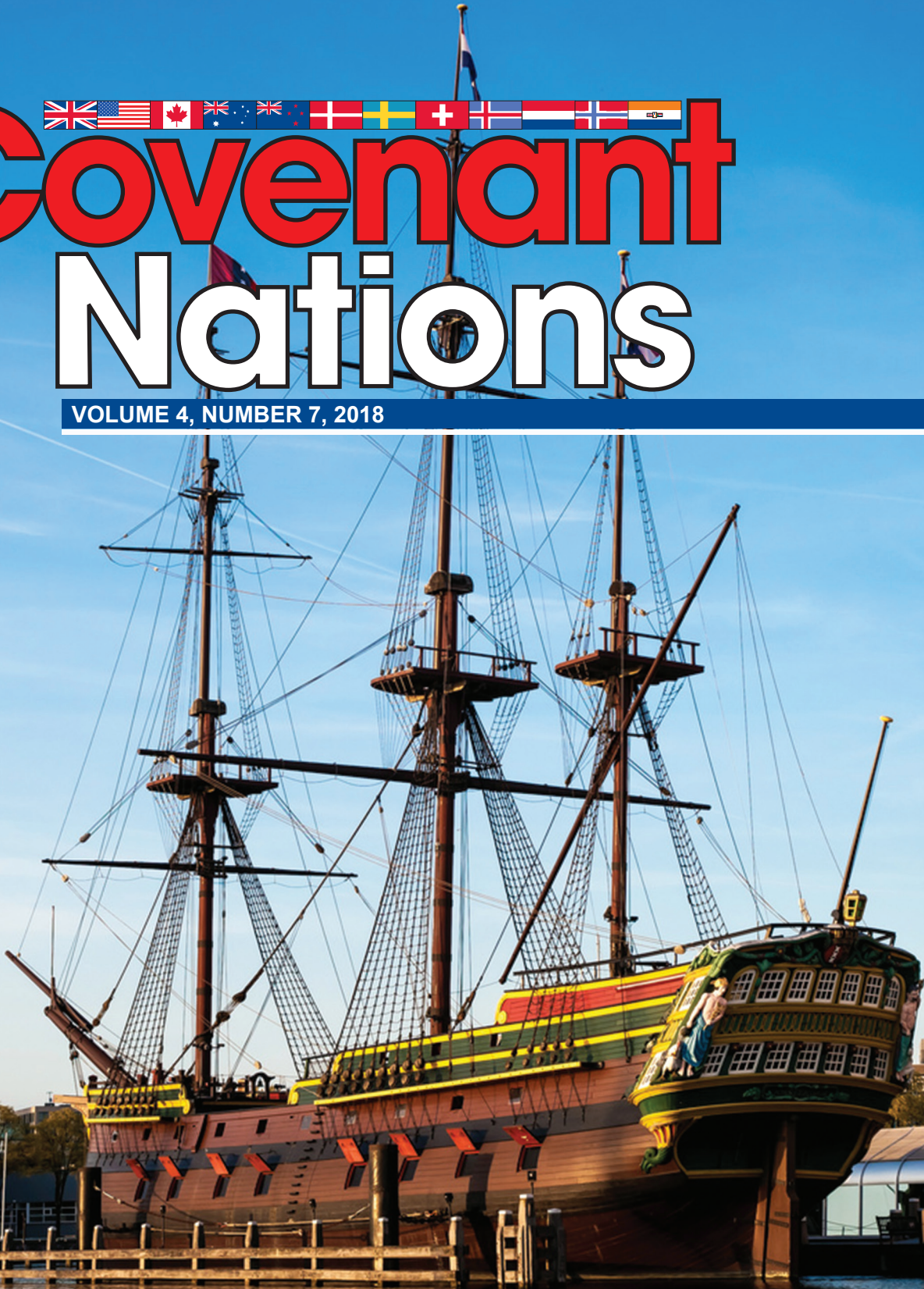


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This replica of the eighteenth century Dutch East India Company ship 'The Amsterdam' is in the National Maritime Museum in Amsterdam. The original was wrecked during a violent storm on its way to the Far East in 1749. 'Zebulun - Holland' is associated with ships and the abundance of the seas – see article in CN Volume 2 Number 10.

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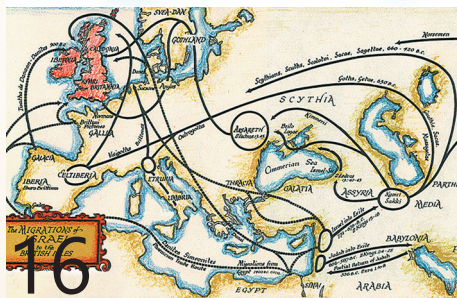
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The 'Fruits of the Spirit' are marks of Christian character and witness to the power of the Holy Spirit in individual lives. Christian nations should demonstrate these same fruits in the character and national traits of their people. There was a time when 'an Englishman's word' was his bond and the sight of the Union Jack guaranteed justice and mercy in the administration of a country; sadly no longer so.

Heartfelt *national* repentance and the seeking of forgiveness and restoration from the Holy One of Israel is the need of the hour. Let a great call go out from the shepherds and leaders of God's people!

EDITORIAL

WHAT DRIVES THE ‘LIBERAL’ ESTABLISHMENT –

to identify as ‘the always wrong brigade’?

There is an observable pattern among the ‘liberal’ establishment that reveals a spirit of always coming to the wrong conclusion in respect of our centuries-long British heritage and constitutional form of government. **John Redwood MP** wrote in his Diary blog on 19 May, 2018, about this pattern of hate for our democracy which we now reproduce, as it is so very much in tune with the understanding of our teaching in this magazine:

“On both sides of the Atlantic in relatively free societies with open and fair elections and referenda there is a nasty anger at the results from some who claim the moral high ground of being the ‘liberal’ establishment. I too have no time for racism or undemocratic attitudes, but think many voters for so called populist parties and causes are decent people making good points about the change they wish to see.

Indeed, it is becoming so bad that in most advanced country democracies now the liberal elite fulminate against those the voters choose to elect. In the USA they pour bile on the elected President, Donald Trump. In Italy they complain that 5 Star and Lega who commanded a majority of the votes and seats at the recent election should not be in government as they do not conform to the Euro scheme. In Greece they used to reject the verdict of the people when they voted for Syriza to sweep aside the old parties and to go on to challenge austerity, but are less concerned now Syriza has conformed to their views. In

the Netherlands the Wilders party did well in the poll but is widely disliked. The governments of Poland and Hungary are seen as enemies of Brussels and of the establishment. The liberal elite are full of disapproval for the Brexit vote in the UK. Only in France has a populist movement met with approval, because it is one under Macron that seeks more European integration.

So why is there this contempt for the will of the people? It seems the so called ‘liberal’ elite are worried about the obvious challenges to two of their pet projects. In Europe they are very concerned about the unpopularity of the austerity policies they impose on Euro states. Despite this causing high unemployment and poor economic growth much of the time, the elite insists there is no alternative to the limits imposed on borrowing and state debt. In Italy, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Ireland and elsewhere the EU effectively puts up taxes and cuts spending in national budgets. In both Europe and the USA they seem upset that populists including the all important President Trump are not keen to become entangled in religious and civil wars in the Middle East. The elite prefers the Clinton approach of engagement, bombing and if necessary the commitment of advisers and troops to proxy armies on the ground.

The issue the elite most mention unfavourably is that of migration. They dislike the way people on both sides of the Atlantic vote for fewer migrants to come. They argue that

this makes the populist parties racist. It is true there is a minority of voters and even politicians motivated by racial and religious considerations. This is not true of most of the voters who simply argue for lower numbers. It is the populist voters who complain of the consequences of rapid migration that they think creates housing shortages, lower wages and pressure on public services. It is the elite who welcome cheap labour for their businesses or as helps in their own homes.”

In the early 1970s the writer was talking with Ross McWhirter, that brave campaigner (who was assassinated by the IRA in 1975), about the political ‘liberal’ elite and their consistent pattern of being aligned with views and standpoints that are opposed to our Christian heritage and British Constitution on Europe and many other issues. It was then that Ross made a most memorable comment that these elite are known as ‘**the always wrong brigade.**’*

Why are they always wrong, we might reflect? Why do they gravitate to what the ordinary English and British citizen knows to be wrong? The answer is evidenced in the spiritual battle of evil against good for possession of the **Kingdom of God in our midst**. It was the Prophet Isaiah who declared: “*Woe to them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness . . . Woe to them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight*” (Isaiah 5:20-21).

*see *Ross Was Right – The McWhirter File*. Available from Covenant Publishing

DIVINE TIME MEASURES

An introduction to their study

We are all familiar with the phrase ‘**their days are numbered,**’ but few people realize that it is a powerful truth which relates directly to the biblical record. The importance of the prophetic numbers of the Bible and their subsequent application in the measuring of time are a priority factor in the understanding of world events, past, present and future. Indeed, they are the key to the proving of all prophetic interpretation whether true or false, their observation being of critical importance if we are to prepare ourselves for those events both imminent and the greatest that mankind will ever witness.

The chronological prophecies relate exclusively to God’s servant people of Israel and their relations with other nations in the outworking of His unbreakable Covenant promises towards them. They are for the guidance of Israel amid the labyrinth of international involvement that a clear and forceful directive might establish itself within the nation. How else was Daniel able to understand the accomplishment of the seventy years captivity? (*Daniel* 9). It was also God’s declared purpose to seal most of the secrets of the Time Measures until the close of this present Age. Daniel was told to “*shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end*” (*Daniel* 12:4) at which time it was to be unlocked and revealed unto the faithful or ‘wise’ who would understand.

