



## *The Lord Jesus delivering His Sermon on the Mount*



***Jesus told us that in the last days there would be "Signs in the sun, in the moon and in the stars ... the sea and waves roaring ..." For an informative interpretation of this prophecy see our Bible Study - The Killer Wave, on page 21***

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**SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

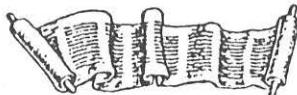
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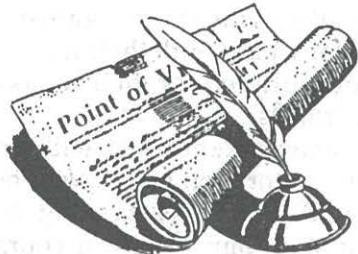
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# Point of View

Editorial



In a world that is rushing towards the conclusion of another era in the plan of God, it is becoming more needful to peacefully live in the "eye of the storm." The confusion outside the "eye of the storm" is largely because our leaders are unable to find long-term solutions.

The short time remaining is surely a period to reflect upon the peace and comfort that God can provide. "Be still and know that I am God" is surely a starting point in such inner thinking.

It is important to accept the fact that priorities in life can change. In an instant what is important one moment, can become less important in the next. Such changes surely must make us realise how fickle life can be.

There is no doubt in my mind that great changes are about to occur in the next few months or years. For many, these changes will be hard to accept. For a few with a view to the Reign of Christ on earth, such changes will be a relief.

It has been said that solutions to our problems have been expressed around a barbecue on a Saturday afternoon. What

is suggested here is that these solutions are quite simple. These solutions must be seen within the teaching of the Law that was codified by Moses for Israel. The problem lies not in the simplicity of the solution but in the fact that certain people do not want the problems solved. It is to their financial benefit that the problems continue. These tares in the wheat field will be separated and destroyed by the angels or messengers of God in the near future.

So often we hear that as a nation we are not as bad as the third world countries. Such references to countries that are obviously in a worse plight, only adds to the acceptance of a society that is slowly fading into oblivion. People in the end fall back into a feeling of: "What can be done to rectify the issues that effects us all"? The believers of the Kingdom Message have already accepted the situation of being in the world but not of it. This is not an excuse for putting ones head in the sand and ignoring the problems. The Kingdom Believer has the answer and whenever possible expresses such views in the hope that the seed might settle in fertile soil.

The rain falls upon the just as well as the unjust. It is obvious that a destructive deluge can create havoc on anyone. It is how we as individuals deal with sufficient rain or a deluge of rain that is the important matter to be considered. Do we cope with the situation in the "eye

of the storm" or do we panic and find ourselves caught up in the winds of change that can result in havoc.

Jesus' love for the sheep that had wandered away from the care of the Shepherd is as vital to the story of restoration as is the preservation of Israel as a servant people. It must not be forgotten that at any time in history has there ever been more than a few individuals who kept the campfire burning. The constant wandering of the sheep has been written into the history of Israel. All those individuals who

down through history have helped to write its pages have had to remain calm in a world that so often was hostile towards the Truth. At times many had to take an individual stand against the masses. Many paid with their lives and many more suffered for their rebuking of the overlords.

As we enter another year with great hope of the restoration may we not hold our light under a tree. By standing alone may we look to our maker for courage and faith even if it means we stand in the "eye of the storm."



## Do Moslems believe the Bible?

Mohammed based his teachings largely upon the Old and New Testaments, upon Arabic tradition and upon his own philosophy. It is generally supposed that Mohammed obtained his sketchy knowledge of the Scriptures orally by conversing with Arabic Jews and Christians rather than from reading the Bible. The Bible plays a very minor role in Islam. Moslem authorities hold that wherever the Koran differs from the Bible the Jews and Christians have corrupted or perverted the Biblical text. Moslems recognise six prophets — Adam, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jesus and Mohammed. Mohammed regarded himself as the successor of Jesus and the last of the prophets. Of the other five prophets of Islam, Abraham and Jesus are regarded as the principal ones. Islam, like Judaism, is a strictly monotheistic religion, and Moslems do not worship Mohammed or any of the other prophets as a deity. The essence of Islam is: "There is only one God, Allah, and Mohammed is his prophet." Consequently the Moslems, while they accept Jesus as one of the six prophets, do not worship him as Christians do. Like the Gnostics of old, Moslems believe that Jesus was not himself crucified but another in his likeness.



## Devotional -

# HOW INTIMATELY DO YOU KNOW HIM?

*"The sheep hear His voice. He calls His own sheep, each one by name, and leads them out." (John 10:3)*

Have you heard His voice? If you are one of His sheep, sooner or later you will hear His voice, the voice of the Good Shepherd.

Shun the voice of any false shepherd who, as "a thief and a robber" merely wants your name on the roll, your financial support and the selfish glory of lording it over a subjugated congregation. Sadly, some are this way.

You will hear the Good Shepherd's voice calling you so gently when you are quiet and alone; when you unhurriedly pray in secret and "cast all your cares upon Him, for He cares for you."

It is very possible to know a great heap of doctrine, or religious tradition, and not to really know Him personally.

Mary Magdalene and Thomas the disciple were possibly so ignorant intellectually compared to the professional specialists of the day, the Scribes and Pharisees, many of whom were "not My sheep." Their relationship with the Messiah was profoundly personal by contrast. Consequently, when face to face with their resurrected Lord, and hearing His divine loving voice, (the voice of the Good Shepherd), addressing them personally by name, these two responded immediately.

I would wholeheartedly recommend that you take time to get to know Him bet-

ter, and your inner life will be profoundly transformed.

Thomas, when first confronted with the resurrected Christ, responded to the voice of the Good Shepherd with the sudden recognition cry of a rescued lost sheep — "My Lord and my God!" Was he saying too much in the exuberance of the moment? In the Greek text this statement is emphasised more than in English because the definite article "the" is placed before both titles "Lord" and "God." Literally it reads, "The Lord of me and the God of me." What a great statement of faith!

Is the Good Shepherd your Lord and your God? Is He Lord to obey and God to worship for you personally? If so, you will find "the joy of the Lord is your strength."

Let us all be included in the blessing the Good Shepherd sends to us here and now. Jesus said to him "Thomas, because you have seen Me, you believed. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

After He has "called His own sheep each one by name He leads them out." Notice He leads them, not drives them. You exercise free will to follow.

The identity mark of discipleship to our great Leader is an unshakable, intimate relationship with Him that manifests itself in the delight to daily follow and obey.

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# Australian's Queen

Selected

*An expression of loyalty to the Queen of Australia is not a matter of meaningless sentiment but a simple affirmation of the fact that Australia has a royal and not a republican system of democratic government. The royal system of government represents a completely different idea of social order from that of the republican idea. The royal idea of government is deeply rooted in human history. The idea is not a British monopoly, but it is an historical fact that the British monarchical order, which Australia has inherited, has developed and preserved the idea in its most developed form. The move away from the royal idea of government is directly related to the future of a Civilisation obviously disintegrating.*

**GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!**

## The Crown Versus Tyranny

One of the most influential Marxist theoreticians of this century, Professor Harold J. Laski, who indoctrinated thousands with the Marxist virus at the London School of Economics, said that the major barrier to the establishment of the type of Monopoly Socialist State he envisaged, was the Crown. One of the first acts of the Bolsheviks when they seized power in Russia in 1917, was to murder members of the Russian Royal family. This shocking deed had nothing to do with the alleged failings of the Tsar and his family, but was symbolic of the hatred of the Marxist for the royal idea of society.

Not only the Russian Monarchy, but a number of European Monarchies disappeared in the welter of revolutionary ferment at the end of the First World War. This was hailed by many as "democratic

progress." But what has been the verdict of history? Was the Monarchical Europe of pre-First World War a better place in which to live than the Europe of Republics? Consider the case of Germany. Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany may, in many ways, have been an undesirable King, although it is now conceded that he attempted to play a restraining role before and during the First World War. But would any rational person suggest that Adolf Hitler was an improvement on the German Monarch? Would anyone seriously suggest that the Communist thugs imposing their brutal tyrannies on countries like Hungary and Rumania are an improvement on the Monarchs these nations had? These questions answer themselves.

Most opponents of the royal idea argue, however, that while they reject any system of dictatorship, it is more "progressive" and "logical" to have a Republican-type



*The moment of Crowning of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II  
by the Archbishop of Canterbury*

Government. The Crown is alleged to be "irrelevant" and "meaningless." But where is the logic in changing to a Republican form of Government without being able to demonstrate that it would be superior to the Monarchical form? West Germany, France and Italy hardly provide inspiring examples of the Republican idea. Although the Americans have perhaps the finest written Constitution ever produced by man, and inherited most of their traditions from Britain, the American Republic is progressively shaken by one internal convulsion after another. Corruption has reached a level as yet unthinkable in a British Crown nation.

The Crown is a central feature of a constitutional system which has its roots deep in the Christian concept of the sanctity of each individual person and in the personal ideal of freedom. At the Queen's Coronation Service she was asked, "Will you to the

*utmost of your power maintain the laws of God and the true profession of the Gospel?" The Coronation Service reflects the Christian concept of Monarchy, the Monarch accepting with humility the necessity to serve*

the people and to act as a living symbol of the nation's traditions and historical continuity. This a service which no elected President can provide.

Because of her unique position in the constitutional system which Australia has inherited from Great Britain, the Queen cannot be tempted with bribes of power or money. So long as the Crown remains, there is always an area of power and influence which the politicians can never invade. Cabinet Ministers are constantly reminded of their correct role by their titles: "Ministers of the Crown." The very existence of the Crown limits the power aspirations of the politician. The Monarchy is not an Infallible barrier against dictatorship, but so long as the Monarch or her representatives function, the aspiring dictator can never gain total power.

The hereditary Monarchy fosters national unity and social stability. Immedi-

ately the Monarch dies, the eldest member of the family, trained and educated for a task of destiny, ascends the Throne and claims immediate allegiance "Le roi est mort. Vive le roi." (The King is dead. Long live the King.) There is no power struggle, no friction, but a sense of continuity. The Monarch has no political past and no party followers to reward, and has no party opponents who detest the Monarch. There is no need for spectacular triumphs or gimmicks to win popular support. The history of the British Crown has been one of personifying continuity with sensible change. The Duke of Windsor wrote in "A King's Story" that *"I had no notion of tinkering with the fundamental rules of Monarchy ... My modest ambition was to broaden the base of the Monarchy a little more; to make it a little more responsive to the changed circumstances of my times."* Queen Elizabeth has continued that process, while providing in her domestic life an example of constancy. Parliament should represent the popular will but the continuing Crown represents nationhood, unity and ancestry.

It is true that in spite of the hereditary principle, reinforced by specialised training from birth, and vast experience, some Monarchs have acted foolishly. But the record of British monarchs compares more than favourably with that of the politicians. And much more favourable with the record of Presidents. In spite of the truth that human nature responds to pageantry, with which Monarchy must of necessity be associated, the small-minded critics often charge that the Monarchy "costs too much." The financial cost of the Crown in the United Kingdom, or in any of the

Crown Commonwealth nations, is much less than the cost of maintaining a Republic of comparable size.

The most shallow argument of all against the Crown, is that it is "Not our own" and that Australians are "clinging to the relics of their colonial past by expressing their allegiance to a British Monarch." This is not true. The fact that many Australians do not understand that Queen Elizabeth II is as much Queen OF AUSTRALIA as she is Queen of the United Kingdom, or of Canada or New Zealand, is a serious reflection upon the Australian educational system. Her Governors and Governor-Generals are Australian in the sense that they work to maintain the Royal system of Government in the Australian context. They are just as Australian as are the Australian Parliaments and the Courts, where the Queen's writ runs.

The sharing of the person of the Queen with other countries may appear illogical to many. But in fact this unique international constitutional arrangement provides an example of that true internationalism which the world so desperately requires if Civilisation is to survive. What would it gain Australia to throw away this precious feature of its essential heritage? So far from benefiting Australians, it would be an act of national vandalism and the death of the real soul of the nation.

The essential soul of a nation is its character, its culture and tradition. This develops organically over a long period of time. The Monarch is a living symbol of the values of the Australian nation, values which Captain Cook did not find lying around on the shores of Eastern Australia when

he sighted them. Australia is a British nation in all its essentials and to attempt to deny this with talk about gaining "self-respect," is a manifestation of childish ignorance.

The Queen is not only the embodiment of culture and tradition. She is the symbol of the nation's sovereignty and independence. As such she is Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, which are the ultimate sanctions. The Oath of Loyalty to the Queen is more than an oath to another human being; it is an oath to uphold all that the Queen represents. Republicans often overlook the fact that in the United States, for example, the individual does not take the oath of loyalty to the President, who is basically but another politician; the oath is to the written Constitution of the United States. That Constitution was framed by great

statesmen to reflect the values undergirding the type of nation envisaged in the United States. The oath of loyalty is in essence to those values. But a written Constitution, however excellent suggests a static society. The truth is that a healthy society must grow. The Crown is a living symbol of the values upon which Australia was developed, and the Royalist believes it is a superior institution than a written constitution. The Queen reigns in association with her elected Ministers. The National Anthem is a prayer that she will be protected to continue her reign and so continue in a highly personal manner a thousand years of history.

GOD SAVE the QUEEN!

Courtesy: Australian Heritage Society

### National Anthem

*God save our gracious Queen,  
Long live our noble Queen,  
God save our Queen.  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.*

*O Lord, our God, arise!  
Scatter her enemies,  
And make them fall.  
Confound their politics,*

*Frustrate their knavish tricks,  
On Thee our hopes we fix,  
God save us all.*

*Thy choicest gifts in store,  
On her be pleased to pour,  
Long may she reign.  
May she defend our laws,  
And ever give us cause  
To sing with heart and voice,  
GOD SAVE THE QUEEN!*

Anon (1743).

## Herbs for Health – Gotu Kola

Selected

*Gotu Kola (Centella asiatica, Hydrocotyle asiatica) is a herb often confused with another plant, the dried cotyledon (seed leaf) of *Cola nitida*, commonly known as *kola nuts*, a well-known ingredient of Coca-Cola containing 3.5% caffeine. Gotu Kola is not a stimulant, but rather a very nutritious herb indigenous to hot, humid climates.*

Dr. John Heinerman, Medical Anthropologist, presented an address on Gotu Kola to the Second International Congress for the Study of Traditional Asian Medicine, held at Airlanggu University in Surabaya, Indonesia, September 2-7, 1984. He stated that Gotu Kola is used as a nourishing food and a valuable medicine in many cultures. The Hosa and the Mfengu tribes in East Africa have used it for both purposes. In the Philippines, the leaves are either consumed raw in salads or as a tea for tonic and stimulant benefits to the body. The leaves have been employed medicinally in the French West Indies and Brazil to cure uterine cancer, leprosy and elephantiasis. In the People's Republic of China, gotu kola is used for fevers, common cold, influenza, sore throat and liver ailments such as cirrhosis and jaundice.

Folk and traditional medicine have deemed this plant to be a brain food, beneficial for memory and senility. Pharmacist Varro E. Tryler states that there is currently no evidence to support the use of Gotu Kola as a longevity promoter or to substantiate the extravagant claims made for it as a revitalising and healing

herb. Substantial data on its safety and efficacy are, in his opinion, simply nonexistent.

However, separate clinical studies to substantiate folk claims for its alleged memory enhancing properties have been done in the United States and India.

In India, Gotu Kola, an Ayurvedic herb, is called Mandoakaparni. There, an impressive study dealt with the effect of gotu kola on general mental ability of mentally retarded children. Whole plants were dried in the shade, powdered, and made into  $\frac{1}{2}$ gram tablets. Half of the thirty children studied were given one gotu kola tablet and half a placebo tablet daily. Apart from nutritional deficiencies, the children had no major illnesses. A Binet-Kamat test was administered and the children's Intelligence Quotients were recorded. Separate tests were also administered to record any changes in the children's co-operation, memory, concentration, attention, vocabulary and overall adjustment. After three months, the tests were repeated.

The findings showed there was a very significant increase in both general ability and behavioural pattern, even in the

short period of twelve weeks of administration of the herb. The difference in IQ increase between the two groups was 4.6%. (The most interesting observation was the overall general adjustment of certain children: those very shy and withdrawn, and who were very restless and fidgety became expressive, communicative and co-operative. It was also noted that youngsters taking gotu kola had increased their powers of concentration and attention.)

Another Indian study showed that gotu kola extracts administered over a period of 42 months to normal healthy adults in the 45-50 age group had several benefits: haemoglobin increased by a significant percent, and the mean levels of blood urea and serum acid phosphatase were decreased. Subsequent examinations have revealed that this herb has brought about a steady increase in blood sugar level (statistically significant). A relationship between hypoglycemia, or low blood sugar levels, and mood swings, mental illness, fatigue, depression, confusion and schizophrenic tendencies is well documented. Dr. Heinerman feels that perhaps the "memory enhancing" attributes of gotu kola may be attributed to the herb's ability to elevate blood sugar levels markedly.

Gotu kola is higher in the B-complex vitamin group than any other plant previously examined. This again may account for its effects on the brain. It is especially high in thiamine (B1), riboflavin (B2), and pyridoxin (B6). B complex is necessary in providing energy for the

body, by converting carbohydrates into glucose, a useable form of sugar for the body to burn. The B complex is responsible for the normal functioning of the nervous system as well. A healthy nervous system allows for a better functioning and organised brain.

(Other nutrients include numerous free amino acids, especially aspartate, glutamate, serine, threonine, alanine, lysine, histidine, and aminobutyrate found in greater quantities in the roots, but also present in leaves. The leaves also contain measurable amounts of provitamin A or carotene.)

Isolated constituents of gotu kola were applied locally on wounds in laboratory rats. This resulted in healthy new connective skin tissue and increased the tensile strength of the flesh, as well as decreased the size of the wound area. Asaticoside, a constituent of gotu kola was injected intra-muscularly or implanted directly into mice, rats, guinea pigs, and rabbits. It produced a rapid thickening of the skin, an increased production of white blood cells, increased growth of new blood vessels of the connective tissue, and an increased growth of hair and nails. Lupus erythematosus was helped by extracts of gotu kola.

