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*“Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen:*

*Thus saith the LORD that made thee, and formed thee from the womb,  
which will help thee; Fear not, O Jacob, my servant; and thou,  
Jesurun, whom I have chosen.”*



*“For I will pour water upon him that is thirsty, and floods upon the  
dry ground: I will pour my spirit upon thy seed, and my blessing upon  
thine offspring”*

*Isaiah 44:1-3*

## EDITORIAL

# THE NEW BEGINNING –

## *for the United Kingdom delivered from bondage in the political pagan European Union*

The peoples of the United Kingdom over many months have been submitted to a barrage of propaganda seeking to overturn the EU Referendum result. Yet, on the whole, despite being taken advantage of by the lack of balance in the media and information about the undermining of the British constitution, they instinctively refuse to be intimidated when stopped in the street by reporters.

One correspondent to the letters column of the *Daily Mail* (31 Jan 2019) in a very appropriate comment, which undoubtedly alluded to all the negative propaganda, wrote: “*How have we got ourselves in a situation where we survived for centuries as an independent, free-trading nation, then joined the EEC/EU, and now, if we leave it, we may end up starving?*”

In his Diary posted 26 Jan, 2019, Sir John Redwood MP stated that much of the conventional media simply recycles endless old Project Fear stories as if they were true and parades so called experts who always back Remain, yet fails to ask any of these people the questions pro Leave would ask. He said “**The media interrupts and cross examines Leave supporters very aggressively but rarely asks a difficult question of a Remain ‘expert’ or supporter.**”

Sir John set out 13 very relevant sorts of questions the Remain camp should be asked, in the interests of balance. The most searching question he posed was; “**Why do you have such a low view of our**

**country that you think we cannot govern ourselves?** Is there anything the EU has done that you think is wrong or damaging? If so, why didn’t you oppose or try to change it?”

In the space of 47 years the United Kingdom has been undermined in its sovereignty and diverted from its global destiny to lead the nations in peace. It has been stripped of industrial skills as the EU, in its pagan designs, decided we were to become merely a service country divided into regions where even the name of England disappeared from the map. Treachery and treason stalked the corridors of power as we wrestled “*not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers of darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*” (Ephesians 6:12).

Yet, in the great Providence of Almighty God this was not to be the end of the story. When the Israel tribes migrated west in Europe and were ready to fully occupy the Appointed Isles of Britain, first the Roman Empire fell in AD 410. Then again we were released, as a nation, from the bondage of the Roman Church at the Reformation in the 16<sup>th</sup> century.

Now in 2019, for the *third* time, after the betrayal by false shepherds (leaders) as the European Project undermined the British Constitution, when *Parliament itself* became in contempt of the British Constitution in 1972 and 1992, we are, like Jonah, being regurgitated from the ‘belly of **hell**.’ The ‘decision in principle’ of 28 Oct, 1971, when the House of Commons made a “**covenant with**

**death**” and the agreement with **hell** is “**disannulled**,” indeed, it is overthrown (*Isaiah* 28). President Donald Tusk take note!

The new BBC documentary series *Inside Europe: 10 Years of Turmoil*, revealed the Referendum was taken out of the hands of Prime Minister, David Cameron. Events overruled his belief that he could win for ‘Remain.’ In retrospect, it was absolutely fascinating to see the fault lines in the strategy take over and develop until the political elite were ultimately defeated. It was time for Almighty God to bring Britain-Israel back into “**the bond of the covenant**” (*Ezekiel* 20:37).

The elite in the UK and the EU have never accepted the result. In his *Sunday Telegraph* Comment (3 Feb, 2019) Daniel Hannan wrote; “On Wednesday [30 Jan] the EU Parliament held a ‘Two Minutes Hate’ against Britain . . . the UK’s Withdrawal for the EU (debate) resembled the ‘hideous ecstasy of vindictiveness’ described by George Orwell in *Nineteen Eighty-Four* far more than it resembled a parliamentary debate.”

Interestingly, 30 Jan was the 54<sup>th</sup> (6 x 9 = man/finality) anniversary of the 1965 State Funeral of Sir Winston Churchill. Yet, what made the anniversary even more noteworthy was the ‘simple human error’ when the BBC closed its *News at Six* with a Spitfire and British planes during the Second World War while summing up the main headline that Theresa May was returning to Brussels to renegotiate the withdrawal deal!

# THE MASTER CHEF

In all God's dealings with His creation and with the nation of Israel there is nothing that happens by chance, nothing is ever unexpected or unplanned in that close relationship. Places, people and events have their appointed position on the world stage in the foreknowledge of God and appearing at times known and expected by Him in fulfilment of His great purposes. Thoughts and actions by individuals and countries are already known by God, as we can read even in the first pages of the Bible; for there we learn that man's fall from grace was foreknown and a contingency plan put in place to counter the serious effect this was to have on God's creation. This remarkable phenomenon can perhaps be understood more easily by use of an analogy.

With the seeming emphasis on food and its preparation on our TV screens, it may be appropriate to utilise this medium to illustrate a viewpoint. Of the numerous food recipes which are available, some require a lot of ingredients and several stages in their preparation before the intended culinary masterpiece is produced. They thus involve a wide knowledge of the ingredients, a knowledge of their reaction to the methods of preparation, of the limits of their cooking time and temperature tolerance and the suitability of their mixed flavours in the provision of a tasteful, nourishing and enjoyable end product. Let us think, then, of God's wonderful creation as a multiplicity of various ingredients which He, like a 'Master Chef,' is manipulating and processing to produce a superlative dish which will, in the end, be to His complete satisfaction.

Mankind is the main or basic

ingredient, of course, with his various skills and his reasoning powers. But there are others, such as the land with the minerals it contains, the vegetation it supports, the animals and wildlife which form part of the ecology of the natural world and all the elements of nature which impinge on all life and contribute to a harmonious yet interdependent mix. God as creator designed all this and is thus fully aware of its complex operation. He knows man's thoughts and desires, his strengths and his weaknesses, and his reaction to changing conditions and situations. Because He knows mankind so intimately and anticipates his every move, God works in stages in the ongoing process of achieving the end result of His Divine plan, the establishment of His Kingdom on earth.

The first stage in the preparation was the production of that basic ingredient, man, formed as a perfect physical being and given charge over the created world. Man's fall from grace, following the temptation in the garden of Eden, was an imperfection or weakness which was to be compensated for at a later stage by the inclusion of a further necessary ingredient. Next came the flood, the removal of imperfect or waste material, so that the process could continue for the onward progress of the project. These were not unexpected incidents but anticipated stages in the development process which occurred at their appointed times. To have delayed or advanced either would have adversely altered the outcome of the Divine plan.

The 'confusion of tongues' (*Genesis* 11:7) was the next stage necessary to maintain the integrity and continuity of the project and, again, the timing was set to ensure that this would

happen as planned. Then comes the call of Abram, (*Genesis* 12:1) followed by the birth of the twelve-tribed nation of Israel in Egypt, its later settlement in the Promised Land and, finally, its expulsion from that land into captivity, each being a further stage in the development process and, importantly, anticipated to occur at the appointed or set time in the foreknowledge of God.

These stages are all recorded in Scripture but later stages are the subject of the prophetic Word of God revealed by His prophets, those 'holy men of God' referred to by the apostle Peter (II *Peter* 1:21). The prophet Daniel records some of these stages through his interpretation of King Nebuchadnezzar's dream (*Daniel* 2:31-45). The four distinctive parts of the dream image were symbolic of the four successive great empires of the world in those distant times, as the prophet declared. First, the Babylonian, of which that king was the head, followed by the Medo-Persian, then the Greek and then the Roman, the latter then breaking up into ten lesser groups, with the whole edifice collapsing and being superseded by the Stone kingdom.

This latter developed and expanded through migration and resettlement rather than by military conquest as was the case of the other empires. Thus the British Empire and Commonwealth of nations took its place in world history. These were no haphazard or chance developments but stages in the outworking of the Divine 'recipe' as it proceeds under the direction of the Master Chef to become the perfect finished product.

