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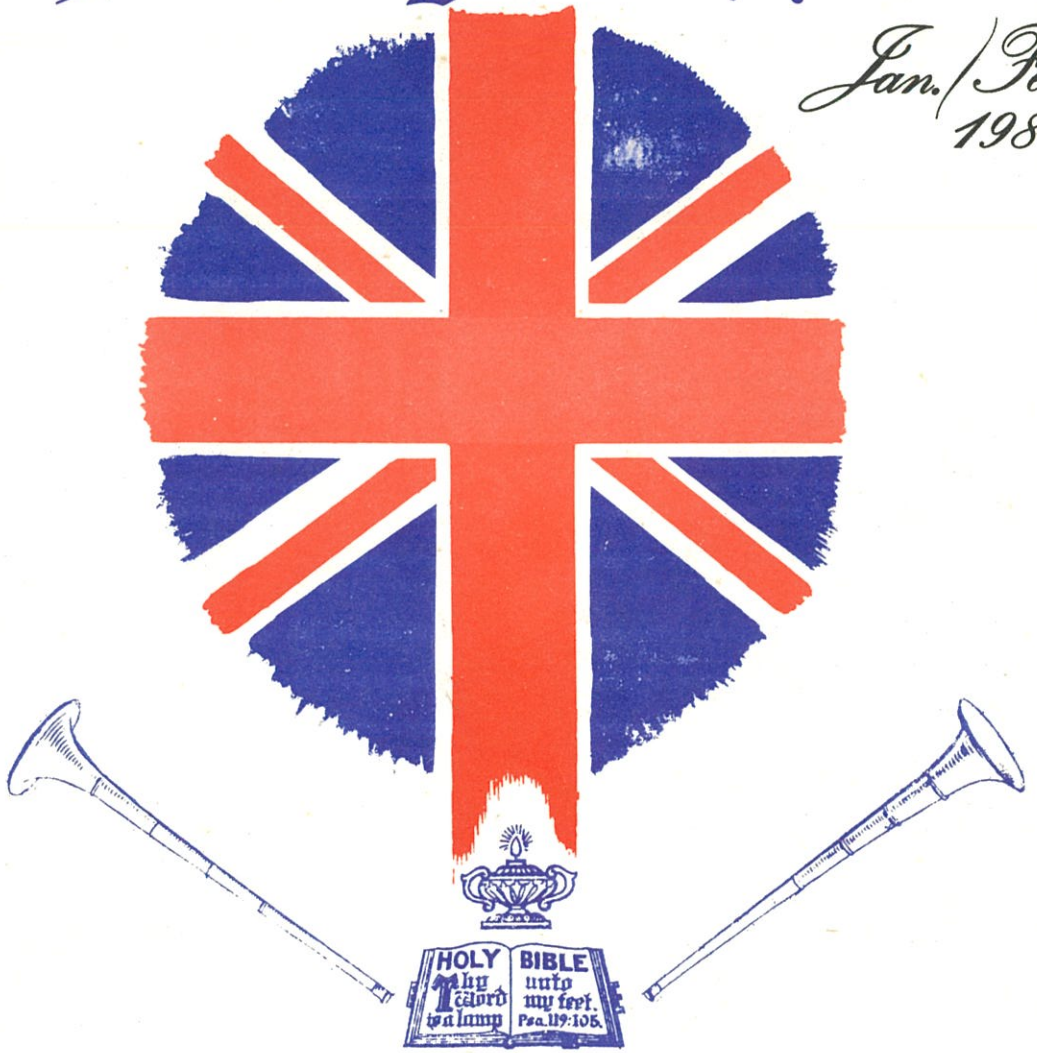
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AND THE IMMINENT RETURN OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Marks of Israel

During the Christian dispensation lost Israel were to possess certain marks of identification

A great and mighty nation.	Gen. 12:2; 18:18; Deut. 4:7,8.
Named 'Great'.	Gen. 12:2.
The chief of the nations.	Gen. 27:29; Deut. 7:6; 15:6.
A maritime nation, having command of the seas.	Gen. 49:25; Num. 24:7; Deut. 33:13, 19; Psa. 89:25.
A company or commonwealth of nations.	Gen. 35:11; 48:19. Eph. 2:12.
A missionary nation.	Gen. 22:18; Isa. 43:21; 49:6; 66:19.
The custodian of God's Word.	Psa. 147:19, 20; Isa. 59:21.
A just nation.	Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; Zeph. 3:13.
God's instrument in destroying evil.	Jer. 51:20; Dan. 2:34,35.
An undefeated nation.	Isa. 54:17; Micah 5:8,9.
Blind to their identity.	Isa. 29:10-12; 42:16, 19, 20; Rom. 11:7, 8, 25.
Have an island home north and west of Palestine.	Isa. 49:1-3, 12; Jer. 3:18; 31:8.
Occupy islands and coastlands.	Isa. 24:15; 41:1, 5; 49:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 31:8, 10.
Possess the gate of his enemies.	Gen. 22:17, 24:60.
Have multitudinous seed.	Gen. 13:16; 15:5; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:3, 14; 32:12.
Colonize and spread abroad.	Gen. 28:14; 49:22; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Psa. 2:8; Isa. 26:15; 27:6; 54:2; Zech. 10:8, 9.
Lose first colony and then expand, demanding more living space.	Isa. 49:20.
Irrigate the deserts and build the waste places.	Isa. 35:1; 43:19, 20; 58:11, 12.
Possess the wealth of the earth.	Gen. 27:28; 49:25, 26; Deut. 33:13-16.
Possess the heritage of the heathen.	2 Sam. 22:44; Psa. 2:8; 111:6.
Receive strangers and refugees.	Lev. 19:33, 34; Isa. 11:10; 14:1; 55:5; 56:6-8;Zech. 8:22.
Set free slaves and prisoners.	Psa. 72:4; Isa. 42:7; 49:9; 58:6.
Have a descendant of King David reigning over them.	2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; 2 Chron. 13:5; Psa. 89:35-37; Jer. 33:17.
Lose all trace of their lineage.	Hos. 1:9, 10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:25.
The power of the Holy People is to be broken.	Dan. 12:7; Deut. 32:29-36.

The British Commonwealth of Nations possesses every one of these marks — therefore they are lost Israel. The United States of America possesses some of them.

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Christian Friends,

As we move into another year, may I extend to you all the fervent prayer that the Lord God of Israel shall bless and keep you, and that He will prosper you in accordance with His boundless love and mercy. To those who are not in the best of health, we pray for the healing power of God to be upon you. To those who are feeling the effects of advanced age, and are not able to continue in service and fellowship as they would desire, we pray the Lord's continued comfort and presence.

But as we look forward to the New Year, so we should look more closely at what effect we, each one of us personally, can have upon its outcome within the sphere of our own lives and activities. One thing is completely certain. If we do nothing, we will achieve nothing. It is a regrettable fact that we, as do most other organisations, have those whose chief concern seems to be criticising or trying to change everything that everyone else is trying to do without themselves making any effort or contribution towards the success or furtherance of our message and work. We should not be deterred in our efforts by these relatively minor things. Our responsibility lies primarily and ultimately towards God, and the one thing of which we can be completely assured is that the Lord will never forsake those who remain faithful to Him and His calling.

Equally regrettable is the inescapable fact that the churches are still just as blind and opposed to our message as ever. Fellowship and Christian service by sincere B.I. believers within the denominational churches is well-nigh impossible, as many of us have found out to our sorrow. Thus it is absolutely necessary for those of us to whom God has so graciously blest with the knowledge of the Kingdom Identity Message to close our ranks, to stand firm, and to devote our entire energies and resources to the proclamation of the Gospel of the Kingdom, rather than to dissipate our energies and talents in areas where they become so easily wasted and abused.

We have a job to do, and a responsibility under God to carry out that job. God never promised us that it would be easy. In fact, He promised quite the contrary. Christ Himself said,

as recorded in Matt. 18:7, *"It must needs be that offences come."* But we can take heart,(and those who so needlessly oppose us should take careful warning), of the sequel which continues, *"But woe to that man by whom the offence cometh."*

The short time left to us prior to our Lord's return - which we know is so very imminent - will not be easy. It will be a time of great challenge. It will be a time requiring complete dedication to our Cause, and more especially to the Great God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Holy One of Israel.

This is the challenge which I extend to you all. Please stand firmly together. May it please the Lord to use our united efforts to His Glory, that we may faithfully serve His purposes in awakening our people to the glorious fact that He is our God, and that we are His People.

If you have any misgivings about the possibilities before us, just keep in mind this fact.

THE ENTIRE CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT GREW FROM A COMPLETLY DEDICATED MINORITY GROUP.

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Many of you are no doubt wondering about the changed size and frequency of the Kingdom Herald over the last few months. Towards the end of last year I developed an unfortunate health problem, as a result of which I found it necessary to reduce my work load. As a result, it was decided to publish the Kingdom Herald only every TWO MONTHS, instead of monthly as in the past. But so as to make up for this to some extent, we also decided to increase the number of pages from 40 to 68, so as to give our readers nearly the same amount of reading matter. We trust that you will bear with us in this, and still continue to support our efforts to distribute the printed word. By the time you read this, I will be in hospital, having undergone surgery to the stomach, and I would appreciate your continued prayers for a complete and speedy recovery.

THE MARCH OF TIME

By Rev. W.G. Finlay

The story of humanity in its diverse component sections as it has marched through time has written a history of endeavour which, at this time, is climaxed by the landing of two men on the moon. Since the dawn of time, men have looked up into the vast sea of space and have speculated as to its nature and place in the scheme of humanity's existence. Names were given to the heavenly bodies long before man could record his impressions through the media of writing and in the process of time, he bowed in veneration to images of the sun and moon as objects of worship.

In continuing his study of the light and darkness in which he lived, man made a staggering discovery. *He found that the arrangement of the heavens was not chaotic but had a systematic pattern.* Arising out of this discovery, and in conjunction with the observed celestial movements, calendars came into being for it was found that they measured time. The Egyptians began to regulate their agricultural lives according to the heavenly calendar with their crop year, divided into three sections, invariably begun when the star Sirius appeared at a certain spot in the eastern sky. As history has shown, the appearance of Sirius was an indication of the flooding of the Nile River, knowledge of which became a vital factor of the agricultural economy of ancient Egypt. A Maya manuscript dating to approximately 600 A.D. also indicates the usage of solar observations in their agricultural endeavours. This manuscript indicates that the Maya of central America invariably burned off their cornfields before the new year's planting and checked their calendar against the measurements of the motions of the planet Venus.

The importance of the movements of the celestial bodies in man's economy thus established, it was merely a matter of time before primitive astronomy became a specialised field of research. It would appear, if history is correct, that the specialised study of the heavens became a Mesopotamian prerogative although it is claimed that the Chinese, who recorded eclipses of the sun as far back as 4000 B.C., rivalled the Mesopotamian astronomers insofar as accuracy is concerned. In Mesopotamia, the astronomers were mainly the priests who kept detailed statistical records of the movements of the sun, moon and planets and could, and did, predict lunar eclipses although much speculation obtains whether or not they understood the significance of the phenomenon. However, while they might have applied interpretations which were far off the true mark, it should be stated that they did accurately count time between full moons as a little over 29½ days.

Archimedes and Ptolemy are two names which stand out as prominent in the field of early astronomy with the latter establishing a

pattern of thought which was to last for more than a millennium. Ptolemy, the Greco-Egyptian astronomer-cum-historian, propagated the theory that the earth was the stationary planet around which the universe revolved. He was not original in this thought for Plato, some 4 centuries previously, had propounded it but had found it unacceptable to the philosophers of his time. Ptolemy's theory was firmly accepted until the Polish astronomer Nicholas Copernicus (1473–1543) exploded the theory by proving that the sun was the centre of our solar system with the earth and other planets revolving around it. Galileo Galilei, an Italian astronomer, confirmed the theory of Copernicus by making telescopic observations all of which established the theory as correct. The latter studies were brought to an abrupt halt when the Inquisition stepped in and forbade further research, an injunction which was obeyed by Galileo.

From this time the Hall of Fame is filled with names wellknown to the average scholar of today. Johannes Kepler, the German astronomer, Sir Isaac Newton the English physicist, Sir William Herschel the English astronomer, the Earl of Rosse and countless others too numerous to name have made contributions to man's knowledge of the universe in which he lives.

The space spectacular of man's first venture into the sea of space is now over and plans are being made to extend his journeys to further planets. Another moon landing is planned for later this year, with eyes now fixed on Mars as the next step into the heavens – indeed a situation fulfilling momentous words spoken almost two and a half thousand years ago to a captive Hebrew by the name of Daniel. This man was told that at the end of the dispensation men would 'run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased' (Dan. 12:4) and, try as one may, this statement has no other meaning other than these present times.

To the average person today with the dazzling array of spectacular triumphs in scientific and engineering feats before him, the Bible and the things of God would appear to be far removed from the reality of man's achievements and, indeed, out of place within this context. To bring the Bible into a discussion which is highlighted by what man's technical know-how has achieved, is not considered in the best of taste and one is likely to be met with the usual scornful commiserations which which are bestowed on those who are considered to be archaic in their outlook and lacking in intelligent observation of proven facts. However, one need not be a 'Bible thumper' to point to other proven facts such as the acceptance by men of most branches of scientific research of easily recognisable and unvarying laws which permit calculations to be made as the basis for further investigation. All that is necessary is that one refers to the march of time during the course of which, man came to the realisation and acceptance of the fact that the measurement of duration, or time as it is known, is calculated by observed celestial movements. Is it not stated in Genesis 1:14: "And God said; Let there be lights in the firmament of the heaven to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for

seasons, and for days, and years.''?

Man, in his seeking and searching after knowledge, has found that what God has said *is true*. The success of the moon landing was based on calculations, the whole programme computerised to established and accepted mathematical data. It is surely no surprise even to the most blasé of this modern generation to realise that mathematics or numbers so vital to the moon landing, pervades the whole universe and that whether seen in weight, motion, time, force, mass, distance, structure or vibration, everywhere the fact proves a Mind which counts, measures, weighs and regulates with some minute and eternal purpose. One has but to read through the Book of Job to note something of what man is only now finding and accepting as fact today. It was king David who expressed the eternal truth when he said: "If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold thou art there . ." (Psalm 139:8). Mere repudiation of the existence of God on the basis of materialistic know-how cannot, and will not, negate the reality of His Presence nor obviate His Purpose in the earth. While it may not be popular conversation to talk of God within the context of ventures into space, it is nevertheless a point of great importance for unregenerate man, having left his footprints in the dust of the moon, is now striding to contaminate other planets with the same unregenerate spirit which permeates the earth and convulses it in eternal struggle.

The earth scene, as it currently obtains, is certainly no advertisement for humanity whose eyes are fixed on solar horizons. In spite of the plaque now resting on the moon which calls out the delusion that men came in peace, one is reminded that man can go nowhere in peace unless he himself has peace with God and the only way in which this state can be realised is through the acceptance of the reconciliation provided.

In the United States of America, Apollo 11's home ground, the people are torn asunder by race riots – what advertisement for peace is this? They have hospitals filled with people who are sick in both body and mind – what advertisement is this? It should be said here that the United States is not alone in this sad state of affairs – it is typical of humanity today the representatives of which had to undergo elaborate decontaminatory procedures before being admitted once again to human society after their moon landing. The sad state of the human race is certainly no advertisement for humanity's preparedness for ventures into God's heaven. The tragedy of it all is that it need not be so. The upheavals which characterise this time, the national and international ideological conflicts, the misery and suffering of countless millions – all this is totally unnecessary. There is a Way of Life which has been provided by He Whose existence is everywhere in evidence – a structure for society which provides for all the needs of man. This Way was first established at Sinai and given to God's witness nation Israel who were, and are not, the Jews. This nation had the specific function of revealing the desire of God for all nations that they should have His peace as their national sheet-anchor. That same Israel nation is still here and tragically following

the prophetically prescribed way of life which is at variance with that prescribed at Sinai. That nation is found in the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and Kindred peoples. If any need factual evidence of the reality of God and of His unchanging purpose for all humanity, the history of these people should be studied in conjunction with the prophetic word of the Holy Bible.

Those whose interest is aroused by the venture into space and the possible outcome of a clash with Russia will naturally ask the question: 'What does the Bible say of the ultimate end?' The answer is simple. The Bible, God's Word, relates that, far from an invasion of space by man, the earth is to be the scene of an invasion from outer space. This same Jesus Who was taken into the heavens will come in like manner. This is assured and while there are many who may vehemently deny any such event, let them read the promise recorded in Acts 1:11. In spite of the so-called progress of man, none will surely deny that there is a great need for a mighty deliverance from the systems of this world. The families of the earth need the fulfilment of that promise, the nations of the earth need it, Israel in Anglo-Saxondom needs it – and needs it more than any venture into outer space. Time marches on and as each world-shaking event transpires, the believer, unlike men of old, looks up in anticipation of the glorious coming redemption in the Person of the Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

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THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

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The mass of men, women and children led by Moses trod through the dry, dancing heat of Sinai. There was no food. The desert yielded nothing. They were in the hands of the Lord, fed by Him, and of themselves HELPLESS. And He halted them at Mount Sinai: there in the barren austerity of the wilderness they were to receive The Law.

The codified ideas of men are not law. There is finally no good law or bad law. True law - THE LAW - is cosmic, absolute and perfect: THERE IS NO OTHER LAW. Israel was to receive this perfect code. In austerity of scene and circumstance, the setting was adequate.

POWER AND LAW.

The Lord, the Great Architect of the Universe, is also the Great Scientist of it. He made the sciences. The Pillar of cloud and fire that led Israel settled over the Ark of the Covenant, and such was the power in it that Aaron's two sons, Nadab and Abihu, were killed by it (Lev. 10:1-2). The same power played havoc in the Philistine temple of DAGON (1 Sam. 5:1-5). Upon the Ark's removal thence, David's man, Uzzah, made an attempt to steady it in its progress on the lurching cart, and was immediately struck down (2 Sam. 6:6-7, Num. 4:15).

The Lord's presence in Israel's midst was thus demonstrated by an emanation of naked power (Ex. 33:18-23, 40:34, 1 Kings 8:11, 2 Chron. 5:14, Ezekiel 10:18). It was later called the Shekinah Glory.

It is well to look at the nature of the power. When it played over the burning bush (Ex. Ch.3), and Moses stood before it, he was made to take the non-conductor, leather - his shoes - off, and to stand electrically earthed. When the High Priest annually went in to it in the Holy of Holies, he would by custom have his feet bare, thus electrically earthed, and wore linen, a good conductor of electricity (Lev. Ch.16). To survive, the very opposite of the safeguards against electricity had to be

applied. The force, apparently, was not electricity as we know it, but its opposite about which we do not appear to have any knowledge.

When Israel was about to receive the Law at the foot of Mt. Sinai, it is a reasonable, indeed, an obvious deduction from the description that the mountain was made radio-active (Ex.ch.19). Moses went up the mountain. He came down it after considerable exposure to radio-activity alive and well. He had obviously been made immune. And his face shone (Ex. 34:29-30).

Instead of viewing this quasi-saintly glow in childish awe, we, in these days of mildly radio-active luminosity in paints and other things, and the devilish power of the hydrogen bomb, could much more profitably probe the chemistry of this immunity, and that of the counter-atomic - the atomic neutraliser which must be there for our salvation, but about which we hear nothing.

It is notable that at the giving of the Law the Lord made a display of atomic energy. It is similarly notable that in this end time, the day of the great falling away when the Law is so nearly in oblivion, the devil makes a parade of atomic energy.

NATIONAL LAW.

But the law of the atom, of the stars in their courses, of the beast in the jungle and the ladybird on the leaf, is ONE law. THE LORD MADE IT. The Great Cosmic Law is His. MAN must conform to it OR DIE. But there, at Mount Sinai, His person screened in atomic might, He gave to His chosen race that section of it by which their national affairs must be governed. And equally, to that Law man must conform or ULTIMATELY DIE. He sought no human advice about it nor gave any accommodations under it. He commanded full and implicit obedience, and forbade them at law (Deut. 4:2, Rev. 22:18-19) to tamper with any word of it.

ADAMANT LAW.

The modern Christian attitude to it is peculiar: it pays extravagant lip service to its God. Conceding that there is sincerity in the lip service, it is at once evident that there was no need at all for the Lord to go to the lengths of enacting commandments, statutes, laws and ordinances - law in a highly

developed and sectionalised form - in order to exact implicit, unqualified and unquestioning obedience from the body of people who claim to be His "church". Any word of His would be enough. Any hint, however veiled or oblique, that He disapproved of usury or stewed rabbit would surely banish from Christian circles usury and stewed rabbit.

The Lord abominates both; He enacted against both at law. (Usury, Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36-37, rabbit, Lev. 11:1-8; Deut. 14:3-8) and poured His royal contempt on them by His prophets. Possibly Christianity is just a little deaf. It builds at usury, invests at usury, continues to eat stewed rabbit, and presses onwards in lip service. Has it never learned that the Lord demands that His Commandments, His statutes, His laws and His word shall be implicitly and unquestioningly obeyed? Is it BLIND to the fact that " . . . and keep my commandments," is a foundation condition for any hope of eternal life. (Matt. 19:17)?

The Lord, the Holy One of Israel, is not answerable to Canterbury or Rome or the Free Church Council. To imply in any way that their word supercedes His, that He must account for Himself and justify Himself before these or any man, or conform to them, is an affront to His Person and Majesty. Popes may be left to serve the woman god. But it is still not the business of protestant archbishops and moderators to argue, temporise and equivocate, but to banish the usury, and to teach their flocks what HE said. And if the quite material, and altogether materialistic stewed rabbit offends, they should take their Bibles in humbler hands and rediscover what it really does say. (Lev. Ch.11).

MODERN CHRISTIANITY IS A LAW UNTO ITSELF. It treats the Law of the Lord with distant scorn. The Sanhedrin, crucifiers of the Son, were yet only half as bad; they did at least acknowledge the Law of the Lord.

DREAM-DAUB KINGDOM.

Most sincere Christians affirm that the Kingdom will, at some future date, be a compound of goodness, righteousness, peace, beauty and sundry other abstract and quite undefinable qualities. But we do not recall any of them having one concrete idea about it. They divide roughly into two classes. The first appears to believe that under the guidance of the Spirit the human conscience will govern. A QUAINT IDEA! Conscience makes cowards of us

all BECAUSE IT IS A FAULTY, WAVERING, UNRELIABLE INSTRUMENT; and why the Holy Spirit of the Most High should waste any time on it is a matter for wonder. The Spirit is much more likely to jolt these dreamers to the REALITIES of the land laws, the food and financial laws, the shape and composition of the government the Lord requires, and many other quite practical things.

Then there are the others who regard the Kingdom as a bill drawn up on eternity, encashable at infinity, when - if ever - His people of ALL races, perversely including some who really do not believe in Him, of all creeds and colours - a somewhat hotch-potch collection, we feel - will be with Him, and He will make everything right. The postponement of the making of everything right until then has its points of convenience. One is that with the Kingdom thus postdated, one can go on making the best of the devil's kingdom longer and more comfortably.

IMPLICIT NATIONAL OBEDIENCE.

We turn with relief from these sickly dream daubs. Since before David's day, men have sought to limit the Lord (Ps.78:41). BUT THE LORD IS NOT LIMITED, nor do His words fit all the things that are commonly taught. He, KING of kings and LORD of lords, speaks as a KING. He speaks to NATIONS, to ISRAEL, His people: to BABYLON, to EDOM, MOAB, the PHILISTINES. In no word did He ever preach PERSONAL SALVATION. If His words be read and studied in simple context, it will be found that the unit of address is ever THE NATION, and not THE INDIVIDUAL.

King of kings He is, and His words are words of kingship. It is vital to appreciate the point. When He spoke to an individual, the King spoke to His servant; when He spoke to Nebuchadnezzar, the KING of kings spoke to a Babylonian monarch who was a TOOL IN HIS HANDS. Always, the import of His words is NATIONAL. For the evangelist to attempt to wring out of snippets and snatches of these kingly utterances some highly personal note to be poured into the soul of John Brown is to ladle out the Thames with a teacup.

Very positively, His Law is a NATIONAL Law. It is NOT a personal code. John Brown may eschew the usury and the rabbit, and may feel pleasant satisfaction that he has fulfilled the Law of the Lord. But this is no fulfilment. The Lord's requirement is that USURY shall be under complete prohibition BY FORCE OF

LAW THROUGHOUT HIS KINGDOM: it must be COMPLETELY EXPUNGED FROM THE KINGDOM ECONOMY.

And as to the eating of RABBIT, that RABBITS are RODENTS, and are ordinarily subject to cross matings with other rodents - including rats - and one never quite knows how pure and free the rabbit is from rat, is not the point. That rabbits are peculiarly vulnerable tc venereal and other diseases, and whether one likes or dislikes venereal germs done in rabbit, is again NOT the point. That the Lord's limitations, the CLOVEN HOOFED, CUD-CHEWING ANIMALS are free from these revolting characteristics, is still not the point. HE NEVER SOUGHT THESE JUSTIFICATIONS. HE NEVER CONSENTED TO AWAIT THE DAWDLINGS of the 20th century medical research in the dim twilight of heredity and the like for the causes of cancer in HIS people.

HE MADE LAWS. They begin, Thou shalt . . . and Thou shalt NOT . . . Let the humble soul with a clear mind for simple issues debate with himself how much borderland these words allow for argument, temporisings, qualifications and modifications. They provide none. THEY DEMAND IMPLICIT OBEDIENCE. The rabbit or pork or shell fish in the Israel cooking pot is illegal. The gout and the cancers that ensure are a blot before the Lord. He guaranteed at law immunity from them (Ex.15:26; 23:15; Deut. 7:15).

THE RIGHT THING.

However much the "church" may retire into the remoter cloisters of the human soul, the Lord did not leave His people naked prey to bad laws. He made it SAVAGELY clear that the shepherds of His sheep were not permitted to leave them victims to having their substance mulchted, and themselves entrapped in sin and wrong doing arising from unjust laws (e.g. Jer. 23:30-32 and 36; Ezekiel 34:1-10 etc). MAN-MADE LAWS, especially the BABYLONIAN CODE to which our finances are tied, have, by the evil inherent in them, created more than the total evil potential of the rogues' gallery from the dawn of creation TO THIS DAY.

The Law, the NATIONAL law, must first itself be RIGHTEOUS in order that the people may do according to it, and be right in the doing. If there be one glimmer of light in the soul, it must be evident that the Lord would do no less than THIS RIGHT THING.

THE SON.

The Saviour, Jehoshua, Son of the Most High, ratified the law of His Father in JOT and TITTLE (Matt. 5:17-19). Again, with one real glimmer of light in the soul, it will be seen that the Son would also do no less than THIS RIGHT THING. But His words are curious. They are completely without equivocation. They are the utterance of a master of POSITIVE statement.

EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

But, banishing completely the idea that the Law of the Lord is in any wise simply an Old Testament law, perusal of the whole of the Epistle to the Hebrews will show that the New Covenant was vested in the Order of Melchizedek; that the Order became the functioning Order for the Lord's people, Israel, dating from the time of the blood-spilling when the Roman spear entered the Saviour's side. And so the change from the Aaronic to the Melchizedekan was made. But by Heb. 8:10-11; the Law of the ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK is again the Law the Lord gave to His servant, Moses, on the radio-active mountain.

Again, the words should be noted. They are not the Saviour's but those of Jeremiah, a MAJOR prophet of Israel. They go back to the authority of the FATHER. The statement is that the Law will be GRAVEN UPON THE HEARTS OF MEN. And, we suggest, in spite of all the sugared words on the subject, the graving tool will be sharp and firmly held. It is nowhere on record that the Lord will meet temporisings with temporisings, or in any wise remit the pain.

BLINDNESS IN PART HAS TRULY HAPPENED TO US. The Lord made it clear that His national purpose in Abraham lay in law: he would teach his children to keep the way of the Lord, to do justice and judgment (Gen. 18:18-19). And in blindness the ISLES OF THE WEST of prophecy have been the cradle of JUSTICE, JUDGMENT, LIBERTY AND MERCY. For the civil law -- but not the FINANCIAL laws -- is based on the Law of the Lord. The sacred Word and the law -- the COMMON LAW OF ENGLAND -- have been their proud possession and their finest exports. But Babylon holds fast to the code of Babylon, Medio-Persia, Greece and Rome -- the CONTINENTAL CODE. THE MARK OF IDENTITY IS UNMISTAKABLE.

KINGDOM AND KING.

SO THE LORD CREATED FOR HIMSELF ' A PEOPLE '. He first pruned the line from which it sprang, then He multiplied it to form a nation. He next gave it form: AN ARMY, AN ORDER OF SERVICE TO HIM, the AARONIC ORDER, ITS NATIONAL LAW, the whole being the progressive fulfilment of the Covenant made with ABRAHAM, HIS FRIEND. Upon the death of the leaders, MOSES and JOSHUA, and by His command, judges were appointed to administer the Kingdom. BUT THE LORD WAS KING.

SO THE KINGDOM OF GOD ON EARTH RECEIVED A COMPLETE NATIONAL POLITY, AND BECAME THE FIRST THEOCRATIC STATE.

But, later, the people pined for a king (1 Sam. C.8). Created a peculiar people, their peculiarity IRKED them, and they wanted the establishment COMMON to the PEOPLES OF THEIR DAY. The Lord appointed one in anger, SAUL, a BENJAMINITE. But the sceptre was with JUDAH. The appointment was from the wrong tribe.

The story of Saul, and his morbid later years, is in 1 Sam. 9 onwards. That of David, of his period in the wilderness, and of the strange propriety before the Lord of his doings, follows concurrently with it. Saul came to his end, and David to the throne of the Lord. The king-regent from the correct tribe had been appointed. The sceptre was with Judah. BUT THE THRONE IS THE LORD'S — (1 Chron. 17:14; 28:5).

The continuity of David's House was pledged to him under a PERPETUAL COVENANT - the DAVIDIC COVENANT - (2 Sam. 7:8-17; Ps. 89:3-4; Jer. 33:17). A perpetuity of heirs was pledged. An heir has never been wanting from David's House. And his kingdom will NEVER be destroyed - (Dan. 2:44; 7:18 and 27). It continues. THIS IS ONE OF ITS DARKEST MOMENTS. NEVER WERE ITS SHEPHERDS SO MISGUIDED.

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A Strange Paradox.

By Pastor Thornton

It is surely true that more people read about the Bible than read the Bible itself. This is the source of much of the confusion in Christendom and in all the world for that matter.

There are three words which have probably caused more confusion of mind than any other words in all history. One of these words is "Jew". Ministers of the gospel often refer to Jesus as a Jew. They do not qualify this statement and so those who listen to them come to think of Jesus as if He were related by the flesh to the people who today are called Jews. I can assure you that nothing could be farther from the truth.

There is no time in this article to deal with all the aspects of this question. But we can look at some pertinent facts concerning this false concept that modern Jewry is the Israel of God. There is an exceedingly strange paradox that has fastened onto many minds. It is this – that, if one ventures to suggest that people other than the Jews comprise God's chosen servant race, he is faced immediately with the cry of heretic and sometimes worse. Yet it is strange to note that those who accuse most loudly on the grounds, as they say – that God has no "chosen people", will also be found in the forefront of those who loudly, emphatically and dogmatically claim that the Jews are indeed God's "chosen people".

NOT ABRAHAM'S CHILDREN

There is abundant evidence that our Lord was not a Jew in the modern usage of the word at all. Nothing could be more forthright in denial of this than Jesus' words to certain Jews who were claiming descent from Abraham. "As they argued against Him, they answered and they said unto Him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham's children, then you would do the works of Abraham. But now you seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth which I have heard of God; this did not Abraham" (John 8:39-40). Surely it is clear that Jesus has denied those Jews who refused Him any relationship whatsoever to Abraham. Obviously they are not God's chosen people.

In Matthew 1, the genealogy of our Lord Jesus is given. Here it is seen that He is a child of Abraham, according to the fleshly line of Mary, His mother. As we have seen, Jesus told those Jews who could not receive Him that they simply were not the children of Abraham. His inference is plain. Had those Jews been what they claimed to be, the children of Abraham, then they would have gladly received Him. This same truth is in the world today. Those Jews today, who continue to fight against Jesus, place themselves in this same category. Of course those within Christendom, who fight against Jesus, also fall under this condemnation! They are not the

children of Abraham either. Once this is recognised, we see that the claim that modern Jewry is God's Israel, the children of Abraham, is simply a gigantic hoax. Until Israel is properly identified, nine-tenths of the Bible remains a closed Book. Who is most interested in keeping the Bible closed to God's people? That question isn't difficult to answer. The answer is – that old serpent called the Devil, Satan. Who are those who help him? Well, they must be those who are inspired by Satan's spirit. As the Lord Jesus said concerning them, "Ye are of your father, the devil". Most assuredly, they are not inspired of God! (John 8:44).

CONTRADICTING GOD'S WORD

Abraham, the father of God's servant people, Israel, is often called a Jew also. This is a gross error. The fact that many call him a Jew out of pure ignorance does not make it any less misleading. Abraham was a Hebrew. This is clearly stated in Genesis 14:13. For anyone to call Abraham a Jew is simply to definitely contradict the Scriptures. Abraham could not have been a Jew for the name "Jew" does not appear in the Bible narrative until more than a thousand years after the lifetime of Abraham.

Not only is it extremely misleading to speak of Abraham as a Jew, it also indicates that many modern theologians, ministers of the Gospel and so-called Bible authorities are themselves careless in their reading of the Scriptures. The truth, I suspect, is that they read men's commentaries on the Bible rather than the Bible itself. This is just one more example of Jesus' charge that, by their own doctrines, men often destroy the power of God's Word and make it ineffective.

A CONTINUING SOURCE OF CONFUSION

Throughout the Bible, the true children of Abraham, or the whole house of Israel, the twelve tribes, are spoken of as God's witnesses, God's servants, God's heritage in the earth, God's sheep and God's Kingdom. Now, to mistakenly apply these identification marks to the Jews, who continue to refuse Jesus as the Christ, the Son of the Living God, is to utterly confuse the prophecies.

Furthermore, there is Biblical evidence of the identity of God's sheep. They follow Jesus. They love Him. They obey Him and they accept His great salvation worked out for them on Calvary's cross! Again we turn to the words of Jesus Himself in this matter. In John 10:24-27, we read, "Then came the Jews round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou make us to doubt? if thou be the Christ, tell us plainly. Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believed not; the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me. But ye believe not, because ye are not my sheep, as I said unto you. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." I must emphasise these words of our Lord, He said, "You do not believe me, therefore, you are not my sheep." This is spoken of those Jews who came around Him and said, now tell us plainly if you really are the Christ. He said, I have told you but you believe not. You can't believe because you can't receive My word,

therefore, you are not my sheep.

SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS

It is very difficult for me to believe that those who love the Lord will deliberately overlook these words of Jesus which we have considered. Is it true that there will be blindness in these last days? Yes, that is what the Bible says. I just think that we have greatly underestimated the extent of this blindness.

What is blindness? Both physical and mental blindness is caused by lack of light. Physical sight is impossible without light. The eye and the brain together translate the light impulses into pictures of the outer world and we say we see. In this case, we know that the eye is the servant of the brain. The eye transmits the impressions received by light and the brain sees. Likewise, it is the mind which receives the truth of God's Word and then transmits it to the spirit and we also say – I see. That is – I comprehend, I understand.

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

The great source of physical light is the sun. The great source of spiritual light is the SON OF GOD Whose Name is JESUS! He is the Light of the World. Those who follow Him will not be in darkness. Those who refuse Him are blind. The Bible says plainly that those who refuse the Light of God shining forth in His only begotten Son, Jesus, are blind indeed! How could they be anything else?

It is important then to stress that THOSE WHO FOLLOW HIM shall not walk in darkness. You see the whole world is in darkness. Jesus is the Light – the only light – therefore, to be in the Light, one must follow Him. One's life must conform to the promptings of the Spirit of Christ. The Spirit of Christ agrees wholly with the Word of God. The closer one follows then, the greater is the Light. I emphasise this because there are many today, who once confessed Him, who have by no means followed Him. These are those who have been healed, those who have been fed and those who, after that, did not follow. They came not for the fellowship with Him but they came only for the miracles or the physical bread. Not having continued with Him, they are now in darkness. They have no spiritual comprehension. Such as these, being spiritually blind, often follow blind leaders and they both fall into the ditch.

. . AND THY SEED
. . . . . IN THEIR GENERATIONS

Make no mistake about it. Unless one follows Jesus, he is none of His. The Apostle Paul says, "If any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His" (Romans 8:9). If you are a child of Abraham, you *will* follow Jesus. This was the great prophetic promise made to Abraham nearly four thousand years ago. It is recorded in Genesis 17:7,9. This is the Word of God concerning God's transaction with Abraham and his generation and his literal children in all their generations after him.

In Genesis 17:2, God says, "And I will make my covenant between me and thee (Abraham)". Then in verses 7 and 9, He continues, "I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed (that is, his children) after

thee in their generations (that could be limited, except that God continues) for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee . . . And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations." So we see that those who are truly the children of Abraham are going to keep the covenant which God made with Abraham. This covenant is consummated in the Blood of Jesus Christ. It is only through the Blood of Jesus Christ that the great covenant, which God made to Abraham, can be brought into operation. So those today who refuse the Lamb of God, those who continue to refuse after He has made Himself known to them, they can hardly be the children of God. They can hardly be the Israel of God. They certainly cannot be the seed of Abraham in their generations after Abraham. God's promise is clear – "I will establish my covenant between me and thee (Abraham) and thy children after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant."

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Through Judgment to Righteousness

Part 5

By: F. W. Dowsett

The present rate and magnitude of world events is making it increasingly imperative that the people of our nation, especially the Christian people, fully understand the prophecies of the Bible, especially those appertaining to our present time. Contrary to popular belief, present day world events are not merely the product of bad statesmanship and leadership, nor just of political and diplomatic blundering. The root cause of our present position goes right back to the beginning of human history. We are now about to reap the harvest of what we have sown over the past centuries. The Bible is most emphatic on the truth of this statement. For instance, in Hosea 8:7 we read this statement which applies both to the individual and the nation;

"For they have sown the wind, and they shall reap the whirlwind."

Again, in Galations 6:7 we read;

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked. For whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

The certainty of this reaping process is more fully described in Revelations 14:14-19, where we read;

"And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of Man, having on His head a golden crown, and in His hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to Him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in Thy sickle and reap: for the time is come for Thee to reap, for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And He that sat on the cloud thrust in His sickle to the earth, and the earth was reaped. And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire, and cried with a loud voice to Him that had

the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in Thy sharp sickle and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth, for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

It is amazing to note just how accurate and appropriate are the words used in the Bible to portray these things. We have just read where the last angel to come out had power over fire; surely a most appropriate phrase for our present time. This degree of accuracy is again found in Matt. 24:29 where we read that immediately prior to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ,

"The powers of heaven shall be shaken."

Only those living in our own times could possibly understand this phrase, because we alone have witnessed the splitting of the atom, which has literally shaken the powers of the heavens. So we see that we are indeed living in the very end of time, and it behoves us to fully understand what God has in store, not only for ourselves as individuals, but also for our own nation (which we know to be God's nation of Israel), and eventually for the whole world.

For a long time, the British-Israel Movement has been trying to impress upon people the disastrous position of our nation, and utter hopelessness of trying to attain world peace under our present conditions by a policy of appeasement and compromise with the heathen nations which are not only our own sworn enemies, but the sworn enemies of God Almighty. It must be kept in mind at all times, and at all costs, that Zionism, together with its progeny communism, is essentially and fundamentally anti-God, and anti-Christ. Its declared and avowed aim is the total destruction of the Christian Faith, and the only way they can see to achieve this end is to destroy the nations that uphold and protect this faith. AND THAT NATION IS <u>US.</u> Don't be misled for an instant by the statements to the contrary made by these self-appointed martyrs in our own land who call themselves communists, because little do they themselves realise they are also being deluded, and will be eventually crushed by the satanic

monster which has sporned them, and which now controls them.

Peace cannot be achieved on our terms. It can only be achieved on GOD'S TERMS. From time to time we experience prayer campaigns throughout some of our churches with the express purpose of praying for peace. Now whilst I don't for an instant belittle the sincerity of the individuals who engage in these prayers, nor in any way decry the power of prayer, I feel constrained to say that peace is not attained through prayer. I realise that some may think that this is a strange thing for me to say, but I would like you to consider this fact. *Peace is not a separate entity in itself. It is the result of something else. And that something is RIGHTEOUSNESS.*

PEACE IS THE AUTOMATIC RESULT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS.

And righteousness in turn is the result of repentance. It follows quite obviously then , that the thing for which we should pray is not peace, but rather, individual and national repentance to God, the God of our forefathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. Only with true repentance will come peace. The Bible is quite emphatic on the point:

"THERE IS NO PEACE TO THE WICKED." (Isa. 48:22).

This brings us back to the present world situation. I have previously pointed out that in order to understand the prophecies of the Bible it is imperative to correctly identify the people spoken of, so that we can correctly apply these prophecies. It is quite obvious that the world today is divided into two main camps, the Anglo-Saxon nations and their allies on the one side, and Soviet Russia and their allies on the other. It is equally obvious that the great showdown, which has even now commenced, is going to take place between these two camps. Now there is a totally erroneous teaching prevalent in the world today to the effect that the present State of Israeli is going to be the major participant in the coming conflict against Russia and her hordes, not only geographically, but nationally. This belief is based on the false assumption that these people, the Jews, are God's people Israel. Absolutely no attention is given whatsoever to the statement contained in Isaiah 62:15 which I ask you to very carefully consider. Speaking to the Jews of the day, God said,

> *"And ye shall leave your name for a curse unto My chosen. For the Lord shall slay thee, and call His servants by another name."*

So it is quite clear that God's People will NOT be known today by the name "ISRAEL." Actually, the present state of Israeli is not God's doing in the sense of any of the covenants which He made to His people Israel. It is the brain-child of international Zionism which, as stated before, and on its own confession, is both anti-God and anti-Christ. These people are those of whom Christ said,

> *"I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN." (Rev. 2:9, and 3:9).*

The prophet Ezekiel has this to say about these same people, as recorded in Ezekiel 11:15;

> *"Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and ALL THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL WHOLLY, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord. Unto us is this land given in possession."*

This prophecy was fulfilled to the letter in 1948 when the 'tares' within the kingdom, the Synagogue of Satan, expelled the rightfull owners, Anglo-Saxon Israel from Palestine. The cup of trembling has now passed into the hands of God's enemies as promised by the prophets. Our Lord Jesus Christ passed final sentence on these same people in Luke 19:27, when He said,

> *"But these mine enemies, which would not that I should reign over them, bring hither, AND SLAY THEM BEFORE ME."*

On the other hand, the TRUE nation and people of Israel will be identified and recognised as a CHRISTIAN nation. There is no mistaking the words of the prophet Hosea, where we read in chapter 1 and verses 10-11,

> *"Yet the number of the sons of Israel will be like the sands of the sea, which cannot be measured or numbered; and it will come about, that in the place where it is said of them 'YOU ARE NOT MY PEOPLE', there it will be said of them, "YOU ARE THE SONS OF THE LIVING GOD."*

(to be continued.)

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RACISM–DISCRIMINATION

Is GOD Guilty?

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Ignorance breeds fear. Misunderstanding breeds distrust. Pride breeds contempt. Selfishness breeds hatred. We live in a world that is held captive by such negative forces. Daily they continue to multiply like poisonous bacteria in the research chemist's test tube. The only way man can become immune from the poison that infests our society is to be brought into a knowledge of the Truth, as God's Word declares It to be. He must be able to "rightly divide the word of truth." (II Timothy 2:15).

Fear, contempt, distrust, hatred, etc., cannot continue to hold men's minds in bondage once they are brought face to face with Divine Truth. It should be obvious as to why such vicious attacks are today being hurled at God's Word. Under the guise of 'higher education, liberalism' and the like, we have been duped into believing that man's super-intelligence outdates God's Wisdom, and that to exercise honest faith in the plain statements of His Word is but to display stupidity and personal ignorance. All such 'higher learning' is but evidence of the anti-Christ's final effort to enslave the minds of men and usurp the Throne of the Lord.

A confused society despises men of conviction. To speak the Truth as God has declared It to be, inevitably brings upon the spokesman the rebuke of the minority. There are very few men left who are willing to allow self to be crucified by such accusations as 'anti-Semitic, racist, integrationist, bigotist' and the like. Most people spend a lifetime creating a personal image which they worship as God. To bring disfavour upon themselves and their image from the ignorant multitude because of personal dedication to Truth would be to commit suicide. Few indeed are those willing to become martyrs for the Cause of Truth.

Men who would dare to speak the Truth would do well to first weigh carefully the words of St. Paul: "Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross" (Philippians 2:5-8). This, dear friend, is what it means to have "the mind of Christ".

Today patriotism is looked upon as evidence of moral weakness and cowardice. We are being taught that all men are brothers, regardless of their racial background, their spiritual heritage, or, personal convictions. We are told that we are members of a 'world society' and that all of us are equal in spite of the fact that a favoured few have been blessed

the most!

Isn't it strange that in a society which is given over to personal selfishness we should hear so much talk from certain quarters about 'love'? How many people do you know that will do anything for the fellowman because of their love for him? How many of us will make our own interests wait while we go to the aid of another who is crumbling beneath his assigned load by the slave-master of toil? Who was the last to lend you a helping hand when your two were not enough to meet the demands of the moment? Is it any wonder that the Lord asks the question: "Who is there even among you that would shut the doors for nought?" (Malachi 1:10). It was Jesus Christ Who said: "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (John 15:13). He did this very thing, asking for nothing in return.

My friend, I call upon you to respond to such love by withholding your preconceived conclusions until you have carefully and prayerfully weighed the whole Truth. Don't sell out to those who would steal your 'birth-right', or, attempt to co-exist with the minorities who trample God's Truth underfoot in their scramble to reach a plateau on the mountain of destiny that is not theirs. Dare to believe God, accept their slander, but refuse to keep silent or bargain your 'birth-right' for favour that is not theirs to bestow.

Most of us have become afraid of the term 'discrimination'. We associate it with a long list of dirty words our fathers looked upon as vulgar and unsuited for parlour or mixed company conversation. To be accused today of practising 'discrimination' automatically makes one the target to be mercilessly attacked by every roving pack of 'equal rights' hungry minority group on the prowl, plundering our beloved country.

What am I going to do as a professed servant of Jesus Christ, a teaching member of God's priesthood who has been called of Him to teach and preach His Word, when I know that GOD'S HOLY WORD TEACHES DISCRIMINATION? If I am what I profess to be, then there is only one course for me to pursue – faithfully teach "Thus saith the LORD God, etc."

The Bible teaches discrimination, but this certainly does not make It a derogatory (belittling) Book. God created all things "after their own kind" and assigned to each their responsible destiny. Who is there that has conscientiously read God's Word that would dare deny the fact that Almighty God practised and still practises discrimination?

We are told that when God brought this world into being it wasn't the result of any impulse of the moment. Is it not stated: "Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world"? (Acts 15:18). Did He not declare, because of His Omnipotence: "Surely as I have thought, so shall it come to pass; and as I have purposed, so shall it stand"? (Isaiah 14:24).

Did not God have a definite Plan in mind for all of His man-like creatures that necessitated Him making ample land area provision

for them, and the working out of their assigned destinies? "When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot (measuring cord) of his inheritance" (Deut. 32:8). Do not the Scriptures teach us that "Judah was his sanctuary, and Israel his dominion"? (Psalm 114:2).

Did not the LORD God enter into covenanted relationship with Abraham, declaring that it was to be through his posterity that all the other families of the earth were to be ultimately blessed? "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Genesis 12:2-3, etc.).

Did not God reject Abraham's son Ishmael and confirm His covenant with Isaac? Was not Esau set aside by God and his twin brother Jacob accepted? Did not God discriminate further by dividing the blessings of the covenant unequally amongst Jacob's twelve sons, giving the birthright to the two sons of Joseph to the exclusion of all others?

What does the reader think God was doing when through His servant Moses, these people who were the posterity of Jacob-Israel were told: "For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth, etc., etc." (Deut. 7:6).

Abraham and Sarah's marriage remained childless until after Sarah's Egyptian maid gave birth to a son by Abraham who named him 'Ishmael'. Shortly thereafter God intervened and Sarah gave birth to her first and only son whom Abraham named 'Isaac'. Sarah then commanded Abraham: "Cast out this bondwoman and her son: for the son of this bondwoman shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac . . . And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy bondwoman; in all that Sarah hath said unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Genesis 21:10-12; Romans 9:7-8).

Some twenty years thereafter, the LORD God commanded Abraham: "Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of" (Gen. 22:1-2). Abraham built an altar there and placed Isaac upon it and would have proceeded to take his son's life in obedience to God's command, had not the LORD stopped him. (Genesis 22:9-12 ; Hebrews 11:17-19).

God was only interested in getting Isaac upon the altar because "whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy" (Exodus 29:37). Isaac and his seed after him were now dedicated to the service of God in the accomplishment of His Will amongst the sundry races and nations of this earth. Isaac and his posterity through the covenanted line now became God's dedi-

cated, consecrated, sanctified SERVANT RACE.

Over and over again throughout the prophetical Scriptures the posterity of Jacob-Israel are thereafter spoken of as . . .

God's Servants . . . Isaiah 41:8,9; 42:1, 19; 43:10-15,21; 49:3-8; Jeremiah 30:10; 46:27-28; Ezekiel 28:25; 37:25.

God's Witnesses . . . Deuteronomy 19:15; Jeremiah 33:24; Amos 3:2; Isaiah 43:10-12; 44:8.

By discriminating among all His creation, God favoured the children of Israel to be His SERVANTS and His WITNESSES.

"All the families of the earth" were to be blessed through Abraham's seed (Genesis 12:3; 18:18; 22:18; 26:4; 28:14; Acts 3:25; Galatians 3:8).

As God's SERVANT RACE and WITNESSES they were to carry a knowledge of His Law (Psalm 147:19-20) to the heathen nations (Isaiah 42:6; 49:6-8; Micah 4:1-2). They were likewise to carry the Gospel Message to the ends of the earth. They were to be a colonizing people, opening up the desolate heritages of the earth to others.

They were to be the protectors of the less powerful nations, the adversary to tyrants, dictators and all who would seek to enslave as do the Communists. (Jeremiah 51:19-21).

They were to be so blessed of God materially that they would be able to lend to all while borrowing from none! (Deuteronomy 8:18; 15:6).

At the end of this age, Israel would again find herself in dire straits. The mixed multitude of liberals and anti-Christs in her midst would succeed in turning the hearts of the people away from the God in Whom she professes to trust. Invaded from without by her ancient enemies, torn by strife from within, she would be brought to her knees and compelled to repent. Once the nation repents, God's Spirit will be outpoured upon her and, aroused to her Divine destiny, the nation would restore His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments and prove to be God's Blessing to all the other families of the earth.

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CONFRONTING THE FUTURE

Part 1

BY J. TROTTER

GENESIS 11:1-9.

As far as the Western world is concerned most people, INCLUDING CHRISTIANS, are merely 'shadow-boxing' when it comes to the fight for survival. The knowledge of what is causing the symptoms of our decaying society is about as absurd as a doctor who is unable to diagnose the symptoms of his patient, the end result being that the operation was a success BUT THE PATIENT DIED. As Professor Charles Birch says - "Man's striving is just a beating of the wind."

This shadow-boxing takes up so much time and energy. KNOWLEDGE ITSELF IS NOT CAPABLE OF COMBATING THE FORCES OF EVIL; a correct course of action is also needed. As the Bible says, "FAITH WITHOUT WORKS IS DEAD."

Because the churches have failed to realise that the Scriptures provide the principles and correct course of action for these times men, like Prof. Charles Birch, the author of this book, "Confronting the Future", has stepped in and, with the co-operation of the State, taken what should be the rightful position of the clergy.

These men, like Prof. Birch, are logical, brilliant and experts in their field. They are scientific and humanist at the same time - a strange combination.

Today's talk will centre around the contents of this book and what Prof. Birch believes are the solutions to what is called the "Predicament of Mankind." The second talk will provide the Scriptural answer.

From the positions held by Prof. Birch, as seen in the flap, one can see that he is not only an intellectual but, MORE IMPORTANTLY, an INTERNATIONALIST. Being a member of the CLUB OF ROME he would be classified as one of the 'elite'. Whilst he may be very logical, he is also very NAIVE. This is evidenced by the fact that he believes that man, BASICALLY, is good and therefore any plan to centralise is for the good of

mankind. This very same naive belief was expressed by Sen. Colin Mason of the Australian Democrats when I was discussing with him this very point. In passing, Sen. Mason said that 'he was a personal friend of Prof. Birch.'

The logic is presented in this manner. With convincing statistics, and I am quite sure MOSTLY ACCURATE, he presents the predicament of man. With the same profound thinking he shows that all attempts up to the present have failed to solve these issues; AND THIS IS TRUE. He says "the pursuit of material things in the affluent Western world has not brought the promised paradise on earth; instead it throws into the clearest, coldest light the SPIRITUAL, ETHICAL and PHILOSOPHICAL HUNGER OF MANKIND.

To colour his concern with genuine feelings he uses something like thirty Bible references and analogies, more often than not, with little understanding. This gives him more credibility. He quotes other world authorities who, up to the present, have been kept out of the public eye.

Throughout this 340 page book he presents such problems as the population explosion, the inevitable food shortage, the energy crisis, alternate energy measures, ownership of minerals, timber and water, industrial unrest, economic inequality, cultural change, problems relating to cities, education, science and the process needed to redirect the mind to accept change. There are many other subjects mentioned but, in a nut-shell, all these issues are to be solved by what is called the "SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY". This sustainable society is a society kept in equilibrium by controlling input against output. For example - zero population growth and setting standards of living such that the total consumption of food proportionally balances the production of food. Just imagine the bureaucracy and government controls needed to retain a sustainable society and yet, THIS, he believes, IS THE ANSWER.

One must remember that whilst the logic is very sound, the premise he uses, IS FALSE. This premise is based on the use of science and human intelligence, which will equip man for the necessary change.

The theme of the sustainable society is both inferred and clearly stated from beginning to end; on the very last page

he says "the tree to be planted is the SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY."

Does not this remind you of the 'TREE OF KNOWLEDGE OF GOOD AND EVIL?' It was the partaking of this "fruit" that resulted in Adam and Eve becoming 'as gods' and eventually being cast out of the Garden of Eden. This casting out of the Garden, naturally, resulted in the lowering of values. Dr. Peccei, President of the Club of Rome, had this to say about the new humanism which, I believe, was the end result of being cast out of the Garden of Eden.

"Dr. Aurelio Peccei, Pres. of the Club of Rome, said in his opening address to the annual meeting of the club in Berlin in 1974 that the real challenge is not just to find the technology and software to bring under control the crises which are the consequences of cancerous human growth, it is the establishment of a'new humanism', or a new humaneness, of the spiritual conditions of justice on this earth without which neither human dignity nor real quality of life can be sustained. There HAS to be a CULTURAL REVOLUTION IN THE PRIVILIGED SOCIETIES."

On page 26 it says - "The sustainable society is a revolutionary concept . . . . a revolution that comes from within is more likely to impose its own necessary constraints than to be imposed upon by external constraints."

In many ways this book reflects the image of reality; maybe this thought could be expressed this way. When one stands in front of a mirror, one sees an image of oneself. The person is reality, the image is the REFLECTION of reality: but it has no life, no depth, and no force; IT IS THE REVERSE OF REALITY.

The type of society that Prof. Birch is suggesting would appear to work effectively; the thought behind this society is that there will be created a harmony with natural law, with which we all agree.

As an example, to show how there is much truth in the concept of a harmonious sustainable society, I quote the following from a book called "The A.B.C. of Social Credit" by E. Holter wherein on page 49 she says:-

"This taxation, however, would only be expedient if, at any time in the far future, a day came when consumption had

caught up with productive capacity, and there were more than the required number of tickets in existence."

As far as the Western society is concerned the enemy of freedom is UNWARRANTED GOVERNMENT CONTROL. This point is well expressed in a book entitled "Human Ecology," which says . . . "As restrictions and prohibitions are multiplied in the Empire, the people grow poorer and poorer. When the people are subjected to overmuch government, the land is thrown into confusion . . ." One more quote by Ron Gostick, National Director of the Canadian League of Rights, will help to clarify the danger of excessive government control. He says - "It is not the legitimate role of government to do for people what they can and should do for themselves. The prime role of government should be to maintain law and order and the general conditions which encourage the exercise of PERSONAL INITIATIVE and RESPONSIBILITY by the people in looking after their own welfare." This increased government control is seen in the added legislation when trade unions get out of hand.

The easy availability of books like this, in my opinion, appears to indicate that not only are we LITERALLY at the crossroads of history, but, that the HIDDEN POWERS of World Government have such a stranglehold on society that it would appear there is no escape. The literature on this subject, both for and against, is like an avalanche; the hidden powers, knowing full well that THEY have control of the media, finance, government etc., can AFFORD to have printed articles both for and against. One result of this trick is to get the people to believe that this struggle for survival is being genuinely fought but, in fact, both sides of the struggle are being financed by the ONE FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM.

According to this author, out of the present frustration, there is hope in the fact that Australia could be the mirror of the world. Reasons for this can be found on page 49 of his book:-

- It is the ONLY continent governed by ONE NATION alone.
- It has large areas that can STILL be conserved.
- It has a relatively SMALL population and could curb its final population to between fifteen and twenty million

people.

- It is rich in non-renewable resources of almost everything the world is short of.
- It is self-sufficient in food.
- It may have enough fossil fuel to see it into the twenty-first century without great hardship.
- It has plenty of sunshine which it could plan to make its major energy source in the twenty-first century, without the hazards of nuclear power.
- Its social, industrial and political problems are more tractable than those of the huge powers.
- It is nearest neighbour to the most populated part of the earth whose quality of life is low and which it has the opportunity to enhance through co-operative enterprise.

According to Prof. Birch, for us to be the 'mirror of the world', we are not to see ourselves as INDEPENDENT but, rather, each nation dependent on the other. As he says "the sustainable society is dependent upon an ecologically ordered world." The question is, "WHO is going to order this world?" The author, being ideological, forgets that ALL MAY NOT WANT TO BE ORDERED or ACCEPT SOMEONE ELSE'S IDEAS. In answer to this he says, "Does this mean that change will be FORCED upon us by external events by catastrophe instead of calculation? That is one possibility. Another possibility is the rise of a generation of political leadership that will rally support from the grass roots of society by its SHEER COMPASSION and LOGIC." According to comments I have seen, anyone NOT accepting these laws will be considered mentally ill.

In a sustainable society industry will have social and moral, NOT, industrial goals. This will be expressed in the view that the rich nations will not get richer and the poor nations, poorer. The world of goals is 'ONE WORLD' and this will come about through political action. With this goal in mind he refers to Keynes in a favourable light. He recognises that Keynesian economics has influenced a whole generation.

In the second chapter he talks about the lifeboat theory. This is best explained by the view of Mr. Whitlam when he said, "the more I consider the problems of the INTERNATIONAL

ECONOMIC ORDER, the more I am convinced that a retreat into economic isolationism is no answer for us or any other nation. The temptation to adopt an inward looking and excessively protective economic stance MUST be resisted. Attempts to restrict trade further would be self-defeating."

An example of how NOT to become isolationist is the need to re-allocate the minerals of the world. The next question being ownership. This one example of the ownership of world resources is to be solved by an INTERNATIONAL TAX with international money. As Prof. Birch says, "international taxation could eventually replace traditional assistance programmes."

The first two reports from the Club of Rome were entitled "The limits to Growth" and "Mankind at the Turning Point." The theme of these two reports is seen in the following quote:- "The political problem then is one of demonstrating such need, providing reasonable alternatives and turning individual initiative and goodwill into binding collective action. Because the problems are complex and because so many individual interests would be affected by different solutions, it is extremely difficult to reach a consensus on politics needed even within a nation, let alone BETWEEN nations. The agenda for a new international order urgently requires mapping out in a concrete programme. There is not time to wait for a blue-print for the future. Instead, we can start now to promote such changes as we know will lead to greater distributive justice and development."

In April 1974 the special session of the General Assembly of the United Nations Organization issued a declaration on the establishment of the N.I.E.O. The two KEY words in this report were DEVELOPMENT and ENVIRONMENT. Development aimed at the reduction of mass poverty and of inequality of income and environmental policy aimed at management of the world's resources that will maintain environmental quality.

It is the brotherhood of man through GLOBAL unity. The nations are to be destroyed by regionalisation.

The word 'revolution' is constantly used in this book. It is not the usual revolution as was seen in Russia, but, rather an INTERNAL one. For example, he says there is needed "a revolution in the relationship of man to the earth and man

to man."

Whilst on the one hand he talks about pollution of the rivers, streets, cities and the need to revolutionise the mind to accept change, there is no clear demarcation relating to MORALS and VALUES, concerning GOOD and EVIL. Instead, the moral issues are related to WELFARE OF THE UNDERPRIVILIGED, zero population growth, over population and industrial unrest etc. The author believes that many of these moral issues are to be solved NOT in the Western Christian culture but, in the EASTERN religions BECAUSE, he says, "they show greater empathy with nature."

Turning now to some of his personal concerns, we see that he presents an endless list of CONTROLS. These range from legislation to stop water becoming polluted to the control of the population which, I admit, IS a serious problem. As regards his chapter on world population, he presents many thought provoking statistics. Referring to page 130 we find some examples:-

- It took mankind 1 000 000 years to reach 500 million (in 1600).
- It took mankind 200 years to add the next 500 million (in 1810).
- It took mankind 120 years to add the second 1000 million (in 1930).
- It took mankind 30 years to add the third 1000 million (in 1960).
- It took mankind 15 years to add the fourth 1000 million (in 1975).
- It will probably take us only 13 years to add the fifth 1000 million (in 1988).

From some of his statistics one can easily see that within the next 50 years, the Anglo-Saxon peoples of the world would be almost wiped out or interbred so extensively that there is a good chance that we would not be known by that name. It is no wonder it says in Scripture, "BUT FOR THE ELECT'S SAKE, THOSE DAYS SHALL BE SHORTENED."

For survival, FOOD is the most basic requirement. This emotional problem is again presented with convincing statistics and more controls. And would you believe it, MORE TAXING OF THE RICH NATIONS. He says on page 175, "suppose that Austra-

lians became so concerned that they were willing to be taxed to subsidise farmers to grow food and sell it at prices the POOR could afford to pay; MAYBE AT 'GIVE-AWAY' PRICES!"

In one breath he says "one fact is certain, most of today's hunger can be traced to problems of DISTRIBUTION" and yet, he never attacks the INTERNATIONAL BANKING SYSTEM, which DELIBERATELY makes short the money or token system to acquire the purchasing power of the nation whether rich or poor.

The questions relating to the real purpose of money, and whether or not it should have any value, must be answered before there is true equity - not necessarily equality. He admits that money, not need, determines the international flow of goods and yet, he offers no solution to this problem.

Assuming what he says is correct, viz:- that 11% of the earth's surface is cultivated, imagine the abundance of food which will be available when we obey God's laws and probably extend the earth's cultivated area to 25%. According to Prof. Birch, there are four main reasons why there is a shortage of food - 1) Only 11% of the earth's surface is cultivated;
2) shortage of water;
3) shortage of fertilizer;
4) the great amount of energy required to produce the food is mostly wasted.

Answers to these four points will be further discussed in the second talk. To help solve this problem he suggests a world 'food bank'. This food tank was the central theme of the World Food Conference in Rome in 1974. On page 170 of his book he explains this further, viz:-

"Until countries become self-sufficient in food there will be an ever present need for emergency food supplies. Nothing short of a world EMERGENCY food programme is urgently necessary. The main component of this programme would be an international 'food bank' established in suitable regions and controlled by a transnational agency. The purpose of the reserve would be to act as a buffer against food shortages during droughts and other emergencies."

As regards the power to see it through, viz:- the use of coal and nuclear power etc., we again see that there is needed more policies and regulations. Apparently, a helpful solution

to the problem is the setting up of a National Energy Budget.

Because the required power comes from the earth there are two components needed to have a peaceful world. "One is a re-allocation of the existing maldistribution so that genuine need, particularly in the developing countries, may be met. Alongside this requirement is a second one and that is the need for the rich world to curb its rate of increase in the use of minerals by reducing growth in consumer goods, especially 'luxury' items." I thought that Jesus Christ said that "if ye seek FIRST the Kingdom of Heaven, that all these things will be added unto you." But more on this in the second talk.

There are three main riches of the earth; these are MINERALS, TIMBER and WATER. For these three he sees NATIONAL POLICIES or, what is more accurately called REGIONAL POLICIES, to be worked out on a GLOBAL scale, according to need.

On the subject of work, he says that in many cases it has become dehumanising and boring, resulting in the employee becoming a cog in the wheel of what man calls 'PROGRESS'. As it says in the book "The A.B.C. of Social Credit" - "Today we go to work to get the cash to buy the food to get the strength to go to work to get the cash to buy the food to get the strength to go to work . . . and so on."

The hierarchy and bureaucracy of today's government departments are the epitome of "GET BIG OR GET OUT".

I believe what is needed to truly help this work problem is to break down the distinction between work and leisure. Both work and leisure should express one's talents, the only basic difference being that for work one is paid a dividend, whereas, for leisure one does it in the more free time available which will come about because of the proper use of science and technology. This would need not only a new type of education, but a literal return to the "Garden of Eden" concept where, like Adam, he will live in harmony with nature, or God's creation.

This concept of work and leisure is not easy to explain to the man in the street. Whilst he cannot accept idleness, he is, at the same time, fed up with the present toil of performing the same ritual each day at his place of employment.

In the chapter entitled "Make Life Work", I can agree

with almost everything he says. This chapter clearly shows how man has turned the tables of our existence and is living that unfortunate saying that 'Life was not meant to be easy'. This cliche has only come about because we have willingly chosen 'death' instead of 'life'.

What he says about the cities is quite true, viz:- "The city was the seat of civilization and the origin of culture - Athens, Rome, Florence, Venice, Paris - all tell that story. The city grown large and impersonal brings counter influences to bear upon those who live there. It is a less healthy place to live in than the country. Crime rates are higher than in rural areas (up to five times in the U.S.A.). The incidence of mental illness is also probably higher. The city could be changed to mitigate these negative influences but there can be no long-standing improvement while cities continue to grow as rapidly as they have done in the past two decades. Here again, we find growth bringing with it all sorts of unwanted side effects that deteriorate the quality of life of the people."

To support his feelings in this matter he refers to Isaiah 5:8 which says, "Woe to those who join house to house, Who add field to field until there is no room." To deduce these hazards, as previously stated, he says - "we must change the environment." There is no doubt in my mind that people congregated together, as in cities, bring out the worst in everyone. Cities have certainly become the breeding grounds of contempt and revolution.

On page 291 he says: "People whose social environment enables them to discover some sense of purpose and a sense of belonging are much less prone to succumb to the hazards of day-to-day living and to feel the need to take drugs. The acquisitive, competitive society is unhealthy. A sustainable society committed to qualitive rather than quantitive growth is not only materially more realistic but is, in principle, one that will provide a better social environment for human well-being."

In this paragraph there are two words that go together; these are 'qualitative' and 'competition.' It is with competition that we have quality. COMPETITION IS NOT EVIL - it is

the MISUSE of improving oneself which eventuates in a power struggle. Both power and finance, unfortunately, go together, resulting in the buying of one's soul. With his views on a competitive society there appears to be one theme, viz:- "the acceptance of change", resulting in the sustainable society, with all its regulations.

The second last chapter in my mind is the most important; it is entitled "Learn to Live". This learning to live can only come about, says the author, by accepting the change that is inevitable resulting even in the change of values, meaning of words, attitudes etc. To express these thoughts in my own way would not do the author justice and therefore the following two quotes are taken direct from the book, viz:-

1) "Life moves far more rapidly now than it ever did before . . . It seems very obvious to me that this requires a change in our attitude toward the human being, and to his relationship to the world. To put it bluntly, we need a different kind of human being who is comfortable with change, who enjoys change, who is able to improvise, who is able to face with confidence, strength and courage a situation of which he has absolutely no fore-warning."

2) "How can man live with change, face up to catastrophic developments and control the direction of events to avert disaster? The scientist on the island about to be hit by the tidal wave was prepared to learn how to live under water. Man has to discipline himself to learn how to live under drastically changing circumstances as he attempts to move from an explosive world to a more sustainable one. That is a tall order for humanity. It is a prime task of education to see that the order is carried out. We tend to think of education as fitting man to live with the environmental status quo. Education in the future must fit man to change the world. Education is no less a part of development than steel. 'Human history,'said H. G. Wells, 'becomes more and more a race between education and catastrophe.'

One can see that EDUCATION, with the help of SCIENCE, will adjust our minds to the inevitable change.

On page 304, paragraph 2, he says:-

"The task of education is to develop human talent so that people may be useful to themselves and to the changing world.

It would be rather pointless to develop talents in a way that might fit us well into a medieval French village. It is equally pointless to train people for a changeless society when all around society is changing fast."

On page 311 in the last paragraph he says:-

"It is the central task of education to promote that discovery in the hope that the citizens of tomorrow will be citizens of the world with a global perspective and a global concern."

It is apparent from many statements that for this education to be effective the soul searching question, "WHO IS THE REAL ME?" must be answered.

Prof. Birch sees the universities as the seat of learning, from which will arise our new leaders of world utopia. This is brought about in the following way as seen on page 321, paragraph 3:-

"As to what is taught, universities should be in the forefront of dealing with the dilemmas of our time; political economy, the economics of a sustainable society, limits to growth, conservation of the biosphere, the new international order and so on."

There appear, at times, a number of conflicting issues expressed in this book. On Page 324 he says this about science and technology:- "It is the new science and technology that have made our problems so immense and intractable." And yet, on page 303 he uses the analogy of an island being hit by a tidal wave in which the only survivor is the scientist who learned how to live underwater.

No one can stop research and man's investigations; is not science and technology the result of an enquiring mind? Science and technology, if used within the context of natural law, which is merely the expression of God's creation, would benefit all mankind. It is like saying that there is nothing wrong with wealth or power just so long as the person who inherits it knows where the power and wealth comes from.

On page 328 there appears the following quote:- "The boat of science is on a rocky sea. Our job is not to steer it into less troubled waters, but to put a new keel on the boat." Jesus Christ most certainly did not infer this; He said that we are NOT to patch up the system, but rather work towards a

new system which is based on GOD'S LAW.

The following are some of his oft repeated cliches:-

1. The rich must live more simply so that the poor may simply live;
2. There can be no development of the underdeveloped nations without redistribution of the world's wealth;
3. The disorder today is that too many people are demanding too much;
4. As we change the world we ourselves are changed.

The following quote will show just how this change is to occur:- "Man's behaviour is based, not simply on capacity for aggression and territoriality, but on customs which develop in specific environments and social circumstances. Man's major behavioural characters are cultural. Culture is learned behaviour . . . it is tremendously important to recognise that the roots of evil are not in genetics, but in SOCIAL CONDITIONS. THESE HAVE TO BE CHANGED."

In conclusion he provides a summary of the four issues for survival; these are:-

"I have discussed four issues which seem to me critical in determinating whether man may ever control himself and his technology; the necessity of awareness of the problems if consensus is to be achieved; the recognition that technology cannot ultimately solve the problems of environmental deterioration and resource depletion; a realistic assessment of the nature of man's self-centred and aggressive propensities and the necessity of imposed constraints, and finally the issue of effective government."

The ONLY hope the author expresses is based on MERE HUMAN INTELLIGENCE. If this fails then, he says, there will follow 'the horsemen of the Apocalypse'. Fortunately for us our hope does not lie on such a flimsy belief. Our hope does not just lie in a remnant of people who have not the wisdom of this world but rather in a MORE SURE FOUNDATION, namely - the "I Wills" of ETERNAL GOD who will perform His mighty works. WE DO NOT WORSHIP THE CREATION BUT THE 'CREATOR'. We have been given the assurance that His mighty works will, in the FINAL ANALYSIS, turn the hearts of stone to HEARTS OF FLESH.



THE MILLENNIUM

By U.N. Owen

"O the depths of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out" (Rom. 11:13).

In spite of persistent Scriptural demands for the continuity of the Israel nation as an integral part of the world scene (Jer. 31:35), there are those who continue a policy of Biblical interpretation which require the extremist form of spiritualisation in order to retain some semblance of continuity between the Bible and everyday life. The removal of the covenanted national nucleus descended from the Patriarchs from the context of Biblical revelation creates a vacuum which is only filled by a rampant imagination and a tremendous amount of speculative spiritualisation which wrestles with the Scripture and invariably ends in a cul de sac. One such example is the subject of the Millennium.

The cul de sac in this instance is that theorists are forced to remove the Millennium from its context as the last 'one thousand year day' (II Peter 3:8) in God's great week dating from Adam and applying all that is indicated in this period as obtaining in the earth from the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is contended that the one thousand year period, mentioned five times in Rev. 20, is merely a metaphorical figure, commencing at the First Advent and extending to some indeterminate period in the future. It is further contended that all prophecy, from Genesis to Malachi without dissenting voice, points to the coming of the Messiah 'as the beginning of an era of unprecedented blessedness for all nations, to continue as long as the sun and moon endure'. It would appear that the writer of this contention and all advocates of this theory have failed to take note of the Words of the Lord Himself Who said: 'Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword' (Matt. 10:34). He further states that His First Advent would be the cause for division in family life (verse 35) and this division because of Him. This is surely not blessedness as stated by anti-millenarians.

It is perfectly true that as one studies the Bible from Genesis to Malachi, one is impressed by the manner in which the searcher is directed to a time when righteousness for all nations and families shall be available under the Reign of the Righteous King (Isa. 32). However, within the context of the same Scriptures, i.e., from Genesis to Malachi, one sees the God-declared machinery whereby this situation shall be created. *This machinery is the Israel nation.* Lest there be any resentment against this statement it should be recalled that the subject under consideration at the moment is the Old Testament, from Genesis to Malachi. Here one finds the subject of prophecy inextricably bound up with Israel for it was from Israel that the prophets came and because of Israel's failure that the prophets found voice.

The first prophetic utterance in the Bible is found in Genesis 3:15 when the Lord

God, because of Satan's success in tempting Eve, stated: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel." It will be noted that no condition is associated with this stated intention of the Lord – its accomplishment is solely dependent upon the Sovereignty of God as expressed in His '*I will*'. There appears to be no question in Christian circles as to the efficacy of the '*I will*' of God in respect of this statement nor a shadow of doubt as to the relationship of the Lord Jesus Christ to the 'seed of the woman'. This being so, why will men reject the same '*I will*' when voiced within the same context but in respect of the nation created as God's 'battle axe and weapons of war' (Jer. 51:29)?

GOD'S WORD OF PROMISE

"And *I will* make of thee a great nation, and *I will* bless thee, and make thy name great; And *I will* bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed" (Gen. 12:2-3). This 'I will' of the Lord is to be seen in all the promises which He made to the Patriarchs and embraced in what is commonly called the Abrahamic Covenant. Is this 'I will' of less force than that which applies in Genesis 3:15?

As one reads the story of the Old Testament from the 12th chapter of Genesis to the 4th chapter of Malachi, the exclusive theme is that of Israel with only a brief mention of other people as they impinge on that history. The development of the nation is recorded in the closing chapters of Genesis which also include the prophetic preview of the conditions obtaining within the *twelve tribes* in the 'last days' (Gen. 49).

It will be noted that the carefully detailed Plan of God embraced in the 'I will' as spoken to the Patriarchs are all directed to the specific end of blessing all the families and nations of the earth. Dependent only on the integrity of God, these promises point unerringly to a time when the nations and families of the earth are enveloped in blessing, the dimensions of which are detailed in Deuteronomy 4. Here, a way of life is provided in the wisdom of God which draws all nations into the Will of God and causes them to experience peace, quietness and assurance for ever.

The prophetic words of Moses are added to those of Jacob and it is from these that the student is given to understand that Palestine was not to be the scene of Israel's function and indeed, the nation would be scattered among the nations of the earth (Deut. 4:26-31). Within this context, he draws attention to the bounds of the nations with Israel's inheritance among these (Deut. 32:8 F.F.).

THE WORD OF PROPHECY

It is significant that in the main, the word of prophecy becomes the dominant theme in the Old Testament from the time when the nation Israel, divided through Solomon's transgression (I Kings 11:4-13), was in the process of being carried into captivity. It is certainly not doubted that prophecy was evident in the earlier period of Israel's history as evidenced in some of the Psalms, but it was from the beginning of the captivity period that the prophets found voice and their message was

one of promise of a future restoration of Israel and the accomplishment of their destiny under God. The greatest of these Messages was that pertaining to the Messiah and it will be noted that these embrace both the First and Second Advents in their related Offices of firstly that of the High Priest and secondly of the King. Throughout the Old Testament, the second or Kingly Office dominates while that of the first, or Priestly Office, certainly is not lacking.

At this stage it would be advantageous to note the words of Isaiah 9 where the promise is recorded in unmistakable words. "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and *the government* shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his *government* and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever." Related to this prophecy are the following: Isa. 2:2-4; Isa. 4:2-6; Isa. 11:1-9; Jer. 23:1-6; Dan. 7:27; Micah 4. It would be somewhat ludicrous for the Holy Spirit to stir up those 'holy men of old' and cause them to speak of things to the Israel people in which they, with all the Promises of God as their background, had no part. For instance, how did Mary understand the words of Gabriel when he informed her of the coming Birth of her Son to Whom would be given 'the throne of his father David: And he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end' (Luke 1:32-33)? There is only one way in which Mary could understand this message and likewise there is only one way in which Israel, in the process of disintegration, could understand the prophetic words spoken to them. They understood that just as their national purpose was to bless the nations of the earth in a very literal sense, so too they saw the promised restoration in the same literal vein.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began" (Luke 1:68-70). Here was an Israelite speaking under the Holy Spirit relating the First Advent which was the fulfilment of the Redemptive prophecies in respect of Israel. This introduces the First Advent which, according to anti-millenarians, began the full reign of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is contended that Revelation 20 had its fulfilment from this point in history and that all the events which preceded this had no bearing on that which followed. Satan was bound, death and the grave were conquered and the saints are living and reigning with the Lord Jesus Christ. A brief quotation from a work making such a statement now follows. *"A new kingdom, with an entirely new form of government, was set up in the world, not indeed, of a political, but a spiritual nature. The special privileges enjoyed in this kingdom are 'righteousness, peace, and joy in the Holy Ghost . . .'* If Satan has been bound since that day, one wonders just who it is that has been causing so much havoc with increasing intensity in the world since that time! According to Revelation 12, this time and the Ascension of the Lord into heaven, was the signal for the intense activity of Satan who knows that his

time is short and who creates so much woe for the inhabitants of the earth.

With regard to the claim that the First Advent marks the beginning of the rule of the saints, it should be noted that the Lord Jesus Christ ascended on high and is even now mediating as the High Priest after the Order of Melchizedek (Heb. 6:20). Throughout the New Testament record it is positively stated that He is seated, not on the Throne but on the 'right hand side' of the Throne in the Heavens (Rom. 8:34; Eph. 1:20; Col. 3:1; Heb. 1:3,13; 8:1; 10:12; 12:2). As must be obvious, He is not ruling but Officiating as High Priest until the Promised return and restitution of all things as spoken of by the prophets (Acts 3:20-21). Indeed it is somewhat difficult to see how, as the Lord Himself is not yet Reigning on the earth, His saints could have begun to reign at His First Advent.

The word 'Israel' means literally 'ruling with or by God' and it is an undoubted fact that Israel did not begin to rule from the time of the First Advent. From that period, nearly two thousand years ago, world history has recorded the rise and fall of Empires but only one of these has borne the marks of Israel and that was the British Empire. In spite of the fact that the rapidity of the disintegration of this Empire far outstrips that of any other, the fact remains that as one recalls the Promises of God, one sees in the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and Kindred peoples the faithfulness of the Lord. All that was said of the nation Israel is to be seen in the history of Anglo-Celto-Saxondom and despite the currently denigrating terms of 'Imperialism', the British Empire, of all the Empires of the world, has exercised the most beneficial influence.

As one looks at the world of today and notes the rampaging of lawlessness and the general degradation of humanity, one can do no other than to look to the Scriptures and to ask if there is no hope given. In seeking out of the Book of the Lord and reading (Isa.34:16), one sees that the Israel function has not been fully realised. It will be noted that Israel was to bless *all the nations* of the earth and this has not been done notwithstanding the partial fulfilment in the British Empire. Israel has not come into her own yet and this can only be when the Throne of David shall be taken by its rightful owner and the nation governed by the Law of the Lord as a demonstration to the nations who only then will see the fulness of national blessing in operation.

It must ever be borne in mind that God's Word will not return unto Him void of fulfilment but that it will prosper in the thing whereunto He sent it (Isa. 55:10-11). Israel, in spite of her current condition, will yet rise again to vindicate the Word which the Lord has spoken and to complete her function in the earth. The Millennium, in this light, is seen as an imperative period in the future inculcating hope in the otherwise hopeless world situation today.

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OUR PAGAN POUND

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A "pagan" literally means 'HEATHEN', as opposed to a Christian; and Pagan things are those not belonging to a community that acknowledges the TRUE God. Pagans use as an object of worship an image of a deity or divinity; in Scriptural language, a "FALSE GOD" or "IDOL." From time immemorial pagans have worshipped all manner of idols, including personified forces of nature, the seasons, the sun, the moon, the planets and all the host of heaven. The Bible has numerous references tc idols and idolatry, which it categorically calls ABOMINATIONS, and repeatedly describes the fate ordained for worshippers of idols. Sun worship was a particular anathema to the Lord. (See Ezekiel 8:16-18).

The pagan gods bore various names according to the language of the country in which their worship originated or was practised. But modern scholars have identified most of the principal gods of the ancient world, despite their varying names and have identified also the symbols used to represent them.

1. IDOLATRY.

The worship of idols was accompanied by strange and often dreadful rites. Fertility rites were not uncommon and human sacrifices were frequently offered as propitiation.

No wonder the Commandments of the Lord thunder forth:

> "Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
> "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.
> "Thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them; for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation OF THEM THAT HATE ME; and SHOWING MERCY UNTO THOUSANDS OF THEM THAT LOVE

ME, and KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS." (Exodus 20:3-6 and Deut. 5:7-10).

"Ye shall make no idols nor graven image, neither rear up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it; FOR I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD." (Leviticus 26:1).

2. EXIT BRITANNIA.

For generations the figure of Britannia on English coins and notes has been emblematic of the "mother" country; Britain personified as a female. Traditionally, Britannia was depicted as a woman seated on the waters, wearing a helmet (symbolic of the 'armour of God' - holding a trident (representing the Holy Trinity) in her left hand and a shield bearing the Union Jack (symbol of the reunion of Jacob) in her right hand. Behind her was a lighthouse, representing the spreading of light (of the Gospel) to the world.

ALL THIS HAS NOW GONE, however. Almost UNNOTICED in recent years, Britannia has been displaced. It is true that our English notes show a female figure which, at first glance, might be taken to be Britannia. BUT SHE IS NOT. Although this figure wears a flowing robe, THERE IS NO HELMET ON HER HEAD and NO LIGHTHOUSE BEHIND HER. She holds in her left hand a SHAFT, not of a TRIDENT, but of a SPEAR; in her right hand is held an EAR OF CORN. What APPEARS to be a shield showing the Cross of St. George instead of the UNION JACK leans against her. BUT APPEARANCES ARE OFTEN DECEPTIVE and another explanation is offered later on.

WHO THEN IS THIS FEMALE WHO HAS DISPLACED BRITANNIA?

3. Enter ASHTAROTH.

In ancient BABYLON, ASSYRIA, PHOENICIA and CANAAN, the goddess ASHTAROTH (otherwise known as ASHTERETH, ASHERATH, ASTARTE, ISHTAR, INNINI or INNANA was worshipped as the "queen of heaven."

The prophets declare God's wrath on all who worship her. She was the goddess of sexual passion, maturity and fertility. A regular feature of her worship was temple prostitution. Her priests were Eunuchs. She was also a WARRIOR goddess, to whom

the fish and dove were sacred. Sidon, the capital of ancient Phoenicia, was a special centre of her worship. Her image in the form of a wooden totem called the "ASHERAH" stood in each of the sanctuaries. BAAL WAS HER CONSORT.

"ASHTAROTH'S brother, TAMMUZ (or THAMMUZ) was a Babylonian and Assyrian god identified with the Greek god ADONIS and the Egyptian god OSIRIS. He represents the decay and growth of natural life, descending part of the year into the nether world and being rescued from there by his sister, ASHTAROTH. In Ezekiel 8:13-14 the weeping of the women of Jerusalem who mourn TAMMUZ'S disappearance is called an ABOMINATION in the eyes of the Lord.

All very interesting, no doubt but OF WHAT RELEVANCE? THIS - the female who has displaced Britannia is none other than the heathen goddess, ASHTAROTH, "queen of heaven." We, the 'people of the Book' are turning again to FALSE GODS, as did the Israelites of old. Truly we can say that the Phoenicians are still 'pricks in the eyes and thorns in the sides' of Israel. (Numbers 33:35). For "these are the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them." (Judges 3:1).

Here are the Biblical references to ASHTAROTH: Judges 2:13

"And they (the children of Israel) forsook the Lord and served BAAL and ASTAROTH."

1 Samuel 7:3-4.

"And Samuel spoke unto all the House of Israel, saying: IF ye do return unto the Lord with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and ASTAROTH from among you and prepare your hearts unto the Lord and SERVE HIM ONLY; and HE WILL DELIVER YOU OUT OF THE HANDS OF THE PHILISTINES. Then the children of Israel did put away BAALIM and ASHTAROTH and served the Lord only."

1 Samuel 12:10.

"We have sinned BECAUSE we have FORSAKEN THE LORD, and have served BAALIM and ASHTAROTH."

1 Samuel 31:10.

"They (the Philistines) put his (Saul's) armour in the house of ASHTAROTH."

1 Kings 11:5.

"For Solomon went after ASHTAROTH, the goddess of the

Sidonians."

1 Kings 11:33.

"Because they have forsaken me and have worshipped ASHTAROTH, goddess of the Sidonians."

2 Kings 23:13.

"ASHTAROTH, the abomination of the Sidonians."

Jeremiah 7:18.

"The women knead their dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven."

(Question: Is the 'hot cross bun' shield of ASHTAROTH in reality a portrayal of the cake offered to her?'

The Scriptures record what happened to Israel of old when they forsook the Lord and served ASHTAROTH and other 'strange gods'. The punishments prescribed for breaking the Law became operative, even to captivity and dispersion. When the time, yet future, of the 'great shaking' arrives, referred to in Ezekiel 38:19-20, the Lord will deal harshly with idolators. This is what Holy Writ says:

"And the idols shall he utterly abolish . . . when he ariseth to shake terribly the earth. In that day shall a man cast his idols of SILVER, and his idols of GOLD, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats . . . " (Isaiah 2:10-22).

"Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate; and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it." (Isaiah 13:9-13).

4. ENTER OTHER HEATHEN SYMBOLS.

Within the largest circle on the face of the currently legal tender English One Pound Note is a WINGED STAFF and INTERWINED SERPENTS. This is frequently used and often regarded as a medical emblem, BUT IT IS NOT. A single serpent coiled around a plain staff is the ONLY TRUE SYMBOL OF MEDICINE; the staff in question being that of AESCULAPIUS (ASCLEPIUS) the Greek god of medicine. The winged staff with interwined serpents is a caduceus, an ancient Greek or Roman herald's wand. The Encyclopaedia Britannica says the caduceus is 'frequently used as a medical emblem, (but) is without medical relevance since it

represents the magic wand of HERMES (or MERCURY) the messenger of the gods and the patron of TRADE.'

Within that same circle is a cornucopia, the horn of plenty, the horn of the goat AMALTHEA, by which it was said the god ZEUS was suckled. Used as a symbol of prosperity, the cornucopia is often seen in the hands of PLUTUS, FORTUNA and other gods, who pour from it abundance of fruit and corn.

On the front and on the back of the note are symbols of the SUN. From early times the god of the morning light and the spring sun was worshipped as BAAL - (otherwise BEL, BELUS, MARDUK, MERODACH and NIMROD.) Etymologically, BAAL is the "Master" and this title alone indicates his extensive attributes. He corresponds to the Greek ZEUS and the Roman JUPITER and was worshipped in Babylon, Assyria, Phoenicia and Canaan and by infidel Israelites as Lord and light of heaven and earth, in whose hands were the decree of fate. There are more than forty references to BAAL in the Scriptures.

BAAL was a false god; hence a worshipper of BAAl was an idolator. The term 'BAALIST' was applied in the 17th century to ROMAN CATHOLICS. In ancient Palestine the local Deities were known by the primitive Semitic title for the gods of Baal. They were mainly agricultural gods and were worshipped with fertility rites and human sacrifices. Jeremiah 19:5 says "they have built also the high places of BAAL to burn their sons with fire for BURNT OFFERINGS TO BAAL."

BAAL had the epithet 'calf' - hence 'calf of gold' whose image was raised and adored by infidel Israelites. (Exodus 32:4; 1 Kings 12:28). Sun worship was a particular anathema to the Lord.

Yet, OUR ENGLISH POUND DEPICTS THE SUN ON THE FRONT AND THE BACK, in company with symbols of idolatry and the representation of ASHTAROTH, the pagan 'queen of heaven.'

5. DOES IT MATTER?

Do we find it, to say the least, disquieting to see false gods boldly displayed on the currency of our once great Christian land? Are we concerned about the heathen taking over? Or do we say, "what's it matter? We're not worshipping these idols?" AREN'T WE? DON'T WE CONSTANTLY THINK OF MONEY IN

THESE TIMES OF INFLATION? DON'T WE WANT MORE: STRIVE TO GET MORE: WORRY ABOUT HOW WE ARE GOING TO MAKE ENDS MEET? Are we never envious of others who have more money than we do; or we we receive larger wage increases? And if THAT is not making a god of money, WHAT IS? "FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS, THERE WILL YOUR HEART BE ALSO." (Matt. 6:21).

Money plays a very important part in all our lives. But the Holy Bible says, "the LOVE of (or 'LUST FOR')money is the root of all evil." 1 Tim. 6:10. There are indeed many today who say that the money power (or INTERNATIONAL FINANCE) controls the world and there is much evidence to support this view. And the Holy Bible says that Satan (the Devil) is 'THE GOD OF THIS WORLD.' (2 Cor. 4:4) BECAUSE HE RULES IN WICKED MEN.

OF COURSE IT MATTERS THAT THE HEATHEN ARE TAKING OVER!

IT IS OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE THAT WE RECOGNISE THIS and wake up to the implications of it if we wish to survive. For "the devil, like a ROARING LION WALKETH ABOUT, seeking whom he may devour." (1 Peter 5:8).

6. WHO IS RESPONSIBLE?

In view of the pagan symbols now openly depicted on our English currency notes, can we truly say that we are in no way influenced by UNSEEN, MALEVOLENT FORCES? St. Paul recognised this in his letter to the Ephesians, Chapter 6, V.12, when he wrote:-

> "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."

It is diabolical and scandalous that the portrait of our gracious Queen, Defender of the (Christian) Faith and Head of the Church of England, (whose genealogy can be traced back to the great King, DAVID, on whose throne she sits) should be placed beside these symbols of the PAGAN gods. The question is, WHO PUT THESE PAGAN SYMBOLS ON OUR CURRENCY: and more to the point, WHO AUTHORISED IT? Indeed, there must be "spiritual wickedness in high places!"

We who call ourselves Christians must wake up and "put on the whole armour of God, that (we) may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil." (Eph. 6:11). For truly, Satan, the 'father of lies' and 'the great deceiver' is gaining the upper hand over our nation. Remember the Lord Jesus Christ Himself said "HE THAT IS NOT WITH ME, IS AGAINST ME." (Matt. 12:30). THAT leaves no room for complacency or sitting on the fence.

Never forget that debasement of the currency inevitably leads to the debasement of moral values.

There has been talk already of a Euro-currency to replace NATIONAL CURRENCIES. In that event, the portrait of our Queen will no longer appear on our currency, as Her Majesty is not queen of the countries of Europe. What will take her place? THE MARK? Is it without significance that the GERMAN MARK is the strongest national currency in Europe; that the founder of atheistic communism was the German Jew, KARL MARX; and that the so-called 'higher criticism', which has done so much to destroy the basic tenents of the Christian faith, ORIGINATED IN GERMANY? THINK ON THESE THINGS."

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The Bible and Modern Thought

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"For I am proud of the gospel; it is God's saving power for everyone who has faith . . But God's anger is revealed from heaven against all the impiety and wickedness of those who hinder the Truth by their wickedness. For whatever is to be known of God is plain to them; God himself has made it plain – for ever since the world was created, his everlasting power and divine being, have been quite perceptible in what he has made. *So they have no excuse.* Though they knew God, they have not glorified him as God nor given thanks to him; *they have turned to futile speculations till their ignorant minds grew dark.*

They claimed to be wise, but they have become fools; they have exchanged the glory of the immortal God for the semblance of the likeness of mortal man, of birds, of quadrupeds, and of reptiles."

Romans 1:16-23 (Moffatt)

There is perhaps no history of the modern evolution theory which is at once so brief and so accurate as one sentence from the above quotation: "they have turned to futile speculations till their ignorant minds grew dark".

It should be noted that this attitude of mind did not happen by chance: it is the result of deliberate choice – a deliberate desire to exchange the glory of the immortal God for the semblance of the likeness of mortal man, birds, four-footed beasts and reptiles. In other words, while in ancient days this desire took the form of worshipping images of these creatures, in our day it has taken the form of worshipping a pseudo-science glorifying man's so-called "knowledge" of his "origin" from these lower forms of life.

The story goes that when the *coelacanth* (a fish which was formerly known only from fossils supposed to be millions of years old) was discovered alive in South African waters, the then Prime Minister of South Africa, the late Dr. D.F. Malan, jocularly remarked to Professor J.L.B. Smith the ichthyologist: "Did we really come from that?" Whereupon the professor dutifully assured him that the "fossil" fish was indeed one of his ancestors.

The utter nonsense which has degraded the halls of learning in the wake of the evolution theory is well illustrated by some of the pathetic "scientific experiments" which the perverted minds of modern scholars have devised. Herbert Stewart in his book "Three men in a Tub", published some thirty years ago, quoted a report of what was described as "an interesting physiological experiment", carried out by a doctor of science at a certain university. This "learned" professor put some pigs in a room, played the Brandenburg Concerto No. 3 on a gramophone, and thereafter solemnly claimed in a "scientific report" that the pigs waved their tails in time to the music, thus "proving" that they were able to appreciate the rhythm of the music.

And modern-day professors are no less

foolish, when they allow their minds to be obsessed by evolutionary follies. A few months ago, the Science Correspondent of a well-known South African journal wrote this: "In a world of increasing social problems, psychologists have for long been trying to find out what effect is produced by depriving a young child of its mother's presence for any prolonged period. It is obviously impossible to carry out controlled experiments on children to examine the effects of separation and so Prof. R.A. Hinde at the sub-department of animal behaviour, University of Cambridge, has chosen Rhesus monkeys."

Needless to say, this "scientific" experiment had to be reported to *Nature*, Britain's leading scientific journal. And this is what was reported: "The team of researchers studied groups of monkeys, consisting of a male, two or three females and their young. They used four infants, each between 30 and 32 weeks old, for the experiment. Each infant's behaviour with its mother was carefully observed and recorded for some weeks. Then the mothers were removed and returned after six days. Comparisons were made with behaviour before the maternal deprivation and with that of a control group which had not been separated from their mothers."

Note that the "scientists" engrossed with this absurd waste of time had to have a "team of researchers". No wonder the Bible tells us of those who. professing to be wise, become fools. To continue with the "scientific report" of this "team of researchers": "During the separation period Professor Hinde says the infants were depressed. They sat in characteristic hunched posture or crept around on their hind legs. All the infants spent a lot of time clinging to their mothers when they were re-united. After a few days the infants returned to normal but regressed for a while because their mothers were tired of giving them extra attention. Professor Hinde concludes that the adverse effects of separation can last for several weeks after a six-day separation. All individuals are affected to some degree but the character of the individual infant, and of its relationship with its mother prior to separation, are very important in determining the nature and severity of the effects."

We should have thought that the effects of separation of young children from their mothers in these modern days of working mothers and nursery schools are sufficiently evident, and that it hardly needs a "team of scientific researchers" under a professor at a university to determine these effects through observing monkeys.

The science correspondent adds the following comment: "Around the world there are several experiments being conducted with animals and in America some while back there were reports by various researchers trying to measure the extent of mother love. Some interesting (!) work (!) was done by substituting artificial mothers and frightening young monkeys to test their reaction. The infants ran to the artificial mothers for comfort and protection."

So we are to understand that to "modern science" this sort of rubbish is "interesting work". Words fail us, so we will pass on to consider some of the absurdities passed off as "science" by the originators of the "modern" theory of evolution.

On the subject of how the human race in their supposed "evolution" lost in the hairy

covering characterising the lower mammals from which they are supposed to have evolved, Darwin in all seriousness expressed the view that at some stage the "ape-women" (he merely called them "females", but did not say what they were at this stage, i.e., whether they were then apes, ape-men, or early men) preferred the males with the least hair, and so as a result of this preference they "bred the hair off", in the course of ages.

And, whilst on the subject of ages, we might mention that Time has some magic quality of which only evolutionary "scientists" are aware, for when something obviously unlikely or even impossible has to be postulated, they demand "millions of years", for its accomplishment. In the writings of Sir Arthur Keith, one of the "high priests of evolution", frequent reference is made to the vast periods of time which he supposes "evolution" to require. Regarding the "evolution" of the human eye, he writes: "It must be remembered, however, that we are witnessing the result of a process which has been at work for millions of years". One writer asserts: "Evolution depends upon noughts." Look at this: "the earth is estimated to have existed 2,000,000,000 years. Life first appeared on earth (as some estimates put it) 300,000,000 years ago. The geologic life period of the earth is reckoned at 1,000,000,000 years. But it is only one-thousandth of that time, that is to say, only something like 1,000,000 years since the emergence of man's first ancestors . . . we make a jump to about 600,000 years ago when Pithecanthropus the erect made his appearance. Perhaps (!) 100,000 years later there arose Eoanthropus, a being approaching the threshold of humanity. Another long interval of tens of thousands of years, and we find the Neanderthal race living in Europe for a period extending over 100,000 years. This race was dispossessed say (!) 50,000 years later by Cro-Magnon man – the first homo sapiens."

The above-quoted rubbish is an extract from a "serious scientific work" bearing the title "Outline of Modern Belief", published in 1935. How can such "estimates" of time be worth anything at all? They are utterly meaningless and valueless. In any case, other "authorities" differ widely; for example, a geological table drawn up by Douglas Dewar F.Z.S. to illustrate the fictional character of these "estimates" of time shows that the estimates of the duration of the Quaternary Period (a geological period, so-called) vary from 300,000 to 1,000,000 years, those of the Tertiary vary from 3 to 5 million years, and those of the Mesozoic vary from 5 to 165 million years, whilst those of the Palaeozoic vary from 20 to 330 million years. And, just to cap it all, we remember that the "Pithecanthropus" and "Eoanthropus" quoted above were both disgraceful frauds perpetrated in the name of "science", the latter being admitted as fraudulent by a British Museum publication some years ago. Regarding "neanderthal" man, other authorities differ from the above-quoted estimate and consider this so-called "race" of men to have been contemporary with "modern man". In short, as a scientific statement of the position on the antiquity of man, the "Outline of Modern Belief" quoted above is completely worthless.

