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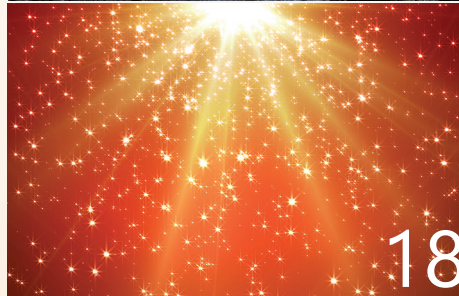
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*“Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth”*

*II Timothy 2:15*

The Bible of Edward Hine (1825 – 1891) showing how extensively he marked the pages of it to help him in his ministry. This photo shows it on display at the Centenary Summer Convention of BIWF held in Buxton, Derbyshire in July 2019. He was one of the first British-Israel lecturers and teachers spending many years touring and taking the message home and abroad. In 1873 he began to publish the magazine *Life from the Dead*; his books include *Forty-seven Identifications of the British Nation with the Lost Ten Tribes of Israel: Founded Upon Five Hundred Scripture Proofs*, 1874.

## EDITORIAL

# ‘FEAR YE NOT, STAND STILL, AND SEE THE SALVATION OF THE LORD’ (*Exodus 14:13*) –

*These words of Moses to the Israelites caught between Pharaoh’s chariots and the Red Sea are most relevant to the people of the United Kingdom as they contemplate voting on 11-12 December in the General Election – the anniversary of the 1917 Deliverance of ‘Jerusalem’\* by British and Empire forces under General Allenby.*

**T**he process of the United Kingdom leaving the *pagan* European Union is entering the most important phase of putting into effect the coming deliverance that has been granted to us by Almighty God – **for, let it be clear, there is none other that is bringing this about.**

The whole debate regarding the sovereignty of Parliament over Brexit, including the recent high-profile actions in the Courts, failed to take cognizance of **the original contempt by Parliament itself of the Constitution in 1972 and 1992**, i.e., “The Queen-in-Parliament under God” and the **Coronation Oath 1953** (Act). The spiritual dimension of our Constitution has been ignored by Parliament and the Church alike. The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in a recent interview *while overseas*, even warned the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, about the language he uses in the debate. There is no sense that he has any understanding as to the seriousness of our rejection of the national covenants with Almighty God.

Britain’s membership of the EU came through deception at the highest political level under the Heath Administration and under all subsequent Administrations. Constitutionally, the Crown has been **‘deceived in its grants.’** The Queen herself being made ‘a citizen of Europe,’ triumphantly announced by John Major in the House of Commons on 11 February, 1993, *thus raising a foreign court above the Crown.*

Over the 47 years since 1972 and particularly since 1992 in respect of the *political union* under the Maastricht Treaty, Britain has been in a state of **national unfaithfulness to its lawful husband – ‘the Queen-in-Parliament under God.’** Treason by instalments, or a slow coup d’état (as Tony Benn said), did not comply with our national covenants under the **Coronation Oath 1953** (Act) and seven or eight great statutes of the Realm, as *none of them were repealed*, causing an ever-increasing conflict on the Statute Book

**This process of political stealth undermined the constitution which according to *R v Thistlewood 1820* is an act of treason.**

Significantly it was in November-December 1554 that Henry VIII’s Act of Supremacy was repealed restoring the supremacy of the Pope over the Church of England, which was celebrated by the Feast of Reconciliation as a new holy day. If the nation in the General Election on 12 December enables the Government to leave the EU by 23 December – *exactly three and half years after the EU Referendum, or ‘times, time and half a time’ of papal authority* – it will restore the status quo of our sovereignty under God and release this constitutional Protestant nation from the alien bondage of the pagan Treaty of Rome.

For encouragement we reproduce here part of the inspiring speech by the **Rt**

**Hon Sir John Redwood MP**, during the debate in the House of Commons on an Early Parliamentary General Election, 28 October, 2019 – exactly 48 years from 28 October, 1971, and the fateful “decision in principle” for Britain to join the *then* EEC:

**“Above all, this House needs to think what message it is sending to all our partners, friends and allies – countries around the world; the businesses that our businesses do business with; all those contacts we have around the globe. They see this country as a great beacon of democracy – a country of great experience in the art of democratic government; a country that has often led the world in putting forward and fighting for those freedoms and showing how they can improve the lives of those governed by them. But instead we are sending a message that we do not know what we are doing and can never agree about anything – that all we can do is have endless rows in this place, for the entertainment of people here perhaps, but to the denigration of our country and the undermining of its position . . .**

**The Prime Minister is right that if this House cannot do better, it must dissolve and ask the people to choose a better Parliament. Either we need to be a better Parliament or they need to choose a better Parliament as soon as possible.”**

\*‘Jerusalem’ = “city (or) foundation of peace.”

# THE ‘MIDNIGHT HOUR’ – Climax to the Century of Witness

The date 28 June, 2019, marked the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Versailles Peace Treaty which followed the centenary of the Armistice in 2018, the events seen to be linked to the false Peace movement of the twentieth century and the emergence of the final politico-religious-economic confederacy as it endeavours to displace the servant people and the Kingdom of God in the earth. The increasing “*distress of nations, with perplexity*” (Luke 21:25) in 2019 is surely a powerful warning to the Watchmen in this culminating period of climax that the final Consummation of the Age is rapidly emerging and should be heeded by all Christians.

On the evening of 4 August, 1914, the eve of Britain’s entry into World War I, the sun set in a blood-red sky. On the still morning of 11 November, 1918, soon after the sun had risen, there was seen in the Midlands, England, a white rainbow – a fitting omen of peace one would have thought – described next day in the *Birmingham Mail* by the meteorological expert as follows:

**“By a remarkable coincidence a white rainbow was visible on the western side of Birmingham at 8 o’clock on the morning of ‘Peace Day.’ This is a very rare meteorological phenomenon.”**

In point of fact, the Armistice was not a peace treaty but only a cessation of hostilities. It was signed at the eleventh hour of the eleventh day of the eleventh month and it produced a slogan heard on every hand. The Great War, it was said, had been “the War to end War.” Never again should such a calamity happen!

In this spirit Allied leaders met and framed the Peace settlement and, in the past century, many noble-minded statesmen – chief among them men from the Israel nations – have laboured to make war impossible. “Peace,” or “Peace and Security,” has been the cry as numerous conflicts have continued to erupt throughout the world. Multiplied millions have died far exceeding the number killed in the Great War.

When the Armistice came into force, the fact that the world had arrived at its own *eleventh hour* in the age-end phase of history was then recognized by only the few. Despite the very pointed evidence of the timing which marked the cessation of the hostilities – the eleventh of everything. There was also the added significance that it took place exactly eleven months from the official entry of General Allenby into Jerusalem, all of which came together as a kind of Divine intimation that the Age-end or “Midnight Hour” had begun.

The curtain falls on the present world order, according to Scripture in many passages in both Old and New Testaments, when the “Midnight Hour” arrives. The following examples can be shown:

*“At midnight the Lord smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt . . . and there was a great cry in Egypt” (Exodus 12:29-30).*

*“In a moment shall they die, and the people shall be troubled at midnight, and pass away” (Job 34:20).*

*“At midnight . . . and suddenly . . . the foundations of the prison were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened, and every one’s bands were loosed” (Acts 16:25-26).*

The Apostle Paul’s shipwreck on the island of Melita (Malta), when the ship on its way to Italy was destroyed by a tempest of hurricane force “*Euroclydon*” (Acts 27:14), perhaps prefigures the end of institutionalism in Church and State; in the European sphere in respect of the Reformation and how in the End of Days the whole politico-religious-economic system will fall from which the servant people are to be delivered. The ship was totally lost, exactly as the angel of God revealed to Paul, as was his promise that all on board would be saved. The timing of the ship’s end was significant, “*About midnight*” (Acts 27:27).

Furthermore, in the prophecy concerning the destruction of “Babylon the Great” which in the Last Days represents the same false world system, the end is to come about **“In one hour”** (*Revelation* 18:10). Doubtless this is to be the same “Midnight Hour”! It was supremely significant that on 11 September, 2001, during the terror attack on the World Trade Centre, in New York, the twin towers were totally demolished in the space of **one hour**. It appeared to be a literal prefiguring, or warning, of what is to take place on a global scale.

Lastly, there is the reference by our Lord Himself, in His End-time parable of the Ten Virgins, five of whom were wise and five foolish, **“At midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him”** (*Matthew* 25:6).

The great theme conveyed in these passages is the collapse and overthrow of alien systems in the complete and final release of God’s Israel people and that, both national and spiritual. At this point of course comes the awe-inspiring prospect that the mighty King of kings will return to take up the Davidic Throne of the Lord. This is to be the grand climax to this “Midnight Hour.” When will this “Hour” strike? What will be its duration?

