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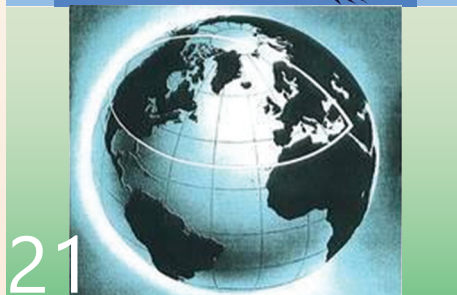
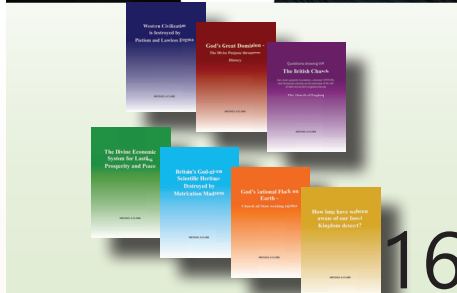
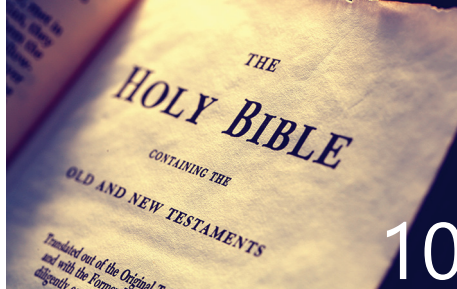
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SEEK GOD

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WORSHIP GOD

In Painful Moments
TRUST GOD

In Every Moment
THANK GOD

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EDITORIAL

TAKING A STAND – A Century of Witness

“And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come” (Matthew 10:22-23).

The Witness involves the ‘Taking of a Stand’ for something we believe in, something that we have experienced which has impressed us to the extent that it has changed or defined the whole direction of our lives. By its very nature that change of direction comes about as the result of a revelation by the Holy Spirit and this to the few, not the many.

The British-Israel message is in this category of a life-changing and defining experience. In the early part of the century that has passed since the Federation in the United Kingdom was founded on 3 July, 1919, it could not have been foreseen that the great eclipse of worldwide power and blessing was to take place. The *Covenant* British Empire appeared set to usher in the Millennium and the Second Advent when the Lord Jesus Christ would take up the Throne of David in our midst.

What transpired were, *firstly*, a great financial crash, the decline of the Empire and the separation of Ireland followed by a further wave of European and World War – the ‘Armageddon’ conflict – when a great hail of bombs fell upon the cities of Europe ending with the atomic bomb destruction upon Japan. *Secondly*, the engineered betrayal of our sovereign Appointed land of the United Kingdom to the European Project and the wasting away of our manufacturing skills involving the betrayal of generations of youth through the lack of leadership and, most terrible of all, the lack

of spiritual leadership and vision.

Without true vision from the 1960s and 1970s the nation in Church and State passed into the period when the *prophetic* Sun, Moon and stars became darkened. Ultimately in the 1990s a point of totality in this eclipse was reached as the *political* European Union emerged to raise its pagan materialistic head above the Crown that is ‘The Queen-in-Parliament under God.’

As the Covenant Kingdom Witness organizations passed from their heyday of success in the 1920s to a day when they became hated of all men for the sake of the Kingdom Truth which the false shepherds (leaders) did not want, desiring the substitute false vision of material prosperity in the *prophetic* Great Babylon of Europe.

We endured this decline over a second fifty years during which we, in the United Kingdom, literally fled the city of London from next to Buckingham Palace to another place of preservation and witness; ‘going out’ from the great city ‘coming in’ to the hills, as promised to us in *Psalms* 121, to a great and crucial turning point in our life as a parent organization when we in our personal lives have also been conscious of the fact that a powerful turning point has arrived.

The latter day cultic sects succeed and proliferate in a spirit of great activity, but also through a spirit of deception which drives their

mind set. The Jehovah Witnesses opened their first overseas branch in England in 1900 – 120 years ago (warning) in 2020. The truth is the witnesses are actually the servant people that are the many nations of Israel and their covenant people, which *Isaiah* 43:1-10 clearly states of the chosen nation redeemed and restored.

The Scriptural record and *prophetic* sequence of the *Continuing* Kingdom of God on earth is actually clear and simple, yet it is not taken up by the Church. The broad mass of the non-indoctrinated people however are longing for evidence from the past. Ten thousand people gathered at Stonehenge on 21 June this year to see the sun rise at the equinox. They are fascinated by our very ancient heritage – a million people a year visit Stonehenge! The Hebraic-Druids were the first to acknowledge Christ and accept Christianity in our Appointed Isles.

The consequences of the inability to understand the prophetic fulfilment of God’s Great Kingdom Plan for the covenant nations, have led directly to the siege of civilization and the rise of atheistic revolution, rebellion and even terrorism. It has created a vacuum which has been filled with the confusion of pagan beliefs. The leaders in Church and State have followed a false belief in man and not in Almighty God as revealed in the Bible – *our national prophetic record*. **Taking a Stand now for the Kingdom Truth** is the vision the nation needs.

A GREAT ABOMINATION

Darkness over the Appointed Place

(II Samuel 7:10)



The United Kingdom, under the premiership of Theresa May, seems to be in a state of limbo as far as 'Brexit' is concerned, waiting for the 31 October, 2019, deadline for our departure from the European Union (EU), the March and April deadlines having passed without the outcome for which the majority of the electorate had voted. While the days and weeks pass by our Government, clearly hostile to the wishes of the electorate, is seen to be in disarray as it pursues a variety of options, none of which achieve consensus or unity in the corridors of power at Westminster.

The whole exit process, since the referendum result in 2016, has been badly conducted and seriously mismanaged by our Prime Minister and her administration, mainly because the referendum result was, for them, unexpected and not what they had wanted. In Brussels the result was equally unwelcome and 'Brexiters' were branded as 'deserters' and consigned to 'a place in hell.'

That the term 'hell' has been used so publicly is actually quite significant in view of the words of the prophet Isaiah in chapter 28, verse 15, "*We have made a covenant with death, and with hell are we at agreement.*" Hell, as Scripture tells us, is equivalent to the grave, a place of burial in which a body is placed after death. There is no consciousness or awareness after death: consciousness is provided by our spirit which enables us to think, reason and give impetus to our physical actions. At death, Scripture tells us, that spirit part of our being returns to God who gave it so all that is left is inanimate material which decays and returns to the dust of the earth from whence it came. I suggest that this may be prophetic of our present political system, a parliamentary form of government, which has served us well for hundreds of years and been copied by many other nations, but has, sadly, been corrupted by the lies and falsehood into which it has been allowed to degenerate in our lifetime, effectively falling

into decay and becoming virtually useless. Perhaps significantly the very building in which it is housed is apparently deteriorating in like manner.

The death and hell referred to in that verse in *Isaiah* 28 related also to the kingdom as a whole. Giving up our sovereignty and becoming subject to the laws of the EU marked the death of our nation in political terms. Such a realisation must have become apparent to the former Labour Party leader, the late Hugh Gaitskell, when he regarded our membership of the 'Common Market,' as it was in his time, as 'the death of British independence...the end of a thousand years of history.' That subjection to the institutions of the EU meant that our own laws and institutions, the product of centuries of legislation enacted by successive governments in the evolution of our nation's culture and way of life, were now buried under the new legislation emanating from Brussels. In their blindness and false idealism our leaders had agreed

to this state of national hell and a significant number of them still wish to perpetuate this unconstitutional situation.

From the time of the Exodus the people of Israel have always been rather contrary. They wanted their freedom from the oppressive regime of the Egyptians yet they hankered after the good things which were available too, and which they missed when they were camped in the wilderness. The generation which came out of Egypt and expressed these longings for the 'fleshpots of Egypt' did not live to enjoy the later benefits and status of nationhood in the Promised Land. Their misgivings and lack of faith were not allowed to seriously undermine the establishment of righteousness and the rule of law in the new kingdom. Their descendants, under the guidance and leadership of Moses, became sufficiently trained and instructed into the laws and ways of God to the point when they made a Covenant with God to live and order their individual and national life in accordance with His Commandments, Statutes and Judgments.