Until the early twentieth century it was believed that these numbers were intended to measure time solely in years, for until then no other fulfillment had been observed, although an expectation existed that that they would be literally fulfilled in days as the Age drew to its close. The day fulfillment is now an

established fact and we have at our disposal today a lifetime of recorded study and observation of the Time Measures by such men as J Bernard Nicklin (1881-1971) of England and Howard B Rand of the USA (1889-1991). These are days when people are calling for scientific proof of the Gospel and in God’s overruling of mankind’s rebellion to His Divine purpose, evidenced in the Divine Time Measures. We have more than enough weaponry to disarm all those who doubt that there is a God and indeed that the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples are His Israel in prophesied continuity in the world today.

In *Ecclesiastes* 3 we read that “*there is a season and a **time** to every purpose under heaven.*” God has also told us that the very hairs of our head are all **numbered**, how much more then are our days and our times as His Servant people and ‘company of nations.’ In the Preface of his book, *Divine Time Measures*, first published in 1933, J Bernard Nicklin wrote the following profound words:

“To find that events are occurring at definite intervals is, moreover, clear proof that they are controlled; but when such events are beyond human control, and the intervals themselves are the time-measures of the Bible, what conclusion must be drawn? Surely nothing could be plainer? It is God Himself – the God who inspired the Bible – that is overruling!”

It is self-evident, from the recorded words of Scripture that God has worked to a **set time** (*Psalms* 102:13) and cycle of fulfillment with regard to every creative act and in all His dealings with mankind. We think of the week of creation, the orbits of the planetary systems, the laws governing the seasons or the day

and night of our world. Then again, the Flood which came at the end of 120 years, Israel’s sojourn in Egypt which ended at a foretold period of 400 years or their wilderness wandering of 40 years; the 390 days years of chastisement for the Ten Tribes of the House of Israel and the 40 days for the House of Judah. There is also the mysterious ‘seventy weeks’ period given to Daniel for the coming of the Messiah.

These things prove that although man is an agent of free will, it is impossible for him to defeat the overall plan and purpose of the Almighty in the institution of His Kingdom on earth, promised and sworn by His unbreakable oath unto Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. To mention one classic example – Adolf Hitler thought he was all-powerful, yet the world shaking events that he precipitated as dictator of Germany occurred in cycles of **1290** days, the number of the desolator of *Daniel* 12:11; he was indeed one of the greatest desolators of history. God, we read in *Psalms* 76:10 “*causes the wrath of man to praise Him*” and in the Apocrypha in *II Esdras* 4:36-37 RV we are told: “*For he hath weighed the world in the balance; and by measure hath he measured the times, and by number hath he numbered the seasons; and he shall not move nor stir them, until the said measure be fulfilled.*”

The fact that a system of chronology exists in current history can only mean that it is to be observed and that by the faithful that we be **not in ignorance** of that great and Terrible Day of the Lord. It exists to alert us and quicken our sense of personal preparedness “*so much the more as ye see the day approaching*” (*Hebrews* 10:25). In the revised edition, 1917, Dr and Mrs H Grattan Guinness in their book *Light for*

the Last Days, first published 1886 (chapter 8, page 170), made the following challenging statement:

“In the Bible alone we can see at once the past and future of mankind. Other books give parts of the story of which Scripture gives the whole; in it therefore alone shall we find the whole moral and the whole *chronological* plan of God’s dealings with the human race. In *its* light alone need we expect to discern the glorious truth, that the apparent chaos of history, with its wars and fightings, conquests and overthrows, rise and fall of kingdoms, is ‘a mighty maze, *but not without a plan,*’ even as regards its chronological features.”

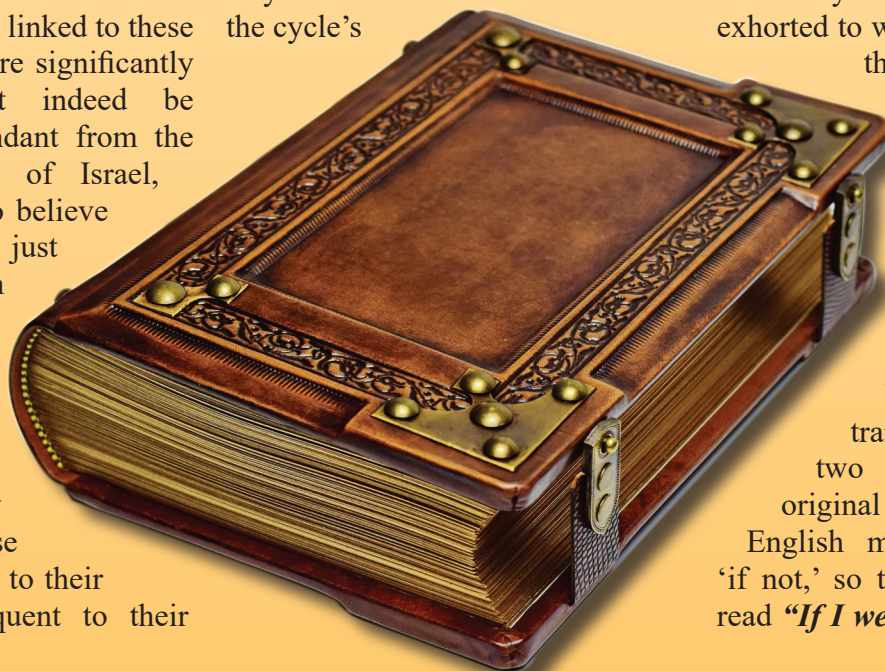
The start of investigations really began when in 1918 it was noticed that the interval between the assassination of the Archduke Ferdinand at Sarajevo (the ‘spark’ which started World War I) and the surrender of Jerusalem to British Forces, had been exactly ‘forty and two months’ or 1260 days. It was also observed that the exact duration of Britain’s involvement in the war had been **4 x 390** days, a cycle meaning trouble for the Ten Tribes, or House of Israel, on a world scale (*Ezekiel 4:5*). **It could be applied to no other than an Israel nation.**

Startling evidence is provided by both periods of time that the Bible periods of days were linked to these events and even more significantly that Britain must indeed be identified as descendant from the Northern Kingdom of Israel, which if we were to believe most historians, just disappeared from off the face of the earth. The fact that they constituted the vast majority of the *everlasting covenanted* Hebrew race seems not to raise the least question as to their whereabouts subsequent to their

relatively short Assyrian captivity in Medo-Persia. Nor, which is even more questionable, is the thinking of Christian theologians who still ridicule the very idea, while maintaining they believe the Bible from cover to cover.

About 1930 and quite independently, an interlocking of these day periods with the structural engineer, David Davidson’s Great Pyramid dating system was discovered, thus confirming God’s specific requirements that in the mouth of at least two witnesses every word may be established (*Matthew 18:16*). The Great Pyramid in Egypt – the Bible in stone – is a study in itself, but it is sufficient to say that the entire plan and purpose of God for mankind, including that of His Israel nations, is revealed in its construction. It was not designed or ever used as a tomb but was built under the direction of people who came from Palestine that a sign and witness unto the Lord might exist in Egypt at the 30th parallel, exactly one-third of the way between the equator and the North Pole (*Isaiah 19:19-20; Psalm 118:22-23*).

Over the years it has become apparent that a **Law of Terminals** governs the operation of the Divine Time Measures. This law means that the event at the commencement of a cycle must be related in some way to the event at the cycle’s



terminal point. You will also notice that we refer to the cycles either as ‘days’ or ‘solar,’ the ‘day’ cycle is calculated by adding up the literal numbers of days between two events, while the ‘solar’ is calculated in months and years based on the solar year of 365.2424 days i.e., as 43 prophetic months or ‘days’ equal 1290 days and 43 ‘solar’ months equal 1308.78 days. **Thus, 7 x 1290 solar days, or 43 ‘solar’ months, beginning 4-5 August 1914 expired 3 September 1939, the exact time between the entries of Britain into the two World Wars – a perfected period of desolation.** Again, it has been observed that while the *prophetic* or ‘day’ cycle usually terminates upon the opening phase of a crisis, the ‘solar’ terminates upon the closing phase – generally a major happening.

In calculating the Time Measures it is very important to remember that a question mark will always remain over a future Date. However, by understanding what the Bible numbers mean and from past evidence, we have more than just a strong indication as to what a future date may bring. Some try to make the Bible contradict itself by saying that because Christ said no man knoweth the day or hour (*Mark 13:32*) none of us can know if the Lord’s Second Advent is near or not. Many times in Scripture we are exhorted to watch events and be on the alert for the sign of the Lord’s coming.

It was Archbishop Trench in the nineteenth century who pointed out that the word ‘but’ in *Mark 13:32* had been inadequately translated. There are two Greek words in the original text, the simple English meaning of which is ‘if not,’ so that the clause should read **“If I were not God as well as**

man, even I should not know.” It is blasphemous to suggest that Christ partook of the ignorance and shared in the prejudices of His day or indeed that He is not co-equal with the Father on this point.

To emphasize again, if a system of chronology exists in current history, which it does, *then it must exist to be observed.* Yet, how can we be sure that ‘seven times’ represents **2520**, or that ‘a time, times and a half’ equals **1260**? A comparison of scriptures concerned proves this to be so. A period of 42 months is given in *Revelation* 11:2 for the treading under foot of the holy city and in the next verse a period of **1260** days is referred to in the same connection for the prophesying of the ‘two witnesses.’ As in *Genesis* 7:11 and 24; 8:3-4, we learn that a month equals 30

days, it is clear that 42 months are the equivalent of **1260** days.