Other studies have indicated gotu kola to be effective for gastric ulcers, phlebitis and varicose veins. It has been used for leprosy and related skin disorders, eye lesions, and muscular atrophy.

One investigation of gotu kola was conducted in Provo Utah (USA) at Brigham Young University by a research psychologist who wanted to demon-

strate gotu kola's amazing ability to overcome the negative effects of fatigue and stress when used in conjunction with cayenne pepper (*Capsicum frutescens*) and Siberian ginseng (*Eleutherococcus*).

Rodents were fed the three herbs by means of a surgical technique in which tubing was inserted under the skin, a couple of centimetres below the junction of the esophagus and stomach. Fatigue and stress situations were set up. One involved swimming in a bucket of cold water and then to jump a barrier in order to avoid a mild foot shock. Within 24 hours of administration of the three herbs, the animals could successfully clear the barrier after being dried off from the cold water treatment. Without the

herbs, they required up to 72 hours to recuperate in order to jump the barrier. Dr. Mowrey concluded that a combination of capsicum, ginseng and gotu kola did have a beneficial effect on behaviour of stressed or fatigued animals whose metabolism are similar in many respects to that of man.

From this research carried out in 1975, several large American herbal companies developed an "energy and stamina" formula utilising gotu kola. Some of these can be obtained at your local health food store.

*(For more information on this amazing herb refer to our "Herbs for Health" article in Vol. 3 No. 3 on page 62 — Ed.)*



### Why aren't quotation marks used in the Bible?

Quotation marks originated in France during the latter part of the sixteenth century but had not generally been adopted by English printers when the King James Version of the Bible was first issued in 1611. Although quotation marks have been introduced in later English versions, they have never been inserted in the King James Version. Before the introduction of quotation marks there were no uniform signs in writing and printing to mark the beginning and end of matter borrowed from other books or sources. Quotations in the Bible are often introduced by such phrases as, "It is written," "It is said," "The Scripture saith," "It saith," "It was said by them of old time," "Those of old time said," etc. The number of explicit quotations from the Old Testament in the New Testament is estimated at 275. In the King James Version it is often difficult to tell exactly just where a quotation begins and where it ends. The introduction of quotation marks in the Bible sometimes leads to ludicrous results, because strict quotation was alien to the authors of the sacred writings.



# Conspiracy Tracker – Against the International Monetary Fund

Bury the debt, not the dead

Selected

## Introduction

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the World Bank are two of the most powerful organisations in the world today. Their role is to regulate the world's economy and in this they are seen to "generously" provide loans to "developing" countries. What this document is intended to do is expose the worldwide exploitation these two organisations, as a mechanism of imperialism, are responsible for.

## Development Of The IMF

Shortly after the Second World War, plans for a New World trade and world monetary order were prepared in the US. These plans were designed to prevent a world economic crisis such as in the 1920s, and also to develop the international expansion of US capitalism (which as a result of World War II emerged in a strong position to ensure this).

Founded by 44 countries, the IMF and World Bank are complimentary organisations; the former responsible for short-term balance of payment aid, the latter for long term project related aid. Without membership in the IMF (which

means integration into the capitalist system), there is no admission to the World Bank. Without playing by IMF rules, no development aid from the World Bank. A classic example of the carrot and stick principle.

Today, there are 151 member-countries of the IMF. The vast majority is located in the Three Continents (Asia, Africa, South and Central America), yet these countries have no real influence on IMF policies. Instead, to ensure the power of the advanced industrial countries (US, Canada, Japan, etc), a quota system was devised which, contrary to the usual "one vote, one country" system as in UN organisations, grants a percentage of votes according to a country's national income, gold and foreign exchange reserves, size and fluctuations of foreign trade and export dependence. The US share of the total quota is 19.9%, followed by the UK with 6.9%. Any change in quotas requires an 85% majority!

## Impact Of IMF Policies

The main function of the IMF is to provide its members with financial aid to cover short-term gaps in their balance

of payments. Essentially, it is an international organisation through which countries of the capitalist north can impose their financial and monetary interests, and sometimes other interests, on the countries of the Three continents. Nowhere is this clearer than in the IMF's "stabilisation programmes" which it forces on countries as a condition of repayment. Standard parts of this are devaluation of national currency, abolition of liberalisation of controls on foreign trade (intended to set an export boom in motion and bring in foreign exchange), wage cuts, and cuts in social programmes (ie health, schools). There is often a marked deterioration in the supply of basic materials of the poor.

In historical colonial times, developing countries were forced to develop one-sided mono-cultural export structures. The colonies provided agricultural and mineral raw materials, which were essential for the industrialisation process of the metropolis, often under armed force.

This basic pattern continues today, with the IMF replacing the gunboats. This one-sided orientation towards the interests of the imperialist countries has prevented the development of food production for domestic requirements. The abolition of foreign trade controls creates an opportunity for multi-national corporations to gain access to the raw materials. The traditional agriculture of countries such as Guatemala, El Salvador, Ethiopia, etc. has been destroyed and replaced by the growing of cotton, sisal, coffee, cocoa, bananas, sugar; all for ex-

port. The ecological destruction we are seeing of the rainforests in the Three continents is directly related to the situation of imperialism. The de-forestation also produces dangers for the indigenous peoples who live in these areas. Due to land clearing for cattle-ranching, cash-crops, mining, dams, and road-building, thousands of people are displaced, their traditional livelihoods destroyed and ultimately their very cultures.

With this comes intensified repression by police, army, and paramilitary forces against any resistance, from ecologists and indigenous peoples. An even more blatant example of what the IMF's function is, and is seen in the "debt for exports" concept, in which export goods are traded to companies who'll take over the balance of payment debts. As an example, in 1988 Fiat sought permission to accept Brazilian debt in payment for cars.

### Politics Of The IMF

The IMF attaches great importance to its *supposedly* non-political character, arguing that the principle of non-discrimination ensures all countries are treated equally in the granting and conditions of loans. The IMF states it is purely economic. However, not only does it ignore the often-devastating social and political impacts of its economic policies, but also its practise tells another story. Chile, during the time of socialist president Allende, was refused a stand-by agreement after the country was plunged into difficulties by a US destabilisation programme.

After the military coup in 1973, the IMF quickly came to agreement with the new fascist Pinochet regime. After the Soweto uprising, the IMF gave South Africa a loan of US\$464 million in 1976, a sum almost equal to the increase in military expenditure that year. In Nov.1982 the IMF again granted South Africa a loan totalling US\$1.1 thousand million, even though the UN General Assembly just voted 121 votes to 3 against IMF aid for Apartheid. With the help of Canada and most Western European countries, the US forced the loan through with 53% of the vote in the IMF. In 1982 El Salvador received loans which caused a sensation because of the generous terms attached; no interest rates, subsidies or changes in prices of agricultural goods. As late as May 1979, nine weeks before Somozas overthrow, the Nicaraguan regime received an IMF credit.

The forcing through of IMF stabilisation programmes has also determined the fate of many governments, leading to their downfall because they implement these programmes. With remarkable frequency, IMF interventions coincide with military coups; the military take-over in Argentina in March 1976 (as in 1962) was closely connected with negotiations for an IMF stand-by credit. The civilian government couldn't force through the IMF demands because resistance was too strong. The military took advantage of the crisis and took power. It proceeded to crush popular resistance, the "dirty war" between 1976-78, and soon reached agreement with the IMF. Similar situations occurred in Bra-

zil 1964, Chile and Uruguay 1973, Turkey in 1960, 71, and 80.

The unrest following the implementation of IMF policies is well known; massive riots, "bread riots," demonstrations, and strikes. These are forms of popular resistance against the attempts of imperialism to force the poor to pay for the "Debt crisis."

As we can see, the results of IMF and World Bank, and essentially imperialist politics, resulting in millions of people deprived of the basis of their subsistence.

Women are often in the centre of this attack. With the payment of a wage to a man, or higher wages for a man, the sexist interpretation of what capital recognises as wage-earning work shows the patriarchal structuring of society, right down to the family unit. This includes the sexuality, the birth and raising of children, relationships, cooking, cleaning, laundry, shopping. This "housework" is seen as a labour done out of love.

The head of the house, the man, is legally and ideologically given control over the family. In this way the power and work relations within the family make up the basis of the gender and class division. So the exploitation of women's work forms an integral part of capitalism. But women also face attacks in reproduction rights, and on a world scale this is seen as "population policy." Abortion restrictions here, and forced sterilisation in the Three continents are connected; to capital there is "surplus" population in the Three continents, where women are frequently used as test cases for new birth control devices,

forced sterilisation, and as markets for (often defective) pharmaceutical products. We see this in Nestlè infant formulas (which have thus far caused 3 million infant deaths), Ciba-eigys' preparations Mexaform and Enterofrom (for acute diarrhoea, both products contain Clioquinol, which leads to a serious nerve ailment called Smon), as well as birth control pills 20 times stronger than those on the market in North America.

Gene technology is increasingly being applied to the Three continents, and not only in the agribusiness. There are also measures to reduce the population; forced sterilisation programmes, birth control injections effective for 3 months at a time. Here, they call abortion "murder of an unborn life," in the Three continents they talk of "overpopulation."

*This "overpopulation," as defined by capital, means "too many mouths to feed," "smaller profits," and a greater potential for unrest.* This "overpopulation" is directly connected to such institutions as the IMF and World Bank. The family, in the Three continents becomes a means of survival, and when one in four children die before age five, you produce more children to work in the fields, to gather food. Neither famine nor poverty is natural. On the contrary, they are the result of world imperialist policies, in which the IMF and World Bank have a key function.

### Canada

Canadian involvement in the IMF and World Bank seems small in com-

parison to the United States, but this has more to do with economic status. Canada has contributed to the development of the IMF since day one. It has a vote quota of 3.2%, the 6th largest. All its major banking institutions; Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce, Toronto-Dominion, Bank of Montreal, National Bank of Canada, and Bank of Nova Scotia, are engaged in the business of the IMF and World Bank. In 1988, most of these banks commenced selling off their loans to corporations and investors. The Toronto-Dominion sold \$780 million of loans to less developed countries, and swapped \$308 million of Mexican loans for bonds in that country. The Bank of Montreal did not participate in this swap citing the pricing wasn't "adequate." These banks have billions of dollars loaned to countries in the Three continents.

### Conclusion

The response from most groups opposed to the IMF policies has been a call for "debt cancellation" or re-negotiation of payments. This may mean a temporary breathing space, but new mechanisms will replace the old ones. Recent statements made by bankers, show that negotiations on re-payment, or partial cancellations, are quite compatible with IMF and World Bank policies in the long term.

As can be seen, the interests of many seemingly diverse groups (ecological, anti-racist/anti-apartheid, anti-patriarchal, anti-capitalist, Central American

solidarity groups, indigenous peoples, etc) are present in the struggle against imperialism, embodied in two of the most powerful organisations in the capitalist world; the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and World Bank. The real challenge against the IMF and World Bank lies in these movements, and the

liberation struggles of many of the countries in the Three continents where revolutionary struggles are now being fought; but only if we develop strong anti-imperialist politics. Because the structures and methods of imperialism are international, our resistance must also be international.

BOOB

## What is the Talmud?

Talmud, from a Hebrew root meaning "to learn or to teach," is the name of a vast body of Jewish literature. It is not a book, as commonly supposed, but a large collection of books. The entire Talmud translated and printed in English would make a library of some four hundred volumes of ordinary size. It contains all the Jewish law, tradition, interpretation, legend, knowledge, literature, ritual, ceremony, commentary and homiletic comment that the ancient rabbis and scholars deemed worthy of preservation for future generations. After the Romans destroyed the temple in Jerusalem in 70 A.D., the rabbis in Palestine and Babylonia began to compile and edit the Jewish law and tradition to preserve Judaism as a religion and way of life. The Pharisees, the spiritual leaders of the Jews, believed that God gave Moses many administrative laws that were not included in the Pentateuch but were handed down orally through the centuries. Fearing that the loss of these laws and traditions would result in the dissolution of Judaism, the rabbis set to work to reduce them to writing along with the authoritative interpretations and their own comments. The result of their labours was two bodies of literature now known as the Talmud. There are really two Talmuds, the Palestinian, completed in the fourth century A.D., and the Babylonian, completed in the fifth century A.D. These Talmuds consist of Mishna, text, and Gemara, commentary. The Mishna of the two Talmuds is substantially the same, but the Gemara of the Babylonian Talmud is about three times as extensive as that of the Palestinian Talmud, which it has largely superseded.

BOOB

# Sidon The Ancient Fulfills Prophecy

B. Bateson

*"Son of man, set thy face against Sidon, and prophesy against it. And say, Thus saith the Lord God. Behold, I {am} against thee, O Sidon, and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I {am} the Lord, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. For I will send into her pestilence (the Hebrew means destruction, death), and blood into her streets, and the wounded shall be judged (or fall) in the midst of her by the sword upon her on every side" (Ezek. 28:21-23).*

These words have been remarkably fulfilled during many centuries of history.

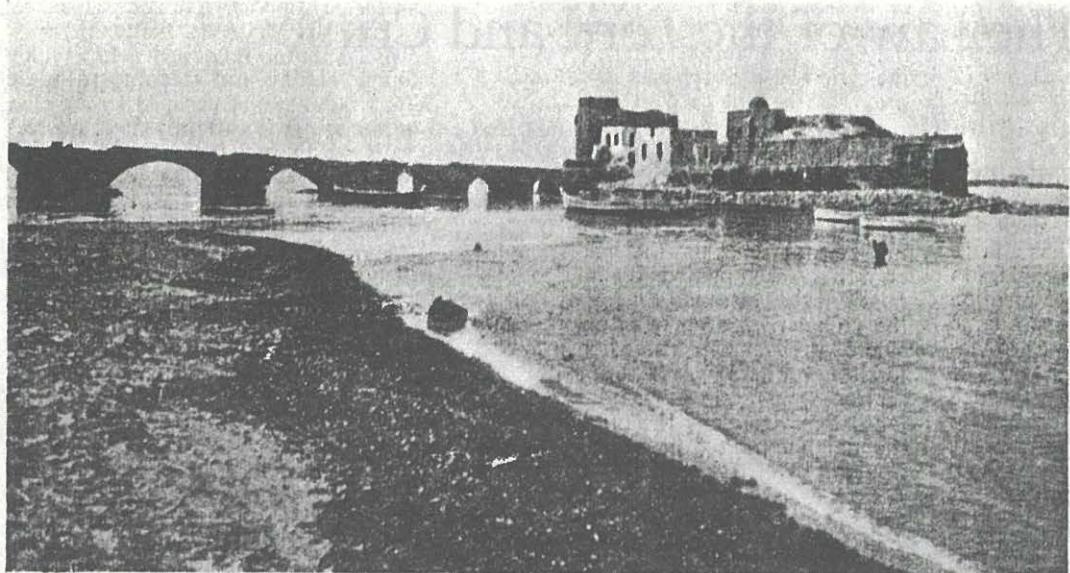
Sidon appears to have attained its highest peak of prosperity during the days of the Persian Empire, at that time excelling all other Phoenician cities in wealth and importance. But in 351 B.C. the city revolted against the Persians; whereupon an army was sent to deal with the rebels. During the siege which followed, when all hope of saving the city was gone, the inhabitants shut themselves up with their families in their houses and set them on fire, choosing rather to die in this manner than submit to Persian vengeance. Some 40,000 persons are said to have thus perished.

The city gradually recovered, however, and co-operated with Alexander the Great against Tyre, but from that time it ceased to play any important part in history. Although it has continued throughout the centuries, there have been destruction and blood again and again in her streets and "the sword upon her on every side."

During the days of the Crusades, Sidon was repeatedly taken and retaken by the opposing forces. Three times it was captured by the Crusaders, and three times it fell before the Moslem armies. Even in more recent times the city has also suffered tribulation. It was the scene of conflicts between the Druses and the Turks, and between the Turks and the French, while in 1840 it was bombarded by the combined fleets of Britain and Turkey.

Thus, as we have remarked, not once, but many times "destruction and blood" have been in her streets, and "her wounded have fallen in the midst of her," and the sword has been "upon her on every side."

What human eye, uninspired by divine prevision could have looked down through the long centuries of time and foreseen the differing fate of the two sister cities, Tyre and Sidon? What human mind could have foretold 2,500 years ago that Tyre would be made like a bare rock, "a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea," whereas Sidon would



*Ancient Citadel in the Sea at Sidon*

*This fortress must have been impregnable in the days of Sidon's greatness. The Apostle Paul is said to have visited it in Roman times, and in the Middle Ages it was a stronghold of the Crusaders*

remain but suffer tribulation throughout the centuries?

As we have said before, not only does the fulfilment of many such remarkable prophecies prove the inspiration of the prophets of the Bible, and thus of the Bible itself; but it also serves to assure us

that the prophecies still awaiting fulfilment will certainly not fail. Thus we can be certain that the events foretold as taking place at the end of the age, the Second Coming of the Lord Jesus Christ and the establishment of His reign upon earth, will most surely be fulfilled.



***The Lord Jesus Christ said,***

***"Come unto me, all {ye} that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Mat 11:28)***



# The Law of the Lord and Crime

B. Compartet

God's laws are simple and direct, and nobody can mistake the reason for the penalty and the justice of it. First, let us consider God's laws concerning Theft. Why do some people steal? Obviously, in order to make a profit, to gain by the theft. If the amount stolen is big enough, the thief may be willing to spend a few months or years in prison for it. But God's Law takes the profit out of theft: the thief loses, not gains. One who wrongfully withholds from the owner property entrusted to them for safekeeping, or property they have found, must not only restore the thing to the owner, but must also pay them one-fifth of the value of the thing (Lev. 6:1-5). But a true thief, one who got the property wrongfully in the first place, really takes a loss: if the stolen thing is recovered intact in their hands, they must restore double the amount of their theft (Ex. 22: 4,9); while, if they have consumed the stolen thing, or has sold or otherwise disposed of it, they must restore from 4 to 5 times the amount they stole (Ex. 22:1). That really takes all the fun out of it, doesn't it?