There was a supremely defining article by Ian Duncan Smith MP, in the *Daily Telegraph* for 3 August, 2019, under the headline **“Why Brexit will free us as the Reformation did”** and subtitled **“Getting rid of the shackles that bind us will release our outward-looking entrepreneurial spirit.”** It set out the reality (*or prophetic fulfilment*) of what is now taking place – to quote but briefly:

“The sad truth is that after [47] years of membership the EU has eaten into the soul of so much of the establishment, from the trade unions to the BBC. Just reflect on how many people, who were once

believers in democracy, are now prepared to disregard the biggest vote in our history . . .

“I am not alone in seeing this moment in a similar light to the Reformation. That first break with Rome was the making of this country. Freed from the shackles of what had become a corrupt organization, the concept of our island nation emerged, supreme and self-governing. From that moment, our buccaneering global nature was given free rein with astonishing results, as the UK grew to influence the rest of the world. On everything from free trade to parliamentary democracy and the rule of law, Britain was truly a nation that led the globe.

“I believe that Brexit is about us breaking from Rome again. It will become a release in a similar way, and if the Government believes in the incredible capacity of the British people, exemplified by their entrepreneurial spirit, and sets out regulations and trade policy accordingly, the opportunities will be enormous.”

The Brexit leave time and date for Britain of 11.00 pm GMT on 31 October, 2019, set by the EU, was actually the **Midnight Hour** in Brussels (Central European Time), on 1 November – All Saints Day but most significantly the anniversary of the Great Lisbon Earthquake of 1755, which is **144 plus 120** years (government/warning) prior to 1 November, 2019. The final treaty of the European Union, when all the previous treaties fell away, was the **Treaty of Lisbon**. How appropriate then is it that Britain, as the Stone Kingdom, in its coming departure from the EU should cause a *political* earthquake of unique proportions for this pagan politico-economic structure – remembering that the Lisbon earthquake was magnitude **9**, or extreme, *the number of finality and judgment*. Britain is the first major country to leave the EU (as Greenland left what was then the EEC in 1985).

On the evening of 24 June, 2016, as the first day of celebration and mourning over the referendum result wound down in the UK, Jean-Claude Juncker, the then president of the European Commission, gave an interview to German TV station ARD. Of the Brexit vote he said: **“It is not an amicable divorce . . . But it was also not an intimate love affair.”** We agree absolutely.

The *spiritual* and *constitutional* position at law has from 1972, and more so from 1992, been that our relationship with the EU has been an illicit affair and not the basis for lawful marriage. It has been a case of national adultery and making a *“covenant with death”* (see *Isaiah* 28). Not one single leading prelate in the national church has spoken out in these terms as to what has been happening under the EU policy of “ever closer union.” The false shepherds are surely to be called to account by the coming King of kings.

In chronological reckoning, fifteen represents an hour of prophetic time: in a day of 360 degrees, 15 degrees to an hour; in a year, 15 days to an hour; in a ‘Time,’ 15 years to an hour. What is also very interesting is that the difference between 2520 lunar and solar years – the great



“Seven Times” chastisement period for Israel – is 75 years, which is 15 x 5 years.

In relation to our subject, the question that arises is: can we see a pattern of climax from 1918 over a century, based on 5 and 15 year intervals from the Armistice to the onset of the “**Midnight Hour**”? The answer is most certainly “yes.” The record is as follows:

**1918** The Armistice – the “**Midnight Hour**” of false peace begins.

**1923** Islamic temporal power ends (Turkey); War debts and Reparations Conference to secure world peace – opened 9 December, 1922, 1260 days (tribulation) after the Versailles Peace Treaty was signed on 28 June, 1919.

**1933** Hitler becomes Chancellor – Germany leaves the League of Nations. *End of 15 years from 1918.*  
**1938** Austria annexed by Germany, Munich Agreement.

**1943** Tide turns in World War II against Axis powers (at Stalingrad).

**1948** East-West confrontation on Berlin. The Israeli State born and Middle East war erupts. *End of 2 x 15 years from 1918.*

**1953** Change in Soviet leadership – Stalin era ends. Russia explodes H bomb. Coronation of Elizabeth II – new reign to be marked by End time tribulation for the Kingdom.

**1963** Franco-German Treaty of cooperation comes into force. Sino-Soviet ideological talks begin. **Pope Paul VI** becomes Pope. President Kennedy assassinated. *End of 3 x 15 years from 1918.*

**1968** Russia invades Czechoslovakia. 30 years (2 x 15) of Troubles in Northern Ireland begin. UN resolution for sanctions against Rhodesia-Israel.

**1978** **Pope John Paul II** becomes Pope – 3 Popes reign in 70 days. 42 years (confusion) from the Abdication for the United Kingdom in 1936 when 3 kings reigned. *End of 4 x 15 years from 1918.*

**1983** Change in Soviet leadership (November 1982); year of “missiles for Europe.”

**1988** The tide turns against EU federalism in Britain; Margaret Thatcher’s speech at Bruges against euro-federalism, 31 years (Deity) from the *Treaty of Rome 1957*; the Pope calls for an East-West united Europe and speaks to the European Parliament. Peace offensive comes from Russia as Soviet Republics begin to erupt.

**1993** The *political* EU comes into force raising a foreign court above the Crown. The Queen is made ‘a citizen of Europe’ to constitute the original contempt by Parliament itself of the Constitution which according to *R v Thistlewood 1820* is an act of treason. *End of 5 x 15 years from 1918.*

**2008** The **global financial crisis** of September 2008 was a severe worldwide economic crisis considered by many economists to have been the most serious financial crisis since the Great Depression of the 1930s. 7 years after 9/11 2001 terror attack on U.S. *End of 6 x 15 years from 1918.*

**2013** HM The Queen in Westminster Abbey to mark 60 years from taking her Coronation Oath, *on the same day* that a vote took place in the House of Lords on the Same Sex Marriage Bill. Chemical weapons attack on Syria. Westminster Parliament recalled but rejects action against Syria. As a result President Obama fails to act on red lines by abruptly changing course on Syria by consulting Congress on military action as a result of vote in House of Commons in Britain.

**2018-19** Parliamentary contention reaches critical point over UK Brexit from EU under the *Treaty of Rome 1957*; 2 x 31 years (Deity) from 1957. Papal authority failing **1260** years from AD 758 when Pope Paul I became a temporal Pope.

**2023** The final Brexit disengagement of Britain from the European Union? A century from the ending of Islamic temporal power (Turkey) – *see 1923. End of 7 x 15 years from 1918.*

Based on this pattern of events, we have to conclude that we are

approaching the final events of the “**Midnight Hour**” when the Israel nations are going to be released from bondage. Despite the recent concord at the meeting of the G7 nations at Biarritz in late August, tensions are growing once again. On 2 August, 2019, the U.S. accused Russia of breaching the terms of the Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces Treaty (*effective 1 June 1988*), announcing its withdrawal from the treaty. The U.S. renewed testing on 18 August with a medium-range cruise missile (*announced 20 August*). China has said it is not interested in taking part in a new missile treaty and continues to expand its military domination in the South China Sea. Significantly, 70 years have passed since China went communist in 1949 and Hong Kong is in revolt.

The folklore tale of *The Sleeping Beauty in the Woods* has a prophetic ring of truth for true Israel today. The earliest known version of the story is found in the narrative *Perceforest*, composed between 1330 and 1344, but was published by George Perrault in 1697. Perrault was born in Paris in 1628 and was a lawyer before turning his hand to the written word. The year 2018 was **390** years (Ephraim-Britain’s number) after Perrault’s birth in 1628. The Princess who was put to sleep by an evil fairy remained in this state for 100 years while the woods grew up around her. She was discovered and awakened by the kiss from a Prince, the son of a king, who comes to raise her from enforced slumber.

It is surely time for His servant people to begin looking up as never before, for their *redemption* indeed draweth nigh (*Luke 21:28*).

**MICHAEL A CLARK**

This updated and adapted article confirms the continuing pattern of fulfilment from its original publication in the November/December 1988 issue of *Wake Up!* magazine.

# CORNISH TIN FOUND IN ISRAEL

## *Hard evidence of earliest trade links*

**T**in ingots found in Israel that are more than 3,000 years old are of Cornish origin and probably reached the Middle East by way of Greece, experts say.

Archaeologists said that their chemical analysis provided the first hard evidence for trading of the metal, which is used in making bronze, between the west of Britain and the most famous Bronze Age civilisations – over networks covering thousands of miles.

The 23 ingots from shipwrecks off the coast of Israel date from about the thirteenth and twelfth centuries BC, when Phoenician and Greek traders dominated the eastern Mediterranean, and around the time of the first recorded written mention, by the ancient Egyptians, of the word “Israel.” Tin was a prerequisite for making bronze swords and armour.