“Seal the book, even to the time of the end”

Daniel 12:4

Finally and again, in *Revelation* 12, we learn of a place prepared in a ‘wilderness’ where a woman “*would be nourished for a time, and times, and a half a time.*” In the same chapter this event and period is recorded as 1260 days. As **1260** days are 3 and half years, or 42 months of 30 days to the month, it follows that a ‘time’ is a prophetic year of 360 days, or 12 x 30 days; and further, that ‘seven times’ equals **2520** days. It should also be

noticed that in *Daniel* 7:25 and 12:7, where the period is referred to as ‘a time, times, and a half,’ the Hebrew words for ‘times’ is dual in form and actually ‘two timers.’ This period is therefore computed, 360 plus 720 plus 180 which equals **1260** days.

The proof of prophecy lies in its fulfillment. False shepherds may twist the Scriptures yet here in these cycles is something untouchable. Liars may figure but figures cannot lie! **Man’s days are numbered.**

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Recommended for further study:

The Language of Numbers, by CPC,

Testimony in Stone, by J Bernard Nicklin,

Signposts of History, by J Bernard Nicklin,

Divine Time Measures, by J Bernard Nicklin,

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MISSION to AUSTRALIA

*“All the ends of the world shall remember and turn to the Lord and all the families of the nations shall worship before You. For the Kingdom is the Lord’s and He rules over the nations”
(Psalm 22:27-28).*



City Tabernacle Baptist Church in Brisbane is an historic church dating back to the 1850s and was established by a missionary sent out by Charles Spurgeon. It is one of the oldest churches in Queensland. The first Baptist Church building in Brisbane was opened in Wharf Street in 1859. The church then moved to the present site on Wickham Terrace. This impressive, classical Venetian style building stands in one of the highest parts of the city and was opened to the Glory of God in 1890. The first minister, Rev. William Whale, was sent out by Charles Spurgeon. For many years the Baptist Theological College met in the tower of this church and the local ministers’ fraternal used it as their meeting place. In the early 1900s a private school for girls was launched in the basement of the church. Today a company of the Boys and Girls Brigade meet in the basement of the church.

My Mission to Australia involved ministry to 2 churches, 2 schools and on 2 radio programmes. I delivered 4 sermons and gave 17 presentations, including 14 presentations at the church, 12 of which were in the Sanctuary.

Understanding and Reaching Muslims for Jesus

On Saturday, 10 March, the church hosted an Evangelism Training Seminar: Understanding and Reaching Muslims for Jesus. In this 7 hour seminar, I covered: The Challenge of Islam, The Five Fundamentals and Six Pillars of Islam, Comparisons and Contrasts of Islam with Christianity, Comparing the Bible with the Quran, Comparing Jesus with Muhammed, Eighteen Questions to Challenge Muslims, Practical Guidelines on How to Effectively Reach Muslims for Christ, Serving the Persecuted Church in the Middle East and an hour-long Question and Answer session.

At this Evangelism Training Seminar, I met Christians from Syria who were most appreciative and encouraging and a pastoral couple from Iran who had been converted from Islam 15 years ago and endured 10 years of persecution in Iran, before fleeing to Australia. An Australian who had recently been converted from Islam also participated. Some people flew up from Sydney, while others drove down from the North, to participate in this Muslim Evangelism Seminar.

The Great Commission is Our Supreme Ambition

My first meeting was a presentation on Making Disciples of All Nations. In Saturday evening there was a special Missions evening in the Church hall. I gave an introduction to ministry to Persecuted Christian in Restricted Access Areas in Africa. On the first Sunday morning service, I dealt with The Greatness of the Great Commission and in the

evening service: Only One Life.

During the week there was a series of special services at the church where I was asked to deliver: Reforming Our Nation by Reforming Our Families; Biblical Faith and Practical Discipleship; Do We Need a New Reformation? As well as a special combined Boys and Girls Brigade Africa evening, where I introduced the children and the parents who joined in for the evening, to some of the unique animals of Africa and taught them how to share the Gospel with their friends and family. On the final Sunday evening, at the Tabernacle, I presented sermons on Revival and Conviction and Courage for Reformation and Revival Today.

Numerous Christians from South Africa, now living in Australia, travelled from far and wide, as did home schoolers, to participate in the different activities at City Tabernacle Baptist Church. There were many interesting discussions and counselling sessions following the various services and presentations.

Mobilising for the Right to Life

On the Thursday evening, we had a Pro-Life Workshop with those interested in launching Pro-Life Ministry in Queensland. There was much discussion on effective strategies and suitable tactics to speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves and rescue those being led away to death. On the first Saturday, I participated in a Pro-Life placard protest and sidewalk counselling outreach. After an hour, the police arrived informing us that although we had not broken any laws, some of the abortionists had expressed experiencing some “distress” over our message and we were therefore requested to move away. A long and friendly discussion with the police ensued. When they were informed that according to

the laws of Queensland, abortion is illegal, the senior constable raised his hands and said: “That is above my pay-grade!” He said we would need to take that up with the politicians.

School Ministry

During ministry at two schools, I introduced the children to African wildlife and dealt with what the Bible teaches about Creation and our stewardship responsibilities for caring for God’s animals. I also taught them the Evangelism Explosion Romans 6:23 marching song and Gospel presentation. At a Christian school, I also taught on the inspiring testimony of the Triumph of Faith over atheism in Russia with the testimony of the Statue and the Stone of Lubyanka Square.

Radio Ministry

On the 20Twenty National Christian phone-in programme on Vision Christian Radio, Neil Johnson interviewed me for an hour on the Persecution of Christians and Ministry in Restricted Access Areas in Africa. Matt Pratter on History Makers gave me the opportunity to give my personal testimony and a Gospel challenge on his radio programme as well.

Brisbane is the capital of and the largest city, in the state of Queensland. Brisbane is also the third most populous city in Australia, after Sydney and Melbourne. It was named after Scotsman Sir Thomas Brisbane, the governor of New South Wales from 1821-1825. It is located about 15km from the mouth of the Brisbane River, close to the Pacific Ocean. There are about 2.5 million people in metropolitan Brisbane.

Creation, Theology and Muslim Evangelism

Brisbane is the epicentre of the launch of a number of Creation ministries, including Ken Ham’s

Answers in Genesis and the Creation Science Foundation. South African Professor Francis Nigel Lee lived in Brisbane for the last 30 years of his life, teaching at the Presbyterian Church of Queensland Theological Hall. Our good friend, Gerhard Nehls, who founded Life Challenge Africa, also lives in Brisbane in his retirement.

Australia is a secular state (with Freedom of Religion in theory). The increase of those claiming No Religion and the arrival of many non-Christian immigrants has made Australia a much more pluralistic and secular society in recent years. Christians in Australia are facing the challenges of what is often called a post-Christian and multicultural state. Secularisation and paganisation has taken a firm grip on much of the country, but there are still vibrant pockets of Christian resistance and Christians do remain a positive influence in many parts of Australia.

Secularism and Paganisation

An aggressive secularisation and increasing hostility to Christianity has accelerated with the promotion of the LGBT gay agenda and now with the gender confusion movement. In many parts of society, Christian values have been sidelined by the promotion of perversion and pluralistic multiculturalism.

The State of Victoria in Australia is notoriously secular and increasingly anti-Christian. Under their Safe Schools “Anti-Bullying” campaign to promote LGBT and “gender fluidity,” Christians are complaining of increasing intolerance, harassment and bullying of those who stand for traditional family values.

Independent schools do have the freedom to select their own curriculum and parents have freedom to homeschool. There is a parenting

allowance tax rebate which benefits mothers who choose to stay at home and teach their own children.

Multiculturalism and Secularisation

Sustained immigration has created a multicultural country, at least in the larger cities of Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane and introduced fast-growing religious and ethnic minorities, along with all the tensions that go along with that. There are estimated to be over half a million Muslims from 70 different countries, and half a million Chinese, living in Australia. Over 260,000 Vietnamese live in Australia and 550,000 Aborigines. There are approximately 500 Missionaries attempting to work amongst the Aborigines, but not nearly that many amongst the many Muslims, Buddhists and Hindus in the country.

Low Church Attendance

Christians are in many cases stereotyped in the media as intolerant, judgmental, legalistic and authoritarian. While over two thirds of Australians would identify themselves as some form of Christian, only 10% attend church and increasingly large numbers have negative attitudes towards the church. An individualised, New Age pick-and-choose spirituality with no accountability seems to predominate. Almost all mainline churches have faced stagnation and decline, but there is growth amongst the Evangelicals.

Gender Politics and the Gay Agenda

Some churches, like the Uniting Church, which accommodates both the old Presbyterian and Methodist churches seem to have virtually apostatised, abandoning almost every Christian distinctive and doctrine in the rush to embrace and promote gender politics and all the

LGBTQ agenda. Issues such as the ordination of women, homosexuality and gender politics have polarised most mainline churches. Yet, there is still Missionary vision and Evangelical churches have proven effective in ministering to the disabled, the addicts, the poor and the homeless.

“For the Kingdom
is the Lord’s”

Psalm 22:28

Australia is the driest island continent in the world, but it is well-watered in the East and South East, where most of the population is concentrated. The ecology in Australia is possibly the most fragile of any continent, with devastating droughts and severe bush fires.

Disarmament in a Dangerous Area

Several Australians expressed their concern about being a disarmed society in a very dangerous neighbourhood. The largest Muslim nation on earth, Indonesia, is their near neighbour. With a population of over 240 million, 80% of which are Muslim, Indonesia is spread over 17,000 islands and a large military and violent instability in some areas. This creates nervousness. Both Indonesia and China have expressed an interest in colonising Australia.