But suppose the thief is defiant: they say, "Well, I can't pay it; so what are you going to do about it?" God's law can do something about it: the defiant thief is sold into slavery for enough to pay what they owe. Suppose they owe \$100.00. They are auctioned off after this fashion: "Who will bid \$100 for 1 week of this

person's labour?" If the thief is repentant and really wants to make amends for the wrong they have done, they probably will be a good worker and possibly someone will bid \$100 for a week of their labour. But suppose they are still sullen and defiant; it will take a lot more than one week to get \$100 worth of work out of them; there will be no bidders for one week, maybe none for a month's time, or even several months. The thief's own attitude can make it either easier or harder on themselves. Also, the injured party receives some compensation for all their trouble and the time they had lost the use of their property.

Again, consider the crimes of Assault and Battery, and mayhem ... inflicting serious bodily injury on another. Today, the law shows no connection between the crime and the punishment. Courts get in the habit of using the same routine penalty for all cases, even though there is a great difference between the injury inflicted in the different cases.

But God's Law proportions the punishment to the offence: the wrongdoer receives the same injury they inflicted on their victim: if they knocked out a tooth, they lose their own; if they break an arm, their own is broken; and so on. The moral is clear: if you value your own hide, leave your neighbour's alone; if you don't want your own arm broken, don't wrongfully attack someone and break



*Moses presenting the Tables of the Law to the  
Children of Israel at Mount Sinai*

their arm. Even the dullest criminal can understand this. People of very philosophical mind, able to understand the connection between a violation of section 240 of the California Penal Code and a fine of \$25.00 imposed by court some weeks later, aren't usually the ones who do violate it. The ones who are dull of wit but sharp of temper, and who need some restraint, can get the point of God's law much better; that is why God provided the same injury as the penalty, in Exodus 21:22-25, and Leviticus 24:19-20.

Once in a while there is a case of a person who seeks to injure an enemy by making false accusation against them, trying to get the law to punish their enemy for something they never did.

Again, God's law provides the right answer, in Deuteronomy 19:16-20. The false accuser receives the same punishment they tried to have wrongfully inflicted on their enemy. If they falsely accused their enemy of a crime punishable by a flogging, they themselves are flogged; and so forth. The California Penal Code, sec. 128 adopts a part of this rule: it provides that any-

one who by perjury, causes the execution of an innocent person, is punishable by death.

There are many other crimes, very serious crimes, which are very frequently committed, under our modern law — and which are becoming more common every year. I will not bore you with the statistics on how many murders, rapes and robberies are committed each hour of every day, in this country — besides, they would be last year's statistics, and not as bad as this year's record. But these vast numbers of crimes are not committed by a large number of people: on the contrary, a comparatively few people, most of them habitual criminals, commit this great number of crimes. Our mod-

ern law has become so distorted that its purpose no longer seems to be to protect society against the criminal, but just to furnish highly-paid jobs for a lot of fuzzy-minded dogooder social workers to coddle the professional criminal. God's law doesn't make this mistake: its purpose is to protect the innocent from the wrongdoer. For wilful murder, the penalty is death: see Leviticus 24:17, Numbers 35:16-21, and Deuteronomy 19:11-13. One who killed by accident, however, without any wrongful act, was not punished, and was protected from any revenge on the part of the dead person's relatives (Num. 35:10-15, 22-25, and Deut. 19:4-6).

Adultery also was punished with death (how this would depopulate Hollywood!) Various minor crimes could be punished by flogging: but not more than 40 lashes. The State of Delaware had a statute authorising flogging of robbers and burglars, but it had not been used for a long time.

Under God's law, habitual criminals, who could not be reformed by such penalties, were not allowed to continue to harm the innocent, nor were they supported at public expense for life: death was the penalty for habitual crime. This, alone, would take care of most of our crime problem today, for most of our serious crimes are the work of habitual criminals. We still see large gangs of criminals running free in every large city, while our law must wait until after they have committed the robberies and murders they are planning: we must always sacrifice

innocent victims on the altar of crime. God's law would not do that: these criminal gangs would all be destroyed because they are habitual criminals, and the honest people of the community would have peace and safety.

For kidnapping, also for rape, the punishment was death (Deut. 22:25-27; 24:7). It was intended that these vicious and loathsome crimes should be stamped out. Under God's law, we could not have seen the spectacle of a person guilty of these crimes delaying their punishment for many years until they exhausted the long-suffering patience of the courts. The penalty is to be death, swift and certain; and the Bible says: "so shalt thou put the evil away from among you. And those which remain shall hear, and fear, and shall henceforth commit no more any such evil among you."

The Bible records that, when our ancestors enforced and obeyed God's laws, they had peace and prosperity, and were respected by the other nations. But Israel was condemned to captivity and exile because they abandoned the Laws of God and followed the Statutes of Omri, as the 6th Chapter of Micah records. Today, we, too, are keeping the Statutes of Omri and we suffer the penalty in a frightful rate of crime, which is steadily getting worse. We have the record of 3,000 years of experience: human laws always fail; but God's Laws alone will bring peace, prosperity and safety. When will we learn to make God's Laws the law of the land, and reap the benefits thereof?



# Bible Study - *The Killer Wave*

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During July 1998 an enormous "tidal wave" (so called) struck the northern coast of Papua-New Guinea wiping out several towns and killing some 2,160 inhabitants. The killer wave struck during the night when most were asleep, and for many victims it was sudden death. To survive from a wall of water reportedly 15-20 metres high and travelling at hundreds of miles per hour would be nothing short of miraculous. The immense weight and velocity of water on the move is very fearful indeed. One has only to encounter normal ocean beach surf and be tossed helplessly around like a cork, to respect the humanly irresistible force of a big wave.

An earthquake under the sea (or a "seaquake") was undoubtedly the cause of this killer wave. It must have been located close by or other coasts and islands would have reported great damage and loss of life.

## **The Big Wave**

We may well ask the question, "were these natives of Papua-New Guinea worse sinners than others in that country, that they had to be removed from the scene in such a sudden and spectacular manner by this act of God?"

To answer this reasonable query, we should refer to Luke 13:1-5, from which I quote a portion: "Or these eighteen of

*whom the tower of Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all other men who dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish."*

It is clear that our Lord was warning them that violent death was coming to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem at the close of that particular age, (circa AD 70), if they did not repent.

Jewish historian Josephus recorded the terrible massacre of that generation. Violent death came to 1,100,000 inhabitants of Jerusalem during the seven year war of the Romans, AD 66-73. However, those who did heed the warning of their Messiah, did escape. May you and I in these last days do likewise, repent and serve our God and King in humble obedience.

## **World-Wide Catastrophes**

Natural catastrophes such as killer waves, earthquakes, floods, fires, volcanic eruptions, etc. are increasingly frequent and severe with high death tolls. It should be unnecessary to quote official figures that abundantly prove this assertion, we have all read that elsewhere. However, there is one aspect that I feel is neglected and therefore we should consider in this little study; that is our Lord's warning in Luke 21:25-26. "There will be signs in the sun, in the moon

*and in the stars; and on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, THE SEA AND THE WAVES ROARING; men's hearts failing them from fear and the expectation of those things which are coming on the earth," (why?) "for the powers of heaven will be shaken." (NKJ).*

We need to realise that the five items in this grouping of phenomena listed here are closely inter-related; (a) definitely causes (b), resulting in (c), which in turn causes (d); and all this because of (e), which refers back to (a).

Like so many other Scripture passages, we find in these two verses a fascinating structure, which we can give the name "symmetrical repetition." This strange phenomenon is apparently unique to God's Holy Bible; it occurs frequently throughout the sacred Scriptures as another confirmation of Divine inspiration.

Consider this example in Luke 21:25-26.

- a) astronomical signs .....(a)
- b) nations distressed .....(note d)
- c) sea and waves roaring .... (inverted c)
- d) nations distressed ..... (repetition b)
- e) astronomical phenomena .....(a)

We want to consider the neglected central items here: "sea/waves/roaring."

All round the world, every day and every night the restless sea pounds away at rugged coastlines and sandy beaches. This continuous action and noise of surf does not alarm us; and certainly does not cause nations to be "distressed" or "perplexed" by it, nor to cause "heart failure."

So — there must be something very unusual and terrifying here on a worldwide scale, threatening the very existence of civilisation and the lives of large, national populations. No, ordinary booming of surf on ocean beaches could never constitute a warning sign of the close return of "The Son of Man," which event is the topic of the very next verse (27).

### What Sort Of Wave?

If we consider this passage using the very helpful markings in the *Newberry Bible*, (KJV), we find that the expression "waves roaring" in Greek is actually singular! Could this therefore mean an extra big wave, a "tsunami," a killer wave like the Papua-New Guinea one of last July, which wave was caused by a seaquake? Certainly big earthquakes will increase to a crescendo at the close of this present age and will assuredly be triggered by the extra close encounter with some wandering asteroid or comet threatening to strike the earth. This scenario I believe, is highly probable — some prophecies indicate it. However, in this passage of Luke 21 our Lord is referring to something distinctly different as far as the sea is concerned. You see, a tsunami wave gives very little, if any warning, because it strikes with treacherous speed and virtual silence. It travels across the ocean as a low wave only a foot or two in height in deep waters, and at the amazing speed of 400 to 500 miles per hour. As it enters shallow waters surrounding the land it suddenly has to rise, and as it reaches the shore may then be

towering fifty feet high or more! You can appreciate that such a high-speed killer wave gives you no time to evacuate your seaside cottage, and any roaring that is heard will be too late to give you a helpful warning!

### A Mighty Roar

If people nation-wide and worldwide are to be perplexed, distressed and having heart failures over impending doom, accompanied by a shocking roar, it is because of something much more unusual than a tsunami, something much slower in its approach, and something much noisier. However, not to the extent of a world flood like Noah survived, for we have the rainbow promise that such a gigantic flood will not occur again. (We can also dismiss with contempt the political propaganda about the greenhouse effect and global warming of a mere fraction of a degree, with the ocean level rising a few centimetres!)

Various translations indicate that it is a "roaring sea" that causes confusion and perplexity of whole nations, consequently I think the singular here is to be applied not to "wave" but to the word "roaring." According to the "Concordant Literal New Testament" the word "wave" is simply not there. It reads, "... nations in perplexity at the resounding of the sea and the shaking ..." Ferrar Fenton translates: "... upon the earth nations in despair, as when in terror of the roaring and raging sea: men expiring from fear, and apprehension of what is coming upon the world ...". George Lamsa translating from the origi-

nal Aramaic manuscripts reads in full: "And there will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; and on earth distress of the nations and confusion because of the roaring of the sea; and upheaval that takes life out of men, because of fear of what is to come on earth; and the powers of the universe will be shaken."

### Joshua's Long Day

"The powers of the heavens shall be shaken" obviously refers to astronomical phenomena which earth's inhabitants can actually see and feel. Such things did occur at the Exodus and at the conquest of Canaan. Falling stones, (a hail of meteorites) accompanying the remarkable and astounding claim that the sun and moon "stood still" in the sky; these were the astronomical weapons God used against Israel's enemies to destroy the Amorites, (Joshua 10:11-13). We must believe the prophecies: this will happen again on a big scale, mark my words.

But how can the sun and moon possibly stop still in their orbits? The point is they don't. This effect can be produced by a sudden change in the earth's rotation. When sun and moon appeared to stop still, there was a brief shifting of the earth's axis away from the normal north and south pole location. For a period of "about a whole day" the operating axis of the Northern Hemisphere was located in the land of Canaan, thus halting the apparent travel of the sun and moon across the sky. In nearby countries the sun and moon would appear to slowly describe a small circle overhead; while

on the far side of the globe an extremely long night would occur.

To achieve such a weird effect probably a very large asteroid, comet or straying planet would swing very close to the earth, thus altering its rotation, and then move away again to allow it to resume normal diurnal/nocturnal movement.

Such a large rocky planetoid body would likely be accompanied by a retinue of much smaller rocks and stones, as indeed was the hail described in Joshua 10:11, which hail of meteorites killed more of the Amorites than Israel's army was able to slay!

There is a further interesting account of this in Habakkuk 3:10-13. Please note it combines both the historical past event (referring to the Exodus and conquest of Canaan) and also prophecy which we may even see and experience in our own lifetime during the next ten to thirty years. Furthermore, notice that the prophets often forecast future events in the present or past tense because they have already seen them in vision before writing them down. With God himself, our future has been done, accomplished and fulfilled, for God is not bound by time (for example, see Numbers 23:19; note His astonishing statement in verse 21(a), and get the explanation in Isaiah 45:25 with Romans 11:26, 32).

### **The Habakkuk Prophecy**

So what did happen and especially what will happen according to Habakkuk 3:10-13 (NKJ)?

"The mountains saw you and trembled." Mighty earthquakes will be caused, also

volcanic action by the exceptional, lopsided pull from the strong gravitation of a visiting heavenly body swinging close to the earth. Some astronomers are specialising in nearby space scrutiny in order to locate and plot the course of wandering asteroids, most of which orbit the sun in the asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter. Some Asteroids wander outside this belt and are a distinct collision hazard for the earth. Only a tenth of space has been so far examined in this way so no one knows what dangers the remaining nine-tenths may hold for our planet! So far at least, one very large asteroid has astronomers very worried. Collision with such a large one could destroy all life on earth. This asteroid is expected to come very close to the earth, possibly closer than the moon, on October 26, 2028; barely 30 years away. Of course, another asteroid may be destined to brush with the earth much sooner — one that has not yet been discovered.

### **Rising Sea Level**

Not only earthquakes are triggered by the pull of a visiting planetoid but also the oceans. Think of the moon's pull causing the tides. If this tidal effect is exaggerated by the additional attraction of another extra moon the tides would be really phenomenal to an alarming extent and woe betide our coastal communities!

Look at the next few words, pregnant with meaning: *"The overflowing of the waters (plural) passed by. The deep uttered its voice, and lifted up its hands on high."* Add that description to our Lord's warn-

ing in Luke 21:25 about the roaring sea terrifying whole populations. Australia's coast-bound population will be experiencing some highly exciting and uncomfortably wet entertainment some few years ahead!

We notice in the above quotation three important points:

a). The sea level is suddenly raised to be "overflowing" the land.

b). There is a "deep roaring" of the flooding billows as they invade the inhabited shores smashing down houses, buildings and destroying civilisation before them with irresistible power.

c). What does the sea "lifting up its hands on high" mean?

Have you seen pictures of waterspouts caused by cyclonic hurricanes whipping up the seawater hundreds of feet into the sky?

### Whirlwinds

Obviously, at this time of global catastrophe the earth's atmosphere has to be greatly and violently disturbed, with wild winds raging and roaring across land and sea. We read in Psalm 42:7, "*Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of Thy waterspouts!*" Very awful and frightening, these funnels of fury!

Consider now these remarkable words from Zechariah 9:14, "*And the Lord shall be seen (by 'the pure in heart') over the enemy, and His arrow shall go forth as lightening; (meteoric bombardment) and the Lord God shall blow the trumpet, (the seventh trumpet?) and shall go in the whirlwind of (or to) the south.*"

As you know, Jeremiah is the great prophetic book of "latter day" events which specifically tells of the new covenant God makes with Israel: (Chapter 31:31-34). In fact, verse one of this chapter promises a spiritual marriage reunion between God and Israel: ie. "the wedding supper of the Lamb," (Saviour), referred to in the parable of the ten bridesmaids, (Matthew 25:10 and Revelations 19:7-9). Immediately preceding Jeremiah 31:1 are the last three verses of Chapter 30; and these four verses belong together as one paragraph. Verse 22 of Chapter 30 and verse 1 of Chapter 31 are the loving promise to Israel, the outside of the "sandwich." Verses 23 and 24, the "sandwich filling," tells of God's violent wrath on the wicked involving the use of a furious whirlwind; and, "*in the latter days ye shall consider it.*" (you and me, right now!) So you can see how our present subject of meteorological violence fits into our magazine article of July/August 1998, "*Will 5 + 5 = 5?*" That is, just before Matthew 25:10.

Now to save space copying four long verses, would you look up Jeremiah 25:30-33? Notice the words "roar," "noise," "all inhabitants of the earth," "a great whirlwind raised up from the coasts of the earth" resulting in an enormous slaughter worldwide, with bodies scattered like dung on top of the ground.

Finally, Jeremiah 23:19-20: "... a grievous whirlwind shall fall grievously upon the heads of the wicked, (lawless ones, plural) ... *In the latter days*" (right now!) "*ye shall consider it perfectly.*" Yes, we do well to consider it!

## The Very Short Day!

Returning to our basic study in Habakkuk 3:11, "The sun {and} moon stood still in their habitation" (the sky). Think, not only of Joshua's long day, but of the future short day of Amos 8:9. "And it shall come to pass in that day, says the Lord God, that I will make the sun go down at noon, and I will darken the earth in broad daylight." (NKJ). A very dark and gloomy day is also prophesied in Joel 2:2, 31. Also six hours or so, on the opposite side of the earth the day may be extended to 18 hours. Clearly the earth's axis will suddenly change to produce such a startling scenario! However, I personally think "the dark gloominess" will be caused by prodigious clouds of dust and ash belching from a multitude of suddenly awakened volcanoes.

## Melting Ice

If the earth's axis were to permanently alter so that the position of the north and south poles were radically moved to new locations, then a profound climate transformation would take place. The polar ice caps, suddenly plunged into warm climates would start melting. Conversely the new poles would accumulate fresh ice. Which would be faster, the melting or freezing? It is hard to say; but we are told that if all the enormous quantity of ice (thousands of cubic miles of it) stored at the Antarctic continent were to melt, all the world's oceans could rise 200 feet higher! All the seaports on earth would be destroyed; Australia's coastal

populations would be depleted and most cities inundated. I would therefore recommend every reader to locate his or her home well above 200 feet altitude, if you want to survive such a cataclysm.

Standing on your front verandah located high on the Adelaide Hills, Darling Range or Blue Mountains, etc. one day, you are attracted by the ominous, distant, thundering roar and the strange white appearance of the ocean horizon. You are transfixed in horror-stricken awe and terror as the mighty, roaring ocean billows flood in, overwhelming and tumbling over factories, sky scrapers, thousands of private homes, surging across the plains below you, reaching ever further inland towards you. You remember the strange prophecy of "the roaring sea which causes our hearts to fail" and "men expiring from fear and apprehension of what is coming upon the world."