Analysis of the chemical composition of the 10-15kg ingots by researchers at the Curt Engelhorn Archaeometry Centre in Mannheim and other institutions indicates that the metal did not come from central Asia as has sometimes been assumed, based on earlier inscriptions, but from tin deposits in Cornwall or Devon, possibly from the Carnmenellis area of west Cornwall.

Although the Phoenicians of the Levant are sometimes held to have pioneered the metal trade with Britain, the German authors speculate that the route may instead have owed its development to the Mycenaean Greeks, whose adventures to the east inspired tales of the Trojan war.

In their paper, in the scientific journal *Plos One*, they wrote: “It is no accident that the shift in the tin trade from the Near East to

Europe and Cornwall in particular, documented by the isotopic and chemical evidence [on the tin ingots], corresponds to the demise of the Minoans and the rise of the Mycenaeans circa 1430 BC.



Tin ingots



Unlike the Minoans, the Mycenaeans sailed west and established trading ports in southern Italy, Sicily, Sardinia and south Iberia, which served as gateways to new trading routes to Britain and the European interior.” They added that important east-west trade routes “probably” ran via the Greek mainland.

Bob Johnston, a specialist in British prehistory at Sheffield University, who was not involved in the study, said: “This is a very exciting find. While we’ve speculated the southwest of Britain was an important source of tin at this period, due to the relatively few sources of the metal we didn’t have direct evidence of trade linking it to the eastern Mediterranean.”

The researchers said that “direct” contacts between Britain and the eastern Mediterranean in the period remained unproven. They said that the trade may have been conducted in a number of stages, in

an economy that also valued glass beads and amber.

Daniel Berger, lead author of the research, told *The Times*: “That there could have been long-distance trade or exchange systems between the British Isles and the eastern Mediterranean is not a new idea. However, [this is] the first concrete evidence that tin was one of the driving forces of these trade networks. We have analysed only 23 tin ingots from Israel, but we have to assume that the amount of tin traded in the Late Bronze Age must have been enormous.”

Bronze, an alloy of copper and tin, was already being produced in the Middle East, Anatolia and the Aegean in the late fourth and third millennia BC. Knowledge on its production spread across large parts of the Old World.

There is a rich historiography and folklore around ancient Cornish tin. The historian Diodorus Siculus of the first century BC wrote what is believed to be a description of tin-mining and trading in Cornwall based on an earlier account by the Greek explorer Pytheas of Massalia (Marseilles).

In one legend that inspired the poet and painter William Blake, Joseph of Arimathea, the Christian disciple, travelled to Cornwall for tin and may have brought the young Jesus with him.

The researchers also looked at one tin ingot of the period from Crete and others from a shipwreck off Turkey. The metal in these appeared to derive from what is now Afghanistan and Sardinia, respectively, indicating that there were a number of different tin routes.

From *The Times*, London, 19 September 2019

# A VINDICATION OF BRITISH-ISRAEL BELIEF

To many people history has little relevance and meaning; they prefer to concentrate on the here and now for the past, they say, cannot be changed and it is no longer relevant, it is the future that matters. What might be our answer to such a dismissal of our BI belief and teaching? Does it matter? What purpose does it serve? Our answer, I believe, can surely be very meaningful, pertinent and quite profound and, I suggest, could be put forward in this way.

Our message portrays an all-powerful and all-knowing God, the creator of the universe and of all living creatures and of a human race who were given custody of this earth. A chosen group from among those people were set apart for a purpose, namely to show forth in righteousness and praise the blessings of a close relationship with God, as is found in a good husband and wife relationship. Such, indeed, is the metaphor used in Scripture as an illustration of the closeness of God and that special people called Israel. Covenants were made with them under which they were promised continuity as a national entity, with a throne and royal dynasty also destined to exist in perpetuity, until the Lord Himself would come and occupy that throne in the fullness of time.

In proclaiming this message BI and kindred groups are giving glory to God by revealing His faithfulness in the evidence-based knowledge of British identity which confirms the truth that His covenants have been honoured in our nation and in no other. When God said to Israel, “*Ye are My witnesses*” that

was the greatest call to service that any nation could have and it has been our great privilege to fulfil it. Even in our blind and unrighteous condition we fulfil it.

In contrast with the faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God the Bible records the unfaithfulness of the people of Israel. For they had covenanted with God, through their great leader Moses, to be faithful to God and to keep His laws contained in the Commandments (*Exodus 19:8*) They broke that solemn promise and covenant and in consequence forfeited the close husband and wife relationship they had with God and He gave them a bill of divorce, in the metaphorical language of the Scripture. He then cast them out of the family home, which, in reality, were the ensuing captivities and exile. Yet God still loved Israel, His wife, and foretold through the prophets of a future remarriage (*Hosea 2*). However, under the divorce law in Israel, a wife divorced for her adultery could not remarry during the lifetime of her husband; marriage was a lifetime bond. But in due time Israel’s husband died – on the cross at Calvary – for Jesus Christ, Who is God the Son, the Word made flesh of John’s Gospel, took upon Himself the sins of the world and of the nation Israel.

Orthodox Christian teaching rightly proclaims the promised gift of individual Salvation to all people who accept that Jesus Christ is the Son of God and profess their faith in Him as their only Saviour and Lord. But Jesus Christ is also the Redeemer of His kingdom people Israel. His death on Calvary broke the marriage bond and set the kingdom wife free to become re-betrothed to her first husband. Our Identity teaching thus glorifies Jesus Christ in His role of Redeemer of His servant nation Israel.

The words of the prophets are an essential element of the BI message for they provided a foreknowledge of Israel’s future development and destiny, years and even centuries before it occurred. That these prophetic messages were fulfilled in our nation’s history is a corroboration of the words of these prophets whose writings were not the product of their own imagination but were inspired by the Spirit of God. The apostle Peter confirms this in his second epistle (1:21) where he makes that unequivocal statement, “*For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man, but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.*” Jesus’ own words on the matter are surely still relevant today, “*O fools and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken.*”

Our Identity teaching thus gives glory and honour to the Holy Spirit whose inspiration confers Divine authority on the words of the prophets on which so much of our teaching is founded.

Our BI message and belief matters for it provides a deeper knowledge and understanding of God



and His close concern for, and involvement in, the affairs of His Kingdom and of mankind. The accumulated evidence we have available in our research material and in our literature confirms the accuracy and authenticity of the Bible as God's written Word, His one and only such medium of communication with mankind. It provides a balance between the spiritual and the material. For, while we readily accept that the Lord declared God to be spirit and has to be worshipped in spirit and in truth, He confirmed that the Kingdom of Israel bore material witness to His existence and authority. So they are thus the appropriate earthly evidence, in plain sight, to confute the doubting Thomas's of this sinful world. The proclamation of this Scripture-based truth is, therefore, and always has been, our mission and purpose and is clearly vindicated by the historical record.

Having stated our case as briefly as possible we must surely recognise that we are now coming to the close of this troubled age. Time, of course, is relative but the uncertainty and confusion that has ensued since the 2016 EU referendum leads me to wonder if our system of democracy and Parliamentary government is coming to an end. The actions of our governing class in trying to frustrate the will of the people in that decisive vote clearly demonstrate that the power of the people no longer has the impact of former days. Political deception and manipulation have made a mockery of the democratic process in this very important issue. There are strongly held views on both sides, reflecting, perhaps, the fairly close result of that poll. But the great divisions of opinion, even in the government itself, are a great frustration to everyone.

This directs my thoughts to one of the Lord's own predictions of conditions which would appear at the end of the age, particularly His words recorded in Luke's Gospel, "*.....distress of nations*

*with perplexity.*" 'Perplex' means 'to puzzle, bewilder, confuse or complicate.' Each one of these definitions fits exactly the situation of our nation at the present time. 'Complicated' describes very well the plethora of rules and regulations which have come into force emanating from Brussels during the past 47 years. It may prove to be a daunting task to eliminate or remove them. There is much confusion over the possible effects of our exit from the EU for there are so many opinions from so many alleged experts and authorities that no one knows what the outcome will really be like. 'Bewildered' is also very appropriate for, in 47 years, a new generation has come into being who are not familiar with the organising and running of an independent nation; they are used to just taking orders from Brussels and conforming to European Civil Law. Getting back to conforming to English Common Law will require necessary re-adjustment and one wonders if our country's administrators will be up to it. It may well be a 'puzzle' for them, one that will require much skill to unravel.