That such timing is integral to this long process is confirmed by those familiar words of *Ecclesiastes*, chapter 3: "...a time to sow and

*a time to reap.....a time to be born and a time to die.....a time of war and a time of peace.....*” etc. Everything takes place at an appointed time. In the cooking process there may be occasions when the contents of the pot show signs of sticking and there is the need for the Chef to stir things up a little. In the analogy it can be seen to have happened at the time of Israel’s exodus from Egypt, for instance, when the Israelites were being prevented from leaving the clutches of the Egyptians. So the Master Chef stirred things up a little by means of the plagues He used against them so that the Israelites soon became unstuck, in effect.

Later, in the Promised Land, the pot had to be stirred again when Israel’s enemies threatened to overwhelm them. This stage came to an end at the Assyrian and Babylonian captivities and a little later the pot was removed from the stove for a brief moment. It had arrived at the stage in the recipe when that other important ingredient, the salt, had to be added so that the flavour of the dish would become suitable and palatable, in the opinion of the Chef, enabling the process to continue on to its conclusion. This important point surely marked the promised redemption of the kingdom which was accomplished at Calvary.

The Christian era which followed it included the ‘sticking’ phase of the ‘dark ages’ under the influence of the Roman Catholic Church which was removed by the spiritual revival of the Reformation. Then a further threat to the smooth progress of the culinary enterprise was removed by the Master Chef when He used the appropriate element under His control to scatter the invading Spanish Armada. He later added a little more water to the mix which was timely and advantageous to the Duke of Wellington at Waterloo. More recently, and still in the memory of some, the ‘miracle’ of

Dunkirk was further proof of the effectiveness of God’s armoury of natural forces. He has, and always will have, everything under control.

History, therefore, contains a record of human attempts to rule the world, by various means, over a period of some thousands of years, but they have all ended in failure. The Babylonians tried by using unlimited autocracy, but they failed. The Persian Empire was divided into twenty provinces, having local governors answerable to the king, but it, too, failed. The empire of the Greeks, the reputed birthplace of democracy, was, at the height of its power, a military dictatorship. But civil unrest weakened it and it succumbed to the expansion of the Roman Empire. This empire, with its longer history, embraced different forms of government in its lifetime, but it came to an end just like the rest. Kings and dictators, autocrats and democrats, are scattered across the pages of European history, and in other countries further afield as well, yet none of these has ever achieved lasting peace, prosperity, true justice and security for all their respective peoples.

Descending in time to our own generation we find nothing really changes, for another empire system has been created in Europe, with

the grand title of the ‘European Union.’ In our blindness our leaders succeeded in persuading us to join this growing empire. However, our people do not like it now and a majority of them want to leave. So we seem to have gone full circle and are back to ‘square one,’ stuck in a European ‘Egypt’ situation. Unfortunately our Prime Minister is far from being a modern Moses, but is just another leader from the same old mould, confirming once again that human government is too great a task for human wisdom. Therefore God is surely going to stir the pot once again.

But the truth of the matter is there in Scripture: “..... *the imagination of men’s hearts is evil from his youth*” (Genesis 8:21). Evil implies extreme lawlessness, a rejection of the laws of God. The inevitable result or conclusion is: “...*except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it*” (Psalm 127:1). So, as well as seeing the significance of timing in the words of *Ecclesiastes*, we also see in that book that all human endeavour has limitations, as my brief review of history has confirmed. Time passes, generations come and go, but human achievements seem only to progress so far, resulting in a sense of dissatisfaction. The situation is described quite pertinently in verse 8



of the first chapter of *Ecclesiastes* when it says: “*All things are full of labour; man cannot utter it: the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing.*” This is followed shortly with the well-known words: “*... there is no new thing under the sun.*” Hence all the different forms of government, which were tried by these former great empires, have changed little, if at all, in subsequent ages. The great advance in technology since the Industrial Revolution has had a significant effect on our lifestyle but it has not brought any greater satisfaction or peace of mind, rather it just seems to have increased human stress levels.

The first Adamic people had the advantage over us in the much longer life-span with which they were blessed. With this advantage they had longer to pursue their ideas, increase their knowledge and advance their technology. Such a way of life should have been one of righteousness and due reverence towards God. But in the book of *Job* there is reference to that earlier generation, in chapter 21, and it does not show them up in a favourable light. In verse 7 Job refers to them, saying: “*Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, are mighty in power.*” So their long life does indeed allow them to gain knowledge and expertise, but it is used for evil purposes. This is pointed out in verse 14: “*Therefore they say unto God ... depart from us, for we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.*”

Being mighty in power and rebellious towards God is a dangerous combination of circumstances, one which God could not allow to continue. This was the scenario just prior to the flood, a condition of mankind in which Noah was the only righteous man alive, with his family beside him. And what did the Lord Jesus Christ foretell about the time when He will return

to this earth and take charge of His kingdom? “*But, as the days of Noah were so shall the coming of the Son of man be*” (*Matthew 24:37*).

“But as the days of Noah were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be”

*Matthew 24:37*

Today there is a surfeit of knowledge in every field of human activity. We have powers and expertise of which our parents and grandparents never dreamed. We have technology which now advances at such a rate that some things become obsolete soon after they are produced. We think that we are so clever and so advanced that the majority of people no longer acknowledge the need, or even the existence, of God. They have abandoned our churches and Christian way of life, effectively saying to God “... depart from us, we don't want to know.” We are in that condition in which, as Scripture says: “*...every man does that which is right in his own eyes.*” But the faithful remnant have the assurance that unrighteousness and evil will come to an end. For there is a time of cleansing to come in the kingdom, foretold in the words of the prophet Ezekiel, in chapter 36.

From verse 24 to 28 we are told of God's intervention in the kingdom, all that is evil in His eyes being removed and replaced with a new spirit of faithfulness, obedience, and a return to the observance of His statutes and judgments. It would appear from the words of this prophecy that the kingdom will have reached a critical condition, one in which our present financial, political and spiritual order will be at breaking point. For, as we read

further on, in verse 37, “*Thus saith the Lord God; I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them.*”

Jesus Christ first appeared during the time of the ministry of John the Baptist. When John saw Him he recognized Jesus as the promised Messiah and said to the people: “*.... I indeed baptise you with water, but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose; He shall baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with fire.*” In the words of the prophet Malachi, Jesus, our Saviour, is declared to be like “*a refiner's fire and fullers' soap.*” Then in the New Testament, in Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians (1:7-8), the apostle refers to the second advent, saying: “*...when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, in flaming fire, taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.*” Fire in Scripture is often a symbol of power and authority as in the burning bush with which Moses was faced or the tongues of visible flame seen descending on the apostles at their baptism by the Holy Spirit.

Fire is also symbolic of justice and judgment and there is to be a deep and thorough cleansing process to take place when the Lord returns, which will remove from the kingdom all that is evil in the sight of God. It will happen at an appointed time, not before or after, but one anticipated by God so that His plans will come to fruition in accordance with His Divine will. We do not know when that time or moment will be, but the signs of its near approach are in plain sight. The Master Chef must, therefore, be about to produce His great masterpiece, for the preparation time has surely run its course.

**ALFRED BROWN**

# CALEB'S JOURNAL

## A new venture in Tasmania

*“Let us go up at once and possess the land, for we are well able to overcome it”*  
(Numbers 13:30)

Introducing this newsletter which was started by Remmo Beerepoort in October 2018. It is a new fresh look at the Israel message; here are some extracts from the first issue:

### “What is Caleb’s Journal?”

Through Caleb’s Journal we would like to share with you the journey that we are on as we walk into the Promised Land and the sign posts that our Father is showing us along the way. We hope that this will be an encouragement to you on your journey.

### Why Caleb?

Caleb was one of the twelve spies sent to search out the Promised Land (Numbers 13). Together with Joshua he returned with a favourable report. All twelve spies reported that the land flowed with milk and honey and was fruitful. However Joshua and Caleb had a different vision regarding the giants that were in the land. Despite the presence of a people physically taller and stronger than the Israelites, Caleb declared *“Let us go up at once ... for we are well able to overcome it.”*

Caleb expressed the vision that **by following the voice of God fully the protection afforded the giants would be removed** and Israel would be able to enter in and take possession of the land. As we enter the Promised Land today we also recognize the presence of giants. Let us be encouraged by Caleb’s report, knowing that the giant’s protection has been removed when we walk in obedience, and that this is not our battle but the Lord’s (Numbers 14:9).”