Let us give two or three further examples of the kind of nonsense which in our generation passes for "science":

Our first example is another disclosure of the fraudulent nature of the much-publicised

"ape-men" – creatures who never had any existence except in the dark depths of the evolutionist's mind. We quote from Douglas Dewar, F.Z.S.: "The most ludicrous mistake regarding supposed ancestors of man is that in respect of the fossil which was named *Hesperopithecus*. This consists of a molar tooth (yes, you heard right! A *tooth, one* tooth!) found in a Pliocene deposit in Nebraska. It was so named by Professor H.F. Osborn, who believed it to be a tooth of an ape which had undergone a certain amount of evolution in the direction of human teeth. At the time of the discovery in 1922 Bryan was fulminating in the U.S.A. against teaching evolution as a fact. Osborn made this discovery the occasion for uttering the following counterblast to Bryan. 'The earth spoke to Bryan from his own state of Nebraska. The Hesperopithecus tooth is like the still small voice, its sound is by no means easy to hear . . . this little tooth speaks volumes of truth'." Professor Osborn meant, of course, that the tooth afforded proof of man's animal descent. Mr. Dewar goes on: "In England, Sir Grafton Elliott Smith induced the editor of the Illustrated London News to publish an article on this 'Ancestor' of the human race, illustrated by drawings of Hesperopithecus and its spouse; although the only part discovered was its tooth! Shortly afterwards it was proved that the tooth was that of a peccary!" (pig).

It may be mentioned that the "Bryan" mentioned above was William Jennings Bryan, a noted American orator and former Secretary of State, who was a staunch opponent of evolution.

We shall now deal with our second example:

Sir Arthur Smith-Woodward, an eminent anthropologist, at a meeting of the British Association on September 9, 1935, stated in an address (according to a press report published at the time) that an accident led to the appearance of the human race on the earth. Some sixty million years ago (here we go again!) there was an upheaval in Northern India, he claimed. In that region there was a forest in which swarms of apes of many kinds lived. As a result of this upheaval, this portion of the earth had some very bad weather, the trees were destroyed and the apes were compelled to get used to living on the ground. Not having any trees to get nuts from or to flee to when the enemy approached, they had to learn how to run on two legs and shelter in caves, and this was such a strain on their mental capacity that they developed larger brains and so became modified in the direction of man.

In case one feels inclined to laugh this "scientific pronouncement" off by saying, "oh, that was thirty years ago – they are more sensible today", just look at the very latest report from the scientific correspondent of a South African weekly journal. We quote:

"Once more the dawn of Man has been shifted further back, this time as far as 20,000,000 years by the Kenya anthropologist Dr. Louis Leakey, who has just described a creature named *Kenyapithecus africanus* . . . claimed to be the oldest recovered specimen of the Australopithecine line that led to *Homo sapiens*. The intriguing point about the Harvard find is that all the conclusions are based on a tiny fragment of bone which came from the lower end of the upper arm".

Very "intriguing"! A tiny bit of old bone, in the hands of gifted scientists, becomes a

"creature", which can be "described", and of course given a scientific-sounding name. In a rather pathetic attempt to make this sort a thing sound sensible, the scientific correspondent goes on: "There are many sceptics who wonder how scientists can take such a small portion of the human skeleton and draw so many conclusions from it." He then tells a trite story of how he once accompanied a professor to a cave where the professor picked up a bit of bone and told the open-mouthed group accompanying him that it had belonged (some 100 years before) to a woman aged about 25, approximately 5 feet 5 inches tall, etc. He writes further. "I tell this story to illustrate the astonishing wonders that anatomists . . . perform every day when confronted with fossils." (What an example of loose thinking – he equates a bone alleged to be 100 years old with *fossils* alleged to be 20,000,000 years old!) "By meticulous measurement, careful comparison, and inspired reconstruction", he proceeds, "a tiny fragment of bone can be fitted into the pattern of human evolution".

This is a fair albeit laughable example of the utter nonsense which passes for "the science of man" today. And here are two gems of unconscious humour:

"Near the place where the bone was picked up, scientists have found fossils of extinct species of rodents and sabre-tooth cats and hyenas, elephants, rhinos, pigs, antelopes, turtles and crocodiles. For this reason it is guessed that the Professor Patterson's Man's arm was bitten off by a crocodile". "Guessed" is the right word – the theme word for the whole of modern evolutionary science. And, we may ask, could one not equally validly "guess" that the owner of the fossil bone was originally crushed to death by one of the fossil elephants?

But the best is yet to come: "Back, though, to Dr. Leakey's find. If the earliest ancestors of Man did live 20 million years ago, before the advent of tool-making believed to have occurred only 2 million years ago, how did this puny, weak creature manage to survive? Dr. Leakey's explanation is ingenious and perhaps not so imaginative as some would prefer to believe. He says that the powerful carnivorous beasts that shared the environment scorned the flesh of these dawn-men because of the smell they gave off." (We cannot resist commenting: Some smell, to have drifted down over a period of 20 million years!) But our "scientific" correspondent goes on: "And to prove his point, Dr. Leakey said that he had seen hungry lions walk through camps past sleeping, defenceless men to stalk and kill nearby antelope. On the rare occasions when they do kill a man, they merely sniff at his body and walk away. The carnivores feast on baboons, says Dr. Leakey, but do not touch chimpanzees, which are closer relatives of man and presumably give off the same kind of odour that is found unattractive. It is to this odour that we owe our survival, says Dr. Leakey."

You will note that the crocodile of the original flight of imagination has now become a lion! Words fail one in commenting on such absolute rot, palmed off on unthinking newspaper readers and equally unthinking journalists by imaginative "scientists". One feels it takes more *faith* to believe in that sort of yarn than to accept the story of man's origin as given in the Book of Genesis – and the latter belief at least results in many real as well as potential benefits to the believer. By

contrast, acceptance of the doctrines of evolution results in a complete breakdown in normal morality and a descent to a life far lower than that of the jungle.

To show that this is true, let us quote from the words of an eminent evolutionist already mentioned – Sir Arthur Keith. In the foreword of a book bearing the title "A picture Book of Evolution", he wrote: "He (the author of the book) and I believe in Evolution, not as a theoretical doctrine, but as a practical way of looking at all manifestations of life – of politics, of history, of all that pertains to the physical universe".

And defining his view in his rectorial address at Aberdeen University, he made this statement: "Nature keeps her human orchard healthy by pruning: war is her pruning hook. We cannot dispense with her services". Imagine those words by the *Rector* of a great University to his students! And let us hear him expound the subject further in his "Essays in Human Evolution" written in 1942 in the middle of World War II:

"The Leader of Germany is an evolutionist, not only in theory, but, as millions know to their cost, in the rigour of its practice. For him the national 'front' of Europe is also the evolutionary front . . . 'It is not for men', said the Feuhrer,' to discuss the question of why Providence created different races, but rather to recognise that it punishes those who disregard its work of creation.'"

What an appalling statement to come from an eminent "scientist" (knighted by the Queen supposedly for services to his country) in the middle of a war in which millions of his countrymen were putting their lives on the altar of sacrifice in order to win a war caused by the very ideas which he had spent a lifetime propagating!

He concluded his disgraceful confession by writing: "I may remark incidentally that in this passage, as in many others, the German Feuhrer, like Bishop Barnes and many of our more intellectual clergy, regards evolution as God's mode of creation,"

The blasphemous outbursts of Bishop Barnes are remembered today, many other equally unworthy clerics having followed in his train, each endeavouring to outdo the other in derogating the Christian faith which they had vowed at their ordination to serve and uphold. Their apparent readiness to continue to take their remuneration from the church they were white-anting merely illustrates once again the departure of evolutionists from normal morality.

The fact that in recent years so many outright opponents of Christianity have been honoured by the Queen of England is symptomatic of the general deterioration of Britain in the modern world. That slide downhill began with the acceptance of Charles Darwin's assumptions by the scientists and the clergy of his day. On that "intellectual" foundation, was reared the knowledge of good and evil which has shaped the thinking of modern man. Or, to change the metaphor, it was in the shape of the ideas of Darwin and his successors that the Evil One sowed the tares in the field of the world.

The evil harvest from that sowing has not yet come to full fruition. In the parable as Our Lord expounded it, the tares and wheat were to be allowed to grow together "until the harvest", when the tares would be des-

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ANCIENT PRELATE KNEW ISRAEL . . .

Our identity testified by the Bishop of St. David's in A.D. 1377.

It was the year the great conqueror, Edward 111, the father of the English commerce, died. Edward the Black Prince, the heir of the British Crown, had passed away, to the grief of the nation, in June the previous year (A.D.1376 and his son, RICHARD OF BORDEAUX, the Prince of Wales, a stripling of eleven years of age, was next for the Throne.

His grandfather's reign, which had extended to 51 years, had been most glorious in the annals of British history. It included in its scope the victories of Crecy and of the Poictiers; the conquest of France; the captivity of its king, John; the triumphs of the Black Prince in Spain; and the rise and rapid growth of Civil Liberty in our own land. At that crisis, Richard of Bordeaux, the Prince of Wales and Heir-Apparent, was introduced to the Parliament sitting in A.D. 1377 (the year of the King's death) by the Bishop of St. David's.

The speech made by that Prelate on the occasion was a remarkable one and should be interesting to us as being singularly confirmatory of the views we hold in regard to the origin of this nation.

Addressing the House, the Diocesan of St. David's said, in the quaint language of that day:-

> "And so you may embrace your noble King with the arms of your perfect love, since he has sent you him whom you longed for. And after your King, embrace with love as perfect, my Lord the Prince, who is here present (God save him!), whom you so ardently desired, and at now seeing whom you may repeat your Nunc Dimittis; for there is through him that peace over ISRAEL which the Scriptures name . . . ISRAEL . . . being THE HERITAGE OF GOD, and THAT heritage being also . . . ENGLAND! For in good truth, I believe

that God would never have honoured this country by victories such as had given GLORY TO ISRAEL, had He not intended it for HIS HERITAGE ALSO."

These are remarkable words to have emanated in A.D. 1377, from lips ecclesiastical.

(From "Lives of Princes of Wales" by Dr. Doray,)
(taken from The Covenant Message, Sept. 1951.))

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troyed and the wheat gathered into the barn. The reason given for not uprooting the tares in the early stages of their growth was that the wheat plants might be uprooted unavoidably at the same time. (see Matthew 13:9.)

We are living today on the verge of that harvest-time. The stage of fruition is rapidly advancing: we are soon to see strange and dreadful developments far beyond what we have been led to expect even by the nature of the crowded events of the past confused decade.

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THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH

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No Bible personality or prophet has been ridiculed more than "Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gath-hepher" (II Kings 14:25).

The historical books of the Bible verify the fact that such a one did exist, that he was a prophet of the LORD and that the "word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah" came to pass.

Jonah was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom of Israel just prior to their being carried away into captivity by Assyria. The Biblical record that we have of this man's ministry reveals the fact that he was a dedicated prophet – dedicated to the LORD God and to the people whom he was called to minister.

Jesus Christ vouched for the authenticity of Jonah's writings and of his experiences when He rebuked the unbelieving Pharisees who were perhaps more superstitious than religious.

"Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered him, saying, Master, we would seek a sign of thee. But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas; For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here" (Matt. 12:38-41).

Modern criticism has long sought to discredit the story recorded in the Book of Jonah which is as much a part of the Holy Scriptures as any of the other sixty-five books they embrace. It should be sufficient for us, if no other proof existed that verified the historical account herein recorded, because Jesus Christ drew from it a recorded incident as a sign to confirm the duration of His impending sojourn in the grave prior to His triumphant resurrection from the dead!

"As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's (Greek – *sea-monster's*) belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40).

Did Jesus speak the truth? Can I accept His word as reliable and true? If I cannot trust His honesty with Truth here – how can I elsewhere?

Jesus absolutely confirms the fact that the record we have by Jonah in his book *is*

true! When men doubted Him on other occasions Jesus said: "And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not, Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth why do ye not believe me?" (John 8:45-46).

Not only did Jesus use Jonah as a sign covering the time period elapsing between His death and resurrection, but He declared that Jonah was a sign to the Ninevites (Luke 11:30) and that Nineveh would, in the day of judgment condemn His generation; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah and, behold, a greater than Jonah was in their midst. (Luke 11:32; Matt. 12:41).

We would do well to heed Jonah's message and to weigh carefully our estimation of its contents. Certainly, if the account contained within the book of Jonah is not true, then Jesus made some foolish statements which would be, to say the least, deceptive.

Jesus did not lie! Let those who doubt His word be careful how they view that which He has confirmed as true. To those of His generation who scoffed at His words, He said:

"Ye are of your father the Devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not, Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God" (John 8:44-47).

The Bible is God's Word and those who truly are of God believe the Book and those who do not, are not of God!

Jesus Christ declared that He was Truth. Therefore, if there was no other way to establish the accuracy of Jonah's prophecy, we would believe it *because Jesus Christ vouched for its authenticity!*

Furthermore, the story of Jonah is of the greatest importance because of the prophetic implications it contains!

Jonah lived in days when God's prophets were speaking out with no uncertain terms as God sought to warn the Northern Kingdom of Israel of the inevitable consequences of their determination to transgress His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments and be like the heathen nations which surrounded them!

God called Jonah to go to Nineveh in the 16th or 17th year of the reign of Jehu, who was king of Israel. Joash was at this time reigning as king over the Southern Kingdom of Judah at Jerusalem.

Jonah was called by God to go to the Ninevites only 32 years after Elijah's trial with the prophets of Baal on Mount Carmel and 26 years after Elijah ascended in the fiery chariot. We are told in the Scriptures that Elisha received Elijah's mantle and was appointed of God to carry on Elijah's work after his ascension. Jonah could have attended the school of the prophets that was founded by Elijah and carried on by Elisha.

Jehu, king of Israel, was paying tribute to Salmaneser II who was then king of Assyria,

with Nineveh as his capital. Jonah was fully aware of the sins of his people, being an Israelite of the tribe of Zebulum. Obvious signs of the deterioration of the Northern Kingdom fired the zeal of this young prophet who could not help but recognise that it was but a matter of time before his people would be brought into complete subjection and enslavement by their Assyrian enemies.

The great captivity, spoken of by Moses and all the other prophets, that was to come as punishment for Israel's transgression of God's Law was fast approaching. Jonah knew that unless Israel repented and turned from their evil ways, Assyria (to whom they were already paying tribute – blackmail) would move in upon them and carry them away as their slaves.

The Word of the Lord had come to Jonah instructing him to go to Nineveh, the hated capital city of the Assyrians, and warn *them* of Divine destruction *unless the Ninevites repented of their wickedness.*

Jonah was not only a prophet of God, but also a zealous patriotic citizen of the Kingdom of Israel. He loved his own people and he loved his own land. Jonah was willing to make any personal sacrifice that would contribute toward the salvation of his nation – even the giving of his life, if necessary.

Because Jonah was a prophet of the LORD, schooled in the school of the prophets, he knew beforehand that the wicked city of Nineveh was going to be spared, that the people would repent and Israel would remain in grave danger because of the preservation of her enemies!

What a paradox! The Israelites, Jonah's own people, would not repent at the preaching of God's prophet, *yet he had the assurance beforehand that the Ninevites would!*

How do we know that the prophet Jonah knew beforehand that the Ninevites would repent upon hearing his preaching and be spared Divine Judgment?

First, let us establish the proof *that he knew*. After the whole experience was over and the city spared because the people repented, a frustrated and defeated Jonah said to the Lord: "O Lord was not this saying, when I was in my own country? Therefore I fled unto Tarshis" (Jonah 4:2).

Jonah fled because he was being sent to the Ninevites as *God's lone witness!* Jonah knew that because he was being sent *alone*, Nineveh was going to repent.

Being a prophet of God, Jonah was well versed in the Law of the Lord as given to his people. This Law clearly stated: "One witness shall not rise up against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, in any sin that he sinneth: At the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall the matter be established" (Deut. 19:15).

Jonah was well acquainted with God's righteousness, His love and His mercy. He knew that God would respect The Law of Evidences in His dealings with the Ninevites. For Jonah this was a frustrating mission. By warning the people of Nineveh he would be sealing Israel's doom, for, as we have already pointed

out, Israel was paying tribute money to Assyria and her continued transgression of God's Law made her captivity to Assyria inevitable.

Jonah believed that if he could procrastinate and delay his arrival in Nineveh, God's time period of grace might expire before Nineveh was warned and repented. This would bring Divine Judgment upon her and Israel's enemy would be destroyed!

Jonah decided to take a long sea voyage and thereby put himself 'out of reach' while God's time clock of grace for the Ninevites ran out. He bought his ticket for 'Tarshish' which the prophet Isaiah tells us was somewhere in the Isles. (Isa. 23:6; 60:9).

It is a well known historical fact that Israelites of the tribe of Dan had already established colonies in the Isles and their ships were making the long sea voyage from Palestine, westward through the Mediterranean past Gibraltar and northward along the coast of Europe to the Isles just west of the North Sea.

The ship Jonah had secured passage on had hardly set sail when it ran into a violent storm. In order for the sailors to keep their ship afloat, they were compelled to discharge a large portion of their cargo into the angry sea. All hands were compelled to lend their service to the immediate task of keeping the vessel afloat. The religious among the crew cried out unto their respective gods for deliverance.

The violent storm was no mere coincidence to Jonah. He knew the Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-Israel was the Most High God over land and sea and that the storm was sent from Him to bring his flight to an end. Refusing to call upon the Lord God of Israel for help, Jonah admitted he was the cause for the storm and asked that he be thrown overboard to appease God's anger.

The astonished and bewildered crew obliged and as Jonah sank beneath the angry waves, it was noted that he was consumed by a large sea monster which seemed to be awaiting the disobedient prophet. The Bible states: "Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah." Why should it seem incredible that the Lord should have prepared just such a vehicle to accept Jonah and hasten him upon the journey that he had thus far refused to take?

The Bible also states: "And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights" (Jonah 1:17).

Need we say more than that Jesus Christ offered this simple statement to those who sought a sign from Him as a verification of what He claimed and taught concerning them, their generation and His approaching crucifixion, burial and the time elapsing prior to His triumphant resurrection?

How can any professing Christian accept the fact of His Lord's crucifixion, burial and resurrection, and at the same time look upon the writings of Jonah with scorn?

What sort of logic – what kind of faith – will allow us to be the latter and deny the former and still make sense?

Jesus said: "As Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's (Greek – *sea*

monster's) belly, so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth" (Matt. 12:40). He either spoke the truth or He deliberately lied.

SCIENTIFICALLY A POSSIBILITY?

Fortunately, for those of weak faith, science has proved the Biblical record of Jonah's experience *well within the realm of possibility!*

Sir Francis Fox in his book *Sixty-Three Years of Engineering, Scientific and Social Work* published by John Murray in London, 1924, gives us two separate accounts of a man by the name of James Bartley, a member of the crew of the whaling ship *Star of the East* who was literally swallowed by a whale in whose stomach he remained for several days, the whale being captured later and its victim set free. Mr. Bartley survived the ordeal, but ceased following the sea! Two accounts of the incident were given. One by the captain of the ship and the other by a fellow officer.

The incident was carefully investigated by two scientists – one of whom was the late M. de Parville, the scientific editor of the *Journal des Debats* of Paris.

The *Daily Telegraph*, February 17th, 1928, carried a rather lengthy account in support of the Bible narrative. It offered an abundance of scientific proof and was written by H.G. Boulenger, F.Z.S. (Director, Zoological Society's Aquarium).

Sir John Bland-Sutton has also given us an account of a man being taken into the mouth of a whale while being harpooned by a United States whaling vessel before the harpoon gun was invented. One of the men in a small boat was seized when the whale turned on the boat. His name is given as Marshal Jenkins. The whale carried him deep into the depths and upon coming up for air, vomited Mr. Jenkins out before ascending for the last time.

The London *Sunday Express* of .arch 23 1947, carried an article by a Mr. W. Robertson supporting these claims.

On Sunday, September 24, 1967, there appeared in the *Baltimore Sunday Sun* magazine section the following paragraph: 'Biblical note for 1941: Scientist Eugene Geiling, of Chicago, crawled through the gullet of a dead whale, to prove that Jonah could have done it, too. He emerged to report: 'It was a pretty slimy trip, but there was plenty of room'.'

God's Word, as always, is true. Jesus Christ spoke the Truth. The question is: "Do we believe the Word God has spoken? If not, how can we place faith in either?"

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Chapter 15

THE CORONATION STONE

"Unless the fates are faithless grown, And prophet's voice be vain,
Where'er is found this Sacred Stone, The Wanderer's Race shall reign."

This prophetic verse is over 2400 years old and was translated from the ancient Irish Celtic dialect by Sir Walter Scott.

"THE CORONATION STONE" upon which all British Monarchs are crowned is an oblong block of reddish sandstone weighing nearly 350 lbs, and is approximately 26 inches long, nearly 11 inches in depth, and about 16 inches broad. It was fitted into a Chair made specially for it by Edward the First after he had brought the Stone from Scotland in 1296 A.D. The Stone was located in a special compartment immediately beneath the seat of the Chair. From that time onward to the present, all English Monarchs, with one exception, have been crowned sitting in this Chair immediately over the Stone. The one exception was Mary Tudor who, being an ardent Roman Catholic, was crowned sitting in a Chair sent especially for her use by the Pope with his blessing. Cromwell, who was not a king, sat in the Coronation Chair (to show his contempt for Royalty, it has been said) when he was installed as Lord Protector in Westminster Hall; but the Stone had been removed from the Chair before he sat in it.

The Stone was removed from Scone in Scotland by Edward the First following a victorious campaign. He also took away the Scottish Regalia and Jewels but these were returned later following the signing of the Treaty of Northampton, but the English people would not allow the Stone to be returned, "They rose in insurrection and marched to the Abbey, where they dared any of the Kings' officers to take it."

The "STONE OF SCONE" had been in Scotland for a little over 800 years, it having been brought there by Fergus MacEarca after he had come from Ireland and conquered Argyll in Scotland in 457 A.D. The Stone had been in Ireland for more than 1000 years but after conquering Argyll, Fergus desired to be crowned King of his new Kingdom on the "STONE OF DESTINY" as it was called in Ireland, so he sent back for it. The Stone was brought to Iona and King Fergus was crowned sitting on it there. The Stone remained at Iona until 836 A.D. when Kenneth MacAlpine acquired by marriage the Pictish kingdom and made Scone his Capital. He caused the Stone to be brought to Scone where it acquired its new name, "THE STONE OF SCONE", and where it remained until 1296 when Edward removed it to London.

While the Stone was at Iona it is recorded that when Saint Columba was dying he begged that he might be carried to the Altar, and there, with his head resting on the STONE OF DESTINY, this Irishman, who was a missionary to the wild Pictish tribes, passed on to his reward. All Scottish kings from Fergus onward to 1296 A.D. were crowned sitting on the Stone.

Irish records, in legend and tradition, show that the Stone had been in that country for more than 1000 years where it was known as the "LIA FAIL", "THE STONE WONDERFUL", or the "STONE OF DESTINY". It had arrived there when an aged Eastern Seer or Prophet, accompanied by his Scribe or Secretary, together with a Hebrew Princess named Tea Tephi, or Tamar Tephi, with other members of his party had been shipwrecked, and rescued, off the coast of Northern Ireland about 583 B.C. They were welcomed by the King of Ireland named Eochaidh the Eremon, who was later crowned seated on the "LIA FAIL". He married Tea Tephi and his capital of Cathair Crofinn was renamed "Tara", which is the Irish version

of "Torah" and which means in Hebrew "Law", and it is said that the King Eochaidh gave to his Bride "The Hill of Tara" as dowry. (See chapter 20)

In England, the Stone is known as "JACOB'S PILLOW" as well as being called the Coronation Stone. Fastened in the Stone are two Iron Rings held there by two Staples driven into the Rock. The Iron Staples to which the Iron Rings are attached, are in the words of an expert in iron work, "worn to a thread"; or more accurately, "to the slenderness of thin cardboard."

Now, the question is, "Where, and how did these Iron Staples get worn so thin? The Stone has been in England for some 650 years. It has been in Westminster Abbey all this time (except for a few weeks following its theft on Christmas Eve 1950). The Stone has not been carried around in England so the Iron Staples did not get worn thin in that country. The Stone was in only two places in Scotland for 800 years previously – first at Iona for 350 years, and then at Scone for another 450 years; so the Iron Staples did not get worn thin in Scotland. The Stone was in Ireland for over 1000 years before that – located at only one place – Tara; so the Staples didn't get worn thin in Ireland.

We know the history of the Stone for over 2500 years during which time it was not carried around enough to scratch the surface of the Rings or Staples. Then where did the Staples receive the great amount of wear evidenced by examination? Rev. Dean Stanley, in his Memories of Westminster Abbey, said of the Stone, "The iron rings, the battered surface, the crack which has all but rent its solid mass asunder, bears witness of its long migrations."

JACOB'S PILLOW

We get our first view of the Stone in Genesis 28:10-22, wherein we have the story of Jacob one night sleeping outside the walls of the City of Luz. He had arrived after sunset so the City gates were closed. Looking around for something on which to lay his head, his eyes lighted on a building stone on the refuse heap which the builders had rejected. While sleeping with his head on the Stone he had that wonderful vision. Rising in the morning Jacob took the Stone he had used for a "pillow"; set it on end for a "pillar of witness" and anointed it with oil, calling the place "Beth-el" which means "God's House" or "House of God". Jacob left the Stone there but some 20 years later he was commanded by God to return, when he built an Altar to God calling it "El-Beth-el" meaning "The God of the House of God". (Gen. 35). The Stone or Pillar was very sacred in Jacob's eyes. It commemorated the times when God had talked to him and promised him and his children in all their generations, blessings of surpassing magnitude. And what it was to Jacob, it is to our people today. It is in "God 's House"; Westminster Abbey, under a Stone Arch on which is carved "Surely this is the House of God."

Years later, during the famine, Jacob went down into Egypt at Joseph's request evidently taking the Stone with him because later, on his death-bed, he made Joseph the guardian of the Stone, and, of course, Joseph's children after him; Ephraim falling heir to the Birthright promises which were to be fulfilled in "the last days". (see Gen. 49:1 and 49:22-24)

From that day, Joseph and then Ephraim would keep the Stone as a "Title Deed" and at the Exodus when Moses took the bones of Joseph with him, (Ex. 13:19) we may be sure he also took the Stone. The Israelites were in the wilderness for 40 years. They carried the Ark of the Covenant, and the Stone of Israel with them throughout their wanderings. The Stone was carried on the poles which were placed through the Iron Rings. It was here in the wilderness where the Iron Staples became worn so thin. Nowhere else was the Stone carried around enough to wear the Staples and Rings.

During those forty years we have the record of the Stone, THE ROCK, being used twice to assuage the thirst of these three million people, together with their flocks and herds. (see Exodus 17 and Numbers 20) The first time, Moses was instructed to "**smite** THE ROCK", but the second time he was told to "**speak** ye unto THE ROCK". Moses disobeyed in the latter instance, and struck THE ROCK twice, and for this was denied entrance to the Land of Canaan.

Years later, the Stone found its way to Solomon's Temple where it was used as a "Pillar of Witness" and all kings of David's Line were crowned sitting on, or standing beside this Stone. See 2 Kings 11:12-14 where the young King Joash was crowned standing by the Pillar "as the manner was". In 2 Kings 23:3 we find Josiah standing beside the same Stone when he made a Covenant before God. Before the Stone was placed in the Temple we find Abimelech (Judges 9:6) was made King by the "Pillar" which Joshua had set up as a "Pillar of Witness"

The Stone remained in the Temple and all kings of Judah used it as a Coronation Stone until the destruction of the Temple by Nebuchadnezzar in 585 B.C., who caused to be taken to Babylon all the valuables from the Temple but apparently overlooked the rough, battered rock which would be of no importance to him, but to Israel it was "a Sacred Stone"; "The Pillar of Witness".

Jeremiah evidently took the Stone along with other Sacred Relics when forced to go to Egypt with the King's Daughters. (Jer. 1:7-19; 43:6,7; 44:14-28) Later, leaving Egypt on the Ships of Dan he eventually arrived in Northern Ireland with Tamar Tephi, one of the King's Daughters, about 583 B.C.

The Coronation Stone is the visible and physical symbol of the Throne of the House of David which God declared would endure for ever (2 Sam. 7:16; Jer. 33:17). It has been "overturned" three times. "I will overturn, overturn, overturn, and it shall be no more (overturned) until He comes whose right it is." (see Ezekiel 21:27). Overturned from Palestine to Ireland – overturned from Ireland to Scotland – overturned from Scotland to England. Evidently it will go back to Palestine "when He comes whose right it is" to sit on the Throne.

This Stone is, no doubt, the Stone that Joshua set up as a witness by the Sanctuary. (Joshua 24:27) "For it hath **heard** all the words of the Lord"

On Davenish Island in Lake Erin, 4 miles below Enniskillen, is an ancient cemetery in which there is a Tomb hewn out of solid rock which from time immemorial has been called "Jeremiah's Tomb". Jeremiah was known by the ancient Irish as "Ollar Folla" which means "Hebrew Prophet". He established in Ireland the laws given to Israel by God through Moses.

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Israel, Judah and the Jews

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Prophecies Concerning

ISRAEL

Israel to have a change of name (Isa. 65:15).

Israel to be called by a new name (Isa. 62:2).

Israel to be called after Isaac (Gen. 21:12).

Israel to be blind to their identity (Rom. 11:25; Isa. 42:16-19).
Israel to be a multitudinous people (Gen. 13:16; 15:5).
Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth the truth (Isa. 60:21; 26:2).
Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (Gen. 35:11).
Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place—the Isles of the Sea (2 Sam. 7:10; Isa. 24:15; 49:1; Jer. 31:10).
Israel to be a Nation for ever (Jer. 31:35, 36).

Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (Jer. 33:17).
Israel to come under a new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
Israel to be called the sons of God (Hos. 1:10; Rom 8:14).
Israel was taken captive into Assyria by Shalmaneser, circa 721 B.C. (2 Kings 18:11, etc.).
Israel were to be immune from defeat in war (Isa. 54:17; Lev. 26:6-8).

THE JEWS

The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (Isa. 3:9).
The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
The Jews' name to be a curse to them (Isa. 65:15).
The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.

The Jews to be bereft of children (Jer. 15:7).

The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews to be scattered in all the 'kingdoms of the earth for their hurt' (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews have been strangers in all lands (Jer. 15:4).

The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 19:11).
The Jews have remained under the old law.
The Jews do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
Judah taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, circa 603 B.C. (2 Kings chs. 24 and 25).

The Jews are descended from the remnant of Judah which returned from captivity in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.
The Jews have suffered endless persecution.

Israel had been removed from Palestine 700 years before the Crucifixion. When it occurred they were still absent, being at that time beyond the Euphrates, in their migration through Europe.

What We Believe

We Believe in God - the God of the Bible. (Exodus 3:4-14.)

We Believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. (John 1:14.)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit and His Mission. (John 14:26, Acts 2.)

We Believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary. (Matt. 26:28, Romans 5.)

We Believe in His ascension into Heaven. (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11.)

We Believe in the bodily return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to take the throne of David (Isa. 9:7, Luke 1:32) and rule on this earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-6); and that His Body, the Church, will be united with Him and reign with Him. (Eph. 5:24-33; Col. 1:24; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thes. 4:14-18; Rev. 19:9).

We Believe John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We Believe that personal salvation by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ is necessary for all, Israelite, Jew and Gentile. (Rom. 3:22-25). Each one must be born again. (John 3:1-7). To confess Christ, who died that sinful men might live, is individually supreme above all else. (Matt 10:32-33, Rom. 10:9-13).

We Believe the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; that it is the inerrant Word of God (11 Peter 1:9-21). We believe its history, its covenants, its promises.

We Believe in its Gospel of Grace (Eph. 2:1-8), which is the Gospel of Salvation to all men.

We Believe in, and seek to make known, the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt. 4:23, 24:14).

We Believe that the Bible contains God's Plan for the remedy of all human ills, and that this plan is being worked out through the Bible people called Israel. (11 Sam. 7; Deut. 32:8).

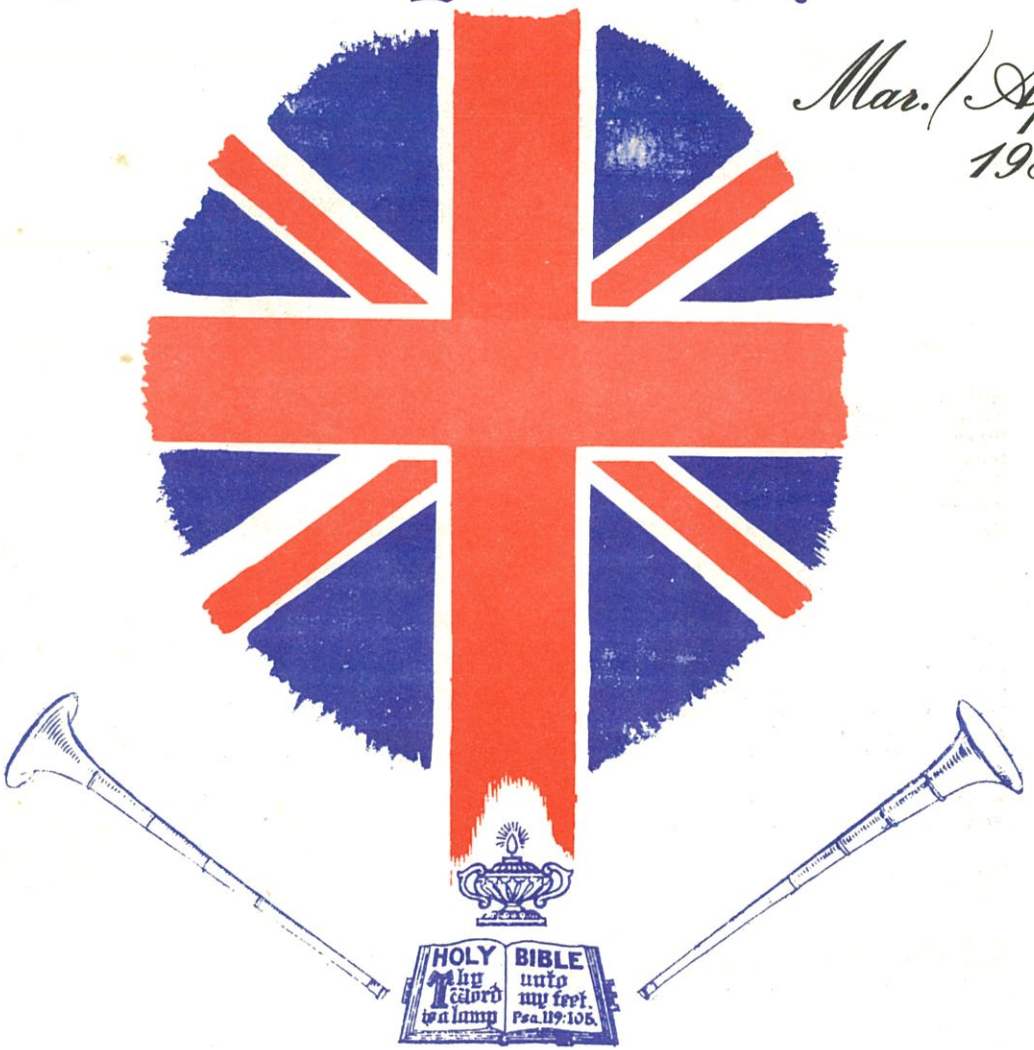
We Believe that this people Israel, consisting of twelve tribes (Exod. 28:21; Rev. 21:12), the descendents of the twelve sons of Jacob, were chosen of God to be His 'peculiar people' and 'servant nation' through whom all the other nations of the earth are to be blessed. (Exod. 19:5; Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 41:8, 42:6; Gen. 22:16-18).

We Believe that the differentiation between 'Israel' and 'Judah' is clearly marked in the Scriptures. (See 1 Kings 12; Jer. 3:6-11; Ps. 114:1-2; Ezek. 37; Zech 11:7-14; 11 Chron. 10). They are not interchangeable terms. To understand this is to possess the key to Israel Truth. (Ps. 114:2; 1 Chron. 5:1-2).

We Believe the time has come when the 'lost' Israel "nation and company of nations" (Gen 35:11) has been found and positively identified. Only one race today answers in every detail to the Bible picture of Israel "in the latter days," and that is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic — the British Commonwealth of white nations and the United States of America. They possess what Israel was to possess and are doing what Israel was to do. The identities of this race with Israel are so many and so pronounced that one who re-reads and studies his Bible in the light of this great truth will make discoveries that will cause him to give this subject most serious thought, especially in view of what is happening in literal ful-fillment of Bible prophecy in the world today. The nations are in turmoil. The power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon-Israel) is being broken (Dan. 12:7). The old Babylonian social order is being overthrown, and the world is being prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His reign upon the Throne of His father David, and the glorious restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Zech. 14:9; Luke 1:32-33).

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Marks of Israel

During the Christian dispensation lost Israel were to possess certain marks of identification

A great and mighty nation.	Gen. 12:2; 18:18; Deut. 4:7,8.
Named 'Great'.	Gen. 12:2.
The chief of the nations.	Gen. 27:29; Deut. 7:6; 15:6.
A maritime nation, having command of the seas.	Gen. 49:25; Num. 24:7; Deut. 33:13, 19; Psa. 89:25.
A company or commonwealth of nations.	Gen. 35:11; 48:19 Eph. 2:12.
A missionary nation.	Gen. 22:18; Isa. 43:21; 49:6; 66:19.
The custodian of God's Word.	Psa. 147:19, 20; Isa. 59:21.
A just nation.	Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; Zeph. 3:13.
God's instrument in destroying evil.	Jer. 51:20; Dan. 2:34,35.
An undefeated nation.	Isa. 54:17; Micah 5:8,9.
Blind to their identity.	Isa. 29:10-12; 42:16, 19, 20; Rom. 11:7, 8, 25.
Have an island home north and west of Palestine.	Isa. 49:1-3, 12; Jer. 3:18; 31:8.
Occupy islands and coastlands.	Isa. 24:15; 41:1, 5; 49:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 31:8, 10.
Possess the gate of his enemies.	Gen. 22:17, 24:60.
Have multitudinous seed.	Gen. 13:16; 15:5; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:3, 14; 32:12.
Colonize and spread abroad.	Gen. 28:14; 49:22; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Psa. 2:8; Isa. 26:15; 27:6; 54:2; Zech. 10:8, 9.
Lose first colony and then expand, demanding more living space.	Isa. 49:20.
Irrigate the deserts and build the waste places.	Isa. 35:1; 43:19, 20; 58:11, 12.
Possess the wealth of the earth.	Gen. 27:28; 49:25, 26; Deut. 33:13-16.
Possess the heritage of the heathen.	2 Sam. 22:44; Psa. 2:8; 111:6.
Receive strangers and refugees.	Lev. 19:33, 34; Isa. 11:10; 14:1; 55:5; 56:6-8;Zech. 8:22.
Set free slaves and prisoners.	Psa. 72:4; Isa. 42:7; 49:9; 58:6.
Have a descendant of King David reigning over them.	2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; 2 Chron. 13:5; Psa. 89:35-37; Jer. 33:17.
Lose all trace of their lineage.	Hos. 1:9 10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:25.
The power of the Holy People is to be broken.	Dan. 12:7; Deut. 32:29-36.

The British Commonwealth of Nations possesses every one of these marks — therefore they are lost Israel. The United States of America possesses some of them.

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Christian Friends,

Many years ago, two men were walking down the street, discussing the events of the day. They were worried and unhappy. In fact, they were quite disillusioned, just like so many people today, their expectations, like ours, had not - as far as they could see - been realised.

Then they were joined by a third person whom they took to be a stranger to the district. He asked them what was wrong. They told him that their friend in whom they had placed so much faith had been executed a few days previously. their words revealed not only the depth, but the reason for their despondency. They said to the stranger, "We trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel." Their primary concern was not for themselves as individuals, but for their nation and people as a whole.

But of course, they had no need to worry, as they soon found out. The stranger was no other than the Risen Lord Himself. Their despondency soon changed to praise and joy.

Have things really changed since that first Easter? Not really. People, even a lot of Christians, are still despondent, because there appears to be no hope. Try as they might, no one can find a single human being or organisation anywhere in the world that can offer a proper and lasting solution to our problems. In fact, death, as a release from these problems, now appears to an ever increasing number of people to be the only release, even a welcome release. What a tragedy, when we consider that death is in fact our greatest enemy.

But what a difference it makes when our heart and understanding have been opened to the great truth that whilst man has failed, GOD HAS NEVER FAILED.

God promised to redeem His people, and REDEEM THEM HE DID!! The glory of Easter is not just in Christ's death, as important as this is. The true glory of God's faithfulness lies in the power of Christ's resurrection. In His death He paid the price of sin. In

His resurrection He broke the bounds of sin. He set in motion the events of history which will very soon culminate in the Glory and Splendour of His return, when under Hid reign, all unrighteousness, sickness, pain, sorrow, and finally even death itself, will be forever banished.

If we haven't got the vision of what this will really mean, then we haven't got the true vision of what Easter is all about. Let us then at this time bow with holy reverence before our Lord and say with Zacharias of old,

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He hath visited and redeemed His people, and hath raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David; as He spake by the mouth of His Holy Prophets, which have been since the world began.
That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; to perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His Holy Covenant, the oath which He sware to our father Abraham.
That He would grant unto us, that we, being delivered out of the hand of our enemies, might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life."

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by Lt.-Col. A. K. Macpherson

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Reality Or Hypothesis

By Rev. W.G. Finlay

"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Whom do men say that I the Son of man am? . . . . . ."

Matthew 16:13.

The prophetic picture of the end of the age embodies the statement that 'knowledge shall be increased' (Dan. 12:4) and it is an undeniable fact that this state has already been realised in the fantastic developments of this modern time. Knowledge *has* been increased and the intellect of man, in respect of most things, is reaching for the pinnacle of human achievement. However, in this spectacular age and within the context of man's mental ability, there is the strange paradox of mental inertia in respect of the things of God.

The question posed by the Lord Jesus Christ at the commencement of this article and which evoked the simple answer: 'Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God', has become, in these modern times, the basis for denominational hypothesis and secular speculation – such is the paradoxical situation obtaining in respect of the Author of life on this planet. With all the searching for facts as proof for the conclusions which are held as truth today in respect of secular things, it is truly amazing that men refuse to apply the same principles in respect of the things of God and of which He says: 'Prove me'.

Proof of the reality of God cannot be established if one engages in the destructive practice of denouncing apparent evidence as irrelevant and this is precisely what is done when men discard the Old Testament Scriptures. Basing the hypothesis for Christianity on the New Testament Scriptures alone has as a consequence, the tragedy of which Paul wrote in his description of the end of the age, namely, a 'falling away' (II Thess. 2:3). To divorce the Old Testament from the New is gross error and a victory for satanic enterprise which is aimed at creating chaos and confusion *where these need not obtain.* The following Scriptural facts are set out on the basis of the question posed by the Lord that the believer may know that his answer in faith is backed by a hundred and one Scriptural facts.

The Pre-existence of the Son.

It is a Scriptural fact that the Son, prior to His Incarnation, had an existence. "And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with *the glory which I had with thee before the world was*" (John 17:5). In contradistinction to the angels, the following is said of the Son: "And, thou Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the work of thine hands" (Heb. 1:10). In John 1:3, of the Word which is the Son, the following corroborates the Hebrews Scripture. "All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made". The same theme is the basis for the

first chapter of Paul's epistle to the Colossians. "Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in the earth, visible and invisible . . . ." Thus the *fact* of the pre-existence of Christ is established and the *evidence* is provided in the work of His Hands.

The Evidence of His Pre-existence.

"No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, *he hath declared him*' (John 1:18). The Greek word for *declare* is *exegeomai* which is the root of the English word *executive*. It is certainly no violation of the original Greek word to state that while no man has seen God the Father at any time, the Son has been His Representative. In the light of this, there is no contradiction anywhere in the Bible to the statement that 'no man hath seen God at any time'. In Exodus 24:8-11 it is stated: "Then went up Moses, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: *And they saw the God of Israel*: . . . And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: *also they saw God*, and did eat and drink." It was the Son which was seen by the elders of Israel and that He was called the 'God of Israel' in no way creates confusion for the Son is called God, but not the Father, in Hebrews 1:8. "But unto the Son he saith, Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever . . ." The God of Israel, in the Theocratic State, was the King of Israel Whose Throne was an enduring one and in Hebrews 1:8 the Son is stated as having an enduring Throne. If this modern age requires proof by way of facts, what about this? It is surely all too obvious that the Old Testament cannot be discarded and that to do so, is to reject proof of the glorious harmony of the Scriptures.

The Work of His Pre-existence.

When Stephen defended his ministry before the Sanhedrin, he reiterated the history of Israel in the course of which, he stated: "The God of Glory appeared unto our father Abraham" (Acts 7:2). Bearing in mind that 'no man hath seen God at any time', the 'God of Glory' could only have been He Who represented the Father – the Son. The incident referred to by Stephen was the call of Abraham, a call which was based on the purpose of blessing 'all the families and nations of the earth'. It was the Son's determination to accomplish this end and He created and formed the Israel instrument as the means by which He could achieve this.

It will be noted in Genesis 12:1 that the name 'God' is not used but is replaced by that of LORD in capitals. This is the English translation of Jehovah or YHVH. In Exodus 6:2-3 the following statement throws light on this subject. 'And God spake unto Moses and said unto him, I am the Lord (YHVH): And I *appeared* unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, by the name of God Almighty, but by my name JEHOVAH was I not known to them'.

The reason for this is seen in the study of the revelation of the Jehovah Name. It first appears in Genesis 2:4 where it is associated with God (Elohim) in the creation of Adam.

It is used in connection with Cain and Abel but after the birth of Seth who replaced Abel, it became violated through Satanic suggestion. It will be recalled that the lie of Lucifer was that through eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, they would become as gods, and in Genesis 4:26, while the A.V. has it that the sons of Seth began to call upon the name of Jehovah, most modern translations indicate that they began to call themselves Jehovah. This blasphemy was eradicated by the Flood and it was only after the national formation of Israel that the name YHVH (Jehovah) was again given but this time only in connection with Israel.

Throughout the Covenant Promises it will be noted that this Name Jehovah is always used. For those not acquainted with it, it will be seen as always appearing in capitals to distinguish it from other titles, e.g., LORD and Lord. Throughout the Covenant Promises, Jehovah says: 'I will' or 'they shall' indicating the Sovereignty of Jehovah over the destiny of the Israel nation. By this it should not be thought that this indicates the Sovereignty of Jehovah over the Jews for the word Jew had no meaning at that time and is never associated with the Covenant Promises.

Having entered into Covenant relationship with the patriarchs, the Lord waited several centuries before revealing His Name to the nation. The story of the Egyptian experience is too well known to reiterate here, suffice it to say that it was because of the condition of slavery that Jehovah (The Son) revealed Himself as the *immediate, attentive, ever-present One*. At Horeb He commanded Moses to tell the children of Israel that 'I AM hath sent me'. This title is the fullest expression of the Jehovah Name the reality of which was seen in mechanism of Israel's deliverance from bondage.

From Egypt to Palestine the reality of Jehovah was established in the Israel nation with the benediction of His Name being firmly laid on the people. However, transgression soon manifest itself with the division of the nation into two unequal parts. The greater section knew the reality of the words of Jehovah when it went into the Assyrian captivity circa 741–676 B.C. With the destruction of the capital of the northern kingdom, Samaria, Isaiah the prophet was used by the Lord to communicate certain positive information which assured national continuity for Israel and which at the same time becomes proof positive of the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ in that it shows without any doubt that He was Jehovah of the Old Testament. In Isaiah 41:4 it is recorded: 'Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I the Lord (YHVH), *the first and with the last*; I am he'. The italicised words should be noted for comparison. In Isaiah 44:6 it is stated: 'Thus saith the Lord (Jehovah) the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord (Jehovah) of Hosts: *I am the first, and the last*; and beside me there is no God'. In Isaiah 48 where the promise of national restoration is recorded, one reads the following words: 'For mine own sake, even for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be polluted? and I will not

give my glory unto another. Hearken unto me, O Jacob, my called: I am he; *I am the first, I also am the last*'.

Passing now to the Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ, one notes the same phraseology as that used by Isaiah. 'And when I saw him, I fell at his feet as dead. And he laid his right hand upon me, saying unto me, Fear not; *I am the first and the last*: I am he that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore'. What could be plainer than this? Jehovah in the Old Testament was 'the first and the last' – the Alpha and Omega in the New, Jesus of Nazareth, is also 'the first and the last'. At this time of commemoration of the Death and Resurrection of the Lord, what greater evidence could any student want to elucidate the meaning of Revelation 1:17-18? The history of John 18:4-6 is yet further proof, if proof is needed. This event was the arrest of the Lord in the Garden of Gethsemane and when the crowd came to arrest Him, the Lord merely asked: 'Whom seek ye?' to which they replied: 'Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he . . . As soon then as he said unto them, I am he, they went backward, and fell to the ground'. Why should a multitude, bent on so evil a mission, fall to the ground when He announced His Identity? The A.V. unfortunately added the word *he* to the identification – it is not in the original – and so lost the deep significance of the statement. Jesus here claimed the Jehovah Name 'I AM' which has the effect of causing those in the immediate vicinity to fall to the ground.

This article is designed to stimulate enquiry into this matter so that Christians may know without reservation that the claim 'Thou art the Christ the Son of the living God' is the ultimate expression of Truth. It is designed further to indicate the folly in suggesting that the Christian Faith begins in the New Testament and that the Old Testament can be discarded as of no importance. Israel, the product of the pre-existent Son as Jehovah, is here now outside of world Jewry, waiting for the Second Advent which shall surely bring 'times of refreshing' in the 'restitution of all things'. This is no hypothesis but a reality which the Easter season assures will eventuate when true peace shall descend on the earth.

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THE IMPORTANCE OF BELIEF

By M. Stevens

"I believe God, that it shall be even as it was told me" Acts 27:25.

The above statement recorded by the great apostle Paul is of more than passing interest. It was written because of a fleeting vanishing vision of an angel in the night. Today, the whole revelation of God is to hand and easily procurable by all and sundry – *the whole revelation of God*. If Paul's limited vision could wrench from his lips that declaration of belief, one wonders how he would have reacted to the current vogue of unbelief in the whole Written Counsel of God? Can it be truly said that men believe God today? The answer is a tragic no. Thousands of preachers as well as laymen insist on altering God's Word by excising it, spiritualising it, amending it or censoring it because It does not conform to previous conclusions or notions.

Such behaviour is surely motivated by little or no thought at all. It is the eternal Word of the Ever-Living God which is being tampered with and yet men have the temerity to discount this implication and to continue to superimpose his meagre intelligence over the revealed Wisdom of God. Such action is normally taboo in dealings with fellow men and it is considered as the greatest insult that can given to a man when his word is not believed. Apply the same principle to God's Word. Is it not the greatest insult to disbelieve what He has caused to be written? Is it not an affront to Him when man tampers with what He has revealed?

The average Christian, realising the dangerous depths of such action, retreats with an apology that he does believe in God and that as his salvation depends on the promise recorded in God's Word he does believe God Himself. Well then – what of the promises which God made to other than the individual who piously declares that he believes God? What of the promises made to other individuals but which have a context divorced from that which is usually associated with religious matters? What of the promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob? What of the promises made to David? "Thine house and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee; thy throne shall be established for ever" (II Sam. 7:16). "My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips. Once have I sworn by my holiness that I will not lie unto David. His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne as the sun before me. It shall be established for ever as the moon, and as a faithful witness in heaven" (Psalm 89:34-37).

The Old Testament promises cannot be dismissed as irrelevant for they were given by

the same God and have the same weight of authority as any New Testament promise. The nation Israel too cannot be dismissed, for even though they were removed into captivity because of transgressions, the same God promised to redeem them. It is pointless claiming that the redemption promises were made by 'Jewish prophets' for they are nowhere called such in the Bible. They certainly are called 'holy men of God' but the phrase 'Jewish prophet' is entirely missing from the text. It is further a violation of scriptural revelation to contend that the prophets spoke and wrote merely out of a strong patriotism, therefore having little meaning within the context of God's dealings. It will be noted that in the Old Testament times, God 'spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets' (Heb. 1:1) and therefore His Words carry the same weight as the promise of eternal life.

A brief consideration of some of these promises of redemption will suffice here. "O Israel thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins; return unto me for I have redeemed thee" (Isa. 44:12, 22). "I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him. I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall grow as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon" (Hosea 14:4-5). "Fear not thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel" (Isa. 41:14). These are the momentous words spoken by God through the prophets – are they believed today? It should be remembered that God did not speak through the prophets nor did He cause His words to be written so that men could pick and choose what they accept or reject. His Words are given specifically for a purpose and that purpose stands for all time.

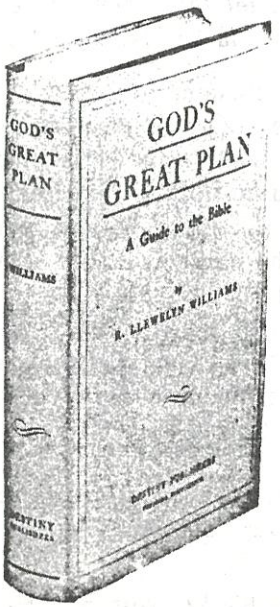
Contending that Israel is now the Christian Church is nothing but pure human speculation based on unbelief. The Lord God said that so long as the sun, moon and stars endured, the seed of Israel would be a nation before Him (Jer. 31:35) but, typical of modern practices, it is today taught that God meant to say that the Church would endure before Him!!! The sun, moon and stars exist today – the astronauts who landed on the moon can vouch for that – *Israel the nation is here because God said it would be.* Do we believe God?

Notwithstanding the many contentions regarding the nature of the Kingdom of God, the Son, the Lord Jesus Christ through Whom the Father spoke in New Testament times, put this Kingdom in a literal national context when He said to the Pharisees: ". . . The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a *nation* bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43). If one will not believe this statement, why bother about any of the others? If the nation to which the Kingdom was given was the Jews, the paradox of Christ's condemnation of Jews as symbolised in the Fig tree becomes incomprehensible (Matt. 21:18-22).

Professing to believe God, one must carry this to its logical conclusion and, not seeking to justify personal or organisational beliefs, search the stage of world history as it

stretches from this time to those far-off Biblical times, for the people whose 'waymarks' lead the student to the burial ground, metaphorically speaking, of Israel in captivity. It will be found that the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and Kindred peoples fill the role of Israel, bearing the marks of identity from the throne right down to the current and apparent disintegration of the British Empire. Belief that these people constitute the modern development of Israel is the key to all the apparent paradoxes of the Bible and no amount of theological or other vilification can alter this fact. Contentions that this national message is detrimental to the spiritual message of the Bible cannot get round the basic requirement of the 'man of God' namely, that he let God be true. Let the Word of God have free access to the stage of world history and a mighty testimony, indeed a faith building mechanism, will startle the searcher by the revelation that God is true – *in Word and Deed*.

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God's Great Plan

by R. Llewelyn Williams

Fifth Impression

'UNDERSTANDEST THOU what thou readest? And he said, How can it, except some man should guide me?' (*Acts* 8: 30-31).

This text might well appear in the frontispiece of the book, the wide scope of which will be apparent from its sub-title, 'A Guide to the Bible'.

Mr. Williams proves a helpful and efficient 'guide'. It is indeed a pleasure to walk with him through the wonder-library of the Book of books in which he is so well versed. He shows the reason which necessitated God's Great Plan for the salvation of all mankind, follows its workings from its inception to its ultimate triumph, and clearly sets forth the important part therein which British-Israel is privileged to play.

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Through Judgment to Righteousness

Part 6

By: F. W. Dowsett

In past chapters, I have been referring to the prophecies of the Bible relating to the final period of judgment that is now breaking upon the world. I have also brought your attention to the only means of escape, both individually and nationally. As a nation we must repent and return to the God of our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. We must nationally recognise and accept the omnipotence of God, and our utter dependence upon Him. Individually we must accept the Lord Jesus Christ as our own personal Saviour.

But we must realise that this period of warfare and judgment is not the absolute end of everything. It only marks the end of this present age and this present world system which is so contrary to God's perfect way of life. Many people have visions of this poor old earth being completely destroyed, together with all life upon it. This view is strongly supported and enhanced by the writings of various agnostics, and the films produced by the enemies of God, which paint very graphic pictures about the final extermination of the human race as a result of atomic warfare and such like. The Bible is very true when it says that to understand spiritual things, or the things of God, we must be spiritually minded, i.e., we must be prepared to accept what God has said and promised with implicit faith.

It is no wonder that those who deny God and His Divine plans have no other answer to offer us than the message of gloom which they give forth. But when we turn to God's Word, we find a very different answer. AND IT IS ONE OF HOPE AND DELIVERANCE.

In Matthew 24:3 we read:

"And as He sat upon the Mount of Olives, the disciples came unto Him privately, saying, tell us, When shall those things be?
And what shall be the sign of Thy coming, and of the end of the World?

Now the word "world" as used here does not mean the geographical earth or world, but rather, the age or the world system under which we live.

They were looking forward to the new age of righteousness when Jesus Christ would rule in righteousness and love, and were interested in finding out when this new age would commence.

In answer to this question, Christ gave them a graphic outline of the future world events to that time which would lead up to the end of the age and this evil system, and which would usher in the Kingdom Age. These details are given in the 24th chapter of Matthew. But so as to dispel any thought of possible ultimate annihilation, Christ said, in verse 22,

> *"Except those days be shortened, there should no flesh be saved.*
> *But for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened."*

So we see that God has put a time limit upon man's folly. He has purposed that we shall not go beyond a certain point, and He has promised that He will intervene to save humanity from extinction. The answer then is truly one of hope and deliverance. Is it any wonder then that a love for the Lord Jesus Christ and a knowledge of His Holy Word dispells our fears and gives us courage for the future.

We start to realise some of the significance of Christ's statement in John 14:27 where we read,

> *"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."*

Now if, as I have stated, this period of judgment is only the prelude to something better, the question naturally arises as to what the new age will be like. In order to fully understand this, it is necessary to realise that the next age, called the kingdom age, is not the final age.

This is readily seen when we realise that this age is stated in God's Word to last only 1,000 years. It cannot then be the final age, because the final age is everlasting, without end.

Human history is divided into several ages. First we had the age or period of the Old Testament. Then we entered the Christian period or age, which of course is the present age in which we live. Following this will be, as I have said, the Kingdom age. Then will follow the Judgment age, the period of the second resurrection and the Great White Throne judgment, following which will be the final ages of the ages which will last through all eternity.

At present we are more interested in the Kingdom Age, so we will confine our thoughts mainly to this period. It will commence immediately after the present period of judgment is completed, and will be heralded in by the first resurrection and the return in glory of the Lord Jesus Christ. It is necessary to remember that this Kingdom Age will take place here on this earth. It is not to be some nebulous condition in the sky, or a spiritual condition, but will be literal, here on this same earth on which we live. This is in keeping with the fact that the Lord Jesus Christ is to return in a literal, physical body. The main purpose of the Kingdom Age is to bring God's earthly kingdom of Israel to His intended position of absolute perfection, in order to prepare it for the ages which are to come. We read in 1Cor.15:24-25,

> *"Then cometh the end, when He shall have delivered up the Kingdom to God, even the Father; when He shall have put down all rule and all authority and power. For He must reign till He hath put all enemies under His feet."*

The position, very briefly, will be this. At the first resurrection, those who are counted worthy, the overcomers, will be resurrected or translated to meet the Lord in the air, and, as Ferrar Fenton expresses it in his translation of the Bible, *"for an introduction into the eternal condition."* These people will have immortal bodies, just the same as that of the Lord Jesus Christ, and will be made kings and priests, reigning with Christ. They will then accompany our Lord on His literal, visible return to this earth. (See Rev. 19:11-16) Christ will then take over His rightful position as King of Israel. For as we read in Luke 1:32-33,

> *"The Lord God will give unto Him the throne of His father David. And He shall reign over the House*

of Jacob for ever, and of His Kingdom there shall be no end."

This means that those who do not take part in the resurrection will remain as citizens of this kingdom (there has to be someone over whom Christ will reign), but they will then be living under the perfect administration of Christ Himself. We read in Isaiah 11: 44-5,

"With righteousness shall He judge the poor, and reprove with equity for the meek of the earth. He shall smite the earth with the rod of His mouth, and with the breath of His lips shall He slay the wicked. And righteousness shall be the girdle of His loins, and faithfulness the girdle of His reins."

In short Jesus Christ will be the King, those of us who are resurrected will be His administrative body or government, just the same as our present parliament, and the nation of Israel will be the people over whom they will reign.

But this will have a very profound effect upon the rest of the world. After seeing the perfect conditions under which the people of God are living, the other nations will also desire to live under the same conditions.

Israel will then be fulfilling, to the letter, her God-ordained destiny of being a blessing to the rest of the world, for we read in Micah 4: 2-5,

"And many nations shall come, and say, Come, and let us go up the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in His paths; for the law shall go forth of Zion, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.

And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath spoken it. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and we will walk in the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever."

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Who could have imagined orbiting satellites, manned space stations and the explosive danger of hydrogen bomb missiles and outer space weapons in the days of Jesus' ministry? Yet He prophesied this very thing. And so did the prophets. The Bible speaks plainly of signs in the heavens at the close of this age. They are surely here. Such prophecies have moved out from the pages of the Bible to the front page of your newspaper.

RUSSIA PREPARES FOR WAR IN SPACE

"Russia Target-Shooting in Space", was the headline across the front of the *Houston Chronicle*, April 4. The *Los Angeles Times – Washington Post News Service* reported "Russia has been doing what looks like some fancy target shooting in outer space, perhaps with the idea of developing a system for knocking down American satellites in wartime. . . The United States, against the possibility there may be silent war in space someday, has been quietly working on non-nuclear explosives for such a purpose."

The story continues, "The space log suggests that two Soviet space vehicles, Cosmos 249 and 252, blew up while making a pass at a target satellite orbiting some 300 miles above the earth. The non-nuclear explosions could have been designed to test the practicality of destroying another nation's observation or communications in a crisis situation."

These developments are of interest to the Bible student in that when the Lord Himself descends from Heaven with the armies of Heaven, the world dictator, the beast, as he is described in Revelation 13, will seek to resist Him. What indeed will be the situation when the Son of God, Who has all power in Heaven and earth, returns to put His feet down in that day upon the Mount of Olives? War in the skies as man is moving out from the earth can hardly be put in the class of myth.

ESDRAS FORESAW MODERN WARFARE

Consider the prophetic declaration of Esdras concerning the time of upheaval: "And there shall be great fearfulness and trembling upon earth: and they that see the wrath shall be afraid, and trembling shall come upon them" (II Esdras 15:37), The prophet also uses the word *cloud* in connection with *wrath* about which he speaks. Obviously this is his way of describing an air-borne vehicle capable of casting down fiery death upon the inhabitants of earth as it orbits above our heads.

These terrible weapons will come from Assyria, the prophet's name for modern Russia. He declares, "And from the land of the *Assyrians* shall the enemy besiege them . . . .

Behold *clouds* from the east and from the north unto the south, and they are very horrible to look upon, *full of wrath and storm*" (II Esdras 15:33-34): Imagine the appearance of atomic explosions triggered over our heads like great clouds sending death-dealing fire down to earth – this *is* what the prophet saw in his vision.

The clouds are described as full of wrath and storm. This is a description of the fierce wind and the terrible death-dealing shock waves of the deadly atomic warheads released and triggered about the heads of helpless millions.

DELIVERANCE PROMISED

Yet there is safety for those whose reliance is upon the Lord Jesus in this hour. Esdras points out, ". . . he that shall endure peril in that time hath kept himself." That is to say that the trouble, the danger and the fearsome sights have not destroyed his faith in deliverance from the Lord and therefore he has endured or remained. The Lord Jesus confirms that with His promise to those who are faithful, "he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved" (Matt. 24:13). It is this steadfastness of faith of which the writer of Proverbs speaks. "Keep thy heart with all diligence for out of it are the issues of life" (Proverbs 4:23).

AN HORRIBLE STAR

Returning now to the picture of outer-space warfare presented by the prophet. "The great and mighty *clouds* (orbiting vehicles) shall be lifted up full of *wrath*, and *the star*, that they may make all of the earth afraid, and them that dwell therein; and they shall *pour out* over *every high and eminent place* (capitals, headquarters, administration centres) *an horrible star* (a fearsome explosion of fiery destruction). (II Esdras 15:40).

There can be no doubt about the meaning here. These are signs from on high which will cause sudden, paralyzing panic. These clouds are orbiting or airborne vehicles, controlled in alien lands, hovering over our control centres and headquarters to disperse (star-like) loads of deadly atomic explosives (*clouds of wrath*). The surface of the earth under these deadly clouds will become a fiery, windswept, debris-splattered desert. There will be no hope of survival except by the hand of the Lord Himself.

THE SIGN OF THE BEATLE

Now is there any other sign which might indicate that such judgment is near at hand? Listen to Jesus' teaching. He said, "There shall arise false Christs . . . (Matt. 24:24). Although this sign has been fulfilled in minor measure during the last 30 to 40 years, it is now to be fulfilled in greater scope than ever before. The eyes of all the world will be able to see a *literal false Christ* as he is portrayed on the TV screen. According to recent news releases, the anti-Christ Beatle, John Lennon, will portray Jesus in a new TV series to be produced by the British Broadcasting Company. This man, who is evidently the very epitome of anti-Christ, will be presented to a world-wide audience as Jesus of Nazareth. Furthermore, the story will be patently a lying misre-

presentation of the true Christ. Jesus will be presented as an unwashed Beatle-type, beloved by the gross, the ignorant and the foolish. Could there ever be a more patent fulfilment of Jesus' words than this unholy presentation? Here is the fulfilment a thousand-fold! The arising of the great false-Christ image to which thousands upon thousands of the sensual and sensation-seeking elements will pay homage. When and if this blasphemous desecration of all that is holy bursts upon the world's idolatrous TV screen, we will know that the end is very near.

THE SIGN OF THE SCOFFER

Those who are Christ's will praise Him yet again for the fulfilling of His words. They will thank God and they will speak with one another concerning His great and wonderful promise – that when we see these things *we may know* that the end of the age and *His coming is near*, even at the doors! (Matt. 24:33). There will be many who will scoff at these signs. There have always been scoffers. No doubt, there always will be right up to the very day of His appearing. We are warned concerning them. In fact, scoffers themselves comprise one of the great signs that we are living in the dying hours of this age. Consider the Apostle Peter's words about this very thing. "To begin with, you know that mockers will come with their mockeries in the last days, *men who go by their own passions*, asking 'Where is His promised advent? Since the day our fathers fell asleep, things remain exactly as they were from the beginning of creation.' They wilfully ignore the fact that heavens existed long ago, and an earth which God's Word formed of water and by water. By water, the then existing world was deluged and destroyed but the present heavens and earth are treasured up by the same Word for fire, reserved for the day when the impious are doomed and destroyed" (II Peter 3:3-7 Moffatt). Even the mockers are a sign of their own doom.

TWO KINDS OF PERSONS

There is no doubt that humble and wise men will prayerfully consider these things. God has promised that there will be two kinds of people at this time. There will be those who are paralyzed with fear for the things about to come upon the earth. Apparently these great judgments, or the fear thus generated in the souls of men, will be the cause of wide-spread heart attacks. The Lord declares that the hearts of many will *fail for fear* as they consider the things which are coming upon this earth. No doubt, among this number will be those who will hide themselves in dens and caves and cry unto the mountains and the rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the Face of Him that sitteth on the Throne, and from *The Wrath of the Lamb*" (Rev. 6:15-16). As John is given this vision of the end-time, he cries out, "For the great day of *His Wrath* is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev. 6:17).

But there is another group who will be able to stand, a group to whom His coming will bring great joy, healing and wholeness and freedom from all the bondage of this present evil world system! These are those, no doubt, who obeyed Jesus' instructions? "*Watch ye, therefore, and pray always, that ye may be*

accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man" (Luke 21:36). Surely these words are worthy of much consideration upon our part.

There is no doubt that it is to such a group that Jesus proclaims His coming as a time of joy and release from bondage. This is the group who, far from scoffing at the promise of His return to earth, have longed for His appearing. To such Jesus cries, "And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads for your *redemption* (Deliverance) draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28).

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The other day I was thinking of the number 1980, and decided to check its factors. The result was quite fascinating.

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Applying their scriptural meanings we find that the year 1980 consists of;

Confusion (11), judgment (9), Grace (5), the earth (4).

It would appear that we can be most grateful for the GRACE which will accompany the confusion and judgment on our earth. We will certainly need it.

So I was more than interested to read of another aspect of 1980 by Mr. Sidney Woods of New Zealand in his magazine "Light Rays for Dark Days." He had this to say;

"There cannot be many numbers which contain so many factors similar to this one. Every number from 1 to 12 divides into 1980 without remainder, except 7 and 8.

2 x 990; 3 x 660; 4 x 495; 5 x 396; 6 x 330; 9 x 220; 10 x 198; 11 x 180; and 12 x 165. But NOT 7 or 8.

Our Bible students know that 7 represents individual spiritual perfection, and that 8 is the number of resurrection and New Beginning. (The 8th day commences a new week - the 8th note in music commences a new octave - 888 is the numerical value of the Greek word for 'Jesus'.)

Does this suggest that not only is the nation likely to be taken out of Babylon during 1980, but also that those individuals counted worthy to be 'raptured' will also be caught away this same year ??? (Luke 21:36) "

Maybe it's all just a coincidence. *MAYBE.*

F. DOWSETT.

The Bible and Modern Thought

by Kenneth C. Bayman.

"My people hath been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray . . . ."
Jeremiah 50:6.

"Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD'S hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."
Jeremiah 51:7.

When one contemplates objectively the international scene today, the inescapable conclusion is arrived at: "the nations are mad."

We see a hotch-potch of "nations" (some of whom are mere geographical conglomerations of primitive and mutually hostile tribes) gathered in an administrative association euphemistically termed the "united nations." We see great powers like the U.S.A. and Britain voluntarily surrendering their sovereignty to this association. We see another great power, Russia, alternately ignoring U.N.O. and using it as a diplomatic or espionage tool.

We see unashamed attempts by primitive "nations" to use this association in an attempt to introduce modern warfare in all its cruelty and destructiveness among quiet and peaceful peoples like South Africa and Rhodesia. And we see – unbelievable though it may seem – the parent nations of these upholders of civilisation giving moral support to these would-be aggressors and denying support to those of their own race and blood.

And – to look further afield for a moment – we see the U.S.A. engaged in a war against communism in Vietnam, in a half-hearted endeavour to contain the Asiatic brand of that world-scourge, while it openly encourages the same subversive ideology in the U.S.A. itself and is playing right into the communists' hands in its "Africa policy" (if such a display of ignorance and indecision is deserving of the name "policy"). And, on top of all this, Britain is trading with the communist enemy directly through North Vietnamese ports, while the U.S.A. trades with the same enemy through East European countries. It should more generally be known that the U.S.A. supplies heavy industrial machinery to these countries which are using them to manufacture war material, and these are being used in turn to fight the Americans in Vietnam. What a devil's brew!

The "double standard" is increasingly evident throughout the so-called "civilised" world today.

Principles have gone by the board in proportion to the abandonment of the Christian outlook by those in high places in national government. Expediency has taken the place of integrity. With this in mind, let us look at a

description of the *effects* of the world-wide teaching of *evolution*, and see whether we recognise in the brief pen-picture of international chaos the evil harvest from the "sowing of the tares among the wheat":- We quote from 'Evolution the Unproven Hypothesis' by T.W. Carron.

"Evolution became the philosophy of the day. It coloured all human ideas. Men fancied they could see evolution everywhere and in everything. The name of God was gradually eliminated from works of science. Evolution was taught in school and college, and biology* in all its branches and was coloured by it. Students grew up in an atmosphere of evolution. The Bible account of creation was discarded, discredited and ridiculed. And because many no longer accepted Genesis and the creation of man, it was but a logical step to deny the fall of man, to deny sin. Redemption in like manner was discarded. Many of the clergy succumbed. Christendom as a whole became infected with the Darwinian heresy with disastrous consequences. All life was pictured as a grim struggle for existence. The weak went to the wall, the strong alone survived. This being formulated as a biological law, life and history were viewed in this context. War and competition were justified as part of the biological process . . . Another serious aspect of the prevalence of this pseudo-scientific notion, especially amongst the uninformed and unreflecting sections of the public, is its damaging effect on public morals.

"In many peoples' minds", proceeds Mr. Carron, "it (the theory of evolution) has discredited not only the Bible account of creation, but the Bible itself, and weakened the hold of Christianity on the masses . . . A fear of God, conscience, and compassion for creature sufferings, are amongst the great safeguards of society. A philosophy which, in its logical implications, is a negation of all morality, which either denies the existence of God or, if admitting His existence, denies His Creator glory and makes everything dependent on the operation of infinitely slow, blind, groping forces, and which encourages the idea that brute force or sheer intellect are the goals to which nature is moving, *tends to abolish these safeguards.* If we are part of a vast ruthless scheme of struggle for survival which has gone on for thousands of millions of years, and man's life is less in span and importance than a tick of the astronomical clock, there is neither hope for mankind nor morality in the universe".

Mr. Carron concludes this damning survey of the effects of the evolution theory with the following: "There are widespread complaints of empty churches, contempt for religion and other symptoms of increasing godlessness, *especially among the rising generation.* Is it to be wondered at, when in every school and college, youth is taught a view of the origin,

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* *Dr. Heribert Nilsson, Professor of Botany at the University of Lund, Sweden, in a monumental work published in 1954, giving the result of his lifetime of study in genetics and other subjects, concludes: "Evolution theory can by no means be regarded as an innocuous natural philosophy, but is a serious obstruction to biological research. It obstructs – as has repeatedly been shown – the attainment of consistent results, even from uniform experimental material. For everything must ultimately be forced to fit this speculative theory. An exact biology cannot, therefore, be built up".*

Dr. Nilsson writes further: "The final result of all my investigations and study, namely, that the idea of evolution, tested by experiments in speciation and allied sciences, always leads to incredible contradictions, and confusing consequences on account of which the evolution theory ought to be entirely abandoned, which will no doubt enrage many".

history and future of nature and the race which is utterly hostile to the Christian faith, which pretends to have outmoded the Bible, and which, if it allows belief in God at all, reduces Him to an impersonal force, to which man is but one of a long series of 'experiments.' "

"The pernicious effects of these ideas are to be found in the teachings of men like Herbert Spencer. He even decried improvements in the conditions of the people, such as better sanitation, for what helped the weak to survive was contrary to biological law. These horrible ideas infected the thought of Europe and America. Business magnates saw in them a justification for crushing their weak competitors. Powerful nations saw in them a justification for oppressing or destroying weaker races."

Significantly, Herbert Spencer, at the age of eighty-three, had had time for re-consideration and then wrote: "The intellectual man who occupies the same body with me, tells me that I am a piece of clay equipped with a nervous system and in some mysterious way connected with the big dynamo called the world; but very soon now the current will be cut and I will fall into unconsciousness and nothingness. Yes, I am sad, and I wish with all my heart that I had never heard of the intellectual man with his science, philosophy and logic."

So much for the individual who has recognised the deadly effect on himself of this pernicious theory.

But what must be the cumulative effect of this evil teaching, this "science falsely so-called", on the mass of civilised people into whom it is drummed by every possible means?

And what is the motive behind this fanatical propaganda? For the strange truth is that it is not the genuine pursuit of *knowledge*, for when evidence can be brought to disprove various aspects of the evolution theory, this evidence is suppressed. The thirst for knowledge, if genuine, would welcome all evidence throwing light on the theory even if the theory were disproved thereby.

Many scientists of world-wide repute have commented bitterly on this apparent "conspiracy" to preserve the theory of evolution intact at all costs, even at the cost of truth.

The explanation of this strange phenomen is precisely that *it is a conspiracy:* but a conspiracy having its origin not in the minds of men but in "the spirit forces of evil in the heavenly sphere", to which Paul the Apostle refers in his letter to the Ephesians (chapter 6, verse 12). We do well to note the emphatic language used in this passage, which reads (in the Moffat version): "For we have to struggle, not with blood and flesh but with the angelic Rulers, the angelic Authorities, the potentates of the dark present, the spirit-forces of evil in the heavenly sphere."

Who are these "angelic Rulers, angelic Authorities"?

That they have extraordinary powers is very evident to those who endeavour to find some kind of pattern in world affairs. It becomes evident to all researchers into world history that unseen and unknown forces beyond the limits of human endeavour are bringing their influences to bear on the course of human history. At critical points they have somehow intervened, and shaped events to their own purposes. Let us see if, very briefly, we can trace some of these malevolent activities.

Within a span of little more than a century -- as we have seen in the earlier articles

in the present series – the entire world-scene has changed as predicted by Daniel the Prophet regarding the "time of the end", when "many shall run to and fro and knowledge shall be increased". Is it mere coincidence that this same era should have seen three determined military attempts to seize world rulership, in each of which Britain stood in the way? First, Napoleon; then the Kaiser; then Hitler. All were unsuccessful. If we go back to the beginning of the Christian era, we find something similar: three determined attempts were made to overthrow the Christian way *by violence*: firstly, the Jews in the time of the apostles; secondly, the Roman rulers; thirdly, the Popes of ecclesiastical Rome.

There is still another parallel: Britain successfully withstood the attempts to take over the world by violence, but has now all but succumbed to economic, political and religious warfare. Similarly, the Christian way withstood the violent assaults made upon it; in fact, it was said that the blood of the martyrs was the seed of the church. But today we see a false Christianity taking hold in a subtle way within the very framework of the nominal Christian Church, so that the "faith once delivered to the saints" appears to be in dire danger of overthrow. Were it not for Our Lord's assurance that the "gates of hell" will not prevail against *His* church, we would tremble at the prospect which confronts us today.

Thus we see the adroitness of our immensely powerful but unseen adversaries: having provoked the last two desperate military attempts at world rulership by means of the "survival of the fittest" teaching of the evolution theory through the Kaiser and Hitler, but without success, they abandoned the national aspect of that theory and instead utilised the quasi-Christian doctrine of "the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man". By this means they capitalised on the remnants of the true Christian faith which still lingered in the minds of the mass of Western peoples. With this high-sounding but unscriptural slogan they deceived millions of nominal Christians, gaining support for the false notion of racial equality. They went even further, and through their many willing political mouthpieces proclaimed a kind of special sanctity for the non-white races. Thus a leading economic journal in Britain has just issued a call for legislation to "prevent racial discrimination in Britain". By this they mean that the coloured races (who have domiciled themselves in Britain for their own ends) must not be judged on their own merits, but on those of the average Briton. Thus if a British landlord does not want to let his property to non-whites because of the inevitable deterioration in its value that would ensue, the landlord would be guilty of discrimination, and the law should (in the opinion of the journal mentioned) force him to let it.

It is precisely this mentality among Britain's leaders that has led to the tragic betrayal of the Rhodesian pioneers who gave their blood and treasure to the building up of a peaceful and civilised community where less than a century ago savagery reigned unchallenged.

From the beginning of what we might term the "cosmic rebellion", the "angelic" Rulers and Authorities who are locked in combat with the followers of the Most High have sought to attract to themselves that reverence and respect which is due to God alone. At every turn of events they have tried to imitate the Divine method. Various writers have shown how, for example, there has always been the thought of the divine "mother and child" in ancient false religions, even as in Romanism.

Thus today there is:-

(1) Evolution in place of Creation;

(2) UNO and a man-made "one-world" in place of the world-wide Kingdom of God;

(3) One world-church (e.g. World Council of Churches and "Church Unity" movement) in place of the Church defined in the New Testament as the "body of Christ". (Let us note, in passing, that the false world-church defines itself as "the *mind* of Christ", as shown by Mr. R.D. Hodgkinson in the April issue of *The Covenant Messagel* It is significant that the chief Satanic attack is today directed against the *mind* of man. One writer describes it as "The Battle for the Mind".

In the Book of Revelation the final form of our world in the closing stages of human government is likened to the ancient city of Babylon. The prophetic warnings of Isaiah and Jeremiah find their counterpart in the dramatic word-pictures of the Book of Revelation. Naturally, this is a many-sided revelation because many aspects of world government are dealt with. It is the attempt to bring these many aspects into a narrow compass which leads to the futility of many expositions of these prophecies.

In our following article we shall consider the meaning of "Babylon" for our day, and note the broad scope of these ancient prophecies, and their reference to the same hierarchy of evil which we have sought to identify in their guise of "modern thought".

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Micah 4:1-7.

1. "But in the last days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of the house of the Lord shall be established in the top of the mountains, and IT SHALL BE EXALTED ABOVE THE HILLS; AND PEOPLE SHALL FLOW UNTO IT.
2. "And MANY NATIONS SHALL COME, and say, 'Come, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to the house of the God of Jacob; and He will teach us of His ways, and WE WILL WALK IN HIS PATHS:' for the LAW shall go forth to Zion, and the Word of the Lord from Jerusalem.
3. "And He shall judge among many people, and REBUKE STRONG NATIONS AFAR OFF: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: Nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.
4. But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and NONE SHALL MAKE THEM AFRAID: for the MOUTH OF THE LORD OF HOSTS HATH SPOKEN IT.
5. For all people will walk every one in the name of his god, and WE will walk IN THE NAME OF THE LORD OUR GOD FOR EVER AND EVER.
6. In that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that halteth, and I will gather her that is driven out, and her that I have afflicted;
7. "And I will make her that halted a remnant, and her that was cast far off a strong nation: AND THE LORD SHALL REIGN OVER THEM IN MOUNT ZION FROM HENCEFORTH, even for ever."

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In Part 1 of this talk the theme centred around the hopes and policy for a world utopia by means of a sustainable society. A sustainable society is a society in which you control in-put and out-put. The author says on p.350 that the "tree to be planted is the sustainable society." He

further says "the problems that beset each nation and the global community will be resolved either by 'human intelligence' or by the modern 'horsemen of the apocalypse' --- famine, environmental deterioration, disease and war. THE CHOICE IS OURS."

Much of what he says is true so, when we read in the Scriptures, passages like "be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" - or "but I fear lest by any means as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtility so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ (11 Corinthians 11:3) and in V.14 he says "And no marvel for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light" --- it is no wonder that many have been carried away with the idea of humanism, international dialogue and global strategy to solve what appears to be insolvable issues.

After having read this book I am more convinced that it is the laws, judgments and statutes of God that are under attack. In a free society there must be stringent laws. Man observes nature around him and wonders at its beauty; but this can only come about because laws are obeyed in a strict order.

Time would not permit to answer all the issues in his book. Some of the many issues he mentions are the population explosion, the food shortage, the energy crisis, alternate energy measures, ownership of minerals, timber and water, industrial unrest, economic inequality, cultural change, problems relating to cities, education, science and the process needed to redirect the mind to accept change.

THE MIND OF MAN IS UNDER ATTACK. It is probably this fact which is least understood. We read in Heb. 8:11 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the House of Israel AFTER THOSE DAYS, saith the Lord: I WILL put MY AWS into their MIND and WRITE them in their HEARTS: and I WILL be to them a GOD and THEY shall be MY PEOPLE." We are instructed to be of "one Mind" - i.e., ONE OPINION or method of resolving. It is a truth that the battlefield of Satan is the mind.

To have a policy one must begin with a philosophy. Prof. Birch's philosophy is one of 'internationalism' and therefore,

ultimately, CENTRALIST. The policy of Satan is both centralist and integration. Now I am convinced that men like Prof. Birch are not only naive, but are quite convinced that their premises are founded upon a rock. To a certain extent their own minds have been engineered to think a certain way, just as our minds are being persuaded to think in a given direction. Whether we like it or not, we have ALL been affected by the changing tide of events, and persuasions. We are to a certain degree like Pavlov's dogs. When they were subjected to a stimuli there was a natural response. Events which years ago would have made headlines now don't even reach the back pages of our newspapers.

In a book entitled, "How Socialism will come to the U.S.A." we read "Marxism - Leninism is the science of social change." Prof. Birch expressed it this way. "Man's behaviour is based not simply on capacity for aggression and territoriality but on customs which develop in specific environments and social circumstances. Man's major behavioural characters are cultural. Culture is LEARNED BEHAVIOUR. It is tremendously important to recognise that the roots of evil are not in genetics but in social conditions. These can be changed."

Now I am quite sure that we all agree that change is needed. It is not sufficient just to believe that such is the case. Some deeper questions have to be answered. Whilst I believe man can cause change, will it be to his benefit? The answer is NO. The reason is HUMAN NATURE. There is, first of all needed some basic ingredients of man's nature to be changed. Because man is incapable of bringing about the correct change, there is no alternative but to believe in some outside help in these matters; and this is where it is necessary to believe in the ONE TRUE LAWGIVER OF LIFE and to find the purpose of living. Even Prof. Birch has set up his God in the form of 'human intelligence'. This outside help comes about in the form of the "I Wills" of God, where He says that "I will turn their hearts of stone to hearts of flesh." It appears to me that the human intelligence of man is as foolishness in the eyes of God. If man, in his present condition, is incapable of providing correct change, then he certainly cannot be trusted to have the power. In Deut. 18 we are told that the Lord

gives thee the power to get wealthy, so as the covenants that were given unto our fathers may be established.

It can be assumed from this verse that unless we recognise where our wealth comes from, then we cannot even be trusted with the wealth that this world provides. It appears to me that God has scattered Israel into those areas where the greatest natural wealth is to be found, the reason being that, because Israel was the only nation to be given the law she would have a greater chance of making use of the minerals, timber etc., in a more beneficial way. According to Prof. Birch all this wealth belongs to the citizens of the world, but I don't believe this to be yet in the plan of God. Israel must first show to the world how these resources can be used. Now you might say that this is going a bit far in the understanding of Israel's relation to God as His 'bride'. May I put it this way. We are told in Scripture that Israel would become the tail and not the head whilst she disobeyed the Laws. It must be clearly understood that in the Plan of God Israel will one day become the 'head' and not the tail; but, at the moment, countries like China and other Asian countries are becoming supreme in many of the blessings which were once meant for Israel. As Birch says - many of the Eastern religions are offering more sense to the young people than the accepted Western faiths. The Bible is quite clear that we must live within the harmony of NATURAL law and yet, the Eastern faiths are presenting this idea as though it emanated from the ancient Asian traditions and beliefs. There is a good possibility that many of these beliefs were relayed on in ages past by the contemporaries of Adam, and many of the ancient Patriarchs. What I am saying is this - that all truth can only emanate from ONE source, namely God Almighty and therefore, can only be to the benefit of mankind.

The word "wealth" mentioned in Deut. 8:18 is primarily concerned with NATURAL wealth, or the resources that this earth provides. When we look around us we see wood, plaster, paint, paper etc. All these material things originated in some form or other <u>from the earth</u>. Now we are told that the "earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof" --- we are not only saying that all power comes from God, but that SO DOES

ALL WEALTH. It is therefore no wonder that we should not sell land but only lease it. As the Bible says, we are only sojourners in the land.

Some of you might be asking - what about private property? Strictly speaking, we have no rights of private ownership, but rather one of custodianship of what belongs to God. Under communism ALL belongs to the State --- in a theocracy ALL belongs to GOD; in terms of the tithe, we are only really giving back something that already belongs to HIM.

In our society, to be considered wealthy, you must have a lot of money. There is really nothing natural about money other than the fact that it is made of paper, which comes from trees - or, if coins, then it comes from the minerals in the ground. Nearly 100% of our money is represented by figures in a book, from which the banks of the world have made great gains by means of loans on interest.

Whilst there are many definitions of the word 'money', the following will suffice: -- "A valueless system of symbols which has become acceptable to a particular society for the exchange and use of goods". This definition infers three things --- 1. Production; 2. Distribution; 3. Consumption. It is in the distribution factor that money plays its part. Because men have placed value or 'love' upon money, it has become the root of all evil. In today's world great finance means great power.

Closely associated with money are three issues which have enslaved our society, viz:- 1. Usury, 2. Debt, 3. Taxation. It is probably these three aspects of our financial system which has caused more hardship than any other factor. It must be realised that money is a man-made thing, therefore, it is safe to say that IF money can be created as a debt, as it is now, then it can be created as an asset. God, in his love for His people even provided a system of debt cancellation if the payment could not be met at a certain time.

The following analogy describes the present system that Prof. Birch seems to have so much faith in . . . "governments are ships of State floating on the perilous ocean of events and dependent for motive power on the winds of finance - but, as a haven of financial security is always to windward and as

the tide of usury is always contrary, they can never reach land. Some founder with old age, and the remnant, racked and unseaworthy, persist in the unequal struggle until in the end all are lost in the tempestsof debt."

The failure to grasp reality by even men like Prof. Birch shows how Satan has been able to appear as an "angel of light". Not only men like the professor, but also the masses have been captivated by the creations of their own minds. These captivations have arisen because of many factors; through advertising and the continual repeating of myths which have resulted in the masses being swayed to believe such nonsense as evolution, the myth of democracy, the myth of the creation of money etc.

I believe that much of the inevitable centralist policy expressed in this book, and yet which Prof. Birch would probably deny is, to a large extent, based upon the idea of power coming from the top and not from the bottom. Now, whilst as I have said, all power comes from God, it is not that power that I am suggesting the people should have. The type of power I am suggesting is the right of the people to elect God-fearing men who are wellknown for their good works in the community. The type of government system is a Theocracy in which there is only one party, its Constitution being the Ten Commandments and the Statutes and Judgments of God; Theocracy unites a people whereas Democracy divides them: DEMOCRACY LEADS TO MOBOCRACY. Democracy works on the basis that MIGHT IS RIGHT. Just because 51% of the votes of the people says 'yes' to a politician, he thinks he has a mandate to do whatever HE likes. Under a Theocracy this would not be the case. We are told in Scripture how the elected would be chosen. There are to be rulers of tens, fifties, hundreds and thousands. This process decentralises power and thus causes the people to be involved in the running of their affairs. Much more could be said on this issue. I believe one can see that this method of electing politicans would certainly not please men of the calibre of our present-day politicians who not only seek the prestigous position, but all the 'gimmicks' that go along with the job.

Israel, in Scripture, is forbidden to have an alliance with any nation that is not of the same belief in God. The false presentation of detente, regionalisation and the brother-

hood of man are only modern terms for the philosophy of BALAAM when he was persuaded to curse Israel. Isaiah 30:1 says: "Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin."

The endless list of committees, policies and Boards to be set up for World Government is in direct conflict to the thinking of Scripture. In being a 'Holy people' we were to be a people separated from the rest of the world. The isolationist policy of America up to the First World War was a major factor that made her great; now we are being told to trade everything we have for worthless paper money. It is really a case of throwing pearls before swine.

The conditions in which we now find ourselves are as inevitable and predictable as the forces of gravity which pull us down if one were to be silly enough to jump out of a multi-storey building; so, therefore, we should not be surprised at these conditions. Such men like Birch don't seem to recognise this point. The essence of their belief is that these consequences, whilst unfortunate, can still be directed into a beneficial society. Such is not the case. It is for this reason that we must not encourage the build-up of the present evil system under which we now live. I am not suggesting that we become revolutionists but rather OBEY THE SCRIPTURES where it says in Deut. 6:1-8:-

V.1 "Now these are the commandments, the statutes and the judgments, which the Lord your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go to possess it.

2 "That thou mightest fear the Lord thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son's son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged.

3 "Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as the Lord God of thy fathers hath promised thee, in the land that floweth with milk and honey.

4 "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord:

5 "And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart,

and with all thy soul, and with all thy might.
6 "And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart:
7 "And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
8 "And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thine hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thine eyes."

The Lord Jesus Christ put it another way when He said that we are not to put old wine into new bottles. The system will collapse of itself in its own good time. As a matter of fact I believe somewhere admist the confusion there must be a mathematical formula for the decay of our society.

As mentioned previously, much of what the Professor says is true, especially his comments concerning the cities which have become the source and centre of discontent. The same woe as was pronounced by our Lord upon Chorazin and Bethsaida shall be pronounced upon many of our cities. When people are congregated together the power of the mob takes over. The individuality is lost amidst the concrete edifices which only echo the souless cry of the people. Our link with the soil is lost.

The author spends much time on the subject of the food shortage. He says reasons for this shortage has come about because only 11% of the land is cultivated - there is a shortage of water - a shortage of fertilizer and an energy waste. There are many factors explaining why, in our society of mechanisation, that there is so much poverty in the midst of plenty. I believe Ezekiel 16 provides all the necessary reasons when it talks about the harlotry of Jerusalem and how she has taken unto herself strange gods which envelop the people, with a system of slavery. In verse 27 of this chapter it says - "Behold therefore I have stretched out my hand over thee and have diminished thine ordinary food and delivered thee unto the will of them that HATE thee, the daughters of the Philistines which are ashamed of thy lewd way." The word "ordinary" implies an upsetting of the seasons and is not this the case? The seasonal changes are causing great concern for

the farmers.

Disobedience to the agricultural laws has brought non-fertility of the soil and pestilence in their natural order. The warning is given in Lev. 26 where it says - "Your strength shall be spent in vain: for your land shall not yield her increase, neither shall the trees of the land yield their fruits." Now people might say "how come Australia produced for the first time in human history one ton per person of wheat living in Australia last year?" It was done by pouring thousands of tons of poisonous fertilizers in the soil to supplement what had been taken out over the previous years. Now you might say; what is wrong with that? The answer is this; there is no QUALITY in our grain, resulting in a sick society which spends millions of dollars going to the charlatans of the Medical Profession. So, in the long run, we are paying for it. You see, God has promised not only quantity but quality as shown in the following verses - "And the land shall yield her fruit and ye shall eat your fill and dwell therein in safety. And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year? Behold, we shall not sow nor gather in our increase: Then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year and it shall bring forth for THREE years. And ye shall sow the eighth year and eat, yet of old fruit until the ninth year until her fruits come in, ye shall eat of the old store." It is a very good possibility that the Eucalypt die-back that we are experiencing now is due to the imbalance which man has brought upon himself. This imbalance is not a recent problem. It started from the time that Adam sinned.

The Professor's chapter on education is not only dising, but most important to understand. There are two quotes that must be given to show what is the task of education according to Professor Birch - "The task of education is to develop human talent so that people may be useful to themselves and to the changing world." Secondly, "It is the central task of education to promote that discovery in the hope that the citizens of tomorrow will be citizens of the world with a GLOBAL perspective and a GLOBAL concern." SOUNDS ALL VERY FINE DOES IT NOT? The type of words used in these phrases places the person, who might disagree, with such a central task as being

against concern for the world. It is like the cliche - "put people before profits". If one in any way expresses suspicion on this phrase, then one is put into a position of proving one's innocence, namely that people must be considered before profits. The same tricky situation arises in the statement that the U.N. is for peace.

There are three verses I would like to mention here and they are: "Bring up a child in the way that he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it." . . . "For I am the Lord, I change not, therefore YE SONS OF JACOB ARE NOT CONSUMED." . . . "Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above and cometh down from the Father of Lights with whom is no variableness neither shadow of turning." It appears from Scripture that education is a very spiritual exercise, both from the parents point of view as well as by those who have been given proper instruction to teach specialist subjects. Because we are spiritual beings it is therefore logical to assume that the type of education will be such that it will result in drawing out from each of us those talents that have been given by God so that we may be of use to society. The book 'Future Shock' by Alvin Toffler certainly shows that we are a changing society.

The question must be asked: "Just how far can this change go? Can man keep up with this pace?" especially in the Western world. Whilst there remains change in governments, ideas, religions, designs etc., people tend to believe that, at least we are not standing still. Their hope lies in the fact that if we are not standing still, then we must be moving forward to something better. I believe the evidence suggests the reverse trend. The type of education that our children are receiving today is an expression of the curse given in Deut. 30. It is a paradox that as man tries to rid himself of the thought of God, he is, in effect, PROVING GOD. The type of education needed today is one in which there is taught the DIVINE LAW, STATUTES AND JUDGMENTS, and how to make use of the NATURAL LAW around us. Tessler, the famous physicist, proved that by making use of the natural law, millions of dollars could be saved. Many of his inventions have never become a reality because of big business and the evil financial system under which we now

live. These beliefs which have been handed down from one generation to another are what is called 'culture and heritage'.

Prof. Birch says that "man's major behavioural characteristics are cultural. Culture is learned behaviour." One definition of the word 'culture' is "training or discipline by which man's moral and intellectual nature is elevated." The word 'till' is its derivative and it means 'to labour, or cultivate.' From this it can be seen that culture is not easily learned, for it requires discipline and hard work. It is for this reason that the Scriptures are needed to be taught within the concept of proper education, for the principles contained therein can be applied to any generation of society. An understanding of the Scriptures shows how man can have salvation or safety by conforming to natural law.

One of the most cynical aspects of humanism is that whilst it appears to be for human dignity and initiative, the undercurrent of such a philosophy is increased government control in those matters which are primarily the individual's responsibility. For example, we should not have laws pertaining to the construction of swimming pools, dogs on leashes, laws for chicken coops, seat belt rules etc. The underling thought in all these regulations is that the government should be looking after us because it is believed that the individual is quite incapable of looking after oneself. Our society has become so complex and thus, confusing, that the average person throws his arms up in despair and says "let the government do something about it." It is this creeping paralysis of government control that is an affront to the Plan of God. Many of these controls have come about because of precedents, resulting in an endless list of amendments to the Constitution. The Constitution, in turn, has become a forgotten document. The role of government is to maintain law and order and provide conditions for initiative and responsibility; the government, in reality, has not the right to legislate as God has provided all the necessary laws to enable us to live a righteous and fruitful life. There is just no need for our government to make more laws - ALL ARE ADEQUATELY SUPPLIED IN THE BIBLE.

Under a Theocratic government the role of the Church and State work separately, but in close union, neither one doing

the other's job. The Church provides the true barometer of the nation. This barometer should register the moral standards and morale of the people; in other words, the health of the nation, both spiritual and physical. The government administers the laws through the Civil Service and at times, when necessary, seeks discussion with the Church on those matters of law which may at times be difficult to apply in any society.

We are clearly told in Heb. 8 that God is to perform a new Covenant with the House of Israel and with the House of Judah. He says that "I will put MY LAWS into their mind and WRITE them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people." WHAT MORE CLEAR COULD YOU GET THAN THAT? And yet, we hear Satan's lie expressed from the pulpits that Our Lord, Jesus Christ, did away with the law ON THE CROSS.

It is in Deut. 28:1-14 that we have the answer to Prof. Birch's book. To receive the blessings promised, we, as a people, are required to play our part as well. It is like being hypnotised - both partners must be willing. The requirement is this--'that we harken DILIGENTLY UNTO THE VOICE OF THE LORD THY GOD TO OBSERVE AND TO DO ALL HIS COMMANDMENTS WHICH I COMMAND THEE THIS DAY'. If this is done, then God will perform His promise that we will be ABOVE ALL NATIONS in praise and in name and in honour, proving that we are to be a HOLY and A SPECIAL PEOPLE UNTO HIMSELF. It must be clearly stated that this relationship with the creator is NOT to result in boasting and PERSONAL PRIDE.

