohydrates and for the conversion of glucose into glycogen, and vital for healthy skin, blood circulation, normal growth and nerve impulses. The iron analysis is low, apparently being quite usual where foods major in protein content.

The plant has also been regarded as a very good source of Vitamins A and C, but I have not as yet had the opportunity to have the vitamins analysed.

In many third world countries, the leaves are highly regarded as a tonic, and are an excellent source of chlorophyll. The fresh or dried leaves are used as a tea, esteemed in many parts of the world as a body strengthener and invigorator. The leaves are also rich in mucin, a unique mucilage healing property, valued as an aid to the removal of mucus and toxins from the body. Other historical uses of Salad Mallow have included, respiratory complaints from colds to catarrh, croup, tonsillitis and bronchitis, vomiting, diarrhoea, dysentery, bowel inflammation, for urinary problems, including too-frequent urination, and lymphatic ailments. Traditionally the plant as a tea has been used in villages to bathe sore and inflamed eyes, washing wounds and inflamed bites and rashes, antidote for poisons, and as a hair conditioner. The plant is drunk as a tea for speedy delivery of baby, and to remove after birth after delivery, and valued as a vegetable leaf or taken as a tea to increase milk supply.

The leaves can be added when juicing fruits or vegetables. Leaf tea can be drunk hot or cold. Try a sprig of peppermint or

of lemon verbena in the pot with Salad Mallow for a most refreshing drink.

How To Grow Salad Mallow

The plant is renowned for hardiness, adapting to any soils and climatic conditions. Seed can be planted spring, summer and early autumn. The plant can also be propagated from cuttings, and the bush will grow quickly to 1 metre. The small yellow flowers are borne in clusters in the leaf axils. The cylindrical seed capsules 4 to 8 cm long can be eaten when young similarly to okra. Mature seed capsules open up and dispense seed, and so, if not picked, the plant will self-seed and so a continual supply of lush nutritional leaves will become part of your garden.

For eating, individual leaves can be plucked, or stems 20-30 cm can be cut, and the bush responds to such heavy pruning with quick regrowth.

This pruning is an advantage in that the life of this annual is extended. The dried open seed capsules are attractive and have appeal for dried flower arrangements. In Africa the fibre of the plant is used to make twine, cloth and burlap bags. The plant could probably have potential for paper and card making.

The high protein leaves are useful for animal fodder. Our pet sheep Joshua makes a bee line for the bushes when allowed to help weed in the gardens.

The lush green leaves can be a valuable human food with little effort in anyone's garden.

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Devotional – PRAYER THAT IS EFFECTIVE

Selected

Rare is a person indeed who admits that common sense is not one of their more conspicuous virtues. Most of us go sailing through life quite confident in our own wisdom and good judgment.

But from time to time we all strike squalls and storms in which our self-confidence is challenged. We may try to explain these in terms of someone else's deficiencies, but there comes a time when we are driven to the realisation that we simply do not have sufficient wisdom for handling all that life throws at us. Someone has coined the word "copelessness" to designate this witch's brew of inadequacy and fear and frustration from which we all at times drink.

It is this that St. James had in mind when early in his letter he wrote this: *"If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God ... and it shall be given him."* (James 1:15). James goes on to declare that there is a condition to this, and that in this condition is the secret of effective prayer: *"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering."* (Verse 6).

Prayer is not fashionable in our society. Most people do very little praying. Many Christian men spend more time shaving than praying. And the average woman, I suspect, spends more time before her mirror than she does in prayer. Part of our difficulty comes from our



need to use words when we pray. We use words in prayer not because God needs them but because we need them. When we pray we are not telling God anything He doesn't already know.

He knows all about our sins and our needs, our desires and our aspirations. In prayer we use words to direct our thoughts, to set our minds, to fix our attention, in order that God may make Himself real to us. Prayer is not a means of badgering God into doing our will, manipulating natural forces or influencing other people. Prayer is the way of opening our heart and minds to God. A simple definition is:

"Prayer is laying our lives open before God in gratitude and expectancy, casting ourselves on His mercy and love, telling Him all the desires of our Heart, listening to His voice, and accepting His way for our lives."

Archbishop of York, William Temple, used to say that if he had only five minutes for prayer, he would listen for four and speak one. If we look carefully into

our hearts and minds as we pray we may find that we are asking for a little help from God in aid of some plan of our own. Or we may find that we don't really want what we are praying for.

One of the old-time evangelists used to put it this way: *"Many a fellow is praying for rain with his tub the wrong way up."* God always respects the freedom with which He endowed you. He won't come barging into your life. He simply stands at the door of your heart and knocks. If you sit around waiting for God to make Himself compellingly real to you before you pray, you will never pray. You learn to pray by praying.

In the final analysis, the only test of the reality of prayer is prayer itself.

God does give us wisdom to help us through the tests and trials of our lives, through our temptations and anxieties and difficulties. But prayer will not help us if we approach God with all sorts of reservations; if we pray with the intention of seeing what God has to offer and reserve the right either to accept or reject God's guidance. *"He must ask in sincere faith, without secret doubts as to whether he really wants God's help or not"* — Rev. J. A. Davidson in the *Family Herald*.

Pray without ceasing. (I Thess. 5:17).



Uplifted Eyes — Mark Of Respect

"Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel." (Gen. 24:64)

1. The expression "lifted up" is often met with in the Scriptures in connection with the eyes. It does not always mean to look upward, but sometimes to look directly and earnestly at an object. We have in this text an illustration. Isaac may have looked upward when "he lifted up his eyes" and saw the caravan coming, for he was walking in the field, engaged in meditation, (verse 63), and very likely had his head inclined, and his eyes downward; but Rebekah, on the back of a camel, could hardly have looked upward when she saw Isaac. She simply looked directly and earnestly at him.