But, you say, it's impossible: the freezing of the new polar areas, especially if located at sea, may keep pace with the melting of the old polar caps with little alteration to the sea level. Sorry! There is another big factor, which will stop the new ice forming, and speed up the melting of ice caps!

## Fire! Fire! Fire!

Continue right on with Habakkuk 3 reading and observe the latter half of verse 11. "At the light of Thine arrows they (sun and moon) went at the shining of Thy glittering spears" (plural according to Lamsa). Sun and moon fade out in the dark day, and rival lights shine from "ar-

rows" and "glittering spears." So what are these arrows and spears but death-dealing weapons of God's wrath direct from His munition factory in space! On Joshua's long day a hail of rocks (meteorites) fell, destroying Israel's enemies. That is nothing compared with the millions of meteorites that will fall worldwide on God's day of wrath and judgement! Such a mighty display of "shooting stars" will be without precedent. Read the opening of the sixth seal in Revelation 6:12-17. These are the Almighty's incendiary bombs to destroy the wicked. As the rocks hurl through the atmosphere the friction from air resistance heats them to incandescence. Who knows how long this terrific bombardment will continue? It may well be instrumental in temporarily stopping the new polar areas from freezing and may also speed up the melting of former ice caps, consequently causing a rise in sea level.

Verse 12 describes the meteor shower as though God was marching over the land in indignation, "threshing" the heathen (nations) in anger.

Will these heavenly incendiary bombs hit you and me? See the next verse, 13,

*"You went forth for the salvation of your people,"* (to rescue the bride for the wedding). His bride will not be wiped out by meteorites or by ocean flooding; but those who don't heed the warnings may be destroyed with the wicked. His advice is as follows:

*"Come my people, enter though into thy chambers, and shut thy door about thee; hide thyself as it were for a little moment, until the indignation be over past. For, behold, the Lord cometh out of His place to punish the inhabitants of the earth for their iniquity: the earth also shall disclose her blood, and shall no more cover her slain,"* (Isaiah 26:20-21). This great slaughter will enrich the soil with millions of dead bodies — organic manure. Erupting volcanoes spreading lava, pumice, ash and dust together with a tremendous rain of meteorites from space will bring roasted rock, mineral-rich fertiliser, top dressing on a vast scale to revive the worn out soils of our planet! Be jubilant you farmers and gardeners!

Now to calm and encourage yourself, I do suggest you carefully and slowly, (with the topic of this study in mind), read psalm 46 and 47 which describe much of these things ahead of us and how to relate to them.

### **It has been said:**

*"Unless the Ten Tribes have flown into the air or have been plunged to the centres of the earth they must be sought for in the British Isles."*

**DEAN ABBADIE (the greatest scholar in Europe of his day)**

# The Witness Examined

(Part 5 of 7)



## The Mission of Daniel and His Companions

C. Hearn

The purpose of this article is to "tie up" the various statements made in the previous articles in this series, in order to enable the reader to form a composite picture of the whole situation then existing during the period covered by the Babylonian captivity. It is in this period the four men of whom we write lived and worked to attain their objectives, which was the restoration of Judah and the rebuilding of Jerusalem and the Temple.

Much confusion exists concerning this time because the Israel-Judeans themselves during the 70 years period of captivity had no national viability which meant that they were not in a sound position to record the events and personalities of that time "on the spot." But if one reads closely the records of Daniel, Esther, Nehemiah and Ezra, it is evident that they were all imbued with a desire to re-establish themselves as a nation in their own right. Until such time as the decree of Cyrus was issued, giving them their freedom, they had to suffer the role of being second-class citizens in conditions which, while not necessarily outright slavery, were very close to being serfs. To the then Israel-Judeans very nationalistic in outlook, this was a burden to be got rid of as soon as possible.

The record of Daniel certainly gives this impression, and his prayers to God

on behalf of his people to restore them demonstrates this in no uncertain fashion. In addition to this the actions of Mordecai in the book of Esther, and that of Nehemiah, in his book, confirms the general view that these men were patriots of a very high order, who would leave no stone unturned, and seize every opportunity possible, to improve the lot of their fellow Israelites, and re-establish Jerusalem and the Temple in what they considered to be its rightful place.

Now the claim has been made previously that the three companions of Daniel, known by their Israelitish names as Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, are in fact, none other than those of Nehemiah, Mordecai, and Ezra. Daniel and his companions, it should be remembered, were made eunuchs on the order of Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, who had carried them away captive to Babylon in 597 B.C. These children as they were then, were not only of the royal house of David, but also of the children of Israel and of the princes. It should also be borne in mind that there were more than four children involved in this matter, but that these four were the most outstanding of all those selected.

Now it is a peculiar thing that although we are introduced to the three companions of Daniel in his book we

hear very little of them, beyond the fact that they defied the edict of Nebuchadnezzar to bow down and worship his golden image, and that they were subsequently promoted. Since the Bible never records events or persons without some very good reason, it is evident that these three personalities occupied important positions in the eyes of their compatriots at that time. In the case of Daniel there is no difficulty in appreciating the role he played in his lifetime, but the lack of any connecting link between Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, on the one hand, and Nehemiah, Mordecai, and Ezra on the other, makes it difficult to establish without doubt, that they also played important roles on behalf of their people.

As stated previously, three groups of children were selected to become eunuchs in the service of Nebuchadnezzar — those of the king's seed, of the children of Israel, and of the princes. If these did not represent different groups within the Judah kingdom, why refer to them in these terms? It is contended that they were different groups and were members of the royal house, of the tribe of Benjamin, (the kingdom tribe entitled to be called Israel); and of the priests the Levites respectively. If this is so, then we have the case of Daniel a member of Benjamin (they were the tribe given to Judah to be a light and the prophets were supplied by this tribe), Nehemiah, a member of the royal house, Mordecai, a member of Benjamin, and Ezra, a son of Seriah, the chief priest, slain by Nebuchadnezzar after the downfall of Jerusalem. It is these four men who did the

most towards the re-establishment of Judah and Jerusalem after the decree of Cyrus had freed them from captivity, although it was not until 515 B.C. that their efforts were finally crowned by the dedication of the Temple. This act fulfilled the prophecy of Jeremiah that the land was to enjoy its sabbaths for seventy years which, commencing in 585 B.C., would terminate in 515 B.C.

At this point we have to consider the question of how it was that two of these men came to be serving in Shushan, the palace, at this time, Nehemiah in the role of cupbearer to the king, and Mordecai a treasurer. The answer is that, contrary to general opinion, the kingdom of Media was never subservient to the king of Babylon, and in fact these two kingdoms were on friendly terms since the days when Nebuchadnezzar's father, Nabopolassar, and Cyaxeres, then king of Media, had jointly overthrown Ninevah, and divided the Assyrian empire between them. One of the results of that treaty of friendship was that Nebuchadnezzar married the daughter of Cyaxeres, who was a sister to Astyages, the king of Media, to whom Nehemiah and Mordecai were servants. It is suggested that Nebuchadnezzar, as a gesture of friendship, had given Astyages his brother-in-law, these two men for his use, with the recommendation that they were capable and trustworthy men. It should not be overlooked that Daniel also spent some of his life at Shushan, the palace.

In view of this it is not impossible that these men would take the opportunity

to further the cause of Judah and Jerusalem at every opportunity that presented itself. And there is no doubt that these men set in motion some long-range plans to achieve their ambitions. One of these was the marriage of Esther to Astyages. This has already been referred to, but the point has to be raised again because it presents internal evidence that this marriage took place prior to the Decree of Cyrus in 536 B.C.

The interesting feature of this "operation" was the fact that Esther, a cousin of Mordecai, was presented for consideration by Astyages to be his queen, and was expressly instructed not to divulge her nationality. If this event had occurred after 536 B.C when the Israel-Judeans were liberated, there would have been no point in hiding the fact of her nationality. Yet she kept it concealed after she was appointed queen, and the king himself was completely unaware of the fact until her people were menaced with annihilation due to the hatred of Haman, an Amalakite, the sworn enemies of the Israel people. This intended slaughter, into which the king was inveigled, also demonstrated that the Israel-Judeans — and this included many Israelites of the ten tribes since they had settled in the cities of the Medes by the Assyrians when they were deported from their country — were quite defenceless against this assault until a further command from the king gave them the right to arm and defend themselves. In this manner, and through Mordecai, were the people of Judah and Benjamin preserved so that they could return to their native land.

In addition to this, with a Israel-Judean queen on the throne, it was possible for Nehemiah to obtain permission to go to Jerusalem before the decree of Cyrus, and carry out his official task of repairing the walls of the city, and also carry out what God had put into his mind to do, the task of salvaging the national archives containing, amongst others, the books of the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah. Both these books, it must be remembered, contained vital prophecies concerning Cyrus on the one hand, and the period of desolation on the other.

While it is not possible to show written historical evidence linking the three companions with the names which have been suggested there is little doubt that Daniel and these men would have spent some time discussing ways and means of furthering the cause of their people and Jerusalem. Certainly Nehemiah, Mordecai and Ezra, as their books show, were active in the cause, and these three men did in fact return to Jerusalem, and see their planning brought to fruition. As to Daniel, it is suggested that he died before the others. He himself indicates in his book that he suffered ill-health. He states that in the third year of king Belshazzar, he fainted and was sick certain days which may have indicated a heart condition, and we hear nothing of him after the third year of Cyrus. Be that as it may, there is every reason to believe that the three companions were the men who re-established Judah and the Temple.

*To be continued*

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## Survival – Prepare Today



## For The Year 2K

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Midnight of 31<sup>st</sup> December, 1999 will bring either the Reckoning, or just another weekend — depending on whom you ask.

The year-2000 computer bug, also known as Y2K Bug, alias the God Bug, will probably affect most people. The only question is, by how much.

When some computers crash as the calendar hits Jan. 1, 2000, it almost certainly won't bring the Armageddon envisioned by some — experts say.

Y2K presents a problem because computer programmers over the past three decades have shortened dates. They've told computers to recognise "98" as 1998, for example. But the concern is that when the year 2000 arrives, some computers may mistake "00" for 1900.

So any computer that relies on some calendar function — such as bank computers that print checks; Wall Street computers that track transactions; and shipping computers that schedule supertankers — could miscalculate or even shut down.

The potential consequences range from disruptive to disastrous, and institutions are spending billions of dollars on solutions.

But they aren't the only ones who should be planning for the event. Consumers and investors [YOU and ME], say experts, can take some basic steps

to prevent important information, stored within our personal computers [PC] from being lost.

"We have to think about contingency planning," says Ed Yardeni, chief economist at Deutsche Bank Securities in New York, but "not survivalist behaviour."

Contingency planning for your finances starts with organising all those monthly bank statements, says Louis Barton, program director for Y2K with Frost Bank in San Antonio, Texas, USA. Know where they are so if a bank's computer loses track of your money, you can prove that you had it.

The same applies to statements from credit card, brokerage, and insurance companies and others — even your retirement savings plan at work.

If your computer currently keeps track of important information, make sure you have a hard-copy backup. Because if your broker's computers see that on November 2, 1998 you bought 100 shares of IBM, it may not know you own them if it decides that the year 2000 is really the year 1900.

The problem is serious enough that it could paralyse pockets of corporate Australia and for that matter, worldwide. In the United States, for example, Chrysler last year tested computers at one plant for Y2K problems and found that they worked fine — except

for the automated security system, which locked everyone out.

So Mr. Yardeni says individual investors should tilt their portfolios away from stocks toward bonds and cash — money-market mutual funds and savings accounts — 40 percent bonds, 25 percent cash, and 15 percent stocks. In any case, cashing in all your investments will only compound the problem, many experts, say.

Remember New Year's is a long weekend, Mr. Barton says, and criminals are already onto this. *"If you're worried about [losing] money, you sure don't want it in your possession"* in cash, he says. It's safer in the bank.

The best approach to identifying your vulnerability is to make a list of all the ways you depend on technology, Barton says. Identify which electronic products rely on calendars, and which would bring the biggest hardships if they failed.

Many home appliances may be a nuisance to reset, but they will work, he says. Automakers say cars should run fine, because their chips don't rely on a calendar.

The biggest problem consumers may face, Barton says, is with personal financial software, especially if they bank online. The Y2K Bug could cause payments not to register, for instance.

Banks themselves are likely to have their computers fixed, experts agree.

The question is whether they will have electricity to run the computers, Yardeni says. Like many industries, power companies belong to an electronic daisy chain.

*"Even if the local utility is compliant, it's not good enough if they don't get oil, and ships don't get to port,"* says Yardeni. The oil industry is among the most automated in the US, and he worries that parts of the country may lose power.

The electric industry has responded by talking with suppliers and transportation companies, and stockpiling coal, oil, and natural gas, says John Arnold, chief technology officer for the Edison Electric Institute in Washington, USA.

### Imperative Y2k Recommendations

- \* Replace pre-Pentium PCs.
- \* Upgrade or replace PC software written before 1998.
- \* Contact the makers of your software and obtain a signed, written assurance on appropriate letterhead guaranteeing Y2K compliance.

### Other Recommendations

- \* Make sure your bank will be compliant by the end of 1999. If not, move your money to banks that will.
- \* Obtain a copy of your credit report before and after January 1, 2000.
- \* Ask state insurance agents if your insurance company is Y2K compliant.
- \* Submit Medicare claims early in 1999.
- \* Keep 1999 bank and credit card statements and pay any money owing.
- \* Request a copy of your Social Security personal earnings and benefits statement listing annual earnings and future benefits before and after January 1, 2000.

\* Request copies of your last five years' tax returns from your taxation office if you don't already have them.

#### December 31, 1999 Recommendations

\* Get a full tank of petrol.  
\* Backup all software and data files on your computer.

\* Make hard copies of financial records.

\* Do not take an elevator near midnight [1999].

\* Stay away from potentially hazardous sites such as airports and nuclear plants.

\* Unplug electrical devices.

**Now . . . Wake Up! . . . Get Up! . . . and Prepare!**

#### What does "by and by" in the Bible mean?

"By and by" now means "a little time hence," "in due time," or "in the more or less remote future." When the King James Version of the Bible was made the phrase meant "now," "directly," "instantly," "immediately," "at once," "right away," or "the nearest possible future." For instance, in Matthew 13:21 Jesus, in expounding the parable of the sowers, is quoted as saying: "Yet hath he not root in himself, but dureth (endureth) for a while; for when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, by and by he is offended." But in Mark 4:17 Jesus, in expounding the same parable, is quoted as saying: "And have no root in themselves, and so endure but for a time; afterward, when affliction or persecution ariseth for the word's sake, immediately they are offended." According to Mark 6:25, the daughter of Herodias "came in straightway with haste unto the king, and asked, saying, I will that thou give me by and by in a charger the head of John the Baptist." Luke 11:7 has Jesus say: "But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat?" Again in Luke 21:9: "But when ye shall hear of wars and commotions, be not terrified; for these things must first come to pass, but the end {is} not by and by."

# Joseph's Brethren Given Goshen

J. Haggart

The remarkable parallel between the life of Joseph in Egypt and the life of Jesus speaks eloquently and specifically to Christians today. The analogy between their lives gives us subtle insights into the plan of the Almighty for His people, which reaches to the present day and beyond. If we can properly identify the incidents in the life of Joseph with what has happened, and is happening, in the life of Jesus the Christ, we can orient ourselves and present-day happenings and align ourselves with the over-all plan of the Almighty.

Jesus often referred to this Kingdom in His earthly ministry. He resorted frequently to the use of parables to describe the Kingdom, which very often remained a mystery even to the minds of His closest disciples. He spoke of it as a "pearl of great price" and as "a treasure hidden in a field" to indicate its value to everyone who loved God and lived by His commandments. He described it in many ways but He never completely succeeded because spiritual and future values were involved. To His few apostles He revealed Himself as the Messiah of Scriptures, hoping to inspire them to dedicate their lives to Him and the Father's Kingdom, which He had come to proclaim. He tried to explain to them why He must die in seeming degradation and defeat. He spoke of how He would resurrect His body and return to them. But in their ears this sounded like a myth; it was

a thing they could hardly believe. Even when He reappeared to them in the Upper Room, Thomas would not believe it until he touched the wounds in His side and hands. Jesus was living in a dimension of life which they could only slightly surmise. The evidence of this higher dimension was found in the miracles which they saw Him perform. His words fascinated them but they could not completely understand Him.

In the book of Genesis is recorded the story of Joseph who was made the regent by Pharaoh, second in command only to Pharaoh himself. This authority was given into Joseph's hands because he had earned it. He was able to interpret the dreams of Pharaoh when no one else in Egypt was able to do so. Through the warning given in the dreams, time was allowed for preparation for the drought. Joseph ordered the storing of grain during the years of plenty to meet the needs of the famine period.

I would like to make a comparison of the seven years of famine with the Seven Times of the Gentiles. Luke, in his account of the sayings of Jesus, describes the Master's reply to His disciples when they asked Him about the End Times. The significant statement is made that one sign will be when Jerusalem will be freed of the Gentiles' rule. *"And Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled"*



**Joseph Introducing Jacob to Pharaoh, by Sir E. J. Poynter, Bart., P.R.A.**  
"And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and set him before Pharaoh: and Jacob blessed Pharaoh" (Gen. 47:7)

(Luke 21:24). This fulfilment occurred in 1917 when the British army under General Allenby freed Jerusalem from the rule of the Turks. The result was that the Anglo-Saxon people again came into possession of their homeland. This was in fulfilment of Ezekiel's prophecy also, "And I will lay my vengeance upon Edom by the hand of my people, Israel" (Ezek. 25:14). The Turks are modern Edom. The British army was the might of modern Israel fulfilling Scripture.

### Jerusalem Liberated

Only two verses, Luke 21:25 and 26, separate the statement that Jesus makes

about the freeing of Jerusalem from the Gentile rule and the promise of His Own coming in clouds of glory. "And there shall be signs in the sun, and in the moon, and in the stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity; the sea and the waves

*roaring*;

*men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth; for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.*" Goodspeed translates this passage, "the forces in the sky will shake." This describes the power of the exploding atomic bombs, the fear of which has been in the hearts of people since one was exploded in 1945 at Hiroshima. For the first time in the history of the earth this kind of power was then released on an enemy and it was described by Jesus some 1,965 years ago to His disciples. They didn't know what He was talking about, but He knew! No one on earth knew what He meant until that devastating explosion actually took place in

1945. Since then, many nations have successfully exploded atomic and hydrogen bombs. "And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud, with power and great glory" (v. 27).