All should have been well with the Israelites thereafter but one of their failings, still in evidence today, is that they are easily tempted to stray from the straight and narrow. For much of its history there seems to have been this persistent attitude of defiance in the people of Israel. Having been led in the wilderness with a column of smoke by day and



by a pillar of fire by night, witnessing the miraculous deeds of Moses, and of the Lord Himself when they were threatened by their more powerful enemies, it is a wonder that a people so amazingly preserved could still break faith with such a caring and magnanimous Creator.

In our own day and generation, seeing the deepening lack of faith and increasing apostasy in the Kingdom, one might question God's patience and forbearance and wonder how He could possibly forgive such depth of sin and evil. But the answer lies in the Abrahamic Covenant which was without condition. Our great God keeps His covenants and never breaks faith with us. We are a nation so sinful and undeserving but, thankfully, under grace through the blood of our Saviour and Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our coming time of national release from European bondage will be the fulfilment of the Lord's gracious commitment to the Patriarchs and His prophetic words recorded in *Isaiah 28*. The situation we have been in for the past 47 years is the culmination of efforts to achieve such a union of European nations which began not long after the last war. It seemed at the time, and was promoted as such, that this union would help prevent such a horrendous international conflict occurring ever again. It was advanced as a trading relationship, or Common Market, which would be of benefit to all and would involve no loss of national sovereignty. However, as we were to learn later, it was the start of a clandestine political scheme to bring us and the nations of Europe under a central government to whose rules and regulations we would all become subject.

This was not really a new idea unique to modern man. Although it would not be called an Empire,

that is what it amounted to and we know that such autocratic powers are the stuff of history and of Bible prophecy. They have come and they have gone, failed human political or military enterprises which were the product of sinful mankind who denied the authority of the living God.

That our leaders were tempted to be a part of this latest example is, in hindsight, not very surprising. The falling away in faith, foretold for the end of the age, had begun to take a hold in our nation in those days and materialism was then eroding the spiritual life of the people. But this is much as it was like immediately prior to the captivities and, instead of turning back to God in their predicament, the people looked elsewhere for a solution. We find this recorded in *Ezekiel 8*. This whole chapter of *Ezekiel* is one in which the Lord reveals to that prophet the extreme idolatry and apostasy of the leaders of the House of Judah in Jerusalem, thus justifying their own coming captivity, their brethren of Israel by then in Assyrian captivity. Much of it is done in secrecy, the perpetrators thinking that they can get away with it and not be found out (verse 12). But, as they should have known, nothing is ever hidden from the Lord. Look particularly at verses 13 to 18. The scene is one which has striking similarities to that of our own national situation as our leaders sought to become a part of the great European amalgam back in the 1960s. While we had been victorious in the war against



Germany, the 'cold war,' the threat of Communist aggression from the USSR, was perhaps a further incentive to seek safety in numbers. So, beginning at verse 13, which follows on from the intrigue and secret plotting being conducted by the apostate leaders in Judah, we read these words, "*Women weeping for Tammuz.*"

This was noteworthy because it was women assembling at the gates of the Lord's House which, of course, was the Temple, the centre of worship and Divine authority. We can visualise it, perhaps, in contemporary terms as like a demonstration by women at our seat of government, at the Houses of Parliament. Its significance is that in those days the rule set down in *Exodus* 18:21 was then still in force. This was the Lord's instruction to Moses concerning leadership and administration in the nation when He clearly decreed, "*Moreover, thou shalt provide out of all the people able men such as fear God, men of truth hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties and rulers of tens.*" In the 1960s women MPs were a comparative rarity but since then their numbers have increased and culminated in Margaret Thatcher becoming our first female Prime Minister. In the days of Moses and beyond it was just accepted that men had the role of leadership while women had a different but complementary role to fulfil, using their own skills and expertise which contributed to the order and stability of society as a whole.

There was a more serious condemnation to come, as we read in verses 15-17. In the area between the porch and the altar and in that part of the Temple precincts '*about 25 men*' stood with their backs to the Temple of the Lord, that holy place which contained the mercy seat, the ark of the Covenant and the two tablets of

stone on which were engraved the Ten Commandments. The Temple was the centre of both spiritual and temporal power in Israel, the central place of worship for the people of Israel and the seat of government for the nation. This union of spiritual and temporal is symbolically preserved at Westminster today where the government is officially under the headship of the Queen, who has to append her signature to all legislation passed by her government. Hence her title of 'Queen-in-Parliament under God.' She is also Supreme Governor of the national church, so we still have that unique combination of spiritual and temporal, church and state, in our nation's constitution which existed in ancient Israel.

The 25 men had their backs towards the Temple of the Lord and their faces towards the east; and they worshipped the sun towards the east. They could hardly have perpetrated a greater sin nor inflicted a greater insult to the Lord than this, turning their backs on His unique authority, laid down in His Commandments, and worshipping instead a false god. I believe that we have witnessed an exactly parallel situation in our lifetime. When Britain eventually signed up to the Treaty of Rome in 1972 we saw clearly the re-enactment of the apostate officials as recorded in that chapter of *Ezekiel*. As they had turned their backs towards the Temple, and thus towards the Commandments of God, so, too, did our political leaders turn their backs on our English Common Law, based on these same Commandments, in favour of the Roman Civil Law of Europe and to which they willingly became subservient. And they, too, turned their faces to the east to worship the false god, that alien authority based in Brussels.

In the prophetic vision those who showed their disdain for the Temple are referred to as 'about 25 men.'

Not a precise number, more a representative number. Who are the actual decision makers in Parliament in our time? They are the members of the Cabinet who are the senior members of Parliament and heads of Government departments. These decision makers, therefore, have much to answer for because lies, deception and behind-the-scenes intrigue have been their stock-in-trade over a considerable period of time. Their hypocrisy is astounding yet persistent, declaring their allegiance to the democratic process yet at the same time giving obeisance to the dictatorship of the EU. How very true of these leaders are the words of the prophet Isaiah when he wrote, "*We have made lies our refuge and under falsehood have we hid ourselves.*" It is hardly surprising that God condemns such an unsavoury setup as a **great abomination**. However, while this situation has come about through blindness and lack of knowledge, God in His great mercy is fulfilling His promise that no weapon formed against us will prosper (*Isaiah* 54). He is taking a hand to disannul this 'covenant with death' in which we have been trapped for forty-seven years.

While *Isaiah* 28 is rightly seen to describe so accurately the conditions of our EU membership it is also worth looking at chapter 52 of this great prophet for further directions towards resolving our national humiliation. In verse 2 there is the call for us to '*shake thyself from the dust,*' a similar expression to one we find in the New Testament, when the disciples were told to '*shake the dust from off their shoes*' when they depart from an unfavourable reception they receive in some village or town to which they have taken the message of the Gospel. Then the prophet issues the Lord's instruction, '*loose thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive daughter of Zion.*' This surely refers to us and our slave-like position within the EU. In verse 3

we read, *‘For thus saith the Lord, ye have sold yourselves for nought and ye shall be redeemed without money.’*

Prime Minister Edward Heath in 1972 knowingly signed away our nation’s sovereign independence, sold it for nought, but we are to get it back ‘without payment.’ A ‘no deal’ Brexit should mean that we would leave without paying Brussels £39 billion for the privilege, if this is the correct interpretation of that Scripture. Then in verse 5 we have this observation, *‘they that rule over them make them to howl, and my name every day is blasphemed.’* Never has so much argument and strength of feeling been aroused in the people of our land by any matter as Brexit has done. It is proving to be the most serious issue of our generation and rightly so, for our future depends on it. And in it all God seems to be ignored; His name being regularly taken in vain. But, as we read on further we see that this will change and people will come to realise that God still reigns and His Kingdom will be restored.