2. She quickly "alighted from" the camel when she discerned Isaac, thus giving him a customary mark of respect. In like manner Achsah alighted in the presence of Othniel and of Caleb, (Josh. 15:18). Abigail thus alighted in the presence of David, (I Sam. 25:23); and even the haughty Naaman was so happy over his wonderful cure that he alighted from his chariot in the presence of Elisha's servant, (II Kings 5:21), showing Gehazi the respect he would have shown to his master had he been present.

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Israel In The New Testament

(Part 1 of 2)

Selected



It is impossible to truly understand the Bible — or any

part of it — without understanding that the Anglo-Saxon-Germanic and Scandinavian peoples of today are the Israel of the Bible. The Bible speaks always and only to Israel; and to claim its benefits for yourself, you must start by putting yourself in the ranks of Israel. Even the major churches show some dim awareness of this fact although they won't admit it. For example, the Episcopal Church won't admit that we are Israel — but read their Book of Common Prayer, throughout, it speaks always from the standpoint of Israel. To get out of the embarrassment of this inconsistency, most churches teach substantially this — "Although God's promises to Israel were absolute and unconditional, God welshed on those promises, and has given them to the church, instead" — although they don't express this quite so frankly. If their doctrine were true, they wouldn't have much of a religion — if Israel couldn't trust God's word, who else could? But it is NOT true — God never welshed on a promise; every promise He ever made to Is-

rael He has fulfilled and is today fulfilling, to Israel and to no one else.

Then the churches say, "Well, we are only Gentiles; but we have become spiritual Israel." Now that is a most remarkable statement. The people of Israel were never, at any time, a group of people who all held the same religious belief — at the best, there were always many apostates and idolaters among them; and during much of their history nearly the entire nation became apostates. The great prophet Elijah found that in the whole nation of Israel there remained only 7,000 still loyal to God. But the Bible never says that they ceased to be Israel, when it is denouncing them for their apostasy. Israel always was purely a racial group, all the same race, despite the apostasy of some of them from the true religion. Therefore, the only way anyone could become a "spiritual Israelite" would have to be the same process by which they could become a "spiritual negro" or a "spiritual mongolian" — something no one could ever do. You can be an Israelite only by birth, by inheritance.

We have before presented evidence that the Israelites exist today under the name of the Anglo-Saxon, Scandinavian and Germanic peoples, and that God's

promises to Israel have been actually fulfilled to them. But many churches teach that the New Testament has done away with the promises and prophecies concerning Israel and that Christ started a new religion, having discarded Israel. "This is positively not true; the whole Bible is consistent from beginning to end. There is as much "Christianity" in the Old Testament as in the New — though it is harder to understand, because it is presented in the forms of prophecy, ritual and symbols. Now, we want to show you that the New Testament, like the Old, is an Israel book.

We know the four gospels, of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John deal with the life and ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus taught always the truths pertaining to Israel. In Mark 12:28-29, a scribe asked Jesus which was the greatest commandment of all; and we read in verse 29, *"Jesus answered him, The first of all the commandments {is}: Hear, O ISRAEL: The Lord our God is one Lord."* Jesus regarded His whole ministry as being primarily to Israel; for in Matthew 15:24, Jesus said, *"I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the House of Israel,"* Again, when Jesus sent out His 12 disciples to teach the people, we read in Matthew 10:5-6 *"These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into {any} city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go, rather, to the lost sheep of the House of ISRAEL."* Again, in Matthew 19:27-28, Peter asked Jesus what reward would be given to those who had given up all to follow Him; and

Jesus replied to Peter in verse 28, *"Verily I say unto you that ye who have followed Me, in the regeneration, when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of His glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones judging the twelve Tribes of Israel."* Note that carefully: He didn't say that they would become heads of the Uniting, Episcopal and Baptist Churches etc, but that they would become rulers and judges over the 12 tribes of Israel. This is not something of the past, which God had to discard as a failure; this is Jesus Christ's prophecy of what was so eternally true that it would still be in effect in the Millennium when He comes back to rule the earth in person. Also, many of the parables used by Jesus Christ concerned Israel. So Jesus Christ testified, in the Gospels, that God has not changed His mind concerning His people Israel.

Surely, no other authority as great as that of Jesus Christ can be found, to testify of what is truly Christian. Yet there are still many people who mistakenly believe that the Apostle Paul changed all this, threw out not only all the Old Testament but also the teachings of Jesus Christ, and set up a new religion. Paul would be the last person in all the world to try such a thing! Paul makes it clear, in nearly every Epistle he wrote, that he is writing TO and writing ABOUT Israel — although some of this has been hidden by mistranslations in the King James Version of the Bible. Let's review some of them.

First, let's take the epistle to the Romans — so-called. To whom does Paul

address it? Chapter 1, verse 7 says, *"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called {to be} saints: ..."* shows that it is addressed to those persons in Rome who are "called saints." Yes, we know that your King James Version says "called to be saints;" but you will notice that the words "to be" are in brackets, which shows that these two words were not in the original writing, but that the translators added them, in order to make it correspond with what the translators thought Paul should have said. But let's take Paul at his own word, what he actually did write instead of what somebody else substituted.

Remember that Paul was a very well educated man, who knew the Scriptures well. Paul knew that a "saint" was not somebody who would be named as such by the church in the dark ages, several centuries after Paul wrote, because the so-called "saint" had done some deed of piety. Do you know who ALL of the saints are? Paul knew — for he knew the Psalms. In the first place, what does "saint" mean? It means "set apart or consecrated to the service of God." It is used in the Bible almost exclusively of people as members of a class, rather than as of individuals. It is used to describe the status of God's people Israel. Therefore, Psalm 148:14 tells us who ALL of God's saints are — not just some of them, but ALL of them. It says, *"He also exalteth the horn of His people, the praise of all his saints; {even} of the Children of Israel, a people near unto Him."* Paul knew this, so when he addressed any of his epistles to "saints," you know that Paul was writing to Israelites.