Following are the BLESSINGS which will flow from the goodness of our Creator if we observe all His Laws:-

1. Blessed shalt thou be in the city;
2. Blessed shalt thou be in the field;
3. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body;
4. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy ground;
5. Blessed shall be the fruit of thy cattle and sheep;
6. Blessed shall be the increase of thy kine, or families;
7. Blessed shall be thy basket and thy store; this is referring to the daily chores like weaving and kneading of bread - i.e., creative leisure; not cursed work.
8. Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in;
9. Blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out. These two

blessings refer to the protection or guarding of our movements.

10. This last blessing results in our enemy that wishes to rise up against us to be smitten before thy face.

11. Blessed in our storehouses; in other words, we shall have an abundance of food to see us through those years in which the Sabbath is observed.

12. Blessed in all that thou settest thine hand to do - that is, we shall be blessed in our trades and any discoveries or inventions that man may do.

13. Blessed in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

In verse 10 of this chapter we are told that the people of the earth will revere us. Such is not the case now, because we have become the laughing stock of the world. In Deut. 28:37 we read "And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a by-word among all nations whither the Lord shall lead thee," if we disobey. We are to be plenteous in goods, fruit of the body, fruit of the cattle, fruit of the ground, and the Lord shall open his good treasures of the heavens to give the rain unto thy land in his season. The heavens are a treasure house because of the mineral wealth that is contained in a good shower. I have seen it stated that about 20 minutes of steady rain is equivalent to about seven hours of watering with a sprinkler. If we obey, then we shall not borrow money, but lend unto nations. This has been one of those verses that has caused men like Douglas Reid and C. H. Douglas of the Social Credit philosophy to believe that the Old Testament is a Talmudic plot. To answer this point concerning not borrowing but lending, I suggest is not easy to explain in a few words. I will only say this that any nation, if they obeyed the same laws, the people of that nation would also receive the same blessings. The same rain falls upon the just as well as the unjust.

A friend of mine, who is a Socialist and in her seventies, obeys some of the Divine Laws when she grows her vegetables. The size of her back yard is average and to see the amount of vegetables and fruit (plums, apples, lemon and grapefruit) picked, has got to be seen to be believed. This lady gives away buckets of produce. If God performs this abundance for a disbeliever, imagine what the results would be for a believer

in God who obeys the laws with an understanding of their source.

When the Lord Jesus Christ said "But seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His Righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you", he was implying that we seek the Kingdom in the same humble way as did Solomon when he asked for wisdom. Because we read in 1 Kings 3:11-12 the following - "And God said unto him, BECAUSE thou hast asked this thing and has not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the life of thine enemies; but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern judgment; BEHOLD, I HAVE DONE ACCORDING TO THY WORDS: LO, I HAVE GIVEN THEE A WISE AND AN UNDERSTANDING HEART; so that there was none like thee before thee neither after thee shall any arise alike unto thee."

The thoughts and desires of Solomon should be ours when we ask God to bless this land and in so doing God will not only rid us of the curses so graphically expressed in the closing verses of Deut. 28, but also the unnecessary fears expressed by Prof. Birch, in his book "Confronting the Future."



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TODAY

By Rev. W. Willans

Some years ago Dr. Neubauer, the Jewish theologian, an expert in Old Testament Scriptures, issued the following challenge to the Christian theologians of his day which they failed to answer, "If, as you Christians say, the Christ has come then the House of Joseph ought to be manifested and what you have got to do is to find the people who represent them".

Dr. Neubauer had in mind Genesis 48 and 49 and to these chapters we must refer. Joseph is recorded as paying a visit with his two sons Manasseh and Ephraim, born in Egypt to an Egyptian mother, to receive their dying grandfather's blessing, much valued in those days. The first thing that Jacob did was to adopt the boys as his own sons and thus bring them into the Israelite fold. Genesis 48:5, "And now thy two sons Ephraim and Manasseh . . . are mine; As Reuben and Simeon *they shall be mine.*" St. Paul, centuries later in Romans 9:4, alludes to this adoption. "Who are Israelites to whom (pertaineth) the adoption (in Greek New Testament, Sonship)." After the adoption and not before Jacob gave them his blessing and the method and contents should be carefully noted. Joseph arranged the boys before their grandfather in the following order. He placed Manasseh the elder on his grandfather's right to receive the major blessing and Ephraim on his left for the lesser one. But Jacob upset this arrangement and annoyed Joseph who in vain tried to alter it. Jacob deliberately crossed his arms and placed his right hand on Ephraim's, the younger's, head, saying, "He and his seed shall become a multitude of nations" and on Manasseh's head, saying, "He also shall become a people and he also shall be great." In crossing his arms Jacob made the sign of a cross. He gave both lads this blessing: "The angel which redeemed me from all evil bless the lads; and let my name be named on them and the name of my fathers Abraham and Isaac and let them grow into a multitude in the midst of the earth.

Chapter 49 tells us when all this is to happen. Verse 1 says, "And Jacob called unto his sons, and said, Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you *in the last days.*" Obviously this is to happen in the distant future unless Jacob's forecast is wishful thinking or the hallucination of a sickly, dying old man. We are now well into the 20th century A.D. and, if true, there should be plain and visible signs of its fulfilment. Hasting's Dictionary tells us that the Rabbis interpreted the phrase as, after the coming of the Messiah. Christians say He has come.

Jacob, after enumerating what would befall his many sons, especially mentions in the verses 22-26 of Chapter 49 what was to happen to the House of Joseph. He foretells a wonderful time of fruitfulness (Ephraim the younger son's name means "doubly fruitful"). This must be obvious to other nations. The House of Joseph is no obscure people living

in an out of the way corner of the globe, but as *two related nations* occupying prominent positions. Verse 24 contains a statement which has puzzled commentators ("from thence is the shepherd, the Stone of Israel").

Psalm 80, verse 1, "Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock." No difficulty here.

But what about the Stone of Israel which obviously only one of them could possess? Israel was the new name given to Jacob after his encounter with the Angel. Genesis 32:28, "Thy name shall be called no more Jacob but Israel." Stone of Israel = Jacob's stone that takes us to Bethel, see Genesis 28:18 where Jacob takes a stone, pours oil on it and calls the place Bethel, "House of God". It is an undeniable fact that a prominent nation has a stone under a coronation chair upon which the monarchs of England have been crowned for centuries and anointed with oil. This stone came by way of Ireland and Scotland to rest in Westminster Abbey and which is commonly called Jacob's stone.

These two related nations, speaking the same language, with the same love of liberty and professing the Christian religion, are the House of Joseph under another name which Dr. Neubauer years ago said should be manifested if the Christ had come.

Sir Charles Marston wrote a book, *The Bible Comes Alive*. The above is a confirmation of the title.

The Church has sung: "God moves in a mysterious way, His wonders to perform." The above is an example. "Blind unbelief is sure to err and scan His works in vain." There has been and is plenty of unbelief in the Church today. But believers can say "God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year." On Battle of Britain Sunday, September 26th, 1943, Dr. Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, said in St. Paul's Cathedral: "Why has God preserved us?" "We may and must believe that He Who has led our fathers in ways so strange and has preserved our land in a manner so marvellous, has a purpose for us to serve in the preparation for His perfect Kingdom. In the tradition of our nation, we are entrusted with a treasure to be used for the welfare of mankind."

Our Lord said "Thy word is truth." Was He right?

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The Days of Reckoning

By Mrs. D. Price.

Editor's Note: We apologise to our readers that this article did not appear in our last issue as intended. Although the copy was received by the normal closing date, we had been forced to finalise the preparation of the magazine ahead of our usual schedule because of my need to enter hospital, resulting in the ommission of Mrs. Price's article. However, we are sure that you will still be blest by her analysis of current events. (F.D.).

THE IRANIAN - U.S. HOSTAGES CONFRONTATION.

It is written of 'the time of the end' period, "UPON EARTH DISTRESS OF NATIONS, WITH PERPLEXITY". (Luke 22:25), or, 'no way out'. This sums up the situation between the U.S.A. and Iran today. So far, President Carter and his advisers cannot find a way out of the present dilemma facing the richest and most powerful nation the world has ever seen.

Because it could be construed as fortune telling, I have not published links between current events and future dates, except among a small circle of friends.

However, due to the serious world situation, and the interest shown by readers, I have decided to relax my strict rule and will include a pattern of cycles extended into the future, particularly when linked with other important events, or Great Pyramid dates, in the past. These will be dates which may mark a turning point in world affairs for better or worse, but NOT a final conclusion. NONE of us is infallible, but we are ALL enjoined to WATCH. WILL YOU JOIN ME IN DOING SO!!!!!

In a previous article it was promised that time patterns would be extended into SOLAR reckoning, but the Iran-U.S.A. crisis has arisen and is more important for us at the present time. The promised information will be given in a later article.

As Divine time measures link the Iranian-U.S.A. crisis with major events over the past fifty years, need I stress the fact that we are living in momentous times. Two charts have strong links with the Rome Treaty of 1957, and the 1929 Wall Street financial crash in the U.S.A. which led to World Depression in the early thirties.

THE ROME TREATY AND THE IRANIAN - U.S. CRISIS.

Rome Treaty Signed.
1 9 5 7
March 25.

Iran-U.S. Crisis began
1 9 7 9
Nov. 4-5.

1600 plus 6660 days.

1600 (Rev. 14:20) is the symbol of DIVINE JUDGMENT coming upon the "beast system" whose number is NOT just 666, but 6660, a GREAT BEAST. On dec. 23rd 1979, Pope John Paul II spoke out about the selfishness of some nations - which was taken as a reference to the oil-rich nations and their constant price rises.

WALL STREET CRASH, 1929 and IRAN-U.S.A. CONFRONTATION.

U.S. Financial crash
Oct. 23 - Nov. 2, 1929

Iranian Students hold
50 U.S. hostages.
Nov. 4-1979.

(4 x 666) plus (40 x 390)
Or 18264 days.

6 6 6 (Rev. 13:18) is the well known symbol of evil systems, especially world finance. 3 9 0 and 4 0 are found in Ezek. 4:5.

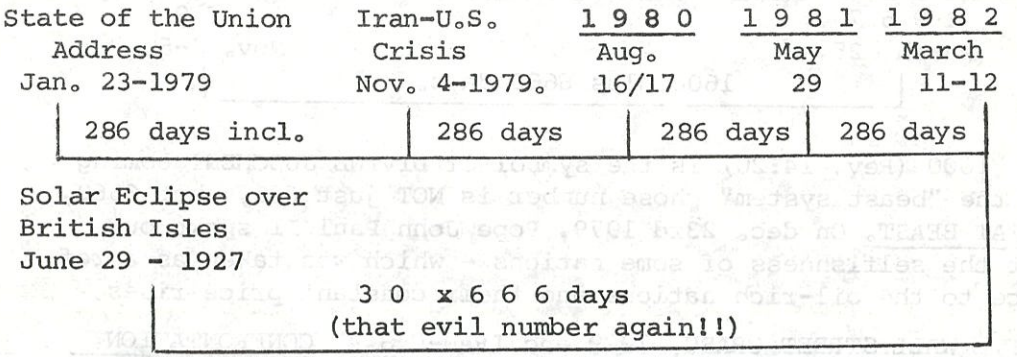
"For I have laid upon thee the years of thine iniquity, according to the number of days, 3 9 0 days. So shalt thou bear the iniquity of the House of Israel.
And when thou hast accomplished them, lie again on thy right side, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the House of Judah."

To sum up, both 3 9 0 and 4 0 are symbols of DIVINE JUDGMENT and punishment for sins in the national life of both the BRITISH COMMONWEALTH and the U.S.A. In the above chart the num-

bers are linked with the U.S. financial system. In the present crisis U.S. financial institutions have frozen all Iranian assets held by them.

U.S.A., PRESIDENT CARTER, AND THE DISPLACEMENT FACTOR.

I am indebted to Mr. Keith Phillips for drawing my attention to a displacement cycle of 286 days linked with President Carter's address on Jan 23-1979 on the State of the Union.



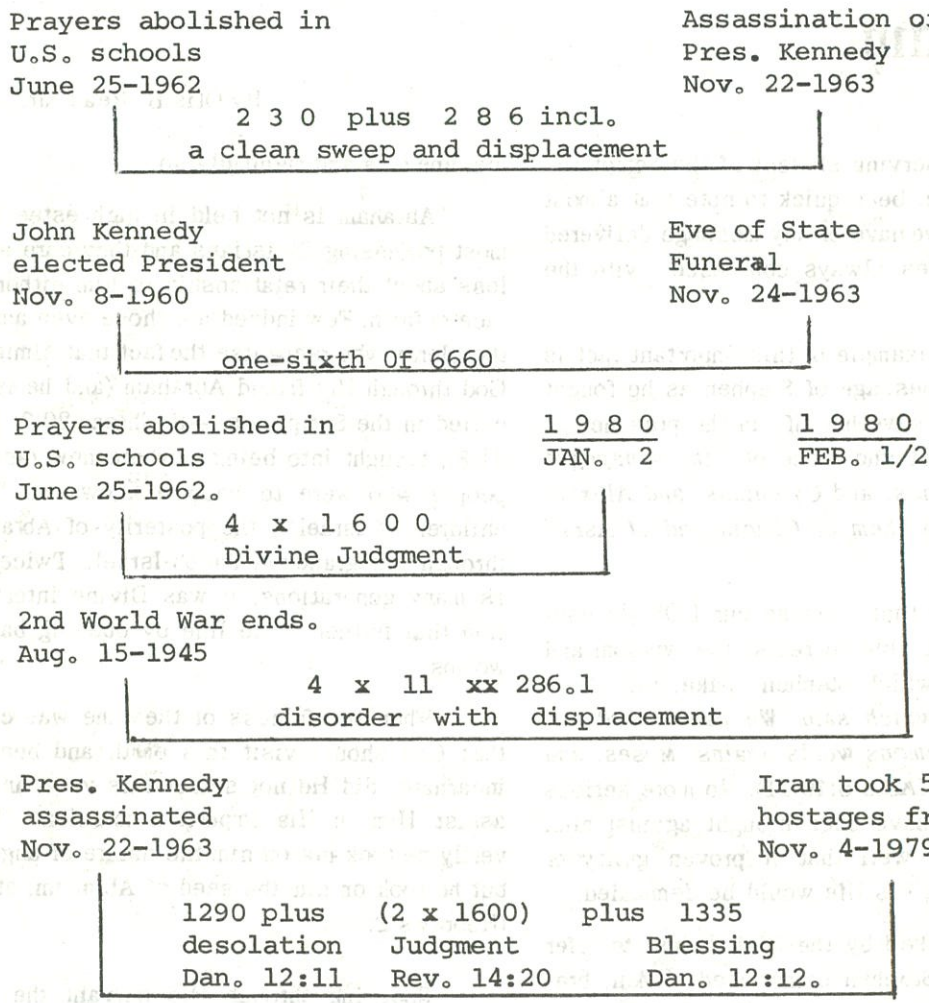
Whether the displacement cycle of 286 days will continue is NOT KNOWN, but the link of the 4th cycle in March 1982 with the SOLAR ECLIPSE visible over the British Isles is very significant. Many past major events in Britain have been linked with this Eclipse.

PRAYERS ABOLISHED IN U.S. SCHOOLS - WHO CARES?

During the Kennedy administration PRAYERS in U.S. schools were abolished, on JUNE 25-1962. SUCH A MINOR EVENT WHY CONCERN OURSELVES WITH IT. Is the Old Testament "old hat" when it sounds a Divine Warning? (Refer to Hosea 4:6).

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge, because they have rejected knowledge.
I will also reject thee ..... seeing thou hast forgatten the Law of the Lord,
I WILL FORGET THY CHILDREN."

The following charts are grim reading and leave no doubt that as a government sows, so shall it reap.



In Dan. 12:12 the number 1 3 3 5 is the symbol of blessing. Is this number related to the revival of a New National Spirit among Americans today? Never has a great world power suffered such humiliation with perplexity, and seemingly with no way out.

Major events are often linked with Great Pyramid dates, so it is fitting we should consider a link with the Pyramid's Subterranean Passage System which ends in the aptly named CHAMBER OF

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Abraham

By Otis B. Read, Jr., D.D.

The observing student of the Scriptures has, I am sure, been quick to note that almost every record we have of any message delivered by the apostles always commences with the man Abraham.

A good example of this important fact is found in the message of Stephen as he fought to defend and save his life in the presence of the High Priest and those of *"the synagogue of the Libertines, and Cyrenians, and Alexandrians, and of them of Cilicia and of Asia"* (Acts 6:9).

We read that because our LORD'S enemies were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which Stephen spake, they *"suborned men, which said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God"* (Acts 6:10-11). No more serious charge could have been brought against him. Stephen knew well that if proven guilty of such a charge, his life would be demanded.

When asked by the High Priest to offer his defence, Stephen commenced: "Men, brethren, and fathers, hearken; The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Charran, And said unto him, Get thee out of thy country, and from tny kindred, and come into the land which I shall shew thee, etc." (Acts 7:1-3).

Jesus paid tribute to Abraham, so did his enemies and rightfully so.

Abraham is not held in high esteem by most professing Christians and they care even less about their relationship to him either by race or faith. Few indeed are those even among the clergy who recognise the fact that Almighty God through His friend Abraham (and he is so called in the Scriptures – II Chron. 20:7; Isa. 41:8), brought into being a whole new race of people who were to become known as "the children of Israel", the posterity of Abraham through his grandson Jacob-Israel. Twice, in as many generations, it was Divine intervention that furthered the line by opening barren wombs.

When the fulness of the time was come that God should visit this earth and become incarnate, did He not select this very line to assist Him in His important mission? "For verily he took not on him the nature of angels; but he took on him the seed of Abraham, etc." (Hebrews 2:16).

Speaking through His servant the prophet, He has commanded: "Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek the LORD: look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and unto the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him, and increased him" (Isa. 51:1-2). This is clearly a call to look back and search out our

national origin, and yet there are those who say this does not matter.

God said to Abraham: "I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing. And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all the families of the earth be blessed . . . I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy seed also be numbered" (Gen. 12:2-3; 13:16). Yes, God has "increased him" and his posterity into "a multitude of nations" as promised (Gen. 48:15-19).

God said of Abraham's seed: "a father of many nations have I made thee. And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee" (Gen. 17:4-6). Destined to be the father of MANY NATIONS and the source of ROYALTY should cause us to reinvestigate the old 'Jewish fable'. History confirms God's faithfulness to His friend.

All of God's Promises to Abraham are embraced in His Covenant with his posterity through the Divinely chosen line: "for in Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Gen. 21:12).

The importance of God's Covenant with Abraham, which covenant He confirmed with Isaac and then with Jacob, should be obvious to the student of God's Word. The Psalmist wrote: "He hath remembered his covenant for ever, the word which he commanded to a thousand generations. Which covenant he made with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant" (Psalm 105:8-10).

If God's Word means what it says and says what it means, then God's Covenant with Abraham and his seed after him, through the chosen line of Isaac and Jacob-Israel, is still binding and that seed has a perfect right to expect Almighty God to live up to His Covenanted obligations!

Over God's Own signature, the Holy Spirit hath written: "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister. And we desire that every one of you do shew the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end: That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises. FOR WHEN GOD MADE PROMISE TO ABRAHAM, because he could sware by no greater, he sware by himself . . . Wherein God, willing more abundantly to shew unto the heirs of promise the immutability of his counsel, confirmed it by an oath: That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us; Which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the veil; Whither the forerunner is for us entered, even Jesus, made an high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec" (Heb. 6:10-20).

If Scripture means what It says, then there is nothing more binding, of greater importance, more sacred or holy, or dependable, than God's integrity in relationship to His Covenanted obligations to Abraham's posterity through the chosen line.

Read the above referred to Scriptures again. Meditate upon them and pray that the Holy Spirit enlighten your understanding regarding their intended meaning and importance to you, our nation and our beloved race.

St. Paul stood before Felix, Procurator of Judea in 52 A.D., fighting for his life against the Jews who sought to destroy him, and in his defence declared: "But this I confess unto thee, that after the way which they call heresy, so worship I the God of my fathers, believing all things which are written in the law and in the prophets" (Acts 24:14).

Later, before King Agrippa, the apostle declared: "I am accused of the Jews . . . And now I stand and am judged for the hope of the promise made of God unto our fathers: Unto which promise our twelve tribes, instantly serving God day and night, hope to come. For which hope's sake, king Agrippa, I am accused of the Jews" (Acts 26:1-7).

Later, while a prisoner in Rome, St. Paul said: "for the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain" (Acts 28:20).

Have you ever been puzzled as to why there is such great opposition to the honest teaching of that which His Word sets forth in orderly fashion regarding Abraham and the relationship of his posterity to Almighty God and their Divinely ordained destiny as His Servant Race?

Have you ever noted among professing Christians there are those who will seek to assassinate the character of any man who dares to teach and proclaim the Truth regarding the people God has entered into covenant relationship with nationally?

The 'God's Chosen People' myth which has long been propagated by the church will not stand up against Truth, nor will it survive under honest investigation, or will history confirm it. St. Paul wrote Titus advising him not to give "heed to Jewish fables, and commandments of men, that turn from the truth" (Titus 1:14).

Jude, in his epistle wrote: "Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints, etc." (Jude 3).

We are told in the Scriptures that "faith is the substance of things hoped for . . ." (Heb. 11:1). Are not all our hopes based upon the Covenanted Promises we find set forth in God's Word – *especially those He hath sworn to uphold?*

The Bible identifies these people to whom these Covenanted Promises were delivered as "the saints" and describes them in this manner: "He also exalteth the horn of his people, the praise of all his saints; even of

the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Praise ye the LORD" (Psalm 148:14).

God entered into a perpetual Covenanted Relationship with Abraham. God rejected Abraham's posterity through his son Ishmael, from whom come the Arab people, and opened Sarah's barren womb giving to him Isaac in whose seed his name and Covenant Promises would be carried on.

Isaac's wife, Rebekah, bore him no children until the LORD again opened a barren womb. Before her twin sons were born, God accepted Jacob and rejected Esau from whom the Edomite peoples descend. Jacob, through his four wives, fathered twelve sons and one daughter. The posterity of his twelve sons constitute the fountainhead of the people the Bible identifies as "the children of Israel". Jacob-Israel's grandsons by Joseph, the son of his favourite wife Rebekah, became the heirs of the Birthright and Blessings of the Covenant. The Bible states that in these last days their posterity would have become a great multitude in the midst of the earth. The Bible states: "Ephraim . . . shall become a fulness of nations . . . Manasseh . . . a people, and he also shall be great" (Gen. 48:3-20).

Bible prophecy and history clearly identify these people as the English speaking, Caucasian, and like peoples whose nations largely constitute the Christian society of this hemisphere. Embraced within the whole house of Israel (i.e., posterity of all Jacob's sons and Joseph's sons, Ephraim and Manasseh) we today, find the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Scandinavian and like people. We believe the house of Joseph to be represented by the brother people – Great Britain and America. As we proceed in our studies, we shall present evidence we believe proves this fact.

The call of the prophet: "look unto the rock whence ye are hewn, and unto the hole of the pit whence ye are digged. Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you: for I called him, and increased him", should arouse our curiosity as to where our kind of people actually had their beginning. Where did the people come from who came to America? Where did their fathers come from when they migrated into the Isles and Western Europe? Who were these people compelled by some strange impulse to continually move West?

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David, king of ALL Israel, slept with his fathers. He left to posterity POETRY, the FIDELITY and BEAUTY of which has spoken to the souls of men, and lived undimmed for three millenniums of time. To his heir and successor to the Throne, Solomon, his son by Bathsheba, he left materials with which to build the Temple, the whole of the twelve tribes of Israel united in one kingdom under him, and his house in eternal covenant with the Lord.

So Solomon reigned, and built the Temple, the glory of Jerusalem, the home of the Shekinah Glory. HE PROSPERED. The fame of his WISDOM spread afar; and such was his wealth that, at modern spending parities, his yearly income reached the rough equivalent of $40. million, PLUS sundry levies, a sum to give pause even to the MODERN imagination.

BUT HE MARRIED 'ALIEN' WIVES - WOMEN OF RACES WITH WHICH ISRAEL WAS FORBIDDEN TO ASSOCIATE; and in his later years he BOWED THE KNEE TO ALIEN GODS. Tragically,in one thing, we suggest, his native wit and basic wisdom must have deserted him. HE WAS DIRECTLY UNDER THE LORD'S COVENANT AND TUTELAGE, and once he had bowed the knee to ANOTHER GOD, THERE COULD BE EXPECTED ONLY 'JUDGMENT.'

SPLIT KINGDOM.

The JUDGMENT fell, but NOT on Solomon. The Lord's undertaking to him was meticulously kept. It fell on his house, in the person of his son, ON THE CHILD OF THE FIRST GENERATION. (Ex. 20:5).

David had united Israel; but nine tribes habitually looked for leadership to EPHRAIM, the tribe of the birthright. And quite evidently some part of the price of Solomon's glory had made taxation burdensome (2 Chron. 10:4). These tribes, known as the KINGDOM OF ISRAEL, as distinct from the KINGDOM OF JUDAH, approached Solomon's heir, REHOBOAM, seeking relief from this. Rehoboam's reply was not in consonance with his father's wisdom:

IT WAS CURT AND ARROGANT IN ITS REFUSAL.

JEROBOAM, leader of the northern tribes, severed their allegiance to the House of David, led them back to their NORTHERN territory, and formed them into a separate kingdom, known as 'ISRAEL', with its capital city, SAMARIA. (2 Chron. Chs. 10, 11 and 12). And when Rehoboam would have fought, the judgment of the Lord was pronounced by Shemaiah: THIS THING IS DONE OF ME. So Rehoboam, son of Solomon, reigned only over the Kingdom of Judah, his subjects being the Tribes of Judah and Benjamin and PART of the Tribe of LEVI.

To trace the two kingdoms to their ends is hardly necessary except to note that they came to different ends at different times, and by different agencies. Israel fell to Assyria circa 771-676 B.C., and its peoples were deported to Assyria. JUDAH FELL TO NEBUCHADNEZZAR, the BABYLONIAN, after three sieges of Jerusalem, the last being circa 585 B.C. THEY were deported to BABYLON.

And from that point, orthodox Christianity has somehow managed without them. It has continued to preach its Bible of Broken Pledges heedless of the fact that it is solely upon the COMPLETE FIDELITY OF THE FATHER'S WORD, and UPON THE CONTINUING FULFILMENT OF THE COVENANT PROMISES THAT THE AUTHENTICITY OF THE SON COULD BE ESTABLISHED. BUT the last word is NOT with ORTHODOXY.

ORDAINED PLACE.

Anybody reading 1 Chron. C.17 as an ordinary piece of history will find there the record of the bestowal on David of the unique kingly charter, the Lord's agent in the matter being NATHAN, the prophet. But he made this strikingly incongruous deviation from his theme:

"I will ordain a place for my people, Israel, and will plant them, and they shall dwell in their own place, and shall be moved no more, neither shall the children of WICKEDNESS afflict them any more, as at the beginning." (V.9. Cf. 2 Sam. 7:10).

The statement was made in Palestine, circa 1040 B.C., at a time when Israel was approaching the brightest of its Palestinian glory. Was not Palestine not ordained? Was it not the PROMISED LAND? WAS IT NOT THEIR OWN PLACE? Clearly, if words mean anything, according to Nathan IT WAS NOT. THEY HAD TO MOVE

AGAIN. THEY WERE TO BE REPLANTED IN ANOTHER PLACE, one in which they would be IMMUNE from attack or removal.

THAT ISRAEL WOULD BE ROOTED OUT OF PALESTINE WAS SO OLD IN PROPHECY that even the Books of the Law and the Prophets contain references to it (Lev. 26:33; Deut. 4:26, 28; 30:18; Jer. 16:13 etc); and the idea that they would all be brought back is too hasty an assumption. Jeremiah's understanding was quite different: he said that the return representation would be one of a city, two of a family (Jer. 3:14). That is partial, indeed, VERY PARTIAL, representation. Obviously, the main body of Israel was to remain away from Palestine.

ISLES OF THE WEST.

The true purpose of Isaiah's calling was to deceive with truth (Isaiah 6:1-13; 28:7-13). He seems to have had notable success in this, for even our own translators broke the continuity of those mighty chapters 40 and 41 completely without regard to the continuing sense of the words, and equally without regard to the fact that the whole is written to Israel in islands (see 41:1), and NOT in Palestine. Even in that better known prophecy, Isaiah 42:1-4, announcing the coming of the Messiah, it was again ISRAEL IN THE ISLES, and NOT 'ISRAEL IN PALESTINE', that must wait for HIS LAW.

Time and again, Isaiah turned his back on Palestine and addressed 'Israel in the Isles' (e.g. Isa. 24:15; 49:1; 51:5; 59:18; 60:9). The indication in C.41:5, 8 and 9 is that these islands were at the ends of the earth. Isaiah 49:1 shows them to be far away; and in verse 12 these same people are to be brought back from the north and from the west. Jeremiah describes it as the LAND OF THE NORTH (Jer. 3:18; 16:15; 23:8; 31:8.)

Accepting the geographical indication, the ends of the earth AT THAT TIME were at the 'end of the MEDITERRANEAN', at the PILLARS OF HERCULES known today as the STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR. The habit of compounding words had not then been formed; if the Isles were NORTH of PALESTINE and WEST of it, a later writer would simply have compounded the two words and said with greater clarity that 'they were north-west of Palestine.' THE BRITISH ISLES PROVIDE THE ONLY ANSWER.

According to Isaiah, then, the British Isles were the appointed place; and if cognisance is to be taken of popular history, time and again, he addressed his words to a lot of PAINTED SAVAGES clothed in skins and daubed with a vegetable dye called woad.

IN THE DAYS OF THESE KINGS.

Before we deal with the painted savages of Britain, another voice merits attention. It is the voice of the one who served the Lord when every street in Jerusalem had a PAGAN ALTAR; who, of the Davidic blood royal, was one of the early Israelitish captives in Babylon: DANIEL. In the queer underscoring of His words, the Lord caused this man's life to hang, not simply on interpreting a dream, BUT ON SUCCESSFULLY RECALLING IT TO THE DREAMER. Nebuchadnezzar dreamed of the METAL IMAGE. From it, Daniel gave us the BABYLONIAN SUCCESSION OF EMPIRES. But of the FIFTH EMPIRE, the STONE KINGDOM, he said:

"And in the days of these kings shall the God of Heaven set up a kingdom that shall NEVER be destroyed." (Dan. 2:44; 7:18).

And the days of those kings were the days of each successive king from Nebuchadnezzar to the last of the Caesars of the ROMAN EMPIRE. The everlasting continuity of this FIFTH EMPIRE was underwritten and guaranteed by the GOD OF HEAVEN: JHWH.

ZARAH'S SONS.

The Bible tells what it tells of the history of Israel, and, a common characteristic of histories, it remains SILENT about that which it CHOOSES to remain silent. Where it remains silent, OTHER HISTORIES take up the tale. By no means did EVERY Israelite remain in Egypt to make bricks without straw. Many decamped, so many, in fact, that we must proceed with their story in the briefest of outline.

JUDAH had TWIN SONS - PHAREZ, the elder, and ZARAH, of the RED CORD (Gen. 38:28-30), the younger by a peculiar circumstance of birth, and by a very short interval of time. ZARAH did NOT go into Palestine. HE LEFT EGYPT BEFORE THE EXODUS and went to GREECE. He had two sons, DARDA and CALCOL (1 Chron. 2:6).

DARDA, who gave his name to the DARDANELLES, was founder of the KINGDOM OF TROY circa 1520 B.C. (Cmdr. L.G.A. Roberts, "Painted Savages"). Calcol sailed up the Mediterranean to the IBERIAN PENINSULA, the PENINSULA OF THE IBERS or EBERS or HEBREWS - NOW SPAIN - and left his father's name there in the town now known as SARAGOSSA - 'ZARAH-GOSSA, CAMP OF ZARAH'. The tribe of Gad left its name in GADES, now known as CADIZ. (Haberman: "Tracing Our Ancestors".)

DAN.

Danites in numbers escaped from Egypt. Some settled in GREECE, the DANAOI OF GREECE. Others sailed westwards to the IBERIAN ISLAND - AGAIN the name, THE ISLAND OF THE EBERS - IRELAND. They became the TUATHA DE DANAAN of Ireland.

But probably the earliest immigrants to Britain, the KYMRY, had reached England long before this, in fact, at about the time of the call of ABRAHAM. They were possibly of Eber descent, for they brought with them DRUID WORSHIP, the worship of the ONE TRUE GOD. They must have been advanced geometricians, for they built the AVEBURY CIRCLE circa 1900 B.C., and STONEHENGE circa 1680 B.C. (Haberman, E. O. Gordon.)

SPAIN, IRELAND, LONDON.

From then until about the time of the Exodus, Picts were making their way from NORWAY to SCOTLAND; and rather later, emigrants from DAN, EPHRAIM and SIMEON were entering Ireland.

MILESIANS OF CALCOL - GRANDSON OF JUDAH - descent, were established in SPAIN circa 1200 B.C. onwards; but the TROJANS of DARDA-JUDAH descent, ousted from their kingdom in the Trojan War by the Danaoi of Greece, entered SOUTHERN ENGLAND at Totnes (Waddell) about 1100 B.C. under BRWT or BRUTUS, the Trojan, and established a settlement on the River Thames called NEW TROY. IT WAS LATER CALLED 'LONDON'. The Labyrinthine walls of ancient TROY are perpetuated in the numerous Troy Towns or Mazes cut in the turf in all parts of England (see "Prehistoric London", by E. O. Gordon).

Meantime, ships of Tarshish, manned by PHOENICIANS, carried more Israelites to Britain, seafaring sections of DAN, SIMEON, GAD and ASHER. They brought trade (R. W. Morgan "History of Britain" p.46), tin being a British export, and KING SOLOMON a

buyer.

About 800 B.C. the MILESIANS OF SPAIN - Calcol-Judah, invaded Ireland, conquered the Danaans, and settled there. Record says that MILESIUS of CALCOL-JUDAH there married MUIREAIM of the Tribe of DAN. (C.A.L. Totten, "The Knight of the Scarlet Thread)." Concurrently, after four separate sieges of Israel in Samaria (771, 741, 721, and 676 B.C.) Israel, the NORTHERN kingdom, was carried captive to ASSYRIA. But many Israelites of this Northern kingdom escaped beforehand, and arrived in increasing numbers by sea routes to sanctuary (Ps. 114:1-2) in the ISLES OF THE WEST. THESE NEVER WENT INTO CAPTIVITY.

TENDER TWIG OF THE TALL CEDAR.

And circa 606-580 B.C., after the fall of Jerusalem, the daughters of KING ZEDEKIAH arrived in Ireland under the care of JEREMIAH. Of these daughters, one was heir to the Throne of DAVID. Her name was TEA TEPHI. Exceptionally, and perhaps unknown to Nebuchadnezzar, who had put Zedekiah's sons to the sword, in the absence of a male heir succession in Israel could with FULL LEGALITY be in the FEMALE line (Numbers 27:6-8).

Tea Tephi, the Davidic heir, married EOCHAID, son of MILESIUS mentioned earlier, scion of the HOUSE OF JUDAH in the Calcol-Judah line. Precisely as Daniel stated, in the days of the kings of the Babylonian Succession, the Throne of David was most effectively transferred from Jerusalem. THE TENDER TWIG of the HIGH CEDAR had taken root in the mountains of the height of Israel (Ezekiel 17:22-23); BUT in the APPOINTED PLACE, and NOT in PALESTINE. Correctly, as the Law required, Tea Tephi had been married BACK into her own tribe (Num. 36:6-9).

The GOD OF HEAVEN HAD MOST PERFECTLY SET UP HIS KINGDOM, WITH THE THRONE PRESERVED IN THE SCEPTRED TRIBE - JUDAH, and in the correct DAVIDIC line, by the TENDER WOMANHOOD OF TEA TEPHI, the BEAUTIFUL WANDERER. And by His pledge and fiat, it will NEVER BE DESTROYED. The line of Tea Tephi and Eochaid went on; and by way of SCOTLAND, and accompanied by the STONE OF SCONE, reached the New Troy of Brutus, THEIR RELATIVE, then grown to capital status - LONDON. THE LINE STILL RULES.

And in a peace he had probably rarely known in a turbulent life, OLLAM FODHLA - JEREMIAH - WONDERFUL PROPHET, taught the

TORAH at TARA in Ireland, attended by his scribe BARUCH or BRUGH (Irish Chronicles) (Totten and W.M.H. Milner "ROYAL HOUSE OF BRITAIN").

PAINTED SAVAGES.

But the Brutus line, Trojans of Darda-Judah descent, developed in enlightenment and prowess. Circa 473 B.C. MOLMUTIUS, king of a glorious line of kings of the Ancient Britons, recorded the Law (Shakespeare, "Ancient British Chronicles", also Haberman, Cope, Fortescue.) His Triads are remarkable - it should be recalled that he would probably have the Patriarchal and not the Mosaic form of the Law of the Lord. He built roads, the king's highways and established the freedom of men to go in safety on them. AND SO MUCH ARE THE PAINTED SAVAGES OF ENGLAND a myth that the two sons of Molmutius, BELINUS and BRENNUS after whom the BRENNER PASS was named, with an army of 300,000 men overran Gaul, entered ITALY, CONQUERED ROME, and became SOME of the first citizens of the ROMAN EMPIRE (R.W. Morgan, "History of Britain." P.57).

These Celtic Britons from Italy, circa 300-100 B.C., spread eastwards through Macedonia, Greece, Thrace and Galatia, and were later to receive PAUL as he journeyed in those regions (Cmdr. L.G.A. Roberts, "British History Traced" pp; 57-58.)

Caswallon, Trojan of the Darda-Judah line, DEFEATED Caesar's invasion of Britain in 54-53 B.C. It was 97 years before Rome ventured again. The CLAUDIAN invasion of 43 A.D. continued until the end of that campaign in 86 A.D.; meanwhile, JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA had set up his little church at Glastonbury; and CARADOC, again of the Darda-Judah line, was carried prisoner to ROME, where he and the BRITISH ROYAL FAMILY were converted by Paul about 57 A.D. (Morgan "History of Britain, Roman Era" p.69-140.)

THE HERITAGE IS OURS.

Our contemporaries have applied the very unfortunate term, "OFFICIAL JUDAH" to the EDOMITE rabble masquerading under that name in Judea at the time of our Lord. But HERE was Judah - "OFFICIAL JUDAH", JUDAH UNDER ITS DAVIDIC HOUSE, IN THE ISLAND KINGDOM SET UP BY THE LORD, moving IN POWER UNDER HIS HAND, while the other branch, the branch of the Bible story, laboured

in the dispersion across Europe to the same ISLES OF THE WEST.

They began to arrive circa 250-550 A.D., ANGLES, SAXONS, JUTES or Judahites and DANES - A MIGRATING MASS OF THE WHOLE TWELVE TRIBES. And in 1066 A.D., at HASTINGS, HAROLD the SAXON met the last of them - THE NORMANS under WILLIAM THE CONQUEROR: BENJAMINITES - perhaps including that small band of stiff-necked GALILEANS, who, ACCORDING TO TRADITION, had heeded the Saviour's warning (Luke 21:20-34) TO GET OUT OF PALESTINE.

The Lord, by NATHAN, said: "I WILL ORDAIN A PLACE FOR MY PEOPLE . . ." HE DID. And such is the POWER of the story that we pray that no cheap and unworthy adjective of ours may have tarnished it. FOR THIS IS THE HERITAGE OF THE LORD.



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CHAOS. The late David Davidson gave two dates for the end of this particular passage - NOVEMBER 21-27, 1939. Both dates appear from time to time, but NOVEMBER 27 seems to be the more general one

Pyramid's Subterranean Passage Nov. 27-1939	S. A. L. T. Agreement June 18-1979	1980 JAN. 8.	1980. AUGUST 8-9.
22 x 666 lunar			
22 x 666 mean			
22 x 666 solar			

In the NOV/DEC. issue of the Kingdom Herald a chart was given showing the link between the Great Pyramid date of Sept.16-1936 on a 24 x 666 time cycle scale. It will be interesting to watch which of the two charts is applicable to the present crisis between Iran and the U.S.A.

With so many links of a major nature between important past events and the Iranian-U.S. crisis which began on November 4-1979, it would appear as if the Great Tribulation, foretold by prophets of old, has begun.

No doubt it will run its Divinely chosen length of time, as our people are too blind to change their ways and return unto the LORD their GOD.

When the Lord's judgments are in the earth-- and justly deserved we must admit - there is nought we can do, except to put our own house in order.

Cannot we do more to support our movement, financially, or through personal assistance in various avenues of work according to our talents ?

Remember, time is running out and much needs to be done. ALAS, LABOURERS IN THE VINEYARD ARE FEW !!!

D.F.PRICE Dec.21/1979.

COMMENT

F. DOWSETT

If we need any further proof of the days of apostacy in which we now live, perhaps the following extracts from the Sydney 'SUN-HERALD' of 2nd. March 1980will help to convince us. Under the title of "Our Parent which art in Heaven - that's equality", we read the following;

> "On the assumption that God just might be a woman, the British Council of Churches is urging young people to address their prayers to "God the Parent" instead of "God the Father. And they're being told to confess to the sin of sexism. In a book of prayers just published for the British Council of Churches, one prayer about sexual equality includes the oft-repeated congregational response: 'Parent god, glorify us - each of us made in your image. .... The British move to 'de-masculinise God' and make sexism a sin is enthusiastically supported by Jean Skuse, secretary of the Australian Council of Churches. ..... Miss Skuse said more clergymen had become conscious of the issues of equality and sexism but she felt there still wasn't enough support in Australian churches to follow the British Initiative. ..... Some individual churches are adopting a non-sexist approach to their preaching. The Uniting Church at Epping for example doesn't sing sexist hymns, and last week a woman said a prayer starting 'Mother-Father-God' ..... The Christian Feminist Movement in recent years has dropped the phrase 'Our Father' from its prayers as part of a campaign to de-masculinise 'God language'." Unquote.

It is just possible that God knew what He was talking about when in I Cor. 14:34 He said, *"Let your women keep silence in the churches."* And I wonder what the Roman Catholics are going to do now that they have found that the 'Queen of Heaven' has another woman in heaven to keep company.

The Bible is quite clear on the subject. We are told in I Peter 1:21 that, *"Holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost."* So then, the words used in the Bible are the

LITERAL words chosen by God Himself. If one likes to check the actual Hebrew and Greek words for 'Father' and 'Mother' from which our English words are derived, we find that they are quite unmistakenly different from each other, and quite clearly masculine and feminine respectively.

If God chose in His wisdom to refer to Himself as masculine then there is no reason, nor any excuse for us to do otherwise. If on the other hand, God didn't know the difference, and has had to wait until now for some modern human "experts" to enlighten Him, then heaven help us - if there is a heaven.

The crux of the whole matter is THE DIVINE INSPIRATION OF THE SCRIPTURES. If we wish to accept this kind of Satanically inspired rubbish, then we can not possible accept the Divine Inspiration of God's Word. If on the other hand we accept that the Word of God is exactly that - GOD'S WORD - then let us cast aside these modern fables and do just what our forefathers of old did.

LET US BELIEVE GOD.

IN MEMORIAM

IT IS WITH SADNESS that we report the passing of two of our members. Mr. E.J.COFF passed away at Christmas after a long and fruitful life in the Lord's service. We also mourn the passing of Mrs. Elisabeth Watts recently. Mrs. Watts was a very faithful helper and supporter of our work and she will be sorely missed. We pray that the Lord will comfort the family of these brethren.

We also pray the Lord's comfort and blessing upon Mr. and Mrs. Hepper on the recent loss of their son-in-law after a long illness, and upon Mr. and Mrs. Warren on the recent death of their son in an automobile accident.

"BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO MOURN, FOR THEY SHALL BE COMFORTED."

HAS THE GREAT TRIBULATION BEGUN?

by Dorothy Price.
written 27/2/80.

In February 1980 a speaker on the Australian National T.V. network said that the timing of Prime Minister Fraser's visit abroad was perfect. Yes, I thought, little do you know how perfect WAS the timing!

In the Scriptures, a time cycle of 1260 days is always linked with tribulation and affliction. (Read Dan.7:25; 12:7; Rev.12:14; 11:2;13:5;12:6.)

Believe it or not, 10 x 1260 days (or 5 x 2520days - 2520 is the length of the Great Seven Times of Lev. 26:18-28) from the explosion of the first atomis bomb in warfare on August 6-1945 to the end of the Second World War on August 15-1945, coincided with the sudden visit abroad of Prime Minister Fraser in Jan.Feb. last, as well as the decision of President Carter to move 1800 U.S. Marines into the Arabian Sea area in the Middle East (Feb.13-1980). Plans were also announced for Australia to step up its defence planning and expenditure.

During the Second World War, President Truman's decision to use the atomic bomb, and its transfer from the U.S.A. to a U.S. Airforce plane took place early in August 1945 - date unknown.

Truman's decision to use atom bomb on 6th. War ended on 15th. Aug. 1-6-15/1945

P.M. Fraser's flight to U.S.A., U.K., Bonn, & New Zealand Jan. 30/31- Feb.1-13/80.

1 0 x 1 2 6 0 days tribulation and affliction.

On his return journey, P.M. Fraser made a stopover in New Zealand for a conference with P.M. Muldoon. New Zealand is therefore brought into the above cycle of 10 x 1260 days. P.M. Muldoon has his own personal cycle:-

MR. Muldoon
Prime Minister
Nov. 29-1975.

1 9 8 0.
February
6 - 12.

1530 (10 x 153) John 21. the elect

(2 x 138) plus 1260 = 1536

1 3 8 :- Nehemiah 7:45 The number of the PORTERS of the Tribe of Levi appointed to guard the Temple to prevent anything unclean entering therein. As a time cycle, 138 appears in the career of P.M. Fraser from time to time.

Please note that all reference to political leaders is made without personal bias.

At the present time, I am not sure whether the 10 x 1260 days are linked with the 12th. Chapter of Daniel or only with Rev. 11 & 12. But I think that the situation may become clear towards the end of 1980.

It has not been my custom to mention future dates, except APRIL 1982, in these articles. However, as three time measures are given in Daniel chapter 12, - 1260 as 'a time, times and a half'; 1290 and 1335, out of curiosity a year ago, I worked out a pattern of these numbers on three scales, LUNAR, MEAN and SOLAR. Since then I have noticed more interesting links.

So two lists are given for you to W A T C H; the long-term and short term of more recent current events.

THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN MOSCOW.
TO BE OR NOT TO BE ? ? ?

Mr.L.Brezhnev
Pres. U.S.S.R.
JUNE 3-1977.

Games to be opened
in Moscow July 19
JULY 19 - 21/1980.

1 9 8 2.
A P R I L
2 5.

4 x 2 8 6.
Displacement

½ x 1290
645 days

1 2 9 0 is the symbol of "AN (not THE) ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE". Daniel 12 : 11.

Israeli-Arab 6-day War ends (11th)
Jerusalem taken over by Israelis (28th)
JUNE 11 - 28 / 1967.

1 9 8 0
August
1 - 18

3 x 1600 Rev. 14:20 Judgment.

J. Carter Pres. U.S.A.
JAN 20-1977.

JULY 14. 1 9 8 0.
AUG. 2 - 21.

1 2 9 0 Lunar.
1 2 9 0 Mean.
1 2 9 0 Solar.

1st. Atom Bomb in W.W.2
and War ends.
AUG. 6-15/1945.

1 9 8 0.
AUG. 22 - 31.

8 x 1600 (Rev. 14:20)
Note that 1600 is linked with all atomic blasts.

Great Pyramid Subterranean Passage
NOV. 27 - 1939.

1 9 8 0.
AUG. 8 - 9.

22 x 6 6 6 solar.

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The movement of Russian troops etc. into Afghanistan, together with the transfer of 1800 U.S. Marines into regions surrounding the Arabian Sea has focussed our interest on the whole of the Middle East. Here are two important time measures linked with Jerusalem as well as some major events in world affairs, all linked with October, November and December 1980.

SOVIET RUSSIA.

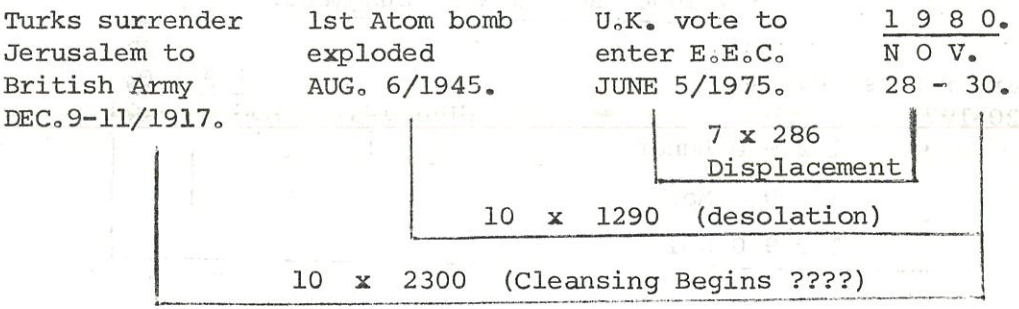
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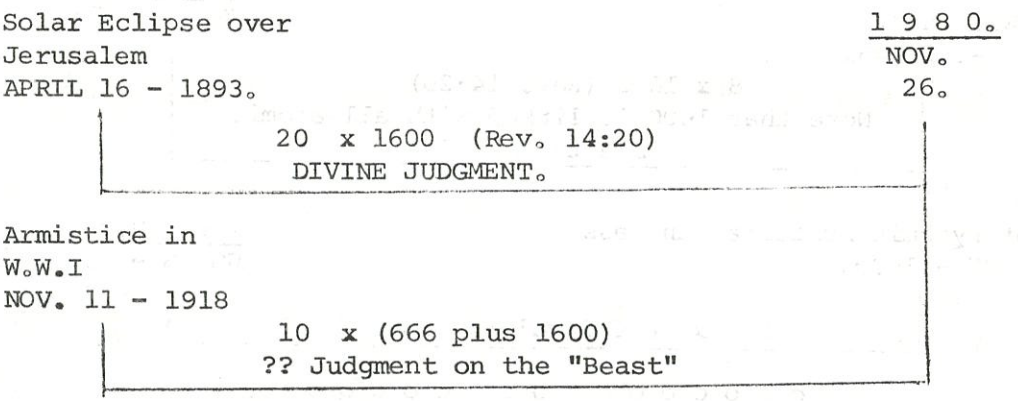
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10 x 2300 days (Dan. 8:14)

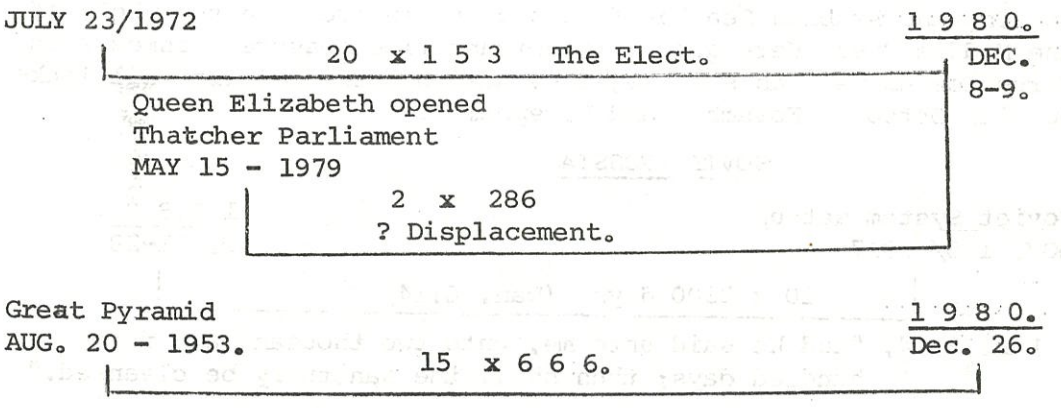
Dan. 8:14, "And he said unto me, unto two thousand and three hundred days; then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

JERUSALEM.





THE GREAT PYRAMID AND THE ELECT PEOPLE.



THE DAYS OF RECKONING
OF LONG TERM CYCLES OF DANIEL CHAPTER 12 ON THREE SCALES.

Calculated from the NINE closing days of World War 2. That is, from 1st atom bomb on Japan, Aug. 6 - 1945 to end of W.W.2 on Aug. 15-1945.

FROM AUG. 1945.		TOTAL DAYS.		
6 - 15.	10 x 1260 lunar =	12,417	1979. Aug. 5-14	C'wealth Lusaka Conference.
"	10 x 1260 mean =	12,600	1980	Feb. 4-13.
"	10 x 1260 solar =	12,783	"	Aug. 5-14.
"	10 x 1290 lunar =	12,712	"	May 26-June 4.
"	10 x 1290 mean =	12,900	"	Nov. 30-Dec. 9.
"	10 x 1290 solar =	13,088	1981	June 6 - 15.
"	10 x 1335 lunar =	13,156	"	Aug. 13 - 22.
"	10 x 1335 mean =	13,350	1982	Feb.24 - Mar. 4.
"	10 x 1335 solar =	13,544	"	Sept. 5 - 14.

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We MUST NOT DRAW CONCLUSIONS THAT THE 1260 CYCLE RUNS FOR 10 x 1260 days, and that then the end comes!!!!

In the past there have been time measures of 15 x 1260 days. Here is a chart of great significance wgich points to the fact that the Daniel number of 1260 may run for 15 cycles.

W.W.2 ends August 6-15 1945.

1997. MAY 5-14.

2001. Equinox Sept. 21 - 30.

15 x 1260 = 18,900 days

1600 days Divine Judgment.

D.F.P. 27/2/1980.

British-Israel Bible Lesson

Chapter 16

THE LATTER DAYS

We will now consider when the Promises concerning Israel's Restoration were to be fulfilled. They quite evidently were not for immediate fulfilment, and the Patriarchs of our race understood this. Abraham, Isaac and Jacob knew that the Promises made to them were to be fulfilled in what are termed "THE LATTER DAYS", and "THE LAST DAYS". For proof of this refer to Jacob's dying message to his twelve sons; Gen. 49:1. On his death-bed Jacob said, "Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in THE LAST DAYS."

It is therefore necessary to determine when the LAST DAYS or the LATTER DAYS are, in order to ascertain when the Promises would be fulfilled.

Moses refers to the LATTER DAYS in Deut. 4:30 when he said to Israel, "When thou art in tribulation in the LATTER DAYS."

Read also Deut. 31:29; Jer. 23:20; Jer. 30:24; and Hosea 3:5. In this last reference we are told that it is the Declared Purpose of Almighty God that the Children of Israel shall return and seek the Lord in the LATTER DAYS.

The 10th chapter of Daniel, verse 1 reveals "but the time appointed was long". Then verse 5 informs us that a "certain man clothed in linen" said to Daniel, verse 14, "Now I am come to make thee understand what shall befall thy people in the LATTER DAYS; for yet the vision is for MANY DAYS."

So we find from Genesis to Daniel – from the beginning of the Israel Nation to a time long after their deportation from Palestine, that the Prophets speak of the things which shall befall that Nation in the LATTER DAYS. Quite obviously therefore, the term "LATTER DAYS" could not apply to any time while the Nation resided in the Promised Land before the Birth of Jesus.

CROSS OF CHRIST DIVIDES FORMER DAYS FROM LATTER DAYS

Time, in Scripture, appears to be divided into two main portions; "FORMER TIME" and "LATTER TIME"; or "FORMER DAYS" and "LATTER DAYS". The ages up to the time of the First Advent of our Lord were "FORMER DAYS"; and those after are the "LATTER DAYS".

A few minutes study with your Reference Bible will convince you that the "LATTER DAYS" began at our Lord's First Coming; that they end with His Second Advent; that they precede the Millenium, and that they are the Days of the Gospel Dispensation. The following references will be sufficient to prove this, and that we are now living in THE LAST of the LATTER DAYS. 1 Tim. 4:1-3; 2 Tim. 3:1-8; Heb.1:1, 2; 1 Peter 1:4, 5; 2 Peter 3:1-9; 1 John 2:18, 19; Jude 18.

The Cross of Christ was the dividing line between the FORMER DAYS and the LATTER DAYS. We are approximately as far removed from the Birth and Cross of Jesus, on this side, as was Abraham on the other side. From the Call of Abraham to Jesus was almost 20 centuries; and from Jesus to the present time is almost 20 centuries. The Cross appears to be the very

centre of these long ages even as it is the central point of world history. Our Lord was born in 4 B.C. 1921 years before that Great Event, God Called Abraham out of the City of Ur of the Chaldees. (Gen. 12:1). 1921 years after His Birth (1917 A.D.) General Allenby delivered Jerusalem from Gentile Treading Down. (Luke 21:24)

Another point to bear in mind is that the Nation of Israel was to be punished for "Seven Times" or 2520 years, for her sins; after which she was to be restored. (Refer to Chapter 10) So it would be toward the end of their period of punishment before we would begin to see evidence of their National Re-Birth.

The Punishment Era began with the expulsion of the 2½ tribes from Palestine between 745 and 740 B.C. ; and the last of them were not deported until between 585 and 580 B.C., which covers a period of 165 years. (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chron. 5:26; 2 Kings 17; 2 Kings 18:9; 2 Esdras 13:40-46; 2 Kings 24:1; 2 Chron. 36:6, 7; 2 Kings 24:11-16; 2 Chron. 36:10; 2 Kings 25:1-11; 2 Chron. 36:17-20.)

Therefore, at the end of the age we can look for a period of like length (165 years) during which time historical events should reveal the National Restoration. The Punishment Period had a definite time for its beginning, and it will also have a definite time for ending, i.e. when the "Times of the Gentiles" are completely fulfilled, and at which time, or immediately following, Bible Prophecy points us to the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty. (see Revelation 16)

The Period of time covered, therefore, at the end "of the age" of punishment would be that 165 years between 1776 and 1941 A.D. during which years history shows over a hundred of the Promises made to Israel being fulfilled in the Anglo-Celto-Saxon peoples of the world.

THE LAST OF THE LATTER DAYS

One of the Last Events scheduled to take place at the end of the Latter Days is recorded in Ezekiel 38:16, "And thou shalt come up against my people Israel as a cloud to cover the land; it shall be in the LATTER DAYS, and I will bring thee against my land, that the heathen may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes."

This event is apparently part of the Battle of the Great Day of God Almighty as found in Zechariah 14; the Book of Joel; Ezekiel 38 & 39; and Revelation 16; and this war is terminated by the Second Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will destroy the enemy, Deliver His people, and take the Kingdom. He then takes over the Throne of His father David and begins His Glorious Millenial Reign.

As this Battle is one of the very last events to take place in the LATTER DAYS we may take it that "THE LATTER DAYS" strictly denote the period of time between the First and Second Advent of our Lord and Saviour, during which time all the many wonderful promises made to Israel are to be fulfilled.

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Israel to have a change of name (Isa. 65:15).

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Israel to be called after Isaac (Gen. 21:12).

Israel to be blind to their identity (Rom. 11:25; Isa. 42:16-19).
Israel to be a multitudinous people (Gen. 13:16; 15:5).
Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth the truth (Isa. 60:21; 26:2).
Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (Gen. 35:11).
Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place—the Isles of the Sea (2 Sam. 7:10; Isa. 24:15; 49:1; Jer. 31:10).
Israel to be a Nation for ever (Jer. 31:35, 36).

Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (Jer. 33:17).
Israel to come under a new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
Israel to be called the sons of God (Hos. 1:10; Rom 8:14).
Israel was taken captive into Assyria by Shalmaneser, circa 721 B.C. (2 Kings 18:11, etc.).
Israel were to be immune from defeat in war (Isa. 54:17; Lev. 26:6-8).

THE JEWS

The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (Isa. 3:9).
The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
The Jews' name to be a curse to them (Isa. 65:15).
The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.

The Jews to be bereft of children (Jer. 15:7).

The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews to be scattered in all the 'kingdoms of the earth for their hurt' (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews have been strangers in all lands (Jer. 15:4).

The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 19:11).
The Jews have remained under the old law.
The Jews do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
Judah taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, circa 603 B.C. (2 Kings chs. 24 and 25).

The Jews are descended from the remnant of Judah which returned from captivity in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.
The Jews have suffered endless persecution.

Israel had been removed from Palestine 700 years before the Crucifixion. When it occurred they were still absent, being at that time beyond the Euphrates, in their migration through Europe.

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We Believe in God - the God of the Bible. (Exodus 3:4-14.)

We Believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. (John 1:14.)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit and His Mission. (John 14:26, Acts 2.)

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We Believe in His ascension into Heaven. (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11.)

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We Believe John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

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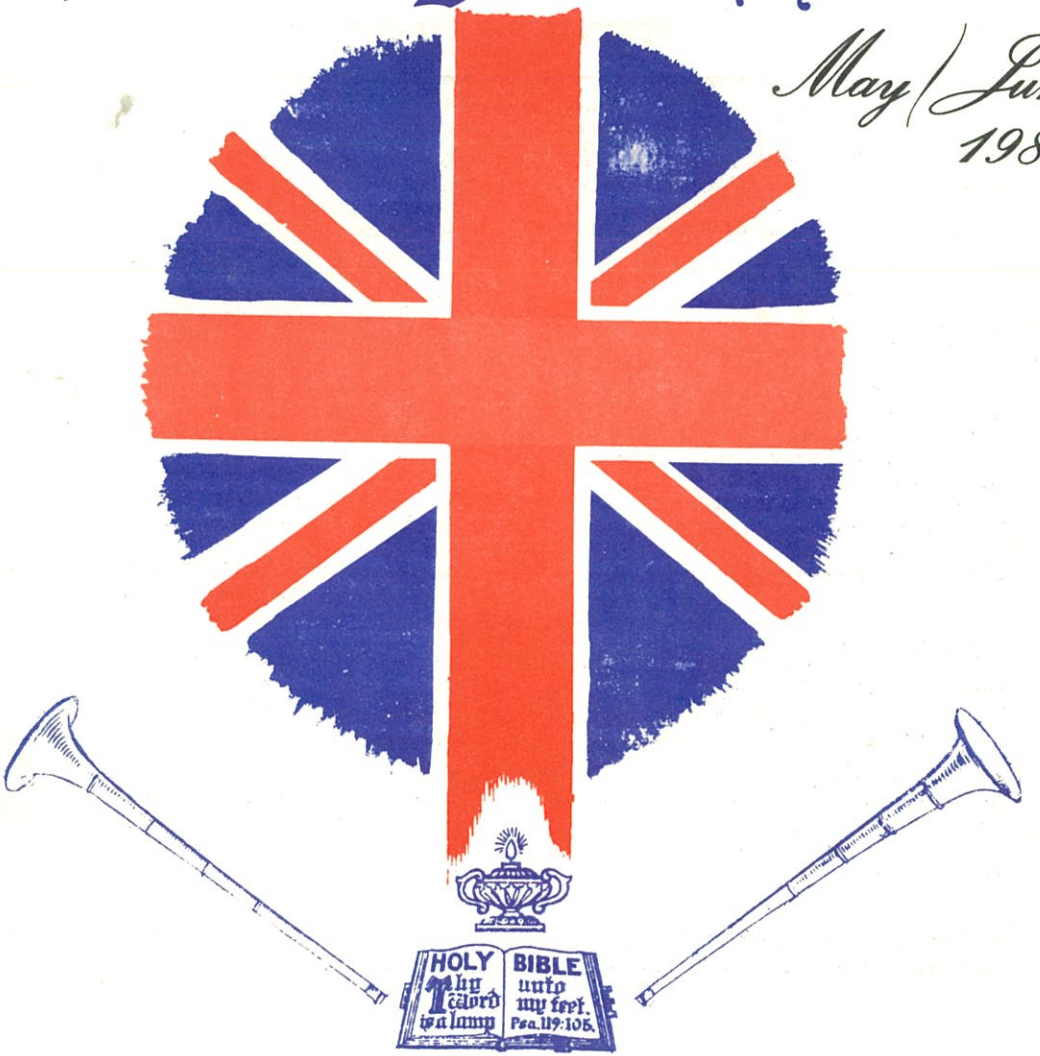
We Believe that this people Israel, consisting of twelve tribes (Exod. 28:21; Rev. 21:12), the descendents of the twelve sons of Jacob, were chosen of God to be His 'peculiar people' and 'servant nation' through whom all the other nations of the earth are to be blessed. (Exod. 19:5; Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 41:8, 42:6; Gen. 22:16-18).

We Believe that the differentiation between 'Israel' and 'Judah' is clearly marked in the Scriptures. (See I Kings 12; Jer. 3:6-11; Ps. 114:1-2; Ezek. 37; Zech 11:7-14; II Chron. 10). They are not interchangeable terms. To understand this is to possess the key to Israel Truth. (Ps. 114:2; I Chron. 5:1-2).

We Believe the time has come when the 'lost' Israel "nation and company of nations" (Gen 35:11) has been found and positively identified. Only one race today answers in every detail to the Bible picture of Israel "in the latter days," and that is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic — the British Commonwealth of white nations and the United States of America They possess what Israel was to possess and are doing what Israel was to do. The identities of this race with Israel are so many and so pronounced that one who re-reads and studies his Bible in the light of this great truth will make discoveries that will cause him to give this subject most serious thought, especially in view of what is happening in literal ful-fillment of Bible prophecy in the world today. The nations are in turmoil. The power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon-Israel) is being broken (Dan. 12:7). The old Babylonian social order is being overthrown, and the world is being prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His reign upon the Throne of His father David, and the glorious restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Zech. 14:9; Luke 1:32-33).

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OF OUR
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Marks of Israel

During the Christian dispensation lost Israel were to possess certain marks of identification

A great and mighty nation.	Gen. 12:2; 18:18; Deut. 4:7,8.
Named 'Great'.	Gen. 12:2.
The chief of the nations.	Gen. 27:29; Deut. 7:6; 15:6.
A maritime nation, having command of the seas.	Gen. 49:25; Num. 24:7; Deut. 33:13, 19; Psa. 89:25.
A company or commonwealth of nations.	Gen. 35:11; 48:19 Eph. 2:12.
A missionary nation.	Gen. 22:18; Isa. 43:21; 49:6; 66:19.
The custodian of God's Word.	Psa. 147:19, 20; Isa. 59:21.
A just nation.	Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; Zeph. 3:13.
God's instrument in destroying evil.	Jer. 51:20; Dan. 2:34,35.
An undefeated nation.	Isa. 54:17; Micah 5:8,9.
Blind to their identity.	Isa. 29:10-12; 42:16, 19, 20; Rom. 11:7, 8, 25.
Have an island home north and west of Palestine.	Isa. 49:1-3, 12; Jer. 3:18; 31:8.
Occupy islands and coastlands.	Isa. 24:15; 41:1, 5; 49:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 31:8, 10.
Possess the gate of his enemies.	Gen. 22:17, 24:60.
Have multitudinous seed.	Gen. 13:16; 15:5; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:3, 14; 32:12.
Colonize and spread abroad.	Gen. 28:14; 49:22; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Psa. 2:8; Isa. 26:15; 27:6; 54:2; Zech. 10:8, 9.
Lose first colony and then expand, demanding more living space.	Isa. 49:20.
Irrigate the deserts and build the waste places.	Isa. 35:1; 43:19, 20; 58:11, 12.
Possess the wealth of the earth.	Gen. 27:28; 49:25, 26; Deut. 33:13-16.
Possess the heritage of the heathen.	2 Sam. 22:44; Psa. 2:8; 111:6.
Receive strangers and refugees.	Lev. 19:33, 34; Isa. 11:10; 14:1; 55:5; 56:6-8;Zech. 8:22.
Set free slaves and prisoners.	Psa. 72:4; Isa. 42:7; 49:9; 58:6.
Have a descendant of King David reigning over them.	2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; 2 Chron. 13:5; Psa. 89:35-37; Jer. 33:17.
Lose all trace of their lineage.	Hos. 1:9 10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:25.
The power of the Holy People is to be broken.	Dan. 12:7; Deut. 32:29-36.

The British Commonwealth of Nations possesses every one of these marks — therefore they are lost Israel. The United States of America possesses some of them.

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Christian Friends,

I was just listening to a news broadcast, and the statement was made that Russia and her allies of the Warsaw Pact were going to call a meeting of all the major nations to discuss peace and security so as to remove the risk of war.

Quite apart from the irony of such a suggestion coming from Russia, the very words used were quite startling. How the enemy plays into the Hand of God without even realising the fact. If we didn't know better, we could surely be excused for thinking that Russian leaders had been reading the Bible. When writing to the Thessalonians about conditions at the very end of this age, Paul used exactly the same phrase - "When they shall say peace and safety, (Or security)" -I Thess. 5:3.

But to fully appreciate the full import of the statement, we must examine the context and circumstances in which they were both spoken. Only the foolish, the naive, and the blind could possibly interpret Russia's use of the phrase as being sincere. The only context in which she uses this phrase is that we are promised their type of peace and security if we surrender and fully accept her doctrines of socialist-communism. And even this promise is a lie, because these doctrines bring only death and misery as has already been amply demonstrated. God's Word is quite sure and adamant when it states,

> *"There is no peace, saith the Lord, to the wicked."* *(Isa. 48:22).*

Unrighteous man can never attain peace, because peace is the automatic result of righteousness. We cannot have peace without first attaining to righteousness. *(Read Isa. 48:18).*

Godless man can never attain to safety or security, because security is the automatic result of accepting, loving, and obeying God. *(Read Psalm 23.)*

On the other hand, look at the context of Paul's useage of the phrase. It is to be especially noted that he makes this statement in the context of the First Resurrection and the Return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He describes in chapter 4 and verses 16 and 17, the resurrection of the dead in Christ, and the translation of those who are alive in Christ at that great moment when the Trump of God sounds. (One trumpet, by the way, was ordained to summon the LEADERS to approach God - Read Numbers 10:4.). He then goes on to say that these people, who in Dan. 12:10 are called "the wise", will understand the "times and seasons" of this great event. By their understanding of the prophetic Word, they will not be in darkness. In II Peter 1:19 we read,

"We have also a more sure word of prophecy, whereunto we do well that we take heed, as UNTO A LIGHT THAT SHINETH IN A DARK PLACE."

Thus, we can have a very accurate knowledge of the timing of this great event which will be the climax and culmination of our faith.

We must take special note of the words used by Paul. He refers to TWO distinct groups. One group is referred to as "YOU", whilst the other is referred to as "THEY". It is clear that it is this latter group which says "Peace and safety". It is equally clear that it is upon this same group that will come sudden destruction at the very time that they make their claim.

" AND THEY SHALL NOT ESCAPE."

But those who are referred to as "YOU" are in a very different situation. We are assured of the light and understanding of God. "THEY" have been appointed to wrath and judgement. "WE" on the other hand have been appointed to salvation, or SAFETY through our Lord Jesus Christ,

"Who died for us in order that we might live together with Him, whether we are alive or sleep when He comes.

FOR THIS REASON, ENCOURAGE AND HELP ONE ANOTHER."

THE NEW WORLD ORDER

BY W.G. FINLAY D.D.

"The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ, and he shall reign for ever and ever" (Rev. 11:15).

As each facet of Anglo-Saxon civilisation crumbles and disintegrates under the impact of the modern political philosophy of violence, one is brought face to face with the reality of prophetic implications as these apply specifically to the 'end of the age'. If the above scripture is studied in its context and taken in conjunction with other scriptures relating to the same period in time, it will be seen that Divine Action in human affairs is promised when violence, on a universal scale, erupts as a consequence of nationalisms throughout the world. Verse eighteen of the above quoted scripture reads: "And the nations were angry and thy wrath is come . . . " — the word 'angry' being translated from the Greek *orge* which literally means 'violent'. As each daily newscast confirms, this situation is rapidly developing into the accepted norm of national behaviours which, while undoubtedly advancing the political aspirations of the so-called 'Third World', is reducing universal political stability and sanity to an absurd level.

The Old World Order is certainly passing and the transitory Order of Change with its attendant revolutionary violence is leaving an indelible mark on society which brands the present time as a parallelism with the permissiveness of the 'days of Noe' (Matt. 24:37). At no time in recorded human history — with the exception of the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ — has prophecy been so pertinent to world events and yet at no other time have men been so oblivious to the signs of the times.

Ringing down the corridor of years, the words of warning provided by the Lord Jesus Christ concerning the 'end of the age' have a very real meaning today. However, these words are largely ignored — not because of an antagonism toward Him — but because He spoke of a New World Order arising out of the present chaos which does not accord with what men have been taught to believe. The Lord said: " . . . when ye see these things come to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh at hand" (Luke 21:31). This statement cuts right across the widely held theory that the Kingdom of God is a purely spiritual experience totally divorced from national or worldly matters and is therefore rejected under various pretensions. Happily, the words of the Lord are above the censorship of man no matter how prodigious or sanctimonious this may be. In His Olivet Discourse, the Lord painted a very familiar word picture of the world situation as this would obtain immediately prior to His Coming again — a situation which He said, would be climaxed by the advent of the Kingdom of God. *The Kingdom of God is thus a future event* — a fact which must evoke many queries in the minds of those who are content to believe that the *Christian Life,* as defined by man, is the full extent of God's Kingdom.

"The Kingdom Of God Is Within You"

Very popular among those who spiritualise the Kingdom of God is Luke's account of the words of the Lord in response to the question put to Him by the Pharisees concerning the time of the coming of the Kingdom. His reply was: "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: Neither shall

they say, Lo, here! or, Lo there! for, behold, the kingdom of God is within you" (Luke 17:20-21). Unless the full history of the subject of the Kingdom of God is considered, this text, taken in conjunction with other statements by the Lord in the same context, will create the impression that He was at variance with Himself about it. If, for instance, the 'kingdom of God is within you', how could it be taken from the Pharisees and presumably individuals at that, and 'given to a *nation* bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43)? or how could it 'be nigh' and the 'end of the age' following the rise of nationalisms as indicated by the Lord in His Discourse on the Mount of Olives? A fuller examination of the statement is therefore imperative.

If one examines the Pharisees who put the question to the Lord particularly in the light of His attitude toward them, it becomes immediately evident that a translator's error has crept in. Throughout His Ministry, the Lord castigated these men for the violence which they had done to the verities of God – "ye have made the commandment of God of none effect by your tradition" (Matt. 15:6) – and of their hypocritical attitude toward the kingdom of heaven: "Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in" (Matt. 23:13). These are the people who posed the question concerning the coming Kingdom who would, in the light of the above, surely be the last people on earth to have the Kingdom 'within' *them*.

As one examines the Greek text, one is confronted by the word 'entos' which, governed by the plural or collective noun 'you', provides as its correct translation, the word *among*. The scripture then reads: "The kingdom of God is *among* you" – a truth which emerges as one considers the Old Testament narrative (of which more later) into the scene. It will be recalled that the sphere of God's rule in the Old Testament was Israel and that the whole of Jacob's family came under two headings – Israel being His dominion and Judah His sanctuary (Psalm 114:2). In the political upheavals which followed Solomon's folly (1st Kings 11:1-8), it will be noted that the tribe of Benjamin was promised to Judah (1st Kings 11:13 and 12:21) thus maintaining a cohesion between the Dominion and Sanctuary sections of the Kingdom. The Dominion section, Israel, went into captivity under the 'bill of divorce' (Jer. 3:8) and therefore was unable to return to the land until redemption had been effected while Judah, the Sanctuary, which now included Benjamin, passed into the Babylonian captivity but not under the same 'bill' which had mitigated against a return by the Dominion tribes. Judah and Benjamin could therefore return to the land and certainly did so after seventy years in Babylon (Ezra 2:1) under the decree of Cyrus the Persian king (Ezra 1:3).

This return however, was under the Mandate provided by the Lord (Dan. 9:24) and as this began to run out, it is patently obvious that changes had taken place within the polity of the returned remnant. Herod, the Idumean, was in control under Rome, while the Pharisees, controlling the religious sphere, initiated the substitution of the Law of the Lord by the 'commandments of men' (Matt. 15:9) – an action which was described by the Lord when He said: "... the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12). However, while Edom dominated the Judaean scene, representatives, no matter how small, of the Dominion and Sanctuary tribes were present thus vindicating the statement by the Lord: "The kingdom of God is *among* you". Judah and Benjamin, in representative form, were there; the Law, although perverted by Pharisaic tradition was in the Temple and the Lord Jesus Christ, great David's Greater Son, Heir to David's

throne (Luke 1:32) was there too – truly the Kingdom of God was in the midst of the Pharisees although *not of them*. It would thus be totally inconsistent with all the facts to hold that the Kingdom of God was *within* the Christ-rejecting, law-defiling Pharisees.

Jesus And The Kingdom Of God

Notwithstanding the historical background which has been provided above, many relegate the Kingdom of God to the realm of allegory and myth preferring to remain solely within the New Testament accepting only those things which are *taught concerning this*, together with whatever priorities happen to appeal. This, tragically, is an extension of the Pharisaic practice which gives credence to the term 'Judaeo-Christianity' in which man's interpretations take precedence over what God has said.

If one examines the emphasised priorities as these govern Christian faith in general today and contrast these with those provided by the Lord Jesus Christ in His Ministry, it will be seen that somewhere along the line, someone has switched the priorities. If the four Gospels are considered, it will be noted that the Lord gave *first and fundamental* emphasis to the subject of the Kingdom of God. By way of statistical observations – any Concordance will provide this – the word 'Kingdom' will be found to appear fifty-five times in Matthew's Gospel – 'salvation' does not appear at all, and the word 'church', as a corruption of the Greek *ecclesia*, three times on two occasions. There can thus be no doubt which subject occupied the position of top priority in the teaching of the Lord Himself. By way of interest, in Mark's Gospel, the word 'Kingdom' appears on twenty occasions, in Luke's account, forty-four times and that of John, fifteen times. The Greek word *ecclesia* – the 'called out' – does not appear in the last three Gospels nor does the word *kuriak*, the Greek etymological basis for the English word 'church'.

Terms Used By The Gospel Writers

Before proceeding with an examination of the actual subject of the New World Order or the Kingdom of God, it would serve a very useful purpose to consider the terms used by the Gospel writers for *apparent* contradictions have led many students astray. It should be noted that in the main – there are of course many exceptions – the four Gospel writers, although writing at different times, recorded the *same events*. Matthew, for instance, wrote his Gospel in A.D. 37, Mark some twenty years later in A.D. 57, Luke in A.D. 63, while John compiled his account between the years A.D. 85 and 90. Now although there is general unanimity in the accounts of Mark, Luke and John, Matthew, in recording the *identical situation* and the *same words spoken by the Lord*, uses different terminology – not to create confusion but, as will be seen presently, to cater for a specific situation. One example of this variation in terminology is to be found in the Lord's answer to the query put to Him by His disciples concerning His use of parables as the medium of instruction. In Matthew's account of the Lord's answer, it will be noted that he wrote: "Because it is given to you to know the mysteries of the *kingdom of heaven*, but to them it is not given" (Matt. 13:11) while Luke, recording the identical situation, wrote: "Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God . . . " (Luke 8:10).

Here two phrases are used – the kingdom of *heaven* and the kingdom of *God* – although it is patently obvious that the Lord only used one term when providing His explanation for His use of parables. Ignoring this fact, men have intimated that *two different* spheres are implied in the two terms – the kingdom of God indicating God's heavenly and spiritual Kingdom, while the kingdom of heaven is intended to convey the future reign of the

Lord Jesus Christ on the earth. While this may be a convenient *explanation* for the two terms, it by no means accords with the facts and is certainly a poor pretext on which to build a doctrine.

As any investigation will confirm, Matthew alone uses the term 'the kingdom of heaven'. Of the fifty-five times where he uses the word 'kingdom', only four are written as the kingdom of *God*, whereas in all other references it appears as the kingdom of *heaven*. There must have been some logical reason why Matthew saw fit to use terminology different from the other writers and as one considers the historical facts, it becomes obvious that his Gospel was directed to a certain section of the Israel people. Bearing in mind that notwithstanding what men teach, the Lord Jesus Christ said: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24) and that he sent His disciples to the same 'lost sheep' (Matt. 10:6) – His Commission to 'feed my sheep' (John 21:17) became the pre-occupation of the Apostles. Peter, it will be recalled, during his great discourse on the day of Pentecost, carried the Commission further when *he* commissioned the gathered assembly to "Let all the house of Israel know assuredly, that God hath made this same Jesus . . . both Lord and Christ" (Acts 2:36). Matthew, in writing his account of the Ministry of the Lord, did so in the same context, but concentrated on true Israelites who had come under the persuasion of Pharisaism or the Judaean faith.

As has been stated earlier, the true Israelitish presence in Judaea at the time of the First Advent was limited to a remnant of the tribes of Judah and Benjamin. This minority came under the dominance of the Edomite hierarchy which, under Herod, controlled all matters in Judaea relating to the Temple and allied affairs. They indeed 'became Jews' (Est. 8:17) coerced into the diluted faith and proselytised into the doctrines of the Pharisees. Proselytism became the cornerstone of Edomite activity – an activity which was aimed primarily at Israel in dispersion and whose whereabouts were certainly known to the Jews (John 7:35). It should be recalled that the Lord castigated the Pharisees for 'compassing sea and land to make one proselyte' (Matt. 23:15) and, being what He called 'the children of hell', they would naturally seek to make true Israel, who were destined to be called 'the sons of the living God' (Hos. 1:10), '. . . twofold more the child of hell than yourselves' (Matt. 23:15). While coercive tactics played an important part in this campaign (Est. 8:17), psychology too played its part.

Israel, it will be recalled, was specifically 'made' to fit God's world purposes (Isa. 43:21) within which was an inherent God-responsiveness. In a nutshell, this meant that the covenanted progeny of Abraham would at all times and without being conscious of the fact, be drawn to God and the things of God no matter in what guise they were presented. Having been separated from God through sin (Isa. 59:2); having been evicted from their land because of transgression of the Law; having lost their national identity in captivity and having lapsed into paganism and depravity, Israel nevertheless still possessed that inherent God-responsiveness and would be fertile soil in which to sow the seeds of Satan's counterfeit in Pharisaism. This was indeed done and those of Israel still residing in comparatively close proximity to Palestine were coerced into the faith of the Pharisees and became very devout.

It is of great importance to note that, in the general Hebrew economy of the Old Testament, the Name of God was never used except as the priestly prerogative when the God-appointed sacerdotal blessing was bestowed on the people (Num. 6:23-27). The common substitution for the Divine Name was 'heaven' which, in the minds of the people, associated the Lord God with His Sovereignty in the earth. While the Pharisees perverted the

'commandment' of God and substituted tradition for truth and while they projected themselves as God's servant nation, they nevertheless retained the substitution of 'heaven' for the Name of God and forced the proselytes to adopt the same procedure. Having regard to the devotion of the true Israelites proselytised into Pharisaism – they would be almost fanatical about the Name of God – and thus Matthew used the term 'heaven' to get beyond the barrier of Pharisaism, hence his adoption of the term 'the kingdom of heaven' as against that of the other writers who were not similarly confronted by such circumstances and were involved with Israel not yet touched by Pharisaism. Matthew's terminology therefore, had nothing to do with the creation of a second Kingdom, but was an expediency calculated to overcome the bias of rabbinical Pharisaism.

New Testament teaching – an extension of the Old

A point often missed by those who profess to be 'New Testament Christians' i.e., those who persistently refuse to incorporate the Old with the New Testament, is that doctrines are created which have no foundation other than emotional speculation. Take for example John 3:3: "Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God." This subject has been given a wide variety of interpretations simply because men have considered it a purely New Testament doctrine and which, lacking further definition, men have allowed to develop into whatever persuasion which happens to motivate the individual. However, whatever men may think about it and whatever emotionalism may be injected into it, the Lord Jesus Christ, in His explanation to the perplexed Nicodemus, threw the whole theme back into the Old Testament. It should be remembered that the New Testament had not yet been written and whatever instruction was provided, was done on the basis of the *only scriptures* then in existence. The Lord said to Nicodemus: "Art thou a master of Israel, and knowest not these things?" (John 3:10). There can be no mistaking the point here. Being a 'master' (teacher) in Israel, Nicodemus would teach those things which formed the Torah (the sayings of God) in which the whole subject under review would be found. Thus, because the Old has been separated from the New Testament, this and many other subjects have been obscured beneath the mass of religious doctrines which have alienated them from the Truth.

The subject of the Kingdom of God is an example and cannot be separated from the Old Testament without creating utter confusion about it. It will be recalled that John the Baptist began his ministry by saying: "Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 3:2) without any preamble nor any explanatory statement as to what constituted the Kingdom. The Lord Jesus Christ too began His Ministry in exactly the same way: "Repent: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand" (Matt. 4:17) without any further elucidation concerning the matter. It is therefore patently obvious that those who heard both the Lord and John were already familiar with the subject, thus making any further definition irrelevant. Indeed, at a later stage and as has been quoted previously, the Lord made reference to the Kingdom as already in existence when John began his ministry but, due no doubt to John's emphasis on it, the subject received the special attention of those opposed to it. "And from the days of John the Baptist *until now*, the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence, and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12-13). If, as so many contend, the Kingdom of God is a purely spiritual experience, how could the violent take it by force? This, and many other scriptural statements require an answer which only the Bible can provide.

What Is The Kingdom Of God?

As has been stated earlier in dealing with the

statement: 'the kingdom of God is within you', the Kingdom of God is national in context. While many may baulk at this, it would serve a very useful purpose to realise that the Apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ were great exponents of this theme. Here were men who knew 'the mysteries of the kingdom of God' (Luke 8:10); whose 'understanding' of the scriptures had been opened by the Risen Lord Himself (Luke 24:45); who, having been 'breathed on' during the first post-Resurrection appearance of the Lord thus receiving 'power from on high' (John 20:22), – these men shared the experience of the company of the Resurrected Lord Who talked to them 'of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God' (Acts 1:3). Arising out of this post-Resurrection fellowship, the Apostles asked a question which revealed their expectation concerning the Kingdom of God. They asked: "Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?" (Acts 1:6). There can thus be no doubt that these men considered the Kingdom of God in the national context of Israel.

There is however, more to this statement than is implied in the English translation. The phrase 'restore again' is rather ambiguous for it implies that Israel was initially the Kingdom, lost it, had it restored, lost it again and then were to have it restored a *second time*. This, of course, is not supported in the scriptural narrative which then demands a closer look at the text. In the first instance, the *time factor* which evoked the question is provided in the preceding verse which carries the Promise of the Lord. "For John truly baptised with water; but ye shall be baptised with the Holy Ghost not many days hence". It was thus because of the Promise of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit that the Apostles asked their question – voicing the expectation that at *this time* the Kingdom of God would function in Israel. The Lord's answer however, rebuffed *the time* of their expectation, but certainly not their equation of the Kingdom with Israel.

In the 'times and seasons' which were God's prerogatives, Israel would come into its inheritance and the Kingdom of God would truly function on the earth bringing with it the peace and tranquility for which it was designed. However, between the time of asking the question concerning the 'restoration of the kingdom to Israel' and the actual act of restoration, much water was to flow under the bridge and the satanic spectre of violence was to stalk through the earth reaping its harvest of death and destruction. The Promise however, remains and continues to uphold those who trust in the Lord and whose expectation is of a better world order to come.

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Abraham's Children

By Otis B. Read, Jr., D.D.

When Jesus Christ walked this earth, the great bulk of Abraham's seed via the covenanted line of Isaac and Jacob-Israel had long since departed from the Middle East and were already well along the way toward their 'Appointed Place' in the Western hemisphere.

The Jews, a portion of which were not true sons of Abraham, via great-grandson Judah, opposed Him in much that He taught. When it became evident to the Pharisees that the common people were commencing to believe, they made their first attempt to place Him under arrest.

"And many of the people believed on him, and said, When Christ cometh will he do more miracles than these which this man hath done? The Pharisees heard that the people murmured such things concerning him; and the Pharisees and the chief priests sent officers to take him. Then said Jesus unto them, Yet a little while am I with you, and then I go unto him that sent me. Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me; and where I am, thither ye cannot come. Then said the Jews among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? will he go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles" (John 7:31-35).

The spiritual blindness of His enemies brought forth a reply that reveals to us that even they knew the general locality of the larger portion of the House of Israel which obviously was not in Palestine.

THE DISPERSION OF ISRAEL

Ever since 621 B.C. the inhabitants of the Northern 10-tribed Kingdom of Israel had been absent from the land. "In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel nine years. And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD, but not as the kings of Israel that were before him. Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and gave him presents." (II Kings 17:1-3).

Shortly thereafter, Hoshea entered into a conspiracy with the king of Egypt and stopped his tribute to the king of Assyria. "Therefore the king of Assyria shut him up, and bound him in prison. Then the king of Assyria came up throughout all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. In the ninth year of Hoshea the king of Assyria took Samaria, and carried Israel away into Assyria, etc." (verses 4-6).

Israel's captivity by Assyria was brought about because of her departure from the Law of God. Her continued rebellion brought upon her the Divine rebuke: "As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord God; Go ye, serve ye every one his idols, and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me: but pollute ye my holy name no more with your gifts, and with your idols" (Eze. 20:39). The national name of 'Isra-EL', which included 'EL', the

name of God, was to be abandoned. 'Israel' was now going to become lost in a sea of changing names!

ISRAEL'S DIVORCEMENT AND WANDERINGS

There is more than ample evidence tracing Israel's trek westward for the unbiased student of history. Speaking through the prophet, the LORD said: "For the children of Israel shall abide many days without a king and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim: Afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek the LORD their God, and David their king; and shall fear the LORD and his goodness in the latter days" (Hosea 3:4-5).

Until Israel's 2,520 year period of divorcement expired, "Israel is swallowed up: now shall they be among the Gentiles as a vessel wherein is no pleasure" (Hosea 8:8). "Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God" (Hosea 1:10). The children of Israel in these last days were to become Christianized sons of God via faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. Where are the Christian nations found today?

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF CHRIST'S MINISTRY

When Jesus Christ walked this earth, He declared: "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24). He was not talking about sinners in general, but about a particular people the Bible identifies as "the lost sheep of the house of Israel".

The LORD speaking through the prophet centuries before said concerning the people who bore His Name (Isra-EL): "Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out. As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his sheep that are scattered; so will I seek out my sheep . . . I will seek that which was lost, and bring again that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick, etc." (Eze. 34:11-12,16).

Please note that it was The LORD Who said: "Behold, I, even I, will both search my sheep, and seek them out." They were His sheep and He was going to search and seek them out – not another!

THE GOOD SHEPHERD AND HIS SHEEP

The apostle informs us that "God was in Christ" (II Cor. 5:19). Jesus declared: "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine . . . I lay down my life for the sheep, etc." (John 10:14-15). In the book of Hebrews we read about "our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, etc." (Hebrews 13:20).

It should be obvious to us why Jesus said to the woman of Canaan who came seeking help for her daughter: "It is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it to the dogs" (Matt. 15:27), while on the other hand He said of the woman who had the infirmity for 18 years: "ought not this woman, being a

daughter of Abraham, whom Satan hath bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the sabbath day?" (Luke 13:16).

The former was obviously not an Israelite, while the latter, being a daughter of Abraham was truly a lost sheep of the house of Israel. The latter held a priority over the former, however, the former received the help asked for, because of her faith.

WHO WERE THE GENTILES?

When Jesus sent forth His disciples, He commanded them: "Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 10:5-6). The term 'Gentile' used here has application to heathen people, those with whom God had not entered into covenant relationship, as He did with Israel.

When our LORD's enemies "said among themselves, Whither will he go, that we shall not find him? Will He go unto the dispersed among the Gentiles, and teach the Gentiles" (John 7:35), we find that the term 'Gentiles' has reference to the lost sheep of the house of Israel who were even then dispersed among the Grecian world. They were little more than pagans, "without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without an image, and without an ephod, and without teraphim" (Hosea 3:4-5).

They were, however, destined to accept the Gospel Message and seek once again the LORD their God! God in Christ had come to seek and search them out. The price of their redemption was paid at Calvary. They were, as promised, redeemed!

THE APOSTLES KNEW

St. Paul was called of God to be an apostle to them. He travelled (according to the Scriptures) as far westward as Spain. Reliable sources inform us that he even visited Britain preaching the Gospel (Romans 15:24).

The apostle James sent his epistle to these same people dispersed amongst the Gentiles addressing them as "the twelve tribes scattered abroad." (James 1:1).

St. Peter wrote them as "the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia and Bithynia" (I Peter 1:1).

JESUS' PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

One thing is obviously certain, the people Jesus Christ came to search out and redeem were not all living in Galilee, Samaria and Judea, when He walked this earth. He was primarily interested in preparing the twelve men He had chosen as His apostles for the task of carrying the good news (Gospel) to those people He would shortly redeem through the shedding of His blood.

Jesus did not come to redeem the Jews. God has not divorced the House of Judah. He had, however, divorced the 10-tribed Northern Kingdom of Israel and it was them He had come to redeem. It was to them – Israel – that He sent His apostles. Christianity left Judea. It spread Westward as Israel migrated toward western Europe, the Isles, and to North America. It was the Gospel Message that motivated

our fathers to these shores and established our Christian culture.

LET THERE BE NO MISUNDERSTANDING

Reconciliation – Redemption – Salvation are not synonymous terms.

"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people (Luke 1:68) . . . ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things . . . But with the precious blood of Christ . . ." (I Peter 1:18-19). (Spoken by Peter to Israel in her dispersion).

"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life" (Romans 5:19).

He reconciled all of His creation. He redeemed His people Israel, for He had divorced only them because of their unfaithfulness to Him and those who have the life of Christ indwelling them are experiencing His working out their salvation.

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THE MOST HIGH TRANSPLANTED HIS KINGDOM. He placed it in the ISLES OF THE WEST. The fact needs to be grasped firmly.

It is no further use looking for it in a PALESTINE depopulated Israel. Neither is there the slightest purpose in seeking it among the kingless, stateless captives in ASSYRIA or BABYLON or in any migrating tribes and pockets of Israel, moving, merging and collecting like nothing so much as raindrops on a window pane until they reached the coastlands of north-western Europe. Once there, they gathered, formed and took shape. But in order to enter the Kingdom, they had to cross the North Sea.

The mental reorientation must needs be made. Failure to move the mind out of Palestine is to follow these wandering Israelites from the rear, BLIND TO THE KINGDOM, finding reason or excuse where none is needed for a supposed breach of continuity in the Lord's word that never occurred; and, still more absurd, to be weaving official status - where everything official had been so drastically rooted out by the Lord Himself - into a mere fragmentary remnant of the Judah Kingdom, which is all that moved back to Jerusalem UNDER EZRA.

It was to clarify all this that we outlined briefly in our last study the circumstances of the transfer of the Kingdom, the vital part played by TEA TEPHI, daughter of ZEDEKIAH, the tender twig planted by the hand of Jeremiah, the builder and planter of the Lord (Jeremiah 1:10).

And if it should be deemed that we make too much of the story, if the saffron smear of Rome over the glories of early British history still blurrs the lustrous tale, let the Lord answer it:

" . . . I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a tender one, and will plant it upon a high and eminent mountain: in the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it . . . " (Ezekiel 17:22-23).

"The Mountain of the Height of Israel, HIGH AND EMINENT! It is well to see the Isles of the West in true proportion.

LONDON, BERLIN, MOSCOW.

To follow the wanderings of that section of Israel called the Dispersion is not within the scope of our subject, except perhaps to point out that Israel was not alone in dispersion. Babylon had become a desolation (Isaiah 14:22-23), Ninevah was a ruin. Their peoples moved after Israel, the Assyrians to re-appear in middle Europe as the Bo Russians, or North Russians, the name being later contracted to PRUSSIANS; and the Rosh of Babylon re-emerged under their own name, THE RUSSIANS, and settled in European Russia.

The latitude was changed. Jerusalem, Ninevah, Babylon had become London, Berlin, Moscow. Yet the old and hereditary enemies continued to eye each other in the same directions, but across new frontiers. The pattern remains unchanged.

PALESTINIAN INTERLUDE.

Neither is it our purpose to detail the vicissitudes of the remnant that returned to Jerusalem under Ezra. The story of the fighting Maccabees, and the shifts and strivings to continue a precarious existence, are recorded in the Apocrypha.

But the voices of the prophets grew still, and the interpretation of the Law and Word of the Most High fell ultimately into the hands of a body of men known as the Sanhedrin, who warped and twisted it to suit their interests, and created a tradition known as the TRADITION OF THE ELDERS. And through the ages down to modern times, the successors of the Sanhedrin have multiplied perversion in this tradition until sections of their Law of the Talmud, according to informed modern authorities, now touch a low point of depravity and evoke moral nausea.

This Judah remnant conquered the Edomites - Esau - or what was left of them; and in order to increase their manpower forced them into Judaism. But while the Judah remnant won the fighting, ESAU seems to have won the peace; for at the opening of the New Testament era ESAU WAS IN POWER UNDER ROME, Jerusalem had a considerable population of PAGAN aliens, with Israel outnumbered by Esau, and most of the surviving pure Israel stock

away in Galilee, a patch of country north of Judea and separated from it by a wedge of Samaria.

In this split, mixed and Esau-dominated remnant, Judah was represented, also Benjamin and Levi. And members of the House of David were there. It is important to notice, however, that no attempt to set up a Davidic king is recorded.

WHERE REALLY WAS ISRAEL?

But to comprehend the Bible story as it unfolds in the New Testament it is necessary to lift the eyes far beyond the confines of Palestine, to recall the invasion in force by the British under Belinus and Brennus, their conquest of Rome, and the settlements they formed in Macedonia, Greece, Thrace and Galatia. These DARDA-JUDAH settlement were NOT of the Dispersion. But in addition to these settled Israel colonies, the north Mediterranean coastlands carried a slow-moving mass of Israelites who, for some centuries, were to drift westwards, FINALLY TO THE ISLES. THESE WERE THE UNCIRCUMCISED.

But when the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles is read, it will be seen that there came to Jerusalem "from every nation under heaven, Jews, devout men," all come to keep the Pentecost, and variously hearing Peter's discourse in the languages of Parthia, Media, Elam, Mesopotamia, Cappadocia, Pontus, Asia, Phrygia, Pamphylia, Egypt, Cyrene, Rome, Crete, Arabia, a geographically interesting list, we suggest. These were of the circumcision.

May we point out very sharply that Israel was in Greece long before she invaded Palestine, and that in terms simply of age, GREECE TAKES PRECEDENCE OF PALESTINE AS AN ISRAEL SETTLEMENT? There was never any doubt about this. Everybody concerned knew about it. In 1 Maccabees 12:21 there is the record of letters exchanged between these Greek Israelites and those in Jerusalem which plainly revealed full knowledge of their mutual identities. (See also 1 Maccabees 14:20 and 11 Maccabees 5:9).

GREECE WAS ISRAEL. When Paul addressed Greeks, he addressed Israelites, Israelites of the pre-Exodus migrations, Israelites of the Dispersion - MANY OF THEM 'DANITES'. Paul himself was of Tarsus, the site of which stands in modern Turkey. He was not of Palestine. The dispersed was talking to the dispersed. The lost sheep of the House of Israel were thick about

the Mediterranean world, and the coterie of Esau-cum-Judah at Jerusalem, such as it was, was a mere splinter clinging to the Sanhedrin, and making claims for itself that were often spurious.