This present generation in our land seems to have accelerated the departure from the Law of the Lord in every aspect of life, to the extent that people can no longer tell right from wrong with any certainty. Moral standards and human relationships are increasingly going against the moral code of the Commandments. Marriage used to be just between a man and a woman; not any more. Men and women were simply regarded as male and female, a biological fact; not any more. The whole fabric of society seems to be increasingly in turmoil and beset by problems, many of our own making. Crimes of various kinds are ever with us, with fraud perpetrated via the Internet being a new and worrying form making the news headlines in these troubled times. In the wider world climate change, air pollution and plastic waste, affecting the whole

natural environment, are increasing concerns because they have a major impact on human life and now pose a serious threat to all forms of life. This may turn our thoughts again to God's Word and the age-end predictions which also contain the dire warning, "*.....except those days should be shortened there should no flesh be saved....*" (Matthew 24:22). Flesh in the context of that Scripture means all human flesh but it could include animal flesh also. The discovery of plastic waste in the stomachs of dead sea creatures makes this possible and amplifies the seriousness and extent of a careless and thoughtless human lifestyle.

With the great apostasy of our nation and people being so clearly evident today cleansing and purifying is undoubtedly an urgent necessity. It is something we cannot achieve by our own efforts for the knowledge and wisdom required is completely lacking. "*My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge....*" the Scripture tells us. Even when we come out of the EU our troubles will not be completely resolved, we will merely escape the worst effects of the plagues which will destroy that corrupt Union through financial, cultural and spiritual disruptions, for these are already simmering ominously.

At the close of Solomon's great prayer of dedication of the new Temple, which he was instrumental in having built in Jerusalem, God confirmed that He accepted it as His house of sacrifice. Then He went immediately on to make a remarkable declaration which was prophetic in scope and revealed God's knowledge of the future unrighteousness of His Kingdom. It was a confirmation of Solomon's own vision of the future weakness and unrighteousness of Israel, which was also foreseen in his amazing prayer. So, in reply, God declared, "*If my people, who are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face, and turn*

*from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land” (II Chronicles 7:14).*

These final few words “.....and will heal their land” are surely a reference to these last days of the age, when the natural world, the land and the sea, are now seriously polluted through human mismanagement and lack of care. Again our thoughts may be directed to another age-end prophecy which speaks of, “.....men’s hearts failing them for fear and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth.” That fear is voiced perhaps in these words which I quote, “This is what frightens me. The increasing loss of biological diversity terrifies me, and the fact that we seem to have forgotten that everything in nature is interconnected, including ourselves.” These are the words of Prince Charles, the Prince of Wales, expressing his fears because of the over use of chemicals in agriculture and the poor husbandry of the earth’s natural resources, which clearly disturbs him. Many documentaries have highlighted the effects of climate change and the increasingly harmful effects he sees of plastic waste on our environment and in the oceans also. While there may be some scepticism in people’s minds as to how serious the situation really is the fact that the Lord sees the need for Him to ‘heal their land’ at the end of this age is surely an indication that the matter is becoming urgent.

With these warning signs showing the consequences of Man’s onward march in scientific advance and innovation it is possible to imagine that new technology and artificial intelligence could produce results which get beyond his control. This technology is already capable of controlling the supply of basic services such as water, gas and electricity. Remote control of electrical appliances in the home is now a reality rather than the stuff of science fiction. The result of

such equipment malfunctioning, or getting into the wrong hands, is a very sobering thought. Therefore, some radical thinking and a change of direction, at government level, is clearly desirable and necessary in this disturbing situation. At the present time, however, our politicians are in some confusion over the fundamental principle of the sovereignty and self-government of this once great Christian nation.

“Ye are my witnesses,  
saith the LORD”

*Isaiah 43:10*

The diverse opinions of these people on the future direction and management of the economic and political life of our country gives us no reason for any confidence that they are capable of providing the righteous rule which we urgently require. The concept of a liberal society, which has been encouraged and enacted by successive governments in our generation, has gradually undermined the principles of God’s law which once framed the constitution and way of life of this nation. This false concept has only produced uncertainty and disorder in the minds of the people and it needs to be replaced.

Who is going to sort out this confusion and disorder? Who among these people who put their names forward for the position of Prime Minister, back in July, matched the criterion set for leaders in Israel as given in *Exodus 19*, “.....provide out of all the people able men as fear God, men of truth hating covetousness.....” None that I could see, for they all came from the same economic and political mould which has brought us to the critical situation which we are facing today. The cleansing of the Kingdom and the righteous rule it requires is spoken of through the prophet Ezekiel as something

that God Himself will bring about. In chapter 36 this is detailed and expressed as His doing alone, with the twice stated emphasis (vs.22 & 32) that he is doing it for His great name’s sake and not something which they deserve by their own merit – on the contrary. In verses 26 and 27 God declares that He will put a new heart and a new spirit in His people, closing with the promise, “.....and ye shall be my people and I will be your God.” In *Jeremiah* chapter 31 we find very similar words with the same concluding promise. However this needs a change of attitude, a time of humility and repentance, as God demands, on the part of the nation and this will eventually take place, as Ezekiel records in the 37<sup>th</sup> verse of chapter 36, “...I will yet for this be enquired of by the house of Israel to do it for them.”

I feel sure that we have reached the stage now when our own efforts are no longer sufficient to put right all that is wrong in the Kingdom, or in the wider world which has suffered under man’s ignorance, carelessness and exploitative greed. It is surely only a matter of time before this realisation dawns on the minds of people generally and they turn back to God for help. Israelites always do when they are in serious trouble; it is a hereditary factor, I suggest, in their ancestry. The Lord’s direct intervention, in accordance with His promises declared by the prophets as already quoted, is the only solution and the day of this intervention is, I believe, fast approaching.

My hope, therefore, is in one special name, a leader with proven power and ability who has already chosen His cabinet ministers, a team of just twelve men, also with proven ability, to rule with Him in His cleansed and restored Kingdom. I refer, of course, to the Lord Jesus Christ who foretold that glorious day as is recorded in Matthew’s Gospel chapter 19 and verse 28.

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# THANKS TO ALL OUR READERS

For the fourth time the Editorial Team is delighted to be able to thank all our readers and contributors as we come to the final issue of the fourth volume of *The Covenant Nations*. This publication would not be possible without your continued support by prayer and by donations.

We are pleased to say that Volume 5, Number 1 is due out in March 2020.

We are reproducing the closing thoughts of 'A word of introduction to all our Readers' from Volume 1, Number 1 in May 2007:

'May we dedicate ourselves to the spreading of this new publication far and wide as the Lord our God, the God of Israel, directs. A great awakening is coming in which His Righteousness will once again exalt the covenant nations in preparation for His Glorious Return.'

All of our nations have experienced more trouble and disturbance than we could ever have imagined when those words were written; there is doubtless still more to come as we await the Lord's timing.

Meanwhile we give our greatest thanks and all the praise and glory to Almighty God who has blessed us, guided us and enabled us to spread the message of the *continuing* Kingdom of God far and wide.

New Zealand: I find your material and point of view very interesting concerning the British lineage descending from the tribes of Israel. I was skeptical at first, but as I read your literature it all started to make sense. As a brown skinned Polynesian, I am not at all offended, as I know that your organization is not alienating races, but is just simply stating a fact which is true concerning British-Israel. As a testament, if it wasn't for the British missionaries who gave the Gospel to my ancestors and the rest of Oceania, we will all be lost in sin. God has blessed Britain for their missionary work in the past, and He has not forgotten her. Great Britain will always have a covenant with the Lord. God bless you.

UK: Just a note to thank you for the very brilliant articles, especially the latest in dealing with the EU helping us to understand what is to come etc.


Australia: Thank you for keeping this magazine going. It's been a very real strength in my life to have British Israel teaching.

UK: I give thanks for BIWF's continuing work concerning the kingdom message.


USA: I am so blessed to receive your wonderful colourful magazine.

## TO OUR CANADIAN BRETHREN

BIWF in the United Kingdom has been celebrating One Hundred Years of Witness in 2019 but it is not the only BI organization with a long history of spreading the good news of the Gospel of the Kingdom of God on earth.



The Association of Covenant People in Vancouver, Canada, celebrated **one hundred and ten years of witness** in 2019.



BIWF (Canada) in Toronto celebrated **ninety years of witness** in 2019.

The Editorial Team would like to extend their heartfelt congratulations to our friends in these organizations and to pray for the blessing of Almighty God on their efforts to maintain and expand their work.