So in the Epistle to the Romans, as it is wrongly named in your Bible (for Paul didn't call it that, but the translators did). In this book Paul says he is writing *"To all that be in Rome, beloved of God, called saints."* Since ALL of the saints are Israelites according to the Bible, which Paul knew very well, we know that he was not writing to just Romans in general. Nero, for example, was a Roman — in fact, Nero was emperor at the time Paul wrote this epistle — and we may be sure that Paul never considered Nero a saint. And these saints are also identified as "called." Paul knew whom God had called; Isaiah 41:8-9 told it: *"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."* And Isaiah 51:2 says, *"Look unto Abraham, your father, and unto Sarah {who} bore you; for I called him alone, and blessed him, and increased him."* Paul well knew that God had called and predestined His people Israel to be the people who are consecrated to His service — which is just what the word "saint" means. Therefore, in Romans 8:30, Paul says, *"Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified."*

Similarly, Paul writes to the saints in various other cities. I Corinthians 1:2, II Corinthians 1:1, Ephesians 1:1, Philippians 1:1, Colossians 1:2, and 24-26, and Philemon verse 5, all these clearly



The baptism of a nation at the crossing of the Red Sea

from the general context in which the term occurs, whether the particular nation of which he speaks is an Israel nation or a non-Israel nation. If it is a non-Israel nation, then the common term "gentile" may as well be used — even

state that Paul was writing to those who are **the saints** in those various cities. Paul knew that the saints, the Israelites, were the people to whom God's message was addressed, the people in whom it must take root, that they should be called to His service as God had declared from the beginning. Therefore, it was to them that Paul wrote, and not to the "Gentiles" in general.

Do not be misled by bad translations, for example where you read in Romans 1:13, "That I might have some fruit among you also, even as among other *gentiles*," for Paul actually wrote "*even as among other nations*." Paul had made converts who lived among other nations, both in Greece and in Syria and in Asia Minor. You must carefully judge

though inaccurately — because we are accustomed to it.

Again, this is consistent with what Paul wrote to the "Saints" in the city of Corinth: for in I Corinthians 10:1-4, he writes, "*Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and were all baptised unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual meat (food); and did all drink the same spiritual drink; for they drank of that spiritual Rock that followed them, and that Rock was Christ.*" Paul could not have truthfully told gentiles that their fathers, like his, had all passed through the Red Sea with Moses, and had all been protected by the pillar of cloud by day and of fire by

night, and had all eaten the manna and had all drunk of the water which poured out of the rock in answer to Moses' prayer. Only to ISRAELITES could he have said this with the slightest spark of truth.

Not even the prophets of the Old Testament were more firmly convinced of the great and continuing destiny of Israel than was Paul. We know that many have been taught in churches that Paul threw all this into the rubbish-heap and started a new religion without Israel in it. Where they get that idea we certainly don't know. Listen to this, from the Epistle to the Romans, and see if you can find anything here to show that Paul thought that Israel was all through: In Romans 9:4-5 Paul speaks of the *"Israelites; to whom {pertaineth} the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service {of God}, and the promises; whose {are} the fathers, and of whom, as concerning the flesh, Christ {came}."* You have been taught that gentiles are "adopted" as the children of God; but did you notice that Paul says that it is the "Israelites to whom pertain the adoption?" How could Paul make it any plainer than this, which is in Romans 11:1-2, *"I say, then, hath God cast away His people? God forbid. For I also am an Israelite, of the seed of Abraham, {of} the tribe of Benjamin. God hath not cast away His people whom He foreknew."* Remember what he says about those whom God foreknew? *"For whom He did foreknow, He also did predestinate {to be} conformed to the im-*

age of His Son, ... Moreover, whom He did predestinate, them He also called; and whom He called, them He also justified; and whom He justified, them He also glorified." Rom. 8:29-30). Since God's People Israel are those whom He foreknew, then this is written about them. So we see that in the New Testament, the writings of Paul very clearly constitute Israel books, just as much so as the Old Testament.

God is always consistent with His own truth; so it is also true that the New Testament proclaims God's eternal unchanging love for His own people, Israel. We have been examining the New Testament to prove this. We saw that the four Gospels record the words of Jesus Christ, and that He strongly emphasised that He was sent primarily to the lost sheep of the House of Israel; and that in His parables, He taught the truth of Israel's continued place in God's plan. Then we examined the various Epistles of Paul; and we saw that he wrote to "the saints" — and we know from Psalm 148:14 that ALL of God's saints are His people Israel. He reminded "the saints" at Corinth that their fathers, like his, passed through the Red Sea with Moses and ate the manna and drank of the water which poured out of the rock in answer to Moses' prayer — something that couldn't be said of "gentiles."

In part two we will look at the writings of other apostles.

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Conspiracy Tracker –

The Pharmaceutical Drug Racket

(Part 2 of 3)

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The Drug Story

How the pharmaceutical industry took control of the hospitals, universities, research and other institutions in the early part of this century is amply demonstrated by world famous medical historian and author, Hans Ruesch, in his devastating expose: *Naked Empress or The Great Medical Fraud* (1992). The book is an absolute must to read. *Naked Empress* exposes massive corruption and fraud in medicine, science, industries, governments, media, and various organisations. The importance of this book cannot be overstated.

In *Naked Empress*, Ruesch cited another important exposé titled *The Drug Story* (1949), by American investigative reporter, Morris A. Bealle. According to Bealle: "America's largest and most ruthless industrial combine, the Rockefeller Empire (which was built on Standard Oil Company) in the early part of this century became interested in the drug trade after making breath-taking profits from palming off bottled petroleum called Nujol as a supposed cure for cancer and later constipation.