Constitutional Monarchy

Most Australians are supportive of the monarchy and loyal to the Crown. However there is a strong Republican mindset amongst a large minority, mostly made up of Irish Catholics, because of the predominance of Roman Catholic Irish criminals in the original convict community that settled in Australia.

This hostility to the monarchy is a significant minority influence.

There is an aggressive guilt manipulation campaign to shame Australians for their British, Anglo-Saxon European Christian ancestry in the name of promoting Aboriginal culture. Surprisingly the newly designed Aboriginal flag of horizontal black and red stripes with a yellow circle/sun in the middle is now being flown from City Halls and outside Hotels, alongside the beautiful Australian flag with its Union Jack and Southern Cross.

The Australian flag is an inspiring Christian flag, including as it does the St. Andrew’s Cross, the St. George’s Cross and the Southern Cross.

Dedicated to the Holy Spirit

The Portuguese explorer, Pedro Fernandez de Quiros dedicated the country to the Holy Spirit. From the beginning of British settlement in Australia from 1788, early settlers and governors expressed their determination to ensure that Australia would be a Christian country and recognised that God had placed them in this unique country and hemisphere, to establish a base for Missions throughout South Eastern Asia.

Pray for Reformation and Revival

May we continue to be vigilant and persistent in prayer for Australia, that God may be merciful and gracious to grant His chosen people a Back to the Bible Reformation and Spiritual Revival to this strategic and needy land. May missionaries from Australia win Indonesia and the islands of the Pacific to Christ.

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A PERSONAL TESTIMONY

How I came to know the Israel Truth in Rhodesia and South Africa

Gwelo I never went to church as a young lad so the only spiritual guidance I received was from the Hymns we sang at school. For this I am eternally grateful. When about 21 years of age I was handed a tract, by a girl called Alison that lived nearby that I had always liked, called “The way of Salvation” by Scripture Gift Mission. What an experience I had. I could tell the English in the Scriptures sounded like God’s Word. The comments were just filling in between explaining what it meant. This gave me a desire to understand who God was and is. I made an appointment with Pastor Cyril Ogden for a Monday night. I left no further forward in my understanding. I made another appointment for the

following Monday 11th December 1972 and after a number of hours I gave my heart to the Lord Jesus Christ. My life was changed almost immediately. All my emptiness had been replaced with fulfilment and purpose. I got baptised in water by immersion that following Sunday morning and received the Baptism of the Holy Spirit that afternoon.

The Israel Truth was next. As yet it would be another six months before I would start to study the Scriptures with a study Bible. After that glorious Sunday I was told they are having a Bible Study on Monday night. Keen as anything and with no knowledge at all I attended. It was all quite over my head, something about Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. When asked what I thought of the

Bible study I had to confess that I did not understand a thing! The lady that worked with me in The Standard Bank told me “You are an Israelite!”

This witnessed with me immediately, from being a boy cub and saying the Lord’s Prayer while the Union Jack was lowered and the sun setting on a warm evening in Rhodesia, it brought together the British Empire and the Lord plus now we are Israelites all into one. I was a believer instantly.

Fort Victoria

I was transferred by the Bank to a town called Fort Victoria and sat under the ministry of Pastor Gordon Jackson. There were many there who were strong Israel believers



as well as devote Christians. I have a clear memory of one young man telling me that I really need to believe the Israel Truth on top of my protestations that I did.

Vereeniging

I felt called to go into the ministry of The United Apostolic Faith Church's Bible college in Vereeniging south of Johannesburg in the Transvaal. It was called The Bethel Bible College. The training was mainly spiritual being a kind of 'school of the prophets' along with the academic correspondence course following The London Bible College. Here we had further in-depth training by Pastor P.J. Kriel and Pastor L.R. Brooke as well as other lecturers. On Sunday mornings we had an adult Bible Class led by Pastor J. Dros who taught me all about the Historicist view and the antichrist being the Roman Catholic system. The Israel Truth was one of many central themes to our training. After two years of study I was ordained into the ministry of the U.A.F.C.

After assisting Pastor Kriel for a year I got married to Kathie Cliff and moved to my first church in Klerksdorp, but I still had many questions.

Klerksdorp

The two years I spent in Klerksdorp I really enjoyed the fellowship of Reg Chipps who was much older than me and very experienced in convincing people about Jesus, and the Israel truth. I only taught him one thing in the two years, that was the 'salt covenant.' He taught me many skills as how to work with people and showing them the truth. He used to be an elder in a Futurist Church for many years until he came to the Israel Truth himself. To me it was like a finishing school that I had with him.

Pretoria

Because I had done my yearly accounts well because of my banking experience, an elder in Pretoria who was the church Auditor recommended to the General Overseer Pastor L.R. Brooke that he gets me to do the accounts for the 35 churches. The six years I spent in Pretoria at our Headquarters meant I was exposed to more great teachers of the scriptures. Pastor E.T. Hitchcock, Pastor W. Morris, Pastor N. Dreyer and of course Bro Hague as well as many others were drilled over tea time where I could ask all the difficult questions that the leaders of the church could not avoid. One of my jobs was the Tape ministry where I used to make the sound tapes, C60 and C90s, of the Israel Truth as well as duplicating Pastor P.J. Brooke's notes on the subject called 'The Bible Message Concerning Israel.'

Over the years many of these names have passed on to glory as well as many others have been influenced by political correctness and the changes in the South African Government to black rule.

Port Elizabeth

I started off with 5 people and ended with over 50 people in fellowship with the church. Many were new to the Lord and some were very knowledgeable on the Israel Truth. So my sermons had to feed two sets of people. I remember one man that witnessed me praying for people and special things were happening. He came around to me later and said he was not going to leave until I told him my secret!

I was quite taken aback as I have no secret. After a while it dawned on me that the faith I have in the Old Testament influences my faith in the New Testament. So I explained in the next few hours all about the

Israel Truth. He went away happy and I had learned much myself.

I later had the blessing to serve on the Executive board of the U.A.F.C.

Johannesburg and Alberton

This was a tough time for me in that I was moved to the Bethel Bible College now in Johannesburg and had to do a multiple of tasks as finance was short. I pastored a church in Alberton, ran my own computer accounting business and was also a consultant to many firms on database work using Microsoft Access. After a few years my daughter came over to the UK and felt I needed to leave South Africa. Doors then opened up for me in the B.I.W.F headquarters in London, but that is another story.

Conclusion

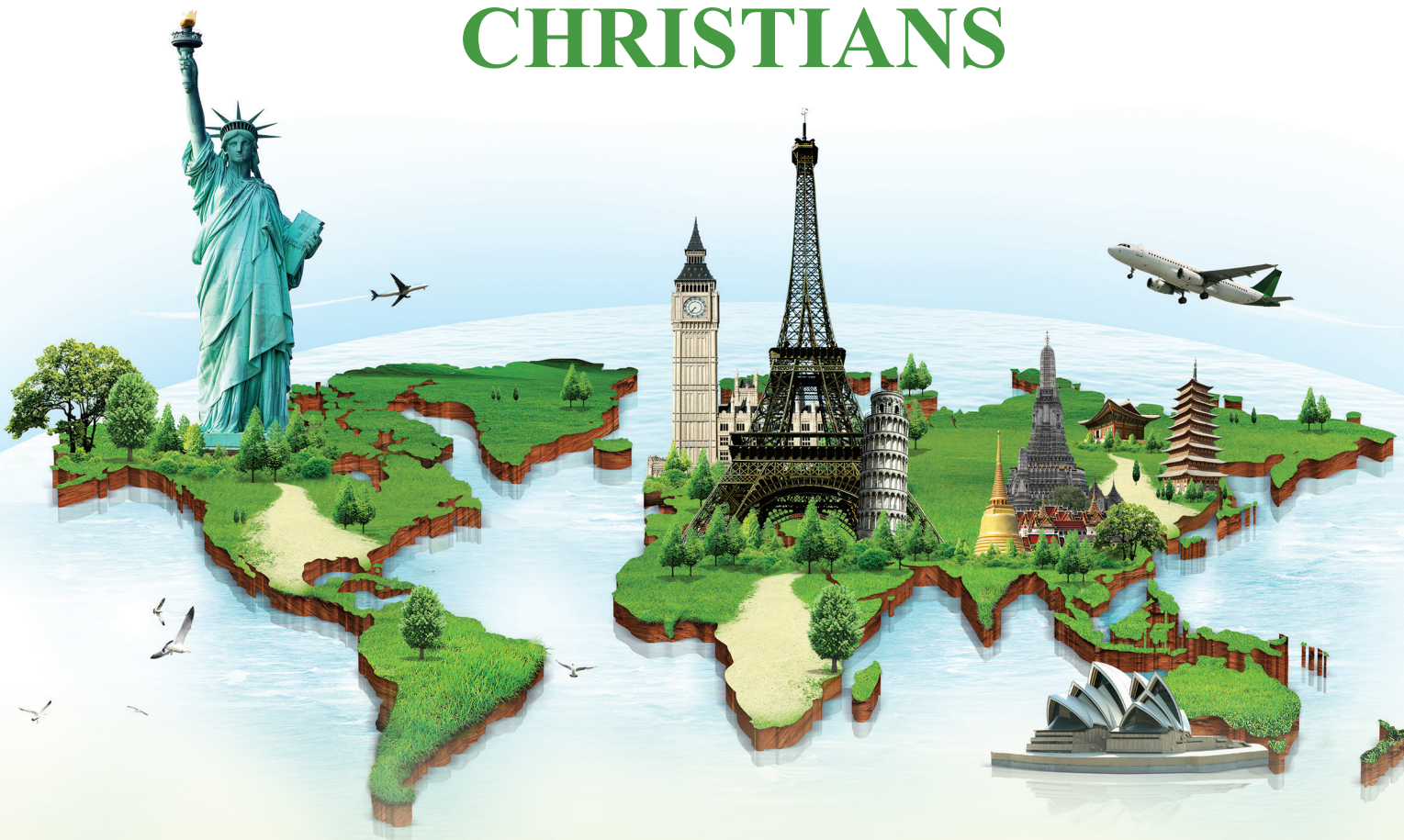
My whole life is aimed at serving God's will. From the age of 9 years I had got into trouble with my parents and I can clearly remember saying to God that I would promise to serve Him forever if I did not get into trouble. The next day I had forgotten all about the promise after God had done his side with me not getting into trouble.