Very naturally, when the Messiah came, His interest was in the lost sheep of His nation, Israel, and NOT in the self-righteous sects in Jerusalem. Recognising the gross disproportion between the mixed Judaic remnant in Jerusalem and the multitude of His people outside, it would have been somewhat peculiar if His interest had been anywhere else.

EXPECTATION.

The correct background to the New Testament is vital to the story. The Saviour's mission was conducted largely in Galilee. The Sanhedrin in Jerusalem, and the Edomite rabble about them, have sombre claim to historical value in the story in officially rejecting Him, condemning Him, shouting "Crucify Him", and taking upon themselves the guilt of His murder. A grim role, we submit, but ONE THAT WAS PREDICTED. (Dan.9:26).

Such, broadly, was the setting in Palestine circa 4 B.C. And at that time the people were in expectation.

To assess the expectations without the nation, Israel, is to conjure an ironic and ridiculous historical lie. It cannot be done in truth. But we respectfully suggest that the average British-Israel believer needs to look into them far more closely and factually than is commonly done.

In Judea, a series of unusual domestic events took place. Zacharias, priest of the course of Abia, was struck dumb in the Temple at the time of incense. Many people were present. Dumb and gesticulating, he made his way out. His account was that Gabriel had visited him and said that his wife of advancing years, Elizabeth, would bear a child who would go in the spirit and power of Elias. He had doubted, asked for a sign, and had been smitten with dumbness.

PATERNITY.

In the sixth month of the same year, Mary, relative of Elizabeth, but a Judahite of the David House, a maid betrothed to Joseph, a Judahite carpenter of Nazareth, also of the Davidic House, was visited by Gabriel. She was told that she would

conceive a child by the Holy Spirit of the Most High. On the maternal side, therefore, the child would be of the line of David; but His paternity would be of the Lord, and NOT of Joseph.

While Christianity makes of the circumstances of the Messiah's birth a beautiful fairy story for the children, and has chosen of all days the most foully objectionable of any in the calendar upon which falsely to celebrate His birth: YULE=TIDE, the 25th December; the high pagan feast of the UNCONQUERABLE SUN, even retaining the pagan trappings; may we, risking whether they are altogether palatable or not, glance at some of the facts?

Joseph's role is seldom considered. Had he put Mary, his bethrothed wife, away privily, as he was minded to do, the Messiah would have been born a bastard in Israel. As such He would have had no standing. By taking Mary to wife he established the Saviour's Birth as legitimate. HIS ROLE WAS PASSIVE, BUT QUITE VITAL.

GABRIEL.

But the people were in expectation, and we are concerned to establish the nature of the expectation. In three people in particular it reached a high epitome of expression. These expressions of expectation were uttered in anticipation of the Messiah's birth, and the first is Gabriel. He came with a message. The son promised to Zacharias would be a total abstainer, he would be filled with the Holy Spirit of the Most High, and would go before the Lord in the spirit and power of Elias. His mission and purpose was to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.

Later Gabriel visited Mary. He told her that she would bear a son who was to be named JEHOSHUA, the DELIVERER. He would be great, and called the Son of the Most High. The Lord would give Him the throne of His father, David; that he would reign over the House of Jacob for ever; and of His Kingdom there should be no end.

Thus Gabriel, illustrious member of the population of the heavenly places, messenger of the Most High, came charged by JHWH Himself with a message that has never yet made sense to Christianity. There was no promise to the son yet unborn of

apocalyptic, heavenly, golden-harped splendour. It contained no beautiful generalities for all mankind.

The announcement was that the Messiah, with His feet firmly on the divot of this planet, should sit as David and Solomon had done, ON THE THRONE OF THE LORD, reigning over the House of Jacob, over the thirteen tribes that came of Jacob, over the Kingdom the Lord founded in them (1 Chron. 28:5). Of that Kingdom there should be no end; of His reign there should be no end. The Davidic dynasty would culminate in Him, and in Him it would go eternally on.

No word by Gabriel makes any contribution to religious thought. But the substance of his message revealed the Father's full intention of taking back His throne by the Son, and of restoring His nation, Israel, to its normal state: to a theocracy, to direct government by the Lord. For Israel, anything less than this is sub-normal.

MARY.

In Luke 1:39-45 is recorded the meeting between Elizabeth and Mary. Mary broke into exuberant praise. But the nature of it is not at all what is commonly inferred. Her words begin at Verse 46 and continue to verse 55. The first five verses are pure praise of the Lord. AND THERE THE SOFT WORDS END.

Again, the words from verse 51 onwards contribute nothing to religious thought, but politically their content is dynamic. The proud were to be scattered. The mighty were to be put down from their seats. History shows that the scattering of the proud and the unseating of the mighty is often, indeed, very often, a process that meets savage and bloody resistance. But her words do not mend.

Those of low degree were to be exalted. It is no use trying to minimise the point. There is no patronage of the poor, there is no reference to the poor. It is a simple and basic pronouncement of pure social revolution. To make it anything less is intellectual dishonesty. The hungry, she proceeded, were to be filled with good things, which is quite charitable. But the rich were to be sent empty away. And that sort of revolution is NAKED and SOMEWHAT SHORN OF MERCY.

Clearly, the declaration of this gentle aristocrat of the Davidic line, Mary, was that her Son would turn the social order upside down. She made plain statements: to evade their plain meaning is to equivocate. And if the inference be that they have a spiritual meaning other than this, we invite the contender to work out for himself the spiritual absurdities in spiritual emptiness that emerge. We simply observe --- and we mean no unkindness in the observation --- that it has never been our good fortune to enter a church in which, for fear of emptying its coffers, the real and declared purpose of the Saviour's mission dare be preached.

But that leaves one final clause of this peculiar declaration to be dealt with. The basis of it all lay in the remembrance by the Lord, and the progressive fulfilment of the everlasting Covenant made by Him with Abraham. It was in that Covenant, Israel's national Covenant, that the whole of her expectation lay.

ZACHARIAS.

Last to speak was the erstwhile dumb Zacharias. His speech was suddenly restored, and in the power of the Holy Spirit of the Most High, he broke into prophecy (Luke 1:67-79). HERE is the substance of his words:

The Lord had visited and redeemed His people, the nation, Israel. He had raised up a horn - symbol of power - of salvation for Israel in the House of David. It had been His promise since the world began to save Israel from her enemies and from all that hated her; to implement the Covenant with Abraham and to keep the oath sworn to Abraham; and that Israel should live in peace and security.

The three sources were all inspired. Their expectation was in the nation. It was in the Covenant that was the political backbone of the nation. It was in the perpetual kingship of the anointed Son on the Lord's throne established to David. It was in the resurgence of Israel to power and peace, dominion and NATIONAL glory.

IT CONTAINED NO WORD OF PROMISE TO ANY OTHER RACE OR PEOPLE.

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BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

by Kenneth C.Bayman

1. *The Alpha and the Omega*

"And He that sat upon the throne said: 'Behold, I make all things new . . . I am Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the End. I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely."

Revelation 21:5,6.

Living in a Time Universe, as we do, we can think only in terms of a beginning and an ending.

It is this natural limitation which inclines some minds to the thought of "no God". The thought of One Who has had no beginning and will have no end is inconceivable to the natural human mind. The conclusion is thus reached – impatient or maybe even despairing – that there *can* be no Everliving Personal Source. However, the perfect proof of the existence of such a Source remains the existence of Man. Man was originally made "in the image of God", and although no longer in the same condition as that in which he was created, the very existence of Man inevitably presupposes his Creator.

Robert A. Laidlaw, in that famous pamphlet "The Reason Why", which has been published by the millions over the past half century, pointed out "if God be considered 'the first great cause', account for Him. Who made God? Now such a question contradicts itself, for it is evident no cause could make the first cause, or the first cause would become also the second cause, which is a mathematical absurdity."

It is not by chance that the Bible narrative commences "In the beginning, God . . ."

And, the Bible being an organic unit and therefore consistent with itself, it ends with God, too. That is to say, the story of the Bible tells, which begins with God, ends with God (though the passage to which I refer is not placed at the end of the Book). St. Paul, writing to the Corinthians, pointed out: "then cometh the end, when he (Christ) shall have delivered up the kingdom to God, even the Father . . . and when all things shall be subdued unto him (the Father) then shall the Son also himself be subject unto him that put all

things under him, that God may be all in all."

The Son of God had a beginning (here we regard a Divine Mystery from the standpoint of very limited human beings): for, in that wonderful 8th chapter of the Book of Proverbs we see Wisdom personified and it is clear from the language used that it is none other than the Son of God Who is there spoken of. "The LORD possessed me in the beginning of His way, before His works of old. I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, or ever the earth was . . . Before the hills, was I brought forth."

The Companion Bible offers the interesting alternative rendering of the second sentence: "I was set up *from the outset of the ages.*" In the opening verses of the Gospel of John, we are told: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God."

At first sight, these scriptures appear to be contradictory: the first refers to the Son of God being "brought forth before the hills"; the second says that the "Word", (i.e., the expression of the thought of God, as the Greek word *logos* can be understood – see Scofield References) "was in the beginning with God", and "was God".

Dr. Bullinger in his notes in the Companion Bible explains this by saying that God took *creature* form in order to *create*, even as He later took *human* form in order to *redeem*. Dr. Nathan Wood, in his remarkable work "The Secret of the Universe", goes much deeper into the relationship of the Son of God with the Father, and shows that the Son is for ever "coming forth from the Father" to express or carry into execution the Father's will; in other words, though from our limited human viewpoint the Son proceeded forth from the Father in the past, in actual fact this is a never-ending process of the Divine working. Hence Our Lord could say: "My Father worketh hitherto, and I work". Not long before His crucifixion, He declared to His disciples: "the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, *and have believed that I came out from God.*"

In His prayer to His Father, Our Lord said: "Thou lovedst me *before* the foundation of the world" (John 17:24). In Colossians 1:15 the Son of God is expressly stated to be "the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creation". "For *by him* were all things created, that are in heaven (i.e., in the region we know as "space"), and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him and for him."

Thus in describing himself as "Alpha and Omega" (the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet) and "the beginning and the end", the Son of God is giving a literal description of his functions, for it is clear from the scriptures we have quoted that (whether in creation or in redemption) He comes forth to do His Father's will. We should not limit Him, the Illimitable, to our tiny planet, nor to our solar system or our Milky Way Galaxy with its millions of stars, some many times larger than our sun. Nor should we limit Him to the im-

measurable inter-galactic heavens. The bigger our telescopes, the further stretches the great infinity of space which comes to us on the light-waves picked up by our optical telescopes. Beyond reach of the optical telescopes are other sources of radiation in the invisible parts of the spectrum; these are being picked up by increasingly sensitive radio-telescopes. The nature of some of these sources is unknown – they are merely subjects for speculation.

All these things – and many others beyond reach of our probings both in the infinity of galactic space and in the infinity of subatomic space – "were created by him and for him".

"In the beginning – " When? When was the beginning? The only possible answer is: there have been an infinite number of beginnings, even as there have been an infinite number of endings. Indeed, we must complete this thought by putting it in the future tense as well. There *will* be an infinite number of beginnings, and by the same token there *will* be an infinite number of endings.

When the Son of God said "I am the first and the last", (see Revelation 22:13) He spoke in the present tense; as the One Who is, and was and will be, He is the Ever-Present, the Ever-Living. So far as our understanding of these things is concerned, however, it is essential that we distinguish between various "beginnings and endings".

Where the terms "eternal" and "for ever and ever" are used in the scriptures, we need to perceive what is meant. These terms do not mean "unending". For example, in Psalm 45:6 "Thy throne, O God, is for ever and ever", the Hebrew expression translated "for ever and ever" means simply "age-lasting". This passage means that God's throne (i.e., on earth) will endure "for the age", i.e., for the age or time-period that the earth itself endures. In the Epistle of Jude, which closes by ascribing to God "glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever", the Greek for this latter expression means "to all the ages" (Young's Concordance). That is to say, God will have dominion and majesty "to all the ages". Note that here more than one age is meant. In fact, the expression implies a *succession of ages*. In Genesis 3:22 referring to the effect of the fruit from the tree of life, it is mentioned that if man partook thereof he would "live for ever". The Hebrew here translated "for ever" means "age-lasting", i.e., the effect of this fruit would be such as to enable human life to persist for *the duration of the age*, in this case the "age" or time-period allotted to the Adamic order of creation. We know from scripture that this period is one of 7,000 years, or a great week in which each "day" is 1,000 years in length. We find reference to this system of time-measurement in II Peter 3:8, "be not ignorant of this one thing, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day".

In Psalm 78:69 we find reference to "the earth which he hath established for ever". Yet in Psalm 102:25 we read "Of old hast thou laid the foundation of the earth: and the heavens are the work of thy hands. *They shall*

perish, but thou shalt endure: yea, all of them shall wax old like a garment; as a vesture shalt thou change them, and they shall be changed. But thou art the same, and thy years shall have no end."

If the earth is "established for ever", how can it "perish"? The explanation of this apparent contradiction is a simple one: the Hebrew "for ever" in this passage means "age-lasting", i.e., for the duration of an age. The earth was established *to endure for an age*. But, at the end of that predetermined age, whatever it might be, it would "wax old like a garment", and be changed. Now when clothing becomes old, it is cast off and replaced with new. And, clearly, this is taught of our earth. When it shall have reached the end of its allotted age, and grown old, it will be disposed of, and replaced.

Psalm 104:5 forms an interesting commentary on what we have just considered relative to the earth's destiny. It says of God that He "laid the foundation of the earth, that it should not be removed for ever". In this passage the Hebrew for the words rendered "for ever" means "to the age and onward". Thus we learn that when the Creator laid the foundations of our planet, they were intended to last "to the age and onward", i.e., not only for the age of the system to which the earth belonged at its creation, but even longer. Now an intensely interesting theory has been put forward by certain writers recently, to the effect that this planet *was not originally a satellite of the sun*, but came into the solar system at a comparatively recent date – who knows from what distant reaches of interstellar space? The fact remains that astronomers have never been able to devise a satisfactory theory as to the origin of the sun's planets; the older theory that postulated an origin from the sun itself has long been discarded.

The great cosmic drama which is the subject of the Holy Scriptures – indeed its only theme when looked at from the point of view of the Book as a whole – provides much support for the theory that the earth had originally a different place and destiny from that which it fills today.

So we return to our leading question: when was "the beginning"? "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. . ." The beginning of all things is always with the One Who is here described as the Word of God, and elsewhere as the Express Image of God. As to Time – this concept has no meaning when we seek to apply it to the One Who is, and was, and shall be.

But when we apply the concept of time to His creation, we may legitimately expect enlightenment, for all creation is in the framework of a Time and Space universe. As such it has a beginning and an ending. Even though the time be long, by man's reckoning (chained as it is to the number of revolutions of his planet about its central sun) it nevertheless has a definite cycle of birth, life and death. It is interesting to see that pioneers on the frontiers of astronomy are proclaiming the same truth – they claim that a star has a definite cycle from birth through a process of develop-

ment to maturity followed by decay and death. All stars are not of the same age. Galaxies, too, seem to be at various stages of development.

So we see that, as we have already noted, there are many beginnings, many endings. Let us return once more to our question: when was "the beginning", so far as our earth is concerned? The answer lies hidden, for here, too, there may have been many "beginnings". That our earth was once the home of another and quite different order of sentient beings is an implication of scriptural teaching. There may have been more than one successive order of live creation upon it – perhaps before it entered the sun's family. It would seem that our planet in fact entered the sun's domain at the point in time which we know as the fourth day of creation.

Genesis 1:17 tells us that on that day God "set" the sun and moon in their positions with respect to the earth, which was then in process of restoration from its former ruined state.

In confirmation of this view, it may be said that astronomers are also increasingly tending to the theory that the moon was formerly an independent planet which somehow came within the earth's gravitational field and was "captured", to become a satellite of the earth.

Strangely enough, the grandeur of this large view of the field of operations of our God finds no echo in the hearts of many of those who are foremost in declaring themselves Christians. Whether such people are overwhelmed by the sheer magnitude of such a concept, or are merely unwilling to admit that the "scholarship" of the day is lagging behind the faith by which "we understand that the worlds were framed by the Word of God", is uncertain.

We need to take heed of our Lord's admonition: "O fools, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken. . ."

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THE HOUSE OF DAVID and the ROYAL HOUSES of the ANGLO-CELTO-SAXON NATIONS

It is interesting to find, that among the opponents of the Israel Identity Message, among whom the Established Churches figure to a large extent, several common fallacies exist, the most important of which are:–

1. That the Jews embrace the entire Israel peoples referred to in the Scriptures as the House of Israel and the House of Judah, and conjointly as the House of Jacob.
2. That the setting up of the "Israeli State" in Palestine is the fulfilment of Scriptural prophecies relating to the restoration of Israel to the Promised Land.
3. That, according to the Israel Identity Message, the Ten Lost Tribes of Israel are to found *only* in the English, Irish, Scottish and Welsh peoples and their descendants, that is, in the British peoples; and
4. That the Throne of Britain is the Throne of David.

Fallacies 1, 2 and 3 will be dealt with in subsequent articles, and in this article consideration will be given only to the setting up of the *"House of David"* and all that is thereby implied.

In elucidating the setting up of the *"House of David"* it is imperative and essential that the Scriptures be studied in their contexts and that guidance be afforded by the Scriptures and not be worldly wisdom, for it is declared in I Corinthians 3:19 – "For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God: for it is written, He taketh the wise in their own craftiness", and regarding the worldly wise, it is written in Job 5:13,14 – "They meet with darkness in the daytime, and grope in the noonday as in the night."

In studying the rise of the *"House of David"*, it is necessary to go back to the time when Jacob-Israel, just prior to his death, called his sons together and told them what would befall them in future years, and here consideration must be given to only *one* of the sons, namely *Judah, as an individual.*

Now Psalm 114:1,2 reads – "When Israel

went out of Egypt . . . Judah was his sanctuary", which, according to Cruden's Concordance means 'sanctified and set apart', and according to Young's Concordance 'separated', and it is therefore clear that Judah, *the individual*, in God's Plan and Purpose, was 'sanctified, set apart and separated' from his brothers.

Concerning Judah, *the individual*, Genesis 49:10 records – "The sceptre (Hebrew Shebet – a rod of command, a staff of authority in the hands of kings and sovereigns) shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet until Shiloh (Messiah) come; and unto him (Shiloh) shall the gathering of the people be."

Let it here be stressed that the sovereignty, the ruling power, was conferred upon Judah as *an individual* and not to the *tribe* nor to the *House* of Judah.

In Hebrews 7:14 Paul declares – "For it is evident that our Lord sprang out of Juda", and while, *in His Divinity*, our Lord was of *no nationality*, being 'the only-begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of Light, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father', yet *in His humanity*, the writers of the Gospels of St. Matthew and St. Luke, trace this ancestry back to *Judah* the *individual*.

Now while it is true that the Command to Israel not to intermarry with the Hittites, Gergashites, Amorites, Canaanites, Perizzites, Hivites and the Jebusites was only given and recorded after the Exodus from Egypt, (Deut. 7:3), the Scriptural records make it perfectly clear that this prohibition was well known to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, for Abraham married his half-sister (Gen. 20:12); he sent Isaac to his brother Nahor, and Isaac married Rebekah, Nahor's grand-daughter (Gen. 24:67); and then Isaac sent Jacob to his uncle, Rebekah's brother Laban (Gen. 28:2) and Jacob married his cousins Rachel and Leah. Thus it will be seen that these marriages were all within the family from which Abraham sprang, and to give point to this prohibition, Genesis 26:34,35 records that Esau, Jacob's brother, married Hittite wives, which grieved Isaac and Rebekah.

It is clear, therefore, that the principle of *non-intermarriage with alien peoples* was firmly established *before* the rise of the Israel peoples and was merely ratified by God and codified by Moses after the Exodus, by which time the Israel people had developed into a large community; and it is interesting to note here that once Israel had developed into a large community, the intermarriage of *near relatives* was abolished and prohibited as is clearly recorded in Leviticus, chapter 18, but *alien* intermarriages were still prohibited.

Now Judah, (who, by the way, was not a "Jew", this word being first found in II Kings 16:6, practically at the end of the history of Judah as a kingdom, and when the House of Israel was at war with the House of Judah) was the fourth son of Jacob and Leah (Gen. 29:35)

Contrary to established custom, Judah married the daughter of Shuah, a Canaanite

(Gen. 38) and who bore him three sons, Er, Onan and Shelah. In Numbers 26:19 it is recorded that Er and Onan died in Canaan without offspring, and Genesis 38:11-30 records the marriage of Judah and Tamar, of whom was born Pharez and Zara.

In Ruth 4:18-22, the genealogy of the "Sceptre" line is traced from Judah the *individual* through Pharez, Hezron, Ram, Amminadab, Nashon, Salmon, Boaz, Obed to Jesse, the father of David.

Scriptural history records the rise of the Israel people, their entrance into the Holy Land, and the division of that land among the tribes. At this time Israel had no earthly king but Judges ruled over Israel, and ISamuel 7:15 indicates that "Samuel judged Israel all the days of his life." In chapter 8 it is recorded that Samuel made his sons judges over Israel, but "his sons walked not in his ways"; the people then came to Samuel demanding a king to rule over them instead of his sons, who turned aside after lucre, took bribes and perverted judgment.

Verses 21 and 22 of Chapter 8 tells how Samuel, after receiving the demand of the Israel peoples for a king to rule over them, placed the matter before God, and "the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice *and make them a king.*"

Now it must be acknowledged that Samuel, in his capacity as Judge over *all Israel* must have known of the "Sceptre" line, yet he chose Saul, a Benjamite (I Sam. 9:2) and because God had told Samuel to appoint a king, He accepted Samuel's choice (I Sam. 19:24) in spite of the fact that Saul was not of the "Sceptre" line.

Samuel's choice, however, was not a good one, and I Samuel Chapter 15 tells of Saul's disobedience to the commands of God, and of his death.

A new era now emerges in the kingly line, for in I Samuel 16 it is recorded *that God takes it into His own hands to appoint a successor to Saul* and God said to Samuel – "I will send thee to Jesse, *the Bethlehemite: for I have provided me a king among his sons.*"

Jesse had eight sons (I Sam. 17:12) and David was the youngest (I Sam. 17:14), and I Samuel 16:12 describes David as "ruddy and withall of a beautiful countenance and goodly to look at."

Eliab was the first-born and Samuel felt that he was the natural and logical choice for kingship, but God said – "I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as a man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart", and *the Lord chose David* and said to Samuel – "Arise, *anoint him: for this is he*" and II Samuel 5:5 records that David reigned "thirty and three years over *all Israel and Judah*", the "House of Jacob".

The first indication that there was to be a *"House of David"* is given in II Samuel 7:11 – "Also the Lord telleth thee, that *he will make thee an house*", and verse 16 records – "And thine *house* and thy *kingdom shall be established for ever* before thee: *thy throne shall be established for ever.*"

There are two very important points established here, and which must be borne in mind:–

1. David's *House* was to be established *FOR EVER.*
2. David's *Throne* and *kingdom* was to be established *FOR EVER.*

In II Samuel 7:12 God, through the Prophet Nathan, tells David – "And when thy days be fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, *I will set up thy seed after thee,* WHICH SHALL PROCEED OUT OF THY BOWELS, and *I will establish his kingdom"* and in verse 13 God says – *"I will establish the throne of his kingdom for ever"*, and in I Chronicles 22:10 God declares – "I will establish the *throne* of his kingdom OVER ISRAEL *for ever.*

Three further important points emerge here:–

1. God would *establish the kingdom* of a male offspring of David.
2. The *throne* of that kingdom was to be established FOR EVER.
3. The *throne* of that kingdom was to be established *for ever* OVER ISRAEL. It will be noted here that the throne is established *over Israel*, not over Israel and Judah, nor over *all Israel.*

This male offspring, the bodily seed of David, is shown to be Solomon – "Then Solomon sat on the THRONE OF THE LORD as king instead of David his father and prospered; and *all Israel* obeyed him (I Chron. 29:23).

Here are several important points to be noted:–

1. Solomon was the tenth son of David, and God again shows His Right of Selection. He chose David the eighth son of Jesse, and now He chooses Solomon, the tenth son of David.
2. Solomon sat on the *throne of David* and *all Israel* obeyed him. IT WAS NOT HIS OWN THRONE WHICH WAS STILL TO BE ESTABLISHED.
3. The *throne of David* was *in fact* the THRONE OF THE LORD which Solomon occupied as vice-gerent.

It has already been shown from II Samuel 7:12 that God said He would *establish* Solomon's kingdom, but He did *not* declare that Solomon's kingdom would be established for ever. Only the *throne* of Solomon's kingdom was to be *established for ever over Israel.*

In I Kings Chapter 11 Solomon's fall from grace is recorded, and verses 13 and 30 to 36 show the break-up of Solomon's kingdom and his rulership over *all Israel* in that Jereboam became the ruler of the ten tribes of Israel. I Kings 11:43 records the death of Solomon and the succession of his son Rehoboam, and I Kings 12:21 tells of Rehoboam assembling *the House of Judah and the tribe of Benjamin*, and verse 23 clearly shows that Rehoboam became KING OF JUDAH, and thus was the *Throne of Solomon* established *in Judah* in contra-distinction to the *Throne of David* which was established over *all Israel.*

Jeremiah 33:17-26 spotlights the whole

picture and here it is recorded – "For thus saith the Lord, *David shall never want a man (descendant) to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel* . . . Thus saith the Lord, *If ye can break my covenant* of the day, and my covenant of the night, and *that there should not be day and night* in their season; *Then* may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, *that he should not have a SON to REIGN UPON HIS THRONE.*"

Here a very subtle distinction is made between "man" and "son", for in the Scriptures the word "man" can cover both male and female (Gen. 17:23; Romans 2:6; etc.) but the word "son" can never embrace nor be substituted for the word "daughter". Further, under the Israel Law, if the male line failed, the daughter came into the inheritance – "And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter" (Numbers 27:8), thus the *descendants* of David could be either male or female to sit on the *throne of the house of Israel*, but it is very clear that *the "SON" was to reign on David's throne*, and this implies *reigning over ALL ISRAEL*, the "House of Jacob".

To consolidate the position thus far, and to prepare the ground for what follows, a recapitulation of the main points will be of advantage.

1. The *"House of David"* was established FOR EVER. The *"House of David"* is therefore a *unique institution* within the framework of ALL ISRAEL and *IS TO LAST FOR ALL ETERNITY.*
2. The *"Throne of David"* is to last *FOR EVER ruling over ALL ISRAEL FOR ALL ETERNITY.*
3. The *"Kingdom of David"* embracing ALL ISRAEL *IS TO LAST FOR ALL ETERNITY.*
4. The *"Throne of David"* was *in fact* the *THRONE OF THE LORD* over *ALL ISRAEL.*
5. David would have a *SON* to *REIGN UPON HIS THRONE OVER ALL ISRAEL.*
6. The *"Throne of Solomon"* was a separate and distinct entity from the "Throne of David" and *was to be established OVER ISRAEL FOR EVER.*
7. *After* the break-up of the once united ALL ISRAEL, the *"Throne of Solomon"* was established *IN JUDAH* and Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, reigned in his stead over the "House of Judah" and the tribe of Benjamin.

The line of David can now be traced down *through Solomon*, Rehoboam, Jehosaphat, Manasses, Josias to Jehoiachin also called Jeconiah, Coniah and Jeconias, the son of Jehoiakim (II Kings 24:6).

An important pronouncement is now made in Jeremiah 22:24-30 in relation to Jehoiachin, for it is here recorded that *because of his wickedness* Jehoiachin (Jeconiah, Coniah, Jeconias) AND HIS DESCENDANTS were FOR EVER DEBARRED from sitting on the *"Throne of David"*. It is also declared that Jehoiachin would no longer rule IN JUDAH, that is on the *"Throne of Solomon"*. It is also here recorded that God would deliver Jehoiachin and his children into the hands of Nebuchadnezzar,

king of Babylon.

This particular line of Solomon continues through Jehoiachin, Salathiel, Mattham who *begat* Jacob, who *begat* Joseph, the husband of Mary *of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.* (Matt. 1).

Thus Joseph, *the husband of Mary*, while being a prince of the Royal House of David through Solomon and Jehoiachin, was *for ever debarred* from sitting on the *"Throne of David"* or of ruling *IN JUDAH*, as *were all the descendants of Joseph.*

It has been held by theologians and by those who deny the Deity of our Lord Jesus Christ, that the genealogy recorded in Matthew was after the Jewish custom of only including *males* in genealogies, but the genealogy of Solomon through Jehoiachin (Jeconias) *stops abruptly with Joseph.* The important word "begat" is omitted after Joseph and this clearly demonstrates that the line of Jehoiachin (Jeconias) *ends with Joseph.*

Leaving aside all other considerations, the omission of the word "begat" after Joseph, and the substitution therefor of the words "the husband of Mary of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ" is a clear undeniable proof of the Virgin Birth. Further, had Jesus been Joseph's son *in the flesh*, He would have been a descendant of Jechoiachin (Jeconias) and would thus *have been debarred* from sitting on the *"Throne of David" for all time* and the promise of God to Mary – "and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob *(all Israel)* for ever: and of his kingdom there shall be no end" (Luke 1:32,33) could not have been fulfilled, and it is to be noted here that the ancestry of Jesus, as recorded in Matthew, is traced back through Solomon, David, Jesse, Pharez, Judah, Jacob, Isaac to Abraham, *where it stops.*

Turning back to II Kings 24:11-18 it is recorded that Nebuchadnezzar invaded Jerusalem and took Jehoiachin (Jeconias) and his family to Babylon, and here another *very important pronouncement* is made, in that Nebuchadnezzar made *Mattaniah*, Jehoiachin's uncle, *king in his stead*, and changed his name to *Zedekiah* who reigned eleven years in Jerusalem, and therefore, ipso facto, sitting on the *"Throne of Solomon"*.

In II Kings 25:27,28 it is recorded that Evil-merodach, king of Babylon, restored Jehoiachin (Jeconias), called "king of Judah", and gave him a throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon. Thus was an attempt made to restore the *debarred* line of Jehoiachin to *rulership over Judah*, but when the Babylonian captives returned to Jerusalem, *no king accompanied them* and in Ezekiel 17: 1-21, it is recorded that Jehoiachin would be set in a city of merchants (Babylon) and become a "spreading vine of low stature" and the further pronouncement is made that Jehoiachin, his followers and all with him would fall by the sword, and that those who escaped would be scattered to all winds.

As already shown, Nebuchadnezzar made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin's uncle, king in place of Jehoiachin, and changed his name to Zedekiah.

Mattaniah was a *direct descendant of Solomon* through his great grandson Asa, and from Asa through Jehosaphat, Jehoram, Ahaziah, Joash, Amaziah, Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, Hezekiah, Manasseh, Amon, Josiah, Jehoiakin, the brother of Mattaniah, now called Zedekiah.

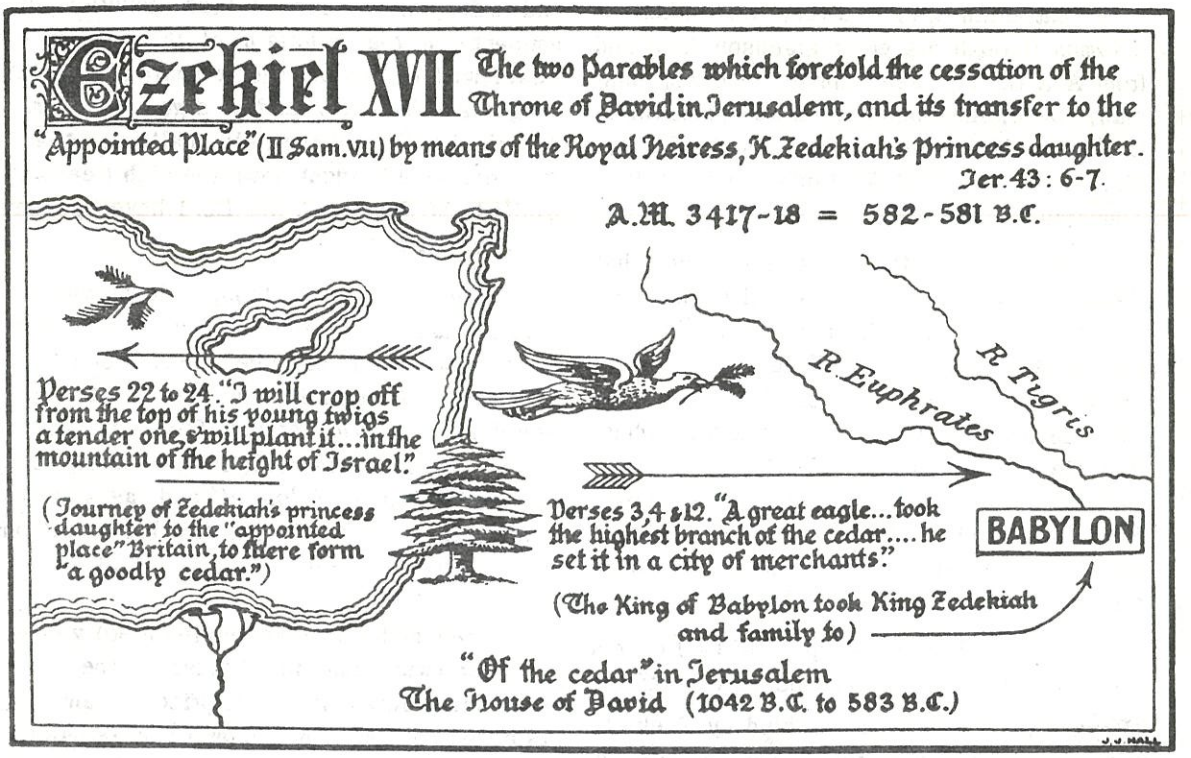
In II Kings 24:19,20 it is recorded that Zedekiah did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord, and that he rebelled against the king of Babylon, and in II Kings 25:7 it is recorded that the soldiers of Nebuchadnezzar took Zedekiah and his sons to Riblah where they slew his sons and blinded him, thus bringing, as they thought, an end to the Royal House of David, as Zedekiah was the *last* of the *male* line capable of or entitled to sit on the *"Throne of Solomon"* in Judah.

But the Plan and Purpose of God *cannot* be changed by man, and the picture of the "Royal Line" is now illuminated by Ezekiel. In Chapter 17 verses 1 to 21, Ezekiel tells in picture, how a great eagle came to Jerusalem removed the highest branch of the cedar and with the young twigs thereof, carried it to Babylon, to a city of merchants, where the highest branch became a spreading vine of low stature. The "great eagle" is shown to be Nebuchadnezzar, the "highest branch", Jehoiachin and the "tender twigs" his children.

The Scriptural elucidation of this picture gives point to the prophecy which follows immediately in verses 22 to 24 – "Thus saith the Lord, *I will also take* of the highest branch of the high cedar and will set it; *I will crop off* from the top of his young twigs a *tender one*, and will plant it upon a high mountain and eminent: *In the mountain of the heights of Israel will I plant it;* and *it shall bring forth boughs and bear fruit and be a goodly cedar...* And all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree, and exalted the low ... I the Lord have spoken, and have done it."

The "high tree" brought down was Jehoiachin and the "low tree" exalted was Mattaniah (Zedekiah) and the "tender one" the daughter of Mattaniah, *who was a direct descendant of David through Solomon*, and by Israel Law (Numbers 27:8) entitled to succeed to the *"Throne of Solomon"* and, as a direct descendant of King David, entitled to sit on the *"Throne of Solomon"* OVER ISRAEL.

Jeremiah now takes up the history of the "tender twig" and in Chapter 39 the record states that Jeremiah was imprisoned, and then released to Gedaliah, Governor of Jerusalem. Ishmael murdered Gedaliah, seized Zedekiah's daughters and Jeremiah and fled towards Ammon. Johanan pursued Ishmael, released the princesses and Jeremiah, and with them fled to Tahpanes (Jer. 43). In Chapter 44 verse 28 it is recorded that some would escape from Egypt, and early Spanish records state that at about this time two eastern princesses, accompanied by an ancient Prophet and his scribe Brug (Baruch) arrive at the Zara-Gaza colony in Spain, bearing with them a sacred stone, a Box and a golden banner. The *younger* daughter married the ruler of the colony, and the *elder* daughter, with the Prophet and the Scribe set sail from Baal-boaz (Bilboa) for Danmerk, but



were shipwrecked off the north coast of Ulster. At that time circa B.C. 580, Eochaidh had recently been elected "Heremon of All Ireland". He met the Princess Tamar Tephi, fell in love with her, married her, and they were crowned King and Queen of All Ireland standing on the "sacred stone".

From the union of Eochaidh and Tamar Tephi can be traced the line of Ulster kings and for 800 years they were crowned sitting or standing on the "sacred stone". Circa A.D. 506, Fergus I removed the "stone" to Iona where it became the Coronation Stone of Scotland. The line of Scottish kings were crowned on this "stone" which in A.D. 1296 was removed to England by Edward I, since which date, all British Monarchs, with the exception of Queen Mary, daughter of Henry VIII, have been crowned on that "stone".

In Ezekiel 21:27 God says He will overturn, overturn, overturn the throne and it shall be no more until he come whose right it is; and that He would give it to him.

Now firstly, it is necessary to evaluate this statement very carefully lest the import be missed. It has been held by the opponents of the Israel Identity Message and by students

of Theology that this statement in Ezekiel brought to an end the *"Throne of David"* and that the *"House of David"* ceased with the death of Zedekiah. They further hold that the "he" refers to the Lord Jesus Christ. BUT Jesus, the son of Mary in the flesh, was *NOT* a *descendant of Solomon*, and further, the impact of Ezekiel 21 is against Jerusalem, as evidenced in verse 2, and by the reference to the king of Babylon in verse 21 who brought down the "high" – Jehoiachin, and exalted the "low" – Mattaniah.

Secondly, as already demonstrated, the "he" in the Hebrew can refer to either male or female, and the inference is clear that the *"Throne of Solomon"* IN JUDAH was to be "overturned" *until* he *or she* came to whom the inheritance belonged. Further it is clearly stated, without equivocation, in Ezekiel 17:23 that God would take the "tender twig" and plant it in the mountain of the height of ISRAEL, *NOT IN JUDAH*.

Now the word "overturn" is given in the marginal reading as "perverted" but Young's Analytical Concordance translates the Hebrew "sum avvah" as "to make an overturn", thus the *"Throne of Solomon" with its inheritor*, Princess Tamar Tephi, was overturned to Ireland; it was overturned by Fergus I to Scotland and overturned by James VI to England where it was established in the mountain of *the height of Israel in the Isles* (Isa. 24:15). Thus was the *"Throne of Solomon"* transferred to Britain where, since the Union of England, Scotland and Ireland in 1802, a *descendant of David* has ruled over *Israel in the Isles* sitting on the *"Throne of Solomon"*, in the mountain *in the height of Israel*, and thus was fulfilled God's promise to David that he would always have a descendant, sitting on the *"Throne of Solomon"* ruling over Israel.

In tracing the wanderings of the House of Israel and those of the House of Judah who did not return to Palestine, the historical records show that these peoples settled mainly on the Western Shores of Europe, whence the main elements crossed to the "Isles of the sea" off Europe to become known as the British people, over whom the *"Throne of Solomon"* was established with a *descendant of King David* sitting on *that* throne *over Israel*.

It is not the intention here to trace the lineage of the Royal families ruling over the Anglo-Celto-Saxon peoples residing in the countries on the Western Shores of Europe; all that is necessary is to state that these Anglo-Celto-Saxon-peoples are kin to the British, are descended from the Ten Tribed House of Israel and the Two Tribed House of Judah and Benjamin, and that the Royal Houses in these countries are *descendants* of the *"House of David"* ruling over the Western Israel peoples, but NOT SITTING ON THE *"THRONE OF SOLOMON"* which was established in the mountain in the *height* of Israel, NOR SITTING ON THE *"THRONE OF DAVID"* which was *specially and definitely reserved* for his "Son" and from which the "Son" was *to rule over ALL ISRAEL*.

As pointed out and stressed earlier, our Lord Jesus Christ was *NOT a descendant of Solomon* IN THE FLESH, *but* He was born of

the Virgin Mary.

Turning back to Genesis 3:15, there is recorded the Promise of God to Eve that a SON of hers would, in due time, bruise the serpent's head, and from that time Scripture attests to the fact that *God selected, preserved and kept pure* the strain through which our Lord was to be born, and to this end God commanded Israel, as recorded in Deuteronomy 7:3 that they were not to pollute their blood-stream by intermarriage with alien peoples, but were to keep their blood-stream pure in anticipation of the coming of the "Son of Eve and Adam".

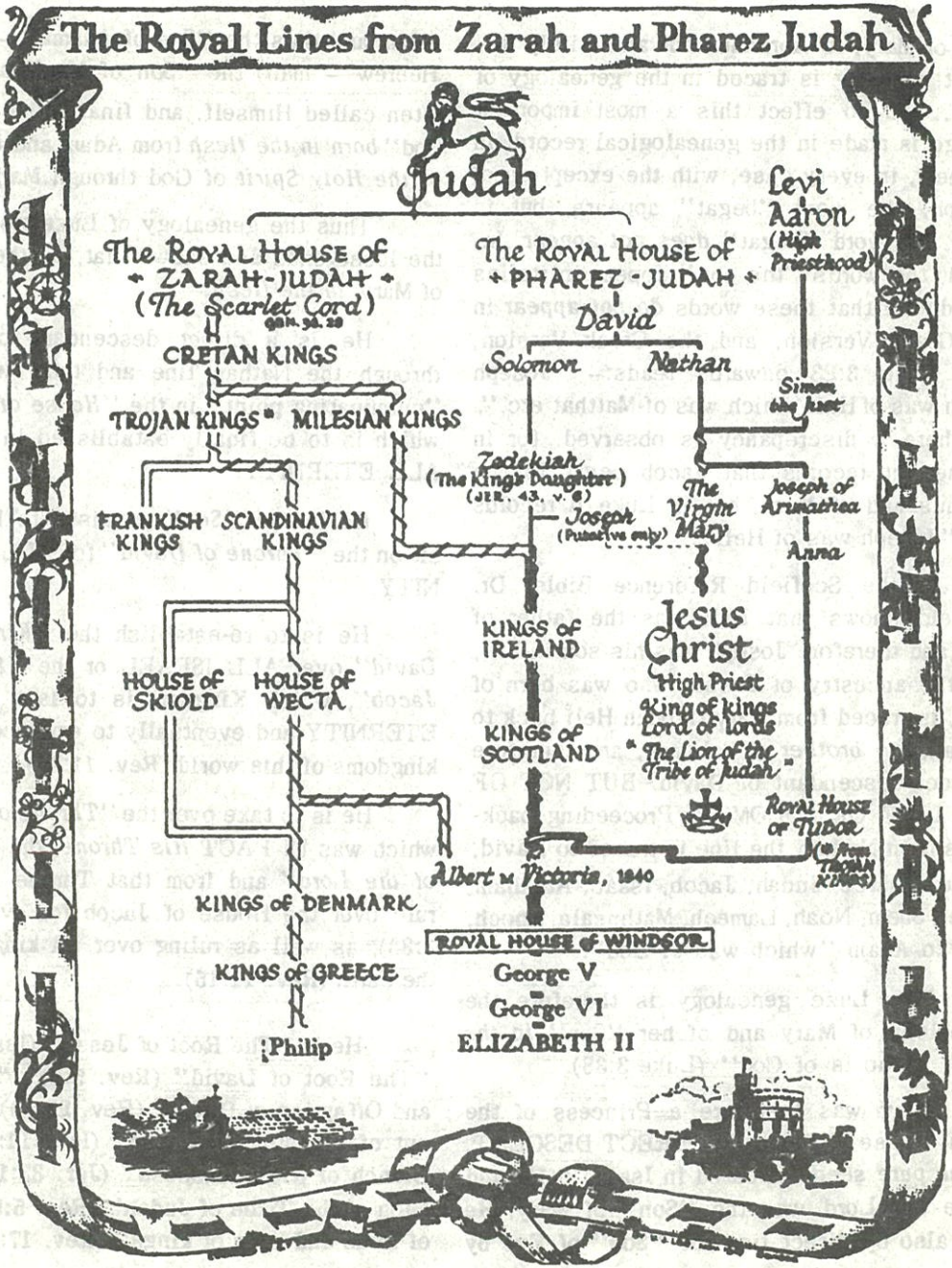
The Books of Ezra and Nehemiah record the return to Palestine of a number of Babylonian captives who became known as Jews, and in Ezra 9:1,2 and Nehemiah 13:23,24 it is recorded that these Jews intermarried with alien peoples, and had mingled the "holy seed" with these aliens, and consequently the blood-stream of the offspring of these married ones was of mixed or polluted blood.

However, Isaiah 6:13 shows that in the land there would be a "residue" who had kept their blood-stream pure, and in whom the "holy seed" would be the substance thereof, and Isaiah 7:14 gives the wonderful prophecy of the Virgin Birth of a Son, Whose name was to be Immanuel – "God with us". In Isaiah 9:6,7 the prophecy is made – "For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given, and the government shall be on his shoulder; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, the everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon *the throne of David, and upon his kingdom,* to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice, from henceforth *even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.*" A further very interesting prophecy is made in Micah 5:2 – "But thou, Bethlehem-Ephratah, though thou be little among the thousands of Judah, yet out of thee shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose goings forth have been from of old, from everlasting" or the marginal reading – "from the days of eternity". The translation by James Moffatt rather clarifies the position – "O Bethlehem Ephrathah, tiniest of townships in all Judah, out of you a king shall come to govern Israel, one whose origin is of old, of long descent ... one who stands firm and rules with the strength of the Eternal, with high authority from his God the Eternal."

Two points here are worthy of note:–

1. The name "Bethlehem Ephratah or Ephrathah". Ephratah or Ephrathah was the ancient name of Bethlehem and is here used to pinpoint the actual town from which "shall he come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel." There could be no mistake as to the site and locality of this city of Bethlehem.
2. David, the son of Jesse, was a resident in Bethlehem, and it is meet and right that "David's Greater Son" should also come from Bethlehem, but Solomon was born in Jerusalem (II Sam. 5:14) and thus could not be the "Son" referred to in Jeremiah 33: 17:26.

As pointed out, the genealogical record of Matthew traces back from Joseph, the hus-


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The Royal House of ✦ PHAREZ-JUDAH ✦
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Aaron (High Priesthood)
David
CRETAN KINGS
Solomon
Nathan
Simon the Just
TROJAN KINGS
MILESIAN KINGS
Zedekiah (The King's Daughter) (JER. 43. v. 6)
Joseph (Priest (vs only)
The Virgin Mary
Joseph of Arimathea
Anna
FRANKISH KINGS
SCANDINAVIAN KINGS
KINGS of IRELAND
Jesus Christ
High Priest
King of kings
Lord of lords
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HOUSE of SKIOLD
HOUSE of WECTA
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KINGS of GREECE
George V
George VI
Philip
ELIZABETH II

band of Mary, to Abraham, but an entirely different ancestry is traced in the genealogy of Luke, and to effect this a most important change is made in the genealogical record. In Matthew, in every case, with the exception of Joseph, the word "begat" appears, but in Luke, the word "begat" *does not appear*. Instead, the words "the son" appear in italics to indicate that these words *do not appear* in the Greek Version, and the Greek Version, from Luke 3:23 onwards reads:– "Joseph which was of Heli which was of Matthat etc.", and here a discrepancy is observed, for in Matthew it records that Jacob *begat* Joseph the husband of Mary, but in Luke it records that "Joseph was of Heli".

In the Scofield Reference Bible, Dr. Scofield shows that Heli was the father of Mary and therefore Joseph was his son-in-law, and the ancestry of Jesus, Who was born of Mary, is traced from Mary through Heli back to Nathan, the *brother* of Solomon, and therefore a direct descendant of David, BUT NOT OF THE LINE OF SOLOMON. Proceeding backwards from Nathan, the line is traced to David, Jesse, Pharez, Judah, Jacob, Isaac, Abraham, Heber, Shem, Noah, Lamech, Mathusala, Enoch, Seth to Adam "which was of God".

The Luke genealogy is therefore the genealogy of Mary and of her "Son" *in the flesh*, "Who is of God" (Luke 3:38).

Mary was therefore a Princess of the Royal House of David BY DIRECT DESCENT, *of the pure seed* indicated in Isaiah 6:13, and while our Lord was the "Son" of Mary, He was also by direct line the "Son" of Eve by Adam and thus the "Son of Adama" – (literal Hebrew – man) the "Son of Man" as He so often called Himself, and finally the "Son of God" *born in the flesh* from Adam and *begotten of the Holy Spirit* of God through Mary.

Thus the genealogy of Luke ties up all the loose ends and shows that, as the "Son" of Mary *in the flesh*:–

He is a direct descendant of David through the Nathan line and that He is the "culminating point" in the *"House of David"* which is to be finally established in Him for ALL ETERNITY.

He is the *"Son"* promised to David to sit on the *"Throne of David"* for ALL ETERNITY.

He is to re-establish the *"Kingdom of David"* over ALL ISRAEL or the *"House of Jacob"*, which Kingdom is to last for ALL ETERNITY and eventually to embrace all the kingdoms of this world (Rev. 11:15).

He is to take over the *"Throne of David"* which was IN FACT *His Throne*, the *"Throne of the Lord"* and from that Throne He is to rule over the House of Jacob for ever (Luke 1:33), as well as ruling over all kingdoms of the earth (Rev. 11:15).

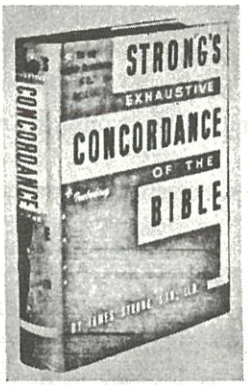
He is "The Root of Jesse" (Isa. 11:10), "The Root of David" (Rev. 5:5), "The Root and Offspring of David" (Rev. 22:16), "A Rod out of the stem of Jesse" (Isa. 11:1), "The Branch of Righteousness" (Jer. 33:15), "The Lion of the Tribe of Judah" (Rev. 5:5), "Lord of lords and King of kings" (Rev. 17:14) "The

Saviour of the World" (I John 4:14) and "The Redeemer of Israel" (Isa. 59:20; Matt. 15:24; and Luke 1:68,69).

From the foregoing it must be acknowledged that:–

1. While the Ten Tribes of Israel are referred to as the House of Israel and the Two Tribes of Judah and Benjamin as the House of Judah, ONLY ONE HOUSE WAS CONSTITUTED BY GOD – *"THE HOUSE OF DAVID"*.
2. God brought into being TWO THRONES, the *"Throne of David"* and the *"Throne of Solomon"*.
3. The *"Throne of Solomon"* is NOW functioning in Britain, the height of Israel in the Isles.
4. Descendants of King David are TODAY sitting on the *"Throne of Solomon"* in Britain, and also ruling over the Israel peoples living in the Western Countries of Europe where Royal Houses still remain.
5. The *"Throne of David"* over *ALL ISRAEL* was SPECIFICALLY INSTITUTED AND CONSTITUTED BY GOD to be the *THRONE OF HIS SON* when He returns to rule the world in Righteousness and Peace and to Whom, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, be all Majesty, Dominion and Power through all eternity.

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Series II

By The Rev. G.H. Nicholson

Series II is the name of the experimental Communion Service. There are also being published a new Morning Prayer, Evening Prayer, and Services for Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage and the Burial of the Dead, all of which we shall be asked to experiment with, and with a view to our adoption of them all. This is a dark laid scheme, to further Church unity. The plan, which is so obvious but never declared, is firstly to get right away from our Book of Common Prayer's magnificent presentation of the truth that God has revealed to us in His Holy Word, which we are specifically ordained to preach, and had to promise "with all faithful diligence to banish and drive away all erroneous and strange doctrines contrary to God's Word." Then, the plan is so to change the ordinances of our Church and to express our faith in such vague terms that the doctrines of other Churches – particularly the Roman – will not clash with it, and so could be read into it, and which doctrines were rejected at the Reformation as being "grounded upon no warrant of Scripture, but rather repugnant to the Word of God".

Here we might learn something from the Pope. At the time of our Lambeth Conference, he reasserted certain Roman doctrines, which are unacceptable to us on these grounds. He has stated that they cannot compromise doctrine for the sake of unity. In saying this, he was asserting a right principle – which we ought to follow – but in defence of false doctrines. We, to our shame, respond to this attitude by disregarding both right principle and doctrinal truth in order to accommodate doctrinal error.

This, therefore, should not be a question as to whether we like the Series II Service. The problem centres around "the faith once delivered to the saints" for which we all should "earnestly contend", and this means taking all steps to guard against the admixture of the erroneous doctrines so prevalent in Christendom.

Looking at Series II with proper regard for this, the omission of the first part of the Prayer of Consecration in the Book of Common Prayer appears as a deliberate act of treachery towards our Church. It is opening the door to doctrinal corruption, and to which many of our Bishops and clergy would allow our Church to descend for the sake of a false basis for unity with other Churches whose doctrines are repugnant to the Word of God.

The well-known passage reads "Almighty God our heavenly Father, Who of thy tender mercy didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did insti-

tute and in his holy Gospel, command us to continue a perpetual memorial of that his precious death, until his coming again." Note the above words: "who made there". "There" was at Calvary.

These words were very carefully composed and amended at the time of the Reformation to remove any possibility of belief in any incomplete sacrifice, oblation, or satisfaction for sin which would ever require any repetition of it or further satisfaction for sin in any way at all. This was done to preserve inviolate and for ever the truths that centre around the sworn words of the Father concerning His Son. "Thou art a priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec" of which sacrificing order of priesthood there was, and could be, only one member – Jesus Christ Himself, in that He was both the Sacrificer and the Sacrifice as the following words show.

"He *offered himself* without spot to God" "By *his own blood* . . . he entered into the holy place (signifying His Ascension into heaven) . . . having obtained eternal redemption for us." Consequently we are "sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ *once for all.*" Again, we are told it is for ever because "*By one offering* he hath perfected *for ever* them that are sanctified." And because His sacrificial work was completed at Calvary "there remaineth *no more sacrifice for sin.*"

He is our only high priest. St. Paul, speaking of our Christian age says that He still remains Israel's "high priest for ever after the order of Melchisedec". Again he says that having "an high priest over the house of God" (which includes both faithful Israelites and Gentiles alike) we should "draw near in full assurance of faith" and because we can have "boldness to enter into the holiest (the presence of God) by the blood of Jesus" (shed for us at Calvary) and because He "ever liveth to make intercession for us".

It is revealing, as regards the Eternal Truth and purpose of God, when we consider how this unique sacrificial and redemptive function of Christ was foreshadowed from earliest times. In His pre-incarnate days, He had appeared in His priestly order of Melchisedec, to Abraham, to whom He had covenanted that "in thy seed (Israel) shall all the families of the earth be blessed". In blessing Abraham, He "brought forth bread and wine" – the very symbols of His future sacrificial act of blessing, whereby He would render inviolate His purpose; redeem Israel from all evil, and die for the sins of the world.

These are essential truths concerning the mystical way of redemption that God has opened unto us through His Son, and some of which are so perfectly preserved for us in that masterpiece of words contained in our Prayer of Consecration. Why do not these latter truths find expression in the Series II Service?

For the answer, we only need look at the Roman Mass. The Mass is not the Lord's Supper. Roman Catholic writers speak of the "sacrifice of the Mass". The Mass denies that our sins were all and wholly done away by the Cross of Christ. They hold there is still need for Masses for the Faithful Departed, and Pray-

ers for the Dead – not to speak of prayers to the "Queen of Heaven" (the Virgin Mary) requesting her to use her supposed influence with her Son favourably on behalf of the living and the dead. Such things as these are blasphemously unscriptural and our Articles of Religion condemn them as such.

These Articles, which were carefully prepared to contain and protect the faith of our Church, were recently, in the Church Assembly, said to be "un-Christian puritanical arrogance" and the approval of Convocations is being sought for the Assembly's decision to do away with them. What abysmal ignorance! Or is it worse? I fear it is.

It would seem that this is nothing less than part of the fulfilment of St. Paul's prediction that "in the last days perilous times shall come" when men who are "of corrupt minds, reprobate concerning the faith" will "resist the truth". We cannot say that we are not now living in such days as the Apostle predicted, when the leaders of all Churches deliberately ignore, through their unbelief, our Lord's words upon the gospel of His kingdom (established in Israel at Mount Sinai) which is to be consummated on earth at His return "in power and great glory" and when some theologians have even pressed the logic of their unbeliefs to their unmitigated conclusion that "God is dead".

Our Church cannot legally change its doctrine and ordinances without the consent of the people of England as represented by the Houses of Parliament. We are now faced with a plot to use legal means to serve an illegal end. The only legal services of the Church of England are contained in the Book of Common Prayer. The Bishops have authorised these new services only as "experiments" which are to be tried out for four years, and which period may be extended for another four years, if they so desire. The hope in this Machiavelian design is that they will eventually be able to force the hand of Parliament by being able to say that about 90 per cent of the Churches use these new services and asking them to make them the official services of the Church of England.

The reason why this movement so readily advances with little articulate opposition is that we have forsaken the Word of God and are so readily bewitched by a right purpose to be effected by a wrong method, when it is done under the seemingly sublime aura of episcopal respectability. When compared with this mesmeric subtlety, the method used by Guy Fawkes in his abortive attempt, to change the faith of the Church of England in a Romeward direction, must seem a little crude.

The Series II Service states at the outset that these experiments cannot be tried without the consent of the P.C.C., but what the Service does not say is that they require also the consent of the Incumbent. For reasons I have stated, I could not allow the use of the new Book for any services for which I am responsible. In saying this I am not acting in any arbitrary fashion. I did not place myself in this position, but I am in this position. Therefore, whether I like it or not, a responsibility rests on me, from which I cannot divest myself, of deciding whether these experiments should

or should not, be held in our Churches.

There can be no evading the fact that we are being surreptitiously inveigled to do away with the protection afforded to doctrine by our Book of Common Prayer, which under the hand of God has been the means of enshrining and preserving the true faith for our Church; which has immeasurably changed for the better our national-life and character, and which in divine inspiration must be held to rank near to that of the Bible itself.

In contrast with this, the Ecumenical movement which works on a plan which would permit of our doctrine becoming uncontrolled and corrupted, and without any quest to find the true basis of unity in sound doctrine and revealed truth, can only be described as a demonic factor operating in respectable ecclesiastical guise. The trouble of course lies in the rejection by our Church leaders of the Bible as the inspired and infallible Word of God, but it is particularly in the fulfilment of prophecy that the Word of God proves its own infallibility.

I have shown previously that the key to understanding the Scriptures lies in the identification of ourselves as the modern Israel nation which must be in existence for all time, fulfilling the prophetic Scriptures in everything concerning it, and exactly in the way predicted. This fact is also manifest in our present problem of doctrine and Church unity. God has undertaken to use His people in such ways as will result in "all the families of the earth being blessed". This necessitates our becoming a Christian nation; bringing to the world the gospel of the Cross of Christ, and, of course, what must go with this – the preserving of this gospel from all erroneous doctrine. It follows that in accordance with this covenanted undertaking of God, the true doctrine must be preserved by the Israel national Church. It is therefore this covenant that accounts for our having in our Book of Common Prayer what no other Church has – the outstanding example of a comprehensive body of Scriptural teaching very accurately revealing the whole plan of God for the salvation of mankind and the furtherance and consummation of His kingdom on earth.

If anyone doubts this, but seriously wants to find out the truth for himself, he can study the actual Service Books in English of the other two great denominations – the Church of the West – the Roman Catholic, and the Church of the East – the "Holy Orthodox-Catholic Apostolic Church."

What we all need – is to humble ourselves under the mighty hand of God, and to strive with meticulous care to understand "all the council of God" in its unadulterated fulness and Majesty, and TO DO HIS WILL.

All of a heap for twenty-one hours

The story told in the Book of Joshua of the crossing of the river Jordan has been dismissed by many as obviously mythical. That the waters should suddenly be cut off, during a time of flood, did seem to be too incredible.

Strange to say, the same thing has happened on at least three occasions in history since.

The Arab historian Nuwairi related that on December 8, A.D. 1267, the river-bed became dry opposite Jericho owing to a landslide higher up. No water flowed down the river-bed for sixteen hours.

The next occasion was in 1906, and the latest in July 1927. What happened then was that a great landslide occurred following an earthquake, about sixteen miles farther up the river Jordan, at Damieh (the Adam of Joshua), where it flows between high earthen banks. The river was blocked for twenty-one hours, and it was possible to walk across the dry streambed below.

The account given in the Book of Joshua tells us that 'the waters which came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the salt sea, were wholly cut off; and the people passed over right against Jericho.'

—A. Rendle Short, M.D., B.S., B.Sc., F.R.C.S., *Modern Discovery and the Bible*, pp. 153, 154.

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I WOULD QUIT PREACHING — IF I —

Believed the Jews constitute all Israel—for the Bible would not be true.
Believed that all other people were Gentiles. Same reason.
Were convinced of no life beyond the grave.
Had to preach and teach that all races were Adam's offspring.
Had to preach that the Church supplants the kingdom.
Had to preach that the Bride of Christ is primarily Gentile.
Had to preach that the kingdom of God is in the individual only.
Had to preach that God is not one, but three.
Had to preach that Christianity is found primarily in the Gentiles.
Had to preach that Jesus was a Jew.
Had to preach that a person becomes a Christian by something he does.
Had to preach that Jesus Christ was not God incarnate.
Had to preach that all mankind are the children of God.
Had to preach that the majority of mankind will burn in hell forever.

—W. B. Record

The Days of Reckoning

By Mrs. D. Price.

U.S. HOSTAGES IN IRAN. RESCUE ATTEMPT FAILS.

On December 7th. 1941 Japan attacked and destroyed the U.S. Naval Base at Pearl Harbour; a disaster that Americans can never forget. Next day, President Roosevelt declared war against Japan and the U.S.A. entered the 2nd. World War.

Now another disaster for the U.S.A. - the abortive attempt to rescue the members of the U.S. Embassy staff held in Teheran as hostages since Nov. 4th, 1979. President Carter announced to the nation on April 25th. 1980 that he had called off the rescue on the previous day after unspecified machine failures. All men in the rescue attempt were volunteers, but unfortunately eight were killed in the operation.

Our sympathies are with President Carter and the American people in the unenviable position in which their nation is now placed.

Japan destroyed U.S. naval base at Pearl Harbour DEC. 7/8 - 1941.

Pres. Carter announced rescue attempt of U.S. hostages on April 24, called off. APL. 24/25 - 1980.

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RHODESIA - ZIMBABWE.

Back on November 11th 1965, Mr. Ian Smith, Prime Minister of Rhodesia, declared his country's unilateral Declaration of Independence. (U.D.I.) Those days are gone for ever, and in their place, since midnight April 18/19 - 1980, is the black State of Zimbabwe under the rule of Mr. Robert Mugabe. The following collection of Biblical numbers as time-cycles do not auger well for the new State.

P.M. Smith declared U.D.I. NOV. 11 - 1965.

Zimbabwe an independent black state APL. 18/19 - 1980.

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CHINA. - NEWCOMER MAY GET TOP JOB.

Extract from the Melbourne "AGE", April 18 - 1980.

Mr. Deng Xiaoping, China's senior Vice-Premier, gave a clear indication on April 17 that Mr. Zhao Ziyang ..... was in line for appointment as state premier - a job now held by Chairman Hua Guofeng.

Chairman HUA of China. Sept 14 - 1976.

Zhao Ziyang named as likely successor. April 17/18 - 1980.

1290 solar or 1308.8 days.

1 2 9 0 is given in Daniel 12:11 as the sign of AN abomination that maketh desolate. It was the time-cycle, from birth to death in the career of Adolf Hitler. Need one give a better illustration of the meaning of 1 2 9 0.

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THE U. S. S. R. and AFGHANISTAN.

In the January 1980 publication issued by the Dept. of Foreign Affairs, Canberra, Australia, are some dates of the involvement of the Soviet Union in Afghanistan over the years.

Although Russian troops entered Afghanistan in the middle of December 1979, the actual date for the beginning of military action in that mountainous land was DECEMBER 29 - 1979.

U.S.S.R. begins military action in Afghanistan DEC. 29 - 1979.

1 9 8 2.
A P R I L.
1 7.

7 X 1 2 0 days.

"AS IT WAS IN THE DAYS OF NOAH." Noah received a Divine warning that a great natural disaster would occur 1 2 0 years later. In these latter days, the time has been shortened from years to days, usually 7 x 120 days or 8 4 0 days, which is one third of the great SEVEN TIMES of 2520 days.

For your interest I worked out the series of '120' days from December 29, 1979 to April 17, 1982 :-

1 x 120 - APRIL 27-1980 U.S. Secretary of State Vance handed his resignation to President Carter.

2 x 120 - AUGUST 25 - 1980.

3 x 120 - DECEMBER 23 - 1980.

4 x 120 - APRIL 22 - 1981.

5 x 120 - AUGUST 20 - 1981.

6 x 120 - DECEMBER 18 - 1981.

7 x 120 - APRIL 17 - 1982.

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CHURCH AND STATE IN GREAT BRITAIN.

THE first referendum held in the British Isles gave the people, on June 5th 1975, the choice as to whether Britain should join the European Economic Community (E.E.C.) or not. By a small majority the vote was "YES" in favour.

Three years later, on July 23rd 1978, at the opening of the Lambeth Conference, Dr. Coggan, Archbishop of Canterbury, spoke of the low ebb to which spiritual life in Britain had fallen.

Britain votes to join E.E.C. JUNE 5 - 1975.

Lambeth Conference of Anglican Bishops Spiritual life at low ebb. JULY 23 - 1978.

4 X 2 8 6 . 1 days Displacement.

Since then Dr. Coggan has retired, Dr. Robert Runci M.C. being appointed his successor. Dr. Runci's enthronement in Canterbury Cathedral took place on March 25th. 1980.

Referendum Vote June 5-1975.

Church 'DEAD' July 23-1978

Enthronement of DR. Runci March 25 - 1980

St. Michael's Day Sept. 29 1 9 8 2.

4 x 281.6

4 x 153

6 x 153.

Refer to John 21. When the disciples, at the Risen Lord's command, changed over and cast their net from the RIGHT SIDE of the boat, the haul numbered 1 5 3 large fishes. In Divine Time Measures " 1 5 3" is always the symbol of THE ELECT PEOPLE.

The enthronement of Dr. Runci is also linked by a remarkable set of time measures with the total eclipse of the SUN visible over the British Isles on June 29 - 1927.

Solar Eclipse
over British Isles
JUNE 29 - 1927

Dr. Runci enthroned
at Canterbury
MARCH 25 - 1980.

3	x 1260	= 3780	Tribulation	
3	x 2300	= 6900	Sanctuary to be cleansed.	
3	x 2861	= 8383	Displacement of evil days.	
		19,263	days.	APRIL 26. 1 9 8 2.
1 5	x 1 3 3 5		Blessing (Dan. 12:12.)	

DARE ONE HOPE AND PRAY that our people will be awakened by a great spiritual revival ????

D.F.PRICE.
May 5 - 1980.

Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. . . . . .

For I the Lord thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel. *–Isaiah 41:10,13,14.*

Anti-Christ

JOHN LOVELL

PEOPLE ARE certainly peculiar! They simply won't investigate! They take everything for granted. For instance, people will go to a restaurant and accept any kind of food that is brought before them, without ever taking a look in the kitchen to see how it is prepared, how clean the people are, or asking what their food contains. People will take medicine in the same manner, never asking the doctor what it contains and how it is going to affect their bodies. People are the same way about theology. They simply will not question anything that is given to them, providing it is something they want to hear or want to believe, something that is taught by their particular denomination, some traditional teaching that sounds good, or something they have heard all their lives. For instance, people have often asked us where to find the Scripture, "Cleanliness is next to godliness." Naturally, we have had to tell them there was no such Scripture found in the Bible. People had heard it all their lives and had never stopped to take time out to look in the Bible to see if such a Scripture actually were there. So people should investigate things they hear ministers declare, to see if such statements are based on Scriptures found in the Holy Bible.

It is a fact that tradition furnishes most of our theology in Bible teaching. One of the greatest problems the Lord had to deal with was this matter of tradition and the views of human beings, instead of the teachings of the Holy Spirit found in God's Word. A good example of this is as follows. Mark 7: 9: *"And he said unto them, Full well ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your own tradition."* Millions of people are just as greedy as these wicked hypocrites were to whom the Lord addressed the above Scripture.

As much as we have heard ministers speak on the subject of Anti-christ, one would be led to believe that the term is mentioned a thousand times in the Bible, when, as a matter of fact, it is only mentioned four times, and then by only one of the Bible writers in two of his epistles! As

you study these four references to Anti-Christ, it is found that the qualifying article, THE, is nowhere used before the term, Anti-Christ, but simply Anti-Christ.

In this message let us strip our minds of our traditions, notions, and denominational teachings, turn to God's Word, and with an honest heart and an open mind honestly investigate the Bible to see what it actually has to say about the matter of Anti-Christ.

First of all, let us turn to the Bible and examine some Scriptures which theologians have declared had reference to Anti-Christ, and yet we know from the very Scriptures themselves they have no reference whatsoever to Anti-Christ. Dan 9:26, 27: *"And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined. And he shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make it desolate, even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate."* As you examine the above verses, it is evidence that our modern theologians have become not only erroneous in their teachings, but blasphemous in their attitude by declaring that the pronoun "He" in Verse 27 has reference to this monstrous giant, this so-called big bad wolf that theologians have said was the Anti-Christ. Anyone knowing even the rudiments of grammar and rhetoric who studies these two verses will find that the Messiah, or Christ, is the subject and that the personal pronoun "He" simply stands for the subject, and has reference to Jesus Christ and His death on the cross along toward the latter part of the seventieth week of Daniel, and not to Anti-Christ as we have been taught! It is nothing short of blasphemy to twist the Scriptures and to add to them, in order to substantiate and perpetuate the theologian's theory of personal Anti-Christ. by butchering up the English language and saying this has reference to Anti-Christ, when it plainly has reference to Jesus Christ.

Another reference we are given which the theologians refer to as the so-called Anti-Christ, when in reality it has reference to the beast of prophecy and re-

fers to another matter altogether, is Rev. 13:11: *"And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon."* As you study in the book of Revelation, you will fmd that this religious beast system has none of the earmarks of Anti-Christ system, for Anti-Christ is said to be completely atheistic, while the beast devoutly engages in religion. Still another reference is to the man of sin. II Thess. 2:3, 4; *"Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; Who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God."* II Thess. 2:7, 8: *"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall the Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."* In these verses it is evident that Anti-Christ is not referred to because there is no atheism connected with the man of sin. He is very religious — not Christian, but religious. Obviously these verses have reference to the old pagan Roman Empire in operation at the time of this writing, which was soon to be replaced by the Roman papal system, which is the beast of the Revelation.

Having pointed out that the above verses do not, by any stretch of the imagination, have reference to Anti-Christ, but two very different matters instead, let us now turn to the Scriptures, and the only Scriptures, that do teach directly about Anti-Christ.

Definition. You don't have to guess who Anti-Christ is, for the Bible plainly tells us in the following words. I John 2:22: *Who is a liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? He is anti-christ, that denieth the Father and the Son.* Make no mistake about it; any individual is Anti-Christ who denies that Jesus is the Saviour of the world, and who denies the existence of Almighty God in His fulness. As far as groups are concerned, any group or race that denies Jesus Christ, who hates Him, and who also, by their deeds and motives, deny God the Father are, by the very definition given in this verse as a race or as a group, Anti-Christ. To be Anti-Christ simply means to be against Christ, to hate Christ, and to

hate the New Testament in which Jesus' ministry and words are told. Such people are against Christ; that is, they are enemies of Christ. We do not have to name them. They name themselves, and to us, identify and spotlight themselves by their own attitude toward Christ and the New Testament!

How many? Anti-Christ is many and is here now. I John 2:18: *Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.* This verse plainly tells us that at the time John wrote these Scriptures the enemies of Jesus Christ were on the spot then, and that it was not just one man, but many. So let us not accept tradition and modern theology in these matters. Let us accept God's Word and believe that there are many Anti-Christs who are here now and have been for two thousand years and more.

Spirit of Anti-Christ. I John 4:2, 2, 3: *Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirit whether they are of God: because many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.* These verses tell us that there are people who don't believe in Jesus Christ and don't accept God the Father! Atheists are so depraved, vicious, and wicked that they are actually possessed of demons and devils, also evil spirits. So you can naturally see then, why there are those in the world today who are doing all they can to keep the New Testament from being sent through the mail, to keep Jesus' Name from being mentioned in the literature or in our public schools, to keep the Bible from being read in the public schools, and to keep Christ from being mentioned at the United Nations meetings. These people hate Christ; they hate the Bible; they hate Christian churches and Christian ministers, and they are doing all they can through the entertainment world, through their political and financial organizations to put Christ, His ministers, and His people out of business. But, thank God, He who is for us is greater than he who is against us, therefore they will never, never be successful.

Deceivers. II John 1:7: *For many deceivers are entered into*

the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh. This is a deceiver not an anti-christ. Here we are told that people who are enemies of Jesus Christ, those who hate Him and are against us (and are therefore Anti-Christ) are deceivers. Therefore, we may expect all that they do and say to be marked by hypocrisy and deceit, and such is certainly the case!

Mind you, though the term, Anti-Christ, is used only four times, as mentioned above, in the Bible, there are many, many indirect references to these Anti-Christ forces throughout the Bible, particularly the New Testament, such as you will find in the following references: Matthew, 23rd chapter; Matthew, 12th chapter; John, 8th chapter; and Jude, 1st chapter.

So if we base our theology on the Bible instead of tradition, we find that Anti-Christ refers to a group of people and not just one person; that they were in John's day; they are here now and are not confined to some future date of three and one-half or seven years; that Anti-Christ includes all atheistic, depraved, godless people who hate and are against Christ and are therefore His enemies. Aren't you willing, therefore, to accept the plain teachings of the Bible, instead of teachings of tradition?

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COMMENT

"A CRUSADE FOR CONSERVATIVES" (by Sir Arthur Bryant - (Our Notebook - "The Illus- (trated London News, July (1977)."

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"What do we need to conserve," asked Disraeli at a crisis in his country's and party's affairs, "THINGS or ONLY NAMES? REALITIES or ONLY APPEARANCES?" Today, in a greater crisis in the fortunes of their country and party the Conservative leaders have to ask themselves a similar question. On the WISDOM of their answer the continuance of GREAT BRITAIN as a FREE and CHRISTIAN nation may well depend. For if, after the now impending collapse and MORAL BANKRUPTCY of the all-but UNIVERSALLY accepted socialist experiment of the past half-century and its repudiation by a disillusioned electorate, they fail to give the right alternative answer, the evolving national experience of 1,000 years - that is, the formation and development of a FREE government on an extensive scale, which Disraeli defined as "assuredly one of the most interesting problems of humanity, and certainly the greatest achievement of human wit", and which has been a principal model for other peoples in the age-long and precarious business of reconciling LIBERTY WITH AUTHORITY - may come to an end.

In that case this country, and others with us, may revert to the only other form of government known to history and compatible with human nature: AN AUTOCRACY of some kind or other, Marxist or otherwise. For as nature abhors a vacuum and always seeks to fill it, human society abhors anarchy and ends by reverting to what our fathers called 'despotism' and we, more politely, AUTHORITARIANISM. "You must remember," Disraeli told the House of Commons, "that this PECULIAR country is NOT governed by FORCE. It is not governed by standing armies, it is governed by a most singular series of traditionary influences, which generation after generation cherishes BECAUSE it knows that they embalm custom and represent LAW. And with this . . . you have created the greatest empire of

modern time . . . You have devised and sustained a system of credit still more marvellous. And, above all, you have established and maintained a scheme so vast and complicated of labour and industry that the history of the world affords no parallel to it. And all these mighty creations are out of all proportion to the essential and indigenous elements and resources of the country. If you destroy that state of society, remember this - ENGLAND CANNOT BEGIN AGAIN."

Today that sad and prescient prophecy, made in the heyday of high, complacent and triumphant Victorianism by a man far-sighted beyond the ordinary run of political leaders, has been all but fulfilled. The traditional influences, which, century after century, successive generations cherished, preserved and augmented, have been neglected, derided and, many of them, all but discarded in our troubled and infidel century. As a result they no longer afford a bulwark to what Disraeli called "the insidious encroachments of a convenient yet enervating system of centralization," which, he predicted, would, "if unchecked, prove fatal to the NATIONAL character."

As a people, we are drifting, and a large, and possibly major part of a whole generation is growing up without MORAL BELIEF OR PURPOSE, without DISCIPLINE, and without the WILL to work or the ABILITY TO CONCENTRATE, and without STANDARDS OF BEHAVIOUR, CRAFTSMANSHIP and even ELEMENTARY REASONING. The creed of egalitarian levelling-down, seedy permissiveness and welfare-state mass pauperization which our fashionable socialist and so-called liberal idealists and mentors have so long advocated is depriving our society of the means of its own preservation and regeneration. "I see before me", declared Disraeli, foretelling what, then invisible to all eyes but his own, was to come, "a numerous and powerful party, animated by chiefs whose opinions in favour of all that can advance the cause of pure democracy have been openly proclaimed. All unite in the march of the caravan towards the heart of the desert, and, if there be those who then discover that the fountain which allures them on is but a MIRAGE, it will be too late to return."

Against the radical and levelling tendencies of his age Disraeli reacted, not because he was opposed to popular rights

and social amelioration, which he consistently sought to further, but because he wished to base both on something more stable and creative than the will of a single all-powerful and untrammelled popularly elected assembly. As nothing creative and enduring can now be looked for either from those who for so long have preached and championed what, for all their high-sounding ideals, is causing the disintegration of the nation and of the faith on which its survival depends, or from the sheltered state bureaucrats who can ordain but, without effective political guidance and leadership, cannot govern a community which, without such leadership, will ULTIMATELY become UNGOVERNABLE, the vacuum facing us as a people can only be filled, if we are to remain a free and parliamentary nation, by a re-statement by an effective political party of the principles which can alone preserve the nation and, by their implementation in action, restore its FAITH, UNITY and VITALITY.

These, I believe, can be stated simply and briefly. They are, first and foremost, a realization that a nation is nothing more than the sum total of the individuals who comprise it, and that therefore its future and welfare must depend wholly on evoking and encouraging the VIRTUE, INTELLIGENCE, INDUSTRY, SKILL and, above all, INTEGRITY and HONOUR OF THE INDIVIDUAL, that is ultimately, so far as it can be achieved, of every individual. To refashion our educational system, our economic life, our homes and environment, our national and local institutions in order to bring this about should be the unrelenting objective of a true Conservative Party. For this reason self-help should be increasingly substituted for state-help, which should be invoked only where it serves to foster self-help; self-discipline must take the place of governmental regimentation; self-sacrifice of impersonal and institutional do-goodism.

The legislation of Parliament and the administration of Whitehall and the County Hall should henceforward be directed to one great end: the protection and encouragement of the active and upright individual - the source alike of all wealth and of NATIONAL GREATNESS. To that and the restoration of public order and the deterrence and due punishment of those who challenge it, whether criminals or politically-motivated

terrorists, should become once more a first legal priority, and, where necessary, THE DEATH PENALTY and CORPORAL PUNISHMENT, as well as or in place of imprisonment, should be restored by the "counsel and consent" of the whole nation in a referendum: for without public order and the rule of LAW, civilization cannot survive.

Bad housing and ugly, degrading surroundings - what our civil servants call the "environment" - should be treated by Parliament and the executive as what they are: PLAGUE SPOTS WHICH POISON THE LIFE AND VIRTUE OF THE INDIVIDUAL; and towards the deliberate and sustained removal of them, as also the stimulation of our native agriculture and the protection of the country from its potential enemies, the resources of our economy should be boldly and actively mobilized, so creating that full and wealth-producing employment for lack of which the individual stagnates and languishes. And in all this the distinction between the real wealth of the nation - which is the VIRTUE, INDUSTRY AND SKILL OF ITS INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS - and the money values which only measure it, should be clearly borne in mind, and the second be made to serve instead of, as at present, to STIFLE, the creative ends of the first.

Above all, a rejuvenated, unifying and, so, real Conservatism would have to recognize, and make the inspiration of all its policies, what both the Conservative Party and its opponents have so long forgotten: Dr Johnson's dictum, that "No people can be great who have ceased to be virtuous". Or, as that party's greatest, because most profound, leader, Benjamin Disraeli, put it: "A civilized community must rest on a large realized capital of thought and sentiment. There must be a reserve fund of public morality to draw upon in the exigencies of national life. Society has a soul as well as a body. The traditions of a nation are part of its existence. Its valour and its discipline, its venerable laws, its eloquence and its scholarship are as much portions of its life as its agriculture, its commerce and its engineering skill."

If our country is to be preserved and reborn, the task of a true Conservative Party can be nothing less than to inspire, lead and direct a national crusade, transcending

outworn class divisions and meaningless partisan shibboleths, to preserve and restore these precious and sacred intangibles of our national heritage.

"The Sun" 12.2.80.

"WATER THREAT TO HISTORIC BABYLON: Bagdad.

"UNDERGROUND water is threatening to destroy the historic city of BABYLON, whose hanging gardens were one of the Seven Wonders of the ANCIENT world.

The Iraqi News Agency INA said that one possible solution being studied was to divert the Shatt Al Hella River, a branch of the Euphrates, which crossed the region.

But experts feared this would only lower the water level by five metres instead of the 20 needed and not stop water seeping into the city.

Any more radical diversion would change the environment of the town, which is 90km south of Bagdad.

Other ideas being considered include the sinking of several wells to collect the water or the construction of deep insulating walls between the city and the river."

"The Sun" (New York)

"THE Soviet Union would win a nuclear exchange with the United States, which would be destroyed, according to Dr Edward Teller.

Dr. Teller, known as the father of the hydrogen bomb, says this in an interview to be published in Forbes magazine's February 18 issue.

He says he believes the United States is no longer a match for the Soviet Union in advanced technology, particularly lasers.

"If we went into a nuclear war today there is practically no question that the Russians would win that war and the United States would cease to exist," he says.

He says Pres. Carter is a victim of the present weakness of the United States because "if the President does

as he says he is going to do and draws a line against Soviet expansion in the Persian Gulf area, it could result in a war that the United States will lose."

"The recent statements of our President that, if the Russians do not behave, we may not go to the Olympic Games is certainly not enough to make a deep impression," he says.

The Hungarian-born Dr. Teller, a contemporary of Albert Einstein, led the team that developed the hydrogen bomb for the United States."

"The Sun" - 10.3.80.

"ABOUT 100 school children aged between 12 and 18 met in London over the week-end for lectures on organising school strikes and undermining teachers' authority. The seminar was organised by Red Rebel, the youth section of the left-wing Socialist Workers' Party."



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Theologians and clergymen in general are a strange breed among men. In no other department of the 'Sciences' are definite 'Terms' totally ignored or misunderstood and replaced by their own ideas or 'traditions of men'. If chemists, physicists, atomic scientists and physicians were as careless in the understanding of the definite 'Terms' relating to their sciences as are we clergymen, the whole human race would either have been poisoned or blown to pieces long ago.

Take the term 'Chosen' used without a shadow of doubt in Divine Revelation with definite content and meaning. Now clergymen in general will believe they are chosen by God to their office; they expect their followers to accept that this is the position. They will accept the idea that other individuals serving within the Church are chosen by God for special services. Yet by and large they totally set themselves against the Divine Revelation that in His dealings with the nations of the world God can have and does have 'A Servant People'. This, in spite of the constant reference to 'My People' and this 'Divine Term' must stand for the tangible historical people Israel. And this very Divine 'Term' established beyond all doubt God's claim upon '*This people who I have created for myself, they shall shew forth my praise*'. Here God is addressing and speaking of a distinct, Divinely created, Divinely chosen, Divinely owned Hebraic people called 'My People'.

As I read through the Bible from the beginning and accepted it as the unfolding of God's Divinely Revealed Purpose, I could see quite clearly that when He desired to influence individuals God used individual servants, and when He planned to reveal or demonstrate His Truth to the nations of mankind He could and did create a racial instrument for this Divine Purpose. Why not?

The dignity and high-calling of 'My People' lies in her ministerial position within the framework of God's purpose and plan. 'Be Thou a Blessing' is the main and clearly stated purpose for the creation of the race, 'My People'. Making their name great did not mean God

would degrade other names. In the ultimate reaches of God's great plan no man or nation will be rejected by God save those who wilfully, deliberately and in spite of all Divine Revelation and efforts continue in a state of rebellion against His Holiness and Majesty. Such people condemn themselves.

Before rejecting the Divine Revelation of the choice of 'My People' we should always connect the choice with the calling and task. For we must accept the Divine Revelation that God's Servant People did have a calling and a task, for this is what Divine Revelation is all about from *Genesis to Revelation*. The fact that the Israel people failed in a great measure as 'My Servant People' proves there was such a 'Servant People' in existence to make failure on a national scale a possibility! This failure constitutes the tragedy of a real people which also demonstrates God's Holiness and Righteousness in that He would not and did not wink at Israel's sins and acts of disobedience. 'My Servant People' were not to be God's pets but rather 'God's Pattern People' — God's demonstration model in the midst of the nations of the world. In this respect it means in truth no other nation has ever had such a heavy responsibility placed upon its shoulders. We must never forget this aspect of the choice of 'My People', chosen for tremendous and weighty responsibility. In a world which has a mania about 'human rights', God constantly instills into the heart and mind of 'My Servant People' the principle of 'human duties' or 'human responsibilities'. A lesson we do well to learn today! Are we as God's Servant People showing forth His praise today? Are we as God's People showing forth His glory? Have we not lost the national sense of mission, and have we not lost the luring, magnetic vision of the Divinely ordained 'Role' God has planned for us as His Servant People? And thus are we not demonstrating in our national life today the truth of the Divine declaration *'Where there is no vision the people perish'?* The Divine Vision alone is the binding cement which holds God's Servant People together in national harmony and peace, and at the same time is the magnet drawing us along the highway of Divine destiny. At the moment this nation has lost not only its way but also its role in the world.

One of the passages of Divine Revelation which gives us a glimpse of what God wants Israel His Servant People to be is to be found in Jeremiah 13: 11, *'For as the girdle cleaveth unto the loins of man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and*

the whole house of Judah, saith the Lord, that they might be unto me, for a people, and for a name, and for a praise and for a glory, but they would not.' These must rank among the saddest words in Holy Writ. Notice the four wonderful functions God desires for His people. That they be unto Him for a people, obviously a distinctive people among all other peoples. A people demonstrating the blessing of a theocracy, the blessing which comes to a people governed by and obedient to God as King and Ruler. Many Scriptures testify to this idea. *'O that there were such an heart in them, that they would fear me and keep all my commandments always that it might be well with them and their children forever'* (Deut. 6: 29). *'O that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways, with honey out of the rock should I have satisfied thee"* (Ps. 81: 13-16). Here God is giving assurance that His obedient people would experience that much sought after experience — satisfaction. And is it not significant that today no matter what material possessions people obtain, a deep dissatisfaction burns in their soul? There is a common saying, 'people are never satisfied'. The above is the reason! *'O that thou hadst hearkened unto my commandments, then had thy peace been as a river and thy righteousness as the waves of the sea'* (Isa. 48: 18).

Always the Lord held out for His Servant People the promise and prospect of 'The Good Life'. Every provision had been made; all was ready from His side. Then, alas, something hindered this Divine bounty, this promise of 'Good Life'. The Divine prospects never come to reality because God's Servant People never gave Him the required obedience to His Commandments. Israel could never demonstrate the marvellous results of the Theocracy because she never met the requirements of the Theocracy and therefore always got the 'consequences', for this is a matter of Divine realism. Not even God's Servant People can sin and get away with it. No one ever has and no one ever can, for this is the law.

God's purpose for His Servant People remains the same today, that they might be a people for His Name! Yet He has not and cannot alter the conditions and the Divine requirements. If, therefore, we as a nation would like to experience all the abundant blessings of a Theocracy, then the steps towards this goal are marked out clearly by God for us, a return to our God in national repentance, penitence and prayer, and a wholehearted national return to Him as our God and King with a willingness above all else

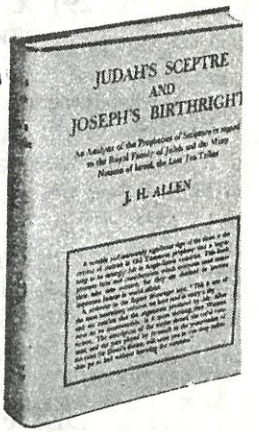
to obey only Him. Given these things by His Servant People, then God will lead us through a new exodus into the land of the fulfilment of all that He has promised by covenant and promise and to all that has now been made possible by the sacrificial death of His Dear Son, Israel's Redeemer King.

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Chapter 17

THE DIVISION OF THE KINGDOM

In 1 Kings chapter 12, we have the record of "The Division of the Kingdom", when Ten of the Tribes rebelled against the Throne of David, (verse 19) and Jeroboam was made "king over all Israel". "There was none that followed the House of David, but the tribe of Judah only". (verse 20)

Read 1 Kings 11:11-13. 1 Kings 11:29-32. 11:34-36. Read chapter 12.

Note particularly that while the Revolution was brought about through dissatisfaction connected with the "yoke" Solomon had placed upon the people: and this yoke was evidently very high taxes, (1 Kings 4:20-28, for one example) and Rehoboam refused to consider any lightening of the burden, (see 1 Kings 12:1-14), nevertheless the Division of the Nation was "An act of God" – (see 1 Kings 11:11 and 12:24) "for this thing is of Me."

The word "kingdom" used in these verses quite evidently refers only to the Eleven Tribes which is consistent with the rest of Bible Teaching. The Eleven Tribes were known as "**ALL ISRAEL**". The Tribe of Judah is consistently referred to as separate from "All Israel". For instance, in 2 Samuel 5:5 we read where David "reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over **ALL ISRAEL** and **JUDAH**." Also in the 114th Psalm we read, "When Israel went out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language; **Judah was His sanctuary,** and **Israel His dominion**." So, away back at the time of the Exodus from Egypt; before the twelve tribes were formed into a nation; God declares the distinction between Israel and Judah. Israel, the eleven tribes, were His Dominion, His Kingdom; while the one tribe of Judah was God's Sanctuary – His separate distinct tribe from which was to come the Royal Reigning Family, and eventually the Messiah Himself. "The sceptre shall not depart from Judah .... until Shiloh come." (Genesis 49:10)

Only Ten Tribes of the Kingdom were to be taken from Rehoboam – one of the eleven tribes was to be left to the King "As a light" (1 Kings 11:36). This "light-bearing tribe" was quite evidently Benjamin (1 Kings 12:21) which remained with the House of David, and with the Tribe of Judah formed the "House of Judah", the Southern Kingdom, with Jerusalem as the Capital and the Davidic Line of Kings as Monarchs.

THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL
DIVORCE – CAPTIVITY – AND RESTORATION ERA

The Division of the Kingdom took place in 975 B.C. Jeroboam, of the Tribe of Ephraim, became the first King of the Ten-Tribed Nation with the city of Samaria as his capital. From this time onward, this Northern Kingdom is known in the Bible as "The House of Israel" – and let it be remembered that there never was a Tribe of Judah in this "House of Israel." Nineteen Kings reigned over this Kingdom – Jeroboam to Hoshea; and none of them were of the House of David. The Kingdom existed for about 250 years – from 975 to 721 B.C. (For details the student can read from 1 Kings 12 to 2 Kings 18)

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Israel, Judah and the Jews

'The House of Israel' is not synonymous with the 'House of Judah'. The House of Judah and some of the Jews are *of* Israel, that is, descended from Jacob. The distinction we wish to emphasize is that while some Jews are Israelites, all Israelites are not necessarily Jews. In a similar way, all Scots are British, but all the British are not Scots. When the general blessings were apportioned at Jacob's death, the Messiah was promised, with the sovereignty, to Judah; but the 'multitude of nations' and the temporal grandeur of the birthright were given to Joseph. The House of Israel was to obtain these in the latter days, or the Christian era. Ten-tribed Israel was to be divorced under the Mosaic law and its identity temporarily lost to history,but known to God; it was to be recovenanted in Christ to enjoy the Israel birthright in the Isles of the Sea, to be His nation of evangelists in the world, and the inheritor of the Kingdom of God. The prophets display meticulous care in their address to the 'House of Israel', the 'House of Judah' and 'the inhabitants of Jerusalem' (the Jews). To apply to one 'House' a prophecy which refers to the other is clearly to misapply the message and confuse the issue. A careful regard of this distinction is prerequisite to the correct understanding of the prophetic Scriptures.

Prophecies Concerning

ISRAEL

Israel to have a change of name (Isa. 65:15).

Israel to be called by a new name (Isa. 62:2).

Israel to be called after Isaac (Gen. 21:12).

Israel to be blind to their identity (Rom. 11:25; Isa. 42:16-19).
Israel to be a multitudinous people (Gen. 13:16; 15:5).
Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth the truth (Isa. 60:21; 26:2).
Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (Gen. 35:11).
Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place—the Isles of the Sea (2 Sam. 7:10; Isa. 24:15; 49:1; Jer. 31:10).
Israel to be a Nation for ever (Jer. 31:35, 36).

Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (Jer. 33:17).
Israel to come under a new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
Israel to be called the sons of God (Hos. 1:10; Rom 8:14).
Israel was taken captive into Assyria by Shalmaneser, circa 721 B.C. (2 Kings 18:11, etc.).
Israel were to be immune from defeat in war (Isa. 54:17; Lev. 26:6-8).

THE JEWS

The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (Isa. 3:9).
The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
The Jews' name to be a curse to them (Isa. 65:15).
The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.

The Jews to be bereft of children (Jer. 15:7).

The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews to be scattered in all the 'kingdoms of the earth for their hurt' (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews have been strangers in all lands (Jer. 15:4).

The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 19:11).
The Jews have remained under the old law.
The Jews do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
Judah taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, circa 603 B.C. (2 Kings chs. 24 and 25).

The Jews are descended from the remnant of Judah which returned from captivity in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.
The Jews have suffered endless persecution.

Israel had been removed from Palestine 700 years before the Crucifixion. When it occurred they were still absent, being at that time beyond the Euphrates, in their migration through Europe.

What We Believe

We Believe in God - the God of the Bible. (Exodus 3:4-14.)

We Believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. (John 1:14.)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit and His Mission. (John 14:26, Acts 2.)

We Believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary. (Matt. 26:28, Romans 5.)

We Believe in His ascension into Heaven. (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11.)

We Believe in the bodily return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to take the throne of David (Isa. 9:7, Luke 1:32) and rule on this earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-6); and that His Body, the Church, will be united with Him and reign with Him. (Eph. 5:24-33; Col. 1:24; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thes. 4:14-18; Rev. 19:9).

We Believe John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We Believe that personal salvation by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ is necessary for all, Israelite, Jew and Gentile. (Rom. 3:22-25). Each one must be born again. (John 3:1-7). To confess Christ, who died that sinful men might live, is individually supreme above all else. (Matt 10:32-33. Rom. 10:9-13).

We Believe the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; that it is the inerrant Word of God (II Peter 1:9-21). We believe its history, its covenants, its promises.

We Believe in its Gospel of Grace (Eph. 2:1-8), which is the Gospel of Salvation to all men.

We Believe in, and seek to make known, the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt. 4:23, 24:14).

We Believe that the Bible contains God's Plan for the remedy of all human ills, and that this plan is being worked out through the Bible people called Israel. (II Sam. 7; Deut. 32:8).

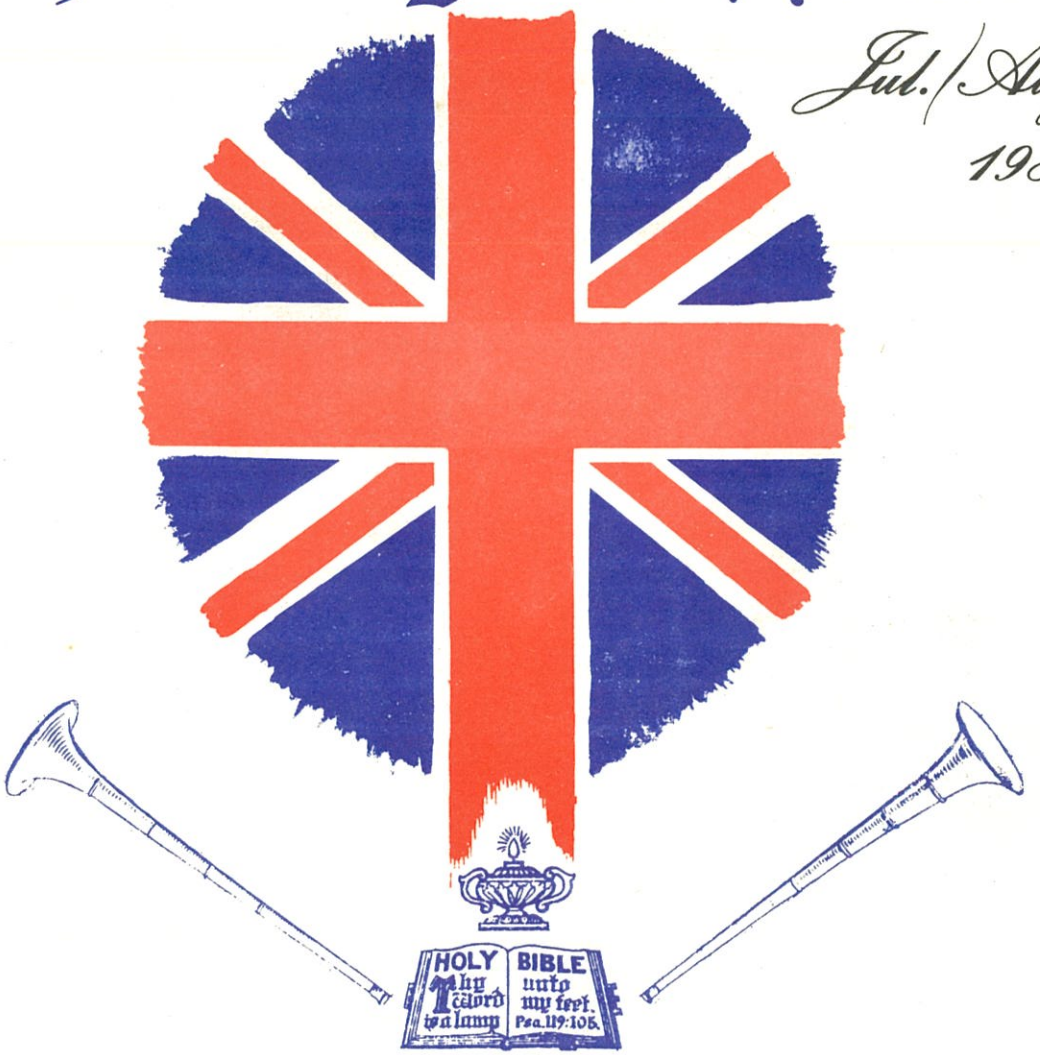
We Believe that this people Israel, consisting of twelve tribes (Exod. 28:21; Rev. 21:12), the descendents of the twelve sons of Jacob, were chosen of God to be His 'peculiar people' and 'servant nation' through whom all the other nations of the earth are to be blessed. (Exod. 19:5; Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 41:8, 42:6; Gen. 22:16-18).