In 1939 the Drug Trust was formed by an alliance of the world's two greatest cartels in world history — the Rockefeller Empire and the German chemical company, I.G. Farbenindustrie (I.G. Farben). Drug profits from that time onwards curved upwards into gigantic proportions and by 1948 it became a 10 billion-dollar-a-year industry."

I.G. Farben's unsavoury past is highlighted by the fact that during the Second World War it built and operated a massive chemical plant at Auschwitz using slave labour. Approximately 300,000 concentration camp-workers passed through I.G. Farben's facilities at Auschwitz and at least 25,000 of them were worked to death. Also others were brutally killed in I.G. Farben's drug testing programs.

Hoechst and Bayer, the largest and third largest companies in world pharmaceutical sales respectively, are descended from I.G. Farben. In September 1955, Hoechst appointed Friedrich Jaehne, a convicted war criminal from the Nuremberg trials, as chairman of its supervisory board. Also, a year later,

Bayer appointed Fitz ter Meer, another convicted war criminal, as chairman of its board.

On the Rockefellers' moves towards "influencing" medical colleges and public agencies in the United States, Bealle writes: *"The last annual report of the Rockefeller Foundation itemizes the gifts it has made to colleges and public agencies in the past 44 years [from 1948], and they total somewhat over half a billion dollars. These colleges, of course, teach their students all the drug lore the Rockefeller pharmaceutical houses want taught. Otherwise there would be no more gifts, just as there are no gifts to any of the 30 odd drugless colleges in the United States."*

The Rockefellers did not restrict their "educational" activities to the US alone. In 1927 they formed the International Education Board which "donated" millions of dollars to foreign universities and politicians, with all the usual strings attached.

As these huge amounts of money were being "donated" to drug propagandising colleges, the Rockefeller interests were expanding worldwide. It was large enough 40 years ago for Bealle to state:

"It has long been demonstrated that the Rockefeller interests have created, built up and developed the most far reaching industrial empire ever conceived in the mind of man. Standard Oil is of course the foundation industry upon which all of the other industries have been built."

The keystone of this mammoth industrial empire is the Chase National Bank with 27 branches in New York City and 21 in foreign countries [now renamed the Chase Manhat-

tan Bank with over 200 branches in the US and abroad]. Not the least of its holdings are in the drug business. The Rockefellers own the largest drug manufacturing combine in the world, and use all of their other interests to bring pressure to increase the sale of drugs."

The Not So Independent Media

Instrumental in Rockefellers' moves towards making the world drug-dependent is their enormous influence on the media.

A compilation of the magazine *Advertising Age* showed that as far back as 1948 the larger companies spent for newspapers, radio and magazine advertising the sum total of \$1,104,224,374 when the dollar was still worth a dollar. Of this staggering sum the interlocking Rockefeller-Morgan interests (gone over entirely to Rockefeller after Morgan's death) controlled about 80 per cent, and utilised it to manipulate public information on health and drug matters — then as now.

Anybody who tries to get into the mass media independent news, contrary to the interests of the drug trust, will sooner or later run into an unbreakable wall.

For big advertisers it is easy not only to plant into the media any news they wish to disseminate, but also to keep out the news they don't want to get around. A survey in 1978 by the *Columbia Journalism Review* failed to find a single comprehensive article about the dangers of smoking in the previous seven years in

any major magazine accepting cigarette advertising.

Even the most independent newspapers are dependent on their press associations for their national news. And there is no reason for a news editor to suspect that a story coming over the wires of Associated Press, United Press International or the International News Services is censored when it concerns health matters.

Yet this is what happens constantly.

Ruesch showed how the above-mentioned international media were taken

over by the Drug Trust and he further explains: *"So this sews up the press associations of the Rockefeller Drug Trust, and accounts for the many fake stories of serums and medical cures and just-around-the-corner-breakthroughs-to-cancer, which go out brazenly over its wires to all daily newspapers in America and abroad."*

Thus newspapers continue to be fed constantly with propaganda about drugs and their alleged value, although 1.5 million people landed in hospitals in 1978 because of medication side-effects in the US alone, and despite recurrent statements by intelligent and courageous medical men and women that most pharmaceutical items on sale are useless and/or harmful.

Among the many publications owned by the Rockefeller Drug Trust, are: *Fortune*, *Life*, *Time*, *Readers Digest* and

Newsweek magazines, and the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*. These publications are constantly pushing drugs.

Food and Drug Administration — Serving Who?

Leaving no stone unturned, Ruesch shows how the Drug Trust, in securing their drug interests, planted stooges into senior positions of colleges, universities, and government bodies. About the Food and Drug Administration, Ruesch charges:

"When a good law was enacted many years ago

for protecting the American public from spoiled food and poisonous drugs, the Drug Trust lost little time to get its hooks into the government bureau that was charged with enforcing the law."

Ruesch cited Morris Bealle who wrote that the FDA *"Is used primarily for the perversion of justice by cracking down on all who endanger the profits of the Drug Trust."* Ruesch further states: *"Apparently, the FDA doesn't only wink at the violations of the Drug Trust whose servant it is (such as the mass deaths in the ginger jake and sulfathiazole cases), but it is particularly assiduous in putting out of business all competitors of the Drug Trust, like the vendors of natural therapeutic devices that improve the health of the public and thus decrease the profits of the Drug Trust."* And the situation is practically identical in all the other industrialised countries, notably Great Britain, France and West Germany.

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The Undeclared War on Natural Medicine

The *Civil Abolitionist* carried an article rightly titled "FDA: *The American Gestapo Prosecutor or Persecutor?*," which reported that on May 6, 1992, the clinic of Jonathon Wright MD, a highly regarded nutrition specialist, was assailed by 22 armed men because the doctor had been treating his patients with safe natural substances that didn't meet the FDA's approval. During the SWAT type attack the front door was kicked open, guns were pointed directly at staff and the shocked patients were herded into a room. Also patient records, equipment, business records and vitamin supplies were confiscated.