Now for the last 16 years I have served as General Secretary of the B.I.W.F. Since the day I left school, God's hand has been on my life teaching me Accountancy, training me for the Ministry as well as exposing me to I.T. and database Access programing. Since I was a child, I have been exposed to mechanical and engineering skills in metalwork and woodwork. This enables me to service the equipment that I use to do all the printing for Covenant Publishing.

In short, it is a privilege to be in the centre of God's will.

PASTOR DAVID AIMER

THE GLOBAL INFLUENCE OF CHRISTIANS



The ‘Marks of Israel’ are the signs which show the outworking of the covenant promises and blessings to Abraham and his descendants. The blessings to Ephraim and Manasseh (*Genesis* 48:8-20) and the particular promises to the other sons of Jacob/Israel in the next chapter are also important in identifying God’s people.

The following article is an interesting description of how the world has indeed been blessed by the Christian faith and begs the questions: ‘Why did the people in these islands and in Western Europe respond so wholeheartedly to the Gospel?’ **‘Was there an irresistible destiny which led them on and prepared their hearts to receive the Gospel when it reached them?’**

“Increasingly I’m coming across a distorted view of history and society. Writers and speakers look at

the modern Western world with its technology, culture and its advocacy of human rights and democracy, and imply that it all mysteriously ‘just happened.’

It is taken for granted that those values we prize, and which most of the world seems to want, are simply accidents of history and have nothing to do with the beliefs of those Christians who shaped them. So there is no reference to the Christian beliefs of important historical figures who were motivated by their faith.

The truth is that Christianity played a significant role in shaping what we call ‘the West.’ I think to ignore that fact is dishonest. Let me here just highlight a few things worth remembering.

Consider human rights; the idea that every individual has rights

and freedoms. It is most famously expressed in the American Declaration of Independence, which reads: ‘We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness.’

If we hold to the biblical belief that *everybody* is made in God’s image and as such has value, it’s no coincidence that Amnesty International, the leading human rights group, was founded in 1961 by Peter Benenson – a Christian.

Consider children. In the ancient world – as in parts of the modern – children were treated as being inferior to adults and of little value. In many cultures, infanticide was common. However, following the example of Jesus (*Matthew* 19:14),

Christianity values children.

That high evaluation was worked out in the creation of orphanages by Christians such as Thomas Barnardo, Charles Haddon Spurgeon and George Müller, and in the labours of the tireless Lord Shaftesbury in creating laws to restrict the use of children in factories and mines.

Consider education. Today we believe in universal education but it was not always so. History tells of the important role of Christians in promoting education not just for an elite but for all. So while some have mocked the idea of Sunday schools, by 1830 they were bringing literacy to over a million children in Britain.

At a very different level, the importance of Christianity in education is seen in the way that so many Oxford and Cambridge colleges bear the names of saints and men and women from the Bible.

Consider the economic systems that underlie modern Western society and that have allowed health and prosperity to so many. The Christian attitude to labour and wealth, widely but simplistically termed ‘the Protestant work ethic,’ was fundamental. Its attitude to wealth was summed up in John Wesley’s words: ‘gain all you can, save all you can, give all you can.’ Possibly even more significant was the condemnation of those scourges of every economic system: dishonesty, corruption and laziness.

In fact the Christian role in creating what we are today is everywhere. Take politics: look at the extraordinary correlation between stable, functional democracies and those cultures based on ‘biblical values.’ Christianity elevated the value of the individual while simultaneously demanding that,

because human nature is fallen, there must be checks and balances to the abuse of power.

Compassion for people: who stopped the abominable slaughter of the amphitheatres and the trade in gladiators? Christians.

“And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed”

Genesis 22:18

The largest aid organization working with the homeless, the Salvation Army started by William and Catherine Booth, proclaims its Christian ethos in its very name.

The Red Cross was started by Henry Dunant – a Christian.

Alcoholics Anonymous was started by Christians and has been influenced by Christian thinking. The modern hospice movement was founded by Cicely Saunders – a Christian. The Samaritans, with their invaluable ministry to the suicidal and desperate, was founded by the Reverend Chad Varah. Given that the YMCA was originally the Young Men’s Christian Association I hardly need to elaborate there, do I?

Care for animals? The RSPCA was founded by the Rev Arthur Broome with that champion against slavery William Wilberforce. They considered the society ‘a specifically Christian enterprise based on Christian principles.’

Science: a biblical Christianity encouraged research. It declared that because the world was made by a law-making God there were laws to be investigated. It upheld the

pre-eminence of truth over wrong beliefs. By elevating humility, it encouraged scientists to make that most fundamental of statements: ‘I’m prepared to be wrong.’

I could go on and list Christians who have been pioneers in nursing, debt relief, peace-making, ending people-trafficking, and many other areas. Of course, I have to admit that the record is not unblemished; history also yields the names of those who, despite naming the name of Christ, sadly perpetuated evil and ignorance.

More commonly, history reveals believers who, when faced with injustice or wrong, did no more than turn the other way.

Nevertheless, the record of Christianity in creating much of what we value is overwhelming.

Indeed, it’s a striking irony that those atheists who criticize Christians and Christianity prefer to do so from the freedom and protection provided by a culture whose very basis they despise.

Despite what is said about us Christians we are inspired by Jesus’ words recorded in *Luke 10:37*: ‘Go and do likewise.’ So we will continue to be biblical, creative and innovative. And we will continue to follow God’s answer in *Micah 6:8* to the question ‘What does the Lord require of you?’

‘To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.’”

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LOCATING THE PROMISED LAND

The Greater Worldwide Vision

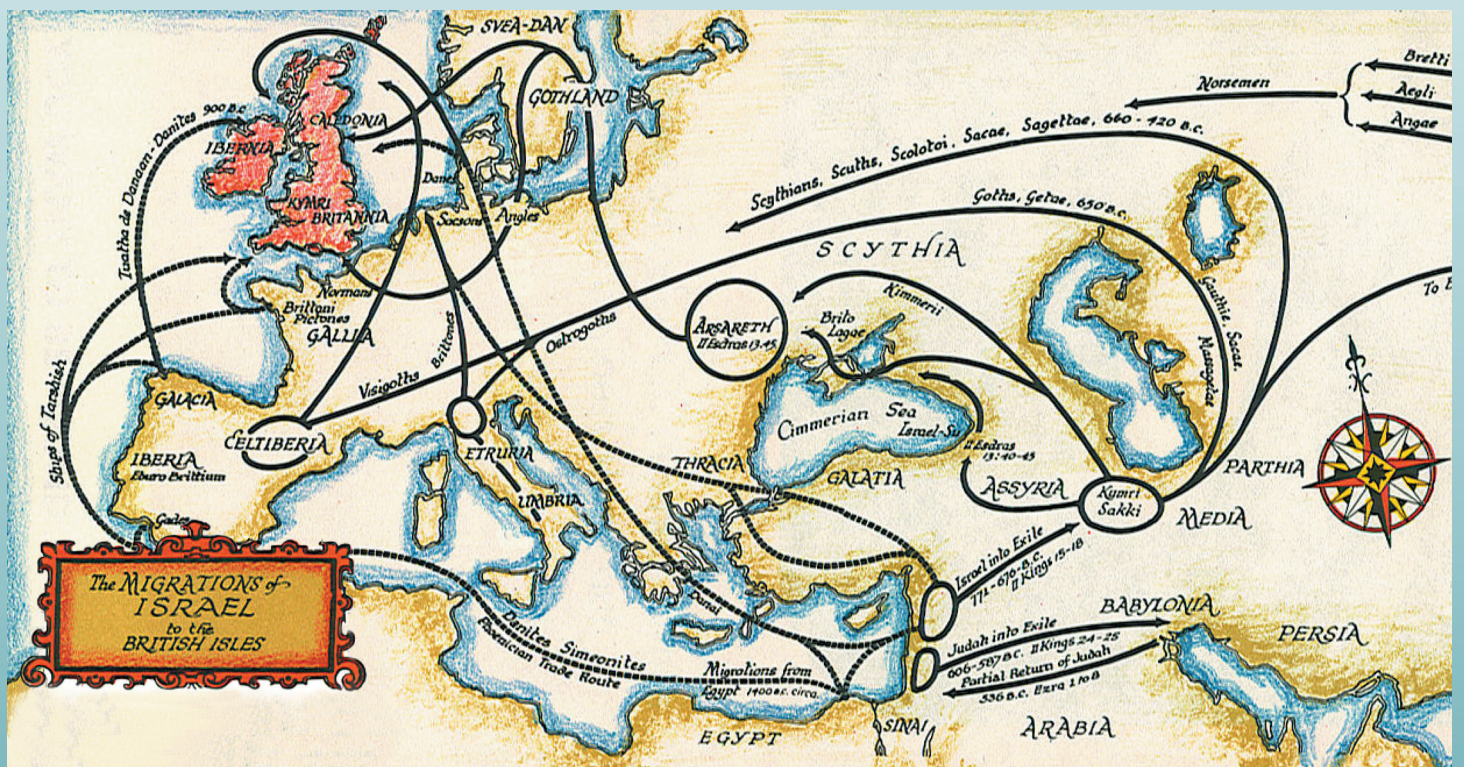
In the long history of God’s dealings with Israel and the many promises made to them, one in particular stands out, if only because of the scores of references to it – the so-called “Promised Land.”