If the seven years of famine can be compared with the Seven Times of the Gentiles, referred to by Jesus when speaking to His disciples, then there must be some clue within the story of Joseph to indicate this. When Joseph's brethren returned to Egypt bringing with them his youngest brother, Benjamin, his mother's son, "*he sought {where} to weep; and he entered into {his} chamber, and wept there. And he washed his face, and went out, and refrained (controlled) himself, and said, Set on bread . . . and they sat before him, the first-born according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one at another*" (Gen. 43:30-33). After this, Joseph commanded his steward to fill their sacks with as much food as they could carry and to place each man's money in his sack also. "*And put my cup, the silver cup, in the sack's mouth of the youngest, and his corn money*" (Gen. 44:2). I believe that a parallel can be drawn between the youngest, Benjamin, as representing the Galileans and Joseph as representing Jesus. Joseph and Benjamin were brothers and Jesus often referred to the Galileans as kindred or brothers. It was these who received the commission to go forth and preach the Gospel. To them Jesus said, "Ye are the light of the world."

### Gathering in The Isles

It was Benjamin and the tribe of Judah that were chosen to return to Jerusalem

after the seventy years of deportation into Babylon. The other ten tribes were put through tests that tried their very spirits. They never were to return to Palestine but instead made their way through the Caucasus mountains to escape their slavery by "Israel's Pass." They wandered westward and, finding the Danube, followed it to its source in Northern Europe. Finally, they crossed the sea into England.

It was some centuries before the final group completed their journey, but those of the early arrivals were there to await the coming of the word of salvation, brought in the year A.D. 38 when Joseph of Arimathea and twelve of Galilee settled at Glastonbury and built the first Christian church, of wattle and mud. They brought with them the silver cup which had been used by Jesus at the Last Supper with His apostles in Jerusalem. The ten tribes of Israel passed through a severe testing at the hands of the Lord. But they were fulfilling to the letter the prophecy of Isaiah, who had declared, "*Keep silence before me, O islands, and let the people renew {their} strength; let them come near, then let them speak; let us come near together to judgment*" (Isa. 41:1). The tribes of Israel were led to the British Isles to be separate and to "renew their strength." When Joseph of Arimathea reached their advance members the word of salvation was spoken for the first time among separated Israel ("then let them speak"). After Jesus' death, on England's far-off shores His disciples from Galilee and others of Israel continued to proclaim the Word. From that day to this

preaching has gone forward in Britain as nowhere else in the world. The finest preachers of the Gospel have come from that Isle of Light. The "good news" of Jesus was preached in Great Britain and Ireland until the 19th century when, early in the 1800's, missionary societies were formed and the Gospel was sent out to all parts of the world. Bibles were printed by the million and distributed like so many "seed" in the mission "field," to germinate and grow.

### The Land of Goshen

The counterpart for all of this activity can be seen in the story of Genesis 44, which describes the testing Joseph put upon his brothers before their subsequent forgiveness. Joseph sent a servant after the brothers who had packed up and left for Palestine. They were asked to open their sacks and were accused of repaying the hospitality of Joseph with thievery. Whereupon they were compelled to return to Joseph's palace and face his judgment. Here in Old Testament drama is enacted the role of Jesus as Judge. "If I judge, my judgment is true" (John 8:16). As Joseph was a judge of his brothers so likewise is Jesus a Judge of Israel-reclaimed. "The iniquity of Ephraim {is} bound up; his sin {is} hidden. The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him ... I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. O death, I will be thy plagues; O grave, I will be thy destruction" (Hosea 13:12-14). This is predicting the power of Jesus over death. Just as Joseph was raised out of

the pit so was Jesus raised out of the tomb. "*O Israel, thou hast destroyed thyself, but in me {is} thine help*" (Hosea 13:9) are the words of the Lord to Israel. Their counterpart is found in Genesis 44 and 45, where Joseph judges his brethren and then forgives them, revealing himself as Joseph, their long-lost brother. "*And Joseph said unto his brethren ... I {am} Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me here; for God did send me before you to preserve life*" (Gen. 45:4-5). Then Joseph promises them land and plenty of food in Goshen, the best in Egypt. "*And thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me. ... And there will I nourish thee; for yet {there are} five years of famine ... And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that {it is} my mouth that speaketh unto you*" (Gen. 45:10-12).

It was to Peter, the Galilean apostle, that Jesus Christ revealed His real nature as the Messiah. "Whom say ye that I am?" He asked His disciples. It was Peter who exclaimed, "Thou art the Christ." Likewise the woman of Samaria recognised Him, saying, "*I know that Messiah cometh, who is called Christ; when he is come, he will tell us all things. Jesus saith unto her, I that speak unto thee am {he}*" (John 4:25-26). So does Christ reveal Himself to those to whom He chooses.

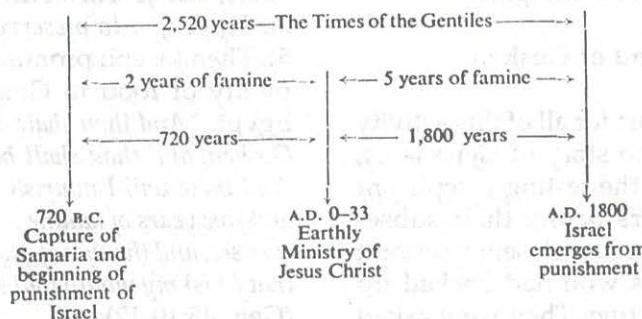
### The Years of Drought

Let us dwell here upon the words of Joseph in warning his brothers that there were five more years of drought remain-

ing. If the seven years of famine may be matched with the Seven Times of the Gentiles, then an interesting result is obtained in our analogy. A "time" is known to be 360 years and seven "times" is, consequently, 2,520 years. If the two years, mentioned by Joseph, is equal to two times of 360 years each, then, by our analogy, 720 years of the Times of the Gentiles is indicated as having already passed at the time of our Lord's First Advent and there were five times, or 1,800 years, to follow. "For these two years {hath} the famine {been} in the land ... yet {there are} five

years (of famine left)" (Gen. 45:6, 11). Samaria, the capital of the Ten Northern Tribes of Israel, was captured by the Assyrians in approximately 720 B.C. Therefore, the time measurement in Genesis 45 identifies the banquet of Joseph with his brethren as a pattern of the Last Supper of Jesus with His apostles.

Out of the ministry of Jesus came the ministry of Joseph of Arimathea in England, after the crucifixion of Jesus. It is highly significant that Joseph of Arimathea should bear the same name as Joseph, the progenitor of the House of Ephraim and the House of Manasseh, whose life provided the pattern in miniature of the life and work of Jesus Christ on a cosmic scale. Such are the wonders



of the Almighty, that He should conceal in the life of a son of Israel the seed for the redemptive life of the Son of man!

Five times later would be A.D. 1800, which year marks the time that Israel of the Northern Kingdom began to emerge from under the Seven Times of punishment, the Times of the Gentiles mentioned by Jesus. The nineteenth century opened up the beginning of the expansion of the great British Empire and the United States

of America. Though still blind to their origin, Israel was now free to carry forward the Kingdom requirements which had been laid

upon them. In the 1800's both Britain and America formed Bible Societies and Missionary Societies. With the expansion of trade came prosperity and power, both of which have remained with the twin nations to this day.

### A Place Prepared

In an earthly expression, the sons of Israel, who were given the land of Goshen in the rich delta country at the mouth of the Nile, represent the sons of Israel who were "planted" in the Isles who were a ready soil for the propagation of the Word of God. The Lord, speaking through Jeremiah, said of His people, "I will set mine eyes upon them for good,

*and I will bring them again to this land; and I will build them, and not pull {them} down; and I will plant them, and not pluck {them} up. And I will give them an heart to know me, that I {am} the LORD, and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return unto me with their whole heart" (Jer. 24:6-7).* In Britain the people of Israel were given an opportunity to return to the Lord and His laws with "their whole heart." They were under the times of punishment laid upon them until the beginning of the nineteenth century. Although ignorant of their identity as Israel, they began to spread the Gospel abroad, the words of salvation which came from Jesus Christ.

Satan has been in pursuit of Israel, wherever they have fled. A pre-vision of this threat was described by John: *"And the woman (Israel) fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should feed her there a thousand two hundred {and} threescore days"* (Rev. 12:6). This chapter is the story of the preservation of Israel through the threat of the Spanish Armada in A.D. 1588. This was a major event in the history of England. The hand of God was clearly shown in this defeat of the Armada, as Queen Elizabeth I was quick to acknowledge.

### Forces of Light and Darkness

The battle between the forces of light and the forces of darkness is going on in the spiritual realms as well as the physical realms. Paul recognised this in his own time, for he wrote to the Christians at Ephesus, *"Put on the whole armour of*

*God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"* (Eph. 6:11-12). The same contest is going on today, in increased intensity. We may thank God that we have Jesus Christ in Heaven, upon Whom we can rely for strength and courage. We have Him in Person, in the spiritual realms, and we have Him also in the body of the Church, in the earthly realms. In Britain and the American continent Israel is living in the physical plenty of the "land of Goshen." But there is a spiritual land of Goshen to which we shall all go. Just as the Kingdom of God in Heaven shall become the Kingdom of God on earth, so may we live knowing that we may enjoy the fruits of that Kingdom while yet living under the limitations of the "natural man."

So, "Come quickly, Lord Jesus" is our prayer. For the coming of Jesus Christ in glory in the heavens will signal the beginning of the end of the rule of Satan on the earth. Then will the chosen of the Lord be lifted out of their earthly ordeals and received into the security of the heavenly realms. As has been indicated, the time draws near. Our Lord will not forsake us. He will come and save us, and then shall we know Him and have Him as a Brother and a Friend. He is the elder Brother of Israel. He will reveal Himself, when the time for the wedding banquet is here. Let us be alert and ready for the invitation!

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# Effectual Prayers Of The Prophets

Selected

Because of its sublime majesty as it rises above the plain surrounding it, the mountain is often used in the Scriptures to denote the exalted Kingdom of the Lord. Mountains are also a source of inspiration, particularly so for those who have had the opportunity to stand upon a mountain top and behold the vast expanse of territory below. They have seen rivers threading their way, ribbon-like, through forests as they flow to the sea. They have beheld the landscape, dotted with clusters of houses and with cultivated fields of vegetation close by.

Among earthly scenes, the mountain-top view is perhaps the most impressive and heart-lifting of all. The purity of the clear air, the peace of the lofty heights, the sense of serene detachment with which one surveys the valley far below, are balm to the soul in contemplation of the wonders of the created world.

To lift up one's eyes expresses desire mingled with expectation. The Psalmist exclaimed, "*I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills*" (Ps. 121:1). Nevertheless, mighty as the hills are, the help he needs is not in them, so he inquires, "*Whence does my help come?*" (Ps. 121:1, Smith Goodspeed Trans.). It dawns upon him that there is no actual help in the lifted up places of the earth; therefore, this world cannot supply that which he seeks. The answer to his inquiry comes and he affirms with conviction, "*My help {cometh} from the*

*Lord, who made heaven and earth*" (Ps. 121:2). The assurance then follows, "*He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he who keepeth thee will not slumber*" (Ps. 121:3).

What is more, the Psalm continues, "*Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep*" (Ps. 121:4). There are marvellous prayers by men and women of God which will be found recorded in the writings of the Lord's prophets. The Prophet Isaiah was in great distress because of the iniquities of his people which, if unchecked by Divine judgment, would lead to their annihilation. In the intensity of his feeling, the prophet implored:

*"Oh, that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldest come down, that the mountains might flow down at thy presence, As {when} the melting fire burneth, {and} the fire causeth the waters to boil, to make thy name known to thine adversaries, {that} the nations may tremble at thy presence! When thou didst terrible things {which} we looked not for, thou camest down, the mountains flowed down at thy presence"* (Isa. 64:1-3). After acknowledging the gross sins of the nation, the prophet continued his petition, "*Be not wroth very sore (exceedingly angry), O Lord, neither remember iniquity forever; behold, see, we beseech thee, we {are} all thy people*" (Isa. 64:9).

Another prayer was offered in behalf of all of God's people many centuries prior to our time and there could be no

wiser choice than to make it the pattern of our plea today to the God of our people:

*"Have mercy upon us, O Lord God of all, and behold us: and send thy fear upon all the nations that seek not after thee. Lift up thy hand against the strange nations (alien peoples), and let them see thy power. As thou wast sanctified in us before them: so be thou magnified among them before us. And let them know thee, as we have known thee, that there is no God but only thou, O God. Show new signs, and make other strange wonders: glorify thy hand and thy right arm, that they may set forth thy wondrous works. Raise up indignation, and pour out wrath: take away the adversary, and destroy the enemy. Make the time short, remember the covenant, and let them declare thy wonderful works. Let him that escapeth be consumed by the rage of the fire; and let them perish that oppress the people. Smite in sunder the heads of the rulers of the heathen, that say, There is none other but we. Gather all the tribes of Jacob together, and inherit thou them, as from the beginning. O Lord, have mercy upon the people that is called by thy name, and upon Israel, whom thou hast named thy firstborn. O be merciful unto Jerusalem, thy holy city, the place of thy*

*rest. Fill Zion with shine unspeakable oracles, and thy people with thy glory. Give testimony unto those that thou hast possessed from the beginning, and raise up prophets that have been in thy name."* (Ecclesiasticus 36:1-15.)

In the Goodspeed translation of this prayer, the final request is, "Fulfil the prophecies made in thy name." The Lord will hear and answer such a prayer when, in humility of spirit, His people seek His forgiveness. The Prophet Joel has already offered a prayer for the time of extreme tribulation to come when the enemy will appear to be gaining overwhelming victory. Seeing in vision the terribleness of the times in which we live, Joel lifted up his eyes to the Lord and made his supplication in our behalf, "*{Thither} cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Lord*" (Joel 3:11). Through Isaiah the Prophet the Lord has asserted that His "mighty ones" (Isa. 13:3) have already been called to carry out the mission for which Joel prayed. God is only waiting for a repentant people to turn to Him for His help. Then He will move out of His place and deliver His people from all of their foes.



*The Lord Jesus Christ said,*

*"Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid."* (John 14:1, 27)



# Controversial – Ancient Indian Aircraft Technology



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Many researchers into the UFO enigma tend to overlook a very important fact. While it is assumed that most flying saucers are of alien, or perhaps Governmental Military origin, another possible origin of UFOs is ancient India and Atlantis.

What we know about ancient Indian flying vehicles comes from ancient Indian sources; written texts that have come down to us through the centuries. There is no doubt that most of these texts are authentic; many are the well-known ancient Indian Epics themselves, and there are literally hundreds of them. Most of them have not even been translated into English yet from the old Sanskrit.

The Indian Emperor Ashoka started a "Secret Society of the Nine Unknown Men": great Indian scientists who were supposed to catalogue the many sciences. Ashoka kept their work secret because he was afraid that the advanced science catalogued by these men, culled from ancient Indian sources, would be used for the evil purpose of war, which Ashoka was strongly against, having been converted to Buddhism after defeating a rival army in a bloody battle.

The "Nine Unknown Men" wrote a total of nine books, presumably one each.

Book number one was "The Secrets of Gravitation!" This book, known to historians, but not actually seen by them dealt chiefly with "gravity control." It is presumably still around somewhere, kept in a secret library in India, Tibet or elsewhere [perhaps even in North America somewhere]. One can certainly understand Ashoka's reasoning for wanting to keep such knowledge a secret, assuming it exists. Ashoka was also aware that devastating wars using such advanced vehicles and other "futuristic weapons" had destroyed the ancient Indian "Rama Empire" several thousand years before.

Only a few years ago, the Chinese discovered some Sanskrit documents in Lhasa, Tibet and sent them to the University of Chandigarh to be translated. Dr. Ruth Reyna of the University said recently that the documents contain directions for building interstellar spaceships!

Their method of propulsion, she said, was "anti-gravitational" and was based upon a system analogous to that of "laghima," the unknown power of the ego existing in people's physiological make-up, "a centrifugal force strong enough to counteract all gravitational pull." According to Hindu Yogis, it is this

"laghima" which enables a person to levitate.

Dr. Reyna said that on board these machines, which were called "Astras" by the text, the ancient Indians could have sent a detachment of men onto any planet, according to the document, which is thought to be thousands of years old. The manuscripts were also said to reveal the secret of "antima"; "the cap of invisibility" and "garima"; "how to become as heavy as a mountain of lead."

Naturally, Indian scientists did not take the texts very seriously, but then became more positive about the value of them when the Chinese announced that they were including certain parts of the data for study in their space program! This was one of the first instances of a government admitting to be researching anti-gravity.

The manuscripts did not say definitely that interplanetary travel was ever made but did mention, of all things, a planned trip to the Moon, though it is not clear whether this trip was actually carried out. However, one of the great Indian epics, the Ramayana, does have a highly detailed story in it of a trip to the moon in a Vimana [or "Astra"], and in fact details a battle on the moon with an "Asvin" [or Atlantean] airship.

This is but a small bit of recent evidence of anti-gravity and aerospace technologies used by Indians. To really understand the technology, we must go much further back in time.

The so-called "Rama Empire" of Northern India and Pakistan developed

at least fifteen thousand years ago on the Indian sub-continent and was a nation of many large, sophisticated cities, many of which are still to be found in the deserts of Pakistan, northern, and western India. Rama existed, apparently, parallel to the Atlantean civilisation in the mid-Atlantic Ocean, and was ruled by "enlightened Priest-Kings" who governed the cities. The seven greatest capital cities of Rama were known in classical Hindu texts as "The Seven Rishi Cities."

According to ancient Indian texts, the people had flying machines, which were called "Vimanas." The ancient Indian epic describes a Vimana as a double-deck, circular aircraft with portholes and a dome, much as we would imagine a flying saucer.

It flew with the "speed of the wind" and gave forth a "melodious sound." There were at least four different types of Vimanas; some saucer shaped, others like long cylinders ["cigar shaped airships"]. The ancient Indian texts on Vimanas are so numerous, it would take volumes to relate what they had to say. The ancient Indians, who manufactured these ships themselves, wrote entire flight manuals on the control of the various types of Vimanas, many of which are still in existence, and some have even been translated into English.