At the time of the article, the FDA has not as yet filed charges against Dr Wright.

During last year, similar actions have taken place against three manufacturers of vitamin supplements (Allergy Research, Thorne Research and Highland Laboratories).

In Australia, a repeal of schedule 1, Exemptions of the Therapeutic Goods Act, scheduled for January 1994, would minimise access to natural therapy remedies by natural therapists and would threaten the existence of the natural therapy profession and manufacturers of natural therapy remedies.

American "Murder" Association

The AMA, once openly declared by Dr Richard Kunnes at an AMA convention that it shouldn't be the acronym for American Medical Association but for American "Murder" Association, is, according to Morris Bealle, the front for the Drug Trust.

When the FDA has to put an independent operator out of business, they get the AMA to furnish quack doctors to

testify that while often knowing nothing about the product involved, it is their considered opinion that it has no therapeutic value.

Bealle cited an example in which the AMA furnished ten medicos to testify in court that "vitamins are not necessary to

the human body," in order to close down an independent distributor of natural vitamins.

J.W. Hodge, MD, of Niagara Falls, New York, writes about the AMA:

"The medical monopoly or medical trust, euphemistically called the American Medical Association, is not merely the meanest monopoly ever organised, but the most arrogant, dangerous and despotic organisation which ever managed a free people in this or any other age. Any and all methods of healing the sick by means of safe, simple and natural remedies are sure to be assailed and denounced by the arrogant leaders of the AMA

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doctors' trust as fakes, frauds and humbugs. Every practitioner of the healing art who does not ally themselves with the medical trust is denounced as a 'dangerous quack' and impostor by the predatory trust doctors. Every sanitarian who attempts to restore the sick to a state of health by natural means without resort to the knife or poisonous drugs, disease imparting serums, deadly toxins or vaccines, is at once pounced upon by these medical tyrants and fanatics, bitterly denounced, vilified and persecuted to the fullest extent."

It comes as no surprise that the Australian counterpart, the Australian Medical Association, in conjunction with the Royal College of General Practitioners, as reported in *The Australian* (July 21, 1992) are pushing for legislation that would cause medical doctors using natural therapies to lose Medicare status. This would mean that their patients would not be able to have bills rebated by Medicare.

The Masters of Government

If to you it seems inconceivable that governments have allowed a ruthless industry to dictate health matters, consider what Woodrow Wilson stated during his first presidential campaign in 1912:

"The masters of the government of the United States are the combined capitalists and manufacturers of the United States. It is written over every intimate page of the record of Congress, it is written all through the history of conferences at the White House, that the suggestions of economic policy in this

country have come from one source, not from many sources. The benevolent guardians, the kind-hearted trustees who have taken the troubles of government off our hands have become so conspicuous that almost anybody can write out a list of them. ... The big bankers, the big manufacturers, the big masters of commerce, the heads of railroad corporations. ... The government of the United States at present is a foster child of the special interests."

Writes Ruesch: "Woodrow Wilson's words have remained as true today as they were when he pronounced them from his campaign train. The American Presidents, unless they want to end up like John Kennedy, do not rule their country any more than the official governments of the other so-called democracies, for the big boys in industry and finance have long since taken over that task."

Morris H. Rubin writes: "The oil lobby, perhaps the most powerful lobby on earth, is almost matched by hospital owners and doctors." — President Carter, 1979.

Incidentally, in 1980, Exxon became America's largest corporation. Exxon is the new name for the old Rockefeller Standard Oil Trust.

For a further insight on how the cartels have turned democracies into private oligarchies, the books *Naked Empress* by Hans Ruesch, and *None Dare Call It Conspiracy* (1971) by investigative journalist Gary Allen, are highly recommended.

Australia's Health System Under Threat From US Corporations

Because the Australian Government can no longer afford to fund our ailing

public health care system, privatisation is inevitable. A major concern is that the ruthless US corporations will be the principal buyers. An article appearing in *The Daily Telegraph Mirror* (1 October, 1992), titled "US Giants Threat To Hospitals," reports: "Huge American corporations soon will control Australia's public hospitals forcing health care costs to double, a leading health expert claims."

Dr Ron Williams says the public health care system is facing a bleak future because governments can no longer afford to fund it.

And as they are forced to sell off hospitals to private interests, American

corporations will step in and take over, leaving ordinary Australians unable to afford skyrocketing health care costs.

"I see little but doom and gloom," says Dr Williams, who has spent 11 years researching the Australian and American health care systems.

"I wish I could say that if we all pulled together we could avert the coming brutality ... but today's reality is that for the health industry, compassion will give way at an increasing rate to profit. ...

"As public hospitals are sold to privates, and as nursing homes join national chains, as nurses move out of government employment on to contract, as individual doctors lose ever more control over their practices no government will say that the processes it is promoting might lead to disaster." [Emphasis added.]

Fraud In Drug Testing

The sordid behaviour of today's pharmaceutical corporations has been further demonstrated by Dr John Braithwaite, now a Trade Practices Commissioner, in his devastating exposé, *Corporate Crime in the Pharmaceutical Industry* (1984).

International bribery and corruption, fraud in the testing of drugs, criminal negligence in the unsafe manufacture of

drugs — the pharmaceutical industry has a worse record of law-breaking than any other industry.

Describing many examples of corporate crime, which shows the depth and

seriousness of the crime problem in the pharmaceutical industry, Dr Braithwaite's revealing study is based on extensive international research, including interviews of 131 senior executives of pharmaceutical companies in the United States; the United Kingdom, Australia, Mexico and Guatemala.