The theme began with Abraham, whom God called out of Ur of the Chaldees to go into “a land that I will show thee,” a land that Abraham knew not, the land of Canaan. Immediately upon his arrival there, God made his first promise regarding Canaan: “Unto thy seed will I give this land” (Genesis 12:7). Then, after Abraham’s nephew Lot was separated from him, God made a covenant with him, saying, “Lift up thou thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward: For all the land which

thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever...Arise, walk through the land in the length of it; for I will give it unto thee” (Genesis 13:14-17). The promise was then repeated in Genesis 15:7, 18, & 17:8.

After the death of Abraham, the covenant was confirmed to his son Isaac: “Go not down into Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: Sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and I will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these countries” (Genesis 26:2-3). And again, it was confirmed to Isaac’s son Jacob, when God appeared to him in a dream at Bethel and declared: “the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed...And, behold, I am with thee...and will bring thee again into this land” (Genesis 28:13-15).

Years later, after Jacob and his sons had journeyed to Egypt to escape a famine in the land, they settled in Egypt, in the land of Goshen, where they were to remain for nearly 400 years, during much of this time as slaves to Pharaoh. Eventually, God raised up the prophet Moses to deliver his people from bondage and lead them to freedom, for He had not forgotten His promise to bring them into a land of their own. God appeared to Moses in a burning bush and told him, “I am come down to deliver [my people] out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land unto a good land and a large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey (Exodus 3:8). As Moses encouraged the people, he reminded them often of this promise to bring them into a fertile homeland, with the epithet, “a land flowing with milk and honey,”



being recorded some twenty times in Scripture.

The long hoped-for promise was finally fulfilled by Joshua's successful military campaign of the land of Canaan, after which Israel dwelt there for over 700 years, until they were conquered and exiled to Assyria and Babylonia. But, strangely, it was while Israel was living in prosperity in their promised land under King David that God made another promise to them: *"Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own, and move no more"* (II Samuel 7:10). So obviously, there was to be a future "appointed place" or Promised Land for Israel, beyond the land of Canaan, but the location of which was not specified in Scripture.

So, since it is evident it is no longer in the Middle East, where could this appointed place be? Well, the clue is in the word "land," which was the operative word used over and over again in Scripture: "a land that I will show thee," "the land whereon thou liest," "a land flowing with milk and honey" – "land, land, land." Then where is this appointed "land" today? A simple glance at any map of the world will suffice to reveal it: Eng-land, Scot-land and Ire-land – the British Isles, the nucleus of modern day Israel! And not only these, but other Israel countries are revealed simply by their names: Hol-land (also called the Nether-lands); Green-land, Ice-land, Lap-land and Fin-land – all parts of Scandinavia, which is Israelite; as well as Switzer-land. Further afield we have the British colonies: Queens-land in Australia; New Zea-land; and Newfound-land – the first land to be settled by the Norse in eastern Canada. And we must not forget Washington, D.C.,

the United States capital, where the District of Columbia is carved out of Mary-land, one of the original thirteen colonies. We also have the British Falk-land Islands off the tip of Argentina, paired with Ice-land in the north Atlantic as sea gates (*Genesis 22:17*).

**"Moreover I will appoint a
place for my people Israel"
II Samuel 7:10.**

But what is the spiritual significance of these modern lands of Israel? They are the outworking of the transition from the Old to the New Covenant. The original covenant made with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, and later with the newly-formed nation of Israel at Mt. Sinai, included the homeland specified from the river Euphrates in the east to the river of Egypt.

When Jesus Christ, the rightful King of Israel, was crucified, it brought to an end God's Old Covenant with Israel in that land and instituted a new one, as Jesus confirmed at the Last Supper: *"This [cup] is my blood of the new testament"* (*Matthew 26:28*). Furthermore, this New Covenant had already been spelled out by the prophet Jeremiah in chapter 31:31-37 (and repeated in the 8th chapter of *Hebrews* in the New Testament); and so, immediately after the crucifixion, the spiritual focus shifted from Palestine to Britain, when Joseph of Arimathea brought the Christian gospel to the Isles of the sea. From that time on, it was the *new* nations of Israel where Christianity took root that formed the basis of the Kingdom of God on earth.

And yet, these "promised lands" are far from demonstrating nationally the core principles on which the Kingdom must be based. We sometimes despair at the state of the world, but there *is* hope, for once again, the Lord had made a promise to Israel through King Solomon. It is found in II *Chronicles* 7:14: *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."* It all sounds so simple, but as Michael Clark has commented: "Christians claim the promise of II *Chronicles* 7:14 on the basis of a spiritualized people of God *without connecting* that 'their land' is the place where the Lord has established His people 'called by His name' as a constitutional *nation*, or nations, with a nation-state responsibility to humble themselves on a national scale, pray and 'turn from their wicked ways' as a nation, this wherever the constitutional centre is, i.e. London, Washington etc. When repentance is conducted in the full national context, it is far more effective than on the individual and church basis."

Consequently, according to the Word of God, it will not be until the Kingdom nations of Israel *nationally* humble themselves before the Lord, that the Kingdom blessings as set forth in *Deuteronomy* 28:1-14 will finally come to fruition in their new Promised Lands. May the Lord soon bring us, as only He can do, to that pivotal day.

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DEATH OF A CITY

When Cestius Gallus galloped out of Antioch at the head of the crack Roman Twelfth Legion to put down the dangerous insurrection of the Jews, he set in motion an incredible chain of events which was to illumine an almost forgotten prophecy of Jesus in words of blood and fire.

It was an expedition which was to end in the siege and sack of Jerusalem and the decimation of the Jewish nation.

Almost forty years earlier, and just a week before His crucifixion, Christ had wept over the splendid pinnacles and proud towers of the ancient citadel of Israel: a sight which, set as it was upon the lofty Judean heights against a background of rugged hills and mountain tops, made even the cultured Greek and Roman gasp in grudging admiration.

*The hill of Sion (cried the Psalmist)
Is a fair place,
And the joy of the whole earth:
Upon the north-side
Lieth the city of the great king . . .
Lo, the kings of the earth . . .
Walk about Sion,
And go round about her:
And tell the towers thereof.*

(Psalm 48)

Little imagination is required to understand why, in view of Jerusalem's sacred history, traditions and spiritual potential, Christ should be moved to tears as He foresaw the blackened, smouldering heap it was to become: an 'abomination of desolation,' as Daniel's grim prophecy had it.

'There shall not,' said Jesus, taking up the prophecy, 'be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down . . . When ye see

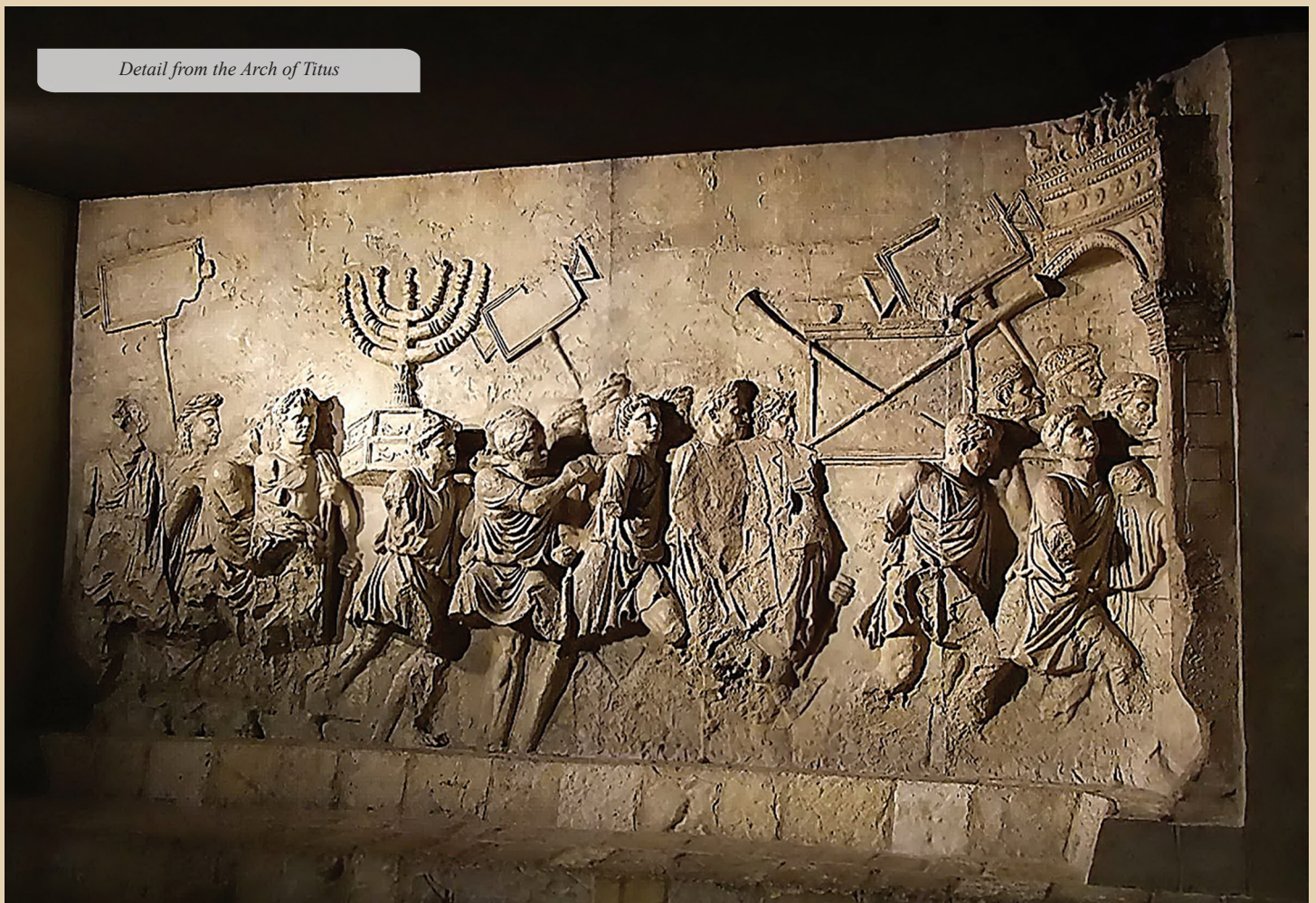
Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh . . .'