### “A Verse to Ponder ...

*“... and in your [Abraham’s] offspring shall all the nations of the earth be blessed, because you have obeyed my voice”* (Genesis 22:18).

We, as the descendants of Abraham, will be a blessing to all the nations because of Abraham’s obedience to the voice of God.

Our destiny, of being a blessing to the nations of the earth, can only be fulfilled when our nation

itself exists in a state of blessing. Blessings are contingent upon being in synchronicity with the Word of God (Deuteronomy 28).

As the above promise made to Abraham is true, there will come a time when we, as a nation, will be obedient to, and synchronized with, the Word of God.”

Remmo, his mother, Lida, and sister, Fanny, came to the BIWF Summer Convention in July 2018 and it was a great pleasure to meet these friends from Tasmania for the first time.

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# OPEN OUR EYES

*“And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth for the children of thy people: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book” (Daniel 12:1).*

**T**he *Message for the Appointed Hour* is the theme for *The Covenant Nations* in 2019 and comes at a time when the very tenets of our faith are being tested and vilified by the governments of the Israel nations. The authority of Constitutions, as written, is threatened by the liberal left as ‘evolving’ or ‘living’ documents which can be twisted to mean whatever these demagogues transgressing the rule of law want them to mean. They march under the rainbow flag colours, stolen from God’s reassurance that the rainbow was His promise not to flood the earth again (*Genesis 9:12-16*). The rush to empower women over men under the *Women’s Rights* and *MeToo* movements is a ‘**Now**’ phenomenon.

*“As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err; and destroy the way of thy paths” (Isaiah 3:12);* and *“How long wilt thou go about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing in the earth, A woman shall compass a man” (Jeremiah 31:22).*

These scriptures predict the last day ‘rights of a woman’ to have an abortion and her desire to rule over a man. The Bible is not silent in describing the days we now live in. A terrible reality: *“But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived” (II Timothy 3:13).*

We are given some details of just what exactly evil men will engage

in at the close of this age in the opening verses of this chapter of *II Timothy*.

*“This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: **from such turn away**” (II Timothy 3:1-5).*

But as God’s rainbow in the heavens reassures us of His mighty hand still resting upon our lives let us look at some positive examples for **this our appointed hour**.

## **Elisha and the Chariots of Fire**

*“And he answered fear not: for they that be with us are more than they that be with them. And Elisha prayed, and said, Lord, I pray thee, **open his eyes**, that he may see. And the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha” (II Kings 6:16-17).*

Elisha, the ninth century BC prophet of Israel, a counsellor of kings and a deliverer of the nation from national disaster (*II Kings 3:1-27*) reassures the young man at Dothan, Samaria, when a massive Syrian force is sent to capture him. Although encircled by a hostile enemy Elisha entreats the young man to ‘**open his eyes**’



The Archangel Michael in Mexico City

and see the angelic host with their ‘**chariots of fire**’ round about them.

This Bible verse was immortalised in the 1981 Oscar best picture of the year *Chariots of Fire* where Eric Liddell, the flying Scotsman, won the 400 metres race in world record time at the 1924 Olympic Games. He later went on to become a missionary in China where he died at the hands of the Japanese in the Weih sien internment camp on the 21 February 1945 aged 43.

## **Daniel and the angel helped by Michael**

*“And he said unto me, O Daniel, a man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright: for unto thee am I now sent. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood trembling. Then said he unto me, Fear not, Daniel: for from the first day that thou didst set thine heart to understand, and to chasten thyself*

before thy God, thy words were heard, and I am come for thy words. But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I remained there with the kings of Persia” (Daniel 10:11-13).

The wonderful story of Daniel, visited by the angel helped by Michael, now perplexed and in mourning over the vision of the future God had given him, cries out to God for its interpretation. In *Isaiah* 65:24 we are reminded that before we call our prayers will be answered. This angel had to battle through one third of the evil angels that followed Satan out of heaven during the original rebellion (*Jude* v.6) and appears before Daniel after 21 days of battling through these forces of evil being successful only because of Michael’s intervention.

This great angel is commemorated in *The Book of Common Prayer* with a Feast Day, 29 September, and a Collect, Epistle and Gospel. The collect is as follows:

“O Everlasting God, who hast ordained and constituted the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order; Mercifully grant, that as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven, so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.”

*The Book of Common Prayer* is an affirmation of our national faith. It is designed with the purpose of bringing us to the knowledge and love of the God of Israel and our redemption. At the same time it is designed, also, to bring the whole of mankind to the knowledge of the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. *The Book of Common Prayer* is the manual of public worship of the Anglican Church and as such it possesses an authority, and has a claim upon our loyalty and esteem,

second only to that of the Bible. The one supplements the other. The Bible tells us to worship God, and the prayer book teaches how to worship Him.

“**Before whose throne the angels bow,  
With faces veiled in homage low.”**

“Behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha”  
II Kings 6:16-17

### The Queen’s Coronation

During the Coronation Service of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II in 1953 the angels were explicitly heralded:

#### The Communion

“To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom heaven and earth adore,  
From men and from the Angel-host  
Be praise and glory evermore.  
Amen.”

#### Te Deum Laudamus

“To thee all Angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.  
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin: continually do cry,  
Holy, Holy, Holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;

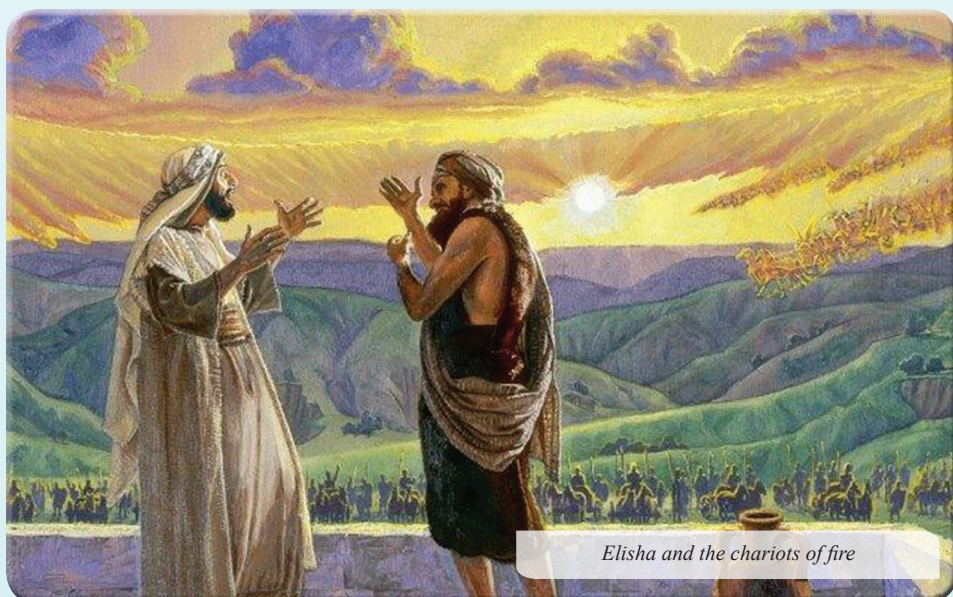
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty: of thy Glory.”

### Angels and the Great Hall of Sydney University

The University of Sydney, a world-famous research university founded in 1850 and regarded as one of the world’s leading universities, has within and without its precincts many fine decorative reminders of the messengers from heaven. The symbolism of angels pervades the 1850 architecture of the Great Hall and when it was completed a statue which became known as the *Angel of Knowledge* was placed on top of the front gable. A contemporary description reads, ‘The gable at the eastern end of the hall is surmounted by a fine statue 7ft high - that of an angel, beautifully designed and cut in stone, representing Christian philosophy, standing in an attitude of benediction.’