The book shows how pharmaceutical multinationals defy the intent of laws regulating safety of drugs by bribery, false advertising, fraud in the safety testing of drugs, unsafe manufacturing processes, smuggling and international law evasion strategies.

At the time of researching the subject, Braithwaite was a research criminologist at the Australian Institute of Criminology and a Fulbright Fellow affiliated to the University of California, Irvine, and

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the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations.

"Data fabrication is so widespread," says Dr Braithwaite, "That it is called 'making' in the Japanese pharmaceutical industry, 'graphiting' or 'dry labelling' in the United States." He further states:

"Pharmaceutical companies face great temptations to mislead health authorities about the safety of their products. It is a make or break industry — many companies get virtually all their profits from just two or three therapeutic winners.

"Most of the data that the Australian Drug Evaluation Committee relies upon in deciding questions of safety and efficacy is data from other countries, particularly the US. Inquiries into scientific fraud in the US have shown there is a substantial problem of fraud in safety testing of drugs in the US, just as has been documented in Japan." [Emphasis added.]

In his book Braithwaite cited former FDA commissioner Goddard expressing his concerns over research dishonesty at a Pharmaceutical Manufacturer's Association Meeting in 1966:

"I have been shocked at the materials that come in. In addition to the problem of quality, there is the problem of dishonesty in the investigational new drug usage. I will admit there are grey areas in the IND situation, but the conscious withholding of unfavourable animal clinical data is not a grey matter. The deliberate choice of clinical investigators known to be more concerned about industry friendships than in developing good data is not a grey matter. The planting in journals of articles that begin to commercialise what is still an investigational new drug is not a

grey matter area. These actions run counter to the law and the efforts governing drug industry." [Sic!]

Goddard's immediate successor at the FDA, Dr Ley, spoke before the US Senate hearings of a spot check that showed up the case of an assistant professor of medicine who had reputedly tested 24 drugs for 9 different companies. *"Patients who died while on clinical trials were not reported to the sponsor,"* an audit revealed. *"Dead people were listed as subjects of testing. People reported as subjects of testing were not in the hospital at the time of tests. Patient consent forms bore dates indicating they were signed by the subjects after the subjects died."*

Another audit looked at a commercial drug-testing firm that had apparently worked on 82 drugs and 28 sponsors: *"Patients who died, left the hospital or dropped out of the study were replaced by other patients in the tests without notification in the record. Forty-one patients reported as participating in studies were dead or not in the hospital during the studies. ... Record-keeping, supervision and observation of patients in general were grossly inadequate."*

Between 1977 and 1980 the FDA have discovered 62 doctors who had submitted manipulated or downright falsified clinical data. A study conducted by the FDA has revealed that one in five doctors investigated, who carry out field research of new drugs, had invented the data they sent to the drug companies, and pocketed the fees. Citing case examples, Dr Braithwaite states: *"The problem is that most fraud in clinical trials is unlikely to even be detected. Most cases which do come to public attention only do so because of ex-*

traordinary carelessness by the criminal physician. ..."

According to Dr Judith Jones, Director of the division of Drug Experience at the FDA, if the data obtained by a clinician proves unsatisfactory towards the drug being investigated, it is quite in order for the company to continue trials elsewhere until satisfactory results and testimonials are achieved. Unfavourable results are very rarely published and clinicians are pressured into keeping quiet about such data.

It is very easy for the drug company to arrange appropriate clinical trials by approaching a sympathetic clinician to produce the desired results that would assist the intended application of the drug. The incentive for clinical investigators to fabricate data is enormous. As much as \$1,000 per subject is paid by American companies, which enables some doctors to earn up to \$1 million a year from drug research, and investigating clinicians know all too well that if they don't produce the desired data, the loss of future work is inevitable.

Inappropriate Clinical Trials

Even if data obtained from clinical trials is not falsified, it is of little worth, because they are not performed appropriately. Trials involve relatively small numbers of people; so many harmful effects of a new drug appear only when it has been marketed and widely used.

Furthermore, the subjects taking part in the trial usually do not represent those who will use the drug after its approval. Very young or elderly people, women of

child-bearing age and people with liver or kidney disease are usually not included in clinical trials, although such people may be given the drug after it is marketed. Also, optimal dosages for adults are calculated on the basis of what is most effective for an average-size adult. Many adults differ from this average, and about 45 per cent of ordinary adults are probably going to respond atypically to some classes of drugs.

Drug Companies Concealing and Misrepresenting Dangerous Drug Effects

Dr Braithwaite cited a number of cases where drug companies concealed and misrepresented dangerous effects of drugs noted by their own investigators. Braithwaite writes: *"In 1959 Wallace and Tiernan put a new tranquilliser, Dornwal, on the market despite the strenuous objections of its own medical director. Other company experts warned that Dornwal could cause serious and possibly fatal blood damage. They were right. Wallace and Tiernan failed to send to the FDA reports of side-effects which induced nine cases of bone marrow disease and three deaths from using the drug (Johnson, 1976)..."*

"One could list a number of similar types of cases. Johnson and Johnson's subsidiary, McNeil Laboratories, was denounced by the FDA for concealing information on side-effects of Flexin which according to Johnson (1976) included the drug being associated with 15 deaths from liver damage. Such more blatant cases are merely the tip of an iceberg of selective misinformation."

"The most dramatic recent case has been the disclosures in the British Parliament and US Congress that Eli Lilly and Co. knew of the dangers of Open, an anti-arthritis drug associated with 74 deaths in Britain alone, 15 months before the drug was withdrawn ('Sunday Times,' 27 February 1983)..."

"The problem is not restricted to Anglo-Saxon countries. In November 1982, a Japanese company, Nippon Chemiphar, admitted to presenting bogus data to the Japanese Government with its application to market a pain-killer and anti-inflammation drug under the brand name of 'Norvedan.' The company submitted cooked up data to the Government in the name of Dr. Harcio Sampei, chief of

plastic surgery at Nippon University.