The Samara Sutradhara is a scientific treatise dealing with every possible angle of air travel in a Vimana. There are 230 stanzas dealing with the construction, take-off, cruising for thousand of miles, normal and forced landings, and

even possible collisions with birds. In 1875, the Vaimanika Sastra, a fourth century BC text written by Bharadvajy the Wise, using even older texts as his source, was rediscovered in a temple in India. It dealt with the operation of Vimanas and included information on the steering, precautions for long flights, protection of the airships from storms and lightening and how to switch the drive to "solar energy" from a free energy source which sounds like "anti-gravity."

The Vaimanika Sastra [or Vymaanika-Shastra] has eight chapters with diagrams, describing three types of aircraft, including apparatuses that could neither catch on fire nor break. It also mentions 31 essential parts of these vehicles and 16 materials from which they are constructed, which absorb light and heat; for which reason they were considered suitable for the construction of Vimanas. This document has been translated into English and is available by writing the publisher: VYMAANIDASHA ASTRA AERONAUTICS by Maharishi Bharadwaaja, translated into English and edited, printed and published by Mr. G. R. Josyer, Mysore, India, 1979 [sorry, no street address]. Mr. Josyer is the director of the International Academy of Sanskrit Investigation located in Mysore.

There seems to be no doubt that Vimanas were powered by some sort of "anti-gravity." Vimanas took off vertically, and were capable of hovering in the sky, like a modern helicopter or dirigible. Bharadvajy the Wise refers to no less than 70 authorities and 10 experts of air

travel in antiquity. These sources are now lost.

Vimanas were kept in a Vimana Griha, a kind of hanger, and were sometimes said to be propelled by a yellowish-white liquid, and sometimes by some sort of mercury compound, though writers seem confused in this matter. It is most likely that the later writers on Vimanas, wrote as observers and from earlier texts, and were understandably confused on the principle of their propulsion. The "yellowish-white liquid" sounds suspiciously like gasoline, and perhaps Vimanas had a number of different propulsion sources, including combustion engines and even "pulse-jet" engines. It is interesting to note, that the Nazis developed the first practical pulse-jet engines for their V-8 rocket "buzz bombs." Hitler and the Nazi staff were exceptionally interested in ancient India and Tibet and sent expeditions to both these places yearly, starting in the 30's, in order to gather esoteric evidence that they did so, and perhaps it was from these people that the Nazis gained some of their scientific information!

According to the Dronaparva, part of the Mahabarata, and the Ramayana, one Vimana described was shaped like a sphere and born along at great speed on a mighty wind generated by mercury. It moved like a UFO, going up, down, backwards and forwards, as the pilot desired. In another Indian source, the Samar, Vimanas were "iron machines, well-knit and smooth, with a charge of mercury that shot out of the back in the form of a roaring flame." Another work

called the Samaranganasutradhara describes how the vehicles were constructed. It is possible that mercury did have something to do with the propulsion, or more possibly, with the guidance system. Curiously, Soviet scientists have discovered what they call "age-old instruments used in navigating cosmic vehicles" in caves in Turkestan and the Gobi Desert. The "devices" are hemispherical objects of glass or porcelain, ending in a cone with a drop of mercury inside. It is evident that ancient Indians flew around in these vehicles, all over Asia, to Atlantis presumably; and even, apparently, to South America. Writing found at Mohenjodaro in Pakistan [presumed to be one of the "Seven Rishi Cities of the Rama Empire"] and still undeciphered, has also been found in one other place in the world: Easter Island! Writing on Easter Island, called Rongo-Rongo writing, is also undeciphered, and is uncannily similar to the Mohenjodaro script. Was Easter Island an air base for the Rama Empire's Vimana route? [At the Mohenjo-Daro Vimana-drome, as the passenger walks down the concourse, they hear the sweet, melodic sound of the announcer over the loudspeaker, "Rama Airways flight number seven for Bali, Easter Island, Nazca, and Atlantis is now ready for boarding. Passengers please proceed to gate number."] In Tibet, no small distance, and speaks of the "fiery chariot" thusly: "Bhima flew along in his car, resplendent as the sun and loud as thunder... The flying chariot shone like a flame in the night sky of summer... it swept by like a

*comet... It was as if two suns were shining. Then the chariot rose up and all the heaven brightened."*

In the Mahavira of Bhavabhuti, a Jain text of the eighth century culled from older texts and traditions, we read: "Anaerial chariot, the Pushpaka, conveys many people to the capital of Ayodhya. The sky is full of stupendous flying-machines, dark as night, but picked out by lights with a yellowish glare." The Vedas, ancient Hindu poems, thought to be the oldest of all the Indian texts, describe Vimanas of various shapes and sizes: the "ahnihotra-vimana" with two engines, the "elephant-vimana" with more engines, and other types named after the kingfisher, ibis and other animals.

Unfortunately, Vimanas, like most scientific discoveries, were ultimately used for war. Atlanteans used their flying machines, "Vailixi," a similar type of aircraft, to literally try and subjugate the world, it would seem, if Indian texts are to be believed. The Atlanteans, known as "Asvins" in the Indian writings, were apparently even more advanced technologically than the Indians, and certainly of a more war-like temperament. Although no ancient texts on Atlantean Vailixi are known to exist, some information has come down through esoteric, "occult" sources, which describe their flying machines. Similar, if not identical to Vimanas, Vailixi were generally "cigar shaped" and had the capability of manoeuvring underwater as well as in the atmosphere or even outer space. Other vehicles, like Vimanas, were saucer shaped, and could apparently also be submerged.

According to Eklal Kueshana, author of "The Ultimate Frontier," in an article he wrote in 1966, Vailixi were first developed in Atlantis 20,000 years ago, and the most common ones are "saucer-shaped of generally trapezoidal cross-section with three hemispherical engine pods on the underside. They use a mechanical antigravity device driven by engines developing approximately 80,000 horse power."

The Ramayana, Mahabarata and other texts speak of the hideous war that took place, some ten or twelve thousand years ago between Atlantis and Rama using weapons of destruction that could not be imagined by readers until the second half of this century.

The ancient Mahabharata, one of the sources on Vimanas, goes on to tell the awesome destructiveness of the war: "...[the weapon was] a single projectile charged with all the power of the Universe. An incandescent column of smoke and flame as bright as the thousand suns rose in all its splendour... An iron thunderbolt, a gigantic messenger of death, which reduced to ashes the entire race of the Vrishnis and the Andhakas .... the corpses were so burned as to be unrecognisable. The hair and nails fell out; Pottery broke without apparent cause, and the birds turned white ... After a few hours all foodstuffs were infected ... to escape from this fire the soldiers threw themselves in streams to wash themselves and their equipment ..."

It would seem that the Mahabharata is describing an atomic war! References like this one are not isolated; but battles, using a fantastic array of weapons and aerial vehicles are common in all the epic

Indian books. One even describes a Vimana-Vailix battle on the Moon! The above section very accurately describes what an atomic explosion would look like and the effects of the radioactivity on the population. Jumping into water is the only respite. When the Rishi City of Mohenjodaro was excavated by archaeologists in the last century, they found skeletons just lying in the streets, some of them holding hands, as if some great doom had suddenly overtaken them. These skeletons are among the most radioactive ever found, on a par with those found at Hiroshima and Nagasaki. Ancient cities whose brick and stonewalls have literally been vitrified, that is — fused together, can be found in India, Ireland, Scotland, France, Turkey and other places. There is no logical explanation for the vitrification of stone forts and cities, except from an atomic blast. Furthermore, at Mohenjo-Daro, a well planned city laid on a grid, with a plumbing system superior to those used in Pakistan and India today, the streets were littered with "black lumps of glass." These globs of glass were discovered to be clay pots that had melted under intense heat!

With the cataclysmic sinking of Atlantis and the wiping out of Rama with atomic weapons, the world collapsed into a "stoneage" of sorts, and modern history picks up a few thousand years later. Yet, it would seem that not all the Vimanas and Vailixi of Rama and Atlantis were gone. Built to last for thousands of years, many of them would still be in use, as evidenced by Ashoka's

"Nine Unknown Men" and the Lhasa manuscript.

That secret societies or "Brotherhoods" of exceptional, "enlightened" human beings would have preserved these inventions and the knowledge of science, history, etc. does not seem surprising. Many well known historical personages including Buddha, Al Tau, Krishna, Zoroaster, Mahavira, Quetzalcoatl, Akhenaton, and more recent inventors and of course many other people who will probably remain anonymous, were probably members of such a secret organisation.

It is interesting to note that when Alexander the Great invaded India more than two thousand years ago, his historians chronicled that at one point they were attacked by "flying, fiery shields" that dove at his army and frightened the cavalry. These "flying saucers" did not use any atomic bombs or beam weapons on Alexander's army however, perhaps out of benevolence, and Alexander went on to conquer India. It has been suggested by many writers that these "Brotherhoods" keep some of their Vimanas and Vailixi in secret caverns in Tibet or some other place in Central Asia, and the

Lop Nor Desert in western China is known to be the centre of a great UFO mystery. Perhaps it is here that many of the airships are still kept, in underground bases much as the Americans, British and Soviets have built around the world in the past few decades. Still, not all UFO activity can be accounted for by old Vimanas making trips to the Moon for some reason. Undoubtedly, some are from the Military Governments of the world, and possibly even from other planets. Of course, many UFO sightings are "swamp gas, clouds, hoaxes, and hallucinations," while there is considerable evidence that many UFO sightings, especially "kidnappings" and the like, are the result of what is generally called "telepathic hypnosis." One common thread that often runs between "Alien kidnappings," "sex with aliens," and other "close encounters of a third kind" is a buzzing in the ears just before the encounter. According to many well informed people, this is a sure sign of "telepathic hypnosis."

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## Sermon

**Collecting Your Debt:** Maybe the world does owe you a living — but you have to work hard to collect it.

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# Abraham

*"Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee" (Gen. 12:1).*

W. Matthews

Abraham was seventy-five years old when God called him to leave his country and kindred, which shows that "age" does not interfere with God's purposes. At that age it is not an easy matter to be uprooted from all intimate associations and it needs a strong character to be "obedient" to the call. How many in these modern days are prepared to "give up" everything at an advanced age to be obedient to the "call" of God? Abraham was obedient — a very necessary condition before God could "separate" him for His purpose. He did not make excuses or complain that his age would be against him. He simply obeyed God and the result of that obedience was the "calling out" of a nation to be God's instrument in His purpose for mankind. What a lot we can learn from Abraham's loyalty to God, as individuals and as a nation!

## Abraham Believed God

First of all, before Abraham could obey God, he had to believe God. The test of this came when God told him that his seed should be as the number of the stars. He believed God in spite of the fact that he was old and childless: *"And he believed in the LORD; and he counted it to him for righteousness"*

(Gen. 15:6). The tendency today is to disbelieve God's Word; if only our leaders — the Church and State — would believe God! Why is it that the threat of war persists, that there is race hatred that the maxim "everyone for themselves" is the order of the day; that we are troubled with violence and murders in our gates, that we have to contend with juvenile delinquency? Something must be wrong somewhere! If we believed God we would realise that His promises were that none of these things would overtake us. If we believed His Word we would see that He really did give us a set of Laws and Statutes and that obedience to them would bring happiness and prosperity, see Deut. 7:11-15; 28:1-14.

What is happening in our beloved country today? Our leaders (Church leaders are the worst offenders, for they profess to be trained to preach God's Word!), instead of drumming it into our heads that obedience to God's Laws and Statutes would bring health and happiness to our peoples, apologetically discard these very laws and teach that they are obsolete. They are responsible for the sad plight in which we find ourselves today. That "we've never had it so good" is purely man's opinion of their own efforts without the aid of



*Abram is assured that his seed shall be numerous as the stars of heaven. By Lord Leighton, P.R.A., Modern British School, 1830-1896*

God. If that is the condition of things as they are today — that "we've never had it so good" — then it will be truly wonderful when we turn once more to our God and submit our wills to His, when we obey His commandments and ask Him to do for us what we cannot do for ourselves. That day is coming!

### To be Separated

Then the "call" of Abraham meant that he was to be "separated" as an individual from contrary influences and, as the progenitor of a "special" nation, to be separate from the other nations. God has never stopped "calling" individuals out for His service. He "sepa-

rates" them, for He cannot use them effectively whilst they are in league or compromising with evil.

It is the same with the nation. In Deuteronomy, Chapter 4, we read of Moses reminding the Children of Israel of God's mighty deliverance of them from Egypt, for a purpose: "*But the LORD hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, {even} out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as {ye are} this day*" (v. 20).

It was on Mount Sinai that God made a Covenant with Israel and "separated" them for service, and here in this fourth Chapter of Deuteronomy Moses reminds them that, "*The LORD thy God {is} a merciful God, he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them. For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and {ask} from the one side of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been {any such thing} as this great thing {is}, or hath been heard like it?*" (v. 31). There had never been the like of it — God, providing a special nation, with the facilities to become "separate" from the other nations!

### To Keep the Commandments

What more can we learn from Abraham? In Genesis, Chapter 18, verse 19, God says of him, "*For I know him, that he will command his children and his household after him, and they shall keep the way of the LORD, to do justice and*

*judgment; that the LORD may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken of him.*" Would that parents today do just that! They have failed to teach their children the Commandments of the Lord and we have the condition of ignorance of God's Word! They, like the nation, have failed to be an example.

Of Abraham's "faith" we have made no mention, but we read in Hebrews, Chapter 11, that "*By faith Abraham, when he was tried (tested), offered up Isaac; and he that had received the promises offered up his only begotten {son} ... accounting that God {was} able to raise {him} up, even from the dead*" (vv. 17,19). What amaz-

ing faith! Yet we find people (our leaders amongst them) who explain away the fact of the Resurrection!

There is much more we could learn from Abraham's loyalty to God, but let us conclude with this thought in our minds — Abraham was the friend of God and God kept nothing from him. Oh, that we, as individuals and as a nation, could make such a claim! We should be able to plead, as did Abraham for Sodom and Gomorrah, for our nation that God in His mercy will forgive all their iniquities and restore them once more as the "Israel ruling with God."



## What is the longest word in the Bible?

The longest word in the King James Version of the Bible is Mahershalahashbaz, which contains eighteen letters. It occurs in Isaiah 8:1-4, which reads: "*Moreover, the Lord said unto me, Take thee a great roll, and write in it with a man's pen concerning Mahershalahashbaz. And I took unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah, the son of Jeberechiah. And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Mahershalahashbaz. For before the child shall have knowledge to cry, my father, and my mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be taken away before the king of Assyria.*" Although printed in the English Bible as a word and a name, mahershalahashbaz is really a Hebrew sentence literally meaning "the booty hastens, the spoil speeds." The prophet so named one of his sons either actually or figuratively to indicate the impending doom of Syria and Samaria.



# Health - Relieving Stress

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## Stress Release No.1

The simplest way of relieving mental/emotional stress suffered by most of us in one way or another is the method used by the student of Cell-Ectrology, and is called "Stress Release."

As you may know, the left side of your front brain is involved in practical pursuits. By contrast the right side of the front brain is involved in the emotions. Consequently, a person who has suffered a great emotional shock such as death of a loved one, divorce, car accident, or horrors of warfare will have a damaged imbalance in their right brain with emotional stress. By contrast a person studying hard for an examination, or struggling with business deals, calculations or other mental challenges will be over using the left brain and suffer from distress of a mental nature.

Just as an overworked and lopsided use of a muscle group needs rest and balance restored, so also with brain stress, (whether lopsided or not). That brain needs rest and balance restored.

To do stress release for yourself or to do it for another person is quite simple and is usually very effective.

### Technique

Rest the fingertips of both hands gently upon the "frontal eminences," i.e.

the slight bulges halfway between the hair line and the eyebrows. Thus your body electricity contact is established through your fingertips with the right brain and left brain of the patient. The patient (or yourself) may be standing, sitting or lying face up on a bed or treatment table. The most convenient position is standing behind the head of a person lying on a treatment table, or failing that, standing behind a person seated in a chair.

With a peaceful frame of mind, as you rest your fingers gently on the frontal eminences, say the words, "*Take all harmful stress from this body.*" (Remember there are some beneficial stresses necessary for the proper operations of the human bodily systems, that is why we qualify it by saying that "harmful stresses" is to be removed.) Wait quietly for a little and repeat gently the same instruction to the body. By "body" here, we mean the entire physical/emotional person. "*Take all harmful stress from this body.*"

Next we instruct the body further by saying, "*Take energy through me but not from me.*" This instruction is rather important. In giving the above instructions we are talking directly to the intelligent body cells and body systems which are able to accept and follow reasonable and clear instructions in this way.

Now we talk in a normal way to the patient. Ask them to think again about

the worst, stressful situations of long ago — family, school, workplace, accidents, etc. of the past or recently, while you gently hold their frontal eminences. Don't let go. Your position must be comfortable.

When you start this technique there may be no movement felt by your fingertips, but after a while you should be able to feel a slight pulse, sometimes even a strong pulse there under your fingers. This is a good sign; harmony is being restored, stress is going. Only in a rare case there is no response; but this is not your fault — you just do what you can.

To encourage the mental harmony still further, say to the patient, "Now think of a happy place where you enjoy being." Shortly after remove your fingertips as you gently stroke them down the temples towards the ears, but not that far; to lift off contact and flick your fingers in midair just like after you wash hands before towel drying.

In giving the above description I have omitted somethings such as the muscle testing. If you are proficient in muscle testing techniques you can test both before and after the stress release treatment to confirm progress and success of the treatment. Muscle testing is beyond the scope of this article and really needs personal instruction.

**Emergency technique.** Supposing you are driving and nearly have an accident or stress of some kind hits you. You can do a simplified stress release with one hand while using the other hand for the steering wheel. Place the thumb on one side of the forehead and the fingers on

the other for some moments, or minutes, if you are able to safely do so.

When a person is the victim of drowning or electrocution you may have opportunity before, during or after more orthodox treatment to give the victim "stress release" while someone else is busy with resuscitation. This would be added help, but not a substitution for first aid.