In spite of their great reluctance to let us depart, the EU will be powerless to prevent it, possibly because they may become preoccupied with events or adverse circumstances which will direct their thoughts and efforts towards saving themselves. Our present situation is another ‘Egypt’ scenario, wanting out but being hindered from doing so. Israel’s exit from that land was assisted by the plagues God imposed upon the Egyptians over 3,000 years ago. His instruction to Israel in these latter days, recorded in *Revelation 18:4*, is significant in the consistency of the wording used when He said, *“Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues.”*

These plagues are, perhaps, now

in their early stages but with the potential to escalate quite rapidly, with destructive power. They may well be economic in the threatened deep recession which economists are predicting throughout the Eurozone. It was a great blessing that we kept the Pound Sterling as our national currency so that we may escape the very worst effects of this coming financial disruption. They are also political in the increasing dissatisfaction in European countries with their own membership of the EU, probably increasing after our departure from it.

**‘Come, my people, enter
thou into thy chambers’**

Isaiah 26:20

It is also spiritual since the sudden increase in Islamic migration from North Africa and the Middle East into Europe which was so thoughtlessly encouraged by Angela Merkel, Chancellor of Germany. Different religions and cultures coming together in such a manner is like the proverbial mixing of oil and water. God knew what He was doing when He set the bounds of the nations; removing them in-evitably leads to disunity and chaos.

I have referred to these particular prophecies in *Ezekiel* and *Isaiah* but there are many more with their clear relevance to Israel in these last days of this age. What other organisations, outside of the BIWF and kindred groups, have this clear understanding of God’s Word? Our understanding and exposition of the Gospel of the Kingdom recorded in the Bible is unique and we have been greatly blessed and privileged to serve God in proclaiming this truth.

We are just a remnant of believers now but this, too, is a fulfilment of the

prophetic Word of God concerning the end of the age so we should not be greatly surprised or disheartened. By means of the internet our message is still being propagated and received by an unknown number of people; the knowledge is still available and, hopefully, being accepted by them. We do not wish to hide our light under a bushel but, as we have learned from the book of *Ecclesiastes*, timing matters in numerous situations. And so, in the prophecy of *Isaiah 26:20*, there are these words of advice for us in these momentous last days of this age, *“Come, my people, enter into thy chambers and shut thy doors about thee, hide thyself, as it were, for a little moment until the indignation be overpast.”*

This should take you back again to the Exodus from Egypt when the people of Israel, frustrated in their departure from that evil regime, were instructed to paint the lintels and door-posts of their dwellings with the blood of the sacrificial lamb as a protection from the Lord as He passed over them to bring judgment upon the Egyptians during that night; a momentous event that was to be remembered by the Israelites thereafter as the Passover. God took a hand in that critical situation then, and, as *Isaiah 28:18* indicates, He is doing so again in these critical closing days of this age. His ‘modus operandi’ will doubtless be different but the end result will be appropriate for the occasion.

There is no need for us to put blood on the door-posts and lintels of our dwellings for the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is the all-sufficient covering already provided for us as we await the coming cleansing and restoration of His redeemed Kingdom and His coming judgment of the nations.

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WHAT WOULD MARTIN LUTHER SAY TO US TODAY?

“But seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things shall be added to you” (Matthew 6:33)

A single day, 31 October 1517, marks a single event which changed the world forever. It marks when Professor Martin Luther nailed his 95 *Theses* on the door of the *Schlosskirche* (The Castle Church) in Wittenberg, Germany.

It was not that Martin Luther was attempting to launch a Reformation. He was seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. It was Martin Luther's desperate quest for peace with God that led him to study the Scriptures intently. He was overwhelmed by the holiness of God and the depravity of man. He agonised over his own sinful nature.

Eternally Important Questions

How can a just and holy creator God, the eternal Judge, allow sinful, selfish, depraved people like you and I into His Heaven?

How can wicked and worthless people escape the wrath of God in the lake of fire for all eternity? What must we do to be saved? What can we do to be saved? Is there any hope at all for lost men and women like you and I?

God's Standard is Perfection

“Be perfect, even as your Father in Heaven is perfect.” “Be holy, as I am holy.” We are obligated to love God wholeheartedly and our neighbour as ourselves. Yet, which of us can ever say that we have attained such holiness, or spiritual perfection?

Trying to Earn Salvation by Good Works

Out of great concern for his eternal salvation, Martin Luther had sought to flee from the world and bury himself in the Augustinian

cloister, devoting himself to a life of the strictest asceticism. Yet, despite devoting himself to earning salvation by good works, cheerfully performing the humblest of tasks, praying, fasting, chastising himself, even beyond the strictest monastic rules, Martin Luther was still oppressed with a terrible sense of his utter sinfulness and lost condition.

Luther's superior, Johannes van Staupitz, recognising Martin Luther's great intellectual talents and to channel his energies away from excessive introspection, ordered him to undertake further studies, including Hebrew, Greek and the Scriptures, to become a university lecturer for the order. Martin Luther was ordained a priest in 1507 and studied and taught at the Universities of Wittenberg and Erfurt.



To Teach and Defend the Scriptures

In 1512, Martin Luther received his Doctoral degree and took the traditional vow on becoming a Professor at Wittenberg University, to teach and defend the Scriptures faithfully. This vow would be a tremendous source of encouragement to him later. Professor Luther never viewed himself as a rebel, but rather as a Theologian seeking to be faithful to the vow required of him to teach and defend the Holy Scripture.

Martin Luther committed most of the New Testament, much of the Old Testament and all of the Psalms to memory. From 1513 to 1517, he lectured at the University of Wittenberg on the Psalms, Galatians and Romans. Being a University Professor was a full time job. However, Martin Luther also had other responsibilities as well. He was the Supervisor for 11 Augustinian monasteries, including the one at Wittenberg. He was also responsible for preaching regularly at the Monastery Chapel, the Town Church (*Stadtkirche*) and at the Castle Church (the *Schlosskirche*). It was the combination of Martin Luther's theological and pastoral concerns that led him to take the actions that sparked the Protestant Reformation.

Worship, Faith and Salvation

In the Psalms, he discovered what real **Worship** was all about. In Galatians, he discovered what Biblical **Faith** was. In the Book of Romans, he discovered God's way of **Salvation** through the doctrine of Justification based upon the finished work of Christ on the Cross of Calvary.

It was in 1512, as he began to study Paul's Epistle to the Romans, that the verse: "*For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'The just shall live by faith.'*" (Romans 1:17). Martin Luther testified that

as he began to understand that the righteousness of God is a free gift of God's grace, by which we may live by faith, "*I felt entirely born again and was led through open gates into paradise itself. Suddenly the whole of Scripture had a different appearance to me. I recounted the passages which I had memorised and realised that other passages, too, showed that the work of God is what God works in us... thus St. Paul's words that 'The just shall live by faith,' did indeed become to me the gateway to paradise.*"

The burden of his sin rolled away. Up until then, Martin Luther had tried to earn salvation by his good works. Although he had never had

been able to do enough. Now God had spoken to him through the Scripture.

The Five Solas that Shattered the Darkness

Man is not saved by works, but by the **Grace** of God alone, received by **Faith** alone. **Christ** alone is the Head of the Church. Salvation is by atonement of Christ's Blood shed upon the Cross of Calvary. **Scripture** alone is our ultimate authority. Everything must be done to the **Glory of God** alone.

To Defend Scripture and Serve Christ's Church

As a doctor, Professor Martin Luther



The memorial statue of Martin Luther near Frauenkirche in Dresden, Germany

had taken an oath to serve the Church of Christ faithfully by the study and teaching of Holy Scripture. At the university, he was responsible to prepare pastors for the ministry. Now, having experienced God's grace in Christ, studying the Word of God, Martin Luther began to see the emptiness, self-absorption, pious pretence and superstitious unbelief of his previous religious devotion. He could not fail to recognise the same pious fraud and pharasiacal futility all around him.

In 1510, before being made a professor at Wittenberg University, Martin Luther had been sent to Rome for his monastic order. He had walked across Germany and the Alps into Italy and what he had seen in Rome had shocked and disillusioned him. The blatant immorality and degeneracy prevalent in Rome were outrageous and scandalous. *"Everything is permitted in Rome, except to be an honest man!"*

Pope Leo X, from the De Medici family, employed artist Raphael and sculptor Michelangelo to decorate the Vatican. To pay for the building of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Bishop Albert of Mainz was granted a special papal dispensation from Leo X to sell plenary indulgences to cover past, present and future sins. The indulgence industry had become a tremendous source of income for the Papacy.