And so the Imperial eagles of Cestius Gallus pushed southward, quelling the insurgents at Zabulun, Joppa, Narbatene, Bethhoron and Gibeon and soon appeared before the mighty—some said *impregnable*—fortifications of Jerusalem.

Here, due to a tactical error of Cestius, the Christians, acting upon the urgent warning of Jesus—to flee the doomed city when the eagles hovered over the 'carcase,' that is, when the encircling armies appeared—were able to make their escape.

It happened this way. After reconnoitring Jerusalem for a few days, the Roman commander withdrew his troops to Scopus;

Detail from the Arch of Titus



whereat the Jews poured savagely out of the city and cut his force in pieces. And Cestius himself, after losing five thousand men and all his military engines, was scarcely able to reach Antipatris with his life.

After this defeat, many of the Christians and the more respectable Jews abandoned the city, fearful of the certain vengeance of Rome. The Christians—we have it on good authority*—made their way to the safety of Pella, beyond Jordan.

From then on, the fate of Jerusalem was sealed. Snarling with anger, the Emperor Nero commissioned Vespasian, newly returned from Britain and Germany, to put down the revolt. He was later joined, and succeeded, by Titus, with the Fifteenth Legion. This weighty, punitive force of some 60,000 men promptly descended upon the city and cut off all escape.

But Titus flourished the olive branch first. Flavius Josephus the Jew, who was later to write his famous *History of Jerusalem's last days*, was despatched to propose terms of surrender. It soon became clear that Titus reckoned without the fanatical obstinacy of the besieged, who rejected all his advances with curses, jeers and missiles from the captured siege engines.

Stung into action, the Roman commander retaliated by mercilessly scourging and crucifying the hundreds who every day fled the bulging, famine-stricken fort. The death-roll within the city became so great that the Jews took to casting the dead over the walls into the ravines—a sight which made even Titus groan aloud in horror and call upon God to witness that it was not his doing.

But the incredible feature of the entire campaign was Titus' unwillingness—indeed, his determination—

not to destroy the Temple itself. Repeated offers in this respect were rejected with scorn by the defenders who, after the Roman battering-rams had levelled the outer defences, chose to make the holy precincts the site of their last desperate act of defiance.

“There shall not be left one stone upon another”

Luke 21:6

Even at this late stage, Titus was willing to spare the Temple, so close did Messiah's oracle come to failure. The soldiery however was straining at the leash, its greed excited by tales of fabulous treasures said to be cached in the sacred interior. Already the outer gates were blazing fiercely, lighting the night sky with their glow; and now, at last, Titus hurled his troops to the very steps of the altar and the holiest place. A soldier thrust a burning brand within. A thousand gentile feet trampled the holy ground underfoot. And the most frightful carnage desecrated the last thin shreds of the Temple's sanctity. No quarter was asked or given.

One can understand why, even on the way to His own most terrible death, Christ could turn to His sympathizers with the lament, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for Me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. For, behold, the days are coming, in which they shall say, Blessed are the wombs that never bear, and the paps which never gave suck’ (*Luke 23:28-29*).

At the command of Titus every building, save a tower or two, was systematically razed to the ground. The five years war and the five months siege were over. The smoking desolation of dead and dying was the heavy price paid for

disloyalty to Rome.

But there remained the last bitter clause of the prophecy: ‘They shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations.’

This, Titus now proceeded to effect. After rounding up thousands of the wretched survivors for servile work in Egypt, and others for gladiatorial victims throughout the provinces, and the youths and leaders for the triumph, he returned to Rome.

His triumphal march—dear to the pageant-loving Roman heart—along the Via Sacra, preceded by garlanded bulls, featured the pick of the prisoners; seven hundred Hebrew youths, General Simon Bargioras and John of Gishala, all splendidly attired and in chains. After them came the captured trophies from the plundered and demolished Temple—the golden table, the golden candlestick and the Book of the Law, vulgarly preceded by placards describing the nature of the spoils.

At the Capitol the procession halted whilst Simon, dragged by a halter to the place of execution, was quickly despatched; and then, amid the shouts and acclamation of the populace, the great ones departed for the banquets to celebrate the successful conclusion of the Judean campaign.

Today, surviving the wreck of Rome itself, lonely but majestic, the triumphal Arch of Titus still stands to tell the tale of what can happen to a people upon whom, weeping, God has turned His back.

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GAD – SWITZERLAND

A STUDY OF TEN PROPHETIC CLUES

There is no direct history connecting the tribe of Gad to the Swiss people. We are talking about one of the lost tribes. The Caucasian population comes from various backgrounds. One can compare this with Jewry. The Jewish people have known many proselytes, yet, there has been a core of the tribe of Judah (and some of Levi & Benjamin) over the past 2,500 years. The core passes on characteristics and genes to the periphery. Looking at 'prophetic clues,' one has to conclude, that a core of the tribe of Gad once found its way to Celtic Switzerland. This core passed on its characteristics and genes to the influx of others. The more fulfilled prophetic clues we find, the stronger our case. What follows is not historic proof, but proof by revelation.

The Celtic tribe of the Helvetii established themselves on the Swiss plateau between the Jura and the Alps. In the east the Germanic Alemanni mixed with the Helvetii and in the west the Helvetii were dominated by the Germanic Burgundians. In the east the Germanic tongue dominated and in the west the Burgundi adopted the language of the romanized Helvetic Celts, which would evolve into French. I believe the German and French speaking Swiss are from the tribe of Gad.

1st Clue: Gad: fortune/happiness
*“When Leah saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife. And Zilpah, Leah’s handmaid, bare Jacob a son. And Leah said, **Fortunate!**, and she called his name **Gad**” (Genesis 30:9-11, ASV, American Standard Version; KJV throughout, unless mentioned otherwise).*

There are two etymologies for the name Gad. In the first place it means *fortune* or *happiness*. There was a god of good fortune, whose name was Gad (*Isaiah 65:11*). *Happiness* or *Fortune* is most applicable to Switzerland. Whether it is because of cattle, cheese, clocks, watches, mercenaries, banks, international organisations, tourism or other things, Switzerland has been in the top ten of the most affluent countries over the past two centuries.

2nd Clue: Gad, a troop, a gang, an army
*“And Leah said, **a troop** cometh: and she called his name **Gad**” (Genesis 30:11).
 “Gad, **a troop** shall **overcome** him: but he shall **overcome** at the last” (Genesis 49:19).*

“And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and half the tribe of Manasseh, passed over

armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them” (Joshua 4:12).

*“And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the hold to the wilderness **men of might**, and **men of war** fit for the battle, ...” (I Chronicles 12:8-14).*

The second etymological explanation of Gad is *troop*, *gang* or *army*. This explanation fits Jacob’s blessing better: *“Gad [gad], a troop [g’dud] shall press [y’gudnu] upon him; But he shall press [yagud] upon their heel” (Genesis 49:19).*

Gad’s emblem is a tent or a group of tents. The town Machanaim was in the tribal area of Gad. Machanaim means *double camp* or *two camps*.

This military aspect of Gad can be found back among the Swiss. The Swiss maintain an armed neutrality. One could say: Switzerland does not have an army, Switzerland *is* an army. At the age of 20 Swiss men are adult, eligible to vote and go into the army. The soldiers keep their own personal equipment at home. The Swiss army can be mobilised faster than any other army. It is large, modern, well trained and well equipped.

The Swiss cantons (‘states’) grew from a confederacy into a federal

state: Confoederatio Helvetica. Until 1848 each canton had its own army. Gad is a *gang*, a *troop*, of cantons.

3rd Clue: Gad, Mercenaries & (Swiss) Guards

*“And of Gad [Moses] said, Blessed be he who enlarges Gad! Gad couches **like a lion, he tears the arm, and the crown of the head**” (Deuteronomy 33:20, RSV, Revised Standard Version).*

*“These were of the sons of Gad, **captains of the host**” (I Chronicles 12:8-14).*

Jacob’s prophecies concerning the tribes are written down in *Genesis 49*. Verse 1 states that these are for the last days, ‘acharit haYamim,’ which is normally translated, ‘in the latter days’ in the prophets.

According to the *Jewish Encyclopedia* (1906) the tribe of Gad was a militaristic tribe. From 1500 to 1850 many Swiss made their *fortune* by hiring themselves out in *gangs* or *troops* to European kings and their wars. Kings and other princes have acquired Swiss mercenaries since the late Middle Ages. These men were good soldiers and were loyal to their (paying) master. A Swiss guard was acquired for the pope and for the king of

France. The House of Orange in the Netherlands had a Swiss guard too. Today there is only one Swiss Guard left, the Papal Guard of Vatican City.