### Angels on the Hammer Beam roof

‘The ribbed ceiling of the Great Hall owes much to Westminster Hall, the oldest and largest part of the Palace of Westminster, dating originally from the eleventh century. The hammer beams of Westminster feature angels parallel to the floor bearing shields, the angels of the Great Hall appear as if floating aloft, offering their open books of knowledge.’



Elisha and the chariots of fire

‘Five pairs of angels each hold an open book, on one page of which is inscribed a branch of learning, with a representative symbol on the other page. These cover the seven liberal arts, representing the trivium and the quadrivium as taught in medieval universities, and the three philosophies teaching morals and first causes.

‘Over the dais two angels hold scrolls bearing Latin texts which sum up the theme of the Great Hall as a temple of knowledge. They come from the Vulgate version of the Bible, one from the Old and one from the New Testament, and enjoin the scholar to beware of the blind pursuit of learning but to base his studies on a love of God and on sound religious principles.’

*Stained Glass and Stone* by Bertha McKenzie - Page 29.

On its construction in 1850 there were many angels including those with a text for its students throughout the Great Hall of Sydney University:

Timor Domini Principium Sapientiae, Grammatica (Scroll), Dialectica (Aristotle’s diagram), Poetica (harp), Ethica (St. Mary’s Lily), Metaphysica (Symbol of hidden reality), ‘Scientia inflat, charitas aedificat,’ Arithmetica

(Abacus), Geometrica (Euclid’s 47<sup>th</sup> proposition), Astronomica (star), Musica (lyre) and Physica (air pump).

There is no doubt that in academia in the 1850s angels played a prominent part in the methodology of Sydney University.

### A personal testimony – Susan’s story

‘It was New Year’s Eve, 1 January, 2002. I’d phoned my Dad about some disturbing news that had broken my heart. I confided in my father the events that had unfolded. We shared our private thoughts on the matter and I wept in disbelief.

‘My Dad and I prayed together over the phone, and he tried to comfort me with love from him and Jesus Christ. Dad told me that he would send me an angel to watch over me, and my little family. I was comforted by this thought, and snuggled into my bed, in the early hours of that morning.

‘I woke around 2.30am. My eyes were still a blur from crying earlier that evening. On the right-hand side, at the end of my bed, stood a huge white bird/human figure. It was as high as the ceiling. My eyes focused in disbelief. I was not frightened. It stood still. The figure was white, with masses of feathers, long feathers, with a touch of grey

flicking through them. It was a sight I’d never seen before. It was male. It was amazing. His wings moved slightly. Then something extraordinary happened. All my pain in my heart and head, was being drained out of me. It was still. I was still, and my soul was cleansed, mended and restored. All my anger and confusion disappeared. Leaving me with a sense of honour, love and trust. I can’t begin to tell you how good I felt.

‘I had had a visitor. It was huge, white, pure and beautiful. It was a man with wings, made up of millions of feathers. He radiated love and peace. He never spoke, nor I to him. As fast as he came, he went. It never fixed the problem, but it had given me the strength to fight it.

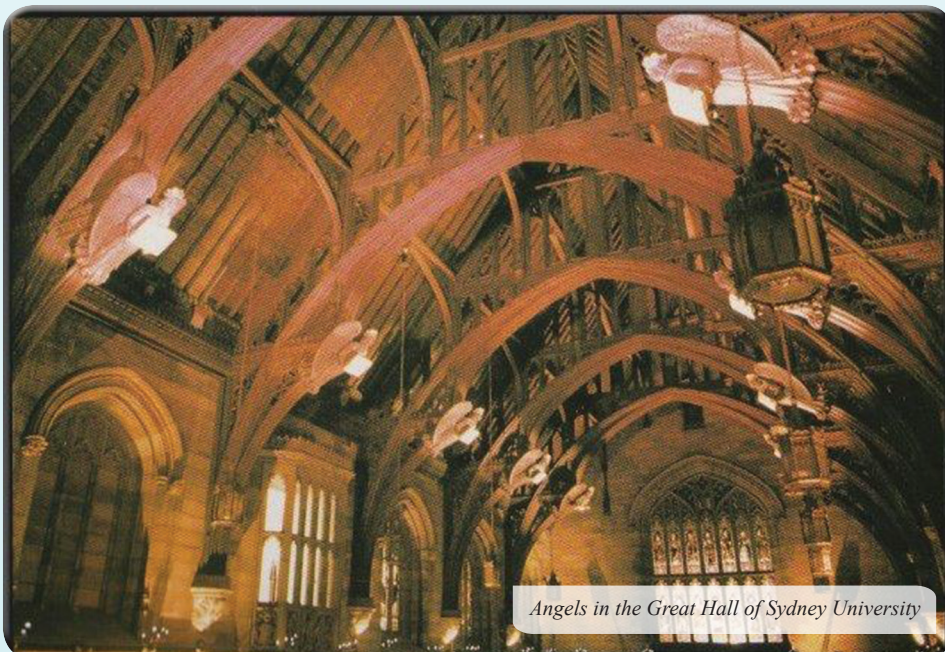
‘I now really believe we are never alone. Jesus Christ is with us all, and of course my magnificent angel.’

### The Message for the Appointed Hour

This message comes engraved in wood, stone and print for our encouragement and, like Paul who when lifted up into heaven saw things that only God’s people are blessed to see:

*‘It is not expedient for me doubtless to glory. I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. I knew a man in Christ above fourteen years ago, (whether in the body, I cannot tell; or whether out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) such an one caught up to the third heaven. And I knew such a man, (whether in the body, or out of the body, I cannot tell: God knoweth;) How that he was caught up into paradise, and heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter’*  
(II Corinthians 12:1-4).

In the meantime, let our eyes be our teacher (*Isaiah 30:20*) as we **‘open our eyes’** and see who is around us.



Angels in the Great Hall of Sydney University

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# WHERE ARE THE WATCHMEN ON THE WALL?

*“I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace, day or night, you who make mention of the Lord, do not keep silent” (Isaiah 62:6).*

The watchmen were key figures in ancient Israel. Large watchtowers were placed overlooking the fields of agriculture and men would stand watch, guarding the fields which contained the community’s basic food supply. They needed to be alert to any threats, whether from animals, thieves or from fire. They also had to be alert for any sign of invasion. The watchmen on the walls of a fortified town were to monitor all the approaches and at the sign of any threat would sound the warning so that the town could shut its gates and prepare to defend against any attack.

The vigilant watchmen would observe the daily life of the community. He could see much of the activity in the streets, and in the markets. He would know the people, their work, their habits and their lifestyles. If his tower was near the city gates, he could also observe the business of the city conducted by its officials.

God uses this role of the watchmen to illustrate the responsibilities of a minister to both comment on the conduct of society and to deliver messages of warning and instruction. The Word of God declares that we who have received the Word of God must give warning to the wicked.

This role is set out very clearly in *Ezekiel 3:1-27*:  
*“.... ‘Son of man, go to the*

*house of Israel and speak my words to them. ... do not be afraid of them, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they are a rebellious house.’ ... speak to them and tell them, ‘Thus says the Lord God,’ whether they hear, or whether they refuse. ...”* It is a very serious work to be called to do because as is made plain: *“When I say to the wicked, ‘You shall surely die,’ and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood will I require at your hand. Yet, if you warn the wicked, and he does not turn from his wickedness, nor from his wicked*

*way, he shall die in his iniquity; but you have delivered your soul. ...”* The scripture continues: *“... when a righteous man turns from his righteousness and commits iniquity, ... because you did not give him warning, he shall die in his sin, ... but his blood I will require at your hand. Nevertheless if you warn the righteous man ... he shall surely live because he took warning; also you will have delivered your soul.”*

The watchmen have a very solemn duty when the people are threatened with an attack, *Ezekiel 33:2-33*: *“... when he sees the sword coming upon the land, if he blows the trumpet and warns the people, then whoever hears the sound of the trumpet and does not take warning ... his blood shall be on his own head. ...But if the watchman sees the sword coming and does not blow the trumpet, and the people are not warned ... his blood I will require at the watchman’s hand.”*

The danger of God’s judgment upon wickedness is a far more serious danger than that of an invading army threatening a city. One may be able to defend a city against a foreign invader. However, no one can escape the scrutiny of an all-knowing, everywhere-present, all-wise God! Nor can anyone escape judgment from an omnipresent Judge! Neither can anyone have any hope of victory in a war against Almighty God!