It was on this papal fundraising campaign that Dominican monk and indulgence salesman extraordinary Johan Tetzel, arrived in Saxony. The shameless and scandalous manner in which Tetzel hawked the indulgences outraged Professor Luther. Sales lingo such as: *"As soon as the coin clicks in the chest, a soul flies up to Heavenly rest,"* were deceiving gullible people about their eternal souls.

Salvation Cannot Be Bought nor Sold

Dr. Luther's study of the Scriptures

had convinced him that Salvation comes by the grace of God alone. Salvation is based upon the Blood Atonement of Christ Jesus and the Cross of Calvary alone. Received by faith alone. Indulgences could not remove any guilt. They could only induce a false sense of security. People were being deceived for eternity. Souls were at stake. The truth of Scripture was being twisted and ignored. The honour of God was being tarnished. He needed to make a stand for truth and fight the good fight of faith. Concerns that had been growing steadily since his pilgrimage to Rome in 1510, now led Professor Martin Luther to make a public formal objection to the abuses of indulgences.

On All Saints Day, 1 November, people would be coming from far and wide in order to view in reverence the more than five thousand relics exhibited in the *Schlosskirche*. Therefore, on 31 October 1517, Professor Martin Luther nailed his 95 arguments against indulgence onto the door of the Castle Church. He also posted a copy to the archbishop of Mainz.

These *95 Theses* were intended to spark a debate and stir soul-searching amongst church



members. However, Martin Luther could never have anticipated the far-reaching repercussions of this bold stand. When he took quill in hand and dipped it in his inkwell, he had no idea how this drop of ink would make many millions think. *"The Church's true treasure is the Gospel of Jesus Christ."* The Roman Catholic papacy had devalued the Gospel and neglected the Word of God, building a massive jungle of superstitious tradition and pharasiacal fraud with empty religious rituals.

Repentance

The *95 Theses* begins with these words: *"Since our Lord and Master, Jesus Christ, says Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near, he wants the whole life of a believer to be a life of repentance."* No sacrament can take away our responsibility to respond to Christ's command by a repentance evidenced by an outward change, a transformation and renewal of our entire life. **God alone can forgive sins.** Indulgences are a fraud. The entire Roman Catholic sacramental system was a distraction and a deception.

The *95 Theses* created such a sensation that within two weeks they had been printed and read throughout Germany. Within the month, translations were being printed and sold all over Europe. A copy even reached the pope. The printing press played a key role in mobilising the Reformation.

Scripture Alone is Our Authority

Professor Martin Luther could be described as a pastor, preacher, professor, teacher, Theologian, composer and Reformer. But perhaps his greatest achievement was the translation of the Bible into German. When his New Testament in German was published in September 1522, it created a sensation. 5,000 copies were sold in the first 2 months alone. It was the first time a mass medium had ever impacted everyday life and it

was affordable – even to the poor. For but a week’s wages, one could obtain the New Testament. Almost everyone in Germany either read Luther’s translation or listened to it being read. One of the many ways he left his mark was the order in which he placed the books of the Bible to which we adhere to this day. Before Martin Luther there had been no uniform arrangement. Luther’s translation particularly guided William Tyndale in his translation of the Bible into English.

Journalism

Martin Luther has sometimes been described as “*the world’s first great journalist.*” His writings succeeded in changing history. He wrote in the common language, instead of in the scholarly Latin which was only understood by a small, educated elite of society. Secondly, Martin Luther mastered the use of the broadside pamphlets which were cheap to print and easy to read. Luther made the message fit the medium, maximizing the pages run through the printing press. Thirdly, he made use of some of the finest illustrations or woodcuts of the times to make his message understood even unto the semi-illiterate. Martin Luther showed the way and other Reformers continued his work of using print technology to mass-produce Scripture and Reformation publications. As the first exhibit in the Geneva Reformation Museum declares: “**The Printing Press – The Reformers Friend, the tyrant’s foe!**” By God’s grace the Printing Press provided the spiritual weapon needed to make the Reformation succeed.

The Ongoing Reformation

Ecclesia Reformata Semper Reformanda Est (The Church having been Reformed should always be Reformed). Professor Martin Luther quoted the church Father, St. Augustine, in Latin, *Ecclesia Semper Reformanda Est*. The church must continually re-examine itself in order to maintain its purity of doctrine and practise.

So, on 31 October, Reformation Day, let us ask: If Professor Martin Luther was here with us today, what would he say to us? Well, you do not need to guess, we have his writings here with us.

Fear God. Do not fear man. The fear of man will prove to be a snare. **Study the Bible.** Have your conscience captive to the Word of God. Popes and councils have often erred and contradicted themselves. Your conscience must be captive to the Word of God. It is unsafe and dangerous to do anything against your conscience. Stand on the unchangeable Word of Almighty God. **Pray the Psalms.**

Pray Early and Often

To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church. It is a goodly Christian weapon.

Love Music and Sing to the Glory of God

Next to the Word of God the noble art of music is the greatest treasure in the world. Beautiful music is the art of the prophets and the gift of God that can calm the agitations of the soul. My heart, which is so full to overflowing, has often been solaced and refreshed by music when sick and weary.

Live in the Light of Eternity

Our Lord has written the promise of Resurrection, not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime. For in the true nature of things, if we rightly consider, every green tree is far more glorious than if it was made of gold and silver.

Trust in God Wholeheartedly

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it 8,000 times.

Ensure Your Children Receive Bible-based Education

I am much afraid that schools will

prove to be wide gates to hell unless they diligently labour in explaining the Holy Scriptures, engraving them on the hearts of the youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not constantly occupied with the Word of God, must become corrupt.

Show Your Loyalty by Fighting Where the Battle Rages the Fiercest

If I profess with the loudest voice and clearest exposition, every portion of the truth of God’s Word, except precisely that point which the world and the devil are at that moment attacking, then I am not confessing Christ, however boldly I may be professing Him. Where the battle rages, there the loyalty of the soldier is proved; and to be steady on all the battlefield besides is mere flight and disgrace if he flinches at that point.

Beware of Deception and Distraction

For where God builds a church, there the devil would also build a counterfeit.

Stand Valiantly for Truth

I am not bound by the opinions of men. Peace if possible. **Truth at all costs.** A simple layman, armed with Scripture, is greater than the mightiest pope without it. God will pave the streets of hell with the skulls of apostate bishops and cardinals.

Pray Short Prayers from the Heart

Grant that I may not pray alone with the mouth. Help me that I may pray from the depths of my heart. The fewer the words, the better the prayer. God does not need your good works, but your neighbour does. Pray like it all depends on God. Then when you are done, go work like it all depends on you. We are saved by faith alone, but the faith that saves is never alone. The less I pray the harder it gets. The more I pray, the better it goes.

Deny Self – Take Up Your Cross

I am more afraid of my own heart than of the pope and all his cardinals. I have within me the great pope, Self. Beware of selfishness. God created the world out of nothing and so long as we are nothing, He can make something out of us. When satan tells me I am a sinner, he comforts me immensely, since Christ died for sinners. A Christian is never in a state of completion, but always in the process of becoming.

True Love is Measured by Sacrifice

A religion that gives nothing, costs nothing and suffers nothing, is worth nothing. Show me where a man spends his time and money and I will show which god he really worships.

Plant Trees

Even if I knew that tomorrow the world would go to pieces, I would still plant an apple tree today.

Be Teachable and Open to Correction

The world does not want to be corrected. It wants to remain in darkness. It does not want to be told that what it believes is false. If you also do not want to be corrected, then you might as well leave the church and spend your time at the bar and brothel. But if you want to be saved and remember there is another life after this one – you must accept correction.

Hunger for the Bread of Life and Thirst for the Living Water of Christ

The Bible is a remarkable fountain. The more one draws and drinks of it, the more it stimulates thirst. The Bible is alive, it speaks to me. It has feet, it runs after me. It has hands, it lays hold of me. The Word of God is greater than Heaven and earth, yes, greater than death and hell, for it forms part of the power of God and endures everlastingly.