4th Clue: Gad lived in the mountains of Gilead

“So he [Jacob] left in a hurry with all that belonged to him. He crossed the Euphrates River and went toward the mountains of Gilead ... Laban caught up with him in the mountains of Gilead ...” (Genesis 31:21-25, GWV).

Gad lived in the mountains of Gilead, the mountains of present day Jordan. In his endtime speech Jesus advised the inhabitants of Jerusalem to flee to the mountains: *“And when ye shall see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that the desolation thereof is nigh. Then let them which are in Judaea flee to the mountains”* (Luke 21:20-21).

The mountains intended here, are not the hills of Samaria and Judea, but rather the mountains of Gilead, the tribal area of Gad. There is an ante-typical fulfilment of that flight to the mountains of Gilead. At the beginning of the Jewish Revolt (66-70) the Messianic Community of Jerusalem fled to Pella (in Gilead), according to the historian Eusebius of Caesarea.

5th Clue: Gad: much cattle

“Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle: and when they saw the land of Jazer, and the land of Gilead, that, behold, the place was a place for cattle” (Numbers 32:1-5).

The tribes of Reuben and Gad had much cattle and wanted to stay therefore in mountainous Gilead with its woods and meadows. Switzerland is a country very suited for cattle. Swiss cheeses are well-known. There is even a Wikipedia site with a list of them. The earliest known recipe for cheese fondue

as we know it today comes from a 1699 book published in Zurich. The seventeenth century saw the start of chocolate being processed in Switzerland. Rudolph Lindt founded his famous factory in the nineteenth century. Cattle – milk – chocolate – happiness ...

6th Clue: Gad: place of refuge

“... When the men of Israel saw that they were in straits ... the people hid themselves in caves ... or crossed the fords of the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead ...” (I Samuel 13: 5-7, RSV).

“But Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul’s host, took Ishbosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over to Mahanaim ...” (II Samuel 2:8-10).

“Then David came to Mahanaim. And Absalom crossed the Jordan with all the men of Israel” II Samuel 17:24, RSV).

“Get thee hence and turn thee [Elijah] eastward, and hide thyself by the Brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan” (I Kings 17:3, KJ21).

Because of its mountains, rocks, clefts, brooks and caves the land of Gad is a natural area to flee to. The town Mahanaim on the Jabbok was in the land of Gad, in Gilead. At the war of Saul against the Philistines many hid here; Ishbosheth and Abner waged war against Joab and David from Mahanaim; when Absalom took over the throne, his

father David fled to Mahanaim. Elijah, a Gadite, hid by the brook Cherith – Wadi al-Yabis (the Wadi of Jabesh) – in the land of Gad.

Geneva became an independent republic in the sixteenth century. John Calvin fought for free access to Geneva for Protestant refugees. The city became a member of the Swiss Republic in 1815.

During World War I many people fled to Switzerland. It became a haven. Switzerland’s refugee record during WW II is not faultless, yet many were able to flee to the Swiss Republic.

7th Clue: Gad: uninvolved, neutral

“And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to war, and shall ye sit here [in Gilead]?” (Numbers 32:6-7).

“Gilead [=Gad] stayed beyond the Jordan ...” (Judges 5:17).

“Behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh Gilead [town in Gad] to the assembly” (Judges 21:8-9).

Gad or the towns in Gad often stayed uninvolved. To start with, Moses did not like that Gad and Reuben wanted to stay in Gilead. It was seen as a sign of rebellion or uninvolvedness. At the time of Deborah the Gadites did not send any men to help



against Sisera (*Judges 5:17*). Gilead here means Gad, for Reuben and Manasseh (Machir) have already been mentioned.

When the judge Gideon asked the Gadites of Succoth and Peniel for bread and support against the Midianites, they refused and remained uninvolved, just as in the time of Deborah. When called upon, the Gadites of Jabesh in Gad (Gilead) did not send men either, to avenge the corruption of the Benjamites of Gibeah.

At the Congress of Vienna (1815) the five major European powers recognized and guaranteed Switzerland's neutrality. Neutrality is Switzerland's starting point for foreign policy.

8th Clue: Gad: reformers

“Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab ...” (I Kings 17:1) [Tishbe, place in Gad].

“And Elijah came near to all the people, and said, How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people did not answer him a word. ... and they said, The LORD, he is God; the LORD, he is God. And Elijah said to them, Seize the prophets of Baal; ... and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and killed them there” (I Kings 18:21-40, RSV).

“And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and also how he had slain all the prophets with the sword” (I Kings 19:1).

The Bible mentions seven times that Elijah was a Tishbite from Tishbe. Tishbe was a small place in the tribal area of Gad, by the brook Cherith. Elijah was a prophet, a reformer, in the northern kingdom, in the House of Israel. Preaching the Word of the Lord and handling the sword were both practised by him. Elijah is the best-known Gadite of the Old Testament.

Huldrych Zwingli (1484 – 1531) was an important Swiss reformer and one of the leaders of Protestantism within Switzerland. As priest of the Grossmünster-church in Zurich, Zwingli started doubting certain doctrines of the Roman Catholic Church. He always maintained that he did not know of Luther's writings and that he started the Swiss reformation independently.

“And Leah said, A troop cometh: and she called his name Gad”

Genesis 30:11

Zwingli was a proponent of armed struggle against the catholic cantons. He died in a battle against them. He was a reformer – think of Elijah – and attacked his ‘false-prophets’ with both the Bible and the sword.

Heinrich Bullinger (1504–1575) was also a Swiss reformer. He was one of the most influential theologians of the Protestant Reformation in the sixteenth century.

9th Clue: Gad: from hate to love

The pseudo-epigraphic book *Testament of the Twelve Patriarchs* often gives us extra information about a certain patriarch and tribe. According to the *Testament of Gad*, Gad had been full of hatred towards Joseph. He warned his children against hatred, told of his experience and advised them to follow the way of love or charity.

The change from hatred to charity nicely reflects Swiss history. Nearly 2 million Swiss fought during 350 years in the mercenary system until this was forbidden by law (1859 Constitution). The Swiss Henri Dunant founded the Red Cross and the colours of neutral Switzerland were turned around on its flag. He was the first recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize. The 1864 Geneva

Convention was based on Dunant's ideas. The *army camps* of Gad became in a way the *refugee camps* of the Red Cross, this time not for war, but for love and charity.

10th Clue: Gad: oath/covenant on the mountain

“Now Jacob had pitched his tent in the mountain: and Laban with his brethren encamped in the mountain of Gilead [Gad territory] ... And Laban answered ... And now come, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness [Hebr.: ‘ed] between me and thee. And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: ... And Laban called it Jegar-saha-dutha: but Jacob called it Gal’ed ... And Laban said, This heap is witness between me and thee this day” (Genesis 31, ASV).

The tribe of Gad lived in the mountains of Gilead, or more correctly Gil’ad. The area got its name from the *covenant* that Jacob and Laban made on a *mountain* there, confirmed by an *oath*. Gal means *stone* or *heap of stones* and Ed means *witness*. Hence Gal-Ed is *witness stone* or *stone of witness*. Gal’ed has the same Hebrew letters as Gil’ad (Gilead).

The Swiss mountain state started with an oath by the three cantons Uri, Schwyz and Unterwalden on a mountain meadow. The tribe of Gad lived in Gil’ad (Gilead), named after the oath or covenant between Laban and Jacob (Gal’ed), also performed on a mountain.

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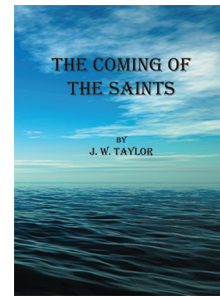
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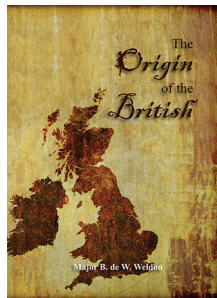
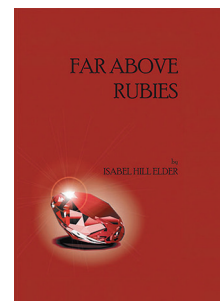
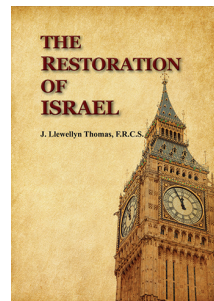
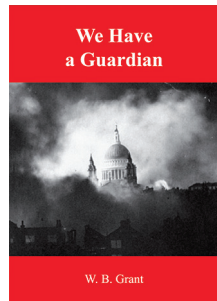
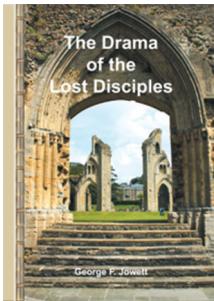
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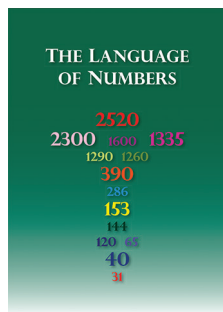
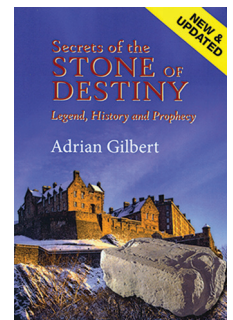
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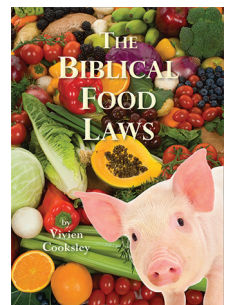
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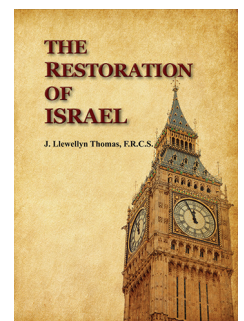
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