"The good doctor had accepted 2.4 million yen in cash from the company in return for permission to use his name. More disturbing are similar allegations on another Nippon Chemiphar product. The company denies cooking data on this second product. But the worrying aspect of the second scandal is that a former company researcher claims to have submitted a written report alleging fraud in drug testing by Nippon Chemiphar to the Japanese Health and Welfare Ministry; Ministry officials, he alleges, chose to ignore the report ('Japan Times,' 23, 24, 25 November 1982)." [Emphasis added.]

To be continued



Was Judas treasurer of Jesus and his disciples?

The popular notion that Judas Iscariot acted as treasurer or steward for Jesus and his disciples rests on two passages in the New Testament. John 12:4-6, in connection with Mary's anointing the feet of Jesus with a pound of costly ointment of spikenard, says: *"Then saith one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's {son}, who should betray him, Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor? This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the bag, and bore what was put therein."* At the Last Supper Jesus gave Judas a sop and said to him, *"That thou doest, do quickly."* John 13:28-29 says: *"Now no man at the table knew for what intent he spake this unto him. For some {of them} thought, because Judas had the bag, that Jesus had said unto him, Buy {those things} that we have need of for the feast; or, that he should give something to the poor."* The Greek word translated *bag* in these two passages really means "box" rather than "bag." Matthew, Mark and Luke make no allusion to the fact that Judas acted as treasurer and steward for Jesus and his disciples.

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Australiana - EARLY SETTLEMENT AND THE LYREBIRD

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Through good times and bad the squatters and the farmers held on. Soon they were growing great quantities of wool and wheat, and selling it to buy clothes and tools, houses, horses - and more land.

All this produce had to be sent long miles to the coast, and now the ports began to grow. Homes were needed for merchants and wharf labourers, for shipping agents and clerks. In the ranges, in the green and secret forests, gangs of men cut their way through the big scrubs, the silence rang to the thwack of axes and the whining of saws. Mountain gum and tallow wood fell crashing into the myrtle thickets, and ponderous bullock teams dragged the logs through the crushed fern, to be turned into timber for building.

Railway lines were needed, bridges had to be built, piles had to be driven deep into the sea-bed to make wharfs. In the quiet forests the great blackbutt trees crashed down, to be turned into sleepers and bridge timbers and piles.

Spotted gum was cut for tool handles and dray shafts, and for the strong timbers of coastal boats. The beautiful red cedar was cut out and made into furniture and household fittings. Tall woolly-butts became fence posts.

Australia had to have timber, but to get that timber the green forests were gashed and torn. Hot sunlight

streamed down on damp leaf mould that had gathered in centuries of shade. Often the timber-getters burned off anything they could not use. Often settlers moved in, cut down the smaller trees and burnt them, together with the sheltering scrub and the rich vegetable mould.

In the coastal forests, safe in the silence of the green brushes and the big scrubs, the lyre birds had lived their secret lives for countless years. The shy males had built mounds in hidden clearings, and there, spreading the long, lyre-shaped feathers of their tails, they had danced their strange and beautiful dances. In the crowns of tree ferns, against mossy logs or by cool rocks hidden in delicate ferns they had built their great nests and reared their young.

And for all those countless years the lyre birds had scratched in the deep forest floor, finding insects and worms, centipedes and snails in the damp leaf mould. They had torn open rotting logs in search of beetles and grubs. In their green and peaceful world they found a variety of food that could be found nowhere else.

But now the forest floor was open to the sun, and the crawling things crept deeper. Fires, lit by timber-getters and settlers, swept through the big scrubs and often the lyre birds were killed. But, even

if they escaped, the ancient floor of rotted leaves was burned to deep ash, white and lifeless and there was no more food for the lyre birds.

The Government placed the lyre birds under protection, although few people would be so stupid or so cruel as to shoot such a marvellous bird. But settlement went on. The trees were cut down, and the farmers moved in. Every year there was less shelter and less food for the dancing birds.

Fortunately for Australia the Government of New South Wales has established fauna reserves, such as the big Nadgee Reserve, south of Eden. And there the lyre birds can live unmolested, scratching for food in the green twilight under great trees, danc-



*Can you imitate twenty bird-calls?
The far-famed Lyrebird can.*

ing their ancient dances, mimicking the voices of other birds, and finding rich food in undisturbed leaf mould.



Plants such as Salad Mallow mentioned in the "Herbs for Health" section of this issue, and a large range of other herb plants or seeds may be purchased from Isabell Shipard by writing to her directly. For a herb catalogue please send 10 x .45c stamps to:

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Survival – Recession Proof ... Your Family

(Part 1)

Subscriber

Every day the newspaper headlines are telling us what we already know: that we, the people, are in a recession and it's going to get worse before it gets better. We have even been told that the recession is "a recession we had to have" and "life was not meant to be easy."

You ask, what can I do about It?

Well, first of all you can make your family recession proof by taking a few proven steps that will help you economically. You don't need to suffer ulcers or tension headaches because of your worries.

"By planning smart, you will be able to avoid the financial gloom and doom that will plunge many others into economic darkness," says financial wizard Henry Thorpe, who has written three books on inflation and recession and what to do in bad economic times.

He says, *"Regardless of what others say, ignorance is not bliss. What you don't know can hurt you or at least make your life very miserable. Most people don't understand what a recession is all about. They just know it's bad."*

"People have always made money in recessions — and you can too. When a national economy slows down, the country is plunged into a recession. Factories shut down or reduce production, people are laid off, some people lose their jobs permanently. Home values fall. That house you've been trying to sell refuses to sell and you're forced to drop the price."

"There is always a business slump before a recession hits. My advice to my clients is: now is not the time to start a new business full-time, switch careers, or quit your job. Just forget making those changes until the economy is in a healthy upswing."