Speak to the Sins of Your Society

A Gospel that does not deal with the issues of the day is not the Gospel at all. You are not only responsible for what you say, but also for what you do not say. Stand up for the truth. Speak out for God. Fight the good fight of Faith. Always preach in such a way that if the people listening to you do not come to hate their sin, they will instead hate you. A lie is like a snowball: the further you roll it the bigger it becomes. They gave our Master a Crown of thorns. Why do you hope for a crown of roses? A simple man with Scripture has more authority than pope or council. Unthankfulness is theft. Give the Law to the proud and the Gospel to the broken-hearted.

*'Be perfect, even as your
Father in heaven is perfect'
Matthew 5:48*

Marry Wisely

It is impossible for a young man to remain single without sin. Marriage is the true school of character. You can learn more in one year of marriage than you could in 10 years in college. There is no more lovely, friendly and charming relationship, communion or company, than a good marriage.

Faith is Not Feelings

Feelings come and feelings go. Feelings are deceptive. My warrant is the Word of God. Naught else is worth believing. There is one greater than my heart whose Word cannot be broken. I will trust in God's unchanging Word till body and soul sever. For although all things shall pass away, His Word will stand forever! We do not become righteous by doing righteous deeds, but having been made righteous, will do righteous deeds.

Christian Character

The prosperity of the Kingdom

depends not on the abundance of its revenues, nor on the strength of its fortifications, not on the beauty of its public buildings, but it consists in the number of its cultivated citizens, in its people of education, enlightenment and character. Nothing is more beautiful in the eyes of God than a soul who loves to hear His Word.

Apply the Lordship of Christ to All Areas of Life

God's thoughts are higher than our thoughts. His ways are higher than our ways. The Reformation set about to restore biblical principles to all areas of life. This is God's world and we need God's Word to be obeyed in every area of life.

Conclusion

Is your conscience captive to the Word of God? Is your desire to obey God promptly and sincerely, with your whole heart, a flame in the Hand of God? We need doctrinal steel in our backbones and Holy Spirit fire in our hearts.

May God fill us and empower us with His Holy Spirit to be faithful to His Word, the Bible, and effective in His service, seeking first the Kingdom of God, making disciples of all nations, teaching obedience to all things that the Lord has commanded.

May God find us faithful to His Word and effective in His service as we work for biblical Reformation and pray for spiritual Revival.

Sola Scriptura! Sola Gracia! Sola Fide! Solus Christus! Soli Deo Gloria!

Semper Reformanda!

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FOUR PILLARS OF THE ISRAEL TEACHING

Important subjects do not have to be complicated in their presentation. In *The Covenant Nations* Volume 3 Number 1, David Aimer wrote 'Sharing the Israel Truth: explain the message in less than a minute' which described how to go through three 'facts' before giving the fourth **fact** which is the answer. This method is currently shown at the top of the Home Page of the BIWF website; www.britishisrael.co.uk

In this article he gives some of the key scriptures which can be used as 'four pillars' or 'four legs of a table' providing another uncomplicated way of introducing a new person to the story of Israel in the Bible. One interesting suggestion is to make sure that the new person uses his own Bible so that he is comfortable with finding his way around in his own book. Another tip is to use a Bible with dates in it to give the context of when a scripture was written.

Taking these main topics as the four pillars:
Captivities; Migrations; Marks of Israel; David's Royal Line gives us the basis of the word '**CoMManD**' and the scriptures which can be used are as follows.

1. **Captivities** – divided nation – I Kings 12:24. The key phrase to highlight here is "*for this thing is from me.*"
2. **Migrations** – use James 1:1 where the apostle writes to "*the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad, greeting.*" Also Isaiah 49:1, "*Listen, O isles, unto me*" noting that this was written in 712 BC. There is also Isaiah 41:1, "*Keep silence before me, O islands.*"
3. **Marks of Israel** – in Genesis 17:4-16; 35:11; 48:19 there are the promises of "*many nations*"; "*a nation and a company of nations*" and "*... he also shall be great: ... his younger brother shall be greater than he, and his seed shall become a multitude of nations.....*". In Genesis

22:17 the possession of "*the gate of his enemies.*" In Genesis 12:3 there is the promise that "*in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.*" It is helpful when using these scriptures to illustrate them with modern examples of 'gates' and with the example of spreading the blessing of the Gospel throughout the world.
 4. **David's Royal Line** – there are many scriptures to use here: *Psalms* 89:3-4; 28-29; 34-37; *Jeremiah* 33:17; *Ezekiel* 37:21-24.

Jesus said, "*Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen*" (Matthew 28:19-20).

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THE TIME IS NOW!

“According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, fury to his adversaries, recompence to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompence.

So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him.”

(Isaiah 59: 18-19)

It is noticeable that though there are countless numbers of people who will spend hours and hours of their precious time on conserving and preserving so much of the **physical** heritage of our country there are very few indeed who will spend any time preserving the **spiritual** heritage. A Rally was held at BIWF Headquarters on 1 June 2019 with the theme of ‘Make Britain Great Again!’ It was attended by many enthusiastic friends who love the Lord our God and His servant nation and who long to see His standard lifted high again in these British Isles. To help them and to encourage others to become involved this is a relaunch of the booklets which were written 7 years ago at the time of the Diamond Jubilee Year of Her Majesty The Queen. Everything said then applies now with greater urgency.

Here is information about some of the activities which absorb the interest and energy of our fellow citizens. One in 10 adults in the United Kingdom is a supporter of environmental/conservation groups; the Association of Preservation Trusts has built a network of 250 building preservation trusts; there are about 80 railway museums; there are about 98 waterway societies; there is the Churches Conservation Trust and also ‘Friends of Friendless Churches’ which campaigns for and rescues redundant historic churches threatened by demolition and decay. For farm machinery; musical instruments; art; rare breeds of animals and birds – the list goes on.

It is a joy to see and experience the result of all this activity which is predominantly from volunteers but the focus is on worldly material things which are in danger of becoming idols to their supporters. While their attention is elsewhere it is beyond question that the integrity of the United Kingdom in all its aspects has been undermined. What has happened by neglect and deliberate action is unacceptable. We are a people in crisis desperately looking for positive guidance and leadership that will lead us out of the deepening quagmire of destruction.

Is there a way out of the present impasse? What will change prevailing conditions and bring to the forefront leaders of spiritual stature and righteous convictions, joined by a people who are willing and ready to face every contingency that may suddenly confront us? The answer undoubtedly lies in the acknowledgement of our origin and destiny and, as a consequence, our responsibility as God’s servant people. When we grasp this truth, we will be struck with the awe-inspiring fact that Divine Providence has intimately overshadowed the peoples of the covenant nations since the earliest times.

This series of seven free issue booklets has the heading of **National Faith Conservation**. The object is to alert those people who may know very little about the importance of the Kingdom message and its relevance in the great cause to wake up God’s covenant nations. We encourage you to send for copies to hand on to friends and contacts who may well be seeking answers to the growing crisis both at home and abroad.