Guy's Tower, Warwick Castle, England

The prophet of God had a solemn duty to deliver a most sober and serious message. Unless the citizens of Israel acknowledged their sins, turned away from them, repented and resolutely obeyed the Word of God, they would die in their sins. Regardless of how individuals respond to the warning, if they hear the message, the prophet has fulfilled his duty and is no longer responsible. Duty is ours. The results are in God's hands. However, if the messenger failed to deliver the warning his blood would be required at his hand.

The Word of God is sweet like honey (*Ezekiel 3:3*). We are commanded to go to the house of Israel and to speak the Word of God to them. Even if they are hard-hearted and unresponsive, we are responsible to faithfully deliver the Word of God, the whole Word of God and nothing but the Word of God. We dare not attempt to edit the Word of God. *"I charge you, therefore, before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom: preach the Word, be ready, in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine, but according to their own desires, because they have itching ears, they will heap for themselves teachers; and they will turn their ears away from the truth and be turned aside to fables. But you be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil your ministry"* (II Timothy 4:1-5).

God spoke the Ten Commandments with His own voice. He wrote them with His own finger upon tablets of stone. Under the New Covenant, He has written them on our hearts. The Law's origin reveals its holy character. *"Therefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy and just and good"* (Romans 7:12).

### **Worship God alone**

Are we and our leaders worshipping

God alone? Do we love God with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength?

### **Do not bow down before idols**

Have we committed idolatry, giving the worship that is due to God alone to sports idols, screen idols, Hollywood idols, political idols? Have we made idols of fame, fortune, health and wealth?

### **Do not take God's Name in vain**

How can the Name that is above every name be routinely taken in vain on national television and in cinemas and be regarded as entertainment?

### **Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy**

Sir Winston Churchill declared of the Lord's Day: "Sunday is a Divine and priceless institution, the necessary pause in the national life. It is the birthright of every British subject, our responsibility, privilege and duty to hand it on to posterity." Yet the Lord's Day is desecrated every week. What God ordained as a day of rest and a day of worship has been commercialized and abused for the worship of pleasure.

### **Honour your Father and Mother**

Respect for our parents and elders is being undermined everywhere, by the laws, the entertainment industry and by violent crimes to the elderly.

### **Do not commit murder**

The sixth commandment upholds the sanctity of life. Yet there are many ways in which murder is committed. Murder can be with the hands: *"there are six things the Lord hates, yes, seven are an abomination to Him: ... hands that shed innocent blood ..."* (*Proverbs 6:15-17*). Life begins at conception; abortion is murder! Murder can also be committed with the mind. Malice is mental murder (*Matthew 5:22*). *"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him"* (I John 3:15). We can murder with the tongue (*James 3:5-*

15); we can murder with the pen (II Samuel 11:15). We violate this commandment when we consent to the death of an innocent (*Acts 22:4*). We commit murder by not defending another, when it is within our power to do so (*Proverbs 24:11-12*).

Failure to execute capital punishment upon murderers is also a breach of the sixth commandment. The Scripture is very clear that God has instituted civil government as *"an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil"* (*Romans 13:4*). Civil government is called to be a minister of God's justice: *"To punish those who do wrong"* (I Peter 2:14).

We should also consider the most heinous, most vicious murder ever committed in history. At Calvary's Cross, mankind's sin resulted in the murder of the most innocent victim of all time: God's own Son, Jesus Christ. He willingly submitted and became the victim of this violation of justice, so that we – the very people responsible for His suffering and death – might in turn find life and joy forever.

Have you repented of your complicity in the death of our Lord Jesus Christ? Have you found life in Christ? Are you pointing people to the Saviour each day?

### **Do not commit adultery**

What do you think of this social analysis? "Sexual anarchy is here. It has assumed extreme forms and spread throughout a large part of the population, side by side with an increase of sexual perversion; ...Homosexuality has entered the mores of the population and contemporary authors seem to sadistically enjoy the enumeration of a variety of sexual perversions." When do you think that social commentary was written? The writer of this particular article lived 4,500 years ago, approximately 2,500 BC in ancient Egypt!

Immorality and perversion are

not new. There is nothing modern about it. The sexual revolution is revolting in more ways than one; it is an uprising against God Himself. Satan is a liar and the father of lies (*John* 8:44). Take the lie that “this is a private matter between two consenting adults. What I do in private is nobody else’s business. Nobody gets hurt.”

Actually sexual ethics are not private matters at all. Everyone ends up paying for the private affairs of others. Mothers without husbands and children without fathers, living on welfare, cost the taxpayer many hundreds of millions of pounds every year. Many of the children without fathers end up in inner city gangs and are full of anger at parents who neglected them and abandoned them. Much of the graffiti, litter, vandalism, house breakings, muggings, violence and armed robberies are committed by them; and they themselves suffer from the inter-gang killings which are such a regular feature of the daily news bulletins.

#### **Do not steal**

The eighth commandment cuts across the thieving spirit of our age. Have you ever taken something that did not belong to you? Have you borrowed things that you failed to

return? Usury is theft. Bribery is theft. Laziness is a form of theft. We steal from people when we do less than what we agreed on. Government corruption, inflation, excessive taxation, defaulting on loans, failing to pay bills, cheating on tests, cheating on income taxes, and many others including failing to tithe to God are all breaches of this commandment.

“By the blessing of the  
upright the city is exalted”  
*Proverbs 11:11*

#### **Do not bear false witness**

God is Truth. Jesus Christ is the Way, the Truth and the Life. God’s Word is Truth: “*You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free*” (*John* 8:32). Yet all of us, at one time or another, have been guilty of gossip. It is a sin. Pastors are to “*remind them ... to speak evil of no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing all humility to all men*” (*Titus* 3:1-2). Puritan preacher, Thomas Watson, pointed out that a man may wrong another as much by silence as by slander when you know someone to be wrongly accused yet do not speak up on his behalf.

#### **Do not covet**

Covetousness is a root sin. King Saul was jealous of David’s success and coveted the praise and honour which David received for his victories (*I Samuel* 18:6-8). As a result, King Saul plotted to murder David. King Ahab coveted the vineyard of Naboth, leading to his being falsely accused and unjustly executed (*I Kings* 21). In the parable of the Rich Fool, our Lord Jesus Christ warned us: “*Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses*” (*Luke* 12:15-21). Our society has become tragically short-sighted, superficial, materialistic and covetous. God promises that He will take care of our **needs** not our **greeds**.

#### **Action as watchmen**

“... *receive into your hearts all my words that I speak to you, and hear with your ears. And go, get to the captives, to the children of your people, and speak to them and tell them, whether they hear, or whether they refuse*” (*Ezekiel* 3:10-11). Stand firm in the service of the Lord our God.

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# FOR THE LOVE OF GARDENS



**A**ccording to the Horticultural Trade Association, eight out of ten Britons have a garden or somewhere to grow outdoor plants. Having an ideal gardening climate for producing an incredibly wide range of plants, Britain is renowned for its gardens – both public and private – with the “cottage garden,” with its profusion of colourful flowers, being seen as the epitome of the “real Britain.” It was immortalized in the song, *In an English Country Garden*, by American songster Jimmy Rogers.

The earliest gardens in the United Kingdom were usually associated with monasteries with plants being grown for their culinary and medicinal uses rather than for ornamental purposes. By the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries gardens became more formal and the first botanical garden in Britain was set up in 1621 at Oxford University. But gardening really came into its own during the Georgian and Regency periods, featuring the talents of the likes of William Kent and Capability Brown, whose work can still be experienced today throughout the

country. Early Victorian plant hunters sought out plants from all over the world and brought them back to Britain, meaning that thousands more plants are available now and many hundreds of these are on seasonal display at places such as London’s Kew Gardens. But gardening really only became a national pastime after the World Wars when all available land switched from ornamental plants to food production. Today, home gardening is a thriving industry which cuts across all boundaries of class, gender, race and age.