We Believe that the differentiation between 'Israel' and 'Judah' is clearly marked in the Scriptures. (See I Kings 12; Jer. 3:6-11; Ps. 114:1-2; Ezek. 37; Zech 11:7-14; II Chron. 10). They are not interchangeable terms. To understand this is to possess the key to Israel Truth. (Ps. 114:2; I Chron. 5:1-2).

We Believe the time has come when the 'lost' Israel "nation and company of nations" (Gen 35:11) has been found and positively identified. Only one race today answers in every detail to the Bible picture of Israel "in the latter days," and that is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic — the British Commonwealth of white nations and the United States of America. They possess what Israel was to possess and are doing what Israel was to do. The identities of this race with Israel are so many and so pronounced that one who re-reads and studies his Bible in the light of this great truth will make discoveries that will cause him to give this subject most serious thought, especially in view of what is happening in literal ful-fillment of Bible prophecy in the world today. The nations are in turmoil. The power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon-Israel) is being broken (Dan. 12:7). The old Babylonian social order is being overthrown, and the world is being prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His reign upon the Throne of His father David, and the glorious restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Zech. 14:9; Luke 1:32-33).

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Marks of Israel

During the Christian dispensation lost Israel were to possess certain marks of identification

A great and mighty nation.	Gen. 12:2; 18:18; Deut. 4:7,8.
Named 'Great'.	Gen. 12:2.
The chief of the nations.	Gen. 27:29; Deut. 7:6; 15:6.
A maritime nation, having command of the seas.	Gen. 49:25; Num. 24:7; Deut. 33:13, 19; Psa. 89:25.
A company or commonwealth of nations.	Gen. 35:11; 48:19. Eph. 2:12.
A missionary nation.	Gen. 22:18; Isa. 43:21; 49:6; 66:19.
The custodian of God's Word.	Psa. 147:19, 20; Isa. 59:21.
A just nation.	Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; Zeph. 3:13.
God's instrument in destroying evil.	Jer. 51:20; Dan. 2:34,35.
An undefeated nation.	Isa. 54:17; Micah 5:8,9.
Blind to their identity.	Isa. 29:10-12; 42:16, 19, 20; Rom. 11:7, 8, 25.
Have an island home north and west of Palestine.	Isa. 49:1-3, 12; Jer. 3:18; 31:8.
Occupy islands and coastlands.	Isa. 24:15; 41:1, 5; 49:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 31:8, 10.
Possess the gate of his enemies.	Gen. 22:17, 24:60.
Have multitudinous seed.	Gen. 13:16; 15:5; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:3, 14; 32:12.
Colonize and spread abroad.	Gen. 28:14; 49:22; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Psa. 2:8; Isa. 26:15; 27:6; 54:2; Zech. 10:8, 9.
Lose first colony and then expand, demanding more living space.	Isa. 49:20.
Irrigate the deserts and build the waste places.	Isa. 35:1; 43:19, 20; 58:11, 12.
Possess the wealth of the earth.	Gen. 27:28; 49:25, 26; Deut. 33:13-16.
Possess the heritage of the heathen.	2 Sam. 22:44; Psa. 2:8; 111:6.
Receive strangers and refugees.	Lev. 19:33, 34; Isa. 11:10; 14:1; 55:5; 56:6-8;Zech. 8:22.
Set free slaves and prisoners.	Psa. 72:4; Isa. 42:7; 49:9; 58:6.
Have a descendant of King David reigning over them.	2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; 2 Chron. 13:5; Psa. 89:35-37; Jer. 33:17.
Lose all trace of their lineage.	Hos. 1:9, 10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:25.
The power of the Holy People is to be broken.	Dan. 12:7; Deut. 32:29-36.

The British Commonwealth of Nations possesses every one of these marks — therefore they are lost Israel. The United States of America possesses some of them.

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THE NEW WORLD ORDER

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From the dawn of recorded human history, change has characterised each endeavour and it is therefore not surprising to find that men, no matter how sincere, have endowed Almighty God with the same propensity. Notwithstanding the assurance provided by the Risen Lord as to the 'restoration of the kingdom to Israel' (Acts 1:7) men have persistently rejected the unchanging nature of God (Mal. 3:6) and have insisted that He conform to the results arising from human analysis of His nature, attributes and His relations with man. It would appear that what the Lord Jesus Christ said is treated, not as Truth, but as a stepping stone toward it and that what He did was to be taken in a mystical allegorical sense which would conform to the level of the spirituality of the believer. Such ambiguity, however, is not justified in God's Word, nor is there any authority for a theology which autocratically assumes the role of advocate for God.

On two separate occasions (Matt. 6:9-10 and Luke 11:2) the Lord Jesus Christ said: "After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is is heaven". Dr. William Smith, in his *Dictionary of the Bible*, observed that while the early Christian organisation made use of 'The Lord's Prayer', its priority, clearly established by the Lord Himself, became superseded by intercessions of a nature which ecclesiastics considered of more importance. In keeping with generalisations which became the order of the day concerning the things of God, men in the post-apostolic times created their own priorities and doctrines which they passed on to succeeding generations as a religious heritage. It is therefore not surprising to find that belief in God became channelled into a pattern which was at variance with what was written in God's Word. This is not to say that the Lord's Prayer was ignored – far from it. The words have been repeated for almost two thousand years, but during this passage of time, the Prayer has devolved into a ritualistic repetition of words – in many instances being accorded the position of a religious appendix to petitions of a more personal or denominational nature.

Men soon forget – indeed were encouraged to forget – the scripturally-attested Purpose of the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ. Men and women were drawn into the vortex of delusion which resulted from speculation and interpretation concerning those momentous events which had transpired in Jerusalem and it is small wonder that the division of Truth resulted in the fragmentation of the central theme of the First Advent which was the Proclamation of the Kingdom of God. How many today recall that the first public words spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ were: "Repent; for the *kingdom of heaven* is at hand", or more literally: "Repent; for the kingdom of heaven has drawn near" (Matt. 4:17)? How many too recall that the last words of the Risen, Resurrected Lord, spoken as He was ascending into heaven, had to do with the same Kingdom? Too little attention has been paid to the subject, and if perchance it is raised, it becomes the target of contradictory speculations usually limited to a wide variety of spiritual experiences.

No such ambiguity surrounded the Apostle's understanding of the subject. These men who were privileg-

ed to 'know the mysteries of the kingdom of God' (Luke 8:10) and whose 'understanding' had been opened by the Risen Lord (Luke 24:45) – these men who shared the company of the Resurrected Christ Who talked with them 'of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God' (Acts 1:3), did not hesitate to express their comprehension of the Kingdom as a specific 'something' involved with the Israel People of God (Acts 1:6). They were not rebuked for racial or nationalistic bias when they asked: " . . . wilt thou at this time *restore again the kingdom to Israel*". nor were they confounded by the Lord's reply which confirmed the equation of national Israel with the Kingdom of God. The Lord's answer was: "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power . . . " (Acts 1:7) – a plain endorsement of the *fact* of Israel's equation with the Kingdom and an assurance that at some time within the Father's determination, Israel would become the expression of that Kingdom. Thus, in the plainest of language, the Lord Jesus Christ declared the fact of Divine Sovereignty which would be exercised in the Israel nation at a specific time or season.

Indignant denunciations centred in the charge of racialistic nationalism – vehement theological denials of Israel's involvement in the Kingdom will not alter the facts. As has been stated above, the Lord Jesus Christ commenced His Ministry with the announcement that the Kingdom was 'drawn near' which, when coupled with His statement "I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel" (Matt. 15:24) cannot be brushed aside nor smeared as nationalistic propaganda.

What is the Kingdom?

In the Greek text, the word translated as *kingdom* is *basileia* and while there are many who contend that it doesn't matter what the Greek means, honest scholars are growing increasingly aware of the need to consult these words. *Basileia* denotes sovereignty in a literal rather than in a spiritual sense. Greek scholars such as Westcott and Hort, Liddell and Scott, Dr. E.W. Bullinger and a host of others too numerous to mention here are all of the opinion that the *sovereignty* expressed in this word has regard to the *sphere* of its exercise rather than to its *extent*. This being so, if one remains strictly within the confines of the Biblical narrative, one is brought face to face with Israel in the Old Testament. Notwithstanding the history of events which preceded the formation of the Israel nation, the Sovereignty of God, as this has meaning within the Greek word *basileia*, only crystallises into tangible reality with the call of Abraham and the commitment of his covenanted progeny to the Plan of God for the accomplishment of His World Purpose. Thus, in a very real sense -- indeed in the absolute sense of the word *basileia* – Israel became the Kingdom of God, the *sphere* of action through which God determined to accomplish the restitution of all things.

There are, of course, many who contend that the Kingdom of God was established in Israel at Sinai when the nation, having received the Law of the Lord, covenanted to do all that the Lord had spoken (Ex. 19:8). While this is absolutely true in a *secondary sense* it should never be considered as the primary expression of the *basileia* or *malkuyah* as it appears in the Hebrew text. At Sinai, Israel became the sphere of the rule of the Lord in which the human failings of disobedience mitigated against the *absolute* Sovereignty of the King in Israel. Thus while one may consider Israel and Sinai as the secondary aspect of the Kingdom of God, it behoves the student to search further afield for the primary meaning of the sphere of the Sovereignty of Almighty God.

God's Sovereignty in Israel

At the outset it will be found that God specifically pin-points the exclusive sphere of His Activity as being the covenanted progeny of Abraham. Many, of course, object to the term 'exclusive' when it comes to the things of God, but such objections should be weighed against what *God has said* and not against

theological speculation or emotional irrationalisations. David, the great king in Israel did not hesitate to publicise the exclusiveness of Israel's peculiar relationship to God for in the Psalms he wrote: "He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation . . ."



(Psalm 147:19-20). The priorities should be noted here. In the first instance it was His Word that He showed to Jacob – the 'word' in this context being derived from the Hebrew *dâbar* which carries the meaning of *appointment; pronouncement or declaration*. The 'statutes and judgments', as is revealed in scripture, were given some four hundred years *after* the initial declaration of God's Sovereignty within the covenanted progeny of Abraham.

As one turns to the first priority it will be noted that *God* said: *"I will* establish *my covenant* between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee" (Gen. 17:17). There is nothing ambiguous about this Covenant – in fact, as one researches it, one finds that it is a *one-party* contract in that neither Abraham nor any of his seed are required to voluntarily contribute to any of the terms of the covenant. It is perfectly true that God told Isaac that Abraham's obedience to His 'voice, charges, commandments, statutes and laws' were the basis for the contract (Gen. 26:5) but it is equally true – if one is completely honest – that God's Covenant with Abraham and his seed had nothing to do with obedience and depended entirely and exclusively upon the integrity of Almighty God. Note what He said. *"I will* multiply thee . . . Thou shalt be the father of many nations . . . *I will* establish my covenant between me and thee . . . " Search and sift as one may, no suggestion will be found to intimate that God's declared Sovereignty in His Words of Intention to Abraham and his covenanted seed could be impugned or invalidated by any action on their behalf.

It is thus clearly obvious that the Sovereignty of God, as this was centred in an as yet unborn nation, required no assistance from the beneficiaries of the Covenant. However, as there are those who insist on placing their personal and denominational preconceptions above what God has said, it is important to emphasise that God declared His Covenant to be an 'everlasting covenant' and not one which would terminate with the dispensation during which it was made. In Psalm 105, God's appointment of Abraham's covenanted progeny – in terms of His Sovereignty –

was projected beyond the bounds of the Old Dispensation and was to obtain for 'a thousand generations' (Psalm 105:8) and therefore valid until each feature had been completely fulfilled.

"I will make of thee a great nation . . . "; *"I will* bless them that bless thee . . . "; "In thee and in thy seed *shall* all the nations of the earth be blessed . . . "; "And thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou *shalt spread abroad* . . . "; *"for a father of many nations have I made thee".* One should remember that these are the words spoken by the Lord as the expression of His Sovereignty within the sphere of their exclusive operation – the Israel people. These, of course, are the scriptural facts – facts which count for nothing to persons whose religiosity discounts what God has said in favour of what men have done. The fact that God, within the exclusiveness of His Covenant with Abraham, said 'for a father of many nations have I made thee', means absolutely nothing. Galatians 3:29, so it is claimed, immediately shatters the exclusiveness in all other promises within the Covenant embracing, as it is contended, all who are Christ's. The relevant passage reads: "And if ye are Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise". This is the central point of the matter – the point which decides whether men believe God or what men say of Him. Because it suits the social gospel and that of universalism, men point triumphantly to this passage contending that everything which precedes it must either stand or fall by it. A little pause; a little prayer and a little research will dispel the delusion.

The English translation as it appears in the Authorised Version arises from the fact that the translators simply transliterated straight across from the Greek *Christou* to make it read *Christ* instead of the literal 'an anointed (something)'. The word is in the genitive case and as such should, in every instance be translated as 'of (or belonging to) an anointed (something)'. Thus, the literal translation of Galatians 3:29 should read: "But if ye are of (or belong to) an anointed (people), then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise." The literal translation of the Greek text, far from invalidating the Abrahamic Covenant and its exclusiveness, emphasises it and strengthens faith in the unchanging God of the Old Testament.

The fact that God averred that He had made Abraham the father of many nations is no contradiction for the Israel people certainly became 'many nations' – a fact which today is clearly in evidence. There are Saxons who call themselves Britons, Scots, Welshmen, Cornishmen, Irish, Germans, Frenchmen, Dutch and Scandinavians – all claiming national identities, but belonging to one great racial stream which vindicates the Promise of 'many nations' made to Abraham.

God's Foreknowledge and His Kingdom

As must be obvious, each of the promises within the Abrahamic Covenant were projections of the then future – a future which the Lord foreknew would be interrupted by rebellion and desertion, by transgression and spiritual adultery, and yet, knowing all this, He yet bound Himself to His People in the peculiar relationship which nothing could break. He knew full well that His People would fail to keep His Law and that they would be evicted from the land of Canaan (Deut. 4:26-31), hence the many references to lands other than Palestine as the place for the expression of His Sovereignty (Deut. 32:8 and 2nd Sam. 7:10).

As the Old Dispensation drew to its close with God's Kingdom People wallowing in the poverty of dispossession through disobedience, the Lord God of Israel thundered His faithfulness to them saying: "I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed" (Mal. 3:6). The nation had indeed behaved in such a manner as to warrant total destruction and yet such was the force of God's Covenant that even this could not invalidate His Intention to exercise His Sovereignty in them. Thus with the benediction of continuity assuring the sons of Jacob and the reiteration of His unchanging Nature providing

hope in the future, the Old Testament comes to a close on a note which guarantees the *"I will"* of God in the future.

That which has been written above is as far as written words of explanation can go. The fuller answer or explanation can only be found in the actual outworking in history of the expressed Sovereignty of the Lord. However, faith in this Kingdom has survived the ravages of time and the violence of men. Having been committed to Abraham and his progeny by God, it has survived for the almost four thousand years since that time and still persists in the hearts of men. At the time of the First Advent, the Lord Jesus Christ established that: " . . . the kingdom of heaven suffereth violence and the violent take it by force" (Matt. 11:12) – thus placing the subject in a context very different from that held by so many today. At that time the Edomite Judaeans were presenting themselves as the sphere of God's Sovereignty having usurped the Israel name by claiming descent from Abraham (John 8:33). To the world of that time, they projected themselves as the 'chosen People' and reinforced their claims by pointing to the Law as their sole possession. They were building a structure based on spurious claims and pretensions and none, it would appear, were prepared to question their authority. However, the Lord exposed them and the Greek text which is produced hereunder, is more than superficially enlightening.

42 Λέγει αὐτοῖς ὁ Ἰησοῦς, Οὐδέποτε ἀνέγνωτε ἐν ταῖς γρα-
Says to them Jesus, Did ye never read in the scrip-
φαῖς, Λίθον ὃν ἀπεδοκίμασαν οἱ οἰκοδομοῦντες, οὗτος
tures, [The] stone which rejected those who build, this
ἐγενήθη εἰς κεφαλὴν γωνίας· παρὰ κυρίου ἐγένετο αὕτη,
is become head of [the] corner: from [the] Lord was this,
καὶ ἔστιν θαυμαστὴ ἐν ὀφθαλμοῖς ἡμῶν; 43 Διὰ τοῦτο λέγω
and it is wonderful in our eyes? Because of this I say

It will be noted that the literal translation contends that *the stone* (the Lord Jesus Christ) rejected those who build (the Pharisees) and that the Kingdom which they had taken by force would, in turn, be taken from them and given *to a nation* producing the fruits of it. Because of this exposure, the chief priests and the Pharisees 'sought to lay hands on Him', but were restrained because of the attitude of the multitude. However, the point to note here is that having taken the Kingdom by force in their attempt to pass themselves off as the Covenanted progeny of Abraham, the Kingdom was to be taken from them and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it. This corresponds with the situation of which the Lord had previously warned when He said: "Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves." Israel, it will be recalled are ever spoken of in the scriptures as 'sheep' (Matt. 10:6; 15:24) and in this statement, the Lord was obviously pin-pointing those who would claim Israel identity, but would be as ravening wolves. He continued: "Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit . . . Wherefore, by their fruits ye shall know them" (Matt. 7:15-20).

The nation bringing forth the 'fruits of the kingdom' as has been stated above could only be the Israel People for to them alone had been given the great Covenant which expressed the Sovereignty of God. It *had* to be taken from the pretenders for the "I will" of God could have no meaning to a people who simply claimed this in the course of political expediency. The 'fruits of the kingdom', as has been stated earlier had to be within the framework of the Covenant which God had made with Abraham and his progeny and the contract thus entered into would be invalid if any others, but the true beneficiaries expropriated this for themselves. It simply could not happen. The Kingdom or *basileia* as the sphere through which the totality of Divine Sovereignty was to operate and as laid down in the Covenant with Abraham was not transferable and certainly not negotiable. This is the underlying theme of the Lord's Ministry.

The Christian Dispensation

As has been stated elsewhere, the Apostles, during

their privileged fellowship with the Risen Lord, put the last question to Him concerning Israel and the Kingdom (Acts 1:6) and were answered in the affirmative although the time was not given. They had previously heard Him say: "When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: And before him shall be gathered all (the) nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world" (Matt. 25:31-34). Here, the 'sheep' or Israel nations are to be enjoined to 'inherit' the Kingdom which had been 'prepared' *from* the foundation, not of the world or terrestrial globe (oikoumene), but of the *kosmos*, God's World *system*. This 'preparation' (Greek: *hetoimazo* – to make ready) could only be the Promises within the Covenant which God claimed as *my covenant* and the *"I will"* of God for these were the basis of His Sovereignty over the particular sphere of His Israel People. Whatever other conclusions men may come to concerning the Kingdom, or whatever doctrines may be created as the basis for belief, if these do not fall within the overall scope of what God has said and confirmed by His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, they must be considered as additions to Biblical revelation. On the Authority of the Lord Jesus Christ and those whom He taught, the Kingdom of God is vested in the nation Israel which, at the Commencement of the Reign of the Lord at His Second Advent, will enter into the fulness of that Kingdom and so be the prescribed blessing for all the nations of the earth.

During the present Dispensation and particularly over the past four hundred years, world history has written a chapter of events in which one may indeed 'see through a glass darkly'. Within the general framework of the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred people and as Promised by Almighty God the Covenant maker (Gen. 18;17), the Israel Kingdom nation came out of the seven times punishment (Lev. 26:28) which she incurred because of Law transgression. However, she emerged in precisely the same situation as obtained when the punitive clauses of the Law of the Lord went into operation.

At that time so long ago, Israel retained Jehovah at the centre of national *religious* life, but were attracted to and embraced the *economic systems* of the nations about them as these were centred in the permissiveness of idolatry. These systems were built on price and profit, producing riches and poverty side by side – the very antithesis of the system provided by Jehovah. Thus, very much like today when on Sunday or Saturday God is reverenced and worshipped and the rest of the week He is forbidden into Government and other national matters, so Israel in those far-off days did likewise. So then, when Israel emerged from 2 520 years of corrective punishment, she literally picked up where she had left off for at the beginning of the nineteenth century, while God was very much God on the Sabbath, during the rest of the week Mammon took over.

Despite this situation, the Covenant-keeping God of Israel initiated an embryonic demonstration of His Faithfulness by creating within certain of the Israel nations (centring in Ephraim-Israel, the birthright tribe) a limited witness to the reality of His Kingdom Covenant. Within a limited section of Anglo-Saxondom one saw each of the Promises in the Covenant partially fulfilled – embryonically fulfilled would be more to the point for it should be remembered that *all Israel*, not a small section of it, was to be the expression of God's Sovereignty in terms of His world purposes. That intended faith-building demonstration has now passed. All that currently remains is the evidence of the Royal House of David which no doubt will remain until He comes Whose right it is.

The nations of the world are, at this time 'raging', and very certainly imagining 'a vain thing' (Psalm 2:1-2). The 'blessing' of *all* the nations of the earth – demanded by the Covenant with Abraham – has not

materialised which indicates conclusively that the 'times and the seasons which the Father hath put in his own power' (Acts 1:7) has not yet dawned although cannot be too far off. Whatever its delay or nearness, of this one can be sure. A new world order – that 'city' for which Abraham looked (Heb. 11:10) – must come soon for its foundation *in Israel* or its modern development Anglo-Saxondom, is the one fundamental feature of God's Promises. Slowly, but surely the 'company of nations' is being eroded by betrayal from within and assault from without and unless, as He did in former times, the Lord God of Israel moves to deliver the nation from the hand of those stronger than themselves, His Kingdom can never function.

Not in vain does the nation pray: Thy Kingdom Come, for when the flood of the enemy seeks to sweep away God's People with the revolution of change and to overwhelm them in the fire of devastation, the challenge will be echoed in Eternity from whence shall come the reply: "Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; thou art mine." "Mine" indeed for to no other people has God totally committed His Name and His Honour. It is because of this and not because of 'favour' that the Israel company of nations can be assured of a future. "I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went" (Ezek. 36:22).

The Lord Jesus Christ in explaining the end of the age, the consummation of the ages, thus provided the Apostles with the vision of the new world order when the 'sheep' of God's Kingdom, inherit the fulness of each one of God's Promises and under Christ the King, become in truth, the Kingdom of God in the earth.



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WHO IS WHO?

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In the day that the LORD God signed, sealed and witnessed His covenant with Abraham and his posterity, He swore to Abraham: "Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

This outright gift of valuable real estate was part of the *Birthright of the covenant.* It embraced all the territory today consisting of those areas we refer to as Palestine, Syria, Trans Jordan, Iraq and Arabia.

The destiny of the whole world, for the next 1000 years is dependent upon what transpires in this area in the next several decades. No other area of this earth's surface is as sensitive to as many people as is this.

"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel. For the LORD'S portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance" (Deut. 32:8).

When the seed of Abraham's chosen line were delivered from their servitude to the Egyptians, formed into a "kingdom of priests, and an holy nation" (Ex. 19:6) making them God's Servant Race, at Sinai, God gave to them His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments as the "inheritance of the congregation of Jacob" (Deut. 33:4). No other nation or people received "his word . . . his statutes and his judgments . . . He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them" (Psa. 147:19-20).

Under Joshua's leadership, the new generation of Israelites crossed over Jordan, went into the western section of the land, promised by God to Abraham and his seed, conquered it and gave to them an area large enough to meet the needs of each individual tribe as their inheritance. All the land included in the Birthright of the covenant was not divided amongst the individual tribes as it was too vast an area for them to conquer and to hold.

Very strict laws of inheritance were given to the nation which governed the ownership of the land allotted to each individual family of all the tribes with the exception of Levi. The trusteeship of the individual families possession could be 'let out', so to speak, until the year of Jubilee when all lands returned under the ownership of each tribe and individual family of that tribe.

The Law of the LORD reads: "The land shall not be sold for ever: for the land is mine; for ye are strangers and sojourners with me" (Lev. 25:23).

Bear in mind again the vast area included in God's covenant with Abraham and the fact that only a very small portion of that area was ever occupied or used by his posterity up until the time of their banishment from it because of their national sins. Throughout the ensuing centuries *ownership of the land, as always, has remained in God's hands and He has permitted Abraham's seed – other than that of the chosen line of Jacob-Israel to occupy it.*

Now at the end of this age, the value of this area of land in terms of dollars, the wealth of its natural resources, its wealth because of geographical location and influence upon world politics, etc., has become priceless and desirable to all ambitious governments.

Never until this generation has there been a nation, or company of nations, stemming out from the chosen line of Abraham's seed, strong enough to conquer and hold the entirety of the area contained in the Birthright of the covenant embracing that land.

There are those who would have us believe that the people commonly spoken of and recognised as 'JEWS' represent the modern Israelites and that because of this, the land of Palestine belongs wholly to them. With such reasoning as this we cannot agree.

The 'JEW' himself admits that he is not the representative of a race, but rather of a religious culture. His physical appearance bears testimony to the fact that his identifying term embraces people of many racial groups easily recognized because "The shew of their countenance doth witness against them" (Isa. 3:9). Plastic surgery and the adoption of new names may conceal a person's physical identity, but our inherent nature is something that only the saving power of Jesus Christ can alter.

We would also call the reader's attention to the words of the prophet as found in Jeremiah 25:18 and 26:18 which are obviously the truth. This same prophet informs us that Jews embrace *two* types of seed – "even like the figs that are first ripe: and the other basket had very naughty figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad . . ." (Jer. 24:1-10). The destiny of both is clearly set forth and those interested can read the Divine record for themselves.

The Lord hath said: "Even so will I break this people (Jews) and this city (Jerusalem), as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be made whole again, etc." (Jer.19:11). He was here speaking of the Jews and the city of Jerusalem.

When the Lord Jesus Christ cursed the fig tree, announcing that it would never again bear fruit, He was in reality cursing these same people for their rejection of Him and His message (Matt. 21:19). He shortly thereafter notified them that "the kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43).

Esau has crossed strains with certain of Judah and capitalizing upon age old grievances is today seeking to supplant true Israel and seize an inheritance that is not his! For a while *blind*, stupid Israel will go along with his demands, but in God's time Jacob-Israel's eyes will be opened and true Judah will be found fighting with Israel against Jerusalem! At this time, we are told that Jerusalem shall have become "a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, etc." (Zech.14:4; 12:3).

Contrary to what most have been taught to believe, the so-called 'JEWS' of today do not represent the children of Jacob-Israel! Each one of Jacob-Israel's sons and their posterity are today found filling their peculiar destiny amongst the nations. (Gen. 48 and 49 with Deut. 33:1-29). Read it for yourself in your own Bible and then ask yourself – 'Are the Jews fulfilling any of these promises of God?'

For the large part, the White Christian nations of the Western hemisphere are today

representative of the modern Israelites. In them we find that God has literally fulfilled His Promises. These are the people who have inherited the Birthright and Blessings of the Covenant made with Abraham, confirmed to Isaac, Jacob-Israel and bestowed upon the heads of Joseph's two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh.

Doesn't it seem strange to you that the people whom we have been taught are God's chosen people have never known His physical or spiritual blessing? That they as a recognized group reject Jesus Christ and the Gospel which He proclaimed? That they for centuries have been removed "into all the kingdoms of the earth for their hurt, to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places" whither the Lord has driven them? (Jer.24:9-10) If these people represent the chosen of God, His servant race, witnesses to the fact that He is indeed Almighty God (Isa. 43:1, 11, 21; Lord Jehovah, is deemed to have broken His promises, because Jewry of today is unable to fully qualify, and so it is erroneously presumed that the Church, as spiritual Israel, has taken over the promises.

Such illogicality naturally engenders chaos, misunderstanding and confusion, hence there are many who turn away from God because this interpretation of Scripture does not fit the actual Word of God.

It is vital to get back to the true unadulterated Word of God and see how these Covenants are still being fulfilled in the Israel nations of today.

Today the world needs revival and whilst there are those in the Church still doing a commendable work by actually loving and obeying the Lord's commandments, deep thinking only realises too well that salvation must now come on a national scale to be effective.

If we are honest and sincere then we will realise and admit that the only *nations that have any hope of leading* this world back to God is the Anglo-Saxon race, for with all their failings they are still the Christian and missionary nations of today.* Therefore, if modern Israel, comprising these nations, will turn from their present day idols of finance, sport, gambling, etc., then the Lord He will hear and remove their sickness.

The study of Israel truth is so vast that it is only possible to refer to various aspects, but there have been many fine books written. Some a long time ago, such as books written by the Rev. Pascoe Goard before World War I. How amazing to see that through these years the message has remained unchanged. As we sing in the old hymn "Change and decay all around I see. But Thou Who changest not, Abide with me." So the old Gospel Kingdom message remains unchanged. Right from the time General Allenby and his British forces freed Jerusalem, men's eyes have been directed to this era when we are privileged to witness the end of this age, and the establishment of the Kingdom of God on earth.

In only one aspect of this present time of trouble, which has decidedly witnessed the decline of the might of present day Israel was

* *References: Isaiah 24:5; 59:21; Gen. 17:2-8; 22:15-18; 28:14-15; 48:14-20. Exodus 19:5-6; II Samuel 8:10-16; etc.*

not then seen in its fulness. In this present deterioration Britain will sink so low that in her desperate straits she will call and return to the Lord. (Jeremiah 31:18-20).

When she calls as a nation then He will hear and her time of deliverance from her foes, ready to destroy her, will transpire.

At present all values are lost for we have the era of the cry-baby nations, that is, the Afro-Asian group, pawns of ever-embracing Communism. The Tower of Babel and all its strife is temporarily back in New York in the form of godless U.N.O. Who today has any trust in such a body of double standards!

When Israel finally sees her need of God and that He alone can deliver, then we will see the national revival affecting all ranks. The Jews at this time will also look on Jesus Whom they have pierced and they shall grieve for their past wickedness.

In the different chapters of Ezekiel will be seen the fulfilment of the drawing together of the House of Israel and Judah to form a re-united nation, not existent since the reign of Solomon.* The Valley of Bones depicting Israel returning to God and the Armageddon epoch, when the forces of Communism will come to their destruction in the Holy Land.

We have Divine Rights to the territory the modern Zionists are attempting to seize and to hold. We have God-given responsibilities in this area. We do not recognize these responsibilities, *nevertheless* God will see to it that we are there and measuring up to them! This territory, by Divine grant via the Birthright of the Abrahamic Covenant went to the House of Joseph which consists of his two sons, Ephraim and Manasseh who were the fathers of the English speaking people. The Edomite Jews know this and are therefore well entrenched within us, using us to their own advantage for the present. *God in His time will remove our blindness.*

* *Ezekiel 37:11-14; 15-28; Chapters 38 and 39 Gog and Magog.*

A Thought for your Consideration.

The more you give, the more you get,
The more you laugh, the less you fret,
The more you do unselfishly,
The more you live abundantly . . .

The more of everything you share,
The more you'll always have to spare,
The more you love, the more you'll find
That life is good and friends are kind . . .

For only what we give away
Enriches us from day to day.

THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM

Part 6

(Independent Research Associates).

A point of divorce is inevitably reached by the advanced or advancing Bible student possessed of the knowledge of the identity of MODERN Israel. Two things bring it about. First, he realises that he personally is an Israelite. That is vastly different from being merely a British-Israel believer.

Then he realises ever more clearly as he proceeds that the mating of a Christianity that is wholly gentile with the truth of the Kingdom that is entirely Israel's cannot lead to a state of wedlock that is in any wise holy. Indeed, the clash of Bible facts with inherited beliefs that are completely gentile in background leads finally to a state of unholy spiritual deadlock.

GENTILE PREMISES.

CHRISTIANITY IS GENTILE. It is founded on gentile premises. Its very purpose is to bring every promise of whatever nature in the Word within the grasp, and ostensibly as the heritage and rightful aspiration, of gentiles. In cold truth, it is astonishing how sweeping is what it offers to the gentiles.

THERE IS NO ISRAEL NATION, it claims. But there being a very awkward amount of reference to that nation in the Bible, it must so broaden the meaning of the term ISRAEL that even the Hottentot who can lisp a translation of the Lord's prayer is claimed to be a member of what is called "SPIRITUAL ISRAEL". For was not the Saviour white only to the white man, but black to the black man and yellow to the yellow man? And is not this to think liberally and at large?

At some moment, the Israelite realises that these thought processes are not merely wrong, but utterly INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST. He realises that, be their authors completely innocent and ignorant of intended evil, pious and selfless,

yet, if only for want of better knowledge, their whole basis is so designed that it would cheat and defraud the Israel people of their real rights, and their very real inheritance and vest them freely in the Hottentots of Africa or the Laos of Cambodia and anybody else in and through a supposedly world-embracing church. AND CHEATING IS CHEATING.

THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS.

For the true Israelite, there is left a religious vacuum; and emphatically we have no sparkling and intoxicating new cult with which to fill it. The plain truth is that the very sincerity of his convictions puts him in the spiritual wilderness. We have been there some little time now, and, admitting the loneliness, it is a fair comment that the atmosphere there is clear and conducive to straight and truthful thinking.

It is a piece of simple, straight and truthful thinking, but one SHOCKINGLY NEGLECTED - that the Israelite possesses no rights to be anything other than his Master was. It is a sign of maturity to realise that he has no right to be a Wesleyan or a Baptist if his Master was not a Wesleyan or a Baptist.

AND THE MESSIAH WAS NOT A CHRISTIAN AT ALL.

Where the Israelite must look is defined for him in Jude, verse 3; he must earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the Saints - THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED, or ONCE AND FOR ALL DELIVERED, to the set-apart ones of HIS OWN RACE. He must, however, reluctantly, accept divorce from his gentile church, and get back, ever back, TO HIS OWN PEOPLE.

THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.

It may take a little time and thought to acclimatise the mind to the idea, but, radical as it is, no accommodation or compromise can be offered. JEHOSHUA, SON OF THE MOST HIGH, WAS A MELCHIZEDEKAN (Heb. 6:20). Being so designated, the authority, the import and purport of every word recorded of Him in Matthew, in Mark or Luke or John, is Melchizedekan. The idea that He could in any wise be a "Christian" in, let us say, Matthew, and have gone over to a new "religion" - we cringe at so shoddy a word - by the time its

author came to write Hebrews is to outrage basic good sense and simple comprehension.

The Christian church of today has a spiritual digestion as dangerous as that of an octapus. It sucks in and dissipates ANYTHING alien to its own teaching - it is capable of reducing to molecular nothingness more truth than any institution we know. Its usual treatment of the Melchizedekan is either to imply that it is a mystery about which we know nothing, or to pose that question of easy accommodation: are not the Melchizedekan and Christianity identical? In other words, is not this gigantic spiritual sponge, Christianity, EVERYTHING ANYHOW?

Again, we have no compromise to offer. So base, so bemused is modern Christianity that the suggestion even of similarity with the Melchizedekan is gross presumption. By its higher-critical dabblings, by its denial of the truth of the word, it has submitted its every vestige of authority to Hari-kiri.

But if Heb. 5:11-14; 6:16 is referred to it will there be seen that the elements which are the very backbone of the Christian faith are described as the milk of the Word, food for babies; and the Israelite is ordered to leave these mere points of departure from dead works, and to press on to the MEAT of the Word. The meat of the Word is there referred to in association with the things of Melchizedek, with Israel, its Law and Kingdom polity.

EPISTLE TO THE NEBREWS.

If he wants to finish his faith, to bring it to completion, he must look where that completion is, to the Document of the New Covenant - for that is what the Epistle to the Hebrews is - and read it CLAUSE BY CLAUSE, as he would read the deeds of the house he was about to buy.

Certain profoundly simple things are to be noted. His people were to have a change of regime: the Order under which they lived, the AARONIC ORDER, is declared superseded (see also Isaiah 1:11-15; 66:1-3; Jeremiah 7:21-13). The blood of bulls and goats are no longer acceptable.

If the steel of race and truth has entered his soul, he will realise that, in spite of everything Christianity

has had to say on the subject, any suggestion that the blood of bulls and goats has not been completely effective as propitiation for breaches of the Law is to flout the Word of the Lord. He said that it was effective. But the Lord, Whose name appears as signatory to the Epistle, now declared it INEFFECTIVE. The Israelite's propitiation was declared VOID.

But he should seek to understand with some precision the limits of this. If he refers to Genesis 26:5, he will see that Abraham kept the Lord's Commandments, His Statutes and His Laws. But there is no mention of him keeping any Ordinances. THERE WERE NO ORDINANCES AT THAT TIME.

When the Israel people were mustered on Sinai, they were given an Order of service to the Lord. They were put under the order of the Tabernacle and Temple - THE AARONIC ORDER, the sons of Aaron being its priests. But there were no rules and ordinances of the Aaronic Order in the Law of the Lord as Abraham had it. They were not in the original Law, and therefore had to be added. Paul refers to this "LAW THAT WAS ADDED" (Gal. 3:19); he was very much involved in it, since, subject to the Sanhedrin's corruptions of it, it was the Law of the Jews' religion. And it was only this added portion, this Law of Ordinances, this Law of the Temple rites, that had reference to the blood of bulls and goats.

This Law of Ordinances, the Law that was Added, is the only portion of the Law of the Lord that stands cancelled by the statements in Hebrews.

A COVENANT WITH A DATE.

That needs to be noted carefully. The Aaronic Order being superseded, the Laws and regulations that governed it were set aside. Since its laws are the SOUL and embodiment of any ORDER, these had to go. But the Law of the Lord, as Abraham had it, the Commandments, Statutes and Laws, remained unaltered. And what is of transcendent importance is that this Law is declared to be the Law of the Order of Melchizedek, and in that Law and in that Order the New Covenant is vested. The declaration (Heb. 8:7-13) is that of JHWH by His prophet, Jeremiah (Jer. 31:31-34), made six centuries earlier, but pronounced implemented and fulfilled at the date of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

In Heb. 9:11-24, the New Covenant is declared blood-sealed by the spilling of the Blood of the Testator, and made operative thereby. From the date of the blood-spilling, thus a date commonly assumed to be in April, 30 A.D., the operative Order - in spite of all opinion and presumption - has been the ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK under its great PRIEST-KING, JEHOSHUA, THE ANOINTED ONE. THAT IS THE FIAT OF JHWH.

And as Moses had the Law and a full national polity, so the Order of Melchizedek is empowered by and possessed of the identical Law and full national polity. THE LORD CHANGES NOT. WHY SHOULD HE?

ABRAHAM'S FAITH.

But we said that the Israelite must look ever back to his race and people; Isaiah said that he must look back to Abraham, the rock whence he was hewn (Isaiah 51:1-2). If he will refer to Gen. 14:18-20, he will see there set down that Abraham was a Melchizedekan. The Messiah and Abraham were therefore of exactly the same faith and belief. THEY WERE THE SERVANTS OF THE SAME ORDER; they administered and took respectively the same sacrament, the Sacrament of Melchizedek - BREAD and WINE.

THE LORD CHANGES NOT. Again, why should He? Why should He permit or in any wise countenance the SPIRITUAL DRUNKENNESS of new and intoxicating cults and schismatic extravagances? HE HAS NO NEED OF THEM.

BUT to the Israelite whose eyes are open is the HONOUR OF SERVING HIM IN THE ORDER HE NURSED IN ETERNITY, the Order in which His saints - His set-apart ones of Israel - must serve Him through time and on into eternity. To the Israelite conscious of his identity and nation is the glory of seeing the tragic Figure on the cross resurgent in the grandeur of His Kingly Majesty and Power, in the true establishment of His Kingdom, and in the sanctity of His Priesthood - THE MELCHIZEDEKAN.

Here is the TRUE END AND PURPOSE OF THE MESSAGE TO ISRAEL called the New Testament.

KEY WORD.

The KEY to a true appreciation of this message to Israel

lies very much in comprehension of the true meaning and value of one word. We quote it:

"For God so loved the kosmos that He gave His only begotten son that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have EVERLASTING LIFE. For God sent not His Son into the kosmos to condemn the kosmos; but that through Him the kosmos might be saved." (John 3:16-17).

The Father, JHWH, the statement says, sent His Son to save the kosmos. That statement is entirely simple. It needs no theological interpretation. We have simply put the Greek word, kosmos, that appears in the original text, BACK INTO PLACE. WE HAVE ALTERED NOTHING, MODIFIED NOTHING.

WE TRACE THE KOSMOS.

In the days of the KOSMOS of Nimrod, the pagan, the KOSMOS of JHWH was established at Mount Sinai. The two continued, but in the days of Nebuchadnezzar, the Babylonian successor by conquest to the KOSMOS of Nimrod, the two met in the clash of war. By the will and judgment of JHWH, His KOSMOS at Jerusalem was overthrown. The pagan kosmos of Nimrod passed by conquest from Babylon to Medio-Persia, thence to Greece, and on to Rome. It was into this fourth empire of that kosmos that the Messiah was born.

Standing before Pilate, He repudiated this kosmos - (John 18:36).

The twelve tribes in dispersion were largely pagan wanderers moving north and west. For 70 years, the kosmos of the Lord was withdrawn from the earth. But at the end of 70 years, it was re-established by a remnant of the tribes of Judah, Benjamin and some Levites, who returned to Jerusalem, rebuilt the Temple, and re-established the kosmos of the Lord under Ezra and Nehemiah. The Messiah, therefore, could and did come to His own KOSMOS.

He came to His own, but His own received Him not (John 1:11). TRAGICALLY to clarity in the British-Israel message, this statement is often taken to mean that Israel rejected Him. THAT is arrant historical nonsense: ISRAEL WAS NOT IN PALESTINE EITHER TO RECEIVE HIM OR REJECT HIM. Israel, TRUE ISRAEL, the twelve tribes scattered abroad, had neither part nor lot

in the matter - THEY WERE AWAY - ABSENT.

The statement, however, is an incomplete translation. In the original it states that His own KOSMOS received Him not. His own kosmos was established at JERUSALEM, DOMINATED and CORRUPTED BY EDOMITES. It was in ALIEN hands. And while the Galileans accepted Him, the ALIEN USURPERS OF HIS KOSMOS REJECTED HIM.

LOGOS OF THE LORD.

Let John, the perspicacious Apostle, who said so very little of what he is supposed to have said, put the matter back into the eternity in which it was born. We paraphrase John 1:1-11. In the beginning was the LOGOS, a word borrowed from Stoic philosophy meaning the active principle living in and determining the world: the operative word, the word of purpose and power. And the LOGOS was with JHWH, and the LOGOS - purpose and the power - was JHWH, the Father. All things were made by Him - not by the Son. In Jhwh was life, and the life was the light of men. And John was sent to witness of the light by JHWH, the Father.

The purpose, the power and the creative acts were the Father's. To make the Father and the Son ONE AND THE SAME, INTERCHANGEABLE AT CONVENIENCE, may be a very useful theological concertina; but the two great Beings never needed this farce in orchestration. Let the mind be clear; patriarch and prophet, apostle and humble disciple, the Messiah Himself and the modern Israelite with the eyes to see, are all the servants of the Father's great cosmic plan, the plan of the ISRAEL kosmos.

The light to which John was to witness was brought by the Son, the Melchizedekan, to give light to every man born into the kosmos. He, the Son, was in the kosmos, and the aeons or ages - not the earth - were made by Him. And the Kosmos of Rome knew Him not, but out of the wreck of the Israel kosmos, multitudes of Israelites, of Judea and of Galilee did receive Him.

By the LOGOS, the will and purpose, of the Father, He was sent to save the kosmos, the ORDER OF LIFE, the SYSTEM, the

CIVILISATION, the LAW and the POLITY OF JHWH, THE FATHER. The servant nation is Israel, the Law of it all is the LAW OF THE LORD AS ABRAHAM, THE MELCHIZEDEKAN, HAD IT, the GREAT PRIEST-KING IS JEHOSUA, THE MELCHIZEDEDAN.

But the LOGOS, the will and purpose, the plan and order, the operative power, is JHWH's.

Note: The word GENTILE is used in this Study in the simplest of its dictionary meanings: "Belonging to the nations at large." (Westminister Dictionary.)



NOSTALGIA

I remember the cheese of my childhood
And the bread that we cut with a knife,
When children helped out with the housework
And the men went to work, not the wife.
The cheese never needed an ice-chest,
The bread was so crusty and hot,
The children were seldom unhappy
And the wife was content with her lot.
I remember the milk from the billy
With yummy rich cream on the top,
Our dinners came hot from the oven
And not from a fridge in some shop.
The kids were a lot more contented,
They didn't need money for "kicks"
But a game with their mates in the paddock
And sometimes the Saturday "flicks".
I remember the shop on the corner
Where a penn'orth of lollies was sold:
Do you think I'm a bit too nostalgic
Or is it I'm just getting old?

BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

By Kenneth C. Bayman

2. *The Firstborn of all Creation*

"He (Christ) is the likeness of the unseen God, born first, before all the creation – for it was by him that all these things were created both in heaven and on earth, both the seen and the unseen . . . he is prior to all, and all coheres in him."

Colossians 1:15-17, Moffat.

In our previous article we saw that the only-begotten Son of God is the Executive, ever coming forth to do the Father's will.

In Revelation 3:14, in His message to the Laodiceans, the Son of God introduces Himself as "The Amen, the faithful and true witness, *the beginning of the creation of God*".

Significantly, the Divine Speaker introduced Himself to His chronicler, John (see Revelation 1:11) as "Alpha and Omega, the first and the last". Now here, in the last message to the seven churches, He brings forth another aspect of His being, namely, that He is *the beginning of the creation of God*.

This is the same truth as set forth prominently in Paul's letter to the Colossians, as quoted at the head of this article. The great significance of the introduction to the message to the Laodiceans lies in the fact that this seventh church symbolized the seventh church age of the Christian era. *It is the church-age in which we live today*. Today is the day when, more generally than at any previous time, the witness of the Scriptures to the identity of the God of Creation is being doubted. Hence the appropriateness of the three-fold identification given to John by the One addressing him. Firstly, "the Amen". Cruden's Concordance points out that the Hebrew expression "amen" signifies "true, faithful, certain". Thus in an age of doubt and disbelief, the message addressed particularly to that age is characterised as *true, faithful and certain*. This is repeated in the following phrase, which states the message to be from "the faithful and true witness". And thirdly, it is the message from "the beginning of the creation of God". Not only is the identity of God the Creator thus affirmed, but it is specially affirmed to a generation which has been taught by the precepts of fallible men that there was no creation within the Biblical meaning.

Thus the One Who was and is "the beginning of the creation of God" proffers Himself as the "faithful and true witness" to the

certainty of the things whereof He testifies.

Not only is He "the beginning of the creation of God", and thus "prior to all", but all "coheres in Him". The Greek for the latter phrase means "hold together". It is in Him, the Son of God, that all things hold together. It is His power which is the *binding force* holding matter together: the force which organises motion and keeps it within the bounds of physical law. So long as matter is in existence it remains in existence by virtue of the power that is in the Son of God. Thus when eventually, in any given order of creation, the time comes – as come it must – when it has served its purpose, and must be changed "as a vesture", that worn-out creation dissolves into its original and ultimate elements as a result of the withdrawal of the "binding forces" emanating from the One "by Whom all things consist".

Thus that particular order of creation goes back as it were to its original components and beyond that to its origin in God the Creator. We saw in our previous article that St. Paul wrote on this great theme to the Corinthians (see I Corinthians 15:24-28). The great cycle might be termed creation, maturation and consummation. The Son takes from His Father the power to create and express the Father's will; He sustains that creation; and when its purpose has been served, He hands it back to the Father together with the power by which it had been sustained. So, its purpose having been served, it is "changed". The power which had created and sustained it is imperishable, eternal: it returns to the Father Who gave it, and in due course is used again in a new creation. But the form and substance of the old creation have disappeared for ever: the power that gave it that form and substance, and by which it cohered, having gone, it has ceased to exist. Thus Isaiah the prophet could write: "For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind" (Isaiah 65:17).

Let us note that "new heavens" will be created, as well as "a new earth". This is of great importance, for it indicates an entirely new and complete order of creation. It is the "new creation" of which Our Lord spoke when, in comforting His disciples not long before His crucifixion, He assured them: "I go to prepare a place for you." Some thirty years ago, the Rev. H.A. Edwards in a thought-provoking pamphlet likened this earth from which God is "taking out a people for His Name", to a nursery-garden from which the Master Gardener is taking out for transplanting purposes those human "plants" which He selects. Referring to the chaos wrought in this present order of creation by Satanic activity, and the resulting desolation of many of the heavenly dwelling-places which shared in the cataclysm in aeons gone by, Mr. Edwards suggested that in order to make up the original number of inhabitants of the celestial spheres, the Creator had prepared this planet in the 6-day restoration. This earth thus became the focal-point of creative activity with the object that the damage wrought prior to the Adamic age should be repaired.

Thus the earth was given a new lease of life for the duration of the Adamic age of 7,000

years, that there might be taken out of it as the years roll by, all those who by looking to their Creator in faith might thus elect to be His. By making their choice of loyalty *now*, under present trying and imperfect conditions, these aspirant "sons of God by adoption" would hardly be likely to defect from this loyalty in the perfect age to come.

This is also, incidentally, the explanation for the limited duration of human life in the present age. It was intended that this life should be long enough to provide an opportunity to seek God; and short enough to make up a sufficient number of generations to provide a "harvest" to fill the "barns". In other words, sufficient individuals had to pass through this world in the allotted time-period between the creation of Adam and the close of the millennium to enable the Creator to find a total number tallying with the number required to fill the "mansions of the Father's house".

We may note the parables which Our Lord used to illustrate, incidentally, this great truth as well as other lessons of more immediate interest to His hearers. There is the parable in which He said: "The field is the world . . . the harvest is the end of the world; and the reapers are the angels . . . then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father." This is Our Lord's interpretation of the well-known parable of the wheat and the tares. (Matthew 13).

Then there is the parable of the vineyard, where the Owner sent representatives – and finally sent his son – to receive the fruits of the vineyard, but those who had charge of the vineyard ill-treated the representatives and killed the son with a view to seizing the vineyard for themselves. Here again in this parable (Matthew 21) the earth is likened to a garden – in this case producing fruit for the owner.

It might cause some surprise to know that precisely the same theme appears in an Old Testament prophecy. Isaiah (in chapter 51) proclaims: "I am the LORD thy God . . . And I have put my words in thy mouth, and I have covered thee in the shadow of my hand, *that I may plant the heavens*, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people."

It is clear that the references here to "the foundations of the earth" means the foundations of *the new earth*. And it is probable that "the new earth" does not refer to a single "earth" or planet only, but to many, for the passage declares the intention to "plant the heavens".

Now empty heavens or space could not be "planted". Abodes of life would first have to be placed in "the heavens" (or space) which could then be "planted" with the new order of life prepared for them.

The expression "foundations of the earth" is used also in Job 38:14, with reference to the beginning of our present earth. The LORD said to Job: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth? We should note the use of the first person singular. The LORD says: ". I laid the foundations. . ." Thus the beginning of the earth was the Creator's own personal task. Here is an example

where the Son of God was "the beginning of the creation of God". He, the Eternal Son, came forth from the Father to begin a new work of creation.

In that wonderful 8th chapter of the Book of Proverbs, we find reference to: (1) the beginning of God's way (does this not refer to the One Who said: "I am the Way"?); (2) the beginning of the "setting up" of Wisdom (personified in the Son of God) which was *before* the beginning of the earth (Proverbs 8:23), and the heavens (Proverbs 8:27) and thus *before* Genesis 1:1; (3) the beginning of the heavens (verse 27); (4) the beginning of the earth (verse 29). There are thus four separate "beginnings" spoken of in Proverbs 8.

"*In the beginning*, God created the heavens and the earth . . ." We are given no clue as to the extent of those heavens, nor as to the time of the "beginning" here referred to, probably because neither of these concepts would be understandable to our limited human minds.

The story the Bible tells has a truly cosmic significance (as we saw in the previous series of articles which appeared in this magazine) but as the Bible is written for the sons of earth, the story is told from the earthly point of view. Consequently we are told nothing in the Scriptures of the uncountable planets that, even in our own Universe – the Milky Way Galaxy – revolve in silent grandeur upon ordered orbits, bearing their inhabitants upon a journey of life through times and circumstances of which we can know nothing.

We know that the earth, when formed, must have been poised in space – in the heavens – even as it is today, though not necessarily in the same part of the heavens.

The remarkable pictures of our globe, taken by the three American astronauts on their circumlunar voyage recently, bring home to us as nothing else could, the infinitesimal smallness of our planet when compared with the vastness of space. Men might well ask: How can an omnipotent God bother about such a tiny speck of matter in space as our earth, let alone the microscopic and short-lived organisms inhabiting it?

This is an old question, asked anew by every generation of human beings. The answer of course is a simple one, namely, if the Supreme Being were unable or unwilling to "bother with" any of His creatures, He would *not* be omnipotent. This question calls to mind a story recently told. An astronomer, appalled at the greatness of the known Universe, which he was describing for the benefit of newspaper readers in one of his articles, concluded by asking the rhetorical question: "What is man?"

The answer was given by one of his humble readers, who in the following edition wrote to the editor: "Man is the astronomer." The Bible tells us that Man was made "in the image of God", and "for His pleasure". Could the Creator take any pleasure in a vast inanimate universe that could not respond to His demonstrated affection? For the same reason, could He take any pleasure in creating a race of robot-like beings with no freewill of their own? How could such beings return His warmth of love and regard?

This, in turn, is the answer to those who ask: Why did God not create us unable to sin, unable to rebel against His laws?

However, God has taken man up on that very question, for through the prophet Jeremiah it is promised: "But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, *and write it in their hearts*; and will be their God, and they shall be my people."

The context of this remarkable promise binds up this future new covenant with the knowledge of the LORD, as we may read in Jeremiah 31:31-34, and also with the fact that it is *the Creator Himself* Who promises this – the God of Israel and the Creator of the Ordinances of Heaven are shown to be One and the Same. Significantly, the LORD states the certainty of this new covenant by joining heaven and earth in testimony: "If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD."

Just as there was a precursive fulfilment of Joel's prophecy in the days immediately following Our Lord's ascension (see Acts 2:16) so there has been a precursive fulfilment of the above-quoted promise of Jeremiah's prophecy in the Christian era. And just as the complete fulfilment of Joel's prophecy lies in the future millennial era of Christ's reign upon the earth, so does the complete fulfilment of Jeremiah's prophecy

For us, in our present study, the significance of these prophecies lies in their application to the individual: for as Christ, the Son of God, is "the Firstborn of all Creation", and the "beginning of the creation of God", so is He the One through Whom any human being may, by coming to Him in faith, be "born again" of the Spirit of God. "For if any man be in Christ", proclaimed the Apostle Paul, "he is a *new creation*"

And just as there was joy in the presence of the angels of God at the new creation of our planet aeons ago, so (as Our Lord assured His followers) "there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repents". For that repentant sinner becomes also a new creation – and it was *that* new creation which the Creator had in mind when He laid the foundations of the earth "in the beginning".

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SYNTHETIC FOOD

SMALL FARMERS, CONSUMERS HURT BY RUSH TOWARD SYNTHETIC FOOD. (From "SPOTLIGHT" newspaper dated 4 Dec. 1978, by John L. Kent)

Although Americans are already suffering greatly increased exposure to cancer, heart disease and other ills because of the widespread use of chemical additives in foods, even greater potential for harm is coming from the fantastic boom in synthetic foods. These are completely "fake foods", usually made from cheap chemicals or "restructured" with the use of chemicals from food processing waste.

Hardly noticed in the popular press is the fact that international banker-controlled chemical, petroleum and food processing firms are engaged in a massive switch from farm-grown food to chemical-factory-produced synthetics. In the process this will eliminate the small and medium-size U.S. farms, already under economic pressure - (Editorial, "Help the Farmer", SPOTLIGHT, 6 Feb.) Eventually, only a handful of banker-controlled "corporate farmers" such as Tenneco (also in chemicals and petroleum) will remain to divide up the market.

The trend to synthetics will continue because it is cheaper to make a synthetic orange drink (TANG) from chemicals than by squeezing REAL oranges. We already have synthetic butter, milk, chocolate bacon and eggs.

Medical researchers know that many of these "man-made" foods lack the essential trace elements found in natural foods and that the source of much synthetic food is PETROLEUM. That petroleum causes CANCER has been known to scientists for over THREE decades.

According to food processing industry figures, Americans spent over $16. billion on man-made foods in 1977 - about 8% of the country's food bill. The figure is expected to go to $23. billion by 1980, according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture economists.

So far, there has been only token resistance at the supermarket to some of the newer, more outlandish ersatz food. We have been conditioned over the years to accept chemical addit-

ives and chemical modification. And we have been living with one old synthetic food - oleomargarine - since the turn of the century.

Oleomargarine was intended as a cheap substitute for butter for poor people who could not afford the natural spread. It has always been cheaper than butter - as it should be, since it is cheaply made from chemicals and oilseeds.

As with oleo, the newer synthetic foods are being introduced as direct replacements from the REAL thing. For example, "Egg Beaters" is touted as a replacement for REAL eggs. Egg Beaters also provide a prime example of the food industry's push to make a natural food SUSPECT as presenting "problems" to health and thus show the need for the artificial food as a "solution."

(Other examples of "problem" and "solution": A public trained to fear calories readily guzzles watered beer sold as "light." It used to be a crime to water liquor; now more water and less beer per bottle means bigger profits for brewers who simultaneously pose as guardians of the nation's health. Likewise, an influx of husks and sawdust in the country's breads and breakfast cereals is boosted as a solution to a suddenly discovered and widely publicized absence of "bulk" in America's diets).

It seems that natural eggs contain cholesterol. Now cholesterol is the magic word that has launched the promotion of low-cholesterol margarine and other so-called low-cholesterol foods. Cholesterol is connected with HEART DISEASE, though the relationship has not been proved conclusively. (Some natural egg eaters also smoke and drink coffee and liquor excessively, so when they die of heart disease, it is more likely due to these substances, rather than a couple of eggs and toast in the mornings.)

But playing on the fears of the middle-aged and the elderly, Egg Beaters are advertised as having 23% less cholesterol than real eggs.

This seems a relatively small reduction in a product which is branded a "bad" substance. It doesn't seem to be worth buying, especially since the synthetic eggs cost from 20% to 50% more than real eggs (and don't taste as good).

Additionally, the fake eggs contain ten times as much sugar and starch as the natural chicken product.

Among the ingredients of the Egg Beaters are mono-and di-gly-cerides, propylene glycol monostearate, cellulose, xanthum gum, tri-sodium and tri-ethl citrate, aluminate sulfate and iron phosphate. All these are dumped in with a base of corn oil and non-fat dry milk and voila - EGGS.

The average supermarket shopper does not read the ingredient listing on Egg Beaters and even if she (or he) did, she or he would never know that propylene glycol monostearate is a petroleum-derived chemical that is related to permanent type auto anti-freeze (ethylene glycol) and to paint solvents (glycol) ether.

And there's fake bacon to go with your fake eggs. One of these chemically made bacons comes in a beautiful box picturing a farm scene and the brand name, Morningstar Farms. That name, of course, is intended to FOOL you into thinking that even though the bacon is not made from pork, it somehow comes from a farm, rather than an old factory in the industrial ghetto of some city.

Morning-Star Farms doesn't exist at all. It is merely a TRADE NAME of a well known patent medicine firm, Miles Laboratories. The firm's claim to fame (and profits) is Alka-Seltzer, an alkaline chemical sold as a stomach acid neutralizer.

Even more detrimental to health are the various synthetic SOFT DRINK POWDERS advertised heavily in the Sunday newspaper comic sections to catch the very young. Two popular ones are KOOL-AID and FUNNY FACE. The powders are a modern WITCH'S BREW. They consist mostly of fumaric acid, calcium carbonate, dioctyl sodium sulfosuccinate and - of course, IMITATION FLAVOUR AND COLOUR. The major ingredient by weight is SUGAR.

The young are on the receiving end of much advertising for synthetic foods - including denatured and chemicalized "junk foods." These include many types of confections. For example, much of the chocolate and chocolate-coated candies now sold are not made from cocoa-derived REAL chocolate (which is expensive), but from CHEMICALS. Peter Paul, Inc., has been coating its Mounds and Almond Joys and other confections with

an undisclosed brown substance touted by the company as having "better shelf life" than chocolate.

This "better shelf life" is one of the important attributes of the synthetics. Unlike natural chocolate, which contains oils which eventually turn rancid and make the product unsaleable, the synthetic chocolate can be kept in warehouses and on supermarket shelves for YEARS. It doesn't spoil; there are no returns to the manufacturers.

Completely synthetic chocolate has been with us for several years, though FEW people have noticed it. One of the largest suppliers of the synthetic chocolate is Monsanto, which calls itself "the science company." The firm says that its synthetic chocolate means that "manufacturers can produce chocolate-flavoured products of all kinds and maintain a consistent profit margin." The company insists its product "TASTES LIKE THE REAL THING."

The drive to convert the synthetics is on full blast. In recent months announcements have been made about synthetic "fresh food" made from artificial flavouring and colouring and a seaweed derivative. This 'fake fruit' is under develoment by researchers at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Taste panels have reportedly been unable to tell the fake fruit from the real thing. The researchers also say that the chemical agglomeration can be given the consistency of apples, pears, peaches or other fruit, and be moulded to look like farm-grown fruit.

There's also a cotton-burger in your future. U.S. Department of Agriculture scientists have developed a method of extracting edible protein from the hulls of cotton seeds. The cottonseed protein is an ideal food adulterant. It can boost the volume of any food without adding any flavour or colour of its own. So it will first become an "additive" or "extender" to real meat hamburgers. Eventually, as public taste is modified to accept the fake meat, an all-cottonseed hamburger will be sold.

Because cotton seeds contain gossypol, the substance is toxic to humans, U.S.D.A. researchers have worked out a way of extracting or neutralizing the poison.

Of course, if the poison-extracting machines malfunction,

the poison will get into your cottonburger - but that's the price of progress.

In fact, ALL synthetic food is the "price of progress". And you can buy a lot of this "progress" at your supermarket. The cancer you might get would be a bonus, of course.



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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE RESURRECTION

Howard B. Rand

Why should the death of one man – with a few followers in Palestine almost two thousand years ago, mean so much to the world today? Throughout the ages unnumbered millions have passed from life into death. During the history of mankind thousands of men have been crucified. Scores of others have suffered other types of violent death for the principles for which they stood.

At Eastertime, however, the whole Christian world celebrates the anniversary of the death and resurrection of the man Christ Jesus who stood foursquare for eternal truth. But it was not the death of the Lord Jesus Christ alone that was significant; it was in the full revelation of the truth demonstrated by His resurrection that His life, ministry and death became unique in the annals of the whole human race. His resurrection alone confirmed His claim that He was more than man; that He was indeed the Son of God.

Resurrection Important

Prior to His time there had been no resurrection from the dead. Before that first resurrection men could well say, "No one comes back from the grave". True, there had been a few instances of restored life after death. In the days of Elijah and Elisha there had been those who had fallen asleep in death, and who had been restored; finally, nevertheless, to go into the grave.

In the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ, however, we have an event in which One comes forth from the grave, never again to die. In that resurrected state He came from the grave with a glorified body, free from all the physical limitations of this life. That body could never be affected by death, for He arose immortal, offering to all, through belief in Himself, eternal life and incorruptibility.

Need we wonder that the world celebrates such an event? Regardless of what men believe, there is inherent in each one a desire for everlasting life – for immortality – if for no better reason than that they may escape the curse – the finality – of death. There is only one way to secure that blessing and it is through the acceptance of the Lord's atoning death and His resurrection.

Immortality Through Christ

The story of the Bible centres upon the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Was it necessary that the Lord die in order that others might have life?

Let us briefly review the story, beginning with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. God placed them there and He declared that they should do, and should not do, certain things, lest they die.

They were told to eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden and so to live. They must eat in order to live; that was the positive law of life. They were forbidden to eat of the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. God declared that in the day they ate of that tree they would surely die.

Then came the temptation and fall. Through that fall, death came *to* them and, *through* them, to the entire Adamic family. From Adam to Christ, death reigned supreme.

Man has always desired to escape death; he has ever been in quest of the fountain of youth to retain the vigour of life. Science has hoped and endeavoured to find a way out, but there is no human way to escape the Grim Reaper.

The Lord Jesus declared that He came to give what man cannot find without Him – eternal life and incorruptibility. It is no wonder that the world celebrates His resurrection, for it is proof that He is the conqueror of death.

The Passover in Egypt

The people of Israel were under bondage in Egypt. They suffered an economic slavery such as no nation up to that time had ever endured. Then God called Moses to lead them out of that bondage. The Bible records the history of the plagues that came upon Egypt because Pharaoh refused to let Israel go. The tenth plague resulted in the death of all the firstborn, but Israel was protected from that tenth plague. It would be well to read the whole account, for it has much to do with the subject we are discussing. The record will be found in the twelfth chapter of Exodus. There the Lord said:

"This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you" (Ex. 12:2).

God here changed the calendar. The sacred year, as far as Israel was concerned, was to begin with the time of the Exodus from Egypt. This caused the first month of this New Year to correspond generally with our present Easter Season. The Lord instructed Moses and Aaron to speak to all the congregation of Israel, saying:

"In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house" (Ex. 12:3).

This is important. The lamb was selected and was to be set aside on the tenth day of the month.

"Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day (four days later) of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening (Marginal rendering, 'between the evenings')" (Ex. 12:5-6).

Do you know the meaning of the two *evenings* to these Israelites? The time changed at noon. From sunrise to noon there were six hours; and from noon to sunset there were six hours. Each evening closed a six-hour period. The two evenings are, therefore, noon and the sunset. Between these evenings the lamb was to be slain. This would be in the middle of the afternoon – at three o'clock. Bear this fact in mind as we discuss the day and the time of the crucifixion.

The lamb was to be roasted and eaten. Nothing was to remain until the morning, but that which remained after the meal was to be burned with fire.

"And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night,

and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt. And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance for ever" (Ex. 12:11-14).

Then followed the seven days that were to be numbered as the days of the Passover.

"And in the first day there shall be an holy convocation, and in the seventh day there shall be an holy convocation to you; no manner of work shall be done in them, save that which every man must eat, that only may be done of you. And ye shall observe the feast of unleavened bread; for in this selfsame day have I brought your armies out of the land of Egypt: therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations by an ordinance for ever. In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even. Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or born in the land" (Ex. 12:16-19).

This is a statement regarding the observance of the Passover.

Antitype Must Fulfil Type

The types portrayed by the Bible are absolutely accurate in every respect. The fulfilment of those types must therefore cover every requirement. When the Lord Jesus Christ came, of necessity He did fulfil the Passover type, or else the Bible is not true. Christian people, believers and students of the Bible ought not to accept any teaching or doctrine that does not conform with the Scriptures. They ought always to reject any statement that is Scripturally unfounded. If we approach the Bible from this point of view, the Holy Spirit will reveal wonderful things that have not yet been seen. God requires an open heart and mind so that every individual may be instructed in the truth of the Gospel. Let us not be afraid of upsetting preconceived ideas; rather let us be afraid of teaching against the Scriptures. Let us check all teachings by the Scriptures. Then let us accept as true what the Bible teaches, rejecting man's opinions when they are against that teaching.

The Rejection of Jesus

After the Lord Jesus presented Himself at the Temple and was rejected by the Jews as their Messiah He said:

"The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43).

The Lord's pronouncement is clear evidence that the Jews were responsible for what followed; or else the Kingdom which they had seized (Matt. 11:12), would not have been taken from them. This is further confirmed by our Lord's statement to His disciples that He must go up to Jerusalem to suffer and die:

"Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be betrayed unto the chief priests and unto the scribes, and they shall condemn him to death, and shall deliver him to the Gentiles to mock, and to scourge, and to crucify him: and the third day he shall rise again" (Matt. 20:18-19).

Note carefully in connection with that statement that the Lord Jesus declared who brought about His crucifixion. True, He was delivered to the Romans. True, our Lord declared He would be delivered to the Gentiles. But those who delivered Him were respons-

ible; they were those who bore testimony against Him.

Palm Sunday

On Palm Sunday, the Lord's so-called "triumphal entry" into Jerusalem is celebrated. However, this was not a triumphal entry, for He rode into the city sitting upon an ass:

"Tell ye the daughter of Sion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, meek, and sitting upon an ass, and a colt the foal of an ass" (Matt. 21:5).

This is not a description of a triumphal entry. The ass is a beast of burden and of peace. The only place where a description of a triumphal procession headed by our Lord is given is in these words in the nineteenth chapter of Revelation:

"I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God. And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean. And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And he hath on his vesture and on his thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS" (Rev. 19:11-16).

This description is of the Lord Jesus Christ's coming triumphant return. The white horse, as here mentioned, is an emblem of victory, accurately descriptive of the Lord's return in triumph to take the throne and rule over His Kingdom forever.

The description of the entry into Jerusalem on that first Palm Sunday – the tenth day of the month, the first day of the week, according to the Jewish calendar – was not a triumphal entry. It was the presentation of the Lamb to the temple. Our Lord Himself was the sacrifice – the Lamb to be slain. It was not a day of triumph, but the day on which the Lord was to accomplish that which He had steadfastly set His face to do; to go up to Jerusalem so that He might offer Himself as the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. When we call this "the triumphal entry" we are making a grossly inaccurate statement. However, in the not far distant future we are to celebrate the true triumphal entry which is described in the Book of Revelation, for we are now very near that day.

"(The disciples) brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them their clothes, and they set him thereon. And a very great multitude spread their garments in the way; others cut down branches from the trees, and strawed them in the way. And the multitudes that went before, and that followed, cried, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest" (Matt. 21:7-9).

In the deep meaning of their statement, "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord", the Lord Jesus Christ was entering Jerusalem to be slain for the remission of sins, and the people were selecting Him as the Lamb to be offered in their behalf. He was the Lamb that was slain from the foundation of the world, presenting Himself before the High Priest as the Lamb without blemish, to be selected by him for the sacrifice.

Jesus Selected as the Lamb

On the tenth day of the month the Lamb was selected. On this particular occasion when the Lord came into Jerusalem, what did He do? He drove the money changers out of the temple, with the result that the High Priest selected Him for death, deter-

mining that He must die. The Lord Jesus Christ *came* as the Lamb and He was *selected* as the Lamb. Although the lamb for the Passover was selected on the tenth day, it was held until the fourteenth day before it was slain. The High Priest selected the Lord on the tenth day and it was not until the fourteenth day that they could accomplish their purpose upon Him.

The day after the selection the Lord returned to the city and again cleansed the temple. This infuriated the leaders beyond all reason and they became steadfast in their purpose to bring about His death.

Preparation Day

When the preparation day arrived, in order to fulfil the Scriptures — for the Lord kept the Word in every particular — He must of necessity die between the evenings, or at three o'clock in the afternoon. He must also be dead before the Passover was eaten, for the Passover could not be eaten while the Lamb was still alive. This is contrary to some teachings of the Christian Church, but it is not contrary to the Scriptures.

Remember this: on the fourteenth day the lamb was slain. It was on the fourteenth day that our Lord died. The supper with His disciples in that upper room where they were to prepare the Passover was *not* the Passover; it was the Lord's Supper. Preparation for the Passover was to be made in that upper chamber. But the eating of the Passover was to be in haste. In partaking of the Passover the people were to stand, fully clothed, each with his staff in his hand, ready for flight, and they ate it during the night.

The Lord's Supper was eaten reclining at the table, and their sandals had been removed. Read the full statement in the thirteenth chapter of John. This is not the scene of the Passover Supper. During that particular night of the Lord's Supper, and after that supper, the Lord Jesus and His disciples went out into the Garden. The next day, in the ninth hour of the day (the third hour of the Jewish day), which would be three o'clock in the afternoon, present time, our Lord died:

"When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost" (John 19:30).

A High Day

The particular day on which the Lord Jesus Christ died is stated. John tells us (19:31) that, because it was the *preparation day* for the Passover (the Passover having not yet been eaten), the Jews wanted the body of the Lord taken down from the cross. The next day, starting at sunset of that evening, was a Sabbath, for that Sabbath was a High Day. The fifteenth of that particular month fell on a Friday, but, being a High Day and the Passover, it was also a Sabbath. This fact is confirmed later by reference to two Sabbaths in the account of Mary Magdalene's visit to the sepulchre early on resurrection morning:

"Now on the first day following the Sabbaths, while it was early, in fact, still dusk, Mary the Magdalene went to the tomb, and observed that the stone had been removed from its entrance" (John 20:1, *Ferrar Fenton Trans.*).

Ferrar Fenton's rendering from the Greek text is very interesting and it is clear if you will notice that he translates: "On the first day following the Sabbaths (note the plural), while it was early." His footnote clarifying his use of the word "Sabbaths" is important:

"This is literally according to the Greek text; and it is important to observe that at that particular period, two Sabbaths, or days of sacred rest, actually fell together in the Jewish calendar. The Crucifixion took place on Thursday, not on a Friday, as is popularly supposed. This allows for the Lord Jesus having been held in the grip of death for three full days and

three nights. *(See Introduction to Westcott and Hort's Greek Testament.)* This was Thursday, March 17th, A.D.29."

The soldiers broke the legs of the two thieves, thus hastening their death, but finding that the Lord was already dead, they thrust a spear into His side and blood and water flowed from the wound — a sign of death by a broken heart. It was prophesied that no bones of the Lord's body should be broken, "He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken" (Ps. 34:20).

This also was in fulfilment of the type, for no bone of the Passover lamb was to be broken:

"In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth ought of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof" (Ex. 12:46).

He who knew no sin, became sin for us and died of a broken heart. His death occurred on the preparation day for the Passover. Then followed a Sabbath — not the regular Jewish Sabbath, but a High Day — a day regarded as a special Sabbath by the Jews. This High Day was the Passover Day and it was the first day of the seven days of the Passover season. The next day was the regular Sabbath, followed by the first day of the week when, very early in the morning, Mary came to the tomb and found it empty.

Significance of the Resurrection

What is the significance of the resurrection? Much. If the Lord Jesus Christ did not rise from the dead, there is no hope for us.

"Now if Christ be preached that he rose from the dead, how say some among you that there is no resurrection of the dead? (I Cor. 15:12).

Those who contend for only a spiritual resurrection also deny the resurrection of our Lord. If there is no physical resurrection from the dead, then all our labours and the labours of those who have accepted the Word of God are in vain.

It is useless to preach if the Lord Jesus Christ is dead, for without the resurrection there is no hope. Often the Christian world makes much of the crucifixion, but too little of the resurrection, or almost forgets the crucifixion in emphasising the resurrection. The crucifixion was the perfect means to the perfect end, that the Lord might overcome the power of death and come forth from the grave triumphant over death.

The Trial of Jesus Illegal

The illegality of the trial leading to our Lord's death is clearly set forth in the Biblical record of the events of that dreadful time.

Why were the Jews so anxious that the Lord Jesus be destroyed? Read the history of the Jews at that time and remember that the traditional teachings of men governed their policies. The Jews were opposed to the spiritual teachings of the Scriptures. They had turned from the laws of Moses and when the Lord drove the money changers from the temple, He was acting contrary to all the then-established customs of the Jews. This resulted in the leaders, who profited financially through the business transacted in that way, being very much incensed over what He had done. So they did what so often is done by those in power — they set aside all the rules and regulations in order to condemn the One who opposed them.

Let us briefly review a few facts in connection with the trial of the Lord Jesus: The court deciding the matter must have jurisdiction; there must be a clear identification of the subject matter of the action; there must be a final settlement of the issue on its merits. These are axioms of law.

When a court has jurisdiction, it has the right to

act in all matters presented before it. Whether or not its decision is correct, its judgment — unless and until reversed — is recorded as binding. If a court acts without authority, its judgments are not binding. If there is no jurisdiction whatever, it has no more authority to speak than you or I.

On the question of jurisdiction, under Jewish law all proceedings at night were prohibited. There could be no trials at night. All secret or private hearings were forbidden. The law limited the trial of the accused person to certain days of the week and year, as well as hours of the day. No trial of this nature could be concluded in one day. The law required that judgment should not be rendered until the day after the trial.

The place of the trial was fixed by law and the Sanhedrin could not function at any other place than the place selected. The members of this court were prohibited from sitting where the question of personal prejudices would be involved.

There must be no ambiguity in the charge made in the indictment. The conviction of the defendant had to rest upon the testimony of two or more competent witnesses who agreed upon the facts as charged. The testimony of an accomplice was forbidden.

Every case must be tried upon its merits.

These were the requirements of the law when the Lord was brought to trial. *Every one of these requirements was violated in the procedure at the trial of the Lord Jesus.*

He was arrested and tried at night. The trial was held in a forbidden place and the proceedings were concluded within a period of twenty-four hours.

The trial was conducted privately against the law. He was tried by his personal enemies, which was also against the law. They sat three times without giving Him a hearing, and determined upon His death.

He was convicted before the charges had been completely formulated against Him. In fact, the charges against the Lord Jesus were so vague and generalised that it was impossible to identify the subject matter of the action. False witnesses were subpoenaed and used against Him. He was convicted upon his own confession and not upon the evidence of others. This was against the law of the Sanhedrin.

The case was not heard upon its merits, nor upon the issue.

These findings are interesting; especially in view of the fact that there has lately been talk of the Sanhedrin reviewing the evidence in the trial of the Lord in order to determine whether there had been a mistrial. We have only to read the New Testament and the whole setting of the proceedings to know that, according to their own law, it *was* a mistrial.

Jesus Before Pilate

Let us now turn to the Lord Jesus Christ's hearing before Pilate. He was charged with the commission of five different crimes or offences: driving the money changers from the Temple, blasphemy, perverting the nation, forbidding to give tribute to Caesar and claiming to be a king. Pilate announced, "I find no fault in this man", and he acquitted Him. Then he allowed the Lord to be led out and crucified.

The Lamb of God

Always in the plan of God, the Lord was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world; chosen on the tenth day, and offered up on the fourteenth day. But if it had ended there, there could have been no hope for us. Although the Lord was unjustly accused, He was a just man, and righteous, and He was without sin — in complete fulfilment of the type — a Lamb with-

out spot and blemish.

The Atonement

The Lord arose physically on the third day. The whole of your belief as a Christian depends upon whether or not you accept this fact pertaining to the Lord Jesus Christ. Did He rise physically from the dead? A mere mental acceptance of the resurrection is not enough. We must accept what the resurrection means. It means for you and for me – individually and personally – full atonement for our sins through His blood that was shed. Just as surely as it was true at the time of the Exodus, that the sprinkling of the blood on the door posts of the house protected the first-born, so surely the shed blood of the Lord Jesus brings salvation to those who accept His atonement.

The Sign of an Accomplished Task

The national phase of the Lord Jesus' activity was the redemption of the House of Israel. Through the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, atonement was made for His people Israel. Thus, by our Lord's death and resurrection came the *redemption* of Israel as a nation. The resurrection was the sign or witness of the task accomplished.

There is also something else that the Lord accomplished. He not only redeemed Israel and brought salvation to individuals, but He also signed, sealed and witnessed the terms of the New Covenant. God declared the New Covenant was to be made with the House of Israel and the House of Judah:

"Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people" (Jer. 31:32-33).

This is very important. The world will never come out of its troubles and difficulties until the complete establishment of the New Covenant has become an accomplished fact. You cannot put men in office who will establish righteousness in government until that law has been written into the hearts of the rulers of God's people. It is equally useless to think that we as a people will come out of our difficulties until the terms of the New Covenant are written into the hearts of all of God's people.

Isaiah declares a day is coming when all the people shall be righteous. In the Sermon on the Mount, the Lord Jesus showed how the law was to be taken from the tables of stone and transferred to the fleshly tables of the heart. In this way He was setting forth the terms of the New Covenant. He changed no law, but He made the whole law a thousand times more effective.

The mere setting forth of the terms of the New Covenant is not enough. The New Covenant must become operative, and it will not become operative until it is written into the hearts of all the people.

"Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them" (Ez. 36:25-27).

You may discuss the terms of an agreement with your business associates, but until that agreement is signed, sealed and witnessed, it means nothing. It is neither binding upon you nor your associate. The Lord Jesus Christ set forth the terms of the New

Verse 7. God is against them and these HUMANISTS are debarred by God from entering the promised Kingdom of Heaven.

Verse 10. Because they have misled the people by telling them that this Humanist way of life would lead to the peace of the world *when it would not.*

THE WALL OF UNTEMPERED MORTAR

This is a description of the faulty construction of a civilisation that will not stand.

Moffatt translates 'mortar' as *whitewash.* This points to a civilisation *that is built upon hypocrisy and lies.*

II Timothy 3:5. 'Having a form of Godliness' but denying God's power. This reminds us of the 'Whited Sepulchres' of Matthew 23:27.

Our Lord's scathing denunciation of the hypocrisy of the Pharisees which 'outwardly appear beautiful, but are within, full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness . . . Ye also appear outwardly righteous unto men, but within, ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity'.

Also in *Acts 23:3* Paul said, 'God shall smite thee, thou whited wall'.

Ezekiel 13:11. This civilisation that man has built up based upon his own ideas, is doomed to destruction. Hailstones (Bombs?) and stormy winds (violence) will cause its downfall.

Verse 12. When this civilisation crashes, men will say 'now where is its much vaunted value?'

Verse 14. Men will then realise that it was constructed upon the wrong teaching, and being rotten, it could not stand. All those who strove for its erection will dwindle away into oblivion.

Verse 15. 'The Wall is no more neither they who daubed it'.

Verse 16. That is, those who said it would be the answer to the world's problems.

Jerusalem is still in a state of turmoil at the time of the fall of this wall. This might also symbolise the Capital city of the modern State of Israel – Britain. (c/f the riots, robberies, demonstrations, and other forms of violence in London today.)

THE WALL THAT WILL LAST FOREVER

Revelation 21:10-14. This is the wall of the Holy City, or Kingdom, or Civilisation that will arise from heavenly inspiration and power, and it will be based upon the teachings of the Apostles.

This Civilisation will be constructed upon the Laws of God which enjoin Love, Truth and Righteousness and which were all preached by the Apostles of the Early Church.

The Kingdom will fill the earth eventually. (see Daniel 7:27; 2:44).

All other nations will enter the Kingdom through the efforts and example of the Children of Israel under the leadership of the Lord Jesus Christ (see Isaiah 27:6) because Israel is symbolised by the 'Gates' or entrances to the Holy Kingdom (Revelation 21:12). This is God's Plan for the setting up of His Kingdom upon earth. All other nations will follow Is-

THE SYMBOLIC WALLS OF SCRIPTURE

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In view of the progression towards the end of the age so graphically foretold by the Lord Jesus Christ and the prophets of both Old and New Testaments, one naturally enough speculates as to the time factor as well as many other aspects of the dawning of the new age. The subject of 'walls' may appear, at first glance, to be quite out of place within this context but the new Jerusalem (Rev. 21: 10-21) is described as having 'a wall great and high' which surely calls for enquiry into this subject of walls. That 'walls' are used in a literal sense in the Bible, no one will deny, but there are undoubtedly many instances when a wall is used in a symbolic sense and the following is offered by way of incentive to further study of the many symbolisms used in the Word of God.

THE FIRST WALL

THE TOWER OF BABEL

Genesis 11:1. The nations on the earth were then, united and wished to make their own way to perfection based upon their own ideas entirely. (c/f the humanist ideas of today).

Genesis 11:3. They built a tower but used slime instead of mortar. In a literal sense no one would do this, so the story must be symbolic.

The Tower = The Civilisation or order of life built up by these men.

Slime = Corruption and filth.

This first civilisation (since Adam) built up on the ideas of man was corrupt and rotten. In order to destroy it God separated the nations and caused them to speak new languages so that each nation could progress in its own way.

This is still God's order for the world. A united company of nations building up a civilisation based upon corruption and upon man's ideas would lead to the total destruction of the world. THIS GOD WILL NOT ALLOW.

THE SECOND WALL

Ezekiel 13:2. God rebukes the prophets who, again, are trying to lead the people into living according to their own ideas. This has resulted in a great weakness in Israel's defences. (v.5) (c/f the situation in Britain today)

Verses 6-7. They have persuaded the people into believing that *God* desires this way of life. (c/f church teachings today)

him, because we keep his commandments and do the things which are pleasing in his sight."

The obvious result of this is found in chapter 5 verses 14 and 15: *"And this is the confidence we have in him that if we ask anything according to his will he heareth us, and if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask we know that we have the petition we desired of him."*

The true purpose of prayer is not to give us what we want when we want it, but to make us the kind of people God wants us to be.

There is one very serious aspect to prayer, about which we must be very careful and circumspect. I refer to the mention of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in our prayers. The power of His Blood should only be sought at a time when evil surrounds us or is attacking someone we love. The power of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is able to defeat evil and send it hurtling away in fear. The devil fears the Blood of our Lord just as much as he fears His Name!

When we close our prayers it is quite correct to use the phrase, ". . . through Jesus Christ our Lord who shed His Blood that we might be saved from the devil and all his works." That is expressing belief, giving utterance to faith!

Having meditated our prayers in the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ we now come to the conclusion. We have given our praise, confessed our sins and sought forgiveness, offered our thanksgiving and made our supplications; having requested our prayers in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ we come to the end of praying and pray The Family Prayer our Lord taught His disciples.

Will you join with me now, in this our prayer?

"Our Father which are in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors, And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, For ever. Amen. (Matthew 6:9-13)

This constant expressing of thanks is so necessary, since it shows how grateful we are to the Lord for His goodness. Paul takes the giving of thanks to its logical conclusion and declared, *"Be careful for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication let your requests be known unto God."*

Not only is thanksgiving to be ascribed to our God but all praise, as we read in the Revelation, chapter 7: verse 12: *". . . Blessing and glory and wisdom, and thanksgiving and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen."*

This is the point in our prayers when we ask the Lord for our petitions. There is a verse of Scripture in Zechariah 10:1 which reminds me of the summer of 1976: *"Ask ye of the Lord rain in the time of the latter rain; so the Lord shall make bright clouds, and give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field."*

These "bright clouds" are described in the margin of my Bible as "lightnings". However, we do not need to know how to ask: it is so sad to listen to some people praying; their sincerity is lost somewhere amid their ignorance, for they do not know how to pray. Our Lord took time to teach His disciples just how they should pray. He said: *"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think they shall be heard for their much speaking"* (Matthew 6:6, 7).

When we ask of the Lord we must be in possession of faith, as we are instructed to pray by James: *"But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed"* (James 1:6).

Of course, it goes without saying that our supplications should be for those things which are necessary. The sad comment on so many 'unanswered' prayers is found here! This is what James says about it: *"Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss that ye may consume it upon your lusts"* (James 4:3).

The margin renders the word "lusts" as "pleasures". It is, therefore, as we keep God's commandments and live in a right way that we shall be blessed of God and shall realise our desires, as stated in I John 3:22; *"And whatsoever we ask we receive of*

in heaven thy dwelling place: and when thou hearest, forgive."

And in verse 34 we have a very wonderful supplication with a real British Israel thought in it: *"Then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers."*

Both these verses are quoted 5 times in I and II Kings and in I and II Chronicles — so important it must be to God's plan and purpose.

The Lord has pledged by the honour of His Own Name to forgive all that call upon Him, and the Psalmist said: *"For thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive; and plenteous in mercy unto all them that call upon thee."* (Psalm 86:5).

It goes without saying, therefore, that we should not "trade" on God's willingness to forgive and so hide our sins: God's forgiveness depends upon our confession, for as Solomon said in the Book of Proverbs, (Proverbs 28:13) *"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper, but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."*

I am sure that it is right and good to thank the Lord for all His mercies to us and to all men. Thanksgiving is an acknowledgment, a confessing with gladness, the benefits and mercies which God bestows either on ourselves or upon others. The giving of thanks for blessings upon all men is clearly taught in I Timothy 2:1; *"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks, be made for all men."*

Our Lord set us an example in this particular, for He was always giving thanks for the goodness of the Lord — and often, for the very ordinary goodnesses. Take the case of Lazarus having died: we read, (John 11:41) *"Then they took away the stone from the place where the dead was laid. And Jesus lifted up his eyes and said, Father I thank thee that thou has heard me."*

When our Lord instituted the Last Supper, which we now call the Communion Service, we read, *"And he took the cup and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this."* (Matthew 26:27).

And when the Lord had fed the five thousand, it is recorded, *"And he commanded the people to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and gave thanks, and brake, and gave to his disciples to set before them; and they did set them before the people"* (Mark 8:6).

Even Solomon, when dedicating the temple, praised the Lord, and we read: (II Chronicles 5:13) *"It came even to pass, as the trumpeters and the singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments of musick, and praised the Lord, saying, For he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever: that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of the Lord;"*

What a wonderful sight that must have been on that Day of Praise; it is quite impossible for us to imagine! And yet, Psalm 113:3 reads, *"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised,"* indicating that it is absolutely necessary to praise the Lord before commencing our devotions.

When we ask the Lord to forgive us our sins, we must forgive our brother his trespass against us. There are many verses of Scripture which point this out to us very plainly. Listen to the words of our Lord: *"And when ye stand praying, forgive if ye have ought against any: that your Father also which is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses"* (Mark 11:25).

And again, in Matthew chapter 6 verse 14; *"For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you."* and the next verse says, *"But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses."*

How very important is the measure of our forgiveness: upon it depends the measure to which we shall be forgiven. This lesson was imparted to Peter by our Lord where we read:

"Then Peter came to him and said, Lord, how oft shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? till seven times? Jesus said unto him, I say not unto thee, until seven times: but, Until seventy times seven" (Matthew 18: 21, 22).

This same lesson was taught by our Lord to all the disciples in the model prayer, which we know as The Lord's Prayer. There we are taught to pray *"And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us."*

Solomon's prayer was very wonderful: listen to it as it is recorded in I Kings 8:30, *"And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: and hear thou*

There are quite a number of references to Christ praying alone, showing us how it is necessary for a person to get away by one's self to pray to God.

In Acts 10 we read of Peter praying on his own, away from prying eyes:

"On the morrow as they went on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up to the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour."

There is a place for loneliness in prayer but we are not alone.

Now we shall look at the second — Family Prayers. These have quite an obvious meaning and are the occasion when ". . . *two or three are gathered together in my name.*"

This undoubted privilege of prayer is one of our most treasured possesions, and we do well to guard it wisely and appreciate its potential.

When we come to the third type of prayers — General Prayers — we are thinking of prayers similar to the Prayer Meetings we have in our church, or similar Christian gatherings.

I refer now to the six aspects I mentioned at the beginning. Let me repeat them so that they will be clear in our minds;

1. Praise in Prayer.
2. Forgiveness and Confession.
3. Thanksgiving.
4. Supplication.
5. Meditation and
6. The Lord's Prayer.

On perusing my concordance I find that there are 113 references to praise in the Psalms alone, showing us how important this aspect of prayer is to us. Anyway, we should remember Who we are praising. In Revelation, chapter 1, we are told that He is ". . . *Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty*" (verse 8).

We do well to consider the almightiness of the Lord and ponder these things in our hearts.

Psalm 148 is full of praise, in which Psalm "praise" is mentioned 12 times and, as you know, the whole of the Psalms is the Te Deum of the Prayer Book of the Church of England. The Psalmist always considers the praise of the Lord and indeed, in Psalm 107 the words ". . . *Oh that men would praise the Lord . . .*" is repeated and occurs four times. In fact, both the Old and New Testaments are full of the praise of the Lord.

To bring in a British Israel touch, let me say Isaiah 42:12 reads, *"Let them give glory unto the Lord and declare his praise in the islands."*

Prayer

H. J. G. HARRIS,
BRITH, Woodford Green, Essex England

1. The first thing to remember is Praise. Praise to Almighty God! This should be done with all our might.

2. We should ask forgiveness and confess our sins because we need to be forgiven.

3. We should thank our wonderful God for all His goodness and lovingkindness to us.

4. Having done these three things, we are now at liberty to ask of our God our petitions in very humble form.

5. Then, we submit all our prayers to Almighty God through His Son, for in I Timothy 2:5 St. Paul says;

"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."

6. Finally, we should end our devotions with the Lord's Prayer, being careful throughout our prayers to use the "thee", "thou" and "thine" and not the too popular "you" and "yours" which our modern clergy think is more up-to-date, or sophisticated.

Now I should like to go through these six suggestions and elaborate upon them with the Scripture references.

There are, as I see it, three types of prayer;

One, Personal, or Private Prayer, two, Family Prayers and third, General Prayers.

Considering these we take number one, which I consider to be the kind of prayer mentioned in Matthew 6, 6, 7 and 8. There, the Lord said;

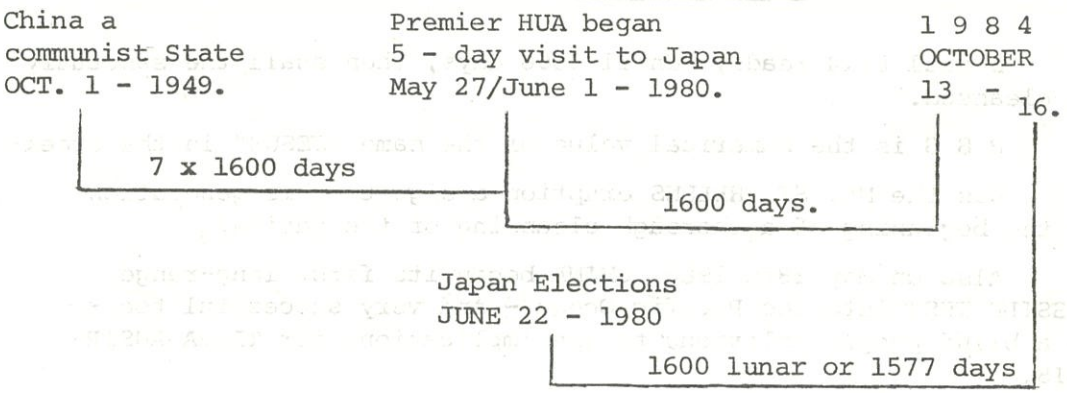
"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou has shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him."

We read in Matthew 14: verse 23 how Jesus prayed;

"And when he had sent the multitude away, he went up into a mountain to pray and when the evening was come, he was there alone."

CHINA AND JAPAN.

On May 27, 1980 Premier HUA of China began a five-day visit to Japan, and the cycle of 1600 days mentioned in Rev. 14:20 as the symbol of DIVINE JUDGMENT, is much in evidence. WHY???



WATCH RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND JAPAN ! ! !

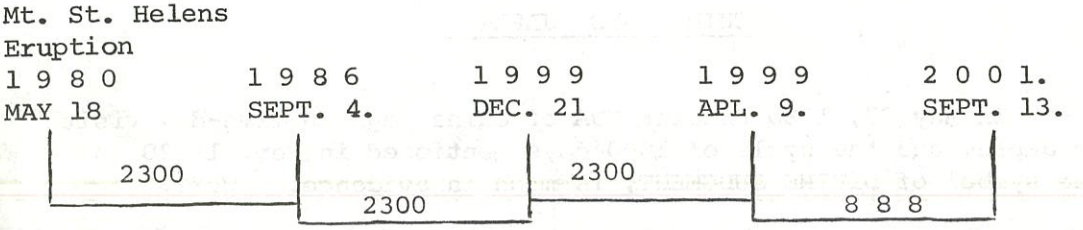
On JUNE 30 - 1980 a noted World Leader left his office for another overseas visit, JUST 6 6 6 DAYS prior to APRIL 25 - 1982.

The measuring of the days in these charts is mainly on 666 days - world finance; 1600 - Divine judgment; 2300 - cleansing due to begin; and 286.1 - displacement forshadowed.

Is this WRITING ON THE WALL by accident or by design ? ? ?

(D.F.P. JULY 1 - 1980).

THE WORLD THAT THEN WAS. *By Howard B. Rand.* A reprint from DESTINY. This booklet presents evidence that the geography of the antediluvian world was quite different from that of today, showing that when Noah disembarked from the Ark he actually came forth into a new world order. 16 pages. 25 cents.



Daniel 8:14 reads, "Until 2300 days, then shall the sanctuary be cleansed."

8 8 8 is the numerical value of the name "JESUS" in the Greek.

Was the Mt. ST. HELENS eruption a sign to this generation of the beginning of a thorough cleansing of the nation?

Also on May 18th 1980, CHINA began its first long-range MISSILE TEST into the Pacific Ocean - and very successful too - to a blind people oblivious to the implications for TERRA AUSTRALIS.

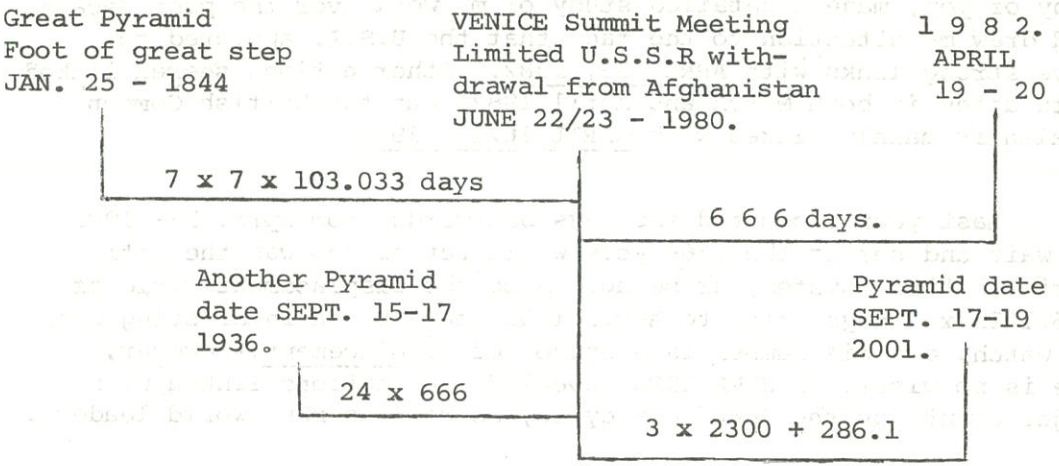
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PROPOSED DEFENCE ACADEMY FOR CANBERRA.

On MAY 16 - 1980 the Australian Parliament in Canberra passed the Bill to establish a Defence Academy in Canberra, 1986 being the earliest date for its opening! If you check the chart for the St. Helens volcanic eruption, allowing a two-day difference, the time cycles will be the same.

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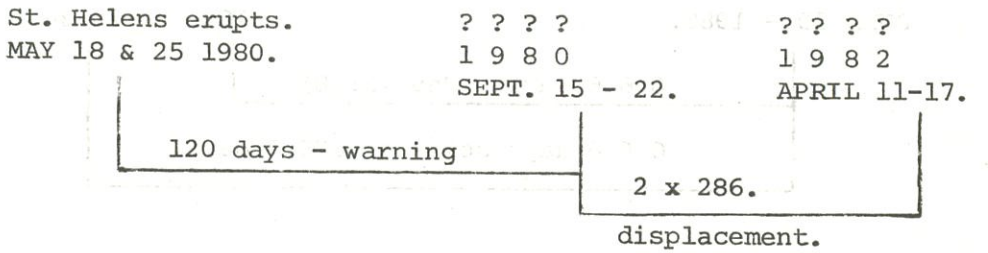
The VENICE summit Meeting has its own time-cycle:-



6 6 6 has always appeared linked with the world's financial and economic systems. 2300 is the symbol for cleansing - or a clean sweep - and joined in the above chart with the displacement factor of 286.1, is the WRITING ON THE WALL FOR ALL TO READ.