Another simple technique to relieve stress immediately for an accident victim or shock victim is to help balance the front brain and stimulate the thymus gland at the same time — very simple to do actually.

Place one hand gently resting upon the forehead and with the fingertips of the other hand tap a Viennese waltz beat on the thymus gland. That is located, you remember, just under the bony centre of the chest, about three inches below the throat. Practice doing this with both hands right now and you'll see how easy it is!

Of course, if you have loving consideration and a desire to help towards the body you are treating, the technique will be magnified. Negative feelings of fear and stress, worry and self consciousness should be banished. You are doing something to help someone — that is all that matters.

### Stress Relief No.2

#### "Special Neck Exercise"

This "special neck exercise" is to relieve stress and encourage the endocrine

system (particularly the thyroid and parathyroid glands), and promote overall health, energy and longevity. Only a simple exercise, but it benefits the spine, neck, shoulder, and improves body metabolism in general. It can be done any time, but is best performed early every morning as a daily routine upon rising, and again just before bed. You can stand up, but sitting down is more convenient. Please note, this is a slow exercise, not a hurried, jerky one.

1. With the body relaxed, the eyes may be closed also. Keep the fingers wrapped around the thumbs in a fist and resting in your lap. This technique prevents loss of energy from fingertips.

2. "Sticking your neck out." Lower your chin to your chest and stretch the top of your head upwards as far as possible, thus extending the back of your neck to its limit while the shoulders drop downwards a little. Slowly inhale as this is done.

3. "Pulling your head in." Slowly lower the back of your head, contracting the neck, trying to shorten it to nothing. This means stretching the throat and chin upward as you slowly exhale. Shoulders are "shrugged" upwards toward the ears to accentuate this position.

4. Repeat all this twelve times.

How important the neck is! It is the vital lifeline between the head and body. If it is severed, instant death results.

Likewise in allegory, our dear Messiah is the Head and we are His mystical body; see Colossians 1:18 and Ephesians

1:22-23. If our connection to our Lord by means of prayer and Bible reading is severed our spiritual life withers and dies. Protect your neck and throat, they are absolutely vital!

### Stress Relief No.3

#### The Solar Plexus Exercise

How to reduce stress and tension with "The Solar Plexus Exercise."

What is your "solar plexus"? It is an important nerve centre located under the heart and immediately below the bottom rib in that centre, soft area. Do not confuse it with your navel which is lower down. The stomach is located higher than most people think, close below the lungs with only the horizontal muscular wall of the diaphragm in-between. It is a very close and intimate neighbour to the solar plexus, which is just behind the stomach.

You may have noticed that when you become stressed and upset about things it adversely effects your stomach and other digestive organs.

In addition, mental overloading as well as emotional stress just mentioned can bring headache, head and shoulder stiffness, etc. Busy, conscientious people know what I mean!

Besides affecting the stomach, other large groups of nerves are attached to both the small and large intestines; consequently such things as constipation, diarrhoea, flatulence and diverticulitis may be experienced. Nervous causes for the above problems can be from our nega-

tive attitudes such as fear, worry, resentment, hatred, and such like; ie., lack of peace, faith and trust in God, plus lack of forgiveness, love and understanding projected towards others. (Of course these same physical problems are often induced by faulty diet habits, inherited weakness, and pollution of one's environment and imbalanced exercise.) While we are correcting what we can of our causative attitudes and habits, we can do something immediately to help our bodily systems overcome that bogey of "stress" that progressively destroys our nervous system and shortens life.

It should be realised that, unlike drug therapy, there are no known harmful side effects from these exercises when correctly performed.

### **The Solar Plexus Strengthening Exercise**

1. Stand erect, or, (if you have to) sit erect. Place both hands (fingers may overlap) lightly upon your stomach/solar plexus area — slightly higher than the navel.

2. Whilst looking straight ahead, INHALE and feel the air pushing your stomach outwards. (This is caused by lung expansion with the diaphragm pushing down, thus moving the stomach forwards.)

3. As you now EXHALE, apply pressure with your hands to push inwards and upwards. At the same time turn your head and upper torso slowly towards the left and look to the left. At the same time the pelvis should twist a little to the right.

4. INHALE again as you return to face forward, slowly relaxing the hand pressure to the original, light, resting position.

5. Now EXHALE as you again apply pressure with your hands pushing inwards and upwards, this time turning head and upper torso slowly to the right and the pelvis twisting a little to the left.

6. As you INHALE, re-align your body to facing forward again, releasing hand pressure so the stomach can swell forward to accommodate the extra lung capacity.

Repeat this about five times if your neck and shoulders allow it. If pain is bothersome make small repetitions of the exercise until the pain clears.

As you first learn this sequence of movements try to master them correctly. However, as soon as it becomes automatic you should concentrate your positive and caring thoughts upon your solar plexus, that important and vital nerve centre below your heart and just behind your stomach. Why? Because it is the object of this exercise to stimulate the solar plexus with its profound effect upon bodily systems and functions; to minimise stress and promote health.

If you are observant you will realise from experience that a lot of strong emotions occur and concentrate in the centre of your body. For example, "gut feelings"; heart palpitations associated with fear or romantic love; nausea from extreme disgust; "bowels of compassion," and so on.

With our increasing knowledge of anatomy, we think that the solar plexus, being a central part of our extremely vital nervous system, must therefore be at least a part of the Biblical "heart" so often referred to in its wise sayings.



## Precious Trial

*"... the TRIAL of your faith, being much more PRECIOUS than of gold"* (1 Peter 1:7). A precious trial? Normally we do not think of a trial as being precious! Are these not strange words coming from a man who knew what it was to be imprisoned, beaten, persecuted, and threatened for the cause of Christ? But Peter says: *"Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you ... If {any man suffer} as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God on this behalf"* (1 Peter 4:12, 16).

The natural man who *"receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God; for they are foolishness unto him"* (1 Cor. 2:14) cannot comprehend such teaching. But when we realise that *"all things work together for good to them that love God"* (Rom. 8:28) and that *"the steps of a {good} man are ordered by the Lord"* (Psalms 37:23), we know that even trials must have a purpose. We are a part of a great, unfailing plan — God's plan! — and there are no accidents with Him who knows the end from the beginning! He has a way of turning trials into stepping stones to greater victories in Christ! Believing this, we can *"give thanks always for all things unto God"* and, as Peter said, *"rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory"* — even in the face of testing and trial (1 Peter 1:8).

We don't really understand victory without knowing defeat. We don't appreciate the mountain top until we have gone through the valley. We are thankful for the dawn because we have known a night. When flowers are crushed it brings forth their fragrance. So in life we too are crushed with trials at times — which have a purpose — and this purpose being accomplished we move on to the greater objectives of victorious living.



*"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it {are} the issues of life."* — Proverbs 4:23. The solar plexus is well worthy of our diligent care and encouragement!

# FLASHING SIGNALS

Selected

To remain silent when aware of coming danger is to be held accountable for a disaster that may overtake others. This principle of responsibility in behalf of another applies from both physical and spiritual standpoints.

Like a lighthouse beam flashing its warning of treacherous shoals ahead, there are many communicating signals today presaging the fact that the age is coming to its close. A sailor who ignores what the beam from the lighthouse conveys is no more foolhardy than those who refuse to give heed to the watchmen who are charting chronological time-markers and explaining the meaning of event-signposts which indicate the direction to be taken.

The Lord addressed the Prophet Ezekiel in terms denoting his calling as a watchman: "*So thou, O son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore, thou shalt hear the word at my mouth, and warn them from me*" (Ez. 33:7). The prophets of the Bible have recorded the "word" they received, to which they gave emphasis by the authoritative "Thus saith the Lord." Today's watchmen are taking up the theme of the prophets, pointing out that the time is fulfilled and the day approaches by proclaiming: "This is that spoken of by the prophets."

In view of all that is now transpiring, with heightening turmoil and trouble

throughout the entire world, demonstrating the accuracy of the messages the prophets directed to our generation, it is imperative to speak or, failing to do this, come under condemnation. The Prophet Zephaniah succinctly stated what we are beginning to see coming to pass: "*The great day of the Lord {is} near, {it is} near, and hasteneth greatly, {even} the voice of the day of the Lord; the mighty man shall cry there bitterly. That day {is} a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of the trumpet and alarm against the fenced (fortified) cities, and against the high towers*" (Zeph. 1:14-16).

Through the prophet the Lord in the next verse forewarned: "*I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men.*" Zephaniah gave the reason: "*Because they have sinned against the Lord; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung. Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of the Lord's wrath*" (Zeph. 1:17-18).

The specific alternatives facing the watchmen were outlined to Ezekiel: "*Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, if the people of the land take a man of their coasts, and set him for their watchman; If, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people, then whosoever heareth the sound*

*of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if the sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him. But he that taketh warning shall deliver his soul. But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned; if the sword come, and take {any} person from among them, he is taken away in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman's hand" (Ez. 33:2-6).*

When the Prophet Amos was predicting dire consequences to befall the people for their sins, he was told to keep quiet and not disturb them. "Prophesy not again any more at Bethel," they said (Amos 7:13). He was told to go elsewhere, but the prophet refused to be deterred from carrying out his mission. Nor can the

watchman turn aside today. They must continue to warn, for the hour is late and the time is short. The foretokens of deepening trouble and impending catastrophe are all around us.

Nevertheless, there is hope, for Amos was inspired to prophesy: "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God {are} upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth, saving (except) that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord" (Amos 9:8). The day will come, Amos was told (Amos 9:13-15), when the promise of complete restoration will be fulfilled. It will be a day when the peace that was taken away from the earth will return to bless the people of God with millennial well-being; when unrestrained abundance and enduring prosperity will be their portion.



## Hymn of the Month

*Father, let Thy Kingdom come —  
Let it come with living power;  
Speak at length the final word,  
Usher in the triumph hour.*

*Tyrant thrones and idol shrines,  
Let them from their place be hurled;  
Enter on Thy earthly reign —  
Wear the crown of this poor world.*

*O what long, sad years have gone,  
Since the day Thou gav'st this prayer!*

*O what eyes have watched and wept  
For the dawning everywhere.*

*Break, triumphant day of God!  
Break, at last our hearts to cheer;  
Throbbing souls and holy songs  
Wait to hail Thy dawning here.*

*Empires, temples, sceptres, thrones —  
May they all for God be won;  
And the kingdoms of this world  
Be the Kingdom of Thy Son.*

*John Page Hopps (1834-1912), and others.*



## Children's Corner -

# The Country Mouse And The Town Mouse

*This story for children seeks to make use of the valuable teaching material contained in some of the old stories and legends known as Aesop's Fables.*

A. & T. Morrison

*"Better {is} little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith." (Proverbs 15:16)*

We all like stories of finding lost treasure and we like to dream of what we would do with the treasure if we found it, but stories and dreams do not always reveal the truth to us. Riches often bring trouble and worry, and cause us to lose other things which are of more real value to us.

What could be better than having lots of treasure? In the Book of Proverbs we find the answer: *"Better {is} little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith."* This means that it is better to have little money and live in harmony with God, than to have much money and many troubles.

A simple life with real peace is better than a rich life with anxiety: in one of Aesop's fables a little mouse discovered the truth of these words.

His name was Countrymouse and he had a cousin called Townmouse. The two cousins had never visited each other, so it was arranged that Townmouse should make a trip to the country for a visit.

On the day that Townmouse was to arrive, Countrymouse cleaned his

house, filled his larder with peas, barley, cheese and nuts, and went to meet his cousin.

Before very long a grand figure, dressed in the very latest fashion, walked with dignity down the road to meet him.

"My dear cousin," said Townmouse looking around him, "do you really live here, year in and year out?"

"Of course," said the Countrymouse, "don't you think it's a beautiful place with its streams and trees and green grass?"

"But no shops!" Townmouse exclaimed in horror. "What a shockingly boring place to live."

Countrymouse did everything he could to make his cousin's visit a success. He gave him the most comfortable bed in the house, cooked large hearty meals and, when the sun was out, put his best armchair out in the garden for Townmouse to rest in.

"Delightful," agreed Townmouse, as he relaxed in the sun, "so peaceful. A week of this is wonderful." Then he went on, "But only for a week. If I had

to live here all the time I should die of boredom."

"Is the town so different?" asked Countrymouse.

"Besides the marvellous shops," said Townmouse enthusiastically, "there's the wonderful food. I have the run of the table after the family has finished a meal, before the servants come in; and I often have as many as twenty delicious foods to choose from."

"Unbelievable," said Countrymouse.

"You must return with me and see for yourself" His cousin insisted.

At the end of the week the two mice returned to town together.

Countrymouse did not like the look of the ugly shops and the hard stony streets, but he followed his cousin through the back door of a large stone house.

"My home is behind the panelling in the dining-room here," Townmouse explained.

When they arrived at his hole he peeped out into the dining-room and then whispered to Countrymouse: "Don't make a squeak — they've not finished their meal yet."

But presently there was a loud noise like thunder and a stamping of heavy feet and Townmouse whispered: "They've gone out now — our turn for tea."

The two mice climbed onto the table and began to eat. Countrymouse had never seen so many wonderful foods in all his life, but he noticed that

Townmouse ate quickly and nervously, and he seemed to be listening for something. Suddenly Townmouse said,

"Be ready to make a dash for it if the door opens. About now the dogs often come in."

Now Countrymouse ate quickly and nervously too, hardly noticing what he ate at all. When at last the door flew open and two gigantic dogs bounded into the room, he jumped in one terrified leap across the room and in through the hole into his cousin's house.

"Is it always like this?" he asked Townmouse.

"Yes, of course," Townmouse replied. "It's a bit of a rush and something of a strain, but it really is the life."

"Not for me, it isn't," said Countrymouse firmly. "Goodbye, cousin. To me a simple life with real peace is better than a rich life with anxiety." And he lifted his bag and set off with relief for his peaceful home in the country.

Some day you will decide what work you are going to do in life. How will you choose your job? Will you settle for any kind of job as long as it brings in plenty of money, or will you look for a useful job, where you will feel in harmony with God's great purpose of good, even if the job brings in less money? When the time comes to decide, remember these words from Proverbs: *"Better {is} little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure and trouble therewith."*

# A Legacy for All

## A Strange Will Recalled

Selected

Nearly 90 years ago the Washington Law Reporter told this remarkable story.

In the pocket of an old ragged coat belonging to one of the insane inmates of the Chicago poorhouse, there was found, after his death, a will.

The man had been a lawyer, and the will was written in clear hand on a few scraps of paper. So unusual was it that it was sent to a lawyer; and so impressed was he with its contents that he read it before the Chicago Bar Association, and a resolution was passed ordering it to be probated. And it is now on the records of Cook County, Illinois. And this is the will of the old insane patient of the Chicago poorhouse:

"I, Charles Lounsberry, being of sound and disposing mind and memory, do hereby make and publish this my last will and testament, in order, justly as may be, to distribute my interest in the world among succeeding men.

That part of my interests which is known in law and recognised in the sheep-bound volumes as my property, being inconsiderable and of none account, I make no disposition of in this, my will. My right to live, being a life estate, is not at my disposal, but these things excepted, all else in the world I now proceed to devise and bequeath.

*Item:* I give to good fathers and mothers, in trust for their children, all good little words of praise and encouragement

and all quaint pet names and endearments; and I charge parents to use them justly, but generously, as the needs of their children shall require.

*Item:* I leave to children inclusively, but only for the term of their childhood, all and every one of the flowers of the fields and the blossoms of the woods, and the right to play among them freely according to the customs of children, warning them at the same time against thistles and thorns.

And I leave the children the long, long days to be merry in, in a thousand ways, and at night the train of the Milky Way to wonder at, but subject, nevertheless, to the rights hereinafter given to lovers.

*Item:* I devise to boys, jointly, all the useful idle fields and commons where ball may be played, all pleasant waters where one may swim, all snow-clad hills where one may coast, and all streams and ponds where one may fish, or where, when grim winter comes, one may skate, to hold the same for the period of their boyhood. And all the meadows, with the clover blossoms and butterflies thereof; and the woods and their appurtenances; and the squirrels and the birds and echoes and strange noises, and all distant places which may be visited, together with the adventures found there. And I give to said boys each his own place at the fireside at night, and all pictures that may be seen in the burning wood, to en-

joy without let or hindrance or without any encumbrance or care.

*Item:* To lovers I devise their imaginary world, with whatever they may need, as the stars of the sky, the red roses by the wall, the bloom of the hawthorn, the sweet strains of music. and aught else they may desire to figure to each other the lastingness and beauty of their loves.

*Item:* To young men jointly, I devise and bequeath all the boisterous inspiring sports of rivalry, and I give to them the disdain of weakness, and undaunted confidence in their own strength. Though they are rude, I leave to them the power to make lasting friendships and of possessing companions, and to them exclusively I give all merry songs and grave choruses to sing with lusty voices.

*Item:* And to those who are no longer children or youths or lovers, I leave memory, and bequeath to them the vol-

umes of the poems of Burns and Shakespeare and of other poets, if there be others, to the end that they may live the old days over again, freely and fully without tithe or diminution.

*Item:* To our loved ones with snowy crowns, I bequeath the happiness of old age, the love and gratitude of their children until they fall asleep."

After all, was he so poor and insane? If that was the world in which he lived, was he not richer, and his mind less disturbed than are some who go about freely and who have money in the bank? At any rate, to each of us he bequeathed something. Let us not fail to get our legacy, remembering the words of Alexander Pope:

*Yet gave me in this dark estate  
to see the good from ill;  
And binding nature fast in fate,  
let free the human will.*

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## Immortal Soul

Though the words "soul" and "spirit" appear hundreds of times in the Scriptures, never once does the Bible use the expression "immortal soul." The word "eternity" appears only once in the Bible and is applied to God — "*the high and lofty One who inhabiteth eternity, whose name {is} Holy*" (Isaiah 57:15). Psalms 111:9 says, "*Holy and reverend {is} his name.*" This is the only time the word "reverend" appears in the Bible and it was applied, not to a preacher, but to God himself. The title was not applied to clergymen until the fifteenth century.

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# Archaeology Report – Punching Holes In The Scrolls

Selected

Now that the Dead Sea scrolls are out in the open, so to speak, new minds and fresh ideas are being brought to bear on the problem of piecing together all the tiny fragments that make up the majority of the formerly unpublished documents. The latest method being used to achieve this goal is to punch tiny holes in them and use the minute segments for DNA identification.