The showpiece for British gardening is the Royal Horticultural Society’s glorious Chelsea Flower Show which is recognized as the most beautiful show in the world. 165,000 fans visit the annual exhibition wherein gardeners try to outdo one another as to who can coax to life the most beautiful or spectacular blooms. The writer recalls seeing roses as big as dinner plates on display on one occasion!

But not far from Chelsea is one of the best-kept secrets in London: the Queen’s Garden at the rear of Buckingham Palace. A 2014 ITV documentary described it as “an oasis of beauty in the heart of Europe’s biggest city.” With its three miles of pathways, the garden spans 39 acres and consists of three parts: the Rose Garden, featuring 25 different varieties of roses; Harrison’s Garden, the lawn where the Queen’s garden parties are held; and the wild area known as “The Yard” which includes an island on a three-acre lake. This untamed paradise is home to 350 species of wildflowers, 83 species of birds plus many small mammals, over 1,000 different kinds of fungi and 2,500 types of insects. Her Majesty’s bees (four hives) feed on the 500-foot long wild herbaceous border to provide honey for the palace, and the garden is used as a refueling

stop for migratory birds. It is truly “a unique sanctuary for wildlife in the heart of London.”

Another important feature of gardens is what is known as “the language of flowers.” Many flowers have a symbolic meaning which is widely understood, particularly as they relate to the different facets of love. Roses, especially, along with carnations and hyacinths express these different aspects depending on their colour. *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* lists 105 different flower meanings and says, “The symbolic language of flowers has been recognized for centuries in many countries throughout Europe and Asia...for good reason: nearly every sentiment imaginable can be expressed with flowers.” As a result, they also play a large role in English literature and especially in the works of William Shakespeare. And, of course, they are a multi-billion dollar commodity in the modern florists industry, whose motto is, “Say it with Flowers,” since they can often speak more eloquently than words.

In a feature article in the London *Daily Telegraph* (May 2018) entitled “Why Gardening is Good for the British Soul,” the reporter explored the British love of gardens – both public and private – but especially those that embody a personal kingdom of the imagination, a secret haven to which to retreat when our spirits need a boost. The article goes on to say, “The curative, restorative power of gardening is profound. Last week, a King’s Fund report commissioned by the National Garden Scheme urged us as a nation to promote gardening as something which can play a powerful role in promoting physical and emotional health. It even went so far as to encourage doctors to prescribe gardening for patients with cancer, dementia and depression...There are many studies that show patients recover more quickly in hospital if they can see a garden.”

This idea was brought to life in the classic children’s book, *The*

*Secret Garden*, by Frances Hodgson Burnett. The story tells how two sickly children are themselves restored to health, both physically and spiritually, by their working to rejuvenate a hidden and neglected garden – a living metaphor. And in British author J.R.R. Tolkien’s epic fantasy, *The Lord of the Rings*, the hobbit-land called “The Shire” quite deliberately embodies the idyllic English countryside, with its wholesome gardens, trees and fields, and is home to one of the book’s most heroic characters, the indomitable hobbit, Sam Gamgee, the gardener. And so the health-giving effects of a garden – the common experience of so many – are often employed as a literary theme in the natural realm.

However, there is a deeper and often overlooked *spiritual* reason why gardens have such an uplifting and therapeutic effect – they are a pale reflection of the original Garden of Eden or Paradise. As described in the first book of the Bible, the Garden of Eden contained, “every tree that is pleasant to the sight, and good for food,” together with the wildlife, as well as the Tree of Life and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil. The Garden was watered by a river that became into four heads: the Pison, the Gihon (also the name of a famous spring in Jerusalem), the Hiddekel (the ancient name of the Tigris) and the Euphrates – locating the Garden somewhere in Mesopotamia. The man, Adam, was placed there “to dress and keep it” – in other words, he was the first gardener. We are also told that prior to the Fall, the Lord God walked in the Garden in the cool of the day, communing with Adam and Eve, and this fact alone would make the Garden a paradise through their intimate fellowship with the Lord.

This blissful location appears again in the New Testament when Jesus tells the repentant thief on the cross, “Thou shalt be with me in paradise” (Luke 23:43), and also in *Revelation* 2:7: “To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the Tree of Life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God.”

The Apostle Paul speaks of it as well in the context of his being “caught up to the third heaven” or paradise, where he “heard unspeakable words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter” (II Corinthians 12:2-4) – again, the result of being in the presence of God. The Greek word translated “paradise” in the New Testament is *paradeisos*, meaning, “a park, garden,” so it has the same connotation as the Garden of Eden at the beginning, while the Hebrew word is *pardec*, meaning, “a park, forest or orchard.”

According to the book of *Ecclesiastes*, King Solomon, Israel’s greatest king, planted vineyards, made gardens and orchards, and planted trees in them of all kinds of fruit, with pools to water them (*Ecclesiastes* 2:4-6). But in the poem of the marriage nuptials of the Lord which he composed, called *The Song of Solomon* or *The Song of Songs*, he gave the garden an even deeper symbolism. In chapter 4:12-15, the Bridegroom declares, “A garden enclosed is my sister, my spouse: a spring shut up, a fountain sealed. Thy plants are an orchard of pomegranates, with pleasant fruits; camphire, with spikenard, Spikenard [sic] and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense; myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices: A fountain of gardens, a well of living waters, and streams from Lebanon.” So the heavenly Bridegroom likens his Bride to a richly fertile garden, while the nine different plants listed symbolize the nine fruits of the Spirit, which the Bride is to bring forth. (*Galatians* 5:22-23).

It is also significant that, as in Eden, water plays a vital role in this feminine garden – where it is spoken of as a spring, a fountain, a well and a stream – because a garden cannot live without water. In *Isaiah* 58:11, one of the greatest promises that can be made to restored Israel – again, the Bride of God – is, “thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.” While in the paradise of the New Jerusalem in *Revelation*

22:1-2, the Tree of Life is once more associated with “*a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb.*” Like oil, living water in the Bible is often a symbol of the outflowing of the life-giving Holy Spirit. We still try to replicate this element today in our garden water-features, such as a fountain, koi pond or mini-waterfall, where the soothing sounds of running water minister to our spirits.

We see yet a further symbolism of gardens in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. After His crucifixion, Jesus was laid to rest in the borrowed new tomb of Joseph of Arimathea which was located in a garden (*John 19:41-2*). The scripture tells us that when Mary Magdalene came to the sepulchre early on Sunday morning, she saw the resurrected Jesus standing in the garden, but not knowing it was He, she supposed Him to be the gardener (20:14-15). This important point takes us full circle back to Eden, where the first Adam was the gardener. For Jesus is called “*the*

*last Adam*” (*I Corinthians 15:45*), showing that the Paradise that the first Adam lost has been restored by the last Adam, making possible our eventual resurrection from the dead to immortal bodies, as is so vividly portrayed in John Milton’s epic poems, *Paradise Lost* and *Paradise Regained*.

“A fountain of gardens,  
a well of living waters, and  
streams from Lebanon”

*Song of Solomon 4:15*

But why is gardening such a quintessentially British recreation? Is it not because it is a literal recreation of the garden theme associated with Israel in the Bible? As the nucleus of God’s servant nation, we come by this disposition naturally. Michael Clark suggests that the British penchant for gardens and competitions such as the Chelsea Flower Show reveal the deep,

perhaps unconscious, desire to care for the Garden of Eden, or to keep and preserve every kind of beautiful flower, that is bred into our DNA. It expresses a longing for the return of Paradise to the earth which the Lord has promised us in the coming Millennium and afterward. The new heavens and a new earth (*Isaiah 65:17; 66:22, and Revelation 21:1*) will see that promise fulfilled in the Kingdom of God in ways we, as yet, cannot even imagine. For He says, “*The wolf also shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid...and a little child shall lead them...And the cow and the bear shall feed; their young ones shall lie down together: and the lion shall eat straw like the ox...They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain: For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea*” (*Isaiah 11:6-9 and Habakkuk 2:14*). At that blessed time to come, it will be “Paradise Regained” indeed!