# THE MOON LANDINGS REVISITED

This past July (2019), the world paused to remember, reflect on and celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Apollo 11 moon landing on 20 July, 1969. Like most people of my generation, I can well remember the family being glued in awe to our black and white television set over that hot summer weekend. Fifty years on has given us time to put the event into perspective but it still stands out as one of mankind's greatest achievements – the first human contact with another heavenly body. The three astronauts on that historic flight – Commander Neil Armstrong, Col. Edwin “Buzz”

Aldrin and Michael Collins – will be forever remembered for their courage, skill and inspiration to so many. Unfortunately, Neil Armstrong did not live to celebrate the Jubilee, having passed away in August 2012, but his funeral was held, appropriately enough, on the day of a rare “Blue Moon” – the name given to the second full moon in the same month. He would have smiled, I’m sure.

Much has been written and said over the past weeks of the amazing technological achievement Apollo 11 was, considering the primitive computers they had available then.

(It is said that the smart phone in your pocket has up to seven million times the computing power of the Apollo 11 on board computer.) In all, some 400,000 people worked on the Apollo space program in various scientific or practical capacities. It was a mammoth undertaking. But the program was loaded with spiritual significance as well which is not always explored in the secular media.

I was first introduced to this spiritual approach by a lecture given at the BIWF Summer Convention in 1975 by a visiting American, Prof. Harold Hendriks, at that time a professor



of Electronic and Electrical Engineering at the California Polytechnic State University. The title of his message was, "The Moon under Her Feet," taken from the scripture in *Revelation 12:1*, "*And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet...*" Hendriks pointed to the fact that this vision had been uniquely fulfilled by the Apollo astronauts who quite literally had "the moon under their feet." But I will come back to this passage and study it in more detail later.

The seventeen Apollo missions followed on the heels of the sixteen pioneering flights of Mercury and Gemini, in order to carry out President John F. Kennedy's bold intention to put a man on the moon before the end of the (1960s) decade. However, the first Apollo crew – Virgil "Gus" Grissom, Edward White and Roger Chaffee – were to die in a flash fire that spread through their command module during a test prior to launch on 27 January, 1967. The fire was thought to have been sparked by a frayed wire, and it spread quickly through the pure-oxygen-filled capsule – the men had no chance of escape. While this was certainly a very tragic event, it may also be looked upon from a spiritual perspective as a necessary event, a type of burnt sacrifice. The first object one encountered upon entering the outer court of Israel's Tabernacle or Temple was the altar of burnt-offering, and the first thing the people of God did when they moved to a new location was to build a sacrificial altar (*Genesis 8:20, 12:8; Ezra 3:2* etc.). Everything else would flow from that necessary burnt sacrifice, and so the tragic fate of Apollo 1 also hallowed and made possible the rest of the Apollo missions and moon landings to follow: the three astronauts did not die in vain.

The fire and consequent redesign of the capsule set NASA's agenda back for over a year, and it was not till December, 1968, that Apollo 8 became the first mission to actually send men to the neighbourhood of the moon and to go into lunar orbit. NASA had informed the astronauts that they would arrive at their destination on Christmas Eve, and so they should "say something appropriate." According to a television documentary, *Nova's* "Apollo's Daring Mission," the crew did not know what to say, so the commander, Frank Borman, asked a friend if he had any suggestions. The friend did not know either, so he asked his wife; and she replied, "Why don't they read from the Bible, from the book of *Genesis*?" The crew investigated that and thought it would be just perfect, which led to the first ten verses of *Genesis* (KJV) being written into Apollo 8's official flight plan. And so it was that on Christmas Eve, 1968, as they cruised over the lunar surface, the three astronauts took turns reading these ten verses describing the creation of Heaven and Earth, concluding with Borman saying, "And God bless everyone on the good earth." It was an awesome and very moving experience for viewers to witness, and it is most significant that the first humans to orbit our sister satellite and see its far, unknown side should sanctify the occasion by reading from the Word of God.

Apollo 11 was, of course, scheduled to be the first lunar landing, and it, too, had a spiritual element involved. For Buzz Aldrin is a Christian and he wished to celebrate Holy Communion on the moon. Approval was eventually granted by NASA and so he took with him bread, wine and a miniature, three-inch wine goblet, a photo of which is featured in the July 2019 issue of *National Geographic* magazine. Because Apollo landed on the moon

on a Sunday, Buzz would have been sharing in the Communion service with his church back home in Houston. The goblet was brought back to earth, and it is mounted with a small plaque which reads: "This chalice was used by Col. Edwin E. Aldrin, Jr. in celebrating Holy Communion on the moon, Apollo 11, Tranquility Base, July 20, 1969."

Now this was also very significant, because, just as those on Apollo 8, the first to approach the moon, read from the Old Testament or Covenant, so on the first mission to actually land on the moon, the *New Covenant* was also commemorated, as Jesus said, "*This cup is the New Testament [Covenant] in my blood, which is shed for you*" (*Luke 22:20*). This partaking of Communion was a very personal, and at the same time a universal, act (in both senses of universal) for the first time in Christian practice symbolically extending the Lordship of Jesus Christ beyond the earth. Thus, this first venture into a new world was sealed on both occasions by the Testaments of Almighty God.

Like Apollo 11 all but one of the next six missions were virtually flawless and, considering the myriad of things which could have gone wrong at any time, I believe it shows that the hand of the Lord was on the whole endeavour, and that it was as much a spiritual as a scientific achievement. The one exception to this was Apollo 13 during whose outward journey, on 13 April, 1970, a tank of compressed liquid oxygen exploded, leaving the spacecraft irreparably crippled. The lunar landing had to be aborted, but the mission was called a "successful failure" because, although they lost the moon, the astronauts were returned safely to earth. Their harrowing ordeal was dramatized in the acclaimed 1995 motion picture, *Apollo 13*, directed by Ron Howard.

However this unfortunate event did not mean that something had “gone wrong” spiritually, for although it was not in NASA’s plans, it surely *was* in God’s. For this left only six missions in total which landed successfully, and since there were two astronauts on each lunar lander, that meant that twelve men in all walked on the moon. And this brings us back to the scripture in *Revelation 12*, which reads in part, “*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. And she being with child cried, travailing in birth, and pained to be delivered...And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne.*”

The woman, we know, is Israel because the crown of twelve stars represents the twelve tribes as well as the twelve Signs of the Zodiac which are associated with each of the tribes. And the man child is of course the Christ, whom Israel brought forth. But what does it mean to be “clothed with the sun”? Well, in Greek mythology, Apollo was the sun god, and as the spacecraft in which the astronauts rode was called “Apollo,” they were encased in, or figuratively, “clothed” with the sun! And “the moon under her (Israel’s) feet” refers to the twelve men who walked on the moon, who were all undoubtedly of Israelitish descent, being of northwestern European origin, or what are sometimes referred to in the U.S. as WASPs – White Anglo-Saxon Protestants. So now we see that had Apollo 13 landed on the moon as planned, that would have meant fourteen men stood on the moon, and the biblical symbolism would have been lost.

Also, there had been three more Apollo missions planned (18-20), but after Apollo 17’s successful

venture in December, 1972, the U.S. Congress slashed NASA’s budget, and the three remaining missions had to be scrapped. This, again, was part of God’s plan, keeping the number of men on the moon to twelve, plus, the six successful landings – six being the number of man – were like six days of work, which had to be followed by a Sabbath of rest. NASA’s objectives had been met and the work was spiritually complete, as witnessed to by Apollo 17, since seventeen is the biblical number of spiritual perfection. This is partly the reason why there has been no return to the moon since.

“He hangeth the earth  
upon nothing”  
*Job 26:7*

Still with the numerics, there were twelve manned Apollo missions and three astronauts per mission, which would mean that there were 36 astronauts in all – except for the fact that three of them were on more than one flight, reducing the total number to 33. Again, this is a significant number, being the age of Jesus Christ at His crucifixion and resurrection. The moon landings took place over a period of 3½ years, and 3½ years was the length of Jesus’ earthly ministry.

As regards God’s people of Israel, the U.S.A. represents the tribe of Manasseh, a “great people,” son of Joseph and brother of Ephraim (Britain) (*Genesis 48:19-20*). Of course, the primary emblem of America is the Bald Eagle, and so the lunar module of Apollo 11 was dubbed the *Eagle* – the name made memorable by the first communication from Neil Armstrong when it touched down: “Tranquility Base here, the *Eagle*

has landed.” But this, too, is found in *Revelation*, chapter 12, for the Israel woman and her Son were threatened or persecuted by “a great red dragon” or Satan (v. 4 & 9), and so it says that “*to the woman were given two wings of a great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness...where she is nourished for a time, and times and half a time, from the face of the serpent*” (v. 14). The official mission patch of Apollo 11 shows a great Bald Eagle bearing an olive branch of peace in its talons coming down to land on the barren surface of the moon – a wilderness indeed, or what Buzz Aldrin called “magnificent desolation.” And the 3½ “times” mentioned, or prophetic years of 360 days each, echo the 3½ years of the lunar landing missions, as we saw earlier. So, once again, this symbolic vision given to the apostle John has been quite literally fulfilled by the Apollo space program. Even the name of the Apollo 11 command module, piloted by Michael Collins, was spiritual: “Columbia,” while a poetic name for the U.S.A., also means in Latin a “dove,” a well-known symbol of the Holy Spirit. And the gematria (numeric value) of the phrase “Holy Spirit” in Greek is 1080, which also happens to be the radius of the moon in miles, connecting the two.