"What you should do is save more and spend less. The more money you have in your pocket during a recession, the better off you are."

Another top economic forecaster says, *"It's wise to stash away at least four months' worth of living expenses to tide you through a recession. For me this means no credit cards and making sure my home is well insulated so I can cut down the cost of living."*

Another financial expert says he invests in government bonds, term deposits, and savings accounts which are insured. *"A recession is not the time to play the stock market or gamble in any way,"* says Joel Popkin, a top economic forecaster.

"Don't make any major purchases without first checking on your bank account balance," he adds. *"Your income has to be secure."*

However, if you can afford it, you should consider buying a car or a home because when people spend less, banks cut interest rates. A recession, as a result, can be an excellent time to buy.

Poplin advises, *"If your family must cut back, don't hide it from your children. Let them know so they can contribute to the family welfare."*

Popkin says giving up on making expensive purchases will be much easier when every member of the family knows you are all in it together.

"The children can pitch in to help recession proof your family in many ways," says Poplin. *"Putting them on a strict allowance that forces them to think first about what they really want to buy with their money is a good idea."*

Another way children can help is by learning to pay attention to energy conservation measures like turning off the bedroom lights when they leave for school, or turning off the television when they're not watching it.

You can all pitch in together and have fun in recessive times as well as doing things like playing family games or watching videos together, which are a lot cheaper than sending the children out to a movie theatre.

The children can also help by doing chores you'd normally have to pay someone else to do like cutting the lawns. They can learn to be proud of the contribution they are making in saving energy and money. And if you boast about their efforts they will help even more.

"Children are very aware that they have a long future ahead of them," says child psychologist Dr Jeremy Bobbick. *"They can develop a real concern for conserving now so they have a bright future to look forward to."*

"I've even seen children help their mothers at the supermarket figure out the best bargains on products checking prices, comparing weights and volume, selecting the fruit that's in season and therefore cheaper."

Dr. Bobbick says, *"The secret is developing a saving psychology."*

"Wastefulness is a habit. And it's not always easy for everybody to break that bad habit."

"But all habits can be broken, and you can develop the savings mentality by just paying attention. Learning to shop for bargains and finding ways to save doesn't have to be a dreary enterprise. It can be fun and challenging."

"Once you get used to looking for bargains, you'll feel a lot of pride at being able to save money that you used to throw away on overpriced goods and services. And so will your children."

Saving money by building up your bank account is another attribute that children can learn to take part in, says Dr Bobbick.

"It's a healthy habit that will teach them financial responsibility and help them understand why you don't have as much money to hand out as before. When they take part in helping put money away, they will think less about spending."

"I know one family that was trying to cut down on Christmas expenses and still keep the children happy."

"They told the children to make out a list of gifts they'd like to receive for Christmas. Once the lists were finished, the parent then pencilled in the approximate dollar amount of each gift beside it so the children had a idea of how much they were asking for."

"They told the children, You can get up to 'X' dollars in gifts this Christmas. Pick out the gifts you want as long as you stay within your budget, and we'll see what Santa can do for you this year.

"The children didn't whine or complain because they understood the parents' plight. When the costs of the gifts were laid out in black and white the children could understand and sympathise.

"In fact," adds Dr Bobbick, "The parents were surprised to find that the children

stayed well below their allotted Christmas gift allowance."

Learning to put money away will help you if the economy worsens and heads toward a depression. It will also help you because when the economy is stagnant you don't want to buy anything on credit if you can help it.

Remember one thing about recessions: cash is the most valuable asset you can have. Keep it and use it wisely.

To be continued — How Thrifty are You?



Did you know?

IRAN is not the new name for Persia.

Iranians had been calling the country Iran for centuries and in 1935 issued an official demand that all others did likewise.

The name is derived from the Old Persian for noble as, indeed, is "Aryan."

In view of the resent Gulf situation, it is fittingly ironic that "Iraq" means much the same as "Iran."

Nor is Istanbul the "new" name for Constantinople.

Again, only foreigners used Constantinople.

So fed up did the Turks become that, in 1930, not only did they demand international recognition of Istanbul but they also returned all mail addressed to Constantinople, marking it "no such address."



Graeme Donald



Prayer for the Month

In the quietness of this moment of prayer, O Lord, we remember with ever deepening humility, the many gracious blessings which are ours and which often pass without our acknowledgment. Forgive us that we do not return thanks as we ought, O Lord, forgive us that we have grown so careless in our familiarity with Thy continued Grace and have allowed our lives to become filled with things that are temporal and not eternal. Teach us, O Heavenly Father, in the Name of Thy Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, to be ever mindful of the fact that we live and move and have our being only in Thee. Be Thou enshrined in our continual praises and may we ever, eagerly serve Thee.

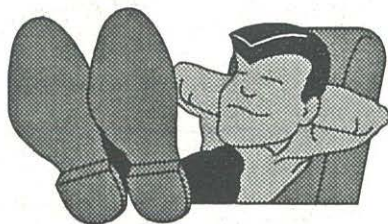
In our Saviour's name

Amen



'Twas The Night Before Jesus Came

'Twas the night before Jesus came and all through the house
Not a creature was praying, not one in the house.
Their Bible's were lain on the shelf without care
In hopes that Jesus would not come there.



The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And mom in her rocker with baby on her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.

When out of the East there arose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window, I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash!

When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here
With a light like the sun sending forth a bright ray
I knew in a moment this must be THE DAY!

The light of His face made me cover my head
It was Jesus! returning just like He had said.
And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.

In the Book of Life which He held in His hand,
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said It's not here" my head hung in shame.

The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.
With those who were ready He arose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.

I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I had been ready tonight.

In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call,
We'll find that the Bible was true after all!

Author Unknown



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