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## Foreword by Dinsdale Young to

### ***British-Israel Truth Defended* by The Rev J Mountain DD**

Dr Mountain has rendered a signal service by the production of this book.

I have read enough of it to see that our gifted and consecrated friend excels himself in these delightful pages.

Dr Mountain conducts his argument in a lovely spirit, and with a wealth of exegetical learning, a logical incisiveness, and a penetrating insight, which constitutes him a victorious champion.

I increasingly believe that the weight of argument is with the British-Israel position.

I know nothing which so irradiates Old Testament Prophecy, which so confirms faith in the inspiration of the Old Testament, and which so explains the British Empire as does the belief which Dr Mountain teaches.

Such a belief must be a great inspiration to Evangelical believers and an incentive to evangelistic service.

Heartily do I commend this timely and excellent work.

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*British-Israel Truth Defended* by The Rev J Mountain DD is Volume 6 in the Classic Series of books which can be purchased from Covenant Publishing.

# THE WOMAN IN THE WILDERNESS

**R**evelation chapter 12 contains an important and much misunderstood prophecy of a prophetic ‘woman’ in the wilderness. Noted evangelical expositor, Dr. Harry Ironside, observed, “I have learned to view this twelfth chapter as the crucial test in regard to the correct prophetic outline. If the interpreters are wrong as to the woman and the man-child, it necessarily follows that they will be wrong as to many things connected with them.”

Yes, this is a very important text for prophetic understanding. Unless we correctly identify this woman and the subject matter connected with her, we will be misled on important biblical issues including Israel, Christ, the Covenants and latter-day

prophecy as a whole! Yet, sadly, the late great expositor, Henry Alford, exclaimed, “... the vision yet awaits its clearing up.” That is the purpose of this study.

The prophecy begins in *Revelation* 12:1, “And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars.” This woman has been variously identified as Israel, the Church, or the Virgin Mary. Yet in no way is the mother of Christ biblically symbolized as a woman in a wilderness (cf. *Revelation* 12:6), nor can we agree with the very commonplace interpretation that makes the prophetic woman to be the Christian Church. \*

Dr. William R. Newell gives an excellent analysis of this question. “Israel, not the Church, gave birth to Christ (*Romans* 9:1-33; *Micah* 5:1-15; *Isaiah* 9:6; *Hebrews* 7:14). In no possible sense did the Church do so. [Dr. Joseph] Seiss, generally very helpful, most strenuously asserts the Woman to be ‘the Church Universal’ [and] ... proceeds to call the Child ‘the whole regenerated purchase of the Saviour’s blood,’ though how the Mother and the Child can be thus the same company, even the author’s utmost vehemence fails to convince you! (Seiss: Lectures 26, 28) ... The subsequent earthly history (*Revelation* 12:1-17) of the woman corresponds exactly with what other prophets tell us concerning the trouble of Israel ...”



Similarly, the Barnes Notes Commentary says, “Christ is rather represented as the Husband of the Church than the Son: ‘Prepared as a bride adorned for her husband’ *Revelation* 21:2. ‘I will show thee the bride, the Lamb’s wife’ *Revelation* 21:9; compare *Isaiah* 54:5; *Isaiah* 61:10; *Isaiah* 62:5.”

*Revelation* 12:6 is a key verse, “And the WOMAN FLED into the WILDERNESS, where she hath a place prepared of God, that they should FEED HER there a THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED AND THREESCORE days.” Barnes Notes tells us that the 1260 days prophetically represent years, “That is, regarding these as prophetic days, in which a day denotes a year, twelve hundred and sixty years.”

Evangelical writers (as well as some British-Israel teachers) have been divided on whether this prophecy is to be interpreted historically or allegorically. Some consider the 1260 years to represent the history of the papacy or even dating it from the Hegira – the founding of Mohammedanism – but the prophecy concerns Israel, not Rome or Islam! Others date the prophecy from the fall of Samaria in 721 BC; adding 1260 years then results in a prophetic end date of

AD 540, said to be the approximate time of the Saxon invasion of Britain. However, many of Israel’s tribes were in Britain long before that time, including those who sailed westward across the Mediterranean in the time of Solomon (*I Kings* 9:26-27).

It is doubtful that the prophecy began in 721 BC because the conquest and exile of Israel to Assyria was neither a free-will act of ‘fleeing,’ nor was “*Halah, Habor, and the cities of the Medes*” (*II Kings* 17:6) a description of an uninhabited wilderness. The word ‘fled’ in *Revelation* 12:6 is a translation of the Greek ‘pheugo’ (Strong’s #5343) meaning ‘to run away, by analogy to vanish, escape, flee away.’ This is not a description of being taken in chains and fetters to Assyria and Babylon! Similarly, the word ‘wilderness’ (Strong’s #2048) means ‘desert, waste, desolate, solitary, wilderness, lonesome.’ Babylon, Nineveh & the cities of the Medes where Israel and Judah had been taken captive were not solitary wildernesses! Halah was a suburb of Nineveh which along with Babylon were two of the largest metropolises of the ancient world. The cities of the Medes were also well populated. Clearly, the wilderness wandering was in a new land after the period of subjugation by Assyria, Babylon and Persia. That new wilderness land to

which Israel fled was early unsettled Europe.

The Pulpit Commentary’s analysis supports this, “Israel is to be brought ‘into the wilderness of the peoples’ (*Ezekiel* 35:20). The wanderings of their father was in ‘a waste howling wilderness’ (*Deuteronomy* 32:10) among the wild beasts and far from the cities and homes of men; but the exile of the nation in Ezekiel’s day was a transportation into the midst of the settled populous country of Babylon. Chaldea was no Siberia .... Although a strange blight has since fallen upon the scene of the exile, and the ruins of the great cities of the Euphrates have now become a veritable wilderness, haunted by lions and hyenas, those cities were at the height of their prosperity and splendour when the prophet lived and wrote. How, then, could he speak of them as a wilderness?” The answer, of course, is that neither Ezekiel nor the book of *Revelation* were speaking of Babylon and Assyria in these wilderness prophecies.

In a previous study on ‘Ezekiel’s forgotten prophecy of the House of Israel’ based upon *Ezekiel* 4:4-5 (*Covenant Nations* magazine, vol. 3, no. 3, 2014 or the CBIA website [www.israelite.ca](http://www.israelite.ca)), it was shown that ten-tribe Ephraim-Israel received a divine punishment for their national sins of 390 years, dating from 721 BC to the fall of Persia in 331 BC. They were successively subjugated by Assyria, Babylon and Persia until Alexander the Great overthrew the Persian Empire at the Battle of Gaugamela on 1 October, 331 BC, finally freeing the captive nations of the Mid East who were for so long under the yoke of oppression.

When we calculate 1260 years after the fall of Persia, we reach the date AD 930 – a very important date in history. On 23 June of that



year the ‘Althing’ was established in Iceland, the very first European parliamentary government. Similarly, during this era England for the first time became a unitary nation. Prior to unification England had been a divided Heptarchy with separate kings of East Anglia, Essex, Kent, Mercia, Northumbria, Sussex and Wessex. However, in AD 927 King Athelstan of Wessex fought a decisive battle with the Vikings and followed up his victory by sending emissaries throughout Britain demanding the allegiance of all the provinces. Although he proclaimed himself the ruler of England as early as 925 it was a few years before he finally consolidated control over all of England.

For 1260 years the House of Israel had been lost, wandering tribes spreading across Europe, nurturing and growing in numbers. Over time they coalesced from mere tribes into districts and heptarchies until in AD 930 they began to fulfil their Abrahamic covenant promises of becoming many nations (*Genesis* 17:5), a company of nations (*Genesis* 35:11) and growing into a multitude as the sand on the seashore and as the stars of heaven! (*Genesis* 15:5; 22:17).