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- 3. Quotations showing that The British Church has Primacy**
- 4. The Divine Economic System for Lasting Prosperity and Peace**
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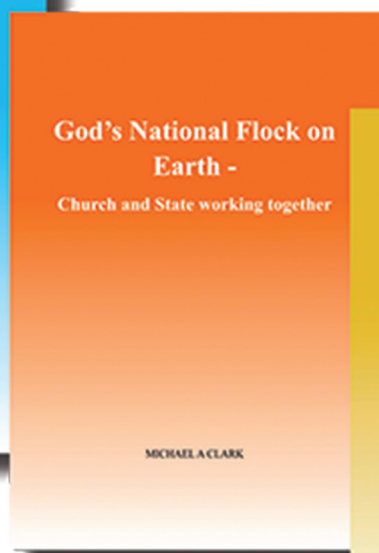
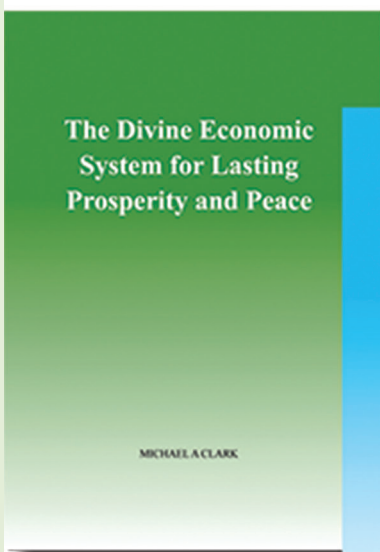
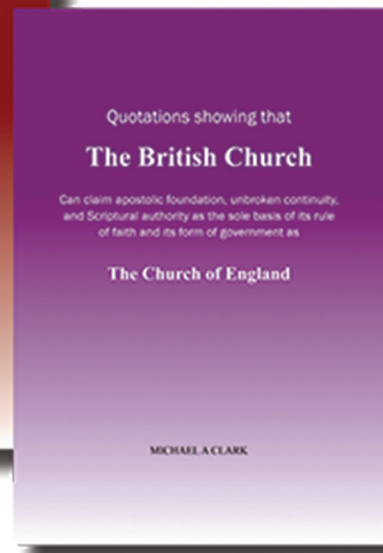
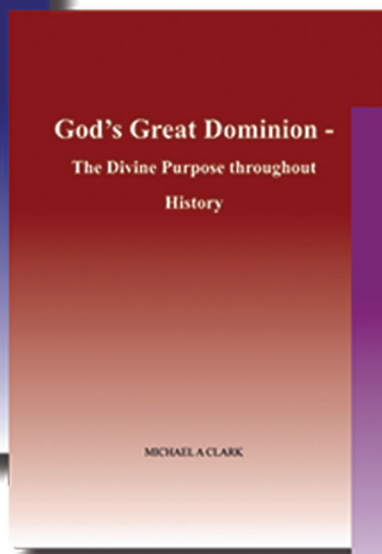
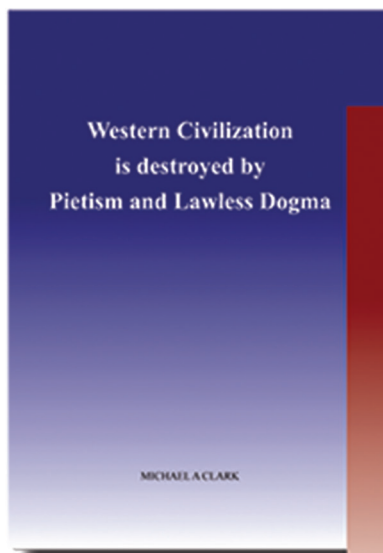
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FREE BOOKLETS



THE LIGHT OF THE WORD

A few years ago I wrote an article* on the Golden Candlestick or Lampstand (Menorah) in Israel's Tabernacle in the wilderness. In the article I showed how the six side branches of the Candlestick represented Jesus Christ, the "Branch of the Lord," as found in the prophetic Scriptures. However, recently I learned of even more wonders in the symbolism of this remarkable piece of furniture through a book about the Tabernacle titled *The Path of the Just* by Maureen Gaglardi (1963). The author points out that the numbers of bowls, knops and flowers of almond tree, specified in the pattern for the Candlestick given to Moses on Mount Sinai, relate to the books of the Bible.

The instructions for making the Candlestick are found in *Exodus* 25:31-40 & 37:17-24. There we find that it was to be beaten from a talent of pure gold, having a central shaft with three branches projecting from either side. Furthermore, each of the six side branches was to have "three bowls made like unto almonds, with a knop and a flower in one branch." The bowls represent the calyx or cup-shaped holder of a flower, the knops are knots or possibly buds, and the flowers, the beautiful pink almond blossom.

Thus, there were three sets of three ornaments, or nine ornaments on each branch, with the taller central shaft having four sets of three, or twelve ornaments. Adding up these numbers we find something remarkable, for the three branches on one side had 27 knops and flowers, and adding to these those of the shaft makes a total of 39. And 39 happens to be the number of books in the Old Testament. That leaves 27 knops and flowers on the other side, 27 being the number of books

in the New Testament. There are a grand total of 66 ornaments for the 66 books! And that is not all, for if you begin counting the books on one side at *Genesis*, the 27th ornament and book is the book of *Daniel*. This means that the twelve ornaments on the central shaft represent the Minor Prophets, which follow *Daniel*, of which there are exactly twelve; so it is a perfect division.

From this correlation we can learn two things: that when God gave Moses the instructions for making the Candlestick, He already knew how many books there would be in the Bible, some 2,000 years later! Of course, this was not a problem for God Who dwells outside time and knows the end from the beginning. The other thing it teaches us is that our Bible is complete and perfect as it stands, with no need for any additional or fewer numbers of books – the choosing and ordering of the books was as inspired by the Holy Spirit as was the Word itself.

Another way of looking at the Lampstand is that the seven lamps – which *Exodus* 39:37 says were to be "set in order" – may represent the seven natural divisions of the Word: the Law, or five books of Moses (Pentateuch), the Historical books, the Poetic (Wisdom) books,

the Prophets, the Gospels and *Act of the Apostles* (Narrative books), the Epistles and the book of *Revelation*, or the Apocalypse. I suggest that the books of Moses would constitute the central stem, as they are the foundation on which the rest of the Word is built – just as our spines support our bodies – and which, for the Jewish faith, stand alone as the *Torah*. And again, there are four lamps on one side for the four divisions of the Old Testament and three for those of the New Testament on the other side.

The Candlestick was located in the Holy Place of the Tabernacle on the south side, opposite the Table of Showbread on the north. We know that the twelve loaves of "showbread" or "bread of the Presence" placed upon the Table represent the Word of God, as they are made from grain or seed, and Jesus said in His parable of the sower, "The seed is the word of God" (*Luke* 8:11). So the Bread signifies the Holy Bible as it feeds and nourishes our souls and spirits, just as natural bread does our bodies. And now we see that the light of the Candlestick, on the other hand, symbolizes that same Book as a Light to lighten our way on our walk with Him, "Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (*Psalms* 119:105).

Of course, what produces the light is the burning of oil in the lamps, and we know from Scripture that oil is a symbol of the Holy Spirit. Without His anointing, the Word would not have life or be quickened to our understanding. But when the two elements are brought together by the prayer of faith, the Bible truly becomes "the Light of the Word."

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THE GENEALOGY OF THE CHILDREN & TRIBES OF ISRAEL

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THE GENEALOGY of THE CHILDREN & TRIBES of ISRAEL

GENEALOGY - ADAM TO THE TWELVE TRIBES OF ISRAEL

God chose a race of people unto himself. He chose **ABRAM** to be the founder. He was a Hebrew through his descent from Eber and Terah, his father, whose lineage came from Shem, son of Noah, as detailed in the Book of Genesis - Adam to Noah.

God changed Abram's name to **ABRAHAM**.

Of Abraham's sons, God chose **ISAAC** to continue the line.

Of Isaac's two sons God chose **JACOB**, later changing his name to **ISRAEL**.

Jacob-Israel in turn became the father of twelve sons, and one daughter. This family became known initially as The Twelve Children of Israel, later with changes to the family line, they became known as either: The Twelve Tribes of Israel, The House of Israel, The Kingdom of Israel, and later when the kingdoms were divided, The House or Kingdom of Israel & Judah.

THE COVENANT: (Psalms 105:6-10)

"Which covenant He made with **Abraham**, and his oath unto **Isaac**; and confirmed the same unto **Jacob** for a law, and to Israel for an everlasting covenant".