As THE TIME OF THE END approaches, we can expect to see increased volcanic and earthquake activities afflicting our planet EARTH.

The current eruption of Mt. St. Helens in the U.S.A. has many implications for the future, if the time measures are studied.

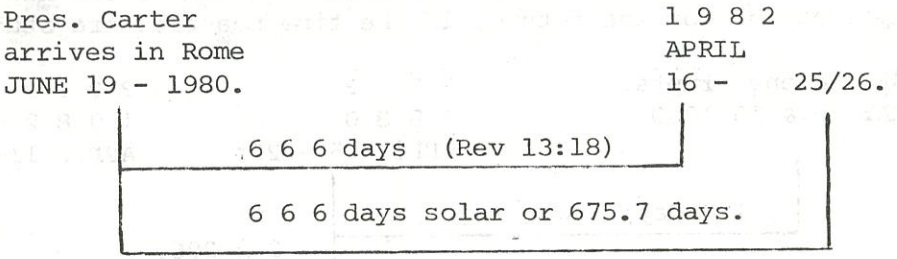


The above may have no significance, but the next chart should.

Some time ago Mr. Keith Phillips, who is well known to many of you, made a detailed study of my work over the past decade and drew my attention to the fact that the U.S.A. appeared to have strong links with APRIL 25, 1982. Other nations seemed linked with dates in both March and April 1982, but the British Commonwealth is mainly linked with APRIL 16/17, 1982.

Last year I counted the days backwards from April 17- 1982 to wait and see if the 666-cycle would reveal who was the anti-Christ nation, system, or being. Also the displacement cycle of 286.1022 x 2 days prior to April 1982 would be an interesting date to watch, as this number is a symbol of displacement. However, one is no wiser, as JUNE 1980 revealed many nations linked with major events on the "666" day cycle, as well as many world leaders.

It is surprising that President Carter of the U.S.A., who is a practising Christian, should decide to make a rush trip to Europe in the American election year, and arrive at Rome on the 666th day prior to April 16 - 1982, en route to Venice to join the Seven Western Nations Summit Conference.



The Days of Reckoning

By Mrs. D. Price.

In II Esdras 4:37 we read,

"By measure hath He measured the times,
and by number hath He measured the times,
and He doth not move nor stir them,
until the said measure be fulfilled."

As it is hard to believe there is a numbering of days in world affairs, evidence of the existence of such measurements in Bible time-cycles is given in the following examples. Not only is there a'numbering' of days, but certain numbers are linked with specific events. There is also a measurement in YEARS, but my studies are confined to "day-cycles" only.

For the benefit of new readers, another explanation is given as to why the date of APRIL 16/17 - 1982 is mentioned in some of the charts in these articles.

In the early 1970's, the late J.B.Nicklin referred to a link between Davidson's date for the foot of the Great Step in the Great Pyramid, JANUARY 25-1844, and the date of Britain's entry into World War I, AUGUST 4/5 - 1914. An idea occurred to me that 25 x 103.033 could be taken as 5 x 5 x 103.033, and on this basis, what would 6 x 6, and 7 x 7 x103.033 reveal?

Great Pyramid
Foot of Great Step
JAN. 25 - 1844

Great Britain
Entered W.W.I.
AUG. 4/5 - 1914.

5 x 5 x 103.033

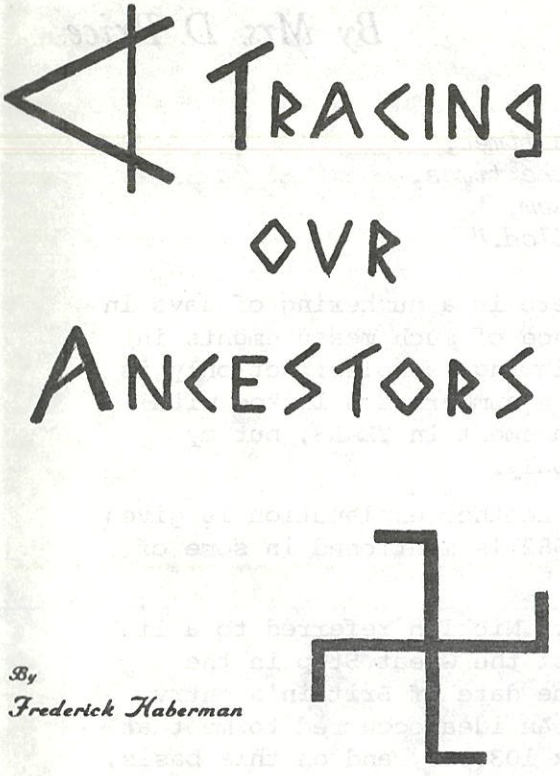
W.W.2 ends.
AUGUST 15 - 1945.

6 x 6 x 103.033

7 x 7 x 103.033

APRIL 16/17 1982.

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TRACING OUR ANCESTORS

by

Frederick Haberman

We would like to advise our many friends in British Israel circles, that once again, after many years, this book is available. We have had many inquiries regarding its purchase, but not until now have we been privileged to publish this fine work.

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7. The Golden Age of Phoenicia
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9. The Coming of Brutus
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Lord Jesus came forth from the grave, to be forever beyond the power of evil forces to again interfere with Him. Previously He had a body which could suffer as any human body may suffer. After His resurrection, physical suffering could never again affect Him. Satan did not foresee this triumph. Thus, the hour of darkness for the forces of righteousness proved to be the hour of Satan's defeat through the triumphant resurrection of our Lord.

Just as surely as Satan undertook to crucify the King of the Kingdom in order to bring about His death and destruction nineteen hundred years ago, so today Satan is still bending all his energy and every effort to crucify the Kingdom. Through evil he is bringing the Israel nations to the place where he can let loose his forces to destroy the people. But again the hour of Satan's apparent triumph is going to be the hour of his defeat. There is no reason to doubt that Satan will succeed in bringing about the complete collapse of the system for which men have laboured.

Then will come the restoration, when Israel shall return to her God-given laws. In the restoration of the laws of the kingdom, God's people will be above the power of all subversive activities. The things that made the destruction of the people possible will have passed away because the King Himself will have returned in triumphant glory to establish the power and authority of His Kingdom.

Those who will reign with the Lord in that restored kingdom are the true Spirit-filled men and women. These are they who will enter into "The Marriage Supper of the Lamb". The summons to that supper is very near. Those who reign with the Lord will be above all temptation and physical infirmities. They will be altogether righteous, because in their hearts will be written the Law of the Lord. The prophets declare that the restoration of all things is now very near.

The message of the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour is a glorious message. It is a wonderful message of hope and redemption for the nations of Israel. It gives assurance of the establishment of the terms of the New Covenant and the climax will be witnessed in the triumphant return of the Lord Jesus Christ as King. The resurrection is therefore our great hope, for from the grave the chosen ones will come forth to reign with the Lord in the restored Kingdom of God. Thank God, the Lord Jesus Christ arose from the dead!

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Covenant in the Sermon on the Mount. That covenant had to be signed, sealed and witnessed before it became binding. God declared through Jeremiah that the day was coming when He was going to make that New Covenant. The Lord Jesus gave the terms; it was signed in the Name of Jesus Christ. When He set His face steadfastly to go to Jerusalem to redeem Israel and bring salvation to individuals, He knew that He was to seal the terms of the New Covenant through the shedding of His blood. A blood covenant is the strongest covenant that can be made.

The Covenant with Abraham

The covenant God made with Abraham was a blood covenant. It was signed, sealed and witnessed. This is set forth in the fifteenth chapter of Genesis where we find Abraham standing before the parted pieces of the sacrificial animals. The cutting was called "The Brith" and "Brith" means "Covenant". Passing through the emblems of the covenant, Abraham saw the lighted lamp, symbolical of the Spirit of the Lord. God was sealing the covenant He made with Abraham and the fact that a blood covenant can never be broken, keeps the Abrahamic Covenant always in force.

If the covenant with Abraham, signed, sealed and witnessed, has ever been set aside, you have no assurance that the blood covenant, signed, sealed and witnessed by the Lord Jesus Christ, will continue forever. Thank God a covenant once made by Him, signed, sealed and witnessed, can never be set aside! The New Covenant was signed by the Lord Jesus Christ, sealed in the blood of the atonement, and witnessed in the resurrection.

The resurrection means everything to the individual who accepts it, but you must accept it sincerely in order to become a party to its blessings. If you refuse to accept the terms of a contract, you are no party to that contract. If you receive a letter and return it unopened, you have not received its message. If you will not open your heart to what the Lord Jesus has done for you, you have no part or place in the blessings of the New Covenant. You must believe, and act upon that belief regarding the New Covenant, in order to have a part in that covenant. There is no other way.

Circumcision Under the New Covenant

The terms of the New Covenant now apply to every individual in Israel who must be circumcised, not with the circumcision of the flesh, but with the circumcision of the heart. Circumcision of the heart is the new birth through the Lord Jesus Christ. Then the law will be written in our inward parts and put into our hearts so that we may become God's people and He will be our God. The rulers in the restored kingdom will be men and women in whose hearts is the Law of the Lord.

The Defeat of Evil

The Lord Jesus Christ was killed because of His opposition to the activities of the subversive forces of His day. He opposed the commercial activity in the temple. The result was that the rulers in the nation were determined to destroy Him. His teachings, if accepted, would have destroyed the system upon which they depended. Satan himself, the father of the world system of unrighteousness, realised that, if the Lord succeeded, his own kingdom would pass away. So he worked through Judas and through the Pharisees and the Sadducees. The Lord said to the leaders of His day:

"Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth" (John 8:44)

The crucifixion was the hour of triumph for the forces of evil. The Son of God died upon the cross and even the very heavens were darkened when He died. But the hour of triumph for evil became the hour of its defeat because of the resurrection. The

rael's way of life and enter the Kingdom of Christ, when Israel herself has once more turned to her Redeemer. The Christian remnant in each nation is considered as "Israel by Grace", and will be serving the Lord by helping to lead their peoples into the Christian way of life. Thus, the Kingdom of God will fill the earth, eventually (see Daniel 7:27; 2:44) and all the families of the earth will be blessed through Israel.

In view of these symbolic pictures which appear in the Scriptures, we can only judge the efforts of the nations to bring unity amongst them as quite hopeless in this day. Indeed, U.N.O. appears to be the 'Wall of Untempered Mortar' which is doomed to failure. The true system planned and willed for this planet by God, will come when Our Lord returns to lead His people into the way of truth. The Good Shepherd will replace the false shepherds in Israel and set up His promised Kingdom upon earth.

'Even so, come Lord Jesus.'

Recommended Reading

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COMMENT

WHERE HAS AUSTRALIA'S NATIONAL INTEGRITY GONE ?

Up till World War II, Australia like England, America and the old members of the white Commonwealth held our heads high and were looked up to. That has all changed for we no longer believe in ourselves and we look with suspicion on our best friends; we give of our substance and instead of thanks, we are offered insults.

The policies we follow whether internal or foreign display this lack of integrity and national strength. The apathy of the nation is reflected in all areas of government whether Local, State or Federal.

What are the causes of this dramatic change which our nation has undergone in this past generation ?

The main causes of Australia's many troubles lie within its political structure. The members of our Parliaments, the governors and judges are now elected not in accordance with the interests of the country but because of the strength and interest of various pressure groups. Our political parties are certainly under pressure from external forces. The policies which are determined by the party are greatly influenced by pressure groups from within the party and quite often externally by way of finance. These groups have policies and exert pressure in a direction which quite often has nothing in common with the national good. Because of this our Government has become weak and vascillating and concludes that Australia cannot have a firm, honest long lasting policy on foreign affairs, defence or internal matters. Australian politics daily becomes more involved in dishonesty and policies which are at least suspect.

We are at such a low ebb that crimes greater by degrees than Watergate areswept under the carpet. The premises of ASIO obviously held embarrassing files and politicians were not above a criminal breakin.

How much public money has been spent on Royal Commissions since the N.G.Timber Lease and still no clean up.

Instead of politicians legislating in honesty under a constitution, their endeavours are bent on eroding or circumventing its values.

Our Prime Minister displays pride when he helps to engineer a Marxist take over in Rhodesia and slavishly follows the dictates of a Communist controlled United Nations and at the same time talks anti-communism.He talks defence while our forces are a disgrace and we have young men who are growing up being encouraged into a life of undisciplined idleness.

We could go on and on naming shameful acts committed by men in positions of trust. Mr John Citizen must wake up and look beyond party policies and pressure groups and seek out men of integrity who cannot and will not be bought. Men who are determined to serve Australia with honesty bringing forward policies designed for the comm-on good.

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PRESCRIPTIONS

In 1952 there were 5.2 million prescriptions issued from the doctor's surgery throughout Australia.
In 1980 so far there have been 101 million prescriptions issued.(Origin: Mike Willesee 6.6.80)
Who said we were a healthy nation?

ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS

There are 60,000 "known" illegal immigrants. According to the Min. of Immigration,Mr McPhee this is grow-

ing at 7,000 per year. Of the 8,000 illegal immigrants who recently came forward only 22 were not accepted. (Origin:Mike Willesee 30.6.80)
I wonder how many illegal immigrants there are in Australia?

FEEDING OUR ENEMY
3.9 million tons of wheat is to be exported to Russia; This could rise to 5 million tons. This agreement was imposed on the 24.6.80 (Origin: Channel 7 news 10.30 pm 24.6.80) Does not charity begin at home?

QUOTES FOR THE DAY
"The people who govern the Brave New World may not be sane (in what may be called the absolute sense of that word); but they are not madmen and their aim is not anarchy but social stability. It is in order to achieve stability that they carry out, byscientific means, the ultimate, personal, really revolutionary revolution" (Brave New World by Aldous Huxley; from the Forward)
The above quote clearly shows that by the use of false science, in essence Godless materialism, attempts will be made to develop a stable society. Whilst the objective is the hope of all the method of achieving that goal must not be justified.

SALES TAX
The following figures tell the sad story:
1950-51 .....108 million
1964-65 .....365 million
1970-71 .....633 million
1973-74 .....969 million
1979-80 .....1,900 million.
The above details were taken from Jeremy Lee's booklet "The 1979 Budget Rip-Off".

TO TAX OR NOT TO TAX

It is quite possible that the question of taxation could split the people again as it happened in the dividing of the people of Israel (I Kgs12). From this we can see that the burden of taxation is not a C20th first. The following figures tell the story: The average Federal tax take is for every man,woman and child in Australia (Direct and indirect taxation)

1930	$27.99	1960-61	$306.74
1940	$41.30	1965-66	$414.11
1949	$135.27	1969-70	$587.25
1951	$199.47	1973-74	$860.43
1953	$220.99	1974-75	$1124.00
1955	$246.00	1975-76	$1287.00
		1976-77	$1526.00
		1979-80	$2100.00

So the average family of four has to pay in direct and indirect taxation to Canberra the staggering sum of $8400.00.

BUT THAT'S NOT THE END OF THE STORY.

The States collect another $5,000 million in taxes -$357 per head.

Local Shires and Municipalities collect $1200 million -$85 per head.

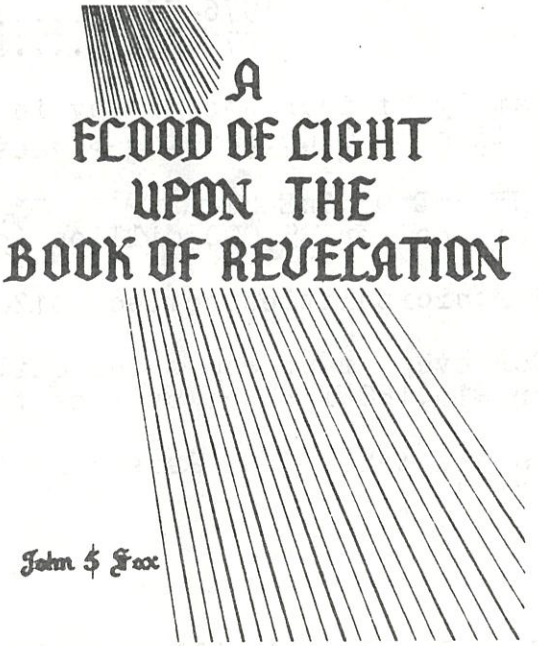
The final slug for every man, woman and child in Australia is $2542 or $10,168 for the average family of four.

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From now on the Kingdom Herald will have four pages set aside for comments on political, economic and financial matters. The purpose is to provide variety and balance. It is hoped that these comments will do credit to the already good standard of the magazine.

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"CHRISTIAN IN NAME OR PRACTICE?"

By Rev. G.H. Nicholson

As the representative of the Church of England in this Parish, I have now attended two meetings of a group of clerical and lay members of the other Denominations that are involved in the growing centre of population on the Common, which is partly within our Parish and partly outside it.

The reason for our coming together was our deep concern for the people of our neighbourhood, and for our Country as a whole, owing to the forsaking of the Christian faith and life by so many of our people and the increase in all forms of evil and suffering that have resulted therefrom.

Our purpose was the spiritual revival of our people in so far as it would be possible by encouraging them to get in touch with, or to be restored to, the Church of their choice. It was felt that we should first make an Appeal in written form under the above heading, and which is now being issued to some parts of the area in question.

The best way to reinforce this Appeal is to find out how we have failed, and what we must do to get our Church and Country out of the parlous condition in which we find ourselves.

THE ERROR A THOUSAND TIMES REPEATED

All our troubles today result from the fact that, for most of our people, the Bible is a closed Book. We have turned our backs upon God, and upon His Word which is the only means whereby we may know anything of God and of His plan and purpose for us all. This applies to everything to do with our National, our Church, and our individual lives, and departure from this, causes disaster.

The trouble that is developing in our Church over the new experimental Holy Communion service is a case in point. It shows how our leaders are bent upon disregarding God's truth and substituting the ways of man. This Series II service is an attempt to do the right thing in a very wrong way, and we are already having to face the consequences. As the *Daily Telegraph* recently reported:

"Strong opposition to the proposed new form of Holy Communion, used experimentally in

thousands of parishes is developing in the Church of England.

"The service is condemned as un-Biblical and as a denial of the doctrines of the Church of England by the newly formed 'Truth and Faith Committee'.

"In a detailed examination of the service issued today, the committee says it deliberately omits the title 'Lord's Supper' as given in the Bible . . . and that the phrasing of the service comes very near the Roman Catholic teaching of 'transubstantiation' which teaches that the bread and the wine are turned into Christ's body and blood by the act of the priest.

"The new service contains words and phrases that teach doctrines which are not only not taught but also are rejected by the Church of England."

We should be utterly ashamed, though not amazed, at the plight of our Church. For a century and more, we have been allowing error and false doctrine to creep in. Our Lord said "If a house be divided against itself, that house cannot stand." Our leaders are making the worst attack upon our Church from within that it has experienced since the days of the Reformation. They are prepared to throw overboard the safeguards of our faith, and the most holy and precious thing that God has given us – our Book of Common Prayer, which is the supreme expression of the true faith, outside of Scripture, that has ever been produced in any part of the world.

It is amazing that our Church has been able to hold together for so long, but the foisting upon us of the Series II service, which permits the corrupting of the Sacrament and the falsifying of God's revealed truth in other places, brings us to the parting of the ways. For us Christians there are two aspects of this problem. We are told "Resist not evil" and "Fight the Devil". The former has been practised for a very long time by faithful Christians who have sought peacably to affirm the truth against the growing tide of evil. But when evil takes an aggressive line, pressurizing us to adopt a false service, we, as true Christians must stand up for Jesus and His truth, by adopting a policy of confrontation and fighting the Devil.

THE DEVIL'S BREW

The Archbishop of York has described the condition of our Church as being one of "confusionism". It must be said for the Archbishop that he is on the right tack, because Satan is our Arch-enemy and our Arch-deceiver, and therefore is the author of our confusion, but our condition is worse than that. We are getting near a state of disintegration, all because the discarding of God's truth allows the Devil to enter.

References to the Church's parlous state with its devil-inspired deception may not be liked, but this is not immoderate language. It is an ever-present danger, that we have been warned about, and which we have to recognise. St. Paul says that some Church leaders "beguiled by the subtlety of the serpent" are "false prophets, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no

marvel" (he says) for "Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works".

How else can we explain the present situation? There can be no question as to the meaning of our Lord's words. It is just that the evil heart and mind of man will not have it. He will try to effect unity in his own way. Our Lord prayed for unity among His followers that should come after Him. We embark upon this quest for unity but rigidly disregard the way in which He showed it should be sought. "Sanctify them through thy truth. The Word is truth." So unity is only to be achieved by our seeking to unite around God's truth revealed in His Word. Our refusal to do this is devil-deception, and this in part exactly fulfils St. Paul's prediction that Satan, working through his agents, with "all deceivableness of unrighteousness" will attain to the peak of deception in the very days in which we are now living.

Our Lord prayed earnestly because He knew that, owing to the Devil's deception, His followers would be largely divided throughout the ages until He would come in judgment upon the world, and would confront Satan's special emissary – the Lawless One, now soon to make himself known, and whom He would "consume with the brightness of his coming: even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That all might be damned who believe not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." This brings us to the very core of the matter.

TRUTH AND ERROR

The whole history of our Church has been a fight for the Truth, to establish it; to preserve it; to protect it by its Articles of faith and by its formularies; and to protect it also by our State laws. Nobody dares to argue that this was wrong, and, if it was right, we must now be wrong in our attempt to give this up in favour of a unity which is really no unity at all.

As Christians, we need to be clear about these things. For us, this life is both a pilgrimage and a fight. Our Lord said "Ye are my disciples if ye have love one to another." We should certainly have love in our hearts for our fellow Christians, and should even love our enemies and "do good to them that hate us" but when it comes to the vital matter of truth and error, we have to make this the dominating consideration. Our Lord also said "Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace but a sword." This means a truth and error conflict that will break up the strongest family ties. "I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, and a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son

or daughter more than me is not worthy of me." These passages are not to be ignored!

He was telling them that the truth He would proclaim, and the truth which He would have us proclaim, would ever bring us into conflict with evil until the destruction of evil men and things at His return when He would bring in the consummation of His kingdom in righteousness. This is where our leaders have been false to our Lord and His Truth by seeking a semblance of unity rather than truth itself. That is why St. Paul says we must "contend for the faith" and use the "sword of the Spirit" which is the Word of God and use it against all the deception that emanates from the Devil and his evil spirits operating through men.

VERY SOLEMN FACTS

Everything for good or ill originates in truth or error. In coming to set people against each other in these matters, our Lord was showing that He had come to open up the full-scale war between truth and error, because everything originates in thought, and, what we believe, is the crucial thing producing both good and evil.

For this reason Truth must be the supreme thing which is to be put before unity and every other consideration. The shameful zeal for putting unity before Truth is the worst that can be said of our leaders and our people generally.

Let us remember that Jesus was the "Logos" (Greek) of God. That is, He was the very "Word" of God. In Him, God was speaking to us in Person. Jesus was therefore the Living "Word". The Bible, the written "Word", was given the same name as Jesus Himself – the "Logos" (Word) of God. Jesus upheld this Logos of God Written, and the Logos of God in Person (Himself), as being one and the same – the "Truth".

There can therefore be no true love of the Lord Jesus without an equal love of the Truth that God has expressed through His Son, His Apostles and Prophets because this Truth is God's very Self. This will serve as a very critical commentary upon many people who like to call themselves Christians.

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Chapter 18

THE HOUSE OF ISRAEL
DIVORCE – CAPTIVITY – AND RESTORATION ERA

This Chapter is a continuation of Chapter 17.

During the years between 745 and 740 B.C. the "Divorce Decree Nisi" became Absolute owing to lack of repentance on the part of the Nation, and the actual divorcement of Israel from her land began to take place. The Assyrians under Tilgath-pilneser took the 2½ tribes of Reuben, Gad, and the half tribe of Manasseh captive. (see 1 Chron. 5:26). This was the beginning of the captivities of the House of Israel leading to their final destruction as a Kingdom in Palestine. The 2½ tribes fought for their liberty but lost.

2520 years later we find another startling reversal of action. At this time, 1776 to 1781 A.D., part of the 2½ tribes under the leadership of a section of the descendants of the tribe of Manasseh with 13 colonies on the East Coast of North America was again fighting for their liberty, and this time they won. The Declaration of Independence was signed; the United States of America was formed. Freedom was attained by the defeat of Lord Cornwallis in 1781, and Britain formally acknowledged their independence by the signing of the Treaty of Paris in 1783.

Here we see the beginning of the fulfilment of the Prophecy in Genesis 35:11 where God said to Jacob: "A nation and company of nations shall be of thee". See also Isaiah 49:20 regarding the Israel people in the Isles of the Sea losing one of their children. Manasseh was to become a "great people" and Ephraim was to become a "multitude of nations". (Gen. 48:19) Is it not remarkable that exactly at the end of 2520 years the United States; the "Nation"; the "great people" should come into existence; and as a result of the lessons learned at that time, the British Empire should begin to emerge which has developed into the "Company of Nations" – The British Commonwealth of Nations – the only Company of Nations the world has ever seen.

But that isn't all, because while Israel was being punished, living in obscurity for seven times, the Almighty had given power and dominion over the world to the Gentile Babylonian Succession of Nations. (see Dan. 2:36-45). At the end of the 2520 years the Gentile empires would collapse and Israel was to be raised up to Empire Status, the Fifth World Empire, The Stone Kingdom, which would never be destroyed.

The working out of all these things requires time and effort, and as God nearly always uses human instruments for the working out of His Plan and Purpose, we find in this same era, world events taking place leading to the collapse of the Gentile Empires, and, eventually to the complete destruction of the entire Babylonian World System. Voltaire was preaching infidelity on the Continent of Europe, which preaching led to the overthrow of the ancient Continental Empires which was the beginning of the end of the Babylonian Succession of Nations. It was Voltaire's preaching which precipitated the French Revolution with all its consequences. The results of the French Revolution inexorably led up step by step to the Great World War of 1914-18, during which the European Gentile Empires collapsed, and their Thrones crashed. (Daniel 7:9)

While Voltaire was preparing the ground for the destruction of all that remained of the Babylonian Succession of Gentile Empires, John Wesley and his associates were preaching the Great Evangel in the British Isles which helped to stabilize the thinking of Britain and furnished that Spiritual Regeneration among the people which made possible the miraculous growth of the British Empire. This preaching of the Gospel had been made possible by the work of Martin Luther and William Tyndale, and their sacrifices to the Service of the Kingdom of God.

2520 years previously, Isaiah was commissioned to prophesy the break-up of Israel within 65 years. (Isa. 7:8) 2520 years later God was working through Wesley for the Restoration of His people; while Voltaire was preparing the way for the crash of the Gentile Powers. Thus we see the beginning of the ending of the seven times punishment, and the beginning of the fulfilment of the prophecies concerning the National Restoration of Israel.

B.C. 745 ..... 2520 years ..... 1776 A.D.	
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7 times punishment began. 2½ tribes taken captive while balance of the House of Israel attempting overthrow of Throne of David in Jerusalem. See Isaiah 7 and 2 Chron. 28. Babylonian power commencing.	7 times punishment began to end. Wesley building up the spiritual strength of Britain while Voltaire prepares crash of Continental powers. Manasseh fighting against Throne of David in London. United States formed.

In the era between 721 and 704 B.C. the balance of the House of Israel was utterly destroyed as a Nation. (see 2 Kings 18:9-12) After a three year siege, Shalmaneser, King of Assyria, captured Samaria and began the deportation of the Israelites which continued until about 704 B.C., by which time all the Northern Kingdom had been deported except for a small handful which were later deported in 677-676 B.C. The Kingdom of Israel had fought a life and death struggle for survival, but lost.

In the same era of time, Sennacherib of Assyria, in 713 B.C. invaded the Southern Kingdom of Judah capturing 46 of the fenced cities and took captive 200,150 of the Judahites, deporting them to Assyria and placing them in the same region around the shores of the Black and Caspian Seas, where the House of Israel had been settled.

2520 years later we have another striking reversal of action, and another definite indication that the seven times of punishment was expiring. Between 1800 and 1817 A.D. Israel-Britain was engaged in a life and death struggle against the power of Napoleon, until the battles of Trafalgar and Waterloo brought Britain final victory.

The year 1800 witnessed the emergence of Israel-Britain from 2520 years of obscurity and punishment, and saw the beginning of the Great British Empire. Up to 1800 Britain was not a world-power. She was not reckoned among the nations. She was a people dwelling apart from Europe. In short, Britain had been fulfilling the prophecies of Balaam. (see Numbers 23:9) But at the close of the 2520 years, from 1800 onwards, Israel-Britain grew and expanded by leaps and bounds. She became THE WORLD POWER – the Fifth World Empire of Daniel 2:44; and has since become the Company of Nations, or Multitude of Nations, that Ephraim-Israel was to become.

B.C. 721 / 704 ..... 2520 years ..... 1800 / 1817 A.D.

Kingdom of Israel (Samaria) besieged, destroyed, and all Israel taken captive to Assyria, along with a very considerable portion of the Southern Kingdom of Judah.

Israel-Britain besieged by Napoleon resulting in Israel being restored to World-power 2520 years after the destruction of the Nation.

Following 1800, Britain rose to Naval and Military Supremacy; became a great Colonial and Commercial Empire and a very great agency for spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ to all nations, exactly as the Bible declares the restored Israel was to do.

In the years 677-676 B.C. the final remnant of Israel which had been left behind following the break-up of the Kingdom, was also deported to Assyria by Esarhaddon, and Israel's divorcement from the land was completed. Measuring forward 2520 years we come to that remarkable era in Israel-British history, the years 1844-45 A.D.

Even as 1844-45 marked the complete restoration of Israel as a World Power, it marked the beginning of the end of Turkish Power because in that year Turkey was forced to accept outside interference in her domestic affairs and from that time onward became known as "The Sick Man of Europe." She was forced to abandon Christian persecution in this year.

1844 also marked the beginning of an "Epoch of Creative Science". Industry began to flourish, the nations became industrialized, inventive genius came to the forefront. Knowledge began to increase. (see Dan. 12:4) Constructive activity became the keynote of the age; powerful Evangelists arose whose preaching furnished a great Spiritual Awakening which converted many thousands to Christianity. Also, by 1844-45 Romanism and Modernism had become fully established and dominant, and this year also saw the establishment of the Gold Standard system, and the Bank Charter Acts of Sir Robert Peel.

From 1844-45 began the 70 years period leading to the final overthrow of the Babylonian Thrones in 1914-18, which in turn leads to the Final Battle of all war, following which Israel will be restored to the POSITION she once held as the Bride of Jehovah – Ruling WITH God.

B.C. 677 / 676 ..... 2520 years ..... 1844 / 1845 A.D.

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Israel, Judah and the Jews

'The House of Israel' is not synonymous with the 'House of Judah'. The House of Judah and some of the Jews are *of* Israel, that is, descended from Jacob. The distinction we wish to emphasize is that while some Jews are Israelites, all Israelites are not necessarily Jews. In a similar way, all Scots are British, but all the British are not Scots. When the general blessings were apportioned at Jacob's death, the Messiah was promised, with the sovereignty, to Judah; but the 'multitude of nations' and the temporal grandeur of the birthright were given to Joseph. The House of Israel was to obtain these in the latter days, or the Christian era. Ten-tribed Israel was to be divorced under the Mosaic law and its identity temporarily lost to history,but known to God; it was to be recovenanted in Christ to enjoy the Israel birthright in the Isles of the Sea, to be His nation of evangelists in the world, and the inheritor of the Kingdom of God. The prophets display meticulous care in their address to the 'House of Israel', the 'House of Judah' and 'the inhabitants of Jerusalem' (the Jews). To apply to one 'House' a prophecy which refers to the other is clearly to misapply the message and confuse the issue. A careful regard of this distinction is prerequisite to the correct understanding of the prophetic Scriptures.

Prophecies Concerning

ISRAEL

Israel to have a change of name (Isa. 65:15).

Israel to be called by a new name (Isa. 62:2).

Israel to be called after Isaac (Gen. 21:12).

Israel to be blind to their identity (Rom. 11:25; Isa. 42:16-19).
Israel to be a multitudinous people (Gen. 13:16; 15:5).
Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth the truth (Isa. 60:21; 26:2).
Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (Gen. 35:11).
Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place—the Isles of the Sea (2 Sam. 7:10; Isa. 24:15; 49:1; Jer. 31:10).
Israel to be a Nation for ever (Jer. 31:35, 36).

Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (Jer. 33:17).
Israel to come under a new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
Israel to be called the sons of God (Hos. 1:10; Rom 8:14).
Israel was taken captive into Assyria by Shalmaneser, circa 721 B.C. (2 Kings 18:11, etc.).
Israel were to be immune from defeat in war (Isa. 54:17; Lev. 26:6-8).

THE JEWS

The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (Isa. 3:9).
The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
The Jews' name to be a curse to them (Isa. 65:15).
The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.

The Jews to be bereft of children (Jer. 15:7).

The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews to be scattered in all the 'kingdoms of the earth for their hurt' (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews have been strangers in all lands (Jer. 15:4).

The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 19:11).
The Jews have remained under the old law.
The Jews do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
Judah taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, circa 603 B.C. (2 Kings chs. 24 and 25).

The Jews are descended from the remnant of Judah which returned from captivity in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.
The Jews have suffered endless persecution.

Israel had been removed from Palestine 700 years before the Crucifixion. When it occurred they were still absent, being at that time beyond the Euphrates, in their migration through Europe.

What We Believe

We Believe in God - the God of the Bible. (Exodus 3:4-14.)

We Believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. (John 1:14.)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit and His Mission. (John 14:26, Acts 2.)

We Believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary. (Matt. 26:28, Romans 5.)

We Believe in His ascension into Heaven. (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11.)

We Believe in the bodily return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to take the throne of David (Isa. 9:7, Luke 1:32) and rule on this earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-6); and that His Body, the Church, will be united with Him and reign with Him. (Eph. 5:24-33; Col. 1:24; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thes. 4:14-18; Rev. 19:9).

We Believe John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We Believe that personal salvation by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ is necessary for all, Israelite, Jew and Gentile. (Rom. 3:22-25). Each one must be born again. (John 3:1-7). To confess Christ, who died that sinful men might live, is individually supreme above all else. (Matt 10:32-33. Rom. 10:9-13).

We Believe the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; that it is the inerrant Word of God (II Peter 1:9-21). We believe its history, its covenants, its promises.

We Believe in its Gospel of Grace (Eph. 2:1-8), which is the Gospel of Salvation to all men.

We Believe in, and seek to make known, the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt. 4:23, 24:14).

We Believe that the Bible contains God's Plan for the remedy of all human ills, and that this plan is being worked out through the Bible people, called Israel. (II Sam. 7; Deut. 32:8).

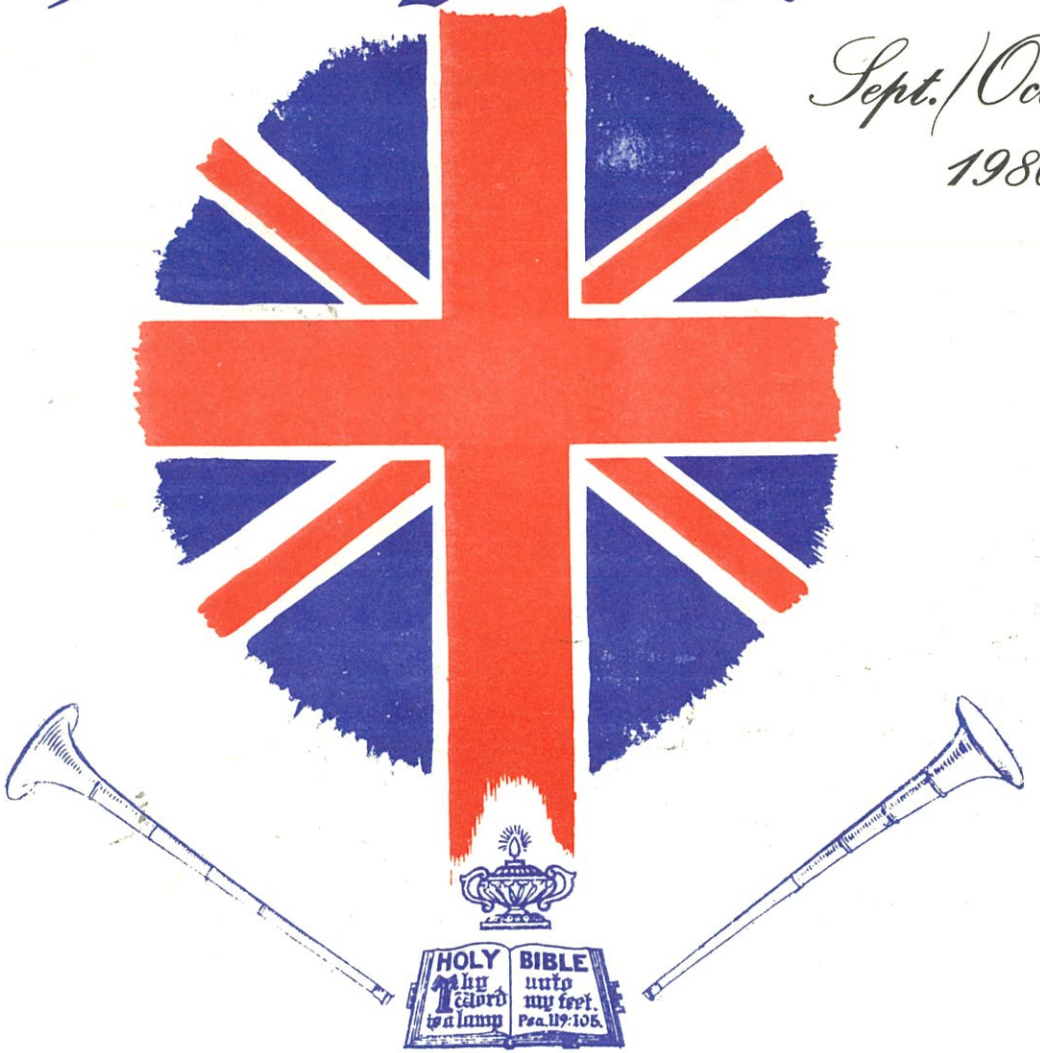
We Believe that this people Israel, consisting of twelve tribes (Exod. 28:21; Rev. 21:12), the descendents of the twelve sons of Jacob, were chosen of God to be His 'peculiar people' and 'servant nation' through whom all the other nations of the earth are to be blessed. (Exod. 19:5; Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 41:8, 42:6; Gen. 22:16-18).

We Believe that the differentiation between 'Israel' and 'Judah' is clearly marked in the Scriptures. (See I Kings 12; Jer. 3:6-11; Ps. 114:1-2; Ezek. 37; Zech 11:7-14; II Chron. 10). They are not interchangeable terms. To understand this is to possess the key to Israel Truth. (Ps. 114:2; I Chron. 5:1-2).

We Believe the time has come when the 'lost' Israel "nation and company of nations" (Gen 35:11) has been found and positively identified. Only one race today answers in every detail to the Bible picture of Israel "in the latter days," and that is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic — the British Commonwealth of white nations and the United States of America. They possess what Israel was to possess and are doing what Israel was to do. The identities of this race with Israel are so many and so pronounced that one who re-reads and studies his Bible in the light of this great truth will make discoveries that will cause him to give this subject most serious thought, especially in view of what is happening in literal ful-fillment of Bible prophecy in the world today. The nations are in turmoil. The power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon-Israel) is being broken (Dan. 12:7). The old Babylonian social order is being overthrown, and the world is being prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His reign upon the Throne of His father David, and the glorious restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Zech. 14:9; Luke 1:32-33).

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Marks of Israel

During the Christian dispensation lost Israel were to possess certain marks of identification

A great and mighty nation.	Gen. 12:2; 18:18; Deut. 4:7,8.
Named 'Great'.	Gen. 12:2.
The chief of the nations.	Gen. 27:29; Deut. 7:6; 15:6.
A maritime nation, having command of the seas.	Gen. 49:25; Num. 24:7; Deut. 33:13, 19; Psa. 89:25.
A company or commonwealth of nations.	Gen. 35:11; 48:19. Eph. 2:12.
A missionary nation.	Gen. 22:18; Isa. 43:21; 49:6; 66:19.
The custodian of God's Word.	Psa. 147:19, 20; Isa. 59:21.
A just nation.	Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; Zeph. 3:13.
God's instrument in destroying evil.	Jer. 51:20; Dan. 2:34,35.
An undefeated nation.	Isa. 54:17; Micah 5:8,9.
Blind to their identity.	Isa. 29:10-12; 42:16, 19, 20; Rom. 11:7, 8, 25.
Have an island home north and west of Palestine.	Isa. 49:1-3, 12; Jer. 3:18; 31:8.
Occupy islands and coastlands.	Isa. 24:15; 41:1, 5; 49:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 31:8, 10.
Possess the gate of his enemies.	Gen. 22:17, 24:60.
Have multitudinous seed.	Gen. 13:16; 15:5; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:3, 14; 32:12.
Colonize and spread abroad.	Gen. 28:14; 49:22; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Psa. 2:8; Isa. 26:15; 27:6; 54:2; Zech. 10:8, 9.
Lose first colony and then expand, demanding more living space.	Isa. 49:20.
Irrigate the deserts and build the waste places.	Isa. 35:1; 43:19, 20; 58:11, 12.
Possess the wealth of the earth.	Gen. 27:28; 49:25, 26; Deut. 33:13-16.
Possess the heritage of the heathen.	2 Sam. 22:44; Psa. 2:8; 111:6.
Receive strangers and refugees.	Lev. 19:33, 34; Isa. 11:10; 14:1; 55:5; 56:6-8;Zech. 8:22.
Set free slaves and prisoners.	Psa. 72:4; Isa. 42:7; 49:9; 58:6.
Have a descendant of King David reigning over them.	2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; 2 Chron. 13:5; Psa. 89:35-37; Jer. 33:17.
Lose all trace of their lineage.	Hos. 1:9, 10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:25.
The power of the Holy People is to be broken.	Dan. 12:7; Deut. 32:29-36.

The British Commonwealth of Nations possesses every one of these marks — therefore they are lost Israel. The United States of America possesses some of them.

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Christian Friends,

As I write this, the International Monetary Fund, (I.M.F.) has announced their concern at the present position of the world's financial structure, and have expressed their fears of a world-wide major economic recession in the very near future.

For many years our Federation, along with other similar and associated organisations throughout the world, have been warning of the certainty and inevitability of this very same situation. These beliefs and convictions have not been based on any so-called expertise or academic achievement in the human sphere of politics or economics. They have been based on firstly, an unquestioning belief in the plain statements of God's Word which tells us in the clearest possible terms that this present system under which we exist is going to collapse, and secondly upon the conclusions derived from a close study of God's Prophetic Word which gives us the understanding of the timing of this event.

These warnings have always been, and in fact still are, completely ignored. Our leaders, both political and ecclesiastical, have consistently and deliberately set themselves in opposition to our members, our organisations, and our beliefs. Not long ago, a member of our Federal Parliament read out a scathing attack on a number of organisations accusing them of being extremely right wing, radicals, racist and dangerous, among other things. The names of these organisations were read out in Parliament, and included The British Israel World Federation. One of the reasons for reading this statement in Parliament, is that it is now recorded for posterity in Hansard, the official record of everything that is said and done in Parliament. There is no recourse or opportunity to refute these charges, or to have them removed fron the record.

On the other hand, our ecclesiastical leaders, with thankfully a few notable exceptions, are becoming on the whole, increasingly antagonistic to anything or any one that is associated in any way with the proclamation of our identity as God's people

Israel. This antagonism ranges from a deliberate attitude of ignoring such people - even though at times they are members of their church - to outright attacks of persecution and humiliation which would be the envy of Satan himself. Many of us are thereby denied one of the basic requirements of a Christian life, and that is, fellowship with other Christians.

Over the years, many of our folk have asked why this should be. It is not an easy question to answer, because it is not an easy situation to accept or understand. We are not a sect or cult, or even another denomination. We have no founder as do some other organisations, in the sense that there is nobody of whom it can be said "He started our belief." We follow or accept no leader or Saviour other than the Lord Jesus Christ. We acknowledge no source of Divinely Inspired Revelation other than God's Word, the Bible. Other than our belief in the identity of the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people as God's people Israel, we have no point of basic Christian doctrine which is at variance with that of the accepted Christian Faith.

The only thing that we have done, and I pray earnestly will continue to do, is that we have consistently and steadfastly refused to compromise our beliefs in the unshakeable faithfullness of God. We have refused to accept the modern philosophy that God has changed His mind. We implicitly believe that God is not a man that He should lie. In other words, we have chosen not only to believe <u>in</u> God, or <u>about</u> God. We have chosen to <u>BELIEVE</u> God.

So as the end of the age draws ever closer, as the darkness deepens around about us, as persecution increases, as the economy crumbles, as evil more and more abounds, let us take comfort in the fact that our Lord told us that these very things were to happen immediately prior to His return. In these things we can rejoice, knowing that He who promised is faithfull.

As we see these things coming to pass, let us

LOOK UP, LIFT UP OUR HEADS, FOR OUR REDEMPTION

DRAWETH NIGH.



NATIONS IN CONFUSION

A NEW WORLD COMING

Two world wars have reduced what is glibly called 'civilisation' to a shambles with each war producing a slogan which said, 'A war to end all wars'. Yet many years have elapsed since the end of the last war and humanity finds itself still in the throes of a conflict which can only end when men lose the desire for war and relinquish their ambitions to dominate other people. War usually ends with a document of surrender, but the enmity between the forces of good and evil cannot be terminated or extinguished by the stroke of a pen. Such an act merely brings a cessation of open hostilities while the undercurrent forces of chaos and confusion continue and everything today indicates that the war is still on with only the people of God's Covenant reduced to fighting without weapons. Tragically THE BIBLE HAS BEEN TAKEN OUT OF NATIONAL LIFE AND IS RAPIDLY BEING WITHDRAWN FROM FAMILY LIFE and so the Bible, 'the sword of the spirit' is no longer the weapon wielded in the conflict with the forces of the Mystery of Iniquity. Indeed, the agents of the conspiracy of evil, those who are actively engaged in anti-Christ subversions, are smearing and tearing it to pieces. They call it 'Myth, Fable and Legend', while the liberal or modern doctrines of men are upheld and lauded as 'progressive'. This, believe it or not, vindicates the sure word of prophecy which warns that this would be the line taken at the 'end of the age'.

However, in spite of all that is said and done, the fulfilment of prophecy, particularly that within the national framework of the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred people, transforms the printer's ink of the Bible, into a living experience, and as each day passes, all men everywhere may take a new look at events with greater conviction than ever before and so face the future. This is no time for pessimistic fatalism — it is a time for looking up and lifting up the head and walking with faith in to the future. A NEW WORLD IS COMING — THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY HAS PROMISED IT!

Among the instances of assurance of this new world, that recorded in Isaiah 65 is surely the most illuminating: 'For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. But be ye glad and rejoice for ever in that which I create: for, behold, I create Jerusalem a rejoicing, and her people a joy. And I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and joy in my people: and the voice of weeping shall be no more heard in her, nor the voice of crying. There shall be no more thence an infant of days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days: for the child shall die an hundred years old; but the sinner being an hundred years old shall be accursed. And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands . . .'

To many, of course, the future is considered as

a spiritual future and the Kingdom of God a spiritual experience. However, the Word of God gives a concrete and solid foundation for His Kingdom within which, spiritual principles shall motivate the material world. In the portion of scripture quoted above, it will be noted that the Lord indicates activity other than 'harp playing'. He states that in the new world, men would build houses, plant crops and generally enjoy the work of their hands. This is surely an earthly scene! One could pass on to yet another instance of the Kingdom of God on the earth and note its very real context. This example is found in the words of the Lord Jesus Christ on the occasion of the Institution of the Last Supper. 'And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: For I say unto you, I will not drink of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come' (Luke 22:17-18). In Matthew's account, the Lord stated that He would not, 'drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom'. Surely it requires earth to grow the vine, to produce the fruit which shall be drunk as the Lord indicated!

A further pointer as to the nature of the Kingdom for which all men and women of faith pray — Thy Kingdom Come — is to be found in the instance when the Lord spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees, the record of which is found in Matthew 21:43. 'Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from (among) you, and given to A NATION bringing forth the fruits thereof.' A national association with the Kingdom of God — to many people this is unthinkable and yet, this is precisely what the Lord Jesus Christ said!

A kingdom, unless words have ceased to have meaning, is a State over which a king rules a people through the media of a constitution. It is the sphere of kingly rule. Israel, in the Old Testament, was the sphere of God's rule and was therefore the Kingdom of God. He never abdicated, but provided the House of David to sit on His Throne in Israel. 'Then Solomon *sat on the throne of the Lord* as king instead of David his father, and prospered: and all Israel obeyed him' (1st Chron. 29:23). This throne was a very literal one and it is not without significance that the Lord guaranteed perpetuity to that throne. 'And thine house (Davidic) and thy kingdom shall be established for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever' (2nd Sam. 7:16).

It will be recalled that Israel was the sphere of the rule of God and that this rule was both spiritual and physical. The Divine Law of the Lord was deposited in the national polity of Israel and they were to live by this, and only this Constitution, to bring blessing to all the nations of the earth and when the Lord Jesus Christ told the chief priests and Pharisees that the Kingdom of God was to be taken from among them, He did not say that it would be given to the Church as an inheritance, but rather that it would be given to a NATION. Thus if the Kingdom of God is not national, what was the Lord talking about? The whole of the Old Testament points unerringly towards the time when all the nations of the earth shall be blessed and that *Israel was to be the national instrument through which this would be accomplished*. As yet all the nations of the earth have not been blessed, but the time is coming when blessing shall envelop all the nations who are very literal indeed.

The process by which this blessing is to be experienced is very interesting especially at the present time when the world is being convulsed in the confusion of the conspiracy of evil which is seeking dominion. Communism and its authors are drawing the net tighter every day, but they themselves are not without their internal problems. China is not playing ball with them and may well precipitate events, but whatever the trouble may

be, Russia and her Esau-Edom masters have a date with destiny which will not be to the liking of those who, through intrigues and subversions, have brought so much suffering to humanity. They will come face to face with the God Whom they have blasphemed and denied, and it is then that as the Lord God states, His Fury will come up in His Face. 'For in my jealousy and in the fire of my fury have I spoken, Surely in that day there shall be a great shaking in the land of Israel; So that the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the face of the earth, and all men that are upon the face of the earth shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the steep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground . . . Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself; and I *will be known in the eyes of many nations and they shall know that I am the Lord*'.

The whole of the story is highlighted by the statement *'They shall know that I am the Lord'*. The supernatural manifestation of the power of God in the destruction of evil will bring a conviction of the reality of God among 'many nations'. This conviction must then be translated into worship, but where are they to find the shepherds, for the doctrines currently being taught are not in keeping with the Mighty Demonstration of the Power of God. Indeed, it is taught that the Lord will convert the overlords of evil and so would never contemplate such drastic action as revealed by Ezekiel. However, when the Lord, in the great Day of Battle of God Almighty, reveals Himself in power, the nations of the earth will seek to know more of Him as He is revealed and not as men teach Him, but again, to whom will they turn?

It is claimed that the Roman Church is a great antagonist of Communism or at least, one is given that impression if the story of Fatima is to be believed. May it not be then that in the day after the destruction of military power this Church will step forward to capitalise on the newly created faith in nations? Here would be an opportunity for world dominion which this Church has ever sought and this time would be ripe for an all-out endeavour on their part. Papal doctrine would fly to the four corners of the earth accompanied by 'miracles' of 'weeping statues' etc., and the nations would become indoctrinated with what the Church considers *as relevant for doctrine*. Is the world and are the nations and people of the earth to pass again through the Inquisition era? It would be futile to deny that this is what happened previously when the Church of Rome exercised dominion over many peoples and indeed, a second Inquisition is currently being practised by Russia. The methods may differ, but the end result is the same. Continuing with the theme of the possible resuscitation of the Papal Roman Empire, the scripture warns that the Ethiopian cannot change his skin nor the leopard his spots and if they do, in violation of biological law, then 'may ye also do good, that are accustomed to evil' (Jer. 13:23). There is no doubt that the Church of Rome will do exactly as it has done before and the world has had enough of such practices. However, it is not without significance that in Revelation 19:11-16, the Second Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ is depicted in such a manner as to indicate that the Word of God is an unknown Book. Thus, when the Lord returns and with Papal or any other man-made doctrine gripping the nations of the earth, one may easily see how this could happen.

The Second Advent of the Lord is, of course, much derided today just as Peter said it would be (2nd Peter 3:4) and yet, the whole Bible story is directed *to the Lord Jesus Christ coming again and His coming the time when the New World of the Kingdom of God on the earth is inaugurated*. At His First Advent, He accomplished and fulfilled the need for Israel's reconciliation with God – He

came to save His people from their sins. Today, the need is surely desperate for Israel is being fed the Way of confusion and chaos. The Redeemed nation is blind to its identity and mission and as the tempo of the end develops, so the blindness will intensify. From where can, and will, help come? *'He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of the restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all his holy prophets since the world began'* (Acts 3:20-21). This is no vain hope, but a world-wide necessity which God, in His Mercy will answer. The Lord Jesus Christ *is* coming again!

Many will, of course, claim that the Lord now reigns over and has dominion in the human heart. However, this is certainly a very poor explanation of the mighty Messianic prophecies which abound in both the Old and New Testaments. One should examine these again and note the *literal Office* as King which is not only implied, but positively asserted in the Bible. One should note especially Gabriel's annunciation to Mary, and it will be seen that this has never been fulfilled. 'He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him *the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end'* (Luke 1:32-33). There would be no purpose in confusing Mary with terms which had no meaning for her and indeed, the angel of the Lord spoke in terms which she understood. Mary knew all about the 'throne of David' for she was descended from that House. She knew too about the house of Jacob as a literal people whom the Lord had constituted as the people of His Kingdom. To her; Gabriel's words had a very real meaning and this meaning was in *a national context*.

Another prophecy which requires fulfilment, is that in the 9th chapter of the Book of Isaiah and which depicts the 'Son' in His Kingly role. 'For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given . . . Of the increase of *his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David and upon his kingdom, to order it and to establish it with judgment and justice from henceforth even for ever'*. The prophecies relating to the Messiah in His Kingly Office are all associated with the nation Israel, and at the Second Advent, Israel must, if the scripture is true, be associated with Him too. A cleansing of the nation must take place and a new heart must replace the present 'stony heart' – this has been promised in Ezekiel 36:25-27, where the nation returns to the Laws of God and demonstrates the 'right ways of God'. Then, in that day, *'The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling together; and a little child shall lead them . . . they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea'* (Isa. 11:6-9).

Here then is a preview of what the people of the earth can expect in the great day when the Kingdom of God functions in the earth. Peace, quietness and assurance and the unutterable glory of that time will exceed the wildest flights of imagination for indeed, *'Since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him'* (Isa. 64:4). The Glorious Majesty of the Kingdom of God on the earth is the New World Coming and, as with each passing day, the confusion of these times intensifies, the Prayer, 'Thy Kingdom Come' must surely become more and more heartfelt than ever before. Indeed, all may pray this prayer in the sure and certain knowledge that God's Kingdom WILL come and the nations and families of the earth WILL be blessed when the

reign of Righteousness begins and the healing of all people is a reality.

'Thine is the Kingdom, the Power and the Glory, for ever.'

AMEN.

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Annual General Meeting

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING & ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers of the N.S.W. Branch of the BRITISH - ISRAEL WORLD FEDERATION will be held in our Headquarters at 117 YORK ST., 2nd. Floor TOGA HOUSE, SYDENY at 2-3o p.m. sharp on

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ALL MEMBERS ARE EARNESTLY REQUESTED TO ATTEND.

WHAT IS MAN?

By C.A. Lancashire

At the very outset we are confronted with our title "What is Man?" and a correct answer will indicate whether death is a gateway to *immediate* everlasting bliss and happiness and higher service in spirit form or not.

Let us firstly read Genesis 2:7: "And the Lord God formed man of the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life and man became a living soul."

The Hebrew word translated 'breath of life' also means 'the spirit of life' or 'the power to live', so one can confidently say in speaking of people generally that they are living souls, they have not got souls and when a man dies or falls on sleep in God, one can say that such a one gives up the power to live or gives up the ghost or the power to breathe and that man is no longer a living soul.

The Psalmist (146:4) tells us: "his breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth, in that very day his thoughts perish" while from the book of Job chapter 14, verses 10-12 we read: "But man dieth and wasteth away, yea, man giveth up the ghost and where is he? – so man lieth down and riseth not, till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake or be raised out of their sleep."

The Psalmist further says in his 89th chapter verse 48: "What man is he that liveth and shall not see death? shall he deliver his soul from the hand of the grave?"

We also read in Ecclesiastes 9:5: "For the living know that they shall die, but the dead know not anything", so very different from the modern thought which expresses itself thus: "for the living know that they shall not die and the dead know everything."

Then we have that powerful statement in Ecclesiastes 3:19-21: "For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth the beasts, even one thing befalleth them, as the one dieth so dieth the other, yea they have all one breath so that man hath no pre-eminence over the beast for all is vanity. All go to one place, all are of the dust and all turn to dust again who knoweth the spirit of man that goeth upward and the spirit of the beast that goeth downward to the earth?"

From Ecclesiastes 12:5-7 we learn: ". . because man goeth to his long home and the mourners go about the streets. Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was and the spirit (or power to live) shall return to God who gave it."

It is interesting to quote Acts 2:34 which tells us: "For David is not yet ascended to the heavens" and be it noted that David had died and was buried several thousand years previously.

Now if a man dies, and die he will, does he remain forever dead, if not, then what happens to him and when?

It is generally accepted that the key to this is found in Luke 23:43 where is recorded our Lord's words to the thief on the cross when He said: "I say unto thee this day thou shalt be with me in paradise", but a lot hinges on punctuation. Firstly did our Lord go to paradise on the day on which He died on the cross, as is commonly asserted? and did the thief also go immediately to paradise? Let us examine the position scripturally.

In John's gospel 20:11-17 we read that Mary went to the sepulchre (on the third day) and found it empty; seeing a man whom she thought to be the gardener she said "where hast thou laid Him", but it was our Lord and when He said to her in a voice she recognised "Mary", she said "Rabboni". Then Jesus said unto her "touch me not for I am not yet ascended to my Father." We then read in Acts 1:3 that He (Jesus) was seen of the Apostles for forty days, while from Acts 1:10-11 we learn that the Apostles witnessed our Lord's ascension to heaven, thus making a total of forty-three days before He ascended to heaven.

It must be borne in mind that there was no punctuation in the writings at the time of our Lord's sojourn on earth and the translators wrongly put the comma after the word 'thee'. Had this punctuation been correct, the words of our Lord to the thief on the cross would have read: "I say unto thee, this day thou shalt be with me in paradise" but with the comma correctly placed, our Lord's words read: "I say unto thee this day, thou shalt be with me in paradise." If some people still assert that the comma should be placed after the word 'thee', then they must similarly assert that the thief reached paradise forty-three days before our Lord Jesus. But we have it on the authority of the Scriptures that our Lord did not go to the Father for forty-three days after His death on the cross (Acts 1:9-11).

Here it is desirable to quote that noted scholar Dr. Bullinger; in his Companion Bible he goes to some length to explain that the word 'today' or this day in Luke 23:43 is connected with the 'I say' (the first portion of the words of our Lord while on the cross) and not with the 'thou shalt be' (the second portion), therefore the correct interpretation demands that the comma should be placed after the word 'today'.

We can refer to Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians 15:4-7 for corroborative evidence where it plainly states: "and that He was buried and that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures. And that He was seen of Cephas, then of the twelve. After that He was seen of above five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain unto this present after that He was seen of James and then of all the Apostles.

We read in the same epistle and chapter, in verses 20 to 24, the order of the resurrection: "Christ the first fruits, then afterwards they that are Christ's at His coming."

We know that our Lord rose on the third day after His crucifixion but when do they that are Christ's rise? From John's gospel 14:2-3 we learn that Jesus said: "In my Father's house are many mansions, if it was not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you and if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself that where I am, there ye may be also."

And when will our Lord come again? Paul in writing to the Thessalonian brethren first epistle, chapter 4 verses 16 and 17 explains this, for we read: "For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the Archangel and with the trump of God and the dead in Christ shall rise first, then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air and so shall we ever be with the Lord."

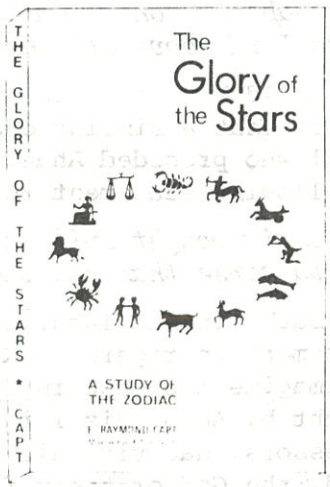
You will realise from the foregoing that God went to an immense amount of trouble in creating man, in designing his future and in explaining it, but what has been the response from mankind? The ultimate response has been such as to cause our Lord to sadly remark "shall He find faith in the earth" (Luke 18:8).

What thinketh thou?

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THE RETURN OF ELIJAH

Part 1

F. DOWSETT

As we read God's Word, it becomes quite apparent that there are two distinct stages or phases to the ministry of the prophet Elijah. The first stage of his ministry is recorded in the first and second Books of Kings. Here we are given a very comprehensive account of this great prophet's activities during these earlier days of the nation of Israel, and particularly during the reign of King Ahab who is described as the most wicked king to have ruled over God's people Israel to that date, and possibly since that date. We read in I Kings 16:30,

> *"And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him."*

Now it should be noted that this statement was recorded despite the fact that a similar charge was laid against several kings of Israel who preceded Ahab. For example, in I Kings 16:25 we read the following statement regarding Ahab's father Omri;

> *"But Omri wrought evil in the eyes of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him."*

Further back, in the 14th. chapter of the same book, we read a similar statement in regard to King Jeroboam, so it is not too difficult to imagine the shockingly low condition to which Israel had been brought by Ahab. His iniquities, compounding upon those of his predecessors, had virtually destroyed Israel's relationship with their God, the God of their fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

It is not then inappropriate to consider or compare this situation in Israel at the time of the first phase of Elijah's ministry with the present situation which obtains in Anglo-Saxon-Israel today, as the time for the second phase of Elijah's ministry approaches.

The reference to this further, or second stage of Elijah's ministry is found in Malachi 4:5-6,

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord: And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."

There can be no doubt that the above statement was to have a literal fulfillment some time in the future to the time when the prophecy was made. There can be equally no doubt but that the literal fulfillment of the prophecy was both believed and taught by many at the time of our Lord's First Advent, INCLUDING OUR LORD HIMSELF. Note the following references.

By the disciples:-

Matt. 16:13-14,
"When Jesus came into the coasts of Caesarea Philippi He asked His disciples saying, 'Whom do men say that I the Son of Man am?' And they said, 'Some say that thou art John the Baptist; some Elijah, ...' "

Matt. 17:10,

"And His disciples asked Him saying, 'Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?"

By Jesus:-

Matt. 17:11,

"And Jesus answered and said unto them, 'Elijah truly shall first come, and restore all things."

By onlookers at the crucifiction:-

Matt. 27:49,

"Let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

By Herod:-

Luke 9:7-8.

"Now Herod the Tetrarch heard of all that was done

by Him: and he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was risen from the dead; and of some, THAT ELIJAH HAD APPEARED; and of others, that one of the old prophets was risen again."

Yes! It was clearly believed that Elijah was, at some time, to re-appear!

Further to this, as recorded in I & II Kings, Elijah had carried out all the instructions which the Lord had given him. Yet despite this, and the added fact that he had been removed from Israel in a truly remarkable manner, we find that some considerable time later, God is referring to what He still intends to do through this same prophet Elijah; a man who was no longer present on earth. He had been translated many years before this later pronouncement was made by God, a time span of about 500 years.

The reason for his translation thus becomes obvious, being made necessary by the fact that God still had further work - a further ministry - for Elijah the Prophet prior to the First Resurrection. If this was not the case, then there does not appear to be any reason why God could not have permitted Elijah to live and die in the ordinary way and then resurrect him with the other saints who are to take part in this glorious event immediately prior to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ. He could then have taken his appointed place under Christ, carrying out his appointed duties within God's Kingdom.

As we study God's Word, and assemble the sequence of events relative to Christ's return, we find that those who are selected and called to attend the Marriage Supper of the Lamb: *(see Revelations 19:7-9)*, will be raised from the dead, or translated from the living, whichever is the case, to meet the Lord in the air. In I Thess. 4:13-18 we read, using the Phillips Modern English Translation;

"Now we don't want you, my brothers, to be in any doubt about those who 'fall asleep' in death, or to grieve over them like the rest of men who have no hope. If we believe that Jesus died and rose again, then we can believe that God will just as surely bring with Jesus all who are 'asleep' in

Him. Here we have a definite message from the Lord. It is that those who are still living when He comes will not in any way precede those who have previously fallen asleep.
One word of command. One shout from the arch-angel. One blast from the trumpet of God, and the Lord Himself will come down from heaven! Those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then we who are still living will be swept up with them into the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And after that, we will be with Him for ever. So by all means use this message to encourage one another."

Ferrar Fenton, in his excellent modern English translation, renders the latter section of the above passage as follows.

"First, the dead in Christ will rise again. Then we, the living remnant, shall at the same time be carried up in clouds FOR AN INTRODUCTION BY THE LORD INTO THE ETERNAL CONDITION, and then we shall always be with the Lord."

Following our meeting with the Lord in the air, we will,as we have just read, be introduced into our eternal condition. In other words, we will be given our respective positions and duties and then return with the Lord Jesus Christ to rule and reign with Him over His Kingdom.

It should be carefully noted that the Marriage Supper just referred to, is NOT the actual wedding. The custom of the time was for the GROOM - not the bride - to invite his special and closest friends to a feast with him PRIOR to the wedding itself. These special guests would then accompany the groom, after the conclusion of the wedding supper, and go out to meet the bride, whereupon the actual wedding ceremony would take place.

Now if it was God's intention for Elijah the Prophet to take part in these events, and to do nothing different from all the others who were to be given positions of rulership and authority under our Lord Jesus Christ, then there doesn't appear to be any reason why He should have arranged for totally different circumstances for Elijah, associated with a totally different ministry.

The fact that God removed Elijah by such different and special means, can surely lead us to no other conclusion than that God had a very different and special ministry for him.

Just for the record, there is another reference to Elijah which we should consider. It is found in II Chronicles 21:12, and reads as follows;

> *"And there came a writing to him (Libnah) from Elijah the prophet, saying, ..."*

It has been suggested that this passage indicates that the prophet Elijah must have still been alive at the time of King Libnah, some ten years after Elijah's translation. It is further suggested that this passage proves that Elijah was not in fact translated at all, but that God took him to some unknown destination, possibly in some part of the heavens, and that Elijah subsequently died some time after the above mentioned incident.

However, the Bible doesn't say that Elijah was there at the time. It only records the delivery of a letter WRITTEN by Elijah. This letter could easily have been written by Elijah during his life-time, and used, or delivered, at this later date. Considering the subject matter of the letter, which refers to the sins of Ahab, it is even quite possible that Elijah wrote the letter prophetically for this very purpose. To interpret the incident as meaning that Elijah was still alive at the time, and dwelling in the land would seem to me to be just as foolish as to claim that Peter and Paul are still around and alive somewhere just because we still read their letters.

In the foregoing I have used the phrase "the TRANSLATION of Elijah." As this word is not used in the Scriptures in relation to Elijah, we should devote some space to investigating why we say that Elijah was translated. The passages which refer to what is called "the translation of Elijah" are II Kings chapter two, and verses one and eleven. They read as follows:-

> *"And it came to pass, when the Lord would TAKE UP Elijah into heaven by a whirlwind ....."*
>
> *"And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that behold, there appeared a chariot of*

fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah WENT UP by a whirlwind into heaven."

In these verses, the words *TAKE* and *WENT* are translated from the same Hebrew word which means 'To cause to ascend.' The Hebrew word translated into 'heaven', according to Strong's Concordance, means 'the sky, or,'the air'. So we see that the intent of the verses quoted is to say that Elijah *"was caused to ascend into the sky or air."*

This is exactly the same as the phrase used in I Thess. 4:17 where we read;

"Then we which are alive and remain shall be CAUGHT UP together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord, IN THE AIR..."

To argue as to where "in the air" is, is to beg the question as it is most certainly away from this earth. And whether this particular place 'in the air' is one mile or a million miles away, there is no possible way that we can go there under our own power and in our present mortal bodies, especially as we would be entering the presence of the Glorified Lord of Creation.

This is why the apostle Paul tells us in I Cor. 15:51-53;

"Behold I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump. For the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."

If it is necessary for our body to be changed in order to ascend into the air, then there can be no reason to doubt that Elijah would be subject to the same requirements.

In addition to the above, we should consider verse nine of II Kings chapter two. We read;

"And it came to pass, when they were gone over, that Elijah said unto Elisha, 'Ask what I shall do for thee, before I be TAKEN away from thee.' "

The Hebrew word here translated 'TAKEN' is exactly the same word used for the word 'TOOK' in Gen. 5:24 where we read;

"And Enoch walked with God. And he was not, for God TOOK him."

This incident is referred to in Hebrews 11:5 where we read;

"By faith Enoch was TRANSLATED that he should not see death; and was not found, because GOD HAD TRANSLATED HIM. For before his TRANSLATION he had this testimony, that he pleased God."

The word 'translated' means 'to be transported - to be put into another place.' In the face of all the above evidence, I can see no reason whatsoever why there should be any further doubt as to the fact that The Prophet Elijah WAS TRANSLATED and that like Enoch before him, he did not see death.

Let us then return to the statement by Malachi regarding Elijah's further ministry. But in doing so, let us not restrict ourselves to the mere statement of his return. We must study and understand this statement within the context wherein it is made. This principle is most important, not only in the study of this particular passage, but in the study of any portion of God's Word. We will never properly understand the Word of Truth unless we study each particular section within its context; that is, we must pay particular attention to the Scriptures both before and after the section we are studying.

In this context then, we find that the statement concerning the return of Elijah comes immediately after a most important pronouncement by God, as recorded in Malachi 4:4;

"Remember ye the law of Moses My servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the Statutes and the Judgments."

Immediately following this, in verse 5, we read,

"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord."

Thus we find that the promise of the return of Elijah is made in the context of the necessity for us to remember the Law of Moses, or as we know it to be, THE LAW OF GOD. God makes it quite plain that if He doesn't send back Elijah to implement this by *"Turning the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers,"* then He is going to strike the earth with a curse. And of course, this curse can be no other than the promised results of our disobedience to the Law of God as set down in Deuteronomy chapter twenty eight.

The primary purpose of Elijah's ministry, both in its first and second phases, was to direct Israel back to the Law of God, and to convince Israel, both then and now, of the necessity to obey this Law. The essential difference between Moses and Elijah was that whereas Moses was the prophet through whom God GAVE us the Law, Elijah is the prophet through whom God is to RESTORE US TO OBEDIENCE TO THE LAW.

Our nation today is in its present parlous position and condition for no other reason than that we have broken, and continue to break, God's Laws.

Instead of the blessings which would have accrued to us if we had obeyed God's Laws, we have instead heaped upon ourselves the very curses which God warned would happen, if we chose to disobey His Holy Law.

Those who perpetuate Satan's first lie - "Hath God said?" - and continually deny God's command by persistently mis-applying Paul's statement in Romans 6:14, *"Ye are not under the law, but under grace,"* succeed only in making a mockery of God's Word. They destroy the very basis by which we can show God our love for Him, both as individuals and as a nation. No less a person than our Lord Jesus Christ said most emphatically,

"If ye love Me, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

These false shepherds who would teach us otherwise should

very carefully read God's condemnation on their failure to properly lead and teach His people.

In Proverbs 28:9 for instance, we read,

"He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination."

Again in Matthew 5:17-19 we read,

"Think not that I have come to destroy the law, or the prophets.
I am not come to destroy, BUT TO FULFIL.
For verily I say unto you, 'Til heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in NO WISE PASS FROM THE LAW, till all be fulfilled.

Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, HE SHALL BE CALLED THE LEAST in the Kingdom of Heaven. But whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called GREAT in the Kingdom of Heaven."

When we read the twenty eighth chapter of the Book of Deuteronomy previously referred to, we find that every curse that is listed therein is happening to us today. For instance, look at the following;

v18: Our children would be born sick and deformed.

v20: We would suffer ruin and confusion in all that we do.

v23-24: We would be consumed with air pollution and environmental problems.

v25: We would suffer defeat at the hands of our enemies.

v30: We would have marital infidelity.
We would have our homes and businesses taken from us.

v48-51: Our wealth and produce would be plundered by others.

v22, 27, 28, 35, 59-61: We would suffer disease and sickness beyond measure. Amongst those mentioned by name are fevers, consumption, skin diseases, boils, hemorrhoids, leprosy, blindness, madness, heart disease, arthritis, and plagues.

It surely follows, as night follows day, that if we are suffering the results, then we must have initiated the cause. The cause is clearly stated in Deut. 28:15:-

> *"If ye will not hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God, and do not observe and do all His commandments and His statutes which I command you this day, THEN ALL THESE CURSES SHALL COME UPON YOU, AND OVERTAKE YOU."*

I can only repeat that God's Word condemns in the strongest terms those who refuse to do, and more especially those who refuse to TEACH the necessity for us, as God's People, to strictly obey the LAW OF GOD. They will have more to answer for than they could possibly realise.

From the above, it is quite clear that we have indeed broken and forsaken God's Holy Law, and it is in this context, and for this reason, that God now says in Mal.4:4,

> *"Remember ye the law of Moses my servant, which I commanded unto him in Horeb for all Israel, with the statutes and judgments."*

And it is in the context of this injunction that God goes on to say in the very next verse,

> *"Behold, I will send you Elijah the Prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the Lord. And he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."*

Let us remind ourselves that this promise was made AFTER the translation of Elijah. It deals with an event which is to occur AFTER the translation of Elijah, and at some period of time AFTER the statement was made. We cannot apply this promise retrospectively back to Elijah's first ministry.

We must therefore ask ourselves THREE basic questions;

1. Who IS the Elijah to whom God refers?

2. When is he to come?

3. Why is he to come?

In regard to the first of these questions, there appears to be four different schools of thought:-

1. That rather than the re-appearance of a personal Elijah, there will be evidenced a ministry having the power and spirit of Elijah.

2. That John the Baptist was Elijah, and that there will be no further return of this prophet.

3. That John the Baptist was Elijah, but only fulfilled part of his ministry as the messenger of our Lord Jesus Christ at His first advent, and that he will be resurrected and return as Elijah in order to complete Elijah's ministry prior to the Second Return of our Lord in order to prepare God's people for that great event.

4. That the literal and actual prophet Elijah himself will return at the time, and for the reasons stated by the prophet Malachi.

At this juncture it would seem appropriate to clarify this author's position, lest there be any misunderstanding. I sincerely believe in the FOURTH of the above alternatives, namely that there is to be a literal return of the actual prophet Elijah to this earth.

It is not my intention to necessarily deal with each of these schools of thought separately as this would lead to a great deal of overlapping of references and statements. For this reason the various points of view will be studied and compared as we proceed, and as the various references and circumstances present themselves.

We must however devote some time initially to the first of the above alternatives, because if it can be established that the promise of Elijah's return is to be fulfilled in a spiritual rather than a literal manner, then any study of the remaining three alternatives becomes totally redundant.

I would therefore suggest that if this first mentioned

point of view is correct, then many of the references to Elijah's return could have been, and in fact would have been, recorded in different terms to those which we read. Let us look at the actual statement. Does the Bible say, *"Behold I will send you Elijah .."*? No! It does not. In the above quotation, two words, two very important words, have been omitted. Now I don't believe for one moment that God wastes His time by including meaningless or extraneous words in what He says. Every word that God inspired His Prophets to write is there for a distinct and deliberate purpose. So if God meant to imply that there was going to be an Elijah ministry, or only a spiritual aspect to Elijah's return, then He could have indicated this either by a direct statement to this effect, or by simply inspiring Malachi to write this verse as I have written it above.

But He didn't do this. He added two more words. He added the definite article "THE", and a positive identification by using the word "PROPHET". He said,

"I will send you Elijah THE PROPHET..."

Now I fail to see how anyone can be so clearly and specifically identified as an actual person named and described in the Scriptures, and then likened to a spirit or influence within the community. Lest we miss the intent of this school of thought, let us clearly understand that it teaches that you and I as individuals or as part of a group in whatever place we operate, and because we teach the necessity for our nation to return to an obedience to the Laws of God, form a part of the return of Elijah. It is claimed that we are carrying out an Elijah ministry, and as such, constitute the fulfillment of the promise relating to the return of Elijah the Prophet.

I'm sorry, but I do not believe this, and with the greatest respect to those who may disagree with me, I cannot find any support for this conclusion from the Word of God.

Now I am not for an instant saying that such a witness cannot be carried out in the spirit and power of Elijah. This is an entirely different thing. For instance, we read in II Kings 2:14-15;

"And he (Elisha) took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over. And when the sons of the prophets which were to view at Jericho saw him, they said, THE SPIRIT OF ELIJAH DOTH REST ON ELISHA."

Like Elisha, we can witness in the spirit of Elijah, but this is not the subject in question. What we are speaking of is the promised RETURN of Elijah THE PROPHET, and there is only one man in recorded history who was called "ELIJAH THE PROPHET."

To illustrate the point in question, there have been many people who have been given the name Jesus. But what differentiates them from the 'Jesus' we know and love, insofar as the name is concerned? It is simply that our Lord's full name is 'Jesus THE CHRIST.' This clearly defines and identifies Him from any other by adding His TITLE. He is identified as the Jesus who is THE CHRIST, or THE ANOINTED ONE OF GOD. In just the same way, Elijah is identified as the Elijah who was THE PROPHET. This is further fortified by the fact that the word 'prophet' is preceded by the definite article "THE". We are not being referred to ANY Elijah. We are not being referred to ANY PROPHET Elijah. We are being referred to "THE" prophet Elijah.

Surely there can be no misunderstanding as to what God meant when He used the phrase,

"I will send you ELIJAH THE PROPHET."

This will become more apparent as our studies continue.

I implicitly believe that we are going to experience the literal return of this great prophet of Israel. Possibly one of the things which restricts our acceptance of this fact is purely psychological. We are so filled with our expectancy of the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, that we find it difficult to orient our thinking to accept the possibility of anyone else also returning to this earth. But I can only suggest that we have no option, and indeed no excuse, but to simply believe what God has said, because He has said exactly what He means.

VULNERABLE BRITAIN

By Albion S. Gaunt

Ulster is very much in the news and, in terms of news value, Northern Ireland has hit the headlines of the world's press. The situation is a great deal more serious than is generally realised. Far more is involved than a flare up between religious parties and a question of civil rights.

Evidence is not lacking to show that a conspiracy is being directed not only against Ulster but against the whole of Britain and the British way of life. Hidden powers exist which are quite aware that these islands have been the bulwark of Bible Protestant truth, and have been the main centre for producing the Word of God in over a thousand different languages and, through missionary enterprise, has spread the evangel and Christian culture to the ends of the earth. These powers are also aware of the uncanny ways in which an apparently helpless Britain has been miraculously preserved and restored, especially since the days of Philip II of Spain and his 'invincible' Armada through to Napoleon, the Kaiser and Hitler. In seeking world control these powers suspect that, in times of deepening trouble, a repentant Britain may well again find her faith and turn to her God. Such a turning could well result in unprecedented spiritual and moral repercussions reaching out on a world scale. This, they are determined, must never happen.

These powers are Satanic and real. They operate through powerful agencies such as atheistic communism, international world finance and a counterfeit religion.

STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF ULSTER

Ulster has long been a particular stronghold of the Bible-Protestant faith. If ever that stronghold had to fall, the mainland of Britain would find itself in gravest jeopardy.

Geographically, Ireland is vital to Britain's defence. This fact was borne out during the course of two world wars. The fact that during the second world war the major part of Ireland was in hostile hands brought Britain perilously near defeat. One has only to glance at the map to see the strategic importance of Ireland in reference to our western approaches. Southern Ireland denied Britain the use of her treaty bases and actually became a shelter for enemy U boats. Loyal Ulster became one of Britain's most important positions and was doubtless of inestimable influence upon the

final outcome of the War. Yet there are those who would gladly surrender Ulster to the South regardless of this danger and regardless of the wishes of the majority who are zealous for their faith and who are patriotic to the core in their loyalty to Britain and the Throne.

The conspiracy operates through every possible avenue. It is behind the recent wave of permissiveness, behind the introduction to this country of hard drugs and the invasion of pornography, using the mass media of radio, television and literature. It is behind the clever agitation to bring in Godless legislation on matters of divorce, abortion and sodomy, and is seen in the so far abortive attempts to continentalise our British Sabbath. These measures are in direct opposition to the Divine Law, and fly in the very face of God Almighty. These are the offspring of a pattern designed to weaken, divide and split up these Isles and the Commonwealth. They are intended to reduce us to impotence and to shame, to produce sins that stand between us and our God. An insipid defeatism creeps over the nation. Our sense of world vocation is almost non-existent. Britain was never so vulnerable.

OTHER DANGERS

Nor is that all. Our defence forces have been run down to dangerous proportions. Sir Solly Zuckerman and his like murdered the fine British TSR2 bomber. Its replacement by the doubtful American F111 fizzled out. The *Daily Express* of 4-3-69 carried its mainline: "NATO LEAVES BRITAIN NAKED" – "Our Government has failed to make arrangements to defend Britain in event of war – though almost all British Forces are being assigned to Nato for the defence of Europe. 'Acting European' to get into Europe has taken precedence." Again, in its 21-8-69 edition: "RED WARSHIPS IN BUILD-UP – The Soviet Union has never before operated as many warships on the world's oceans as it does today", says the Pentagon. "A United States Navy spokesman said, 'We estimate that 125 or more Russian ships of war are on the high seas'."

THE COMMUNISATION OF EUROPE

The Communisation of Europe is something more than a possibility and is clearly foreseen in Divine prophecy. In the light of this, our Government's persistent attempts to get Britain into the European Common Market are the height of folly, and can only lead to the ultimate shame of the guilty. What would our plight be if, in our east, we had a Europe under Communistic control, and on the west we had an Ireland wholly in hostile hands, and with a Russian super navy coasting around?

These remarks are not intended to be alarmist in an irresponsible way. In our present position they are real possibilities. Britain IS vulnerable.

WE BELIEVE

We believe Britain became great from the Elizabethan era because she was, as John Richard Green, the historian expresses it, "The people of the Book." Britain honoured the Bible and its Author. She sent her missionaries around the world and established Christian culture wherever she went. She bore the

image of Israel and she performed the work predicted of Israel in this Christian dispensation because she IS, in fact, latter-day Israel – not Jews, but in contrast to Jewry. The so-called 'lost ten tribes' were never Jews. The writer has a letter from the Chief Rabbi of Britain and the Commonwealth stating that Jews are the descendants of the Tribe of Judah and not of the ten. Nothing else explains Anglo-Saxondom's position in history, and no other people fulfils the bulk of the promises made to Abraham – promises not fulfilled in Jewry.

We believe Britain has declined in the world today because, like Eve in the Garden of Eden, she began to listen to the lie – "Hath God said ...?" She allowed the wisdom of this world to supercede the wisdom of God as found in the Bible. She opened the door to every form of enemy infiltration. Yet the Bible tells of the time when latter-day Israel will "fear the Name of the Lord FROM THE WEST, and His glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a STANDARD against him" (Isa. 59:19). That STANDARD is the truth of the Word of God.

THE PRODIGAL

Like the prodigal son in the famous parable of our Lord, Britain is away from her old 'home' and has wasted her 'substance on riotous living'. We have acclaimed, 'We have never had it so good!' Fascinated by the outward glory of a time of affluence we have failed to recognise, or perhaps have failed to do anything about, the erosion taking place in the very foundations of the nation.

Are we approaching the time when we shall be in want? We believe we are, unless we change course. Deliverance and restoration will be realised only when, like the prodigal son, bereft of protection and of the necessities of life, we come again to our senses and return to our Heavenly Father.

AMERICA TOO

Our kith and kin in America are under a similar diabolical attack and for the same purpose. Sinister powers are today trading on America's own peculiar problems. Our cousins may be justly proud of their magnificent achievements but let them not be so dazzled by Moon glory that they fail to be wary of the encroachments of the final aggressor in other fields of achievement.

Evil is climaxing. There can be no salvaging of the old order. The new order of the Kingdom of God on earth is at hand. Nothing can prevent the change. Britain can yet lead the way, but she must first put her own house in order. Remember, "When the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him." Here is our certain salvation.

A CALL TO PRAYER

A situation now appears to be developing described by the prophet as, "the time of Jacob's trouble". You will remember Jacob had been caught up in a dilemma which threatened the very existence of himself and his family and from which there was no earthly

escape. At the end of his resources he fought it out with God and prevailed. The old nature of 'Jacob' became the new man, Israel (meaning – prevailing, or ruling with God). The situation is taken up by the prophets and projected to the time of latter-day Jacob. It concerns Ulster, Britain, Rhodesia, South Africa and the rest of the Commonwealth. It concerns the Throne, and the peoples of America. The call to the godly 'remnant' in the nation for prayer is stirring and urgent. "Spare Thy people, O Lord, and give not Thine heritage to reproach, that the heathen should rule over them. Wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?" (Joel 2:17).

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USURY

I am interest: Originally known as Usury,
The Master forbade my practice, warning all men
Even Christ turned me down and cast me out,
The Cannonical laws in middle ages, forbade my use.
My users could not be buried on consecrated ground.
Martin Luther claimed my users should be hanged.
Estates of my users forfeited, their children disinherited.
The Fourteenth Century brought me classed with murder
For Centuries I fought for recognition but to no avail for
I was looked upon as most base and Cruel by men.
Wherever I appeared I was despised and condemned
Yet I struggled on unceasingly, fighting for my use.
I used every crooked mind and crooked scheme.
I whispered in the ear of Man, that wealth was power
I conccived the plan of greed, the road to wealth.
Men listened, my hearers multitplied in numbers
They made laws for my use. They defied their Master:
I crept into minds of millions seeking Wealth and power.
Even nations adopted my use and fell into line.
Great Companies and Corporations were formed for me
Now my agents cover the earth in about everything.
Even ruthless methods are applied for my gain.
My rate of toll is being increased beyond power to pay.
Today my toll runs into Billions and Billions a year
Yet I will multiply the debt of men and Nations
That my toll will greatly increase from year to year.
The rich and poor alike are mine, wealth is my aim.
Their Master now am I, I have the power and law,
The Master that gave man life, only can give him liberty,
He may open the eyes of man and rebel against me,
But until then, Men and Nations, must pay my price.
Men working, fighting, scheming for wealth and power
Yet they cannot escape me, I am interest.—Selected.

RUSSIAN PRESS PRAVDA

G. SERVADIO

The following article is taken from the book"A Siberian Encounter" by Gaia Servadio. The author's comments on the publication were quite interesting and therefore I felt suitable for use in the Kingdom Herald.

"... With Pravda, Izvestis is the most widely read newspaper in the Soviet Union. While Pravda is the official organ of the Communist party and is proud to have been formed by Lenin, Izvestia is the organ of the government and started its life on 28 Feb. 1917 as a Menshevik paper.

Izvestia, which means "News" is the more intellectual, rather the less dull of the two. It is slightly freer than Pravda since it has less party-dictat to crowd into each edition. For Moscow it is an evening paper, while Pravda (Truth) is a morning paper.

When the millionaire merchant from Kazan, Tikhomirnov, died he left a huge fortune to his four sons. The third Victor, born in 1889, left Kazan and went to see Lenin, offering him 100,000 roubles to found a legal Bolshevik daily. At that time Lenin had a weekly, Zvezda, which had appeared since December 1910 and a monthly,Prosveshohenie, a few months younger. He really needed a daily organ. Pravda was started in St Petersburg in 1912. The name had already been used by Trotsky when, in 1905, choosing Vienna as his residence, he had started a workers' paper for illegal distribution in Russia. Curiously enough Pravda had also been the title of the daily newspaper of a sort of Russian Ku-Klux-Klan, the Sacred Brotherhood, which was based in Geneva in 1882.

From exile Lenin first wanted to use Pravda to provoke a split in the Dume between the Mensheviks and the Bol-

sheviks who were at that time menacingly friendly. But Pravda's editorial board started to disobey its leader by censoring and cutting his articles. Stalin was then in charge of Pravda and Lenin sent Sverdlov "for the purpose of reorganizing the editorial board and correcting Pravda's attitude."

When Victor Tikhomirnov became Pravda's manager, he brought with him a Kazan student called Scriabin, who used to write pompous prose under several pseudonyms. One of these was Molotov(from Molot,hammer). Molotov became the silent lackey of Stalin, the trusted presence who always took the blame and know how to keep alive by keeping silent.

At the same time, two police agents were on Pravda's editorial staff: Chernomazov and the more famous Roman Malinovsky, trusted by Lenin, member of theBolshevik Central Committee and the leading Bolshevik MP in the Duma(parliament).

From time to time Tsarist censorship began to prohibit the publication of Pravda and close it down. The newspaper would then start up again the following day with exactly the same typography,but with a slightly changed name; it became Rabochaia Pravda, Siviernaia Pravda,etc, both police and reader knowing perfectly well that it was the very same paper.

When World War I started on 21 July 1914, the government suppressed Pravda in the eighth form it had taken. But its ninth life was to start again in March 1917 with the fall of Tsar Nicolas.

Today Pravda is based in a new building.The street is suitably called Pravda Street and is quite close to Bielo-russia station. Pravda prints nine million copies day, eight million of which are distributed to subscribers".

The Days of Reckoning

By Mrs. D. Price.

JERUSALEM - A BURDENSOME STONE.

"And in that day will I make of Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people. All that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered together against it." (Zech.12:3.)

Report in Melbourne Age August 13, 1980.

New York August 12; "Islamic countries agreed yesterday to a move giving Israel three months notice to rescind the law making Jerusalem its capital, according to United Nations sources. The aim of the move is to put Israel on notice to start pulling out of EAST JERUSALEM by NOVEMBER 15. Otherwise all countries would be asked to impose sanctions.

As we watch the march of events in the Middle East, it is well to know that the Moslems' most sacred shrine, the AL AKSA, better known as the Mosque of Omar, is situated in EAST JERUSALEM. This gives us a better understanding of the situation which has arisen between Israelis and Arabs.

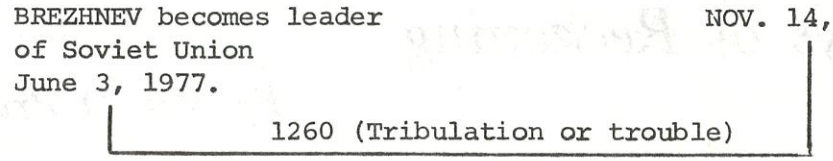
The Arab's date of NOVEMBER 15 - 1980 has a remarkable link with the Israeli-Arab Holy War in October 1973, on a time measure which denotes "an abomination that maketh desolate."

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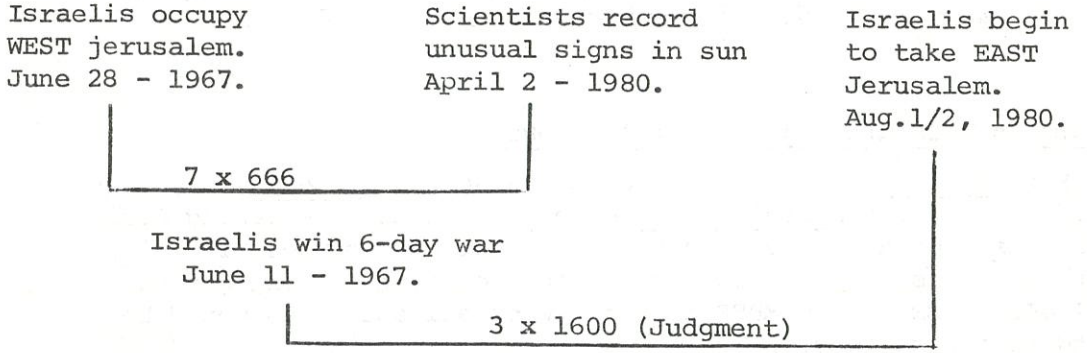
Arabs demand Israelis
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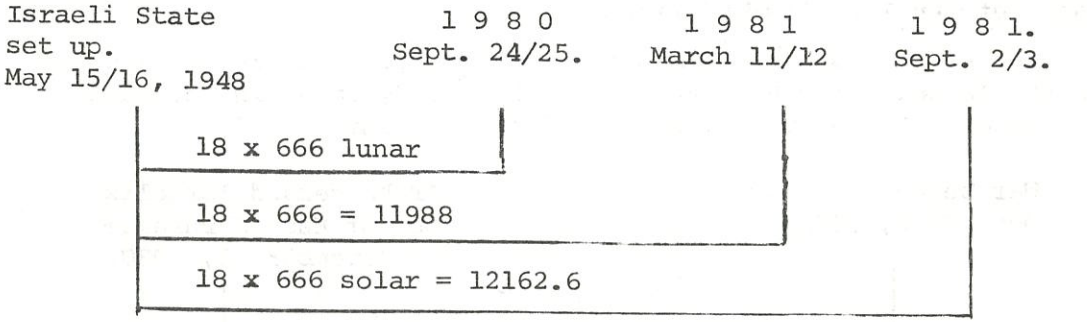
What part is Premier Brezhnev playing in Jerusalem affairs?



Every step in the Israeli takeover of both the WEST and EAST areas of Jerusalem is marked by Biblical time cycles. It is literally true that the days of the HOLY CITY are numbered, step by step, day by day.



If calculations on the 666 day-scale, (Lunar, Mean & Solar) are made from the setting up of the Israeli State on MAY 15/16, 1948, some interesting dates emerge which should be watched.



Sept. 24/25-1980 will be TWO DISPLACEMENT CYCLES prior to APRIL 19/20 - 1982.

Sept. 2/3 - 1981 will mark the completion of 15340 days from the day when Britain entered the Second World War, Sept. 3 - 1939. 15300 is a time cycle related to the British Race, and 40 to that of Judah. (Ezek.chapter 4.)

But MARCH 11/12 - 1981 appears to be very critical. More on this date is given at the end of this article for comparison.

On Nov. 5 - 1973, the O.P.E.C. (Arab oil producing countries) announced a new policy on OIL. The WORLD OIL CRISIS began. Will it reach a further stage on NOVEMBER 28 - 1980 next ???

O.P.E.C. Countries cut oil production & raise prices. Nov. 5 - 1973.	Israeli elections. Begin becomes P/M. MAY 17/18 - 1977.	? ? ? ? 1 9 8 0 NOV. 28.

1290 days | 1290 days.

1 2 9 0 (Dan. 12:11) "AN ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE." !!!!

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SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER CITY OF JERUSALEM.

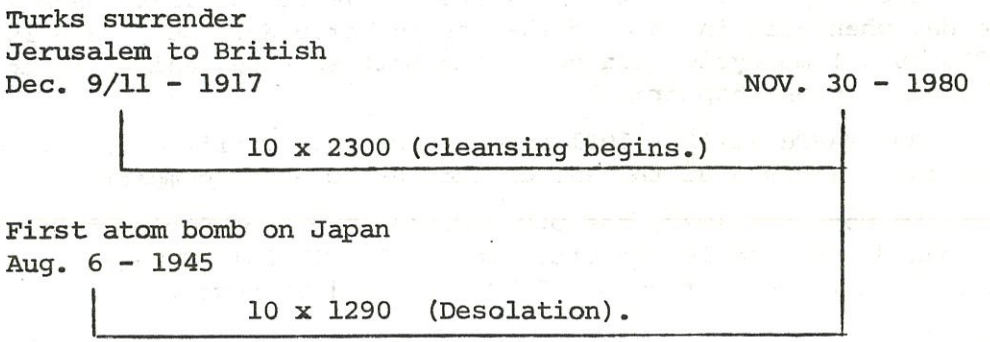
On APRIL 16 - 1893 there was a solar eclipse visible over Jerusalem, a city destined to be "A BURDENSOME STONE for all people." Will this chart have any significance in NOVEMBER next? There is a definite link with APRIL 16/17 - 1982.

Eclipse of sun over Jerusalem April 16 - 1893.	? ? ? ? 1 9 8 0 Nov. 26

20 x 1600 (Divine Judgment)

World War I Armistice Nov. 11 - 1918

10 x (1600 + 666)



THE SIGNIFICANCE OF MARCH 11-12-13, 1981.

It will be 1600 days from the Total Eclipse of the sun over Australia on October 23 - 1976. (Divine Judgment).

It will be 18 x 666 days from the setting up of the Israeli State on May 15/16 - 1948.

It will be 6 6 6 days from May 15 - 1979 when Her Majesty the Queen opened the first Thatcher British Parliament. As the number 666 has never appeared as a time factor for the Queen personally, it must apply to the parliament which is beset with financial and economic problems, as well as with the European Common Market.

MARCH 13 - 1981 will mark the passing of 2300 x 2 days from when Mr. Joh Bjelke Petersen became Premier of Queensland.

It will be SEVEN DISPLACEMENT CYCLES (7 x 286.1 days) prior to September 3 - 1986, a date which the late David Davidson designated as the end of Israel's 70th Jubilee.

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SOLAR ECLIPSE OVER THE MIDDLE EAST IN 1952.

Whether this solar eclipse will have any link with the present Arab-Israeli confrontation remains to be seen. But its link with the coming November 14 - 1980 is very significant.

Eclipse of the sun
over Middle East
FEB. 25 - 1952.

1 9 8 0
NOV. 14.

1290 plus (4 x 2300)
Desolation and Cleansing.

1 5 3	St. John 21.	The Elect.
6 6 6	Rev. 13:18	Beast system.
1 2 6 0	Rev. 11:3.	Tribulation.
1 2 9 0	Dan. 12:11	Desolation.
1 3 3 5	Dan. 12:12	Blessing.
1 6 0 0	Rev. 14:20	Divine Judgment.
2 3 0 0	Dan. 8:14.	Cleansing (or a clean sweep)

Have you observed that in all the charts shown in this article, 1 3 3 5, THE SYMBOL OF BLESSING, *DOES NOT APPEAR*.....

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PLANT VARIETY - RIGHTS OF WRONGS? AN ISSUE OF CONCERN.

The Bill: A bill to introduce Plant Variety Rights (PVR) in Australia is expected to be introduced by the Australian Government in the Spring Session. This is probably one of the most important pieces of agricultural leg-islation ever to enter Parliament.

Intent of PVR: Briefly, PVR would allow breeders to obtain sole proprietary rights over any new plant they may develop. These rights allow a breeder to control the use of a variety, to levy and collect royalties and to take civil action against any infringers. Such a property right is similar to a patent, but sufficiently different to require special legislation.