When the Dead Sea scrolls were discovered there were a number of more or less complete scrolls, including the famous Isaiah scroll which is more than 60ft long. As soon as these manuscripts were recognised as genuine first century material there was a frantic race to find more of them, led by scholars anxious for knowledge, and Arabs eager for money. Usually the Arabs won. One of the occasions when the Arabs got there first is described by John Allegro in his book, "THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS."

"The next day the young men set off to rediscover the Cave of the Wounded Partridge, taking with them the bare necessities, a bag of meal, a little water, ropes and a primitive oil lamp. After awhile they found the cave and let one of their number down on ropes to effect an entrance in the precipitous edge of the plateau. His courage was well rewarded. After burrowing through several feet of thick, choking dust on the chamber floor his grasping hands

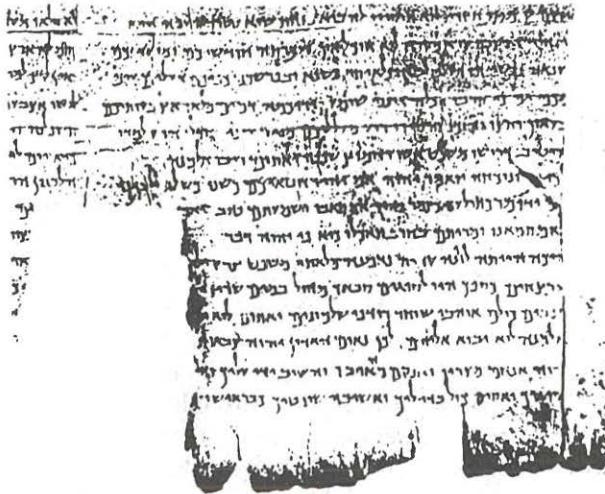
came on a compact layer of tens of thousands of scroll fragments.

"He and his friends excavated these as fast as they could, knowing that the time at their disposal before officialdom should hear of the discovery was limited. ... Even while Harding and de Vaux worked at the Murabba' caves news came through of another find in the original area.

"Harding immediately went there on his own and, not far from the site of the first cave, saw a cloud of dust rise from high up in the cliffs, which betokened the activities of the Ta'amireh archaeologists. There was nothing he could do on his own, so, turning his car, he drove as quickly as possible to Jericho and begged the services of two soldiers of the Arab Legion. With these he was able to round up four of the diggers but the rest melted away, taking with them any fragments they may have had."

## A giant Jig saw puzzle

Some of the fragments found in this and many other caves are very small indeed, consisting of only a few letters. The hope was that these tiny pieces could be matched and joined rather like a huge jigsaw puzzle, eventually yielding most of the original scrolls which could then be read like the others. Unfortunately things



Pictured here is the bottom half of the outside of the great Isaiah scroll (1QIs1) verses 15-26 of chapter 1. Being on the outside of the scroll this portion fared worse than the chapters inside. If the missing fragment is ever found it could be matched with the parent scroll by DNA identification.

are never so simple.

In the first place the conditions under which the individual pieces of parchment had spent the millennia varied widely. One piece on one side of the cave might have experienced damp or even flooding while its companion piece on the other side remained totally dry. Even if the pieces were together one could be on top of the other, shielding it from the atmosphere; or the bottom one shielded the top one from rising damp.

The result is that the colours of the different pieces vary widely: one may be the palest sienna after 2,000 years of burial under dry dust while its matching pieces are a dark ochre colour thanks to damp stains and an episode of flooding nine centuries ago. A scholar holding one fragment

and looking for its mate could pass it by because of its different colour.

Shape is an equally uncertain guide to matching the pieces. One piece of scroll might be torn neatly in two with a straight tear. Six hundred years ago a termite gnawed the edge of one piece, producing a gentle curve. Three hundred years later another beetle devoured chunks out of the edge of the other piece, so that they now bear no resemblance to each other.

In addition, one piece lay flat for two thousand years, while the other has been deformed by the sharp edge of a stone that fell from the cave roof fifteen centuries ago. A scholar looking for a piece to fit a square hole might be excused for failing to recognise a crumpled round fragment as the one they want.

#### Holes you can scarcely see

Now, however, the guardians of the scrolls at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, home of the Shrine of the Book, are doing the unthinkable and permitting the scrolls to be further mutilated, but this time in the name of science. A team of scientists led by Patricia Smith and Marina Faerman of the Hebrew University, and Scott Woodward of Brigham Young University in America, are going to punch tiny holes in these fragments to analyse the DNA present in the parchment. Magen Broshi, a former curator of the Shrine of the Book, reassures those worried by the prospect of damage to these priceless documents,

"They are only taking a few milligram, pieces you can barely see with the naked eye."

Scott Woodward, assisted by a doctoral student Gila Kahila, has already conducted a small-scale study to demonstrate that the process is feasible. They aim to use mitochondrial DNA rather than nuclear DNA because it is more abundant in each cell.

They will be concentrating their attention on a small section of the DNA known as the "D-loop," which at the very least will enable them to identify the animal species from whose skin the scroll was made. Ancient parchment was made of the leather from cows, goats, sheep, deer or gazelle, and it will be some help to at least be able to group all the skins together according to which animal they came from.

### Identifying the herds

Next the team hopes to be able to compare the DNA with that found in animal bones. Patricia Smith declares; "We will try to look at herds. We have enough skeletal remains from enough sites that we could pick up differences between different herds in different regions." If this proves possible then all the cow skins can be further divided into cows from northern Israel, cows from southern Israel and possibly even cows from Pergamum, which is, after all, where parchment originated.

The final step, assuming that the other two have been taken successfully, will be to try and match up individual animals. Once it is possible to point to a small pile of leather scraps and say categorically that

they all belong together, the scholarly work of assembling the jig-saw will be considerably easier.

### The previous uncertainty

The need for such certainty is amply demonstrated by Robert Eisenman's book *THE DEAD SEA SCROLLS UNCOVERED*. Robert Eisenman was one of those who so dramatically broke the scholarly stranglehold on the scrolls and there is a certain amount of justifiable self-satisfaction in his book. He makes some quite dramatic claims based upon his reconstruction of the scroll fragments, but again and again his conclusions are qualified by the phrase ..."If these fragments do indeed belong together."

In addition to the direct study of the scrolls, the team of scientists hopes to contribute to other areas of historical interest. Charles Greenblatt of the Hebrew University wants to identify bacteria and other parasites in the tiny samples, while Patricia Smith hopes to throw light on the theory of evolution by comparing the DNA of two thousand year old domestic animals, and that of related wild species, to discover what changes have been brought about by domestication.

Perchance those who go on a Middle East tour and see the scrolls in their air-conditioned setting may notice tiny holes in some of them. Relax. It is not a new breed of bookworm, it is just scientists bringing the latest technology to bear on the continuing saga of the DEAD SEA SCROLLS.

Courtesy: *Diggings*



To the average person who might see this name printed, the appreciation of its meaning today will be centred either on the Jews or the political State in Palestine created in 1948. That this meaning of the term is incorrect scripturally will never enter into the imagination, and it is no wild speculation to contend that this error is largely responsible for the attitude of so many to the Bible as a whole. Human nature, being what it is, does not take kindly to a text book which, in the main, concerns people other than themselves and, in consequence, the Bible with its continued reference to "Israel" is thus pushed aside as of little importance materially, to any but the Jews. That non-Israelites are grafted in through faith does not serve to stimulate interest and the priceless Gift of God in His Word lies unheeded among other literature which clutters up bookshelves.

The purpose of this article is to examine the word "Israel" as it is used in the Bible, remembering that it is not an assumed name, i.e., one formulated and applied by man, but one deliberately and specifically bestowed by God on the covenanted progeny of the patriarchs. That the Jews have laid claim to the name and humanity in general has given them that title will be seen as a situation at variance with that which God has revealed in His Word.

The first appearance of the name "Israel" is found in Genesis 32:28 where

Jacob, the grandson of Abraham through Isaac, is given the name by God. Search as one may, at this stage the Bible knows nothing about a people called Jews. It should be stated here that there is no malice in this statement, but merely a record of scriptural facts. Jacob-Israel had twelve sons and one daughter who were in truth, "the children of Israel." The twelve sons became patriarchs and their collective progeny was known as "the tribes of Israel." In general, one may summarise the names by which the literal progeny of the covenanted patriarchs are called in the Bible as follows: "children or tribes of Israel"; "Jacob"; "Israel"; "House of Israel"; "House of Jacob"; "Hebrews" (Gen. 49:28; 50:25; Ex. 16:31; Psa. 114:1).

Throughout this period, that is, from the call of Abraham in Genesis 11 to the establishment of the kingdom under David in Palestine, and in which period the whole purpose of God in creating the Israel nation is recorded, no mention is made of the people in terms other than those already mentioned — there is certainly no mention of the word "Jew." If the Jews were the people involved and if they were the nucleus of God's Purpose, why is no mention made of them and why the ominous silence in respect of the Jews at this time?

In the 10th century B.C. and after the death of Solomon, the twelve tribes divided into two unequal portions with ten

tribes uniting under Jereboam, the Ephraimite while the tribe of Judah together with some Levites and the tribe of Benjamin formed the minority section of the now divided family. The majority section of the children of Israel, indeed five-sixths of the total of the progeny of Jacob, formed an independent kingdom in the north, with Samaria as capital while the remaining one-sixth retained Jerusalem as its capital in the south. Two temporal kingdoms were thus established with each having the right to call themselves the "children of Israel." In Isaiah 8:14 it will be noted that the prophet confirms this and speaks of "both the houses of Israel" thus indicating that, even though separated and differing in policy, they were still entitled to the family name of Israel.

The chroniclers of that early history, in order to avoid confusion called the northern kingdom by the name "the house of Israel" and the southern kingdom "the house of Judah." After the northern kingdom had been removed from the land and placed in the Assyrian captivity and with the kingdom of Judah the surviving remnant of Israel in the land, it was natural that they would call them simply "Israel." It will be noted that during those momentous times, immediately prior to the Assyrian captivity of the northern kingdom, that the name "Jew" makes its first appearance in the Scriptures and it would be advantageous to note the context in which it appears. The northern kingdom, in a military alliance with the king of Syria, was engaged in one of its period conflicts with the southern kingdom of Judah. Samaria

was still the capital of the northern kingdom and Jerusalem that of Judah. In an independent action, the king of Syria swept down to the land of Edom and it is with in this context that the name "Jew" first makes its appearance: "*At that time Rezin, king of Syria, recovered Elath to Syria and drove the Jews from Elath*" (II Kings 16:6). If the house of Israel of the northern kingdom were Jews, why are they not so called and why the distinct reference to Jews living in Elath, an Edomite city?

By 580 B.C. the land of Palestine was almost devoid of Israelites, with the kingdom of Judah having fallen to the Babylonian invasion of that time and removed into Babylonian captivity. After seventy years, that empire crumbled and under the edict of Cyrus, the Medo-Persian king, those who wished to return to Jerusalem to rebuild the city and Temple could do so and while 42,360 persons of Israelitish descent availed themselves of this opportunity, together with some 7,000 "foreigners," the remainder of that captivity were dispersed from Ethiopia through Egypt and southern Asia as far as India in the east (Est. 3:8; 8:15-17; 9:1-3).

In the post captivity period one finds the record of the people in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah where once again the name "Jew" appears. In these records the returned remnant, together with the foreigners, are collectively called "Jews," "Judah," the "house of Judah" as well as "Israel." There can be no doubt that the named remnant were entitled to the name "Israel," but those "foreigners" are a different matter. However, the status of this people was

most unusual for while a national entity did develop comprising Syrians, Edomites and Israelites, it never exercised sovereignty over its own affairs and had a mandate to exist in this situation for a period of 490 years only (Dan. 9:24-27). It is most significant that during the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, He sent His disciples to "*the lost sheep of the house of Israel*" (Matt. 10:6) who were not in Palestine at that time. At a later stage He spoke to the Jews and told them that He was going to a place where they could not come and they immediately concluded that He was going to Israel in dispersion among the nations where they could not go (John 7:33-36). Here they were referring to the age-long antagonism between Israel and Edom or Esau. That Esau in Edom was prevalent and dominant in Jerusalem at that time is confirmed in John 8 where the Lord offered the Jews the truth which would make them free. To this offer they revealed their true identity for their retort was that they were the seed of Abraham (which is true in a biological sense for the patriarch had other offspring than the covenanted Isaac whose one son Esau, too, lost the birth-right). They further revealed themselves when they claimed that they had never been in bondage to any man, which fact was not refuted by the Lord. However, "Israel" had been in bondage on two occasions, one of which was commemorated weekly in the Sabbath observance (Deut. 5:14-15), and the other a mere 400 years previously. None will claim that there was no Israelite in Palestine at the time of the First Advent but none may equally deny that Edom was certainly there and these

people laid claim to the title and name of "Israel."

Few today concern themselves about "the lost sheep of the house of Israel" to whom the Lord first sent His disciples, nor do they take cognisance of the vast majority of Israel who were the "dispersed among the nations." Where did they go and what became of them? What of the promises which God swore on Oath to fulfil in these people? The Jew has not and cannot fulfil that which was not given to them and one should not be surprised at not finding the marks of Israel in these people — the marks belong to Israel and no one else.

#### History is an unbiased witness of fact.

Look at history which is not biased by either political or religious dictates and search for the outworking of the Plan of God so clearly detailed in His Covenant with Abraham, and the truth of history will come as a mighty blow. Here the individual within the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and Kindred peoples will find themselves and, in rediscovering their identity, cease the rejection of the Word of Life and embrace a responsibility based on sincere repentance and acceptance of the call of God. Quite contrary to the popular misconception of "Israel" the chosen nation as found in the Jews, one finds an intimate projection of oneself into the prodigious endeavour of providing hope to all the families and nations of the earth which is centred in the establishment of God's Kingdom on this planet.

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# Why One Man Quit

(Unknown Author)

"How come you don't drink any more?" a renewed acquaintance from long ago asked me the other day.

"Any more than who?"

"I mean any longer. How come you don't drink anything these days?"

"Drink? I drink coffee, milk, tea, soda pop, water, fruit juices..."

"I mean drink," he said, "You know, BOOZE."

"Oh, BOOZE. No, I don't drink booze any more, you're right," I said, "I couldn't trust it any more. It turned on me. Once my friend, it became my enemy."

"Maybe you got a bad batch," he said.

"No, the sauce is the same, I changed. Because I have the illness of alcoholism, my tolerance weakened. Alcoholism doesn't come in a bottle. It comes in people."

"Sounds pretty confusing," the fellow said.

"You think you're confused," I said, "you should have seen me. I drank for happiness and became unhappy; I drank for joy and became miserable; I drank to be outgoing and became self centred; I drank for sociability and became argumentative and lonely; I drank for sophistication and became crude and obnoxious; I drank for friendship and made enemies; I drank

for sleep and awakened without rest; I drank to soften sorrow and wallowed in self-pity. I drank for strength and felt weak; I drank to prove my masculinity and it sapped my potency; I drank medicinally and got sick; I drank because I thought my job called for it and lost my job; I drank for relaxation and got the shakes; I drank for confidence and became uncertain; I drank for courage and became afraid; I drank for assurance and became doubtful; I drank to stimulate thought and blacked out; I drank to make conversation and it tied my tongue; I drank for warmth and lost my cool; I drank for coolness and lost my warmth; I drank to feel heavenly and came to know HELL; I drank to forget and became haunted; I drank to erase problems and saw them multiply; I drank to cope with life and invited death ... or worse. I drank because I had the right and everything turned out wrong."

"Gosh," my friend exclaimed, "that must have taken a bunch of booze to get you in that shape."

"Just ONE," I told him. "The first one. For me, One is too many and a thousand aren't enough."

"So that's why you don't drink any more?"

"Yep, I made it a rule, I don't drink while I'm sober."

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## Prayer for the Month

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.*

*There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God, the holy place of the tabernacles of the most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved: God shall help her, and that right early.*

*The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*Come, behold the works of the Lord, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire. Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.*

*O heavenly Father, we put our trust in Thee Who alone is able to protect us and deliver us from all manner of trouble. Leave not Thy people in our present condition but deliver us speedily from our own foolishness and the hatred of those that hate Thee. Afford us Thy Mercy that we may know Whose we are and who we are. Remove the veil of blindness that destroys us and give us eyes that see the Glory which Thou hast sent that we may not wander in the wilderness of sin and that we may follow Him into the wonder of Thy Kingdom.*

*Keep our homes and loved ones in Thy Faith that the light of Thy Truth may shine in our lives as a witness to Thy abiding Presence with us. Look mercifully upon our youth, O Father, and give to them a sense of responsibility and a spirit of dedication to Thy Service. May we and they be ever conscious that Thou art the Silent Spectator of all our acts and thoughts and so live our lives in this solemn knowledge to Thy honour and glory.*

*These and all mercies we ask in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord and soon Coming King.*



Amen

# The Flag They Would Change

**IT'S OUR FLAG.** It proclaims our origin: that our forebears came from England, Ireland, Scotland or Wales. Are we ashamed of that?



**ARE WE ASHAMED** of those ancestors, whether convicts, soldiers or free settlers who overcame hardship and loneliness in a strange and hostile land to pioneer this nation?

**ARE WE ASHAMED** that our fathers were proud to fight beneath this Australian flag at Gallipoli, the Somme, Villiers Brettoneaux ... and, "all that were left to them" to toil for us and to build this Nation.

**ARE WE ASHAMED** that we sailed and fought in ships which wore the Australian Jack and the White Ensign, which both tell of our origin.

Let those from the confusion of Europe, the hotchpotch of Asia, the savagery of the Middle East resent, yet envy, the history of our flag. But let them remember that they were quick to flee to its shelter and to beg its charity.

And let those minorities within our own ranks join us, look back on our heritage, and be proud of this rectangle of bunting which proclaims our origin, and unites us under the Southern Cross.

**LET US BE PROUD. IT IS OUR FLAG.**



**KEEP OUR FLAG  
FLYING IN 2001**

**SAY NO TO A REPUBLIC!**