ABRAHAM GOD CHANGED HIS NAME TO ABRAHAM (HEBREW)

By Hagar Servant (Egyptian)	Ishmael	Gen 16:15
By Sarah Wife (Hebrew)	Isaac	Gen 21:2-3
By Keturah 2 nd Wife	Zimran	1 Chr 1:32
6 Sons	Jokshan	
	Medan	
	Midian	
	Ishbak	
	Shuah	

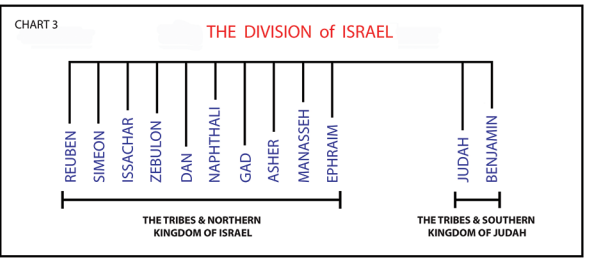
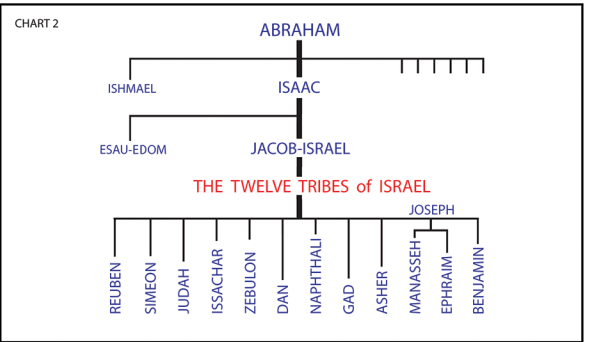
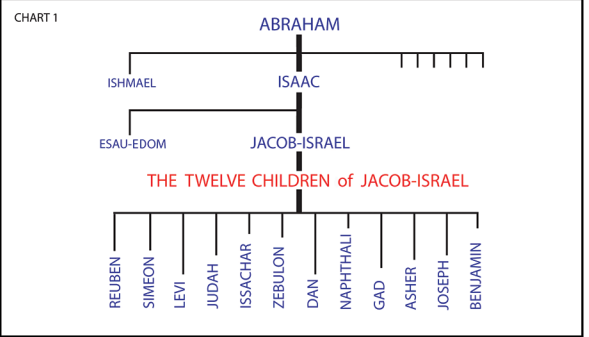
Abraham gave gifts and sent them away from Isaac, his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. (Gen. 25:6)

ISAAC (HEBREW)

<i>(Twin Sons)</i>			
By Rebekah Wife (Hebrew)	Esau-Edom	Became THE EDMITE NATION	Gen 25:24-26
2 Sons	Jacob-Israel	Became THE ISRAELITE NATION	Gen 49:28

JACOB GOD CHANGED HIS NAME TO ISRAEL (HEBREW)

By Leah Wife (Hebrew)	Reuben	Gen 35:23-26
6 Sons	Simeon	
<i>{Older Sister to Rachael}</i>	Levi	THE PRIESTLY TRIBE
	Judah	THE SCEPTRE TRIBE (Judahite, Judean, Jew)
	Issachar	
	Zebulon	
1 Daughter	Dinah	
By Bilhah Servant	Dan	
2 Sons	Naphthali	
By Zilpah Servant	Gad	
2 Sons	Asher	
By Rachael <i>beloved</i> Wife (Hebrew)	Joseph	THE BIRTHRIGHT TRIBE
2 Sons	Benjamin	THE LIGHT-BEARING TRIBE
<i>{Younger sister to Leah}</i>		



WANDERING DAN

The Biblical Roots of the Irish, Welsh, and Related Peoples

An important group of sailors and colonists throughout the Mediterranean and Atlantic seaboard in ancient times were the Tuatha de Danaan. Although historians know all too little about them, these ancient “Sea Peoples” are well represented in the histories of Egypt, Palestine, Greece, Italy, Spain, the British Isles, and Denmark. Scholars have been divided through the years on whether these ancient mariners had any connection with the biblical tribe of Dan, especially since the word, “Tuath,” means “tribe” or “people.” However, a popular alternative theory is that the name “Tuatha de Danaan” actually means “people of the [goddess] Dana (or Danu).” This, we are told, proves that these people had nothing to do with the biblical Israelite tribe of Dan.

A divine being with a similar name is found both in Ireland in the west and in India in the east. For example, in India, it is interesting that in the Rigveda (I. 32.9), a goddess “Danu” appears as a minor figure, although certainly not one of the main divinities of Hinduism. The Rigveda had a long history of compilation going back to 1500 BC or earlier, although final alterations were not completed until about 600 BC.

Similarly, in Irish history a mythical being with a name variously written as Dana, Danu, Danona, and Don is found in

writings such as the Lebor Gabala (*Book of the Conquests of Ireland*), a book of tales compiled between the ninth and twelfth centuries AD. She is variously said to be either the mother of all of the Tuatha de Danaan, or mother of the leader of that people. In addition, she was the mother of all the gods—a very important entity. She, however, was said to be a “he”—Donus or Danuvius—in Roman mythology.

The Irish myths are full of fantastical legends, filled with confusion and contradiction concerning their early history. For example, the Tuatha de Danaan were said to be deities in the Ulster Cycle of Irish tales, but in the Fenian Cycle were fairy folk or leprechauns who now inhabit invisible homes deep inside the earth. This much is recognized: the Tuatha de Danaan were a literal people who sailed from somewhere in the East to settle in lands throughout the

Mediterranean, as well as lands beyond in Ireland, Britain, and Denmark. Scholars also seem to agree that the “Dana” or “Danu” represent a literal human ancestor who was later deified and turned into a fairy or goddess in Ireland. Many scholars also believe that there is some unknown connection between these similar European and Indian entities.

The important questions therefore are, firstly, who was the original human or eponymous ancestor of the Tuatha de Danaan? Secondly, how and why did his or her descendants travel to such far-opposite lands as India and Ireland in ancient times? Thirdly, in what land did this ancestor and his/her descendants originate? Scholars have not been able to definitively answer these questions, nor to agree on a probable answer.

Let us propose that the Tuatha de Danaan were in fact the biblical tribe of Dan, as several modern leading scholars believe. There are certainly some interesting similarities. In Irish legend the Tuatha de Danaan were said to be “wise ones” endowed with great wisdom. The Hebrew word, “Dan,” means “judge,” and scholars believe that the actual meaning is that this tribe was considered wise and fair, pointing out that the Hebrew court system was never centred on Dan as literal judges.

The Tuatha de Danaan



The eagle - one of the symbols of the Tribe of Dan

and/or the Irish Milesians are associated with a sacred banner with a coiled serpent and the rod of Moses (A.M. Sullivan, *The Story of Ireland*, p. 12). Dr. Avraham Biran says, “The snake figures prominently in the Bible during the wanderings of the Israelites in the desert of Sinai (cf. *Numbers* 21:9). A bronze snake was kept in the Temple of Jerusalem for many centuries, until in the days of King Hezekiah (II *Kings* 18:4)” (*Biblical Dan*, Israel Exploration Society, Hebrew Union College, 1994, p. 177).

The Tuatha de Danaan were also associated in legend with stone cairns and mounds. The location of biblical Tel Dan today is known as Tell el-Qadi in Arabic (“Mound of the Judge”) at the foot of Mount Hermon on one of the sources of the Jordan River. It is an artificial mound 18 meters above the surrounding plain. Benjamin Mazar and W.F. Albright stated that Tel Dan was one of the “earliest cities of the ancient Middle East sheltering behind earthen ramparts.” In the middle of the mound was “a monumental stone structure, about 6.5 meters wide, that served as the core for the huge embankment” (*Biblical Dan*, *ibid.* p. 23).

An even more significant connection existed between the biblical tribe and the Tuatha de Danaan, as detailed in the book, *The Story of Celto-Saxon Israel*: “A fascinating connection exists between the Greek Hercules and the Biblical Samson. The Hebrew Samson was born of the tribe of Dan (*Judges* 13:2-25). Greek history tells us that a people called ‘Danioi’ [or Danaan] came to trade and colonize Greece in ancient times, settling in a region called ‘Argos.’ The word, ‘Hercules,’ in Greek is ‘Heracles,’ which is virtually identical with the Hebrew plural word for traders, ‘Heraclim,’ and Heracles is said to have come from Argos himself!

The Greek myths tell that the Danioi were descended from a patriarch ‘Danaos’ who was the son of ‘Bela,’ and sailed from Egypt. In the Bible, the Hebrew patriarch Dan was the son of the concubine ‘Bilhah’ (*Genesis* 30:3-6), and the Israelites were in Egypt at the time that Danaos set sail to Greece from there.” (p. 158)

‘And why did Dan
remain in ships?’

Judges 5:17

The original Hebrew historical ancestress, Bilhah, mother of Dan can also be seen in Welsh mythology, where she has been turned into Beli, the consort of Don, and parents of “the children of light.” This again is Hebrew biblical terminology (e.g. *I Kings* 11:36).