In Greek and Roman mythology, the moon itself had a plethora of names: Artemis (twin sister of Apollo), Diana, Phoebe, Cynthia, Luna and Selene – all feminine or goddesses, each with her own particular myth. But in the Bible, the moon was given to the earth for a light in the darkness and for signs and for seasons; it is tied to the earth and is part of the earth system (*Genesis 1:14-18*). The day of the new moon, which was the beginning of the Hebrew month, was set apart as a special feast day, on which sacrifices were to be offered to the Lord (*II Chronicles 2:4; 31:3*). And because the moon has no

light of its own but shines with the reflected light of the sun, it has other symbolic meanings as well. As the Sun (Son) represents Jesus Christ, so the Moon becomes the feminine Church, which reflects His glory to the world. Or it can be compared to the Word of God which is “*a lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our path*” (*Psalms* 119:105), to guide our way in the spiritual darkness of this fallen world. Indeed, the moon probably has more otherworldly significance than we are aware of at present, just waiting to be revealed.

But to return to Apollo, one feature common to all the moon landings was the astronauts’ planting of an American flag, the “Stars and Stripes,” on the lunar surface. NASA had argued against this because of the added weight it would mean for the fragile LEM landing craft. So in order to overrule that, Congress passed a law requiring them to set up a flag. Thus it was that the colours of Israel – red, white and blue – were, and still are, proudly displayed at six different lunar locations.\* According to a NASA Memorandum, the purpose of the flags was to symbolize the fact that an effort by American people reached the moon, not that the U.S. was “taking possession” of the moon. As it is the flag of Manasseh that is on display, this can give new meaning to Neil Armstrong’s immortal words, which may be paraphrased as, “That’s one small step for man(asseh)...” After all, it was Manasseh who got them there! But in a nod to Manasseh’s brother, Ephraim, the last mission, Apollo 17, had as their destination the Taurus Mountains – the sign of Taurus, the bull (or ox) being the tribal emblem of Ephraim (*Ezekiel* 1:10).

Something else worth noting in the climate of the space race of the 1960s and the “one-upmanship” between the U.S.A. and the U.S.S.R.: three

days prior to the liftoff of Apollo 11, the Soviet Union launched an unmanned probe, *Luna* 15, slated to make a soft landing on the moon before Apollo, with the intent to become the first nation to return some lunar soil to the earth, and thus steal some of the glory from the American venture. But, in contrast to Apollo 11’s symbolically peaceful destination, the Sea of Tranquility, *Luna* was targeted to land on the *Mare Crisium*, or Sea of Crisis. The location turned out to be a prescient choice, as the probe malfunctioned and on 21 July, while Armstrong and Aldrin were still on the moon, it crashed into the lunar surface at 300 miles per hour. Dare we see the Hand of God in this outcome as well?

But the results of the Apollo missions were not just an introduction to our nearest celestial neighbour, they also provided a new perspective on the Earth. The most enduring legacy of Apollo 8 was a photo taken by Bill Anders of the earth in the blackness of space, rising over the moon’s horizon. Christened “Earthrise,” the contrast between the barren moonscape and the beautiful blue and white globe was more than striking. It inspired a whole new way to look at our planet, the “blue marble,” on which we all live and which, from space, has no man-made borders. We saw before our eyes Planet Earth as we had never seen it before, illustrating the prophetic words of Job, “*he hangeth the earth upon nothing*” (*Job* 26:7). We were visibly reminded that the earth is, and has been since the Creation, “in the heavens,” as much as the moon is, and as Michael Clark put it in his Keynote Address, “Thus the coming and setting up of the kingdom of God on earth was and has always been the heavenly ordered kingdom *in the heavens*, but in the only visible reality of planet Earth. It all depends on one’s perspective” (BIWF Centenary Convention July

2019). When this heavenly kingdom is finally realized, peace will reign upon the earth as it has never done since the Garden of Eden.

And this, too, was foreshadowed by Apollo 11. For left behind on the moon, attached to the ladder of the lunar module *Eagle*, was a small stainless steel commemorative plaque showing pictures of the two hemispheres of earth, with an inscription in capital letters that reads: “Here men from the planet earth first set foot upon the moon, July 1969 A.D. We came in peace for all mankind.” The plaque also included the signatures of the three astronauts and of the then President Richard Nixon. The inscription was read aloud to the world by Neil Armstrong after he descended the ladder to the lunar surface. Apparently someone at NASA objected that the name of God was not mentioned in the inscription, until it was pointed out that the letters A.D., *Anno Domini*, “In the year of our Lord,” *are* there as part of the date. These memorials were left by all the Apollo missions, with the last, Apollo 17, concluding, “May the spirit of peace in which we came be reflected in the lives of all mankind.” Reproductions of these plaques were given as mementos to foreign governments through various U.S. embassies after each flight. They were, indeed, a fitting epitaph to an incredible scientific and spiritual accomplishment, and one can only add that we citizens of planet Earth eagerly await the day that the hope expressed a half century ago in these plaques – “Peace for all mankind” – will finally become a global reality.

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\*For the meaning of the colours, see the booklet, *The Union Jack*, available from Covenant Publishing

# REMEMBERING JESUS' BIRTHDAY

I wish to overview simply and briefly the Old Covenant history and move shortly to references there about Jesus' Coming.

But firstly about how it was then: *"The Lord says: These people come near to me with their mouth and honour me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. Their worship of me is made up only of rules taught by men"* (Isaiah 29:13).

The problem was disobedience which caused "divorce" and captivity.

## Israel's Sin and the Servant's Obedience

*"This is what the LORD says: Where is your mother's certificate of divorce with which I sent her away? Or to which of my creditors did I sell you? Because of your sins you were sold; because of your transgressions your mother was sent away"* (Isaiah 50:1).

*"Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions"* (Jeremiah 18:11).

How important it is to actually read the truths above. We know the Northern Kingdom of Israel went into captivity in Assyria in 722 BC, and the Southern Kingdom of Judah went into captivity in Babylon in 586 BC. Further, we know that remnants remained

and, also over time, migration occurred east and north and then to all parts of the known world.

We have serious problems in our covenant nations! Our Christian civilizations, our Christian heritages and ways of life are being threatened more than ever before. More than 1938-1939 to 1945 – more than Churchill could ever imagine. But he did, <sup>1</sup> Churchill saw the problem today, even before 1938! He saw the problem in 1899.

We simply need to go back to our first love – Jesus. He is the Person on whom our civilization depends – on whom the Coronation Service is based. We need to refocus on our Christian ministry.

Now to the Old Covenant references of His coming which need to be read: *"And I will put enmity between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will crush your head, and you will strike his heel"* (Genesis 3:15).

*"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel"* (Isaiah 7:14).

*"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned"* (Isaiah 9:2).

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

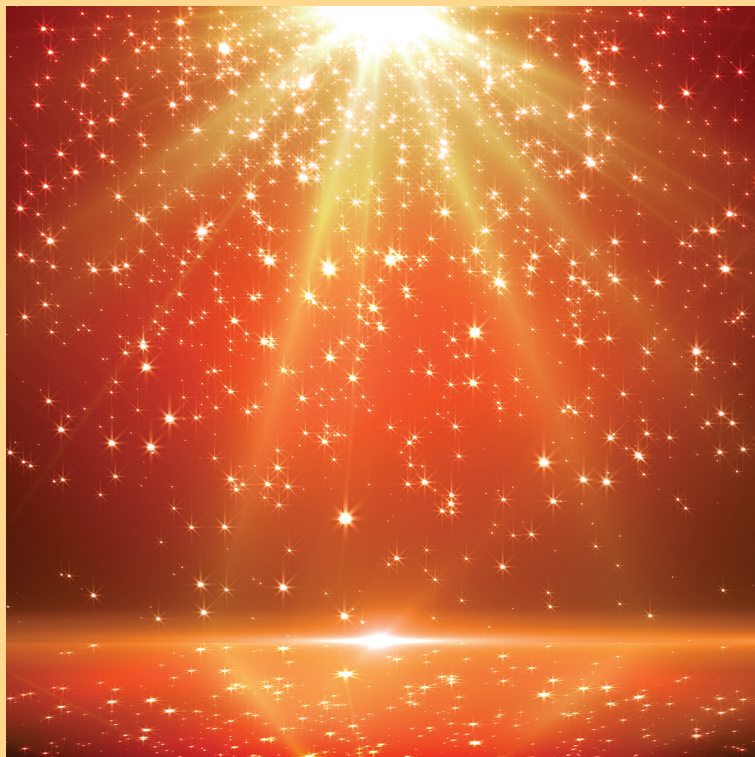
*Of the increase of his government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this"* (Isaiah 9:6-7).