Reactions Overseas to PVR: Many European countries, the U.K., the U.S.A. and N.Z. have had similar legislation for a number of years. Although the legislation appeared reasonable, in a number of countries there has recently been serious questioning of its value and the implications that flow from PVR. The recent attempt to introduce similar legislation in Canada met with strong opposition (50% of Canadian farmers opposed it) and as a result the legislation has been deferred twice. Similarly, strong public oppositon has brought about a delay in the passage of amendments proposed to the Plant Variety Protection Act (1970) in the United States.

Lobbies in Australia: In Australia, two main groups have been lobbying for the introduction of Plant Variety Rights legislation.

1. The Industries Committee for Plant Breeders Rights which is said to represent and to be funded by, the principal Australian and overseas seed companies

2. The Australian Seed Producers Federation.
U.S.A. Type Legislation: The former group has favoured the U.S.A. type legislation where a breeder only has to certify that a variety is different, homogenous, uniform and stable, and does not have to actually physically test the material.
European Type Legislation: The Australian Seed Producers Federation prefers the European or International Union for the Protection of Plant Varieties (UPOV) type of legislation which requires that difference, homogeneity, and stability must be proven by actual field tests before it can be accepted for registration. It was the objections of the latter group that led to the introduction of the legislation being deferred in Australia in early 1980.
Government Secrecy: Although the draft legislation was secretly made available to certain organisations (Seed Industries Association, Australian Seed Producers Federation, Australian Nurserymen's Association, The State Departments of Agriculture and various Federal Departments) for comment by May 15,1979 the General public did not become aware of the issue until September 1979. Since then the Government has consistently refused to make details of the draft available to concerned members of the public.

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE LEGISLATION

Seeds As A Public Resource: Traditionally seeds have always been a public, natural resource. But increasingly, they have moved into private hands for private profit. In past times public breeding has ensured the development of varieties based on the needs of the growers with free exchange of genetic material taking placeThe increasing trend towards private control of seeds and plants could lead to adverse economic, biological, and social effects, the most important being control of the world's food supply, Some particular observations arising out of overseas experiences and stud-

ies are as follows:
Multinationals and Takeovers: Many people believe that PVR is the lynchpin in the multinational drive to take over the seed industry. Following PVR in other countreis large-scale acquisitions of seed companies by multinatio-nals have occurred, eg, in Britain over 80 small seed companies were bought out by Rank Hovis McDougall in the week following the onset of legislation in the U.K. The world's food grains are controlled by 17 multinationals, the same companies hold more than half the plant patents issued in the U.S.A. since the advent of PVR legislation in 1970. In Australia Hortico is owned by I.C.I.;40% of Yates shares are held by A.P.M.; Walter Blom is owned by Zadunie B.V.(Netherlands) who control 16 seed companies. Shell and Continental Grain have helped fund the seeds lobby.
Profit Potential of the Seed Industry: The potential of the seed industry is indicated by the fact that the prospectus put out by L.M. Teweles and Co.,The Global Seed Study, costs a mere U.S. $25.000.The major operat-ors in the American seed industry are the multinational agrichemical companies Ciba-Geigy, Sandoz,Pfizer,Mon-santo, Union Carbide, with the global leader being Royal Dutch Shell, which controls around 30 seed companies in Europe and North America. Northrupp-King, Ciba-Geigy, Shell, Continental are some familiar companies in Austr-alia. The National Times (March30,1980) noted the inter-national activity in the seed company market.
High Costs Versus Low Returns: The N.S.W. Department of Agriculture has estimated that it would cost $100,000 per year to maintain one plant breeder. New varieties take 5-10 years to develop. Such costs suggest that it would be unlikely that the independent plant breeders could compete with corporate breeders. As Australian agriculture provides a small market for agricultural inputs, there would appear to be little scope for rec-overing such costs. That is, can Australia support a major plant breeding industry or will it become a dump-ing ground for imported varieties?

Public Research in Australia: This is a particularly important issue as,up until now, the public breeding and research programmes in Australia have placed a primary enphasis on producing varieties especially suited to the highly diverse andspecific agricultural needs arising from unique and varied conditions of our continent. That is,PVR poses a threat to the integrity and viability of public research institutions as a result of increased corporate, technological, and chemical dominance of agriculture in Australia.

Bias in Corporate Breeding: Because agrichemical companies produce fertilizers, herbicides, and pesticides, corporate breeding favours chemically dependent varieties.These are not so much high yield as high responce varieties bred for yield uniformity and processability and dependent on high energy based agricultural practices.

Threat to Small Businesses: The further reduction in numbers of small businesses and the employment they provideinevitable.As the Minister of Agriculture in N.S.W. has written, "both take-overs and new companies must be expected in the seed industry". It is not clear who will finance the cost of administration (registration,growout trials,etc) but it is probable that it will be permanently subsidised by the taxpayer.

Loss of Varieties:The difficulties of administering the European schemes have necessitated the introduction of the Common Catalogue and National Lists designed to limit the numbers of legally marketable varieties. All varieties excluded from these lists are consequently "illegal" and cannot be sold and in some instances,not even grown. It is this development that has significantly contributed to the loss of hundreds of traditional varieties in Europe.

Problems of Reciprocity: The Minister for Agriculture in N.S.W. has made assurances that the Ausralian legislation will be unique in that it does not, for instance, intend to include cereals such as wheat and barley,nor does it intend to develop a National List. However, at

the same time one of the reasonsPVR is promoted is that it will bring the benefits of international reciprocity. Yet such reciprocity can only be gained by meeting the standards laid down by UPOV. If reciprocity can only be gained by passing similar legislation, how can Australia remain outside the constraints and consequences of such legislation?

Loss of Genetic Diversity:Many people are concerned that PVR legislation will accelerate the loss of the genetic diversity of the worl's plants, the very basis of life on earth. Australian native plants are at particular risk because while neither their botanical,economic or social significance has yet been fully established, they are already exploited commercially in other parts of the world.

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BEGINNINGS AND ENDINGS

Part 3

By Kenneth C. Bayman

The First Word and the Last Word

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by Him, and without Him was not anything made that was made."

John 1:1-3.

"God . . . spake in times past unto the fathers by the prophets, (and) hath in these last days spoken unto us by His Son."

Hebrews 1:1-2.

John 1:1-3 tells us of the primacy of the Word of God. Just as a word of command begins a chain of action and reaction in human affairs, so the Word from God begins every work of creation. The difference is that God's Word is a living Word, and as such is dynamic and powerful. This Word is another Name for the Son of God.

"All things were made by Him", we read. Consequently, the Bible in telling the story of the earth, its origin, purpose and destiny, begins with the bringing into being of the heavens which form the earth's environment, and the earth itself. The Bible story both begins and ends with this seemingly insignificant planet, a tiny sphere rolling through endless space.

As the Bible story is concerned primarily with this planet, we may properly infer that "the beginning" mentioned in Genesis 1:1 was the beginning of the system or universe of which the earth is a part. Looked at from this point of view, it would seem that "the beginning" referred to in Genesis 1:1 means the beginning of the galaxy of which the earth is a tiny part. This is the galaxy popularly known as the "Milky Way" Galaxy.

To gain some idea of the vastness of this galaxy, which is a spiral-shaped mass of widely-differing magnitudes, we may mention the statement of a well-known modern astronomer who says, "it is now generally accepted that the total number of stars is of the order of 100,000 million." That is the number of stars estimated to be present in this one galaxy alone. And the size of this galaxy is indicated by the fact that "modern estimates are about 100,000 light-years for the diameter of the

galaxy." Now a "light-year" is the distance which light travels in one year – and it travels, according to astronomers, at a speed of some 186,000 miles per second.

Distances on such a scale stagger the imagination. A popular astronomer writes of "a Universe whose immensity numbs the human mind." To balance this staggering concept, we need to remember the point made in our previous article – that all this immensity would be meaningless if there were not a human mind to perceive it – and to experience the feeling of wonder and praise for the Power and Glory of its Maker. Hence one of the reasons for Man being made in the image of God. Hence another reason for our certainty that elsewhere in the cosmos, too, there are beings who delight to share the thrill of "the glorious majesty of His kingdom."

As telescopes were improved, during the last century, astronomers came to realise that some of the tiny, hardly-visible points of light, like distant stars in the lonely blackness of space, *were in fact other galaxies as big or bigger than our own*. Only one of these distant galaxies is visible to the naked eye, as a faint hazy patch – the galaxy known as the great nebula in Andromeda. In telescopic photographs this shows as a great spiral-shaped mass of stars, something like a "catherine-wheel" firework in general shape. The Mount Wilson Observatory in the U.S.A. succeeded with its 100-inch telescope in taking photographs in 1925 which finally resolved the hazy cloud-like appearance of the great spiral arms of the Andromeda galaxy into individual stars, some of which were recognised as being similar to those occurring in our own galaxy, the Milky Way.

The Andromeda galaxy is considered to be more than half again as large as our galaxy. The German naturalist of the last century, Von Humboldt, in 1850 gave the name of "island universes" to these great galaxies scattered throughout distant space, and this name has been employed by astronomers ever since to describe them.

The distance of the Andromeda galaxy from our own galaxy has been calculated as no less than *one million* light-years. And that is the *nearest* galaxy to us! "Today", writes a well-known astronomer, "we know the Universe (i.e., as a whole) extends to unimaginable distances beyond the frontiers of the Galaxy." And the occurrence of other galaxies throughout observable space "appears to be uniform to the extreme limit that our instruments can reach." In other words, there are more and more galaxies like those we have been considering, stretching out to the limits that observing instruments can reach. Mankind can find no end, therefore, to the "mansions in the Father's house."

Hundreds of thousands of these great galaxies, lying at incalculable distances from our own galaxy, have so far been counted.

With this background in mind, we refer back to Genesis 1:1. We concluded that "the beginning" there referred to was the beginning of our own galaxy, since the earth (also referred to in Genesis 1:1 and the subject of the

Bible's story) is a member of that galaxy. Thus "the heavens" in Genesis 1:1, we may conclude, are the galactic heavens. The stars of our galaxy would make up most of the pattern seen in the heavens from our earth. The tiny pin-points of light which represent the far-distant galaxies would be visible only through a telescope and even then would add little to the star-pattern presented by the bright stars of our own galaxy. The "heavens" of Genesis 1:1 would thus be the heavens with which we are familiar from our earth.

We should note, however, that whether we refer to our own galaxy or to any other of the unnumbered galaxies of the unutterably distant heavens, they all had their *beginning* at some specific point in time – and not necessarily the same time. They are all at different stages of development, and therefore probably of different ages. Of every one of them it can be said with equal truth: "In the beginning, God created . . ." Each had its beginning. Each in the providence of God will have its ending. In the context of our brief human lives, time on the astronomical scale is meaningless, but the beginning and the ending are concepts we can understand.

In his remarkable book "The Secret of the Universe" (which we have often had occasion to refer to) Dr. Nathan Wood shows with convincing clarity that God begins any creation *by making room for it*. In other words, His first creative act is always *to create space*. Space doesn't just happen. It isn't "just there". This might be a new thought to most of us. Space has to be provided. So has time. And it may also be a new thought to many that God provides the time for His respective orders of creation, as well as the space.

The Letter to the Hebrews (chapter 1 verse 2) mentions God's Son "by whom also he made the worlds." The word here translated "worlds" in the original Greek is *aion* which, according to Young means "age", "indefinite time", "dispensation". Dr. Bullinger concurs, and gives "ages" instead of "worlds". The same thought is repeated in Hebrews 11:3: "Through faith we understand that the worlds ("ages") were framed (i.e., prepared) by the Word of God, so that things which are seen were not made of things which do appear." In other words, the Word of God, as an active, all-powerful word of command, triggered off forces which gave effect to its purpose, so that matter ("things which are seen") was formed from energy (which does not appear, i.e., which cannot be seen). Immediately matter was formed, a cycle of existence was set in motion, and time or age for which the matter was designed thus came at the same time into being.

And in Psalm 104, that wonderful hymn of creation, we find this reference to *the creation of space*: "O LORD my God, Thou art very great . . . *Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain* . . ." Now the interesting point about this is (as shown long ago by Sidney Collett in his book "The Scripture of Truth") the original Hebrew word translated "curtain" means literally "a thinness". What could be "thinner" (i.e., more tenuous) than space, or the heavens? Yet for all its thinness, it must

possess *some* quality answering to substance, or waves could not be propagated in it; gravity could not make itself felt in and through it.

For many years science has sought, not with much success, for a definition of the nature of space which would satisfy apparently conflicting requirements. Science says space cannot have substance; yet space actually permits phenomena which should only be permitted by something possessing substance (or something analogous to substance). Modern science rejects the old concept of ether as filling all space, yet there are aspects of that concept which still appear valid.

All these thoughts are comprehended in that term "thinness", because it is a relative term. It is a description of *something*, not of nothing. Space, as Dr. Nathan Wood pointed out, isn't "nothingness", because space has dimensions, and you cannot have dimensions of nothing.

Space is *the beginning of the creation of God.*

And we saw in our last article that the Son of God is also described as "the beginning of the creation of God".

Space, as Dr. Nathan Wood shows, *is the outspread power of God.* Looked at from the point of view of our present study, space is the response to the first command of the Creator when He begins a new work of creation.

The Creator's next act is to manifest in space various focal points of His power, i.e., those heavenly bodies which give space meaning and significance and which demonstrate the extent and reality of space.

This is the point in time to which Genesis 1:1 refers.

It is very important to realise that this point in time was not six days before Adam's creation – it was aeons before. *Adam's creation was on the sixth day of a later order of creation restricted to the earth and its immediate spatial environment.*

We shall come back to this later "beginning" – the beginning of the Adamic order of creation – in a subsequent chapter of our great story of Beginnings and Endings.

Now when God had spread out the heavens and "laid the foundations" of the many heavenly bodies occupying them. His work was not finished. If He had stopped at this stage, His work would have had no meaning. The heavenly dwelling-places had to be provided with inhabitants – or who would have rejoiced with the Creator in His handiwork?

The Prophet Isaiah, after referring to God Who "stretches out the heavens like a curtain (thinness)" adds "and spreads them out *as a tent to dwell in.*" Thus Scripture clearly teaches that space is spread out in order that dwelling-places may be provided in it. Then the LORD's question addressed to Job is also significant: "Where were you when I laid the foundations of the earth . . . when the morning stars sang together, and *all the sons of God* shouted for joy?"

So the "sons of God" were in existence at that time They were evidently sentient beings created by the Most High at a still

earlier time.

As the matter of which the earth is formed must have come into existence at the same time as the galaxy of which the earth is a part, any order of life created upon the earth in that early time must have been subsequent to the creation of the "sons of God" who rejoiced at the laying of the earth's foundations.

"By the Word of the LORD were the heavens made", we read in Psalm 33, which adds: "and all the host of them by the breath of His mouth." When we consider the statement in Genesis 2:7 that God "breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and man became a living soul", we realise that the last-quoted passage from Psalm 33 refers to the creation of living beings inhabitating the heavenly spheres intended for them.

As the worlds came into existence by the Word of command of their Creator, so did their inhabitants.

Various orders of living beings each have their own limited span of existence; they serve their Creator's purpose, perish and are replaced. We see this truth expressed in Psalm 104:29 with reference to the animal creation: "Thou openest thine hand, they are filled with good. Thou hidest thy face, they are troubled: Thou takest away their breath, they die, and return to their dust. Thou sendest forth Thy spirit, they are created: and Thou renewest the face of the earth."

In these few words a vast cycle of creation, dissolution and renewal is described. God provides for the maintenance of His living creatures, and while He so provides, they thrive. Then there comes a time when, for one reason or another (not stated in the passage quoted) He "takes away their breath" (or "spirit", as the Hebrew word may equally well be rendered) and "they return to their dust."

With the spirit of life departed from them, their bodies return to the inanimate material from which they were made.

Many scientists have commented on the strange phenomenon presented by the vast quantities of fossil remains of certain orders of animal creation which have been discovered in the surface strata of the earth. These give signs of having all perished simultaneously, at some time in the distant past. Their remains have been preserved in stone for men of another order of creation to gaze upon and wonder over.

This cycle of creation and dissolution may well have happened more than once in the past history of our planet. Whether the withdrawal of the spirit of life from those former creations was accomplished directly or through the medium of natural upheavals and a changed environment is uncertain. Either or both of these methods may have been used.

It is taken for granted by the mechanistic science of our day that life is virtually an automatic reaction when conditions are right. But the Scriptures take a decidedly different view of the phenomenon of life; namely, that it is a principle deliberately imparted by the personal activity of the Creator. Once impar-

ted, it carries in itself the power of continuance.

We must remember that the Word of God is an *expression of creative or destructive power*. When "by the Word of God" (energy) "the heavens are made" (space, matter and time come into existence) the order or system so established continues until it grows old. This "age-ing" process is due to the power put into it having run down, as it were, and "by the same Word" its destruction is commanded. "By the Word of God the heavens were of old", writes the Apostle Peter (II Peter 3) ". . . but the heavens and the earth which are now, *by the same word* are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men."

It is no idle thought that the authority of the Creator is sufficient to give life or to take it. We recall the story of the centurion told by St. Luke (chapter 7). The centurion wanted the Lord Jesus Christ to heal his servant. "Don't bother to come to my house", he urged. "I'm not worthy that you should come under my roof. But just *say a word*, and my servant shall be healed. For I am a man under authority, and I have men under my authority. I say to one 'come', and he comes, and to another 'go' and he goes." The record goes on to state: "When Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and said to the people, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel."

The point of this remark was: the centurion recognised that the claim of Jesus to be the Son of God was genuine; he recognised the Divine Authority and acknowledged His power.

As by the Word of God an order of creation comes into being, so by the same Word can its elements be dissolved and returned to the primal energy which originally gave it birth.

It is not without significance that the Word of God, "the beginning of the creation of God" Who is as it were the *first word* of God when a new creation comes into being, is also God's *last word* when He speaks in warning to an erring order of living beings: "God . . . hath in these last days spoken unto us *by His Son*".

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ISRAEL – A POINT AT LAW

By A.E. Jones

Abraham, having faith in God's promise, dwelt in the land of Canaan, believing He would give it to him for a possession; *yet He gave him none inheritance in it*, no, not so much as to set his foot on (Acts 7:5).

Abraham said to the sons of Heth; "I am a stranger and a sojourner with you . . . Intreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, that he give me the cave of Machpelah . . . in the end of his field for as much money as it is worth . . . for a possession of a burying place . . . and I will bury my dead there." Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver. And the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the borders round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth.

Abraham buried Sarah, his wife, in the cave in the field of Machpelah before Mamre: the same is Hebron in the land of Canaan.

And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying place by the sons of Heth (Gen. 23:1-20).

The call of Abraham, and the promise of the land, is detailed so carefully that the statement before the Sanhedrin, and the very carefully worded agreement between Abraham and the sons of Heth should arouse our curiosity to enquire more fully into the matter.

Abraham lived to be a hundred and seventy five years old. He died and his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah: there was Abraham buried and Sarah his wife (Gen. 25:10).

Now God had said unto Abraham; "Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and the breadth of it, for I will give it to thee (Gen. 13:14-17 and 17:7-8).

That promise *still awaits fulfilment*, and as Abraham has *prior right*, then in all truth and equity NO descendant of Abraham can claim the land until Abraham actually obtains possession.

The promise to Abraham was confirmed to Isaac (Gen. 26:3-5) yet Isaac never received a foot of it either; but both Isaac and Rebekah his wife were buried in the cave purchased by Abraham from the sons of Heth near Mamre (Gen. 35:27-29 and Gen. 49:31).

The land was also promised to Jacob (Gen. 28:13-15 and 35:10-12). Yet Jacob buried Leah his wife in the cave of Machpelah and was later buried there himself.

So each of the Patriarchs, promised the land, died without receiving a foot of it, and each was buried in the cave bought by Abraham from the sons of Heth

There, in faith, lie sleeping, *I*saac, *S*arah, *R*ebekah, *A*braham, *I*srael, *L*eah. In other words, I.S.R.A.'L. *still awaits the promise.*

This is a most remarkable fact, and the marvel is that for three thousand five hundred years the cave of Machpelah has remained inviolate and intact, no matter what race of people inhabitated Palestine.

The Holy Scriptures record that Canaanites dwelt in the land at the time of King David, and Ezra, and they still dwell there.

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WAS PETER EVER IN ROME

by B. Spillett

It is one of the claims of the so called Church of Rome that she received her commission from Peter the Apostle of Jesus Christand that from Him also she received the "Keys" about which she is never tired of boasting, the possession of which she claims the sole and exclusive right. She claims that Peter was the first Bishop of Rome and that he held the bishopric for 25 years from A.D. 43 to A.D. 68.

We do not dispute her right to the exclusive possession of the Keys which dangle from her girdle,but they are not the Keys of the Kingdom of Heaven, but the Keys of the Kingdom of Darkness, and she did not receive them from Peter the Apostle, neither was Peter ever Bishop of Rome, not for one hour, much less 25 years.

We trace him from the upper room in Jerusalem in Acts 1 to his sermon on Pentecost in Acts 2; to his healing in company with John in Acts 3. In Acts 4 we find him in prison in Jerusalem; in Acts 5 we find him rebuking the lying and deceit of Ananias and his wife which ended in judgment. In Acts 7 he was in Jerusalem when Stephen was stoned to death. In Acts 8 we find him being sent by the Apostles and elders at Jerusalem in company with John to help Philip in Samaria:incidentally giving evidence that he did not sit in any chair, seeing that he was appointed by others as a delegate. In Acts 10 we find him in Lydda and Joppa where he had a vision and performed a miracle. From Joppa he went to Cesarea to preach to Cornelius. That was in A.D. 40.

In Acts 11, the following year, we find him in Jerusalem defending himself for preaching to the Gentiles. There he remained, for in A.D. 44 the year after he was supposed to have been made Bishop of Rome he is cast into prison at Jerusalem by command of Herod from which an angel of God delivers him.

In A.D. 52 we find him still in Jerusalem, present at the Council held to decide the question of circumcision, James being in the chair, Acts 15:13. Once again we notice Peter does not occupy any position of authority at the Council. This Council was held 9 years after he was supposed to have been made Bishop of Romeand as yet he has not set foot there.

In A.D. 58 according to all the authorities Paul wrote his Epistle to the Romans and in it sent greetings to about 27 saints then living in Rome, Rom. 16, but Peter who we are asked to believe was Bishop of the Church there, is not mentioned by Paul, a most extraordinary omission if Peter filled such a position, and Paul would never have been guilty of such discourtesy.

Three years after writing the Epistle Paul was conveyed to Rome as a prisoner where he met the brethren, but Peter was not one of the number or Paul would have made mention of the fact, Peter being a brother Apostle and as R.C's claim Bishop of the Church there.

It is fairly obvious that Peter has not yet set eyes on Rome and no one in Rome has yet seen him. The year is now A.D. 61. Paul dwelt 2 years in Rome while awaiting trial as a prisoner and during that time is visited by members of the Church, but still no mention of Peter calling to see himand the prisoners of the Lord Acts 28:1.

Then again while Paul was prisoner in Rome he wrote four or five of his Epistles, that is to say Ephesians, Colossians, Philemon, 2nd Timothy. In certain of these letters particularly 2nd Tim 4:19,21 greetfrom many of the saints in Rome are conveyed to the respective churches by Paul but not one word from Peter, surely if he was there he would never neglect such a pleasing service. Obviously he was not there for in Paul's last Epistle addressed to Timothy he makes the sorrowful admission "No man stood with me" 2Tim 4:11.

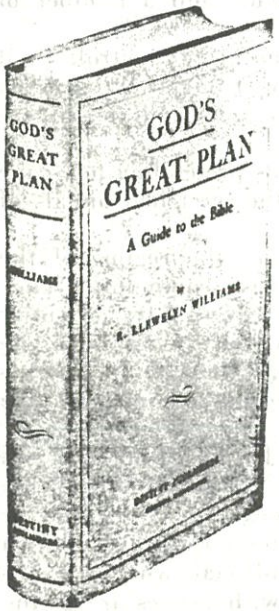
Can you imagine Peter if at that time A.D.63 and Bishop of Rome failing to stand by his brother Apostle. Paul testifies to the faithfulness of one man only his companion Luke, for he writes "Only Luke is with me". Would Paul have failed to testify on Peter's behalf had circumstances been reversed, and stood by him, surely not.

The conclusion is clear. Peter had not set foot in Rome, it is now A.D. 66. The following year, Paul the aged, took his departure through a martyrs death, and as far as we can trace there is still no appearance of Peter on the scene where he is supposed to have "rulled" as Bishop for 25 years.

Within a year the whole time of his Episcopate has gone and poor Peter has not yet been enthroned and he still waits for his "mitre and crosier".We can search all the roads leading to Rome and we find no footprints of Peter on any of them.

St Peter himself tells us where he was all this time and where he was a Bishop I Peter 5:13. The Church at Babylon. Where we loose sight of him in Acts this is where he went because Peter was the Apostle to the Circumcision and in Babylon Peter converted a large number of Jews.

This ends the matter and adds force to the evidence already given and furnishes proof absolute that he never was at Rome during any of the time already traced which covers the whole time of his supposed Episcopate. So the Papal boast that Peter was the first Pope of Rome, and that he occupied the Papal Chair for 25 years and handed on the Keys committed to him by Christ to his successors in that Chair is seen to be but one of Rome's many fabrications.



God's Great Plan

by R. Llewelyn Williams

'UNDERSTANDEST THOU what thou readest? And he said, How can it, except some man should guide me?' (*Acts* 8: 30-31).

This text might well appear in the frontispiece of the book, the wide scope of which will be apparent from its sub-title, 'A Guide to the Bible'.

Mr. Williams proves a helpful and efficient 'guide'. It is indeed a pleasure to walk with him through the wonder-library of the Book of books in which he is so well versed. He shows the reason which necessitated God's Great Plan for the salvation of all mankind, follows its workings from its inception to its ultimate triumph, and clearly sets forth the important part therein which British-Israel is privileged to play.

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THE PHARISEES ARE WITH US

THE KINGDOM DIGEST

Jewry is today clearly divided into two major camps: The Internationalists and Zionists. This division corresponds to the Sadducees and the Pharisees of yore. The former believe that Jewish interests are best served by individual Jews assuming appearance of loyalism to the country of which they are citizens, the better to penetrate into its government and institutions and occupy key positions to rule the people. The Zionists loudly proclaim that there is a Jewish nation distinct from all other nations and forming the "super nation" which must rule the world.

At present the riches of the world are divided between them. The power of the Warburgs lies in the Western hemisphere, viz.: the United States, South America, and Soviet Russia. Their financial citadel is built on the Federal Reserve Bank, the American Treasury and their own bank of Kuhn, Loeb and Co. of New York. The Rothschilds' center of power is in Europe: it includes the whole of the British Empire, France and her Colonial Empire, and, with the exception of Italy, Germany, and Russia, all European countries. Their financial citadel is made up of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of International Settlements and a number of banking firms including that of the Morgans.

Both follow the Protocol Plan. All other issues, rent control, Civil Rights, Pensions, etc., are simply smoke screens to divert our attention from the fulfillment of this plan for World domination by Jews and consequent enslavement of all Non-Jews.

The Prominent Jew says: "We come to the nations pretending to escape persecution, we the most deadly persecutors in all the wretched annals of men."—Samuel Roth (New York) 1934.

Both Internationalists and Zionist Jews live under the regime of the Kahal which is the organized government of the Jewish community. They are ruled by the Talmudic law, and they set up in every country an entity which forms "a state within a state" and "a nation within the nation." The hierarchy within the Kahal is also the same for both, although the Internationalists call themselves a Democracy while the Zionists acknowledge the head of the Rothschilds as their ruling sovereign.

On both sides, the leaders are magnates of the Jewish plutocracy and are known as "Princes of Israel:" then comes the Rabbinate, the High Priests, scribes and Doctors of the Talmudic Law; next are the Dayan or judges, followed by the tax-gatherers, the factors, the inquisitors (Jewish Secret Police and informers) and a number of minor officials who are heads of countless Jewish organizations and lodges. The Jewish masses are at the mercy of this hierarchy and the victims of its oppression. The Warburgs control the International Central Kahal while the Rothschilds head the Zionist Kahal.

—Women's Voice

Israel's regathering

by Moana Finch

Israel is in the process of being gathered for the last ime. As she is the only race upon earth that has been edeemed, all of her various sections must be brought ome. Though the individuals of other races can be aved by the precious Blood of our Lord, they are not edeemed as nations. With Israel it is a national natter, though her individuals must also be **saved.**

We are specifically told that "all Israel shall be aved", Rom. II:26, for in these last days events will e such that they will all turn to the Lord. Remember hat Israelites (Anglo-Celto-Saxons) have been es-ecially developed by Jehovah; they are not like ther peoples. Jehovah has said, "You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will unish you for all your iniquities." Amos 3:2.

Jehovah is the God of Israel. In his dream Jacob saw the Lord and made promises to him. (see Gen. 28:12-15.) If you read back in Genesis, from the call of Abraham in Genesis 12 to Jacob's name being changed in Genesis 35 and study these chapters carefully, you will discover how Jehovah took pains to develop this special nation. They were not permitted to marry outside of their race, though they did inter-marry with side branches of their racial stock. Jehovah took just as many pains in developing the race of Israel as the farmers do in developing their cows, sheep, horses, etc.

A very interesting article was written by Rev. W.G. Finlay, of South Africa, in which he mentioned that the **chromosomes** in the blood of Israelites is different to that of other races. This came about by Jehovah's care in the selection of the forebears of this race. For this reason, it is a sin for Israelites to marry into other races and tribes, and to breed children of mixed heritages. Deut 7:3 & 4 gives us the Law in this respect. Remember that Israel was to dwell alone, that is separated from other peoples, Num. 23:9 & Deut. 33:28. Israel was told to obey the Lord and that they would be His **peculiar treasure,** Ex. 19:5.

As you know, Israel fell away from keeping the Law, went after other gods and polluted herself with evil ways. It became necessary for her to be restored and cleansed if she was to fulfill her place in the world and be a blessing to other peoples. It was necessary for her to have a Redeemer to buy her back and to cover her sins. We read much of Israel's Redeemer and Saviour in the Book of Isaiah. Looking forward to the time when our Lord's Sacrifice would be made, the prophet comforted and encouraged the people of Israel and assured them of their restoration.

After their captivity, by the Assyrians, they were moved from their homeland and gradually became scattered across Europe. Some found their way to the British Isles, coming in under various names. It is true that these groups fought among themselves, but these were family quarrels. Remember the bitter fights the Scottish clans had with each other? Man has always quarrelled, right back to the time when Cain slew Abel.

Gradually over the years our people have shown a measure of their redemption. The laws of our lands have been more humane, medical care has been instituted, the poor are being taken care of. Look around you and you will see all this is a gradual development of our redemption, for even the atheists in our midst are humanitarians. The final step in our redemption will take place when the Lord returns to earth to claim His own, for we are His. He has purchased us by His Blood and we belong to Him.

Israel is still in the process of being gathered into the various sections of Anglo-Saxondom as the very last portions of them come in as immigrants. They are the grains of wheat being gathered into the barn of Israel. Amos 9:9 tells us how Israel was **sifted** among the nations, but that every grain will be saved and brought safely into the Sheepfold of the Israel family of Nations. In the Parable of the Lost Sheep (Matt. 18) we have a description of this ingathering of every last one. Though we always used this Parable as indicating someone fallen from grace, we failed to see its wider application, which was pointed out to me quite recently. Applied thus, we can see that every last one having Israel blood in his veins will be brought home to the safety of the Israel group of

nations. Here they will be safe under the Shepherd of Israel. Perhaps part of the redemptive work of our Lord is in bringing in these stray sheep.

We are seeing strange and terrible events and one wonders "What next?" We are wondering how the Lord will accomplish His purpose. Isaiah gives us comfort. "And I will bring the blind (Israel) by a way that they knew not; I will lead them in paths that they have not known: I will make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight. These things will I do unto them, and not forsake them." Isaiah 42:16.

We do not know all the steps that will be necessary to bring in the very last of the Israel people, and it will also be necessary to cleanse and purify those already in the Fold, but we can safely leave these measures to the Lord, for we read, "The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this." Isa. 9:7.

When our Lord was asked by the Pharisees when the Kingdom of God should come, He said, "The kingdom of God cometh not with observation." Luke 17:20. We understand that it is hidden from the eyes of the world. It is seen only by God's elect, as a gradual development over the years, by those who "have eyes to see."

It will be the angels who gather the tares out of the kingdom. This very important work will not be left to humans, for no human knows which are which. Matt. 13:30 & 41.

When you see evil in our lands, do not be disturbed, for the Lord will handle it when the time comes. However your prayers are of extreme value at this time and who knows, perhaps they will be the means of saving our nations and speeding up the coming of our Lord. Pray that He will keep you from all this evil. As a child of God He will hear you and have you in His care.



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Knowledge explosion marks time of the end

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Dr. John Wesley White, author of an information-packed book concerning the return of Jesus Christ, has informed us that predictions of future events occupies approximately one quarter of all scripture. The second coming of our Lord is dealt with some 1,845 times in the Bible, of which 318 are in the New Testament. The main theme of 17 Old Testament books and one New Testament letter is the return of the Lord. Seven out of every ten chapters in the New Testament make reference to Jesus' return.

"The doctrine of the second coming," wrote C.S. Lewis, "may be to some people intolerably frustrating....Perhaps you were going to get married next month; perhaps you were going to get a raise next week; you may be on the verge of a great scientific discovery; you may be maturing great social and political reforms. But **now,** of all moments," asserted Lewis, "Christ may come again."

There are countless thousands, right here in this God-blessed America, who are altogether scornful of the teaching that Jesus Christ will return. Those who show contempt for this great truth are themselves one of the signs that Jesus' return is near. "...there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, and saying, Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation." (II Peter 3:3-4)

In this sophisticated day, people require proof of Jesus' return in terms compatible to modern science. Has God provided such signs? Indeed He has. Consider the prophecy in Daniel 12:1, 4. It concerns the end of this age, the resurrection of the dead, and the deliverance of God's people; all events related to the second coming. Of particular interest in this passage is the prophecy that at that time, "...many shall run to and fro and **knowledge shall be increased.**"

Is this prophecy being fulfilled today? A quotation from Dr. White's book, *Re-entry*, will answer that question. Writes Dr. White, "The Hebrew translation of these words (knowledge shall be increased) could be much stronger, i.e., 'A sudden knowledge explosion will occur at the time of the end...' Currently, knowledge is doubling every ten years." (These words were published in 1971. Our information today is that knowledge is now doubling every five years.) Dr. White continues, "**Forty-six percent of all Americans** between 18 and 21 years of age — over 8 million — are in university or college today. Education is top priority....Eighty percent of all the scientists in history are alive in the world today. There are 15,000 different scientific journals being published regularly....Seventy percent of all medicines used today have been developed since World War II.

"There is a new one (computer) which can perform **55 billion transactions in one second.** When Apollo XIII ran into trouble 205,000 miles from earth, scientists working with computers figured out the correct return flight path...in just 84 minutes. Working with pencil and paper in the pre-computer age, it would have taken one man 1,040,256 years."

According to one M.I.T. scientist, there will shortly be a computer with the general intelligence of the average human being. "I mean," he said, "a machine that will be able to read Shakespeare, grease a car, play office politics, tell a joke, have a fight."

"At that point," continues the man from M.I.T., "the machine will begin to educate itself at fantastic speed. In a few months it will be at genius level, and a few months after that, its powers will be incalculable. According to how it is used, the computer could facilitate the turning of this world into a paradise or a holocaust."

Surely, in the light of this evidence, the prophet's words should become of great importance to even the most blase of Bible critics. The prophet said that there would be "a sudden knowledge explosion"

(Heb.). That has surely occurred, and now it is reasonable to expect the other related events to shortly take place. And these are, in the order of the prophet's words, (1) a time of trouble, such as never **was since there was a nation; (2) the deliverance of** God's people (please note: this does not refer to the deliverance of renegade Jewry, but to all 12 tribes of the family of Jacob, i.e., modern Anglo-Saxondom and the Celtic kindred peoples); (3) let it be carefully noted that those included in the coming deliverance are pinpointed as, "every one that shall be found written in the book;" (4) the resurrection of the dead — up out of their graves — a literal resurrection; (5) at this time, Daniel continues, "...they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." (Dan. 12:1-3)

The brightness of our present firmament or heavens is the sun. The words of Daniel, indicating that **the wise shall shine as the sun** is a close parallel to Jesus' words depicting the condition of the righteous after the removal of the wicked from the earth. "Then," declared Jesus, "shall the righteous shine forth **as the sun** in the Kingdom of their Father, Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." (Mt. 13:41-43). The reference to **the wise** who will shine as the sun calls our attention to their close relationship to Jesus. The description of our Lord as He accosted Saul on the road to Damascus (Acts 26:13) is that His Person shone brighter, even, than the noon-day sun. Furthermore, true wisdom comes only from Christ. (I Cor 1:24).

Everywhere, our people are deeply concerned about the continuing rise of crime, lawlessness, and rebellion. This condition was also prophesied as a sign concerning the end of the present age and the return of Jesus Christ. The Apostle Paul, in II Timothy 3:1-5, speaks specifically of the very conditions which continue to grow despite all efforts to stem them. The times will be dangerous, Paul declares. Men will be lovers of themselves rather than others. As a result, men will become proud and boastful — covetousness, which is the root of so much of our modern crime, will be rampant. Children and young people will no longer obey their parents. Not only will people become totally lacking in appreciation, unthankful as Paul prophesies, but a lack of reverence for God will lead to a day in which blasphemy will become prevalent.

If these terms seem too strong to some, or inapplicable to our day, it may well be because consciences are being hardened (I Tim. 4:2), and men, in general, are becoming, as Paul said they should, "Unloving, irreconcilable....without self control, brutal, **haters of good,** treacherous, reckless, conceited, **lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God."** (II Tim. 3:3-4 NASB)

Let's consider the fact of the soon return of Jesus from another vantage point. Without meaning to be presumptuous, we ask, from God's point of view, why must Jesus return to earth? The Scripture makes God's reason clear enough; it is to re-establish righteousness in the earth through enforcement of God's holy and righteous laws. During the past two decades, there has been a tremendous upsurge in the doctrine that we can educate ourselves into a righteous and peaceful world. **Even many ministers of the Gospel,** who ought to know better, have joined the great drive for education. Were education able to save mankind and the world, then we should all back it with every last tax dollar available. Again — if education is the answer — then the billions of tax dollars which "the representatives of the people" continue to pour into the educational establishment should by this time have made a reasonable impact upon our world. By now, we should be tasting the fruits of righteousness; crime and corruption of all kinds should be on its last legs.

A remarkable answer to this situation, which should have been widely publicized, but was not, may be a surprise to many — even to some of the modern "princes of education." Here it is. As Jesus declared, "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear."

"A team of scholars was commissioned by the United States government (who else) to prove that education lessens crime. To their complete surprise and disillusionment, the team announced...as an outcome of their research, that **education, in fact, escalates crime."**

This should have been no surprise to Christians because, as Paul wrote to the Corinthians,

"...'knowledge' breeds conceit..." (I Cor. 8:1 NEB), and, in the words of Jeremiah, "Every man is brutish in his knowledge..." (Jer. 10:14).

Why is it that men, reaching the great heights of knowledge which we have achieved today, need Jesus Christ to return? — because knowledge, without the Spirit of Christ, corrupts, erodes, and destroys. This is one aspect of the cryptic and prophetic number of the beast, (666) as given in Rev. 13:18.

Philip Mauro, writing on **this number 666**, has this to say. "Man's two main characteristics, as stated in Rom. 3:23, are that he has 'sinned and come short' Man was created on the sixth day, and is thus from the beginning associated with that number. His work, moreover, is to be done in six days. But here (Rev. 13:18) is man's number thrice repeated. There is in this a suggestion of the fullness of development of humanity, and of human instituions....the finality of 'progress,' the consummation of 'civilization,' that is to say (the final phase) of man's career of self-will following upon his departure from God....(the number 666)... is the sum total, ...the length, breadth, and thickness of human achievements; and in every direction the count is six. (666)....is man's number carried to its highest coefficient (development)....the prophecy," continues Mauro, "clearly...indicates ...that the central principle of this system (our present world) is MAN — man exalted to the place of God, enthroned upon the pinnacle of his own achievements, and saying, exultantly, 'What hath man wrought!'" The prophecy in Revelation concludes with this advice, "...count the number of the beast (666): for it is the number of a man." If Philip Mauro is correct in his findings, and there is much evidence that he is — the more correct rendering would be, "....it is the number **of man**." Today's evidence is overwhelming, as is also the Bible account, that the mysterious number certainly does refer to "mankind in its highest development."

With this information before us, it is clear that nothing short of the return of Jesus Christ, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords, can possibly save God's own people, this planet, and mankind as a whole. **"Even so, come, Lord Jesus."**

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The Apostolic Faith of Britain

By Rev. G.H. Nicholson

The Apostolicity of our Church has always been held to be – as indeed it is – of supreme importance. Many, from archbishops to peasants have been willing to give their lives and to be burnt for this cause. Today there is a change of climate. There are many from archbishops to laymen who are traitors to this cause, but we do not call them traitors. They are willing to let the well-defined and protected faith of our Church be overthrown in the name of a false Ecumenism and to be brought more in accord with the doctrines of the Roman Church which are "repugnant to the Word of God".

It behoves us to study very carefully the New Testament together with the origin and history of our Church to see how Jesus Christ Himself sent forth His Twelve Apostles on a specific mission to bring the true Christian faith to these Islands, and how the Devil has ever used the hierarchy of the Roman Church as an instrument to thwart that purpose.

If we ask, what is the Apostolic Faith?, we must go back to the Apostles and to the training our Lord gave them when they were His Twelve Disciples, but here we must be careful to note the clear distinction that is made between them and the others. Of the Twelve, we are told He *"ordained"* them that "they might be with Him". Also that He *"ordained"* them that they "should bring forth fruit, and that their fruit should remain". This was special training for a specific purpose, and was different to the use He had for the other disciples. The "other seventy also", we are told, were not *"ordained"* but *"appointed"*. These, He sent forth as a publicity force: "two and two before his face into every city and place where He Himself would come".

The Gospels tell us, at the beginning, what was to be the subject of our Lord's preaching ministry. It was "Repent ye, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In doing this, He was carrying on the kingdom message of the Old Testament prophets concerning God's covenanted undertaking to raise up His chosen Israel people as an instrument of blessing to the world; from whom the Christ would come; who would become a Christian nation, and on which race, as a nucleus, the universal kingdom of heaven on earth would ultimately be built.

He confirmed this absolutely by sending forth the Twelve on an exclusively racial mission. "Go not unto the ways of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not; but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. And, as ye go, preach, saying the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other ways also, He made it clear that their mission

was exclusively to Israel. After His return in glory He told them they would be "sitting on twelve thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel." His final words during His forty days of resurrection appearances were given to "the apostles *whom He had chosen*" (the Twelve) and "speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God." They asked whether *"at this time* he would restore again the kingdom to Israel." So they knew the kingdom would be restored to Israel. The only question was, when? Would it be "at this time" – in their day? In answer to this, our Lord said that the timing was in the Father's keeping, and showed them what would happen *in their day* – that their mission to Israel would take them to the parts of the home land, which they had not yet evangelised – Jerusalem, Judea and Samaria, and then to Israel "in the uttermost part of the earth" (Acts 1:5). We find also in Acts 1, that the Twelve Apostles had to be kept as a separate entity, and that the vacancy caused by the defection of Judas Iscariot had to be, and was, filled by Matthias (twelve, in Scripture, being the Israel number). They figure in the very early chapters of the Acts with a mighty ministry, empowered by the Holy Ghost, but then pass right out of the New Testament story, and the work had to be carried on by Paul, Barnabas, Mark, Luke, Timothy, Titus and others, none of whom were members of the Twelve. St. Paul explains this in his Epistle to the Galatians by saying that, after he had joined up with the Apostles, they "gave to me and Barnabas the right hand of fellowship that we should go unto the heathen and they to the circumcision" (the Israel nation).

The next intimation of the whereabouts of the Twelve was given by the Church's first great historian Eusebius, born in the year 260, "The Apostles passed beyond the ocean to the isles called the Britannic Isles." They came to Glastonbury in Somerset where they founded the early British Church with the Apostolic faith over 500 years before the Roman mission under Augustine came to Canterbury. When the two Churches met, the British Bishops refused to recognise the authority claimed by "the Bishop of Rome" (the self-styled Pope) and from that moment there has been conflict between the two streams of Christianity until this day. At the Synod of Whitby in 664, they met again, and this was the beginning of the dominating influence later acquired by the Roman Church. The Venerable Bede, an historian of the Roman Church, spoke of the bitter controversies between the Churches, saying that "The Britons are contrary to the whole Roman world and enemies to the Roman customs." This shows that in his day (672–735) the two Churches never came together.

The first notable resistance to the Roman usurpation was made by William the Conqueror who refused the demand of Pope Gregory VII for homage for his realm of England. Until the time of the Reformation the following measures were passed, in which our Church as designated "the *Holy Church of England*", and which were designed to limit the external influence of the Roman Church – the Consuetudines of William I, constitutions of Clarendon, Statute of Mortmain, Statute of Carlisle, Statute of Praemunire, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Statutes of Provisors and the Act of Annates.

At the Church Councils convened on the Continent at Pisa, Constance, Sienna and Basle, between the years 1409 and 1434 the question of precedence arose, and it was agreed that "the Churches of France and Spain must yield in points of antiquity and precedence, to that of Britain, as the latter Church was founded by Joseph of Arimathea immediately after the passion of Christ."

This recognition of the earliest possible origin of the British Church, together with the words of Eusebius and of Scripture show indisputably:–

(1) that the Apostolic, or true Christian Faith was brought by the Apostles direct from Christ to these Islands;

(2) that their mission, which was to "the circision" (Israel), and which would take them to "the uttermost part" of the then known world, would bring them to the Israel people living in these Islands;

(3) that in founding the British Church, the Apostles would prepare its services as for the worship of the Israel Nation, which fact is evident in many places in our Book of Common Prayer.

To consider only one item – the Venite, which is given special prominence by being appointed for use for every Sunday and for every weekday in the whole year. The first seven verses make an appeal to come before the presence of God and to worship Him aright. The remaining verses tell us not to do it as our forefathers did it in the wilderness, when they grieved God for forty years, and, as a result, failed to "enter into his rest", promised to those who obey Him.

At a much later date, this was confirmed by the words of Archbishop Cranmer to the House of Lords in 1549 with regard to our first Book of Common Prayer, then being authorised. He said it contained the same prayers that had been in use in Britain for over 1,500 years. This again shows that the prayers were originally compiled under the leadership of the Twelve Apostles.

The coming of the Bible in English, assisted by the printing press, revealed the corruption of the faith under the Roman influence and brought about the Reformation, when we re-established our faith upon the Scriptures, and we became, in the famous words of an historian, "the people of the Book".

This also affected our Constitution as a Nation. By the Act of Supremacy the Pope was put out of our affairs, and the King was made the Head of the Church. Later the Bill of Rights and Act of Settlement laid it down that "Whereas it hath been found by experience that it is inconsistent with the safety and welfare of this Protestant Kingdom to be governed by a Popish Prince or by any King or Queen marrying a Papist . . . Every person who is, or shall be reconciled to, or shall have communion with, the See or Church of Rome, or shall marry a Papist, shall be excluded and be for ever incapable to inherit, possess, or enjoy the Crown and Government of this Realm and Ireland: and in every such case the people of these Realms shall be and are hereby released of their allegiance".

The main buttress of our Constitution has always been the Accession Declaration and the Coronation Oath, in which the Sovereign has to say: "I do solemnly and in the presence of God profess, testify, and declare that I am a faithful Protestant, and that I will, according to the true intent of the enactments which secure the Protestant succession to the Throne of my Realm, uphold and maintain the said enactments to the best of my power according to law."

He also has to swear to the utmost of his power "to maintain in the United Kingdom the Protestant Reformed Religion established by law."

It can now be seen that the attempt to effect a false basis of unity with other Churches is leading us to a constitutional crisis. The conflict is between the Papacy with its false doctrines and claim to authority over all Christendom and over all the kings and princes of the earth, and our Establishment which is a unique unity of Church and State. At this very moment we can see this blatant and offensive Roman claim to authority asserting itself on the part of our Romanists in Government circles, in the proposed issue on May 24th of a postage stamp showing the Queen's head and the Roman Catholic Cathedral in Liverpool, in which it is claimed to be "Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral". This description is false, because only the Church of England, being the Established Church, can rightly claim a territorial title. The offensiveness of this is heightened by the fact that in Liverpool there is the Church of England Cathedral which alone is the true Liverpool Metropolitan Cathedral.

There are those who have felt that there can be no justification for this peculiar tie-up of our Church and State, and in such a way that a layman, and not a cleric, is always the Head of it, as is stated in our Article XXXVII: "We give not to our Princes the ministering either of God's Word, or of the Sacraments . . . but that only prerogative, which we see to have been given always to all godly Princes in holy Scripture by God Himself; (and this means in Israel) that is, that they should rule all estates and degrees committed to their charge by God, whether they be Ecclesiastical or Temporal, and restrain with the civil sword the stubborn and evil doers."

The only, but fully adequate, explanation we can give of this is that this is the Israel Nation Church. Israel was the only depository on earth in which God had placed the true faith through His servant Moses, and the whole nation was commanded by God to follow the faith that He had given them. Consequently the King of the Nation (and kingship in Israel was instituted by God) was, by that very fact, Head also of the Church. Under the unseen, but overruling hand of God, we have been following exactly in the God-given unity of the Israel Church and State.

The awe-inspiring hand of God in this matter, bringing everything to pass exactly as ordained should convince us that we are traitors to His Truth, to our Sovereign, our Church and Nation, if we seek to interfere with the doctrines of our Church which our Lord Jesus Christ has caused to be sent to us by the hand

of the Apostles, and to challenge – as the Romanists among us do – the Israel Constitution given us by God.

Can we not open our hearts and minds to apprehend these great truths of God? Can we not forsake the shocking evils in which we are involved? Can we not genuinely turn to Him in our hearts, both nationally and individually, to serve Him acceptably and with godly fear? He has made known to us our calling and the glories of His coming Kingdom. He has warned us also of that judgment which He said must come upon "His kingdom" (Israel in their uncleansed state) when He shall "send forth His angels, and they shall gather out of His kingdom all things that offend, and them which do iniquity; And shall cast them into a furnace of fire: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth".

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WHO ARE WE?

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History has shown that national pride is essential if any nation is to survive. Mainly because of today's education, such feelings are virtually non-existent.

It is with this thought in mind that we must give serious consideration to the question, "Who are we. What is our past." The great Edmund Burke once said, "People will not look forward who never look back to their ancestors."

There is no doubt that for most Australians, our forefathers were either English, Scottish, Irish or Scandinavian. The question "Who are we?" could therefore be re-stated as "Who are the English, Scots, Irish and Scandinavians?" We believe that English history did NOT start in 1066 A.D. as popularly believed. There is overwhelming evidence in the libraries of the world, and in ancient writings, to prove that our descendants migrated westward from north of the Caucasus Mountains. This explains why we are called Caucasians.

These ancient peoples migrated westward under different names. They eventually arrived in the Isles of the West, The British Isles, from about 1500 B.C. The last large scale invasion occurred in 1066 A.D. The Scottish Declaration of In-

dependence asserts the same belief. *(Available as a seperate pamphlet.)*

Is it possible that these 'Lost Tribes of Israel', who were taken captive from about 720 B.C. to an area near the Caspian Sea, are the same people who later migrated westward up the river systems of Europe, and via the Mediterranean Sea to their destined land in the west? We believe so.

"So what," you may ask. "What relevance has this to me?" This is the usual comment when such a belief is expressed.

Throughout the Scriptures God has promised blessings to the individual and to the nation if they would humble themselves, pray, seek His Face, and turn from their wicked ways. God has promised that He would then hear from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their land.

What a glorious promise in a world of despair.

The Scriptures clearly show that these blessings will surely flow when we realise who we are, and return to our God.

We believe that this blindness is beginning to be lifted and that more and more people are considering these issues.

We believe that the world calamities which are just ahead will cause people to enquire of the Lord, and to seek His Face.

It is hoped that this pamphlet will help you to seek the Lord in these perilous times.

British-Israel Bible Lesson

Chapter 19

THE HOUSE OF JUDAH
CAPTIVITY AND RESTORATION ERA

The House of Judah is distinct from the House of Israel. (see 1 Sam. 11:8; 2 Sam. 24:1; 1 Kings 12:21) The House of Judah was never at any time Jewish. Jews did not come into existence until after the House of Judah had been subjugated and destroyed. The Captivity era of Judah covers a different period of time to that of Israel.

The main body of the Kingdom of Judah (not the House of David) was taken captive by Sennacherib of Assyria in 713 B.C. which was eight years after the House of Israel had been destroyed. (see 2 Kings 18:13-16) On the monuments we find that he took 46 of the fenced cities of Judah and deported 200,150 of the men of Judah to Assyria and placed them in the same region where the ten tribes were, i.e. between the Black and Caspian Seas and in the Crimea district. Thus all Israel, and the main body of Judah were taken to Assyria. They never returned to the Holy Land. Much evidence is extant that they eventually travelled north and west across Europe until the main body arrived in the Isles of the Sea. Therefore, the captivity and Restoration era of the Main Body of the House of Judah runs concurrently with the House of Israel – all twelve tribes being included in the trek across the Continent.

More than 100 years elapsed before Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon subjugated the little that remained of the House of Judah. He captured Jerusalem in 604 B.C. (see 2 Kings 24:11-16 and compare with Jer. 24:1) This was the end of the Kingdom of Judah as an independent nation. King Jeconiah (Coniah, Jehoiachin) was taken to Babylon and imprisoned, and Judah became a puppet kingdom in the Babylonian Empire. Please note 2 Kings 24:14 "none remained save the poorest sort of the people of the land." The whole nation had now been deported save for a tiny remnant, and it was not until this time that the word "Jew" came into common usage. The record of the rebellion of Zedekiah and the destruction of Jerusalem and the Temple is found in 2 Kings 24:20 and the following chapter. Read also 2 Chron. 36:17-20 and Jer. 39:6-10. This siege took place between 587 and 585 B.C. when the Temple was burned, and that was the complete end of the Kingdom of Judah; even though a handful of people remained in the land until 580 B.C. (see Jer. 52:28-30)

Now let us see what history has to show at the end of the 2520 years. Jerusalem was captured in 604 B.C. and the "Times of the Gentiles" commenced. (see Luke 21:24; also Chapter 10) From that time onward Jerusalem was in the hands of the Gentile Succession of Babylonian Nations as depicted in Nebuchadnezzar's vision of the Great Metallic Image. (Dan. 2:36-45) The "treading down" had started by Babylon and continued for exactly 2520 years under Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, the Saracens, Mohammedans, and Turkey.

When the 2520 years expired, General Allenby at the Head of British-Israel forces marched into Jerusalem and set the City free, in 1917 A.D. The "treading down" under the iron heel of the Gentile Nations had ceased. The "Times of the Gentiles" insofar as they related to the city of Jerusalem had come to an end.

B.C. 604 ..... 2520 years ..... 1917 A.D.	
Jerusalem captured	Jerusalem delivered
Treading down commenced	Treading down ceased

In 603 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar had his great vision of the five world-empires and he and his successors were given a Divine Charter for World Rule for seven times; meaning, of course, that the Gentile Nations had supplanted the Israel Nations until the Times of Punishment expired, Daniel records that he had a vision enabling him to look down through the ages, and he says: "I beheld till the thrones (gentile) were cast down." (Daniel 7:9)

2520 years later came the end of the Great World War in 1918 when all that was left of the Gentile Empires (as empires) collapsed; their "thrones were cast down"; the Divine Charter expired and the Czars ceased to rule. Only the Fifth World Empire remained as an Empire with the Throne of David still reigning over it – and stronger than ever.

B.C. 603 ..... 2520 years ..... 1918 A.D.

Gentile Succession of Nations receive Divine Charter for world rule.

Gentile Empires collapsed and their thrones crashed. The Charter had expired.

In 585 B.C. Jerusalem was destroyed, the Temple burned, and the whole land round about was laid desolate. The Kingdom of Judah was completely smashed as prophesied in the 19th chapter of Jeremiah. Zedekiah, the last king of David's Line to be crowned in Jerusalem, was de-throned by a foreign power. This was indeed the ending of a very important epoch in Israelitish history.

2520 years later, 1936 A.D. brings us to the end of another most important epoch in Israel-British history. In 1936 we had three kings of David's Line reigning from London, George V who died in January; Edward V111 who abdicated in December; and George V1 who commenced his reign at that time. The last King of David's Line of this 2520 year age was de-throned, owing to divorce troubles. Some say it was caused by a foreign power. In this connection it is interesting to note that Edward abdicated exactly 19 years (soli-lunar period) to the day from the Deliverance of Jerusalem. Jerusalem was Delivered Dec. 9, 10, 11, 1917. Edward decided to abdicate on the 9th; abdicated on the 10th; and gave his final radio address on the 11th. Notice also the Divorce Trouble. God's Divorce of Israel owing to actions of the people; Henry V111 divorce troubles which led to a partial cleansing of the Church, Throne and Nation; and Edward's divorce difficulties exactly at the end of a 2520 year period.

B.C. 585 ..... 2520 years ..... 1936 A.D.

Zedekiah de-throned

Edward V111 de-throned

In 581-580 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar deported the final remnant of Jews from Jerusalem. There were only 745 persons according to Jer. 52:30. If this small number has any bearing on the Great Seven Times of Punishment, then the final date for the ending of the "times" would be 1940-41, and Divine intervention in the affairs of the nation should become manifest leading to the complete and thorough cleansing of the nation in preparation for the remarriage. By 580 B.C. all of the people of all twelve tribes had been uprooted from their native land. The deportations were completed leading to the migration of the Israelites across Europe, and the dispersal of the remnant of Judah (Jews) among all nations of the earth.

2520 years later, 1940-41, occasioned by the insane desires of Hitler, the modern Israel nations were compelled to join together for mutual aid and protection. The "sheep" nations separated from the "goats" and sent their representatives to the Headquarters of the Israel people in the Isles of the Sea. This was the first step toward eventual Economic Alliance and Political Union. The representatives of the European "sheep" nations were known as the "Exile Governments".

1940 saw the re-alliance of the European sections of Israel people, and 1941 witnessed the treachery of Japan at Pearl Harbour which brought the United States into closer unity with the rest of the Israel people than ever before in history. All Israel was becoming re-united; the future will show how that Union will be consummated. (see Ezekiel 37)

1940 saw the British peoples fighting alone against Germany and Italy and witnessed direct intervention by God for the preservation of His Israel people. Two outstanding miracles occurred; Dunkirk in May, and the hurricane on September 16th when Hitler's invasion barges were sunk or smashed to matchwood, and 55,000 Germans were drowned in the Channel.

1940-41 therefore brought us to the end of the Seven Times Punishment and to the beginning of the period of time indicated by God in the New Covenant in Jesus Christ. (Jer. 31:31ff) "After those days, saith the Lord"; meaning quite evidently when the seven times expired. God declares that after those days, He will take over the control of His Kingdom; "I will" – "They shall". And if it hadn't been for the Divine Intervention, already mentioned, in our National affairs, there wouldn't have been any free British Nation today, or any free Canada, or free United States.

B.C. 580 ..... 2520 years ..... 1941 A.D.
Ending of Captivity Era. Beginning of complete restoration under Divine Control.

In 568 B.C. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon became insane. (Dan. 4:28-37) He was insane for "seven times" – seven years when applied to an individual. Then he was restored to his senses and he acknowledged the God of Israel as the Most High God and issued a proclamation to this effect.

2520 years from that time brings us to 1953 A.D. Will this be the year when our Israel people will be restored to their senses? and shall we too, once again acknowledge the God of Israel as the Most High God.?

B.C. 568 ..... 2520 years ..... 1953 A.D.
Nebuchadnezzar's Insanity and restoration Israel's Return to Sanity ? ? ?

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Israel, Judah and the Jews

'The House of Israel' is not synonymous with the 'House of Judah'. The House of Judah and some of the Jews are *of* Israel, that is, descended from Jacob. The distinction we wish to emphasize is that while some Jews are Israelites, all Israelites are not necessarily Jews. In a similar way, all Scots are British, but all the British are not Scots. When the general blessings were apportioned at Jacob's death, the Messiah was promised, with the sovereignty, to Judah; but the 'multitude of nations' and the temporal grandeur of the birthright were given to Joseph. The House of Israel was to obtain these in the latter days, or the Christian era. Ten-tribed Israel was to be divorced under the Mosaic law and its identity temporarily lost to history,but known to God; it was to be recovenanted in Christ to enjoy the Israel birthright in the Isles of the Sea, to be His nation of evangelists in the world, and the inheritor of the Kingdom of God. The prophets display meticulous care in their address to the 'House of Israel', the 'House of Judah' and 'the inhabitants of Jerusalem' (the Jews). To apply to one 'House' a prophecy which refers to the other is clearly to misapply the message and confuse the issue. A careful regard of this distinction is prerequisite to the correct understanding of the prophetic Scriptures.

Prophecies Concerning

ISRAEL

Israel to have a change of name (Isa. 65:15).

Israel to be called by a new name (Isa. 62:2).

Israel to be called after Isaac (Gen. 21:12).

Israel to be blind to their identity (Rom. 11:25; Isa. 42:16-19).
Israel to be a multitudinous people (Gen. 13:16; 15:5).
Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth the truth (Isa. 60:21; 26:2).
Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (Gen. 35:11).
Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place—the Isles of the Sea (2 Sam. 7:10; Isa. 24:15; 49:1; Jer. 31:10).
Israel to be a Nation for ever (Jer. 31:35, 36).

Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (Jer. 33:17).
Israel to come under a new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
Israel to be called the sons of God (Hos. 1:10; Rom 8:14).
Israel was taken captive into Assyria by Shalmaneser, circa 721 B.C. (2 Kings 18:11, etc.).
Israel were to be immune from defeat in war (Isa. 54:17; Lev. 26:6-8).

THE JEWS

The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (Isa. 3:9).
The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
The Jews' name to be a curse to them (Isa. 65:15).
The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.

The Jews to be bereft of children (Jer. 15:7).

The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews to be scattered in all the 'kingdoms of the earth for their hurt' (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews have been strangers in all lands (Jer. 15:4).

The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 19:11).
The Jews have remained under the old law.
The Jews do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
Judah taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, circa 603 B.C. (2 Kings chs. 24 and 25).

The Jews are descended from the remnant of Judah which returned from captivity in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.
The Jews have suffered endless persecution.

Israel had been removed from Palestine 700 years before the Crucifixion. When it occurred they were still absent, being at that time beyond the Euphrates, in their migration through Europe.

What We Believe

We Believe in God - the God of the Bible. (Exodus 3:4-14.)

We Believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. (John 1:14.)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit and His Mission. (John 14:26, Acts 2.)

We Believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary. (Matt. 26:28, Romans 5.)

We Believe in His ascension into Heaven. (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11.)

We Believe in the bodily return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to take the throne of David (Isa. 9:7. Luke 1:32) and rule on this earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-6); and that His Body, the Church, will be united with Him and reign with Him. (Eph. 5:24-33; Col. 1:24; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thes. 4:14-18; Rev. 19:9).

We Believe John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We Believe that personal salvation by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ is necessary for all, Israelite, Jew and Gentile. (Rom. 3:22-25). Each one must be born again. (John 3:1-7). To confess Christ, who died that sinful men might live, is individually supreme above all else. (Matt 10:32-33. Rom. 10:9-13).

We Believe the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; that it is the inerrant Word of God (11 Peter 1:9-21). We believe its history, its covenants, its promises.

We Believe in its Gospel of Grace (Eph. 2:1-8), which is the Gospel of Salvation to all men.

We Believe in, and seek to make known, the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt. 4:23, 24:14).

We Believe that the Bible contains God's Plan for the remedy of all human ills, and that this plan is being worked out through the Bible people called Israel. (11 Sam. 7; Deut. 32:8).

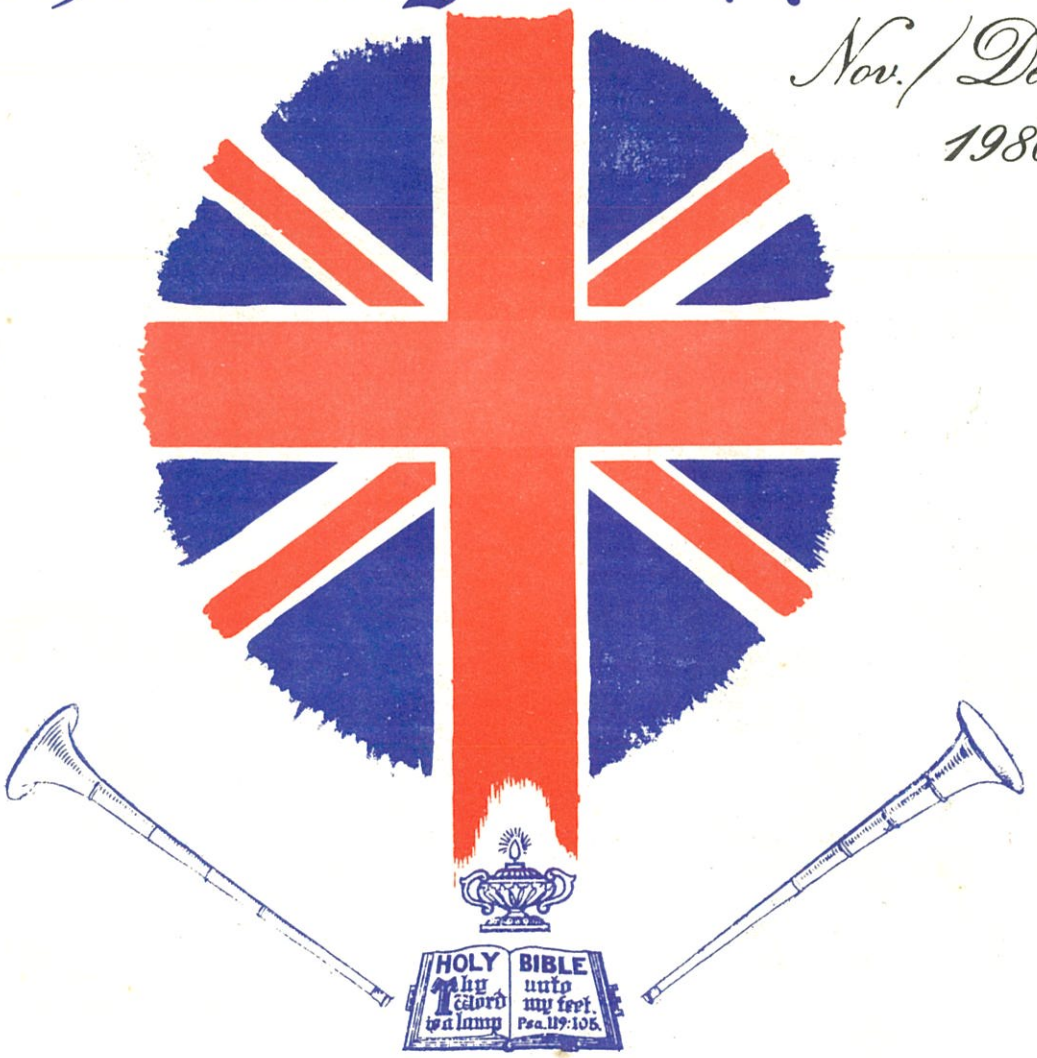
We Believe that this people Israel, consisting of twelve tribes (Exod. 28:21; Rev. 21:12), the descendents of the twelve sons of Jacob, were chosen of God to be His 'peculiar people' and 'servant nation' through whom all the other nations of the earth are to be blessed. (Exod. 19:5; Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 41:8, 42:6; Gen. 22:16-18).

We Believe that the differentiation between 'Israel' and 'Judah' is clearly marked in the Scriptures. (See 1 Kings 12; Jer. 3:6-11; Ps. 114:1-2; Ezek. 37; Zech 11:7-14; 11 Chron. 10). They are not interchangeable terms. To understand this is to possess the key to Israel Truth. (Ps. 114:2; 1 Chron. 5:1-2).

We Believe the time has come when the 'lost' Israel "nation and company of nations" (Gen 35:11) has been found and positively identified. Only one race today answers in every detail to the Bible picture of Israel "in the latter days," and that is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic — the British Commonwealth of white nations and the United States of America. They possess what Israel was to possess and are doing what Israel was to do. The identities of this race with Israel are so many and so pronounced that one who re-reads and studies his Bible in the light of this great truth will make discoveries that will cause him to give this subject most serious thought, especially in view of what is happening in literal ful-fillment of Bible prophecy in the world today. The nations are in turmoil. The power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon-Israel) is being broken (Dan. 12:7). The old Babylonian social order is being overthrown, and the world is being prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His reign upon the Throne of His father David, and the glorious restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Zech. 14:9; Luke 1:32-33).

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Marks of Israel

During the Christian dispensation lost Israel were to possess certain marks of identification

A great and mighty nation.	Gen. 12:2; 18:18; Deut. 4:7,8.
Named 'Great'.	Gen. 12:2.
The chief of the nations.	Gen. 27:29; Deut. 7:6; 15:6.
A maritime nation, having command of the seas.	Gen. 49:25; Num. 24:7; Deut. 33:13, 19; Psa. 89:25.
A company or commonwealth of nations.	Gen. 35:11; 48:19. Eph. 2:12.
A missionary nation.	Gen. 22:18; Isa. 43:21; 49:6; 66:19.
The custodian of God's Word.	Psa. 147:19, 20; Isa. 59:21.
A just nation.	Gen. 18:19; Lev. 19:15; Deut. 1:17; Zeph. 3:13.
God's instrument in destroying evil.	Jer. 51:20; Dan. 2:34,35.
An undefeated nation.	Isa. 54:17; Micah 5:8,9.
Blind to their identity.	Isa. 29:10-12; 42:16, 19, 20; Rom. 11:7, 8, 25.
Have an island home north and west of Palestine.	Isa. 49:1-3, 12; Jer. 3:18; 31:8.
Occupy islands and coastlands.	Isa. 24:15; 41:1, 5; 49:1-3; 51:5; Jer. 31:8, 10.
Possess the gate of his enemies.	Gen. 22:17, 24:60.
Have multitudinous seed.	Gen. 13:16; 15:5; 22:17; 24:60; 26:4, 24; 28:3, 14; 32:12.
Colonize and spread abroad.	Gen. 28:14; 49:22; Deut. 32:8; 33:17; Psa. 2:8; Isa. 26:15; 27:6; 54:2; Zech. 10:8, 9.
Lose first colony and then expand, demanding more living space.	Isa. 49:20.
Irrigate the deserts and build the waste places.	Isa. 35:1; 43:19, 20; 58:11, 12.
Possess the wealth of the earth.	Gen. 27:28; 49:25, 26; Deut. 33:13-16.
Possess the heritage of the heathen.	2 Sam. 22:44; Psa. 2:8; 111:6.
Receive strangers and refugees.	Lev. 19:33, 34; Isa. 11:10; 14:1; 55:5; 56:6-8;Zech. 8:22.
Set free slaves and prisoners.	Psa. 72:4; Isa. 42:7; 49:9; 58:6.
Have a descendant of King David reigning over them.	2 Sam. 7:13; 1 Chron. 22:10; 2 Chron. 13:5; Psa. 89:35-37; Jer. 33:17.
Lose all trace of their lineage.	Hos. 1:9 10; Isa. 42:16; Rom. 11:25.
The power of the Holy People is to be broken.	Dan. 12:7; Deut. 32:29-36.

The British Commonwealth of Nations possesses every one of these marks — therefore they are lost Israel. The United States of America possesses some of them.

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From The President's Desk

Greetings Christian Friends,

Once again we approach the season when we celebrate the event of the First Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. One would have hoped that with all the publicity which surrounds this season, that some noticeable effect would become evidenced in the lives of our people in regards the reason and consequences of the Birth which we celebrate. But of course, this is only wishful thinking.

Most people have little, if any, knowledge or understanding of this great event which we celebrate. Even the majority of Christians seem incapable, or even unwilling, to look beyond the "Baby Jesus" image, possibly because if they do, the "nice sentiment" is lost. I remember some years ago, a friend af mine went into a large departmental store to buy some Christmas cards. Being a Christian, he was looking for cards with Biblical texts on them, but couldn't find any. So he approached a young assistant and asked her if they had any cards with the name of Jesus Christ on them. She looked at him and said, "What's He got to do with it?" What indeed!!!

If people would only go to the Bible, the ONLY source of TRUTH, instead of listening to the waves of sloppy sentimentality which are poured over them each year like so much custard over a pudding, they would find a very different story; an exhilarating story; a story of life and hope, in contra-distinction to our present state of death and despair.

So when we go to the Bible, we find several reasons for Christ's First Advent.

Firstly, in Matt. 1:21 we are told,

"He shall save His people from their sins."

Secondly, in Luke 1:68 we read,

"He hath visited and redeemed His people."

This same sentiment was echoed by some of His disciples when they said, as recorded in Luke 24:21,

"But we trusted that it had been He which should have redeemed Israel."

Then in Romans 15:8 we are told that He came

"to confirm the promises made unto the fathers."

You will note that in all these statements, that quite apart from any personal application which people may wish to place upon Christ's ministry, the reason and purpose of our Lord's First Advent were directed very positively towards His people Israel as a NATION in its role as His Kingdom here on earth. It was "His people" who were to be saved from their transgressions of His Laws. It was "His people" whom He visited and redeemed. It was the promises made to the fathers - the fathers of the nation of Israel - that He came to confirm.

And lest we overlook the fact, let us be reminded that the promises which He came to confirm were not restricted to those made with our fathers Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They also included the promises made through His prophet Moses, namely;

"See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil. In that I command thee this day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His commandments and His statutes and His judgments, that thou mayest live and multiply." *(Deut. 30:15-16).*

Confirmation of this is clearly stated in Matt.5:17 where our Lord Himself said,

"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets. I am not come to destroy, BUT TO FULFILL."

As a nation, we stand condemned before God because we refuse to obey His Voice. Like the Pharisees of old, our leaders, both political and ecclesiastical, have made the commandments of God of no effect, substituting for them the traditions of men. And like our predecessors, 'we have loved to have it so.'

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The Great Delusion

By Rev. W.G. Finlay

The most striking, among many other staggering signs of the end of the age, is surely the unbelief relative to a subject which is vindicated in current events. One may look at the world of today and note that which is more than apparent – it is blatantly obvious – namely a conspiracy against the Word of God. The 'enemy' has so conditioned the minds of people today that the very mention of 'conspiracy' is anathema which triggers off a mechanism in the mind which closes it completely to the self-evident facts which obtain. One has become very familiar with the much-publicised contention that the Bible can be made to say anything and that the word of prophecy can be twisted to suit any given circumstance. These are diversionary tactics calculated to act as a smoke screen behind which the enemy can work in the role of 'guerrillas' without fear of detection.

The many articles, through the last 40 odd years, which have appeared in *The Covenant Message*, indicate that a very deliberate smoke screen has been erected to hide the true identity of God's Israel people in Anglo-Celto-Saxondom. It is contended that either the Jews or the Church is the modern development of this instrument which the Lord formed for Himself (Isa. 43:21). This contention is exposed as error, not by any teaching of man, but by the Word of God which records the only mechanism of identity as being the marks of Israel found within the unconditional Promises of God. Neither the Jews nor the Church fulfil these national marks but, in spite of this obvious fact, the delusions persist and the true people of Israel are oblivious to the assault that is not only made against them but also that which is made on their national foundations, both Christ and the Bible.

One has no fear of labouring the point of the tragedy in the modern practice of banishing the Old Testament to the limbo of irrelevant things but at this time when the destructive forces have moved into the New Testament, one feels that this new battleground should occupy our attention. The battle cry is: 'Destroy Christ and Christianity falls – destroy Christianity and the world is ours'. With this slogan as an incentive, one notes how the anti-Christ forces move into the attack capitalising on the psychologically conditioned state of Christianity which is mainly made up of the modern development of ancient Israel. With minds already sensitised to the illusionary 'world opinion', statements appear in the various media of communication that Christianity, as comprising individuals, has never been 'altogether satisfied' with the Church's explanation as to the Messiahship of Jesus of Nazareth. The individual Christian, fearful of being considered outside intellectual circles, raises the subject as his or her own conviction among friends who react in precisely the same manner. The lie, repeated often enough, becomes the truth to the drugged mind. To press

home the lie, historical events are taken out of their chronological context and applied to the time of the First Advent thus reducing the whole body of the Gospel accounts of the Life of the Lord to the role of contradictory primitive literature ingrained with pagan superstitions.

Emboldened by the blaze of publicity which greets such propaganda as 'rationalisation' and the small whisper of protest which is hardly heard, the attack is pressed home in which the Mighty Christ of God, Jesus of Nazareth, is portrayed as an ordinary Jewish man who responded to the need of his time. It is further contended that Messianism was the product of the Jewish spirit which was inspired by the Hebrew reading of the riddle of the creation and the destiny of mankind. It is further suggested that Messianism made the life of Jesus what it was, thus bringing Christianity into being and it was the same mechanism, accepted by so-called Gentile believers, which contributed towards making the Deification of Jesus inevitable. In a nutshell, the attack follows the line that Jesus of Nazareth (His historicity is not doubted) knew of the Messianic Ideal and, being familiar with the Hebrew prophecies, conformed His Life to this pattern. It is further contended that with accomplices outside the framework of His disciples, He engineered the events which are found within the Crucifixion story, but it was not His intention that He should die.

The events on the Cross of Calvary are explained in this way and the reader should note the insidious manner in which Scriptures are invoked to give the lie an aura of respectability. It is suggested that Jesus carefully set in motion the wheels which would lead to His arrest, trial and Crucifixion but allowed only a short period of time for His Presence on the Cross. It was true that He knew the Messiah must suffer and Isaiah 53 is quoted in support of this, but He organised events so as to diminish the time of suffering. On the Cross, His cry: 'I thirst', is suggested as a signal to an accomplice who immediately gave Him wine vinegar – again pointed out as conforming to the Old Testament prophecy of Psalm 69:21. The conspiracy of destruction then points out that Jesus' reaction to this was quite the reverse to normal procedures. In the first instance, the provider of wine vinegar did not give this to the others on Golgotha but to Jesus alone Who, instead of recovering as was usual, immediately became unconscious and was considered as dead by those attending the Crucifixion. As 'dead' He was spared the 'breaking of legs' which would have made His 'Resurrection' impossible but, it is suggested, the Roman soldier's spear was a factor not taken into account and this put paid to any further activity. The Resurrection appearances are attributed to the 'wine vinegar' accomplice who becomes the angel who spoke to Mary and who journeyed with the two on the road to Emmaus.

Having now concocted a story which broadly follows the lines of the Gospel accounts, the conspirators now turn to 'explaining' the actual record of the Gospels. It is suggested that the scantiness of information

available to them led them to the practice of ransacking the writings of Flavius Josephus who was born in 37–38 A.D. and who died early in the second century, incorporating his history in their accounts, confusing Jesus of Nazareth with other characters. One such instance quoted is that when three friends of Josephus were crucified, he begged Titus for them and when they were taken down, two died but one recovered. This, it is suggested, could have been the basis for the Gospel record for there is a similarity in the two events. Joseph of Arimathea begged Pilate for the Body of the Lord, and attempts are made to show that Joseph of Arimathea is a name very close to that of Josephus. In his autobiography he states that his grandfather Joseph begot Matthias, and it is suggested that the Greek text for this is simply *Josepou Matthias*. The Greek text in the Gospel of Mark relating to Joseph of Arimathea is given as *Joseph apo Arimathias* which is seized upon as an indication that they could be the same.

The reference in Mark's Gospel to the 'young man sitting on the right side clothed in a long white garment (Mark 16:5) who created fear in the hearts of the two Marys and Salome, is 'explained' as being taken again from the record of Josephus who relates certain events after the fall of Jerusalem in A.D. 70. In this record, one, Simon bar Giora sought to effect his escape from the fallen city by tunnelling a way out of it by means of the subterranean caves but, failing in this, he resorted to stratagem. He put on a white robe with a purple cloak and appeared in the place where the temple had formerly stood. The following reaction is recorded in *Wars, VII, ii, 2* by Josephus. 'Those who saw him were at first aghast and remained motionless; but afterwards they drew nearer and inquired who he was'. This, it is suggested, is the basis for the record by Mark who, confused by the momentous events of his time, but with all sincerity, incorporated the story of Simon bar Giora with that of the events after the Crucifixion of Jesus.

The above are a few of the many instances wherein may be seen the renewed attack by the enemies of God on His Word. Bible-believing Christians will reject the attack as preposterous but the facts of today plus the prophetic words of Paul should be noted. Today there is an undoubted diminishing of Christian zeal fulfilling the words of both the Lord Jesus Christ and Paul. Jesus said: 'Nevertheless when the son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?' (Luke 18:8). Paul wrote: 'Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first . . .' (II Thess. 2:3).

Prophecy itself, in spite of the various manipulations of the subject, answers the insidious attempt by evil men to bedevil the faith of men and women. The Lord Jesus Christ provides the answer to all queries when, in His Olivet Discourse, He reveals the delusions which would characterise the time immediately prior to His Second Advent. If He was merely a man and the product of His time, how could He reveal so accurately this conspiracy in all

its devious devices? How could He describe the end of the age equating this with the days of Noah – a picture all too familiar in this day and age? Explanations do not suffice nor do theories enlighten when one deals with the Word of God. The Word of God is the Divine Revelation from on High and not the compilation of confused men. It is the Word of Truth exposing the error of delusion and deception. Jesus said: 'You search the Scriptures, because you suppose that in them you will find eternal life; it is those Scriptures that yield evidence about me . . .' (John 5:39 Weymouth). The Scriptures yield evidence, not of an ideal, but the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ and any other suggestion or theory which runs contrary to this is but one facet of the delusions which reveal the nearing end of this age.

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The Christian Faith is NOT one of sentimentality. It is one of Strength and Power. It is NOT based on good intentions and love-sick sighs. It is based on obedience - absolute and unwavering obedience - to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and to HIS laws, statutes, commandments and judgments. To believe, teach, or do otherwise is a deliberate, blatant insult to Almighty God.

So let us, as we commemorate the First Advent of our great Lawgiver, our Lord Jesus Christ, resolve to serve Him and follow Him in righteousness and obedience. If we love Him, let us prove it. Not to ourselves. Not to our fellow-man. BUT TO GOD.

Jesus said,

" IF YE LOVE ME, KEEP MY COMMANDMENTS."

My sincere prayer for you all is that you will have a Christ-filled Christmas, and through obedience to Him, a year of happiness and blessing as we eagerly await His return.

The Coronation Stone

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The Kingdom Empire

"Unless the fates are faithless grown,
And prophet's voice be vain,
Where'er is found this Sacred Stone,
The Wanderer's Race shall reign."

This prophetic verse is over 2400 years old and was translated from the ancient Irish Celtic dialect by Sir Walter Scott.

"The Coronation Stone" upon which all British Monarchs are crowned, is an oblong block of reddish sandstone weighing nearly 350 pounds, and is approximately 26 inches long, nearly 11 inches in depth, and about 16 inches broad. It was fitted into a chair made especially for it by Edward the First after he had brought the Stone from Scotland in 1296 A.D. The Stone was located in a special compartment immediately beneath the seat of the Chair. From that time onward to the present, all English Monarchs, with one exception, have been crowned sitting in this Chair immediately over the Stone. The one exception was Mary Tudor who, being an ardent Roman Catholic, was crowned sitting in a Chair sent especially for her use by the Pope with his blessing. Cromwell, who was not a king, sat in the Coronation Chair (to show his contempt for Royalty, it has been said) when he was installed as Lord Protector in Westminster Hall; but the Stone had been removed from the Chair before he sat in it.

The Stone was removed from Scone in Scotland by Edward the First following a victorious campaign. He also took away the Scottish regalia and jewels, but these were returned later following the signing of the Treaty of Northampton, and the English people would not allow the Stone to be returned. "They rose in insurrection and marched to the Abbey, where they dared any of the King's officers to take it."

The "Stone of Scone" had been in Scotland for a little over 800 years, it having been brought there by Fergus MacEarca after he had come from Ireland and conquered Argyll. Fergus desired to be crowned King of his new Kingdom on the "Stone of Destiny" as it was called in Ireland, so he sent back for it. The Stone was brought to Iona, and King Fergus was crowned sitting on it there. The Stone remained at Iona until 836 A.D., when Kenneth Mac-

Alpine acquired by marriage the Pictish kingdom and made Scone his capital. He caused the Stone to be brought to Scone where it acquired its new name, "The Stone of Scone", and where it remained until 1296 when Edward removed it to London.

While the Stone was at Iona, it is recorded that when Saint Columba was dying he begged that he might be carried to the altar, and there, with his head resting on the Stone of Destiny, this Irishman, who was a missionary to the wild Pictish tribes, passed on to his reward. All Scottish kings from Fergus onward to 1296 A.D. were crowned sitting on the Stone.

Irish records, in legend and tradition, show that the Stone had been in that country for more than 1000 years where it was known as the "Lia Fail", "The Stone Wonderful", or the "Stone of Destiny". It had arrived there when an aged Eastern seer or prophet, accompanied by his scribe or secretary, together with a Hebrew Princess named Tea Tephi, or Tamar Tephi, with other members of his party had been shipwrecked and rescued off the coast of Northern Ireland about 583 B.C. They were welcomed by the King of Ireland named Eochaidh the Eremon, who was later crowned seated on the "Lia Fail". He married Tea Tephi, and his capital of Cathair Crofinn was renamed "Tara", which is the Irish version of "Torah" and which means in Hebrew "law", and it is said that the King Eochaidh gave to his bride "The Hill of Tara" as dowry.

In England, the Stone is known as "Jacob's Pillow", as well as being called the Coronation Stone. Fastened in the Stone are two iron rings held there by two staples driven into the rock. The iron staples to which the iron rings are attached are, in the words of an expert in iron work, "worn to a thread"; or more accurately, "to the slenderness of thin cardboard."

Now, the question is, "Where, and how did these iron staples get worn so thin?" The stone has been in England for some 650 years. It has been in Westminster Abbey all this time (except for a few weeks following its theft on Christmas Eve 1950). The Stone has not been carried around in England, so the iron staples did not get worn thin in that country. The Stone was in only two places in Scotland for 800 years previously—first at Iona for 350 years, and then at Scone for another 450 years; so the iron staples did not get worn thin in Scotland. The Stone was in Ireland for over 1000 years before that, located at only one place, Tara; so the staples didn't get worn thin in Ireland.

We know the history of the Stone for over 2500 years, during which

time it was not carried around enough to scratch the surface of the rings or staples. Then where did the staples receive the great amount of wear evidenced by examination? Rev. Dean Stanley, in his Memoirs of Westminster Abbey, said of the Stone, "The iron rings, the battered surface, the crack which has all but rent its solid mass asunder, bears witness of its long migrations."

We get our first view of the Stone in Genesis 28:10-22, wherein we have the story of Jacob one night sleeping outside the walls of the City of Luz. He had arrived after sunset, and the city gates were closed. Looking around for something on which to lay his head, his eyes lighted on a building stone on the refuse heap which the builders had rejected. While sleeping with his head on the Stone, he had that wonderful vision. Rising in the morning Jacob took the Stone he had used for a "pillow", set it on end for a "pillar of witness", and anointed it with oil, calling the place "Beth-el", which means "God's House" or "House of God". Jacob left the Stone there, but some twenty years later he was commanded by God to return, when he built an altar to God calling it "El-Beth-el", meaning "The God of the House of God" (Gen. 35). The Stone, or Pillar, was very sacred in Jacob's eyes. It commemorated the times when God had talked to him and promised him and his children in all their generations, blessings of surpassing magnitude. And what it was to Jacob, it is to our people today. It is in "God's House", Westminster Abbey, under a stone arch on which is carved, "Surely this is the House of God".

Years later, during the famine, Jacob went down into Egypt at Joseph's request, evidently taking the Stone with him, because later, on his death-bed, he made Joseph the guardian of the Stone, and, of course, Joseph's children after him; Ephraim falling heir to the birthright promises which were to be fulfilled in "the last days". (See Gen. 49:1 and 49:22-24).

From that day Joseph and then Ephraim would keep the Stone as a "title deed" and at the Exodus when Moses took the bones of Joseph with him (Ex. 13:19), we may be sure he also took the Stone. The Israelites were in the wilderness for forty years. They carried the Ark of the Covenant and the Stone of Israel with them throughout their wanderings. The Stone was carried on the poles which were placed through the iron rings. It was here in the wilderness where the iron staples became worn so thin. Nowhere else was the Stone carried around enough to wear the staples and rings.

During those forty years we have the record of the Stone, the Rock,

being used twice to assuage the thirst of these three million people, together with their flocks and herds (See Exodus 17 and Numbers 20). The first time, Moses was instructed to "smite the rock", but the second time he was told to "speak ye unto the rock". Moses disobeyed in the latter instance, and struck the rock twice and for this was denied entrance to the Land of Canaan.

Years later, the Stone found its way to Solomon's Temple where it was used as a "Pillar of Witness", and all kings of David's line were crowned sitting on, or standing beside, this Stone. See II Kings:12-14 where the young King Joash was crowned standing by the Pillar "as the manner was". In II Kings 23:3, we find Josiah before God. Before the Stone was placed in the Temple we find Abimelech (Judges 9:6) was made King by the "Pillar" which Joshua had set up as a "Pillar of Witness".

The Stone remained in the temple, and all Kings of Judah used it as a Coronation Stone until the destruction of the temple by Nebuchadnezzar in 585 B.C., who caused to be taken to Babylon all the valuables from the temple but apparently overlooked the rough, battered rock which would be of no importance to him, but to Israel it was "a Sacred Stone"; "The Pillar of Witness".

Jeremiah evidently took the Stone along with other sacred relics when forced to go to Egypt with the King's daughters (Jer. 1:7-19; 43:6, 7; 44:14-28). Later, leaving Egypt on the Ships of Dan, he eventually arrived in Northern Ireland with Tamar Tephi, one of the King's daughters, about 583 B.C.

The Coronation Stone is the visible and physical symbol of the throne of the House of David which God declared would endure for ever (II Sam. 7:16; Jer. 33:17). It has been "overturned" three times. *I will overturn, overturn, overturn, and it shall be no more until he comes whose right it is* (See Ezekiel 21:27). Overturned from Palestine to Ireland — overturned from Ireland to Scotland—overturned from Scotland to England. Evidently it will go back to Palestine "when he comes whose right it is" to sit on the throne.

This Stone is, no doubt, the Stone that Joshua set up as a witness by the sanctuary (Joshua 24:27). *For it hath heard all the words of the Lord.*

On Davenish Island in Lake Erin, four miles below Enniskillen, is an ancient cemetery in which there is a tomb hewn out of solid rock which from time immemorial has been called "Jeremiah's Tomb". Jeremiah was known by the ancient Irish as "Ollar Folla" which means "Hebrew Prophet". He established in Ireland the laws given to Israel by God through Moses.

X-RATED T.V. VIEWING FOR CHRISTIANS

Just prior to the fall of the Roman Empire, public audiences were entertained by the dramatization of scenes in plays which were licentious and obscene. This same kind of entertainment has become the hallmark of today's permissive generation which has departed far afield from the former observance of God-given standards of morality. According to headlines in the *Boston Globe* for February 7, 1972, R (no one under 17 admitted without parent or guardian) and X-rated (no one under 17 admitted) movies will find their way, via television, into the living rooms of American homes.

This brings up the question as to how many Christians today give tacit support to such salacious exhibitions by attending stage performances in the theatre or motion pictures in the cinemas. The newspaper comment was that a minimum of protest is expected because these are "changing times"; there is "a less prim attitude"; there is "a little more frankness"; there is a "willingness to deal with more 'adult' subjects." In other words, in this day of Great Apostasy, there is a ready disposition to "add sin to sin" with no qualms whatsoever.

Every Christian should be made aware that the Bible is very emphatic in its denunciation of the predisposition to look upon the display of sinful depravity. In the book of the Prophet Isaiah, two questions are asked:

"Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire? Who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?"

The answer is given:

"He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions (fraud or deceit); that shaketh his hand from holding of bribes (is not amenable to bribery); that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood (refuses to have any part in the shedding of blood); and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil." (Isa. 33: 14-15)

Righteous Job made a commitment which should set a precedent for today when he declared:

"I made a covenant with my eyes." (Job 31:1.)

In his commentary, Dr. Adam Clarke points out that, in effect, Job was saying:

"My conscience and my eyes are the contracting parties; God is the Judge; and I am therefore bound not to look upon anything with a delighted or covetous eye, by which my conscience may be defiled, or my God dishonored."

The promoters of R and X-rated movies know that many who would not attend a public showing will watch the television adaptations in their homes where they can do so privately and conveniently. However, the Christian is never beyond the range of Divine surveillance; nor should he wish to be. Those who willingly honor the terms of their "covenant with their eyes" are assured of dwelling on high and a special message is directed to their attention (Isa. 33:17): "Thine eyes shall see the King in his beauty."

WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE ECONOMY?

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A review of: The present state of the economy; The Struggle to Sell Goods; Money—What is Money? Where does it come from? What is its function? How do people get money to buy goods? The Cause of Economic Difficulties. The New Economics proposals as the remedy.

What's wrong with the economy? There can scarcely be anyone who, at some time or other, has not been compelled to give thought to this question.

The man who loses his job will naturally think to himself: "I am willing to work and since work is the only way to get an income, why is there no work and wages for me?"

The manufacturer, viewing his partly idle factory, must wonder why his products do not sell, for he knows well enough people want them.

Likewise the shopkeeper doubtless thinks it strange that goods pile up in his shelves, though he sees many folk that need such things. Or the man who saves money and invests in some worthwhile productive enterprise, will be concerned to know why the venture fails, and he loses his money.

PRIMARY PRODUCERS

Similarly, primary producers are generally troubled by the fact that, though they can produce an abundance of wheat, wool and other products, there is no adequate market for them at a payable price.

In some sections, notably butter and cheese, farmers see no alternative but to restrict production because of unsaleable surpluses. Yet pensioners and others living on a pittance, that is a disgrace in a country flowing with abundance, could benefit much from these products.

Also, taking a wider field, we see the curious spectacle within the economy, of idle employees, idle machines, and unused materials, though together these could supply the much needed houses, homes for the aged, schools, hospitals, universities and better roads. Yet there still remains a grievous lag in the provision of these services, to the detriment of education, health, and road safety. How does one account for this strange setup?

Whatever the view taken of present economic circumstances, that are plain to all, no one who is mentally honest can be satisfied that this state of affairs reflects an intelligent approach to such problems. All will agree there is every justification for the question: "What's wrong with the Economy?"

What is the most obvious and significant defect? What is the main stumbling block to a more effective working of our economy? Let us observe the facts.

A SALES PROBLEM

Without fear of contradiction, it can be

said that the principal difficulty today—and it embraces all industries—is the selling of the goods produced. There are no difficulties with production. **The trouble is to find buyers with money to buy what is produced.** In short, it is a sales problem.

Manufacturers, producers, and retailers are continuously battling with this problem by means of sales promotion campaigns, hire purchase, and credit sales, and the intensity of the battle is ever increasing.

It marks industry's greatest struggle, and highlights the fact that the bottleneck in the economy is at the consumption end, through lack of sales, and not at the production end.

This situation naturally has reactions elsewhere. If manufacturers could be sure of an outlet for their products, they would engage more employees and so immediately reduce the number of unemployed. More in wages and salaries would be paid and this, in turn, would mean more retail sales.

Similarly, if our farmers could find payable markets for produce, their incomes would be higher and so lead to greater purchases of other products.

TO FIND BUYERS

The Federal Government is aware of the troubles of producers, and it is trying to meet them. Its Minister of Trade periodically goes overseas hoping to find markets and so build up demand and sales. Trade ships stocked with many commodities, are now sent to other countries as another effort to find buyers. And so the campaign to sell extends vigorously until, in all its aspects, "distribution" becomes a costly part of production. Millions are spent on TV, radio and press advertising alone as one item of this cost, and which must increase prices.

What, then, is the cause of this failure to sell goods and the struggle for markets? If goods are made to be used or consumed—and there can be no other intelligible object—why this difficulty in getting things across to consumers who want them?

OLD ECONOMIC THEORIES

The old economic theories, as distinct from what we term the New Economics, can offer no logical and satisfactory answer to this situation.

At best, economists talk of the need to reduce "costs", and prices; which does, at least, suggest the awareness of a deficiency in consumer purchasing power, to be made good by bringing prices down. But despite this prices tend to rise. This is inevitable because of factors inherent in the working of the financial system; the incessant demand for higher wages and salaries by employees struggling with inadequate incomes; and the increasing advertising costs, taxes, rates, special packaging and costly gimmicks **now forced upon industry in the competition to sell.**

It is also claimed that tariffs impede trade, and international conferences are held to reduce these barriers but with very limited success; for most countries consider tariffs are necessary to protect their industries by excluding outside competitors from the home market.

Further, these policies assume that the people do have enough money to buy the good available, if only such impediments were removed. But this view portrays a major economic fallacy that becomes a millstone around the thinking of any economist who embraces it.

ENTIRELY DIFFERENT VIEW

The New Economics, on the other hand, takes an entirely different view. We wholeheartedly agree that the problem is one of increasing the distribution, through sales, of the product of industry. But we definitely disagree with the "old" economics' assumption that there is sufficient money

"somewhere" to buy the goods; for an analysis shows the root of the trouble to **lie in the proven fact that consumers do not receive incomes equal to total costs and prices industry must charge for goods, and therefore do not have enough money to buy the goods.**

Obviously, if The New Economics claim be correct—and the present state of the world with its stocks of unsaleable goods and under capacity operation of industry, certainly suggests its truth—then all the tinkering with tariffs and sales promotion are beside the point, for these do not touch upon the fundamental disparity.

We shall refer again to this aspect, but let us now have a look at "money".

INCOMES IN MONEY

In the modern world all incomes are in money, and since money is the means by which goods are bought, it is imperative to an understanding of the economic problem that we realise what money is, and how we get it.

What is Money? Professor Walker, in "Money, Trade & Industry" defines money as **"any medium which has reached such a degree of acceptability that no matter why people want it, no one will refuse it in exchange for his product".**

Accepting this definition, and we know of none more applicable, it will be seen that there are, and have been, many forms of money.

Cowrie shells at one time served as money. Cattle, even, have been regarded as money. Indeed, the word "pecuniary", now applied to monetary transactions, comes from the latin "pecu", meaning cattle.

In modern times, however, money generally takes the form of notes, cheques, and coin. The essential thing about money, as Professor Walker says, is that whatever its form, it will be accepted in the purchase of goods and services, or in settling trade accounts. It is simply an artificial medium —a ticket—and provided it functions in the way indicated—it is money.

CHEQUES ARE MONEY

If, for instance, a cheque is accepted in payment for goods, that cheque must be considered money, just as notes and coins are. The receiver of the cheque will pay it into his bank account, and in so doing will either reduce his overdraft, or increase his bank balance. The effect is precisely the same as if he received notes or coin for his goods and paid them to his bank.

This cheque currency, or, if we may say, the method of settling business transactions by cheque, has become so common, and so generally approved as convenient and time saving, that over 95 per cent of financial settlements are now finalised that way.