The Israelites had access to the Mediterranean Sea, as verified by Dr. Baruch Halpern, Heidelberg and Penn State Universities, who states, “*I Kings* 4:11 places the coastlands of Dor in Solomon’s hands...and it is the assumption...of *I Kings* 5:23 that there were secure ports under Solomon’s control” (*The Gate of Megiddo and the Debate on the Tenth Century*, in Congress Volume Oslo, Brill 2000, p. 106, n39).

Was the biblical tribe of Dan large and capable enough to have sailed and settled throughout the Mediterranean and beyond? Dr. Mark Bartusch has written, “Dan, too, was, at the time of the composition of this poem [*Judges* 5] from earlier traditions, a significant group” (*Understanding Dan: An Exegetical Study of a Biblical City, Tribe and Ancestor*, JSOT-Supp 379, p. 33).

Similarly, Professor Avraham Biran stated, “Some suggest that Dan had become an insignificant tribe in

Israel since only the shortest possible list of descendants (a single son or clan) is preserved for its eponymous ancestor (*Genesis* 46; *Numbers* 26). Yet according to the census figures in the book of *Numbers*, the tribe of Dan was second in size only to Judah” (*Biblical Dan*, *ibid.* p. 76).

Was the biblical tribe actually involved in seafaring? Again Dr. Avraham Biran says, “...the tribes of Dan and Asher are situated along the Mediterranean and are associated with maritime ventures” (*ibid.* p.125). *Judges* 5:17 says, “...and why did Dan remain in ships? Asher continued on the sea shore, and abode in his breaches.” Dr. Biran says that Dan had “extra-Israelite economic relationships” (*ibid.* p. 136). These were apparently overseas.

The events of *Judges*, chapter 5, with the tribe of Dan turning to the sea, are dated to the thirteenth century BC. Noted professor W.H. Albright similarly dates the “eruption of the Sea Peoples toward the end of the thirteenth century...[it] began ca. 1225 BC” (*The Bible and the Ancient Near East*, pp. 337, 340).

In fact, the biblical tribe has been definitely associated with the Danaan Sea Peoples. Speaking of archaeological work at Tel Dan, Dr. Itamar Singer of Tel Aviv University says, “The excavator attributed this eleventh century grave to the Danites, one of the Sea Peoples who allegedly settled on this coastal strip” (*Hittites and the Bible Revisited*, pp. 742-3).

Dr. Johannes C. DeMoor also says the evidence, “...points to a historical association of the Proto-Israelites with certain Sea Peoples” (*Ugarit and Israelite Origins*, Congress Volume Paris, Brill 1995, p. 221). DeMoor adds, “The basic possibility of such a friendly connection between early Israel and certain Sea Peoples...would

seem to be demonstrated” (ibid. p. 223). Other leading scholars who link the Tuatha de Danaan with the biblical Israelites include Cyrus H. Gordon, M.C. Astour, and Yigael Yadin. (Ref: C.H. Gordon, *The Mediterranean Factor in the Old Testament*, SVT9, p. 19-31; M.C. Astour, *Hellenosemitica: An Ethnic and Cultural Study in West Semitic Impact on Mycenaean Greek*, Leiden, 1967, pp. 1-112; Yigael Yadin, *And Dan, Why Did He Remain In Ships?—Judges 5:17*.)

Why would the tribe of Dan leave Canaan in Palestine for other lands? *Judges* 18:1 tells us, “About this time, the tribe of Dan was looking for a place to live. The other tribes had land, but the people of Dan did not really have any to call their own.” It is fascinating that this large tribe seems to have disappeared

completely from Palestine, and is left entirely out of the listing of tribes in the Book of *Revelation* (*Revelation* 7).

Is there an ethnic connection between the biblical Israelites and northwestern European peoples such as the Irish and Danes? Scholarly genetic DNA research confirms this: “Middle Eastern populations generally connect much closer to typical northwest European [DNA] samples such as the Irish and Danes...” (*Nuclear Genetic Variation of European Populations in A Global Context*, Kenneth K. Kidd, et al, p. 109, in *Archaeogenetics: DNA and the Population Prehistory of Europe*, University of Cambridge, 2000).

What is the possible connection with India? It is well-known that

the ten tribes of the House of Israel were taken into Assyrian captivity in the early eighth century BC, and some of them travelled eastward into Iran, Afghanistan and surrounding regions. The Rigveda was composed in northwest India not far from known locations of dispersed Israelites.

In this short article we have only been able to briefly discuss this interesting topic. The migrations of the tribe of Dan are described in more complete detail, with maps, illustrations, and quotations of noted authorities, in *The Story of Celto-Saxon Israel*.

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The Story of Celto-Saxon Israel by W.H. Bennett
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NORTH AND WEST

The prophet Isaiah gives the boundaries of the territory where Israel will find rest and peace, giving the location as the ‘wilderness,’ or the ‘desolate heritages’ and the ‘isles of the sea.’

In *Genesis* 28:14, the Abrahamic covenant was confirmed to Jacob at Bethel, with all *four* points of the compass included. But in *Isaiah* 49, the prophet is given the information by God that territory to the **north and west** (of Palestine) in particular will be exalted and developed by Israel who are given an inheritance of the ‘desolate heritages’ to develop. All this for the great purpose that preserved and restored Israel would become a new (Christian) ‘light to the Gentiles.’

In terms of geographical location, the tendency is to confine the north and west directions given by Isaiah to a northwest line running from Palestine to the British Isles – the Appointed Isles and special place prepared by God for Israel (II *Samuel* 7:10). However, to stop our thinking at this point of the



Earth’s surface, is to miss the larger meaning of the prophecy.

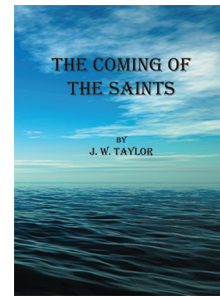
Taking Isaiah’s statement literally and running our survey in accordance with the direction given, the first line will go due north over the North Pole. Another line will then be run, going due west and at right angles to the north direction line and will intersect the north line west of the United States in the Pacific Ocean. The territory thus embraced by these directional lines is the very territory in which the House of Israel has increased and expanded into a nation, a company of nations and a great people (*Genesis* 35:11).

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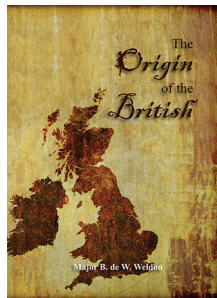
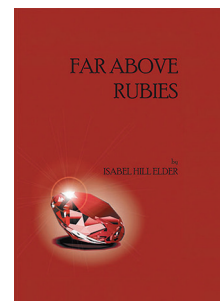
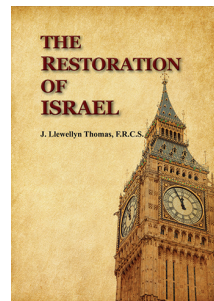
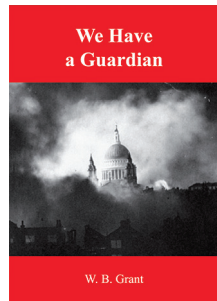
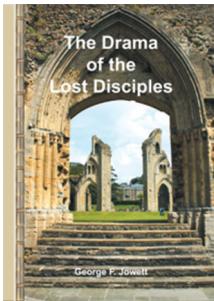
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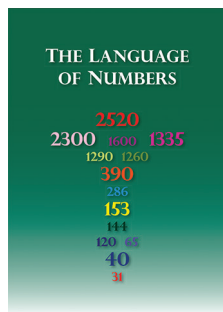
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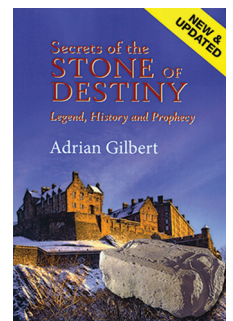
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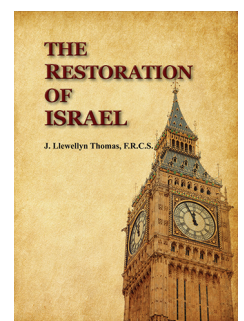
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cometh my help. My help cometh from the LORD,
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