*"A shoot will come up from the stump of Jesse; from his roots a Branch will bear fruit.*

*The Spirit of the LORD will rest on him—the Spirit of wisdom and of understanding, the Spirit of counsel and of power, the Spirit of knowledge and of the fear of the LORD—and he will delight in the fear of the LORD."* (Isaiah 11:1-3).

*"The time is coming, declares the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah.*

*It will not be like the covenant I made with*



*their forefathers when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them, declares the LORD.*

*This is the covenant I will make with the house of Israel after that time, declares the LORD. I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

*No longer will a man teach his neighbour, or a man his brother, saying, Know the LORD, 'because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the LORD. For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more' (Jeremiah 31:31-34).*

*"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh." (Ezekiel 36:26).*

*"In my vision at night I looked, and there before me was one like a son of man, coming with the clouds of heaven. He approached the Ancient of Days and was led into his presence. He was given authority, glory and sovereign power; all peoples, nations and men of every language worshipped him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that will not pass away, and his kingdom is one that will never be destroyed" (Daniel 7:13-14).*

*"Rejoice greatly, O Daughter of Zion! Shout, Daughter of Jerusalem! See, your king comes to you, righteous and having salvation, gentle and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey" (Zechariah 9:9).*

*"See, I will send my messenger, who will prepare the way before me. Then suddenly the Lord you are seeking will come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant, whom you desire, will come, says the LORD Almighty" (Malachi 3:1).*

*"Behold, I will send you Elijah the*

*prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of the LORD" (Malachi 4:5).*

The references above in *Malachi* speak of a messenger – The Lord's messenger to prepare His way (3:1), Elijah – John the Baptist (4:5) – to prepare the way for Jesus, the Messenger of His New Covenant for the true covenant nations who will "see" Jesus. Awesome!

I find it is amazing at Christmas that some people tend to focus more on Jesus as a baby and helpless rather than remembering the full truth of why He came. Jesus grew to manhood and began His Ministry:

*"The time has come, he said. The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" (Mark 1:15).*

There are a couple of important points to mention here to tie the Old Covenant to His New Covenant and His Covenant with His nations. Those elect chosen before the foundation of the world (*Ephesians* 1:4) would certainly "see" Jesus (*John* 6:40). They have been given by the Father to the Son (*John* 6:37; 17:2, 6) and will never lose their salvation (*John* 5:24). This truth is given to encourage us and to spur us all on to love, good deeds and evangelism. Our Christian heritage in each of our covenant nations is in trouble. I will elaborate on this after the following important points.

In the Spring of "the acceptable year"<sup>2</sup> of His ministry Jesus taught the parable of the Treasure in the Field. This parable was an illustration of spiritual responsiveness for us to understand that Jesus was to give His all to redeem His Treasured Possession – His House of Israel (*Matthew* 13:44).

Related to the above truth, a year later in the following Spring, Jesus taught the Canaanite woman that He was sent only to the lost sheep

of the House of Israel. For her answer He had compassion on her, acknowledged her faith and healed her daughter, (*Matthew* 15:24 ff).

What is wonderful as we remember Christmas and Our LORD God's gift of Jesus coming into His world is that the Old Covenant and New Covenant are gloriously linked. Those true and obedient believers – the remnant – from the Old Covenant and the faithful elect Jews and Gentiles of the New Covenant – all will be together in glory. Jesus died for the sins of the remnant of the Old Covenant (*Romans* 3:25) and those elect saved in the New Covenant. All will be grafted into the House of Israel, thus all Israel – the House of Israel will be saved:

*"I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in.*

*And so all Israel will be saved" (Romans 11:25, 26).*

As elect our **saving** faith has given us salvation and eternal hope to eternal life. But what of our **servicing** faith? Has Britain's elect – indeed the elect in all covenant nations – been unfaithful to the Covenant of Christ on which the nations were built? Has the elect today been unfaithful to the legacy of our Christian heritage given by our Christian forefathers? Servicing faith has to do with meeting specific needs. The critical need is to maintain our Christian civilization, Christian heritage and way of life.

As we remember Christmas and Jesus coming in His righteousness let us all renew our commitment to Him in Holy Faith (*Jude* 20, 21) and to our forefathers and to Jesus' work and ours in our covenant nations.

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1. *The River War*, Winston Churchill, 1899
2. *Isaiah* 61:2; *Luke* 4:19

# MUGABE'S LEGACY IN THE LIGHT OF ETERNITY

*Former president of Zimbabwe whose 37-year despotic rule ruined the once-prosperous country hailed as the 'jewel of Africa.'*

To some the doctrine of Eternal Judgment is a great comfort. To others it is a terrifying concept. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God as *Hebrews 9:27* confirms.

The world was informed on 6 September, 2019, that the longest ruling dictator in Africa, Marxist terrorist, Robert Mugabe died in a hospital in Singapore. How various people reacted to this news speaks volumes. Democratic Alliance leader, Mmusi Maimane, sent his condolences to the family of *"former President Mugabe. May his soul rest in peace."* Mmusi Maimane claims to be a Christian and a democrat, yet he calls the brutal dictator "President" and assumes that *"his soul [will] rest in peace!"* He also described Mugabe as *"a liberator!"* One wonders where Maimane has been since 1980? Has he not noticed the tragic destruction of neighbouring Zimbabwe under the despotic tyranny of ZANU and Mugabe?

## Promised Paradise but Delivered Perdition

The eulogies from leaders praising Robert Mugabe are in sharp con-

trast to the celebrations in Zimbabwe over the demise of the Marxist dictator, who promised them a paradise and delivered perdition. *"While they promise them liberty, they themselves are slaves of corruption; for by whom a person is overcome, by him also he is brought into bondage"* (II Peter 2:19). The Fake Leaders and Fake News report: *"guerrilla leader," "hero," "liberated his people from colonialism," "instituted land reform"!* Audacious, outrageous, deception and dishonesty are pervasive. The lamestream media has again disgraced itself as the purveyors of fake news and Marxist propaganda.

## "A Perfect Human Being"

Economic Freedom Fighters leader, Julius Malema called Mugabe a *"Hero," "Liberator"* and *"a perfect human being"!* "President" Emmerson Mnangagwa praised Mugabe as an *"icon of liberation."* *"It is with the utmost sadness that I announce the passing on of Zimbabwe's founding father and former president Comrade Robert Mugabe."* So said the new dictator who seized power from his previous leader in a 2017 coup. Incredibly Mnangagwa described the deceased dictator as a *"National hero!"*

*"Comrade Mugabe was an icon of liberation, a pan-Africanist who dedicated his life to the emancipation and empowerment of his people. His contribution to the history of our nation and continent will never be forgotten. May his soul rest in eternal peace!"* Calling Mugabe *"a great teacher and mentor."* And *"a remarkable statesman of our century!"* Mnangagwa instituted an official mourning period.

## Facts Can Ruin a Good Story

Riddled with so many lies and hypocrisies, this is worthy of study to refute every phrase. Marxists do not believe that man has a soul, nor do they believe in *"eternal peace!"* Mugabe's actual contribution was tyranny, brutality, cruelty, massacres, starvation, corruption, hyperinflation and the systematic destruction of a once safe, stable, productive country that used to be self-sufficient, even exporting food, to a disastrous basket state; a beggar nation dependent on foreign aid and charity to even survive. More than half of all Zimbabweans have voted with their feet, a vote of no confidence in Mugabe's ZANU ruled failed state, by fleeing endemic corruption and brutality in



Zimbabwe to neighbouring countries.

Mugabe was not dedicated to “*emancipating and empowering*” the people of Zimbabwe. He was one of the most corrupt, self-serving and selfish leaders in history. Living in opulent decadence, feasting on giraffe meat while his destitute people starved, Mugabe enslaved and disempowered the people of Zimbabwe.

### Rhodesia Was Not a Colony

African National Congress (ANC) president, Cyril Ramaphosa described the despot as “*a champion of Africa’s cause against colonialism who inspired our own struggle against apartheid!*” Well, Mugabe never fought against colonialism because Rhodesia was not a colony. Rhodesia was a self-governing country from 1923, Independent from 1965 and a Republic from 1970. It was self-funded from the beginning, providing its own security. Rhodesia never needed British funding, British troops nor any foreign aid.