If this were not so, imagine the chaos that would result if all monetary dealings, mounting to millions a day, had to be settled with notes or coin. And, besides, there are just not enough coin and notes in existence to do so, even if it were attempted.

Consequently, no conception or estimate of the sum of money in a country is reliable, unless this cheque currency is taken into account; and in keeping with the definition given, backed by experience, we may say our "money" comprises **cheques, notes and coin.**

THE FUNCTION OF MONEY

Having defined money, let us now consider: What is its function?

Give a lad 2/- to spend, and there is little doubt what he will do with it. He'll buy sweets, comics or other things. He may, of course, save it for a week or two, but

whether it is 2/-, or even £1, he will ultimately spend it.

And this is precisely the way everyone uses their money. They spend it now or later. For in that way we allow money to fulfil its function, and as one other important result, we thus procure the things we need. Money really enables the distribution of goods. Shops may be full of shirts, gowns, bread or meat, but if consumers have no money to spend, the goods will remain in the shops and be wasted.

This is, of course, elementary, certainly many think so. But, nevertheless, it is surprising to what extent this situation actually occurs, and yet economists and politicians will advance every possible argument to account for it except the only correct one—**the lack of money to purchase the goods.**

The function of money may be likened to the function of tickets in a railway system. Without rail tickets, travellers could not use trains, and consequently trains would go empty. But would the public excuse this state of affairs, or allow a reduction in rail services merely because there were not enough "tickets?" And so, in the economic sphere, money as a "ticket" is essential to acquire goods and services, and its absence or insufficiency in the presence of things waiting to be bought is equally inexcusable. Its use is essential and important, and like any other part within a mechanism, if money does not play its part the overall operation is impaired.

THE SOURCE OF MONEY

Where does money come from? Naturally, if the role of money is so necessary to the economy, we should know where it comes from.

Everyone is aware that notes are printed by the Note Issue branch of the Reserve Bank of Australia and that silver and copper coins come from the Mint.

But what is the origin of the greater part of our money in the form of cheque currency? Notes and coin by comparison are merely the small change of society. This cheque currency is by far the dominating medium in financial transactions, and it is important to know its source.

BANKS CREATE MONEY

That source is the banking system. For, in their practice of granting loans or overdrafts, banks actually create money which finds expression in the cheque currency.

Confirmation of this fact is given by a banker himself. Sir Reginald McKenna, one-time Chancellor of the Exchequer, Chairman of the Midlands Bank, England, and a member of the MacMillan Royal Commission on Banking, in "Post-War Banking Policy" says:—

> **"I am afraid the ordinary citizen will not like to be told that banks can and do create and destroy money. The amount of money in existence varies only with the action of the banks in increasing or decreasing deposits and bank purchases. We know how this is effected. Every loan, overdraft, or bank purchase creates a deposit, and every repayment of a loan, overdraft or bank sale destroys a deposit."**

An economist, Professor Heinz W. Arndt, Professor of Economics at the National University, Canberra, writing on Banking in "The New Illustrated Encyclopaedia", said:

> **"The other important function which is exclusive to the banking system is to create the community's money supply and to administer the monetary system. The two functions are intimately connected, since modern money is created by banks in the process of granting credit."**

These statements make clear the fact that trading banks do not lend their "deposits",

as some people believe; and that deposits, far from providing for loans, actually come from loans, which increase the sum of money in existence.

YEAR BOOK FIGURES

Pages could be filled with similar evidence, and if anyone still doubts its truth, there are figures from the Commonwealth Year Book, No. 47, to prove it.

In the year 1960, deposits in the banks totalled £3200 millions, and Commonwealth Notes in use totalled £416 millions. But of this sum of notes, only £53 millions were held by the banks. So that, if this sum accounted for a similar sum of deposits when paid into a bank, there remains a sum of £3147 millions in deposits that could only arise from bank loans in the manner described.

Indeed, the point will not be denied by any competent banker or economist, but we stress it because of its relevance in economic affairs, and because, unfortunately, many people, including politicians, still talk and act as though it were not so.

HOW WE GET MONEY

So much for the origin of money, and now to our next question:—How do people get money in order to buy goods?

This is a very vital aspect of our study. We have seen that all money is created by the banking system, whether as notes, coin or cheque currency, and naturally bank loans are the means by which money issues from the banks.

Generally speaking, almost all these loans are made either to industries or to governments. And if we regard such agencies as covering the whole field of employment and business enterprise, these are the channels by which people get the bank-created money as incomes for services rendered. In short, we got it for working at some job.

It follows also that the money borrowed and so disbursed will be recorded as a "cost" or charge in some industrial or Government undertaking, for this implies but simple accounting.

And, a further conclusion to be drawn, is that both industry and the Government will have no alternative but to recover these loans as outlay costs, either through the prices of goods, or by taxation, if the loans are to be repaid.

SERVES TWO PURPOSES

Thus, viewing this outline as an overall picture of economic activity, and including the "flow" of money, it can be said that industry, embracing all productive operations, **not only makes goods, but also distributes money as incomes, and so serves two purposes.** In this practice we see the source of incomes, their relation to costs and prices, and presently we shall indicate how the essential balance and equation between these two can be upset.

And this is important, for if at any time there is a greater generation of costs, and, of course, prices, **than the distribution of incomes,** then clearly this must affect the ability of people as consumers to buy what is produced.

Let us consider how such a disparity between prices and incomes can arise, and to avoid confusion we will confine our illustration to the private industrial sector, though the conclusion will apply equally to the public sector.

In any economy, production is not confined solely to consumable goods. Capital goods, machines and factories, are also made, and though consumers do not buy these things, yet as employees in both kinds of industry, **they will receive incomes in respect of both classes of production.**

And further, it will be evident, since these

new capital goods, machines, etc., will not be used in **current** production, that the people, as consumers, receive money **ahead of the time the new machines, as capital costs, are charged into new production, and before they appear in prices.**

YEARS TO COMPLETE

That time may be months or years later. As witness the Snowy Mountains Scheme that will take 25 years to complete.

Employees and contractors on the scheme for example, cannot be expected to retain their earnings for that period in order to meet the scheme's cost in its charges for water and electricity. So where is the money to come from to do this? And precisely the same circumstances will apply in any other capital or industrial undertaking. Wages and salaries paid by industry **in the present** cannot possibly be available to meet their counterpart as costs and prices appearing **in the future.**

Thus there is a vital time-lag between industry's capital expenditure and its inclusion in prices, and a recognition and acceptance of this fact is imperative, if we are to discover the defect in the economy.

What happens, then, to this money received as incomes in the meantime? We shall consider two courses, though several others operate with the same effect. Either the money will be spent on the current consumable portion of production—the things we eat and wear—and hence the prices of these products, in reflecting demand, will go up until all the money is absorbed; or, alternatively, employees and others may save and invest a part of their incomes and thus, in effect, buy the capital portion of total production, the machines and factories. For when anyone invests money in industry that is what actually occurs. The investor buys a share of the "capital".

VERY SIGNIFICANT RESULT

Now it does not matter whether the prices of consumable goods go up until all incomes are absorbed, or whether a portion of incomes is invested in industry, it has a very significant result.

Because in either event, the people, as consumers, or investors, **will have parted with money equal to a block of future capital costs.** And since these capital costs, as "plant charges", must appear **later** in the prices of consumable goods to be manufactured, it is inevitable consumers will eventually be without the equivalent in money needed to meet these costs in prices. And so we get a disparity between consumer purchasing power and prices.

This must be so because no further wages, salaries or other incomes will be distributed in respect of these costs. They must remain without a counterpart in money. "The mill does not grind with the water that is past."

It may be said in contradiction that, after all, someone must have the "missing" money, but that argument lacks substance when banking practice is taken into account.

The money, we assumed, first came into existence as a bank loan, and when recovered by the borrowing company, through prices, or investment, it would naturally be used to repay that loan. And when a bank loan is repaid, as Sir Reginald McKenna says, **so much money goes out of existence.**

The effect would be the same even if industries used their own "capital", for once having gone back to the productive system, the money would not again issue except as a "cost" in new production. Thus if that happened there would be **two** sets of costs outstanding, to **one** lot of money.

Any student of the subject will be familiar with the circumstances here outlined, for it is common knowledge that prices tend to appreciate till they equate money demand, and we get "inflation"; and private investment in industry is too familiar to be de-

nied.

BOOK CHARGES

Book charges in industry also aggravate this problem. Bank interest is one of these. Each £100 loaned by a bank bears an interest charge of at least 6% or £6, and therefore this charge demands repayment of £106, though only £100 in money was ever issued. Where is the difference to come from?

It may be argued, however, that if there is a disparity resulting from these practices, how does the economy keep going? If incomes as purchasing power do fall short of the costs and prices built up in industry, trade must ultimately come to a standstill for want of sales.

And it certainly would, but for one thing – **the infusion of still more loan money by the banks through industrial and Government expenditure.**

More money is created and advanced to build, say, another factory, plant, or office block, and this money when distributed as incomes, temporarily fills the gap. But industry and the economy will encounter just such another situation when the new factory, plant and office costs are charged into consumer prices, and then yet more loan money will be necessary to meet **these costs.** And, due to "fixed" charges, the sum of industry's outstanding costs snowballs with each successive cycle, needing bigger and bigger loans.

STOP-GO POLICY

This haphazard pattern of economic operation has become known as the stop-go, boom-slump policy, and its effect is very evident when a credit squeeze occurs. Bank loans are then severely cut and immediately the source of new money dries up. Industry and retailers with falling sales are forced to slow down, and there is the usual crop of business losses and bankruptcies.

The 1960 recession affords factual evidence of these conditions and cannot be disputed.

Dependence upon debt thus dominates the economic structure, and though the sale of goods to consumers is the only intelligent and logical reason for production, consumption is thwarted and restricted because of this. Obviously, in such circumstances, the economy is not a system, but a satire.

INCREASING DEBT

In practice, also, this ever-increasing debt structure demands that a new factory be built, whether it is needed or not, before a community may get money to buy the products of existing factories; or, in other words, we must go short in the midst of actual and potential abundance unless we increase the abundance still more, and even though we do not need it. Which is plainly ridiculous.

Yet that idea is behind the current plea of bankers and economists for "greater economic growth". "Let us build more and more factories," they say in effect. For to those minds that is the only way people will get money to buy the output of existing factories. And we must not stop at that: we must keep on building factories, whether wanted or not, for that is what the term "growth" implies.

This absurdity springs from the philosophy and teaching of the "old" economics, which insists that money may issue to a people **only through the channels of production.** What the "old" economists fail to realise is that this policy has led to an imbalance within the economic structure, as seen in the pile up of productive capacity in the world today without a corresponding increase in the flow of goods to consumers, and that to correct this imbalance **money**

must be issued expressly to facilitate consumption to bring it up to production.

THE SOLUTION

How can this be done? Plainly any solution must have as its basis a scientifically determined relation **between the costs of industry and the incomes and purchasing power of the people as consumers.** Any policy that defeats that purpose is uneconomic in the true sense of the word, and must be replaced. It is no more logical to restrict the availability of money in the face of goods than to stop down the supply of train tickets below seating capacity, if the object is to have the train fully occupied.

And consequently it is a patent fallacy to allow the premature withdrawal and destruction of money through prices and investment, for in so doing a block of industrial costs must remain outstanding without money to meet them.

Yet today that is exactly what is taking place. Money is cancelled in repayment of bank loans while costs and goods remain. And clearly those costs in prices cannot be met by consumers; and just as surely the relevant goods will be without buyers.

The way to the solution becomes clear. What has to be done in principle and in effect, is to recreate the money prematurely destroyed and use it to subsidise consumer buying. We have to bring consumers' purchasing power in line with "prices", and perhaps the best way to do that is to make use of price in such a way that it reflects productivity and the availability of goods within our economy.

Price is the medium by which money is recovered from consumers, and is the main factor governing the purchasing power of money. If prices are "high" we get less: if they are "low" we get more; so price can be used to accelerate or retard the flow of goods from producers to consumers.

At present, "price" is basically a compilation of financial costs. But if "price" **to consumers** is used to reflect productivity, any increase in the ability to produce goods would automatically bring a lower price. This is just commonsense. However, it may be asked, if consumer prices are lowered how does the producer recover his full costs?

A FAIR QUESTION

This is a fair question, and it brings us to an outline of the method by which lower consumer prices can be achieved, without bankrupting the primary producer, manufacturer, retailer, or anyone else in the process.

As already shown, all financial costs of industry are in fact a tabulation of the loans and debts derived currently and in the past from the banking system. And in mentioning bank loans, we would again emphasize one important aspect not to be overlooked. Banks, in making loans –and we have already proved the truth of this— create new money.

Ownership of this money inheres in the Australian people as a sovereign right, because the value and use of the money comes from the activities of the whole community, who honor it by accepting it in payment for their goods and services. This ownership must be acknowledged in economic affairs, and, as a consequence, the real mortgagee and creditor in loans made with the money would be registered as the community, not the banks at all. They merely create the money by allowing borrowers to draw cheques on overdrafts. And this practice increases the money in existence just as surely as a successful counterfeiting venture would do.

A bank in granting a loan actually acts on behalf of the community, as any agent or representative would do, and should be

regarded accordingly. The acceptance of this fact, which cannot be denied, suggests the manner by which prices could be lowered and made to reflect productivity without penalising industry.

If industry is seen as in debt to the community—**per medium of the banking system**—then the production and delivery of goods needed by the people is, in effect, **a way by which industry can discharge its loan.**

SALES AT DISCOUNT

We could say to the producer: "You sell your output at, say, 25% discount, and on proof of sale your bank overdraft will be reduced by a sum the discount involves, or your account credited if you are working on your own capital". As a general policy the total of bank loans outstanding, as well as capital expenditure, could be recorded in a National Capital Account at the Reserve Bank of Australia. Any increase in loans and capital expenditure could be taken as an approximation of increased production, compared to consumption measured by loans repaid. Hence, assuming all money expended to be for productive purposes, a percentage increase, compared to repayments, would furnish a formula and indicate the rate of subsidy to be paid on delivery of the increased output of consumable goods.

And so, in practice, industry would recover a portion of its costs through consumer purchases at the rebated or subsidised price, whilst the balance of costs due to it would be met by a percentage reduction in its bank overdraft, or a credit in its account.

This price policy would ensure a community income and purchasing power **equal to the ability of industry to produce goods.** It is quite impracticable, otherwise, to expect a people as consumers to pay prices beyond their incomes, and which industry nevertheless must charge.

A TRUE RELATION

This is what is happening at present, and until we establish a true relation between prices and purchasing power, no solution of the economic problem is possible. The necessary price rebate would be tied to the evidence of productivity and hence, since the enhanced purchasing power of money could arise only from the presence of more goods, **and consequent lowering of prices by way of rebate or subsidy,** no cry of "inflation" could be upheld.

Productivity has never reached such heights as now, and given the incentive of adequate outlets in consumption, would go still higher. The one thing lacking, and which accounts for a statement by the Deputy President of the Victorian Chamber of Manufactures, that 60% of Australian factories are working below full capacity, is, as he put it, **"a shortage of orders".**

The New Economics proposals by increasing the buying power of consumers would obviously bring about the "orders" industry wants. Also, it should be noted, for humanitarian reasons the price rebate could be applied to purchases by, and on behalf of, the under-developed countries, and this would relieve the hunger that provokes our sympathy, and which, indirectly, engenders the threat of communism.

If the economists with their "old" economic theories have an answer to the problems of our economy, surely all the world-wide conferences, talks, and discussions held by them would have revealed it.

But none is forthcoming. Does not the failure suggest, by inference at least, they do not have a solution?

We are convinced it is so. Any individual or group that believes the figure of, say, 100 as incomes can equate with 150, as prices, loses all mathematical sense and can have nothing worthwhile to offer.

For that, in epitome, is the basic problem in our economy today, and naturally the most desirable and only effective solution must lie in the proposals here outlined. Automation, by displacing people in industry and depriving them of incomes, will intensify the position and bring about still further deterioration with the inevitable shrinkage in "markets".

INTELLIGENT CO-ORDINATION

What Australians have to realise is that the fundamental flaw in the economy is the lack of an intelligent and essential co-ordination between the rate of recall and cancellation of money, and a true appraisal of any appreciation in Australia's productive resources.

On the one hand, there is a monetary system demanding repayment of loans as quickly as possible in order to keep its funds "liquid"—a purely artificial and arbitrary requirement stemming from outmoded financial conceptions; whilst on the other hand, science and technology are forever lengthening the level of production and goods output, and this, logically and with justice, necessitates an ever declining rate of money recall through prices, if consumer purchasing power is to keep pace with the greater industrial capacity, rather than to follow the dictates of monetary expediency.

A choice must be made. Either our industrial, agricultural and business organisations will continue on the present course, subject to restraints and limitations imposed upon them by a banking system, that in itself has never rendered anything more useful than a book-keeping service; **or they will assert their dominant position in the economy as the real source of life's needs, and inform that system what it must do as a subordinate partner.**

WE HAVE INDICATED HOW THIS CAN BE DONE, AND THE CHANGE AWAITS BUT THE UNDERSTANDING AND COURAGE OF THOSE ABLE TO BRING IT ABOUT.

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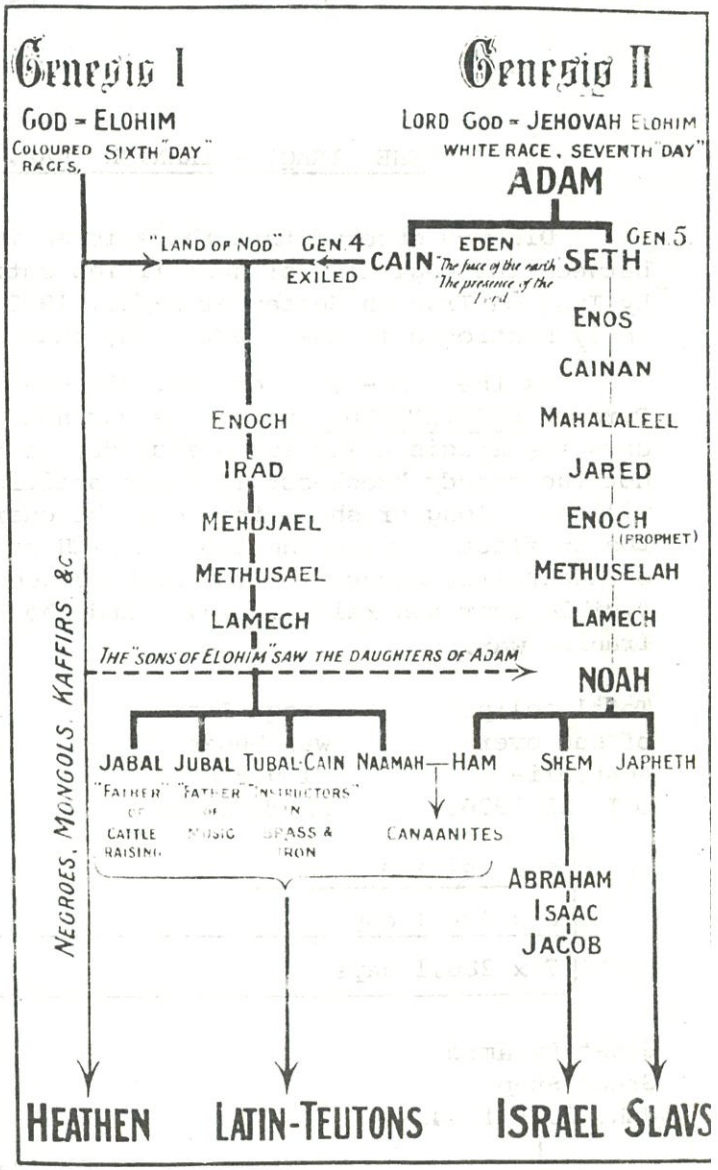
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WHERE CAIN GOT HIS WIFE

Adam and Eve had two sons, Cain and then Abel. The jealousy of Cain over God's preference for the sacrifice of Abel caused Cain to murder him. As a result God exiled Cain from *"the face of the earth...the presence of the Lord,"* into the land of Nod, to the east of Eden. Now we note that Cain was fearful that he would be slain, and that God acknowledged the truth behind the fear that there were people in the land of Nod by giving Cain a mark which would protect him. Further, Cain obtained a wife in the land of his exile. Then at the birth of his firstborn, Enoch, he built a city and named it after Enoch. All these points prove conclusively that there were many other human beings in the world besides Adam, Eve and Cain, and clearly establishes the fact of pre-Adamic races of men. Many workers would have been required both to build Cain's city and then to live in it.

In the place of Abel, we read that Seth was born to Adam and Eve, and Genesis 5 then gives the story of the line of Seth down to Noah and his three sons dwelling in the same land as their forefather Adam. Thus Genesis 4 gives us the story of the rise of Cainitish civilization eastwards, while Genesis 5 gives us the account of the parallel growth of the blessed portion of the Adamic race, the line Seth to Noah.

This is an excerpt from "The Conflict of Science and Religion" by A.J. Ferris, B.A. This book deals with the failure of the Church to answer to the fundamental challenges of science concerning the six days of creation, the age of the earth, and Adam as the first man.



The Days of Reckoning

By Mrs. D. Price.

THE IRAQI - IRANIAN WAR, 1980.

Did you observe that there is an interval of 2 x 286.1 days between the beginning of hostilities dating from the major attack by Iraq on Iran on September 22/23, 1980 to a date one has frequently mentioned in these articles, that of APRIL 17/18, 1982?

As the time-cycle of 286.1022 days is the well-known Great Pyramid DISPLACEMENT cycle, one was not surprised that after 12 days the Iraqis asked for a four day truce. Obviously the war was not the speedy knock-out Iraq had anticipated. Whether the war will be a long or short term one the chart below indicates that the conflict between the two OIL-RICH states will leave its mark on Australia, because of the link between the solar eclipse visible over Australia in 1976, and the beginning of the Iraqi-Iranian war.

Total eclipse of sun over Australia OCT. 23-1976.	Iraqi-Iran war began 1980 SEPT. 22/23.	? ? ? ? 1981 JULY 5.	? ? ? ? 1982 APRIL 17/18
	5 x 286.1 days		
		6 x 286.1 days	
			7 x 286.1 days

Great Pyramid
Great Step.
JAN. 25 - 1844.

7 x 7 x 103.033 days.

In the above chart, JULY 1981 features prominently. It is therefore interesting to observe major time-measure links with the Armistice at the end of World War I, and the surrender of Japan at the end of World War II.

Armistice
World War I
NOV. 11-1918

? ? ? ?
1 9 8 1
JULY 11

80 x 286.1 (displacement)

Official surrender
by Japan.
SEPT. 2 - 1945.

1 9 8 1
J U L Y
3.

10 x 1290 solar
or 13088 days.

In Daniel 12:11, the number 1290 is identified with "AN ABOMINATION THAT MAKETH DESOLATE." The meaning is more serious when on a solar cycle.

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THE ABRAHAMIC COVENANT.

Whilst the Iraqis and Iranians bomb each other's oil installations on both sides of their national border, the RIVER EUPHRATES, one is reminded that this river is the north-eastern border of the land deeded to Abraham and his seed through Isaac and Jacob (Gen. 15:18), that is, "FROM THE RIVER OF EGYPT TO THE GREAT RIVER, THE RIVER EUPHRATES."

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THE WORLD BANK AND THE INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND.

The World Bank and the I.M.F. concluded its 4-day meeting in New York on a "SOUR NOTE" on October 3 - 1980.

Jimmy Carter sworn in as President of U.S.A. JAN. 20 - 1977.

World Bank & I.M.F. end Annual Meeting OCT. 3 - 1980.

3 x 666 solar world finance.

President Carter's State of Union Address JAN. 23 - 1980

U.S.A. Presidential Elections. NOV. 4 - 1980.

2 8 6 days (Displacement.)

Turks surrender Jerusalem to British Army. DEC. 9/11 - 1917.

? ? ? ? 1 9 8 0 NOV. 28/30

23,000 days (Cleansing begins?)

World War II ends August 15 - 1945.

? ? ? ? 1 9 8 0 DEC. 9.

12,900 days (desolation.)

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1 5 3 AND AUSTRALIA.

Over many years I have drawn attention to the fact that the Biblical number, 1 5 3, (John 21) appears to be Australia's major

time-factor. To show that one is completely unbiassed in the political field, here are a few examples from major events since 1972.

1. Mr. Whitlam P/M of Australia. DEC. 5 - 1972. — Governor General Sir John Kerr withdrew P/M's Commission NOV. 11 - 1975.

7 x 153 days.

2. Sir Zelman Cowan was sworn in as Governor General at 3.06 P.M. Dec. 8 - 1977. Whilst watching the ceremony on the T.V. screen I noticed that the hands of the clock behind the Speaker in the House of Representatives stood at 3.06 P.M. Or 2 x 1.53!!!

3. A Key Date in World Affairs. MT. ST. Helens erupts MAY 18 - 1980. — P/M Fraser announces Federal Elections to be on OCT. 18 - 1980

153 days.

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AUSTRALIA - THE FEDERAL ELECTIONS - THE SENATE.

Most of us are aware that the Australian Constitution has laid down a different system for electing members to the Senate than that used for the election to the House of Representatives. When the Constitution was drawn up, it was not foreseen that the mathematical formula used in proportional voting would have such an effect before the century had ended. It was not foreseen that the major parties would be almost equal in numbers, with the balance of power held by a few Senators.

On JUNE 30, 1981, certain Senators will automatically retire and be replaced by those who were elected on OCT. 18, 1980. July 1, 1981 could be a critical day in Canberra. The political party elected to the House of Representatives on OCT. 18, 1980 to govern the nation, may not have the numbers in the Senate after JULY 1, 1981, even if they hold a big majority in the Lower House. The following time-cycles are very significant and well worth watching.

The Governor General
Sir John Kerr withdrew
P/M Whitlam's Commission
NOV. 11 - 1975.

Newly elected
Senators take
their seats.
JULY 1 - 1981.

? ? ? ?
1 9 8 2
A P R I L
13 - 17

1600 plus (3 x 153)
Judgment The Elect

286.1

286.1 solar

Solar Eclipse
over Australia
OCT. 23 - 1976

7 x 286.1 days
Displacement

Sir Zelman Cowan
sworn in as G.G.
DEC. 8 - 1977.

1 9 8 2.
A P R I L
26.

1600 days (Judgment).

THE MORE THOU SEARCHEST, THE MORE THOU SHALT MARVEL.

D.F.P. Oct. 10, 1980.

Beginnings and Endings

Part 4

By Kenneth C. Bayman

The Origin of Evil. (Part I)

"I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace and create evil: I the LORD do all these" (Isaiah 45:7).

"Remember the former things of old; for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me, declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times the things that are not yet done, saying 'My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure'." (Isaiah 46:9,10).

When and where did Evil begin?

The answer goes back beyond the beginning of the present order of creation upon our earth.

Our first-quoted extract from the writings of the Prophet Isaiah seems to state that the Creator is responsible for evil. This is an enigmatic scripture. Translators seem to stumble at it. Moffatt renders it: "I bring calamity." Smith and Goodspeed: "I am the LORD who . . . creates woe." Dr. Bullinger in the "Companion Bible" comments: "the Hebrew word rendered 'evil' in this passage is never rendered 'sin'. God brings calamity about as the inevitable consequence of sin." He then points out that the word here rendered "evil" is elsewhere in the Old Testament translated "adversity", "grief", "affliction", "misery", "trouble", "sore", "noisome", "hurt", "wretchedness", "harm", "mischief". But all these things are indubitably *evil.* So from a translation point of view, we must admit that the Authorised Version states the basic meaning of the Hebrew with literal truth.

In the light of careful analysis this scripture, which has been a stumbling-block to some, becomes perfectly explicable. It is seen to be a simple statement of a most profound fact: a statement of Divine principle.

This principle is the over-riding one of the Sovereignty of God.

We have seen in our earlier articles in this series that the Creator is always at work, and always at rest: that is to say, whilst resting from a completed and perfect work, the Creator engages in other works until they, too, are completed. When a work is finished, pronounced "very good", the Creator "rests". The power of the Word of God, by which an order of creation is brought into being, remains active within it to sustain it for the duration of the particular "age" or length of

time assigned to it. If that order remains within the limits or scope assigned to it at creation, it fulfils its destiny in growing to fruition. "For Thy pleasure they are and were created", we read in the Book of Revelation 4:11; but what if bounds are broken, and the order of creation fails to "bring forth good fruit?"

We find the answer in two of Our Lord's parables: one an "acted parable", and the other a story.

Matthew 21:19 reads: "And when He saw a fig tree in the way, He came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it: 'Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever.' And presently the fig tree withered away."

Some have professed to see in this incident a petulant display of temper on the part of the Lord Jesus Christ. Such critics are merely displaying their own ignorance of the true facts of the situation. Apart from its more immediate application to Jewry of that day (the fig tree being the scriptural symbol of Judah), this incident also illustrates in a simple way the divine view of an entire order of creation, whether upon a single planet (as the Adamic order) or whether a galactic universe (as the Luciferian order).

It pleases the Creator by virtue of His Sovereignty to bring into being a vast order of creation "for his pleasure", and if it bear no good fruit, should He allow it to remain?

But if it were created "very good", how then did it become blighted? We are back at our original enquiry.

Let us hear our Lord's parable or story: In the Gospel of Matthew, 13:24, He related how a man sowed good wheat seed in his field. Subsequently, his servants were taken aback to find weeds growing among the wheat: "Where did all these tares come from?" they asked. "Didn't we plant good wheat?" His answer was: "An enemy has done this." When the servants wanted to root up the weeds, the farmer said: "Oh no – because you might destroy the good wheat as well. Let both grow together until the harvest, then we can separate the tares and burn them, and gather the wheat into the barn."

In verses 37 to 43 of the same chapter Our Lord interprets this parable, and although the immediate application of it is to the present world-order, nevertheless exactly the same holds true for the wider, universal application.

Here is the answer to that old question: "Why does God allow Satan to remain in existence? If Satan causes all the evil, why does God not blot him out?"

It is obvious that here again the Sovereignty of God is the over-riding principle.

It has pleased the all-knowing God to allow the Luciferian order of creation to remain in existence for the time being, and to superimpose on it – on this one planet, our earth – another order, the Adamic order. In a previous article we noted the purpose of God to take out from the members of Adam's race all those who elect by free choice to seek and serve God, so that these "chosen ones" may

people a new Universe now in course of preparation for them.

On the matter of "election", we may in passing comment that those who choose God are chosen by God. It is the principle stated by the LORD through the prophet: "Return unto Me, and I will return unto you." (Malachi 3:7). These words were written of tithing, but the principle is of general application.

At this point we turn to another of Our Lord's parables which throws light on our subject: the parable of the vineyard, related in Matthew 21:33-38 The owner of the vineyard had let it out to husbandmen, and in the time of the fruit season sent first his servants (who were rejected by the tenants) and then finally his son. The tenants then conspired to murder the son, saying "let us kill him, and let us seize on his inheritance." This parable relates primarily to Our Lord's coming "to His own, and His own received Him not." But, as in the case of the parables we have already considered, this parable has also an application to the wider field of the Luciferian order of creation. It should be remembered that the earth under the Adamic order is still part of the Luciferian system of worlds, hence Satan in reply to the LORD's question could say (as recorded in Job 1:6,7 and 2:1,2) that he had come from going to and fro *in the earth*. If the earth had been Satan's only sphere of influence, there would have been no point in the LORD asking him: "Whence comest thou?"

Of course, we know that the all-knowing God knew very well where Satan had come from, but the question may have been asked for the benefit of others present (because "the sons of God" were present at that meeting) and also for our benefit who read of these things today.

To return to our immediate subject: if God had moved to blot out Lucifer when he first fell from his original sinless state, *the entire creation of which he was the appointed head would have had to be destroyed with him.* For Lucifer was – and necessarily still is – intimately connected with its very existence and functioning.

This great personage was created "the anointed cherub that covereth" (Eze. 28:14), and as one of the cherubim it was his special function to be Protector of a great order of creation, a system of worlds. This system was in all probability (for reasons which are becoming apparent in the course of our present series of studies) the galaxy of which the earth is a part – the "Milky Way" galaxy.

According to Young, the Hebrew word rendered "covering" ("covering cherub" – v. 16) means "to hedge in", i.e., to protect. Lucifer thus answered to the husbandman of the parable of the vineyard. Instead of looking after the interests of the Owner, Lucifer himself aspired to ownership of the "vineyard", and thus like the husbandman of the parable, became a murderer. Our Lord Himself described Satan (the meaning of which name is "Adversary", or "Accuser") as "a murderer from the beginning." (See John 8:44).

Significantly, when the LORD asked Satan what he thought of Job, Satan answered:

"Does Job fear God for nothing? Have you not made an hedge about him, and about all that he has on every side . . .?" And Satan went on to accuse Job by implication of worshipping God only for what he got out of it. (See Job 1:10-12). So here we find that the exalted cherub who was originally appointed by God to "hedge in" lesser beings and protect them, has so far fallen from his original nature and station that God Himself has to take over this function from him and "hedge in" Job and his family and possessions. Satan's complaint that God had "hedged in" Job and his family was thus a confession of his own dereliction of that original duty – the very purpose for which he himself had been created. And, far from being a *protector*, Lucifer ("the Shining One") had now become Satan ("the Accuser").

But what of the origin of Lucifer? Strangely enough, this great Being is probably not as old as our planet, earth. For, even as Adam in a later age was created as the final act in a new order of creation upon the earth, so Lucifer the "covering cherub" was created as the final seal of perfection upon a new universe. The earth was a part of that new universe, and in the Book of Job – regarded by some authorities as among the most ancient writings of the books of the Bible – reference is made to the scene at the Earth's first "stone-laying ceremony". "Where were you", asks the LORD of Job (Job 38:4) "when I laid the foundations of the earth . . . or who laid the cornerstone thereof, when the morning stars sang together, and all the sons of God shouted for joy?"

In that Divine question, we are given a fascinating glimpse into the grandeur of cosmic architecture. The Master Architect Himself laid the foundations of the planet that was to be the future home of multitudes of sentient beings, who would be able to respond to their Creator's interest and affection. Present at the ceremony were "the Morning Stars" and the "sons of God". The expression "Morning Stars" signifies the great ones in the hierarchy of heaven, elsewhere referred to in Scripture as "Princes" or "archangels". "Stars", (as excellently shown by the Rev. H.A. Edwards in his thought-provoking study "The Sons of God") symbolise the angels or Sons of God, as we see from Revelation 1:20 where Our Lord Himself interprets the symbols of stars as meaning "angels". The same thought is conveyed in the use of the Hebrew poetic form known as "parallelism" in this very passage of the book of Job. "The morning stars sang together" is the expression in symbolic language, and it is followed by a parallel statement repeated in plain language: "and all the sons of God shouted for joy!"

So other created beings were taking a close and active interest in the work of creation: they must have been members of earlier orders of creation elsewhere in the illimitable heavens. And some may have been members of special orders created for the service of the Most High.

As the "corner stone" sets as it were the seal of completion and perfection upon a structure, so a glorious living being was created to set the seal of perfection upon the new Universe. We read about this great event in

Ezekiel 28:12-15, where we find this wonderful being addressed under the name "King of Tyre", because he was the real power behind Tyre's great "merchant prince". According to Young's Literal Translation, he was addressed thus: "Thou art sealing up a measurement, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty."

Note the thought of completeness: "*seal up* a measurement", "*full* of wisdom", "*perfect* in beauty".

And in verse 15: "Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee." The nature of that "iniquity" and its result is described in verses 16-18 and elsewhere in scripture. It forms, in fact, the sombre backdrop to the whole great drama of good and evil with which the Bible deals.

After the creation of Adam, in a subsequent era of creative activity relative to the restoration of the earth to a habitable condition, the record states, "And God saw everything that He had made, and behold, *it was very good.*"

Everything that comes from God's hand can be so described. Of Lucifer also it could be recorded: "*Thou wast perfect in thy ways,* until . . . ."

Howlong that original perfection endured it is impossible to say. It probably lasted for a long time, because Lucifer had time to build up a vast system of inter-planetary commerce which became the basis of his pride and power. The succession of great city-civilisations upon our earth are a reflection on a small scale of those vast activities of Lucifer and his system long before the age of Adam.

Many have wondered why the ending of the age of human government upon our earth is described in the Book of Revelation as concerned directly with the overthrow of a world-wide system of commerce, a "city civilisation" of world-wide power and influence, under the name of "Babylon the Great".

Moreover, all the evil in the world is laid at the door of that great commercial system (see Revelation 18:2-5; 18:24 and 19:2). We see now that Babylon and Tyre, the great world systems of trade and commerce of the past, denounced by the Prophets of old, were built up by the unseen power and influence of "the fallen cherub", who has not relinquished his ancient ambitions and would pursue them even within the limited environment of this earth.

"Babylon the Great", of which ancient Babylon was the type, is thus seen to be the modern world-system of trade and commerce, international trafficking and godless civilisation, an echo of the greatness of Lucifer's past.

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THE RETURN OF ELIJAH

Part 2

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Having then studied the Old Testament references to the return of the prophet Elijah, let us turn to the New Testament, because this is the only other source of information available to us regarding this subject. Here we find, as previously mentioned, some very interesting comments made by not only the disciples, but by others, including our Lord Jesus Christ himself.

In Matthew chapter 17 we find the account of the Transfiguration. The disciples had just experienced this wonderful vision which Christ had revealed to them, in which both Elijah and Moses had appeared with Christ in their glorified condition. At this point it may be advisable to make a comment on this particular incident. Most comments which I have either read or heard regarding the Transfiguration claim that it was an actual incident in which our Lord actually changed His bodily condition, and in which both Elijah and Moses physically and literally appeared with Him. This interpretation has given rise to a great deal of confusion and controversy regarding such questions as to whether Moses had actually died - in which case he would have had to be resurrected from the dead for this appearance, thus pre-empting Christ as the first fruits of the dead, or alternatively trying to explain away the clear statements of the Bible to the effect that Moses DID DIE.

In the first two verses of the Book of Joshua we read,

> *"Now after the death of Moses the servant of the Lord it came to pass, that the Lord spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses' minister, saying,*
> *MOSES MY SERVANT IS DEAD."*

Now I am quite sure that God knew whether Moses had died or whether He, God, had translated Moses that he should not see

death. If this is the degree of reliance which we can place on what God says, then we may as well give up our study of God's Word right here and now. This wresting of God's Word in this instance has been brought about by the necessity to explain the presence of Moses at the Transfiguration.

What has been completely overlooked is the statement of Christ Himself, immediately following the Transfiguration. We read in Matt. 17:9,

> *"And as they came down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, saying, Tell the VISION to no man until the Son of Man be risen again from the dead."*

The Greek word here translated 'vision' is the equivalent of the Hebrew word used in numerous instances in the Old Testament where the prophets of God had, or received, visions in which God revealed His Word to them. God did not literally construct the scenes and events in front of them. They were enabled to see a 'picture'of these scenes, in the same way that we view a picture on a T.V. screen. A similar thing happened to John when he received the Revelation from our Lord Jesus Christ. In the few instances when a few selected people actually DID see what was happening, the circumstances were completely different. For instance, when Moses received a partial view of God, he had to screen his face from the people because of the radiation which eminated from him. Then again, when Saul of Tarsus met with the Risen Lord on the road to Damascus, he was blind for days. Why then didn't something like this happen to the disciples at the Transfiguration if it was an actual event? The answer is obvious. The event was exactly what our Lord said it was, a vision. And being such, there is absolutely no need for speculation and argument as to the condition of either Moses or Elijah at that time.

When the disciples finally opened their eyes, they saw nobody but the Lord, and fresh from this vision, they asked Him this question,

> *"Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come?"*
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> *(Matt. 17:10)*

From this question it is obvious that the disciples believed that Elijah was going to return. They were only questioning the Scribes' belief as to the TIMING of the event. Let us also remind ourselves that they were not the only ones to hold this belief. On another occassion, as recorded in Luke 9:7-9, we read how Herod was confused as to whom Christ was because of the various prevailing opinions of the people at that time.

> *"Now Herod the Tetrarch heard of all that was done by Him. And he was perplexed, because that it was said of some, that John was raised from the dead; and of some, that Elijah had appeared; and of others that one of the old prophets was risen again. And Herod said, John have I beheaded. But who is this, of whom I hear such things? And he desired to see Him."*

It should be noted that Herod was not necessarily confused as to the FACT of the return of Elijah. His confusion lay mainly in trying to make up his mind as to whether or not Christ was the fulfillment of this fact. These people expected that there was going to be a literal return of the prophet Elijah. The record of their various statements makes this quite clear. They had read the statement of this fact in the Scriptures, a statement made by God Himself, and they believed it. Believing it, they lived in expectation of the literal fulfillment of what God had said. They did not have the dubious benefit of nearly 2,000 years of theological gymnastics to induce them to question the veracity and sincerity of God and His Word.

If only we today had the same simple, unquestioning faith in what God has promised. Where would we be today if Abraham had twisted what God said, and had spiritualised it into meaning something else. How would God have possibly accounted such an act on Abraham's part as righteousness? As we read in Rom. 4:3,

> *"Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness."*

Where would we be today if Isaac and Jacob had questioned or doubted God's promises to them? What if David had questioned

the literal fulfillment of God's promise to him of an everlasting kingship over his people Israel? Where would we be if the Angel's statement to Mary, that her Son Jesus would *"save His people from their sins"* had been of a dubious nature? (Matt 1:21). And what of the faith of Zacharias, when under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, as recorded in Luke 1:68-75, he pronounced these truly magnificent words,

> *"Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for He hath visited and redeemed His people,*
> *And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of His servant David;*
> *As He spake by the mouth of His holy prophets which have been since the world began.*
> *That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us;*
> *To perform the mercy promised to our fathers, and to remember His holy covenant;*
> *The oath which He sware to our father Abraham.*
> *That He would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve Him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before Him, all the days of our life."*

Again, we must ask ourselves, why is it that both Paul and Stephen, in their hours of trial, recounted to their accusers, AS A DEFENSE AND JUSTIFICATION OF THEIR FAITH, the covenants and promises made by God to His people Israel, AS RECORDED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT.

Is it any wonder then that God inspired the writer to the Hebrews to say,

> *"These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them."*
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> *(Heb. 11:13.)*

But unfortunately, the great majority of Christians today do not have this faith. They have been deluded into believing lies and deceits by false shepherds. Apart from a knowledge of person-

al salvation, a knowledge and acceptance which is undoubtedly of the utmost importance from an individual point of view, they know nothing of the splendour and grandeur and the glory of God's plan and purposes. Somewhere along the line, all this has been reduced to the level of some humanitarian love cult where the broader aspects of God's Word as relating to our nation, on a national scale, have been relegated to the position of being 'extra-Christian' (?) and totally irrelavent.

If the reader considers the above to be too harsh, then consider:-

Why are we taught that the Law of God is no longer applicable and that all we need is grace?

Why is it that the national application of God's Word, on a national scale, is replaced in favour of a purely selfish and introverted personal application?

Why is it that prophecy is deliberately excluded from the teachings of so many churches?

Why is it that discussion and teaching relative to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ is discouraged, and in some cases even disallowed in some churches because, as their ministers say, there are too many different points of view on the subject which lead to confusion?

Why is it that so many of our churches and ministers belong to God-less and anti-God organisations whose declared and avowed aim is to set up a one-world religion which will finally embrace ALL religions?

The reason for this shocking situation lies simply in the fact that a simple and humble belief in the WHOLE COUNCIL OF GOD has been replaced by the traditions of men.

This principle is amply demonstrated by the subject in question. God made a perfectly simple statement that He would send Elijah the Prophet back to this earth. It was made on the same authority as every other statement and promise which He made. It was made without any qualifications. The disciples, our Lord, and others, BELIEVED IT. They were not expecting or looking for some spiritual or spiritualised fulfillment of this promise. They did

not consider for one moment that they themselves, in their own ministry, contributed to the fulfillment of this promise. They never ever questioned the fact that Elijah the Prophet was to actually and literally return.

The important thing to note though, is that when the disciples questioned the Lord regarding the literal return of Elijah, He did not question or correct the belief which they had expressed. Following the disciples' question, He replied, as stated in verse eleven of Matthew 17:

> *"And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elijah truly shall first come and restore all things."*

It is inconceivable to think that Christ would have made such a statement supporting the return of Elijah if the disciples had been wrong in believing this fact. If they had been wrong in their belief, why did our Lord not correct them and enlighten them as to the true position? Why didn't He tell them that this is not what He meant when He inspired Malachi to write what he did? Why didn't He tell them that they were not to expect the actual man Elijah to return? Why didn't He tell them that someone was only coming in the spirit and power of Elijah, or that in the last days immediately prior to His second advent there would be individuals and groups carrying out an Elijah-type ministry, which was all He meant to imply? He could have said this and corrected the disciples' seeming misunderstanding of the subject very easily.

He did no such thing.

On the contrary, He assured them that Elijah was most certainly to come back, and at some future time, as evidenced by the verb "shall" in the future tense.

What seems to have confused the issue is the statement recorded in the following verses 11 and 12;

> *"But I say unto you that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatever they pleased.*
> *Likewise shall also the Son of Man suffer of them.*

Then the disciples understood that He spake to them of John the Baptist."

Now let us be very clear in our minds as to what Christ was saying. There is certainly a considerable difference of opinion, and even confusion, regarding the position and ministry of John the Baptist. So before analysing the above Scriptures, and so as to understand what Christ was saying, let us look at what God's Word has to say regarding John the Baptist.

When we turn to Luke 1:11-17 we read of the pronouncement by the Arch-angel Gabriel to Zacharias regarding the birth of John.

"And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right hand of the altar of incense. And when Zacharias saw him, he was troubled, and fear fell upon him.
But the angel said unto him, Fear not Zacharias, for thy prayer is heard. And thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. And thou shalt have joy and gladness, and many shall rejoice at his birth.
For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink. And he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb.
And many of the children of Israel shall he turn to the Lord their God
And he shall go before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

The first point to notice is that the Angel did NOT promise that Zacharias' wife Elisabeth would bear a son. He said that "thy wife Elisabeth would bear THEE a son." Let us clearly understand that John the Baptist was THE SON OF ZACHARIAS. He was not born as the result of a special act of conception, such as that associated with the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was the son of Zacharias and the son of Elisabeth. He had a human mother and a human father. Thus for John the Baptist to be Elijah, he

would need to be the reincarnation of Elijah. I can find no support whatsoever in God's Word which substantiates any belief in the theory of reincarnation. I realise that there are quite a number of Christians who believe in this theory, but without meaning to unnecessarily offend such people, I can only reiterate that I can find nothing in the Bible to support such a theory. From what I have read to date regarding this theory, it seems to be a conclusion which appears to be the only way of explaining other incidents which the theory's exponents cannot explain by any other means. This would appear to me to be a rather nebulous basis for any doctrine. If this theory is correct, then it means that each of us could already have lived separate and very different existences, with separate and different relationships with God. We would certainly be in trouble assessing our final relationship with God in as far as our personal salvation is concerned, and if I could be so bold as to say without intending any irreverence, even God could be in trouble working it all out.

For John the Baptist to be the son of Zacharias and Elisabeth, there can be no way by which he could be the reincarnation of Elijah, who by the way, HAD NOT EVEN DIED.

And this leads us to the next point. We have already studied the Scriptures relating to the translation of Elijah. We have seen that the Hebrew word for 'taken' in II Kings 2;9 is the same word used for 'took' in Gen. 5:24 in reference to Enoch, which in turn is quoted in Hebrews 11:5 as,

"Enoch was translated, THAT HE SHOULD NOT SEE DEATH."

Now there can be no doubt that both Enoch and Elijah must have experienced some dramatic change to their bodies in order to enter into the presence of God without experiencing death. There can also be little doubt that this change would have paralleled the change we will experience at our translation, when as Paul says in I Cor. 15:51-52,

> *"We shall not all sleep, BUT WE SHALL ALL BE CHANGED, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump."*

The word 'moment' used above is translated from the Greek

word "atomos" and means "that which cannot be cut or divided." This applies not only to the speed at which the event will occur, but also to the change in our atomic structure, which can not be cut or divided. This is what made it possible for our Lord Jesus Christ to pass through solid walls and just appear as if from nowhere. This is what will make it possible for those of us who qualify, to appear in a split second of time anywhere in God's universe, merely at will.

Elijah entered into this situation in one of the greatest blazes of glory and power recorded in the Bible.

The Bible does not record any change or variation to this condition.

ANY OTHER THEORY IS MERE SPECULATION.

The point I make is this. Having experienced this virtually unbelievable metamorphis; this supernatural change to the very atomic structure and nature of our body, being obviously the new body in which we will be clothed; having been made NOT SUBJECT TO DEATH; having been made immortal; ARE WE TO UNDERSTAND THAT AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE WE COULD BE REQUIRED TO SURRENDER ALL THIS AND BECOME AGAIN SUBJECT TO DEATH? I think not. But if John the Baptist was Elijah, then this is what must have happened. In the face of these facts, there would appear to be no other conclusion but that John the Baptist was nothing more than the son of Zacharia and Elisabeth as stated in God's Word, and NOT the reincarnation of the prophet Elijah.

Let us then return to our reading in Luke chapter one, where in verse 17 the Angel goes on to say,

> *"And he shall go forth before him (i.e. Jesus Christ) in the spirit and power of Elijah."*

Surely, if God wanted us to understand that John the Baptist was Elijah, He could have merely stated that John would be Elijah. He said no such thing. He clearly and deliberately said that John would minister in the "spirit and power of Elijah."

As stated earlier, this phrase is used of Elisha when, as

recorded in II Kings 2:14-15, the other prophets acknowledged that "the spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha."

Turning now to John 1:19, we find the account of the questioning of John the Baptist by the priests.

> *"And this is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou?*
> *And He confessed, and denied not; but confessed I am not the Christ.*
> *And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah?*
> *And he said, I am not."*

So John the Baptist denied quite emphatically that He was Elijah, whilst on the other hand, the Angel declared NOT that he would be Elijah, but that he would come in the spirit and power of Elijah.

It must be recognised that John the Baptist had a very important role. He described himself as 'the voice of one crying in the wilderness, preparing the way of the Lord.' The great prophet Isaiah referred to this very circumstance. We read in Isa. 40:3,

> *"The voice of him that crieth in the wilderness,*
> *Prepare ye the way of the Lord."*

John the Baptist was the messenger of the First Advent of our Lord Jesus Christ. He was the one appointed to announce the coming of "THE ANNOINTED OF GOD" - the Messiah - and to identify Him to the remnant of Israel remaining in the land at that time. This he accomplished when he pronounced that glorious statement,

> *"BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD, THAT TAKETH AWAY THE SIN OF THE WORLD."*

He was the one who identified the man known as Jesus, the son of Mary, and supposedly the son of the carpenter Joseph, as THE MESSIAH - THE CHRIST - THE LAMB OF GOD. And in doing this, he completed the task to which he was born and appointed.

He proclaimed the arrival, the reality, and the message of

the First Advent.

Then we find that our Lord Himself is described as a messenger. In Malachi 3:1 He is referred to as the "Messenger of the Covenant." This aspect of Christ's ministry is referred to in several passages in the New Testament. In Luke 1:54-55 we read,

> *"He has come to the help of Israel His servant,*
> *mindful of His mercy, according to the promise*
> *He made to our ancestors, of His mercy to Abraham*
> *and to his descendents for ever."*
>
> *(Jerusalem Bible)*

In Luke 1:72-73, again in the Jerusalem Bible, we read,

> *"Thus He shows mercy to our ancestors.*
> *Thus He remembers His Holy Covenant,*
> *The oath He swore to our father Abraham."*

Again, in Romans 15:8 we read,

> *"Now I say that Jesus Christ was a minister*
> *of the circumcision for the truth of God,*
> *TO CONFIRM THE PROMISES MADE UNTO THE FATHERS."*

Finally, we have the promise of the THIRD messenger, Elijah. Each of these "messengers" had their respective duties at their appointed times. We have the FIRST messenger, John the Baptist, who proclaimed the First Advent of the SECOND messenger, which was the Lord Jesus Christ as the Messenger of the Covenant. This was to be followed ultimately by the THIRD messenger - Elijah - proclaiming the imminent return, or Second Advent, of the SECOND messenger, who would then implement the full glory of His Covenant.

Let us now turn to Matt. 11:7-15, where we read,

> *"And as they departed, Jesus began to say unto*
> *the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out*
> *into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken with*
> *the wind?*
> *But what went ye out for to see? a man clothed*
> *in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft*
> *clothing are in kings' houses.*

But what went ye out for to see? A prophet?
Yea, I say unto you, and more than a prophet.
For this is he, of whom it is written,
Behold, I send my messenger before thy face,
which shall prepare thy way before thee.
Verily I say unto you, among them that are born
of women there hath not risen a greater than
John the Baptist.
Notwithstanding he that is least in the Kingdom
of Heaven is greater than he.
And from the days of John the Baptist until now
the Kingdom of Heaven suffereth violence, and
the violent take it by force.
For all the prophets and the law prophesied
until John.
And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah, which
was for to come.
He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

Without doubt, this passage must, and indeed does, present quite an enigma both to students and casual readers of God's Word alike. So before we do anything else, let us take special note of verse fifteen.

"He that hath ears to hear, let him hear."

This phrase is used fourteen times in the New Testament, (excluding the repetition of the same narrative in the Gospels), seven of which follow the messages to each of the seven churches in The Revelation. A study of these references reveals that in every instance, they were spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ, and in every instance the message which preceded them had a very special underlying significance. It is thus encumbent upon us, as students and lovers of God's Word, to

"Study to shew ourselves approved unto God,
workmen that need not be ashamed,
rightly dividing the Word of Truth."
II Tim. 2:15.

With this in mind, let us take a closer look at our last

reading. On the surface it appears that our Lord has said that John the Baptist was Elijah. The statement reads,

> *"And if ye will receive it, this is Elijah which was for to come."*

Similarly, if we turn to Matt. 17:13 to which we referred earlier, we read,

> *"Then the disciples understood that He spake unto them of John the Baptist."*

Now here are two statements which on the surface identify John the Baptist as Elijah. What is really meant by these statements? How do we understand these apparent anomalies?

Let us take a closer look at what our Lord said as recorded in the eleventh chapter of Matthew's Gospel. In verse 11 He says,

> *"Among them that are born of women, there hath not arisen a greater (Prophet) than John the Baptist."*

Thus we see that our Lord Jesus Christ regarded John the Baptist as the greatest prophet to be born of women. The reason of course, is quite clear. John the Baptist was there to herald the coming of the Messiah, the Lord Jesus Christ. No other prophet had ever been given that privilege. This ties in with verse 13, where Christ says,

> *"For all the prophets and the law, prophesied until John."*

John announced the culmination of everything that had been previously said, both in the law, and by the prophets, relative to the coming and to the ministry of the Messiah. We read in Galatians 3:24,

> *"The law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ."*

Not only did our Lord Jesus Christ fulfill the laws of ordinances which were the laws of sacrifice for the forgiveness of sin, but by becoming the Redeemer of Israel, He bought His people Israel back from the curse of the Law, which was, on a national scale, death and separation from their God. By this act

of redemption, Israel was now able to return to the full blessings of God's Laws, which were their national prerogative and heritage, and to their peculiar relationship with God which had been instituted by God between Himself and Israel alone. This 'Law relationship' with God was never ever made with any other nation but Israel, and in itself, is a major mark of identity of true Israel in the world today.

The prophets spoke of this very time, when the Lord Jesus Christ, or as they knew Him, Jehovah, the Lord God of Israel, would come among His people for the purposes already outlined above.

Now apart from the foreknowledge of God, who knew what was going to happen, the people at that time could have accepted the Lord Jesus Christ for what He was. They were given the opportunity. It was, humanly speaking, a possibility, although God foreknew otherwise. So our Lord said, "If you will accept what the Law and the prophets have stated about the man whom John the Baptist heralded; if you accept this man Jesus as the Messiah, the deliverer, redeemer, and King of Israel, then John the Baptist would have fulfilled the ministry of Elijah." Our Lord's words were,

> *"If ye will receive it, this is Elijah which was for to come."* (Matt. 11:14.)

When we refer to the original Greek for the words translated "this is", we find that contrary to the popularly held view, this does NOT mean that the one <u>is literally</u> the other. It means that the one REPRESENTS the other. This is a very good example of the necessity to STUDY the Word of God, and not just to read it. Christ did NOT say that John the Baptist was the actual prophet Elijah. What He DID say, was that if they accepted what the law and the Prophets said of Him, and accepted Him for what He was, then John the Baptist would have REPRESENTED Elijah. This is the literal statement which the Lord Jesus Christ made.

Returning to verse eleven of our reading, we find another statement which appears to be contradictory, or at least difficult to understand. Christ says,

"Notwithstanding, he that is least in the Kingdom of Heaven is greater than he." (i.e. John the Baptist.)

It is rather a pity that so many of the original Greek words have not been more accurately translated. But if you wish to check in any reliable concordance, you will find that the Greek word translated 'least' means 'least in age' or 'younger.' It has nothing to do with status. Our Lord merely stated, in the context of John the Baptist being the greatest prophet, that he who was younger in the Kingdom of Heaven was greater than John the Baptist. Now who was younger than John in the Kingdom? Of whom was our Lord speaking?

He was speaking of HIMSELF, because he was born after John, and was thus younger, or least.

So we find that the Lord was not confusing the issue, but rather putting into its true perspective the relationship between Himself and John the Baptist. He made it quite clear that although John was the greatest of the prophets, He Himself, though younger in human terms, was still greater than John the Baptist.



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Then he realises ever more clearly as he proceeds that the mating of a CHRISTIANITY that is WHOLLY GENTILE WITH THE TRUTH OF THE KINGDOM THAT IS ENTIRELY ISRAEL'S cannot lead to a state of wedlock that is in any wise HOLY. Indeed, the clash of Bible facts with inherited beliefs that are completely GENTILE in background leads finally to a state of UNHOLY SPIRITUAL DEADLOCK.

GENTILE PREMISES

CHRISTIANITY IS GENTILE. It is founded on GENTILE PREMISES. Its very purpose is to bring every promise of whatever nature in the Word within the grasp, and ostensibly as the heritage and rightful aspiration, of gentiles. In cold truth, it is astonishing how sweeping is what it offers to gentiles.

THERE IS NO ISRAEL NATION, IT CLAIMS. But there being a very awkward amount of reference to that nation in the Bible, it must so broaden the meaning of the term Israel that even the Hottentot who can lisp a translation of the Lord's Prayer is claimed to be a member of what is called 'SPIRITUAL ISRAEL'. For was not the Saviour WHITE only to the WHITE MAN, but BLACK to the BLACK MAN and YELLOW to the YELLOW MAN? And is not THIS to think liberally and at large?

At some moment, the Israelite realises that these thought processes are not merely wrong, but UTTERLY INTELLECTUALLY DISHONEST. He realises that, be their authors completely innocent and ignorant of intended evil, pious and selfless, yet, if only for want of better knowledge, their whole basis

is so designed that it would cheat and defraud the Israel people of their real rights, and their very real inheritance, and vest them freely in the Hottentots of Africa or the Laos of Cambodia or anybody else in and through a SUPPOSEDLY world-embracing church. AND CHEATING IS CHEATING.

THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED

For the true Israelite, there is left a religious vacuum; and emphatically we have no sparkling and intoxicating new cult with which to fill it. The plain truth is that the very sincerity of his convictions puts him in the spiritual wilderness. We have been there some little time now, and, admitting the loneliness, it is a fair comment that the atmosphere there is clear and conducive to straight and truthful thinking.

It is a piece of simple, straight and truthful thinking - but one SHOCKINGLY NEGLECTED - that the Israelite possesses no rights to be anything other than his Master was. It is a sign of maturity to realise that he has no right to be a Wesleyan or a Baptist if his Master was not a Wesleyan or a Baptist.

AND THE MESSIAH WAS NOT A CHRISTIAN AT ALL.

Where the Israelite must look is defined for him in Jude, verse 3: he must earnestly CONTEND FOR THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED TO THE SAINTS - THE FAITH ONCE DELIVERED, or ONCE AND FOR ALL DELIVERED, TO THE SET-APART ONES OF HIS OWN RACE. He must, however reluctantly, accept DIVORCE FROM HIS GENTILE CHURCH, and get back, ever back, TO HIS OWN PEOPLE.

THE FINISHER OF OUR FAITH.

It may take a little time and thought to acclimatise the mind to the idea, but, radical as it is, no accommodation or compromise can be offered. JEHOSHUA, Son of the Most High, was a MELCHIZEDEKAN (Heb. 6:20). Being so designated, the authority, the import and purport of every word recorded of Him in Matthew, in Mark or Luke or John, is MELCHIZEDEKAN. The idea that He could in any wise be a "CHRISTIAN" in, let us say, Matthew, and have gone over to a new "religion" - we cringe at so shoddy a word - by the time its author came to write Hebrews is to OUTRAGE BASIC GOOD SENSE AND SIMPLE COMPREHENSION.

The Christian church of today has a spiritual digestion as dangerous as that of an octapus. It sucks in and dissipates anything alien to its own teaching - it is capable of reducing to molecular nothingness more truth than any institution we know. Its usual treatment of the Melchizedekan is either to imply that it is a mystery about which we know nothing, or to pose that question of easy accommodation: are not the Melchizedekan and Christianity IDENTICAL? In other words, is not this gigantic spiritual sponge, CHRISTIANITY, everything anyhow?

Again, we have no compromise to offer. SO BASE, SO BEMUSED IS MODERN CHRISTIANITY that the suggestion even of similarity with the Melchizedekan is GROSS PRESUMPTION. By its higher-critical dabblings, by its denial of the truth of the Word, it has submitted its every vestige of authority to hara-kiri.

But if Heb. 5:11-14; 6:1-6 is referred to it will there be seen that the elements which are the very backbone of the Christian faith are described as the milk of the word, food for babes; and the Israelite is ordered to leave these mere points of departure from dead works, and to press on to the MEAT OF THE WORD. The meat of the Word is there referred to in association with the things of Melchizedek, with Israel, its Law and Kingdom polity.

EPISTLE TO THE HEBREWS.

If he wants to finish his faith, to bring it to completion, he must look where that completion is, to the Document of the New Covenant - for that is what the Epistle to the Hebrews is - and read it CLAUSE BY CLAUSE, as he would read the deeds of the house he was about to buy.

Certain profoundly simple things are to be noted. His people were to have a change of regime: The Order under which they lived, the Aaronic Order, is declared superseded (see also Is. 1:11-15, 66:1-3: Jeremiah 7:21-23). THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS WAS NO LONGER ACCEPTABLE.

If the steel of RACE and TRUTH has entered his soul, he will realise that, in spite of everything Christianity has had to say on the subject, any suggestion that the blood of

bulls and goats had not been completely effective as propitiation for breaches of the Law is to flout the Word of the Lord. HE SAID THAT IT WAS EFFECTIVE. But the Lord, Whose Name appears as signatory to the Epistle, now declared it ineffective. The Israelite's propitiation was declared void.

But he should seek to understand with some precision the limits of this. If he refers to Gen. 26:5, he will see that Abraham kept the Lord's Commandments, His Statutes and Laws. But there is no mention of him keeping the Ordinances. There were no ordinances at that time.

When the Israel people were mustered on Sinai, they were given an Order of service to the Lord. They were put under the order of the Tabernacle and Temple - the Aaronic Order, the sons of Aaron being its priests. But there were no rules and ordinances of the Aaronic Order in the Law of the Lord as Abraham had it. They were not in the original Law, and therefore had to be added. Paul refers to this "LAW THAT WAS ADDED" (Gal. 3:19) - he was very much involved in it, since, subject to the Sanhedrin's corruptions of it, it was the Law of the Jews' religion. And it was only this added portion, this Law of Ordinances, this Law of the Temple rites, that had reference to the blood of bulls and goats.

This Law of the Ordinances, the Law that was added, is the only portion of the Law of the Lord that stands cancelled by the statements in Hebrews.

A COVENANT WITH A DATE

THAT NEEDS TO BE NOTED CAREFULLY. The Aaronic Order being superseded, the Laws and regulations that governed it were set aside. Since its laws are the soul and embodiment of any Order, these had to go. But the Law of the Lord as Abraham had it, the Commandments, Statutes and Laws, remained unaltered. And what is of transcendent importance, is that this Law is declared to be the LAW OF THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK, and in that Law and in that Order the New Covenant is vested. The declaration (Heb. 8:7-13) is that JHWH by His prophet, Jeremiah (Jer. 31:31-34), made six centuries earlier, but pronounced, implemented and fulfilled

at the date of the Epistle to the Hebrews.

In Heb. 9:11-24, the New Covenant is declared BLOOD-SEALED by the spilling of the Lord of the Testator, and made operative thereby. From the date of the blood-spilling, thus a date commonly assumed to be in April 30 A.D., the operative Order - in spite of all opinion and presumption - has been the ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK UNDER ITS GREAT PRIEST-KING, JEHOSHUA, THE ANOINTED ONE. THAT is the fiat of JHWH.

And as Moses had the Law and a full national polity, so the Order of Melchizedek is empowered by and possessed of the idential Law and full national polity. THE LORD CHANGES NOT. WHY SHOULD HE?

ABRAHAM'S FAITH

But we said that the Israelite must look ever back to his race and people. Isaiah said that he must look back to Abraham, the ROCK whence he was hewn (Isaiah 51:1-2). If he will refer to Gen. 14:18-20, he will see there set down that Abraham was a Melchizedekan. The Messiah and Abraham were therefore/exactly the same FAITH and BELIEF. THEY WERE SERVANTS OF THE SAME ORDER; they administered and took respectively the same sacrament, THE SACRAMENT OF MELCHIZEDEK - BREAD AND WINE.

The Lord changes not. Again, why should He? Why should He permit or in any wise countenance the SPIRITUAL DRUNKENNESS of new and intoxicating cults and schismatic extravagances? HE HAS NO NEED OF THEM.

But to the Israelite whose eyes are open is the honour of serving Him in the Order He nursed in eternity, the Order in which His saints - His set-apart ones of Israel - must serve Him through time and on INTO ETERNITY. To the Israelite conscious of his identity and nation is the glory of seeing the tragic Figure on the cross resurgent in the grandeur of His kingly majesty and power, in the true establishment of His Kingdom, and in the sanctity of His Priesthood - THE MELCHIZADEKAN.

Here is the true end and purpose of the message to Israel called the New Testament.

KEY WORD

The key to a true appreciation of this message to Israel lies very much in the comprehension of the true meaning and value of one word: we quote it -

> "For God so loved the KOSMOS that He gave His only begotten SON that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life. For God sent not His Son into the Kosmos to condemn the Kosmos; but that through Him the Kosmos might be saved." Jn.3:16-17.

The Father, JHWH, the statement says, sent His Son to save the Kosmos. THAT STATEMENT IS ENTIRELY SIMPLE. It needs no theological interpretation. We have simply put the Greek word, KOSMOS, that appears in the ORIGINAL text, back into place. WE HAVE ALTERED NOTHING, MODIFIED NOTHING.



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HOW CHRISTIAN IS BRITAIN?

The following quote is taken from a local church in the Blue Mountains. "In Britain today there are MORE MUSLIMS THAN METHODISTS - MORE HINDUS AND SIKHS THAN MEMBERS OF THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH (including Congregationals and Presbyterians) - MORE JEWS THAN BAPTISTS and MORE BUDDHISTS THAN QUAKERS."

With these details are we not reminded of those laws concerning the "stranger" within our midst and how, if, we DISOBEY, they shall "become the head and not the tail."

IN GOLD WE TRUST.

The above phrase was recently sighted in the October 1979 issue of 'NEWSWEEK'. The phrase in "GOD WE TRUST", is so similar and yet both these expressions express a way of life and a philosophy that are opposite to each other. I am reminded of those words of Christ when He said, "YE CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MAMMON". (Luke 16:13).

The meaning of 'MAMMON' is the reliance upon money, not just wealth itself. The above statement by Christ was concluding the parable on the UNJUST STEWARD. For an explanation of the parable read Chapter 59 of 'MAN THINKING.'

I feel the following quote from the book "Banks of the World by Roger Orsingher" is of interest when read in conjunction with Luke 16:13.

"The nature of society, especially the extent of individual liberty, was a very important factor in the development of banking in the ancient world. For example, the Mosaic Law led to a very sharp reaction against banking and so Hebrew civilization, although it was strongly and directly influenced by Babylonian civilisation, knew almost nothing of Banks." P.2. "The FIRST professional moneylenders were the Jews." P.11. "It was the Lombards, whose name and reputation have remained famous in financial history, who were (except for the Jews) the first PROFESSIONAL agents for credit operations in France, in England and in Germany." (P.12.)

THE CHURCH, POLITICS AND SOCIAL ISSUES.

Before proceeding with the above topic, my choice of the word "social" should be explained. I have used the word social to have economic, financial and domestic context.

Whilst I believe the Church and State should be separated, both systems should complement each other. The Church should interpret Scripture to suit the changing society, whilst the State should administer the laws in accordance with the interpretation. Then the Courts and associated institutions are to police the law and to discharge the punishments. Society can change because of improved technology.

The overlapping of Church and politics in each others affairs has resulted in considerable confusion in the minds of Ministers and politicians as to what their respective roles are. The Church today is, generally, under the guidance of the World Council of Churches and the United Nations has become a social welfare agency.

The confusion has also come about because of the FALSE TEACHING that the law has been 'done away with.' If the Laws of God, WHICH ARE PERFECT, converting the soul, (Ps. 19:7) have been done away with, JUST WHAT LAWS CAN BE APPLIED TO CORRECT THE PRESENT CHAOTIC SITUATION? Humanitarianism does NOT mean that our problems will be solved by this means!

The reason why HUMANITARIANISM will not work is seen in its definition. The Home Study Dictionary says humanitarianism is "one who has a great regard or love for humanity; one who DENIES THE DIVINITY OF CHRIST and believes Him to have been a mere man; one who maintains the PERFECTABILITY of human nature without the AID OF GRACE." In the light of this definition could it be said that CHRIST WAS A HUMANITARIAN? Now, whilst loving your neighbour is important, it is a case of "putting the cart before the horse" if LOVING GOD IS TO TAKE SECOND PLACE.

In Matt. 5:19 it says: "Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments and shall teach men so, HE shall be called 'the least in the Kingdom of Heaven'; but, whosoever shall DO and TEACH them the same shall be called 'great in the Kingdom of Heaven'. The 'Kingdom of Heaven'

mentioned here cannot be where the presence of God is for THAT is where PERFECTION CAN ONLY EXIST. The ONLY place left is ON THIS EARTH as shown in the phrase, "THY WILL BE DONE ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN."

When I once asked a Church of England minister the difference between PERSONAL and NATIONAL sinning and he could not tell me, HOW does one expect the politicians to be better informed? If the MORAL and SPIRITUAL thermometer - THE CHURCH, has failed in giving a reading, HOW does one expect the politics of the land to be directed in a way that will bring in JUSTICE AND PEACE?

As I write these words the promises of Hayden and Fraser are being broadcast throughout the land in the hope that the people, who are quite confused, will vote for whatever party they think will prove to be less disastrous. Surely this is NOT the type of government that God intended for his people!

We have heard all this rhetoric before; again, the people will attend their voting booths and place a cross in little boxes thinking they have done their part for DEMOCRACY, (whatever THAT means: IT IS A SHEER FARCE!)

After listening to the promises and their solutions not one word was heard about what the Scriptures have to say; yet, EVERY POINT MENTIONED IS WRITTEN ABOUT IN GOD'S WORD.

It is an incredible paradox that, whilst the Bible is still the most widely read book, IT IS THE LEAST UNDERSTOOD and REFERRED TO IN THE AFFAIRS OF THIS NATION. This is possibly an example of the phrase that 'in the last days there will be a FAMINE OF THE WORD OF GOD'. The famine is one of UNDERSTANDING AND INTERPRETATION, and for this we can only blame the clergy!

Some of the issues mentioned by the politicians concerned education, taxation, family security, employment, training the young for the work force, home ownership, the primary producer and his problems, health programmes, petrol and natural energy, aid for the aged and disabled, industry and business etc. The above issues were to be supported by what would appear to be a never ending supply of millions of dollars. But, of course, under our debt-controlled system, WHO is going to pay for it by means of INCREASED TAXATION,

no matter what they might call it? YOU AND ME!

This problem of debt would be solved by the application of the Law of Release when, at the end of every sixth year, all unpaid debts were cancelled without causing any harm to the person to whom money was still owed. It is the SIMPLICITY of the law that is its stumbling block; because money is a man-made system, it should not be difficult to devise a system that is NOT A DEBT TO SOCIETY.

The SOLE purpose of money is to make available the resources of the earth. Money should be a convenience, NOT a burden to carry. All money is a debt in our society, but UNDER GOD'S LAW, money, or credit, WOULD BECOME AN ASSET. Money should be merely a circulation medium and in itself possess no wealth.

Western society, or to be more specific, ANGLO-SAXONDOM, has accepted the phrase "IN GOLD WE TRUST" rather than "IN GOD WE TRUST." To a large extent this condition has been forced upon us by strangers; nevertheless, the above statement is true. I believe we have passed the point of praying for our leaders in the hope that they will see their error and turn to God with a broken and contrite heart. I am not suggesting that we NOT support some person who is ENDEAVOURING to do something to reverse the tide of corruption and deceit. God STILL has his witnesses. St. Paul instructed us to pray for the authorities who rule over us. Our prayer is not for them to continue their error but, that they might return to the recognising of God's Laws, thus leading us "into a quiet and peaceful life in all GODLINESS AND HONESTY." This includes COMPLETE OWNERSHIP OF THE HOME, WITHOUT A MORTGAGE. In fact, we see the reverse; to own a house today is a forgotten dream and for some it is a NIGHTMARE. THIS IS NOT SECURITY but, INSECURITY, and this leads to carelessness. Read Isaiah 47 for the result of being careless.

Just how long we must wait for the return of the Lord Jesus Christ to set up His Kingdom ON THIS EARTH, we do not know; however, no matter how long it is, we must not be found lacking in our endeavours on His behalf and WITHOUT OIL IN OUR LAMPS.

(Written by Mr. John Trotter).

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Gospel Distinctions Between Jews, Gentiles, and Israel

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Somebody sends a question to Dr. Robert Hughes of Liberty Baptist Seminary (Lynchburg, VA.) and asks:

"Do you believe, as many ministers do, and teach in your seminary that Christ was a Jew; and if so, where do you find it in the Bible?"

His answer: "Yes, Jesus was a Jew."

Why do most Bible school teachers and ministers believe that Jesus was a Jew? And what Bible basis do they give for such a conclusion?

Before we can understand that, we must understand what we all mean when we use the terms Jew or Gentile, Judahite or Israelite. Dr. Hughes, and hundreds of others, make the same mistake based upon a faulty major premise which causes all subsequent conclusions to be subject to the same error. In this message, I will show you positive Bible evidence that Jesus was not a "Jew", as we use the term, but was a Judahite from the tribes of Israel by His human lineage and the Son of God, Who is neither Jew nor Greek nor Gentile.

Back to Dr. Hughes answer (in *Faith Aflame*, Aug. 1977). This Bible teacher, who is respected and believed by thousands of Christians, bases his theory that Jesus was a Jew on just two premises, viz. that Jesus was the "*Son of David*" (citing Luke 1:30-33) and that "*Jesus was of the tribe of Judah . . . a son of Jacob, who was a grandson of Abraham, the father of the Jewish race.*" Now notice that this Bible professor, dean of a seminary with a doctor of Theology degree, claims Jesus was a Jew because He was the son of David and of the tribe of Judah, a grandson of Abraham. From this we must assume that Abraham and David were Jews, because no other evidence is presented.

We all agree that in His human lineage Jesus was the Son of David and Abraham and Judah. The Bible says so in the

first chapter of the New Testament. But the Bible never says anywhere that Abraham, Judah or David were Jews. People say that. Some Jews claim it. But the Bible proves they were not. It is impossible!

A very elementary observation shows that the term "Jew" did not come into existence until after the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah were divided, which was long after Abraham or David lived. The first mention of this title "Jew" is found in II Kings 16:6 about 732 B.C. Abraham lived 2000 years before Christ and David 1000 years before Christ, and neither of them ever heard of the word Jew!

If Jesus were a Jew because He was a Son of Abraham, then the Arabs must be Jews because they are also sons of Abraham (and Ishmael by Hagar, Gen. 16). But Jesus is no more a Jew because He was a Son of Abraham than the Arabs are Jews because they have the same father!

Yes, Jesus was *called* a Jew — always by His enemies.

At His birth and death the title "King of the Jews" was laid on Christ, but not by His faithful Howers (Matt. 2:2 & 27:11). Wise men from the east came to King Herod and asked, "*Where is he that is born King of the Jews?*" But the Scripture they cite for seeking Jesus was taken from Micah (5:2) which calls for a ruler of Israel to come from the tribe of Judah. The word "Jew" in the New Testament always refers to a person of the country of Judea. Never does it refer to a race. A Jew is always a person whose nationality is Judean, or whose language is from this southern area of Palestine — in the New Testament record. A person is not a Jew by race, either in the New Testament or in modern times. A Jew is any person who believes in or lives by the religion of Judahism. Any person who denies the Jewish faith and converts to Christianity is not a Jew any longer. He or she is now a Christian. There is no such thing as a Jew-Christian. The two are diametrically opposed. A Christian believes that Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God; a Jew denies this. A Jew who believes Christ is the Son of God is no longer a Jew; he is a Christian. Paul settles it (in Gal. 3:28) when he says emphatically: "*There is neither Jew nor Greek . . . for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.*" (also Col. 3:11).

Jesus was *called* a Jew by a *Samaritan* and was called a Samaritan by the Jews! (John 4:9 & 8:48). Christ was called a Galilean by Pilate who sent Him to Herod (Lk. 23:6). Who was cor-

rect? They are all in the Bible! Of course, these were referring to His nationality. Jesus was born in Bethlehem, a small town south of Jerusalem in the land of Judea (formerly the southern Kingdom of Judah), but He was reared in Nazareth, a small town north of Jerusalem in the province of Samaria, formerly the northern Kingdom of Israel. Hence the confusion of language, customs, and nationality. Not all citizens of Judea were Jews by any stretch of the imagination — in Jesus' day or today. Herod was Idomean, descendants of Edom, the twin brother of Jacob, and enemies of the Israelites. Many Edomites became Jews, by religious preference.

In H. H. Rowley's "SHORT DICTIONARY OF BIBLE THEMES" (Basic Books, Inc. Publ. New York, 1968), under the heading JEWS, Professor Rowley says, "In the north the people are called Samaritans, and there was increasing tension between the people of the south, formerly called Judah (from which the name Jew is derived), and the Samaritans until a complete breach was made (John 4:9) . . . In the fourth Gospel the term "Jew" is used in a pejorative sense to indicate those who were hostile to Jesus (Jn. 2:18, 7:1,13, 8:48, 9:22). This ought to be easily observed by any Bible student who is searching for truth.

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"Smith's Bible Dictionary," (Wm. Smith, Doubleday, 1966, Fleming Revell, 1915), an old and highly respected reference by all evangelicals, says (under "Jews"): "This name was properly applied to a member of the kingdom of Judah after the separation of the ten tribes . . . The force of the title 'Jew' is seen particularly in the Gospel of St. John, who very rarely uses any other term to describe the opponents of our Lord. The name, indeed, appeared at the close of the apostle's life to be the *true antithesis to Christianity*, as describing the limited and definite form of *a national religion.*" (Emphasis added).

The term *"JEW"* appears only ten times in the entire Old Testament; 8 times in Esther and once in Jeremiah and Zechariah. It appears 22 times in the New Testament (8 times each in Acts and Romans, twice in John and Galatians and once in Corinthians and Collossians).

Jewess is used twice in Acts referring to the mother of Timothy (16:1) whose name was

Eunice (II Tim. 1:5), and also of the wife of Felix, Drusilla, who was the daughter of Herod of Agrippa (Acts 24:24).

Jewry is used only once in the entire Old Testament (Dan. 4:13) and refers to Daniel brought of captivity from Judah, the fallen kingdom. It is used only twice in the New Testament, in John 7:1, where Christ could not *"walk in Jewry, because the Jews sought to kill him,"* and in Luke 23:5, where Jesus is being accused of sedition by the Jews.

The term *"Jewish"* is used only once in the Bible, with reference to Rabbinical fables to be avoided by Christians (Titus 1:14).

"Jews" in the plural occurs most frequently in the Bible — 74 times in the Old Testament, but 43 times in the single short book of Esther. In other words, Jews are mentioned more times in the story of Esther than in all the other books of the Old Testament put together. It is used 170 times in the New Testament, the majority of times in a derogatory or pejorative sense, and 63 times by John.

"Jew" in the possessive form is found 14 times in the Bible, 8 times in the Old and 6 times in the New Testament. Six times it refers to the Jew's language or speech, 4 times to a feast, and twice of an enemy or a religion.

There you have it — all the usage of the term *"Jew"* in the Bible, and never once does it refer to a race — a language, a religion, a nationality, but not a race. It is still true today.

Furthermore, the word *"Jew"* is never used by Moses or Joshua, and is not found in Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy, Joshua, Judges, Ruth, I and II Samuel, I Kings, I Chronicles; the entire books of Job, Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon, Lamentations, and it never appears in the prophets Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai or Malachi. In the New Testament Jews never are mentioned in the Epistles to the Ephesians, Philippians, II Thessalonians, I & II Timothy, Philemon, Hebrews, James, I & II Peter, I, II, III John and Jude. The Revelation uses the term only twice, but then very strongly denouncing them (2:9, 3:9).

A common misunderstanding is that a Gentile is one who is not a Jew, but this is not even a proper dictionary definition of the term. My latest dictionary, the *"STANDARD ENCYCLOPEDIC DICTIONARY"* published by Funk & Wagnalls (1972) says this under the word

Gentile: "*gentile*, adj. 1. Of or pertaining to gens, tribe, or people. 2. Of or pertaining to Gentiles (F LL *gentilis* foreign)." "*Gentile*, n. 1. Among Jews, one not a Jew. 2. Among Christians, a heathen or pagan. 3. Among Mormons, one not a Mormon."

So if you are a Christian, a Gentile is one who is not a Christian. To a Christian a Jew is a Gentile, because he is not a believer in Christ! Remember, there is no such thing as a Jewish Christian, or an atheist Christian, or a Gentile Christian, or a Moslem Christian, or a Hindu Christian. Christ is not divided or shared with pagan gods or heathen religions. We are either all Christ's or none of His. This is Scripturally sound as it is semantically correct (Matt. 6:24, Jas. 4:4, Acts 4:12, Rom. 8:9).

Paul speaks of Gentiles in Romans (11:11-13) as those Israelites who were apostate from God and the Gospel of Christ. In this interval in Romans, Paul makes no mention of the Jews in chapters 11-16, but Paul does say that Israel is found not only among the Jews (Judea) but among other nations where he would go to preach the Gospel, in other "Gentiles," or nations. (Rom. 9:24-27). Israel was then scattered in heathen nations, Paul says (Rom. 11:25).

The Greek word translated as "Gentiles" in the New Testament is "*ethnos*," which merely means "other nations." While Paul refers to *Israel* as God's elect — beloved, saved, peculiar people, remnant, foreknown and predestined people — the Apostle never speaks this way of the Jews.

W. E. Vine says in his "*Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words*" (Fleming H. Revell Co. 1940 to 1966) under "GENTILES — 1. Ethnos . . . denotes firstly a multitude or company; then a multitude of people of the same nature or genus, a nation, people; it is used in the singular of the Jews, e.g., Luke 7:5, 23:2; John 11:48, 50-52; in the plural of nations other than Israel, e.g. Matt. 4:15; Rom. 3:29."

To show that the Bible uses the terms "Gentiles" and "nations" interchangeably, look at Romans 15 where Paul is quoting Old Testament references. In verse 9 he cites Psalm 18:49, telling of preaching Christ to the nations. The King James version says "*I will confess to thee among the Gentiles*," in Rom. 15:9, but in the passage from which it is taken it says, "*Among the heathen*." In verse 10 Paul says, "*Rejoice, ye Gentiles with his people*," but the passage he is quot-

ing in Deuteronomy 32:43 says, *"Rejoice, O ye nations"* in the same Bible.

Verse 11 (Rom. 15) cites *"Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles,"* from Psalm 117:1 which really says, *"Praise the Lord, all ye nations."*

Verse 12 from Isaiah (11:10) says that Christ, the Root of Jesse (father of David), *"shall rise to reign over the Gentiles; in him shall the Gentiles trust."* Isaiah actually says, "an ensign of the people: to it shall the Gentiles seek." and in verse 12, *"an ensign for the nations . . . shall assemble the outcasts of Israel and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth."*

Again in Romans 15:16 & 18, Paul declares his mission as making *"the Gentiles obedient by word and deed."* Jesus' great commission to His disciples was that they were to go forth to make disciples of all nations, to *"teach all nations . . . to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you"* (Matt. 28:19-20).

Remember, according to *"Smith's Bible Dictionary,"* Gentiles, "In the N.T. the singular *'ethos'* refers to any nation (Matt. 24:7; Lk. 7:5)." So you should read *"nation"* when you see "Gentiles" in the Bible text. It will open new understanding to you. Never substitute *"Jews"* for Hebrews or Israel or Judah. Modern Jews are comprised of nearly every nationality and race. Judaism is a religion practiced by Jews, not a race. Christianity is a religion held by people of many nationalities and races. Judaism is practiced by Jews of many nations and races. There are Chinese Jews, Persian Jews, Negro Jews, and Caucasian Jews. To the Christian they are all Gentiles — heathen, pagan, unbelievers. All may be converted by believing and receiving the Lord Jesus Christ, after which they become Christians — not by changing their nationality or race, but their belief, their faith.

This is sound doctrine, and I challenge anyone to refute it or prove from secular or sacred sources that these things are not true. If it is Scripturally sound and academically accurate, then it ought to be believed and taught in every church and Bible school and seminary. No science can deny facts simply because they do not conform to preconceived or traditional theories. The Bible says, *"Prove all things; hold fast that which is good"* (I Thess. 5:21). *"Sound doctrine"* must stand the test of honest scholarship and consistent interpretation. The man of God or-

dained to teach and preach must be diligent in his search for truth and faithful in the expounding of it (Titus 1:9) if he is to convince unbelievers. *"Jewish fables"* (Titus 1:14), the *"traditions of the elders"* (Matt. 15:2), and the *"tradition of men"* are false philosophy and vain deceit, and not according to Christ (Col. 2:8).

WHAT DIFFERENCE DOES IT MAKE?

Knowing that the Bible is a Book of, by, and for Israel, but that it is not of Jewish heritage, changes one's whole outlook and insight for understanding the Scriptures. When the Bible speaks of promises and covenants for Israel, they are not limited to Jewry, but intended for all God's people of Israel, most of whom are now in Christendom.

Once you see this and understand and accept this truth, you cannot be comfortable under any traditional teaching and faulty premises. You must come out from among them, the teachers and churches of unsound ideas and unscriptural doctrines. Leave the darkness of confusion of conflicting concepts; walk in the light of the Lord, and Christ will give you more light and truth (Eph. 5:8,14).

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Chapter 20

DAVIDIC ROYAL FAMILY GENEALOGY

Our chart shows how "The Sceptre" has not departed from Judah; and how the two Branches of Zarah-Judah and Pharez-Judah were united when Eochaidh and Tamar Tephi were married in Ireland about 580 B.C. after the Kingdoms of Israel and Judah were destroyed and deported from the Holy Land.

The Pharez-Judah line from Jeconiah onward was cursed and prohibited from reigning. (Jer. 22:24-30) God used Nebuchadnezzar in appointing a son of Josiah to carry on the Royal Line of David. Mattaniah's name was changed to Zedekiah whose daughter, Tamar Tephi, or Tea Tephi, was taken to Egypt and thence to Ireland by Jeremiah. (Jer. 43:6, 7)

Many of the Zarah-Judah Branch of the family, the Scarlet Thread Line; eventually settled in Ireland, and probably has much to do with the story concerning "The Red Hand of Ulster"; also the fact that every inch of British Naval Rope (with one Naval Yard exception where a Blue Thread is used) has a Scarlet Thread running through it; and all British official documents are tied with "Red Tape"; and all British possessions are marked in Red on the maps of the world.

On the Chart we find how the Davidic Throne arrived in the Appointed Place; and that a descendant of David is still reigning from that Throne over the Nation of Israel people; and will continue to do so "until He comes whose right it is." (Ezekiel 21:27)

As David's Line through Solomon from Jeconiah onward was cursed, it was necessary that our Lord should be born of another Branch of the Davidic Family. Our Chart shows His descent from David through Nathan: therefore our Lord was not of Solomon's Line. See His genealogy in Luke 3. Joseph's genealogy is found in Matthew 1. Note the significance of the terms "begat" in Matthew; and "son of" in Luke. "son of" also means "son-in-law". In Matthew we unquestionably have the genealogy of Joseph and are told that Joseph was the son of Jacob, "begat"; Matt. 1:16. And yet in Luke 3:23 he is called the "son of Heli". He could not by natural generation be both the son of Jacob and Heli. But Luke does not say that "Heli begat" Joseph; therefore the natural explanation is that Joseph was the son-in-law of Heli, who was, like himself, a descendant of David. That he should be called "son of Heli" is in accord with Israel customs. (see 1 Sam. 24:16. David was Saul's son-in-law. 1 Sam. 18:20) The conclusion is inevitable that in Luke we have Mary's genealogy, hence our Lord's True Genealogy after the flesh, directly descended from David through Nathan. Joseph was "son of Heli" because he was espoused to Heli's daughter, Mary.

The Throne of David never went back to Jerusalem after the Babylonian Captivity. Where did it go? Ezekiel's riddle in the 17th chapter quite evidently refers to the transplanting of the Throne and Royal Family, through a female branch of the line, (a tender one, a twig) and the twig grows into a Great Cedar - a Great Royal Family, in the Appointed Place.

"The sceptre shall not depart from Judah until Shiloh come". Gen. 49:10

JUDAH

ZARAH - Twin sons born to Judah. Gen. 38:27-30 - **PHAREZ**

Ethan
Mahol
Calcol
Cadhol
Easru
Sru
Heberscot
Boamhain
Ayhaimhain
Tait
Aghenoin
Lamh-Feon
Heber
Adhnoin
Feablaglas
Neanuail
Nuaghadh
Alloid
Earchada
Deagfatha
Fratham
Breogan
Bille
Gallam
Eochaidh

Kings of Ireland – the Scarlet Thread Line – Gen. 38:28-30.

This King of Ireland of the Zarah-Judah Line married Tea Tephi of the Pharez-Judah Line.

ZEDEKIAH see
2 Kings 24:17
2 Chron. 36:10
Jer. 37:1

Zedekiah's Daughters to Egypt. see Jer. 43:6, 7
Ezek. 17:22, 23
Nu. 27:8
2 Sam. 7:10
Micah 4:8

Tea Tephi arrived in Ireland about 580 B.C.

The Throne of David was taken from Ireland to Scotland by Fergus MacEarca when he conquered Argyll in the 5th century. In 1296 Edward 1st removed it to England. All Monarchs of David's Line since about 580 B.C. in Ireland, Scotland and England have been crowned on the "Lia Fail"; "Stone of Scone" Jacob's Pillow; The Coronation Stone.

Esrom
Aram
Aminadab
Nashon
Salmon
Boaz
Obed
Isa. 11:1, 10 Jesse
1 Chron. 2:15 David
2 Sam. 11:3 Solomon
1 Kings 11:43 Rehoboam
Abijah
Asa
1 Chron. 3:10 Jehoshaphat
Joram
2 Ki. 15:13 / 2 Chr. 22:6 Uzziah / Azariah
Joatham
Ahaz
Ezekias
Manasses
Amon
1 Ki. 13:2 Josiah
2 Ki. 23:34 Jehoiachim
2 Ki. 24:6, 15 / 1 Chron. 3:16 / Jer. 22:24-30 Jehoiachin / Jeconiah / Coniah

Babylon Captivity

Salathiel
Zerubabel
Abiud
Eliakim
Azor
Sadoc
Achim
Eliud
Eleazar
Matthan
Jacob
JOSEPH
who was the Husband of Mary

Joseph's Genealogy see Matthew 1

Son-in-law of → Heli
MARY
JESUS

NATHAN
Mattatha
Menan
Melea
Eliakim
Jonan
Joseph
Juda
Simeon
Levi
Matthat
Jorim
Eliezer
Jose
Er
Elmodam
Gosam
Addi
Melchi
Neri
Salathiel
Zorobabel
Rhesa
Joanna
Juda
Joseph
Semei
Mattathias
Maath
Nagge
Esli
Naum
Amos
Mattathias
Joseph
Janna
Melchi
Levi
Matthat
Heli

Our Lord's Genealogy as given in Luke 3

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Israel, Judah and the Jews

'The House of Israel' is not synonymous with the 'House of Judah'. The House of Judah and some of the Jews are *of* Israel, that is, descended from Jacob. The distinction we wish to emphasize is that while some Jews are Israelites, all Israelites are not necessarily Jews. In a similar way, all Scots are British, but all the British are not Scots. When the general blessings were apportioned at Jacob's death, the Messiah was promised, with the sovereignty, to Judah; but the 'multitude of nations' and the temporal grandeur of the birthright were given to Joseph. The House of Israel was to obtain these in the latter days, or the Christian era. Ten-tribed Israel was to be divorced under the Mosaic law and its identity temporarily lost to history,but known to God; it was to be recovenanted in Christ to enjoy the Israel birthright in the Isles of the Sea, to be His nation of evangelists in the world, and the inheritor of the Kingdom of God. The prophets display meticulous care in their address to the 'House of Israel', the 'House of Judah' and 'the inhabitants of Jerusalem' (the Jews). To apply to one 'House' a prophecy which refers to the other is clearly to misapply the message and confuse the issue. A careful regard of this distinction is prerequisite to the correct understanding of the prophetic Scriptures.

Prophecies Concerning

ISRAEL

Israel to have a change of name (Isa. 65:15).

Israel to be called by a new name (Isa. 62:2).

Israel to be called after Isaac (Gen. 21:12).

Israel to be blind to their identity (Rom. 11:25; Isa. 42:16-19).
Israel to be a multitudinous people (Gen. 13:16; 15:5).
Israel to become known as the righteous Nation that keepeth the truth (Isa. 60:21; 26:2).
Israel to become a Nation and a Company of Nations (Gen. 35:11).
Israel to make a new home in the Appointed Place—the Isles of the Sea (2 Sam. 7:10; Isa. 24:15; 49:1; Jer. 31:10).
Israel to be a Nation for ever (Jer. 31:35, 36).

Israel to have a perpetual monarchy (Jer. 33:17).
Israel to come under a new covenant (Jer. 31:31-34).
Israel to be called the sons of God (Hos. 1:10; Rom 8:14).
Israel was taken captive into Assyria by Shalmaneser, circa 721 B.C. (2 Kings 18:11, etc.).
Israel were to be immune from defeat in war (Isa. 54:17; Lev. 26:6-8).

THE JEWS

The Jews to be known by a change in physiognomy (Isa. 3:9).
The Jews have retained their old name unchanged.
The Jews' name to be a curse to them (Isa. 65:15).
The Jews still claim to be the chosen people.

The Jews to be bereft of children (Jer. 15:7).

The Jews to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews to be scattered in all the 'kingdoms of the earth for their hurt' (Jer. 24:9).
The Jews have been strangers in all lands (Jer. 15:4).

The Jewish Nation was broken in A.D. 70 (Dan. 9:24-27; Jer. 19:11).
The Jews have remained under the old law.
The Jews do not accept Jesus Christ as the Messiah.
Judah taken captive to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar, circa 603 B.C. (2 Kings chs. 24 and 25).

The Jews are descended from the remnant of Judah which returned from captivity in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.
The Jews have suffered endless persecution.

Israel had been removed from Palestine 700 years before the Crucifixion. When it occurred they were still absent, being at that time beyond the Euphrates, in their migration through Europe.

What We Believe

We Believe in God - the God of the Bible. (Exodus 3:4-14.)

We Believe in Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God. (John 1:14.)

We Believe in the Holy Spirit and His Mission. (John 14:26, Acts 2.)

We Believe in the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ on Calvary. (Matt. 26:28, Romans 5.)

We Believe in His ascension into Heaven. (Mark 16:19, Acts 1:9-11.)

We Believe in the bodily return of Christ (Acts 1:9-11) to take the throne of David (Isa. 9:7, Luke 1:32) and rule on this earth for a thousand years (Rev. 20:1-6); and that His Body, the Church, will be united with Him and reign with Him. (Eph. 5:24-33; Col. 1:24; 1 Cor. 15:50-58; 1 Thes. 4:14-18; Rev. 19:9).

We Believe John 3:16, "For God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

We Believe that personal salvation by faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ is necessary for all, Israelite, Jew and Gentile. (Rom. 3:22-25). Each one must be born again. (John 3:1-7). To confess Christ, who died that sinful men might live, is individually supreme above all else. (Matt 10:32-33, Rom. 10:9-13).

We Believe the whole Bible, both the Old and New Testaments; that it is the inerrant Word of God (11 Peter 1:9-21). We believe its history, its covenants, its promises.

We Believe in its Gospel of Grace (Eph. 2:1-8), which is the Gospel of Salvation to all men.

We Believe in, and seek to make known, the Gospel of the Kingdom (Matt. 4:23, 24:14).

We Believe that the Bible contains God's Plan for the remedy of all human ills, and that this plan is being worked out through the Bible people called Israel. (11 Sam. 7; Deut. 32:8).

We Believe that this people Israel, consisting of twelve tribes (Exod. 28:21; Rev. 21:12), the descendents of the twelve sons of Jacob, were chosen of God to be His 'peculiar people' and 'servant nation' through whom all the other nations of the earth are to be blessed. (Exod. 19:5; Deut. 7:6-8; Isa. 41:8, 42:6; Gen. 22:16-18).

We Believe that the differentiation between 'Israel' and 'Judah' is clearly marked in the Scriptures. (See 1 Kings 12; Jer. 3:6-11; Ps. 114:1-2; Ezek. 37; Zech 11:7-14; 11 Chron. 10). They are not interchangeable terms. To understand this is to possess the key to Israel Truth. (Ps. 114:2; 1 Chron. 5:1-2).

We Believe the time has come when the 'lost' Israel "nation and company of nations" (Gen 35:11) has been found and positively identified. Only one race today answers in every detail to the Bible picture of Israel "in the latter days," and that is the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic — the British Commonwealth of white nations and the United States of America. They possess what Israel was to possess and are doing what Israel was to do. The identities of this race with Israel are so many and so pronounced that one who re-reads and studies his Bible in the light of this great truth will make discoveries that will cause him to give this subject most serious thought, especially in view of what is happening in literal ful-fillment of Bible prophecy in the world today. The nations are in turmoil. The power of the Holy People (Anglo-Saxon-Israel) is being broken (Dan. 12:7). The old Babylonian social order is being overthrown, and the world is being prepared for the Return of the Lord Jesus Christ, for His reign upon the Throne of His father David, and the glorious restoration of the Kingdom of God on earth. (Zech. 14:9; Luke 1:32-33).