The evangelical International Bible School Commentary tells us, “When God led His people from captivity, they wandered in the ‘wilderness’ until their redemption was complete (i.e. until they possessed their [promised] inheritance.” Yes, beginning in AD 930, after 1260 years of wandering, nurturing and growing, Israel began forming ‘many nations’ instead of mere nomadic lost tribes, in fulfilment of their promised inheritance in the Abrahamic Covenant. Israel was indeed nourished in the Wilderness (*Revelation* 12:6). Further, their ‘redemption was complete’ at this

time, as England became a Christian nation under King Athelstan.

Israel’s covenant fulfilment into many nations continued with the Union of England and Wales by the Act of 1535, followed by the establishment of the British parliament and the United Kingdom of Great Britain as a unified sovereign state in 1707.

“And there appeared a great wonder in heaven”

*Revelation* 12:1

The first historically recognized King of Denmark was Gorm the Old, AD 958. The Denmark parliament, the Folketing, ‘The People’s Thing,’ was established in 1849. The Swedish Parliament, the Riksdag, was formed in 1435. The Dutch Republic was established in 1705; before that, Holland was a changing patchwork of territories. The Constitution of Norway established Norway’s parliament, the Storting, in 1814. The French national parliament, l’Assemblée Nationale was established in 1789 and the United States of America became a nation in 1776.

*Revelation* 12:14 adds some further details to this marvellous prophecy, “And to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness, into her place, where she is nourished for a time, and times, and half a time, from the face of the serpent.” This time period corresponds to the ‘1260 days’ of verse 6. ‘Her place’ is the “place prepared of God” (*Revelation* 12:6). This is a reference to the Davidic promise in *II Samuel* 7:10. Israel would live in a new land that would evidently be an

unsettled wilderness – a land where wicked nations would not afflict 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; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as beforetime.” That land was not Palestine! The illustration shown here is a coin of the Ostrogoths, showing a Woman with wings treading on the serpent-dragon. The Ostrogoths were a part of Israel who migrated from Asia to Europe in the early Christian centuries. They were described as ‘wanderers without a home’ by historian Ferdinand Gregorovius (*History of the City of Rome in the Middle Ages*, London, 1909, I:371).

It is surprising that modern commentaries cannot see the realization of these wonderful prophecies, and ignore the factual evidence that these ‘lost’ tribes of Israel fulfilled their covenant destiny in migrating to Europe. Even in their blindness, the evangelical Kelly Commentary exclaims, “But where for the present is Israel? Hidden in the wilderness, yet preserved till God’s public kingdom appears ... How strange to fancy that such amazing events took place ages ago without the saints of God knowing it!” Yes, it is indeed truly amazing! Let us pray for Israel’s revealing in this end time. Amen!

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\*The Editors: The crown of twelve stars is falsely claimed by the Roman Catholic Church and the European Union. The correct Historicist interpretation being that the twelve tribes of Israel are represented by the twelve stars. The Israel woman is clothed by the sun, or the Throne of David, and at her feet is the moon, the English Common Law being a ‘lamp unto our feet.’

# WHY 'CAUCASIAN'?

## Man rarely loses an Awareness of His Origin

The word 'Caucasian' (i.e. native of the Caucasus/Black Sea region) is used – notably in the United States and the Americas – to define people of white racial origin as distinct from coloured.

Why should this word have been selected? It has obvious and direct connections with the Caucasus region of Noahic dispersion and with the Scythian migrations from the Black Sea-Caspian territories of the ancient people of Israel on their way westwards.

*Race* is an emotive word these days, though by definition it is quite straightforward and uncomplicated. A dictionary definition says: 'Race: group of persons, animals or plants connected by common descent; posterity of person, house, family, tribe or nation regarded as of common living stock; any great division of living creatures, descent, kindred.'

Thus 'ethnic stock,' 'common descent,' 'kindred' and 'persons belonging to a tribe or nation' are highly selective and clear-cut descriptions. Though it is not a matter for excessive pride, it is certainly not a thing of which to be ashamed!

When I was in the Israeli State, seventeen years after it was first constituted in 1948, in an interview for the BBC with Mr Abba Eban, then Deputy Prime Minister, he described the problems that Israelis experience in trying to get Jews, coming from countries all over the world, to surrender their allegiances to the lands they have left and to get them to learn to speak Hebrew or Yiddish. They insist upon living together in their ethnic groups and to speak the tongue of the country in which they were born and brought up.

This recalled to me a similar 'tribal' situation which I came across in 1958 in the Rocky Mountains. In the Kootenay Range there is a settlement of expatriate Russians known as the Dukabors who went to Canada nearly a hundred years ago and who to this day refuse to be assimilated into Canadian life, rejecting all culture other than their own.

It makes one wonder how long the umbilical cord of national identity lasts before it shrivels through absorption and integration of elements alien to it. Does man ever really lose the *awareness* of his origin? The Tribes of Israel certainly did on the surface of things – though it was never forgotten in the mind and purpose of God.

In this blindness to recognition lay the root of Israel's troubles. Inherent within all of us is a dormant sense of tribalism, clanism and even the parrot cry 'racism,' which simply states that fundamental characteristics of race are preserved by an unchanging tradition. No amount of bureaucracy can change

a race simply by paper work. The problem is well summed up in the aphorism 'assimilation has always lived alongside annihilation.'

The Race Relations Industry and its multi-racial State mentality is an invitation to read (among many other relevant scriptures) *Genesis 11* to see what happened after the Flood when "... *the whole earth was of one language and of one speech.*"

*"And the nations said let us build us a city and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven; and let us make us a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And the Lord came down to see the city and the tower which the children of men builded. And the Lord said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do. Go to, let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another's speech. So the Lord scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth ... therefore is the name of it called Babel: because the Lord did there confound the language of all the earth."*

Expressed in more mundane terms, left to modern man, all individuality could well be swamped by uniformity; he is well on the road to doing so. One comforting thought lies in another aphorism: 'Man proposes. God disposes.'

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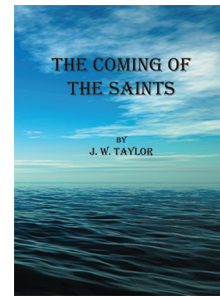
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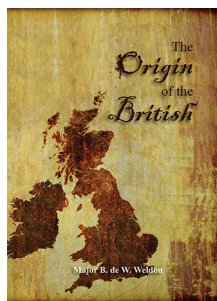
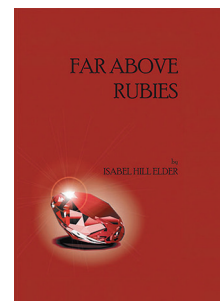
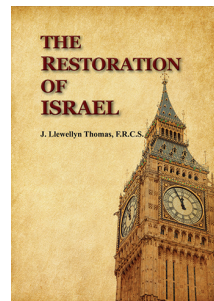
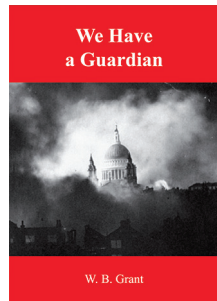
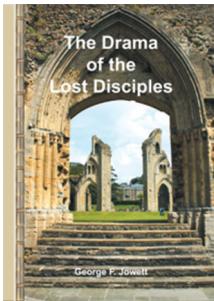
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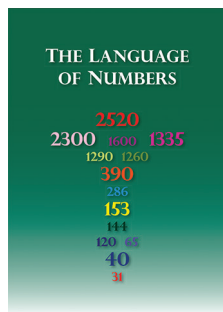
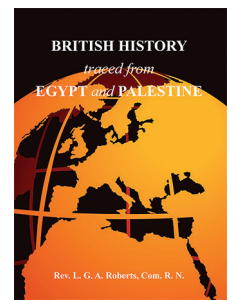
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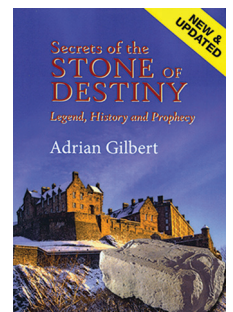
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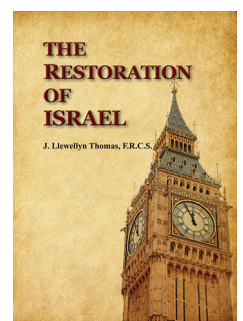
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