### Mugabe Never Liberated Anybody

Mugabe waged a brutal terrorist war against black civilians, white farmers, Christian missionaries and Red Cross ambulance workers. Mugabe never liberated anybody. He was a Marxist terrorist, dictator and corrupt blood diamond criminal. His communist corruption certainly inspired the ANC “*struggle*” for state capture gangster-state looting of our country though. Mugabe’s tactic of distracting attention from his government’s failures and atrocities, by making scapegoats of the small minority of whites and promising free land, also inspired the disastrous ANC policy of EWC (Expropriation Without Compensation).



Western media have also insulted the intelligence of their readers, or viewers, with misleading reports like this Associated Press (AP) article: “*Former Zimbabwean leader, Robert Mugabe, an ex-guerrilla chief who took power when the African country shook off white minority rule and presided for decades while economic turmoil and human rights violations eroded its early promise has died in Singapore.*” AP writers, Farai Mutsaka and Cristopher Torchia claimed: “*Mugabe enjoyed strong support from Zimbabwe’s people...!*”

How can any journalist be so ill-informed, or dishonest, as to lie so blatantly! No, Mugabe did not enjoy popular support. Millions of Zimbabweans celebrated his fall from power. As another point of fact: Mugabe was never a guerrilla. Mugabe had the popular ZANLA guerrilla leader, Josiah Tongogara, murdered on 26 December, 1979, so that he could lead ZANU. Mugabe was a politician, never a soldier, not even a guerrilla/insurgent.

Nor did Mugabe “*take power,*” it was handed to him by British governor, Lord Soames (son-in-law of Winston Churchill), after a very flawed “*election*” where all agreed that, in terms of the Lancaster House Agreement, Mugabe’s ZANU should have been disqualified for its systematic “*intimidation*” (terrorism) of the voters and flagrant violations of the

accord and electoral code of conduct. As Ian Smith declared: “*We were never defeated by our enemies, we were betrayed by our friends.*”

### Reality vs Rhetoric

Most importantly, Mugabe was not an innocent victim of “*economic turmoil and human rights violations*”! He was the prime human

agent responsible for the socialist policies which destroyed the robust economy inherited from Rhodesia. Mugabe initiated the communist revolution that violated human rights, including the *Gukurahundi* massacres of tens-of-thousands of civilians in Matabeleland, the chaotic farm invasions, the blood diamond wars in the Congo and Zimbabwe’s own blood diamond scandals in the Marange diamond fields, south-east of Zimbabwe, since 2008. “*Destructive forces are at work in the city, threats and lies never leave its streets*” (Psalm 55:11).

At “*independence,*” Mugabe declared to *Newsweek*: “*We are not going to make the same mistakes the rest of Black Africa has made. We are going to learn from their mistakes.*” It is hard to think of anything he learned... except how to lie, steal, cheat and murder. What mistakes, or crimes, did Mugabe fail to implement?

### Mugabe’s True Legacy of Corruption, Brutality, Starvation and Disease

Starvation, disease, corruption and brutality were the hallmarks of Mugabe’s Marxist ZANU in Zimbabwe. Hospitals ran out of medicine. Shops ran out of food. Fuel stations ran out of petrol. Banks ran out of money. Water failed to flow though the pipes. Electricity power failures became the norm. Tuberculosis, HIV, cholera and malaria spread like wildfire. Zimbabwe’s cholera

epidemic reached 10 x (1,000%) the African average, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO). Zimbabwean life expectancy plummeted under Mugabe, from over 60 years in 1980, to 37 years for men and 34 years for women by 2006, the lowest in the world.

Yet, despite his disastrous track record, Mugabe was elected president of the Southern African Development Community (SADC), Chairman of the African Union (AU) and UN “Goodwill Ambassador” for the WHO! The intense

suffering of the people of Zimbabwe apparently did not matter to the AU, UN, SADC, or CNN and the BBC for that matter.

### Truth is Stranger than Fiction

It all sounds like a bizarre Monty Python comic satire. The lunatics are running the asylum. If this was part of a scripted plot in a fiction film or book, it would be dismissed as: “Unbelievable!”

The fact that Mugabe died in a hospital in Singapore is most revealing. Mugabe and his destructive socialist policies had so destroyed the once advanced and excellent hospitals built up by Rhodesia that he had to fly to previous British colony Singapore where free enterprise provides better health care than any socialist state. Why did Mugabe not go to a Zimbabwean hospital? Or a communist state? Or at least an African hospital? Why Singapore, far away in Asia? What an indictment on the catastrophic communist failure of Mugabe and ZANU!

Yet, as they once praised Joseph Stalin, Mao Tse Tung and Fidel Castro, the BBC gushed with ridiculous praise for Mugabe:



“broadening access to health care and education for the black majority!” Are there no genuine investigative journalists left at the BBC? As anyone who has actually lived in Zimbabwe could testify: Mugabe’s thugs looted hospitals, closed hospitals, burned schools, beat up teachers, kidnapped and brutalised students and closed schools. The health care and education standards were vastly better for black people in Rhodesia. Zimbabwe became a failed state under Mugabe lowering life expectancy to almost half that of Rhodesia and taking a country with the lowest unemployment in Africa (under 4%) to the highest, 95% unemployment! That was even after half the population had fled the country! **“You shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free”** (John 8:32). **“Hate evil, love good, establish justice in the gate...”** (Amos 5:15).

Mugabe blasphemously boasted that he had beaten Jesus Christ, by rising from the dead more times than Christ, who had only risen from the dead once! Jesus is the Resurrection and the Life. **“When Justice is done, it brings joy to the righteous but terror to evildoers”** (Proverbs

21:15). It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the Living God.

### Witnessing to Mugabe

I have been asked: “Have you shared the Gospel with Mugabe?” Yes, we have. I have written to him and one of our Board Members, Bishop Bwanali Phiri, met with and prayed with Robert Mugabe and presented him with the gift of a Bible.

### How Are We as Believers to Respond to Death?

The Bible mandates capital punishment for murder, rape and kidnapping. Believers are to pray the imprecatory Psalms of justice against the wicked. God will ensure justice in eternity. **“For I, the Lord, love justice. I hate robbery”** (Isaiah 61:8).

### The Choices Before Us

We are in the middle of a world war of worldviews. A battle for the mind. A battle for the heart. A battle for the future. The choice before us is clear:

The lies of the world, or the truth of the Word of God?

Indoctrination or education?

Communism or Christianity?

The broad road to destruction, or the narrow way to life?

Heaven or hell?

The grace of God, or the wrath of God?

Is Jesus Christ your Saviour and Lord?

If not, He will be your Judge.

**“It is appointed unto men once to die and after that to face judgement...”** (Hebrews 9:27).

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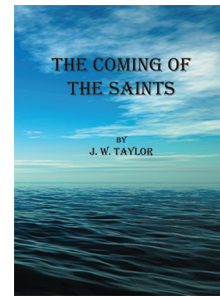
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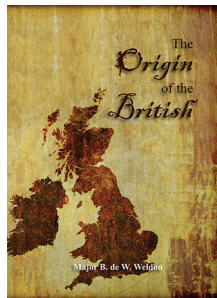
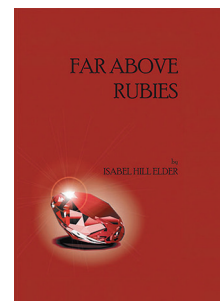
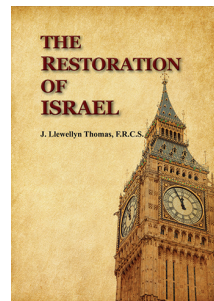
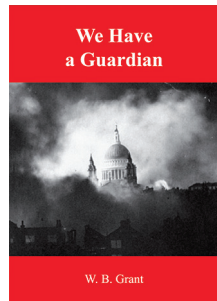
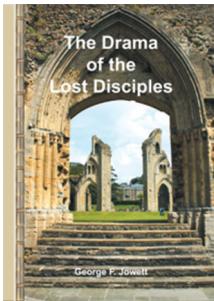
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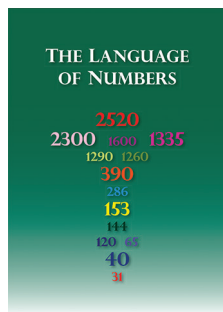
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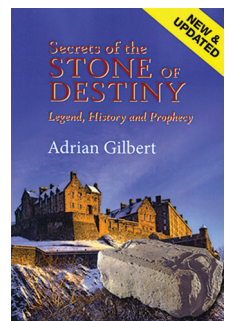
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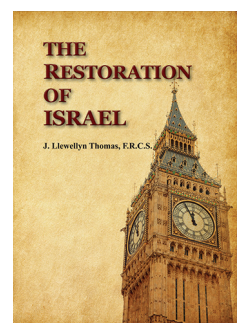
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