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▲ This window in Selby Abbey, Yorkshire, England, depicts a coat of arms belonging to one of George Washington's ancestors; the same coat of arms the Washington family used after moving to America. It is believed to commemorate John Wessington, the fifteenth century Prior of Durham. It may look familiar to residents of Washington D.C., as it resembles the District of Columbia flag.

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John the Baptist spoke to the Pharisees and Sadducees, saying, "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: ... but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire" (Matthew 3:11-12). Water and fire are shown combined in this photograph of 'Waterflame' by Jeppe Hein in the grounds of Houghton Hall in Norfolk, England.

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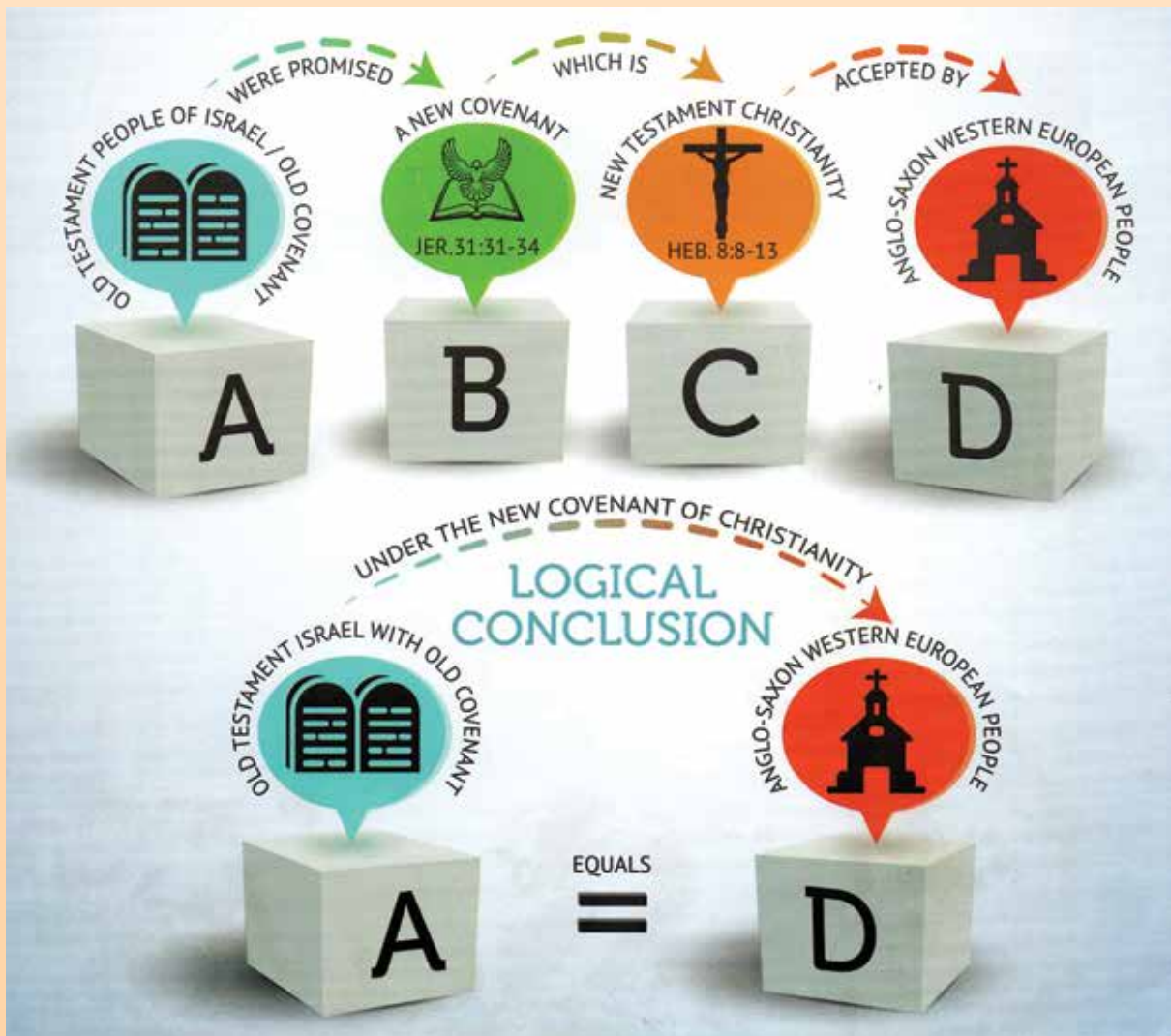
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GOD'S GREAT COVENANT PLAN

“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: ... I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. ... I will remember their sin no more” (Jeremiah 31:31-34).



“Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah: I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: ... and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. ...” (Hebrews 8:8-13)

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EDITORIAL

THE COVENANT NATIONS NOW A LATTER DAY NOAH'S ARK FOR ILLEGAL MIGRATION

The conditions in the world extant in 2021 are now vividly akin to those that existed in the days of Noah and significantly, *also in the days of Lot*, when violence filled the earth and every man did that which was right in his own eyes both in moral standards and sexual perversion, that is, until the waters of the great Deluge came and took them all away (*Luke 17:26-29*).

In particular England and the USA are seen by the hundreds of thousands of asylum seekers as the place of safety from persecution and death. The English Channel, a barrier to illegal migration for centuries, has now become the main route of entry into the country. In the USA, President Biden stopped the building of President Trump's southern wall with Mexico – with the predictable result, a growing flood of illegal migration.

Dominating the global news channels is a spirit of fear and panic being produced over 'climate change' and the intensive campaign to vaccinate the entire population of the earth, *including even the children and pregnant women*, against Covid-19. Furthermore, there is the growing threat coming from China in all aspects of cyber attack and increasing military strength. Russia also is flaunting its

arsenal of new nuclear hypersonic weapons.

This is prophetic fulfilment on a global scale and the peoples of the covenant nations need to realize that the demands of desperate millions from Africa, Eastern Europe, Asia and South America cannot be accommodated. It was of course Almighty God that shut the door of Noah's safe refuge of the Ark when the 120 years during which he had warned the antediluvian world came to an end.

strengthen their borders, whether that strength takes the form of checkpoints, stricter passport controls or reinforced concrete. Our world needs walls, however ugly they may be."

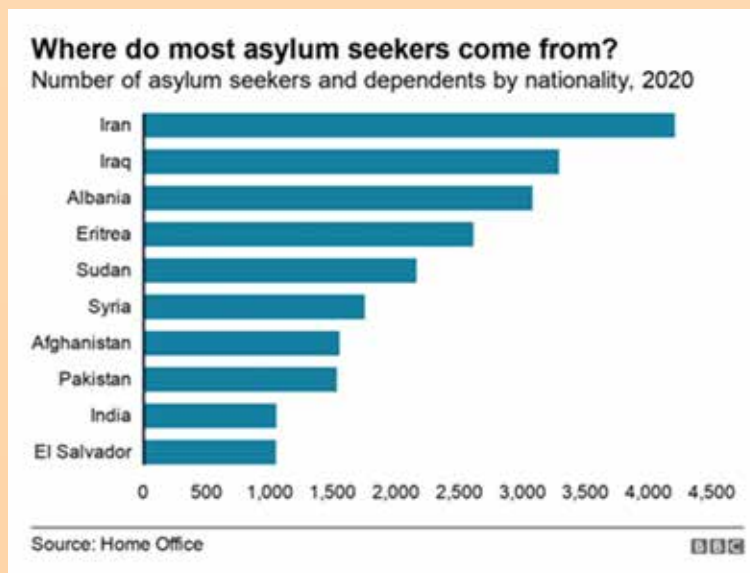
The Kingdom that has been set up by God is **separated for service** as was confirmed by Moses in his fifth book to Israel:

*"When the Most High divided to the nations their inheritance, when he separated the sons of Adam, he set the bounds of the people according to the **number of the children of Israel**" (Deuteronomy 32:8).*

It is important to bear in mind that Israel **was always a remnant** among the other nations and therefore were in need of bounds, or borders, to protect their Divinely-ordered civilization. The situation of the covenant nations in 2021 is precisely the same: the essential nucleus of the *true Israel*

of God today in the world represents only about **one tenth** of the world's population – *a tithe* if we like to think of it when it comes to mixing ourselves and our culture with other nations.

Our turbulent world needs strong borders in all aspects of national and spiritual life.



Clare Foges, writing for *The Times*, London, on 2 January, 2018, under the heading: **"Our turbulent world needs strong borders,"** concluded with the following:

"Anyone who wishes to maintain moderate political systems and generous welfare states – as well as a basic level of national security – should support the right of sovereign nations to

THE FORCE IN OUR MIDST DEFYING ALMIGHTY GOD

While Christian prelates deny the Power of His Covenant Word

This is an immensely serious message which carries a most solemn warning to all Christian leaders. The siege of Christian civilization now equals that prior to the Great Deluge of Noah's day. It has become imperative that we should give what follows our prayerful thought as evil spirits become rampant against social order and our God-given freedoms.

Millions of Christian-thinking and common sense patriotic people today are being hounded out of their peaceable living by a 'woke' culture that is undermining the very foundations of society in the covenant nations. This may seem to be a very sweeping statement; it is nevertheless true and is a fact that must be faced by discerning minds as a matter of priority importance.

When the writer wrote on a similar subject thirty-three years ago in 1988 things were bad enough then. Now, in 2021, we see conditions where a demonically-inspired force, *almost visible in our midst*, is creating chaos and confusion in society. Have these conditions happened before? Yes indeed – in the days of Noah prior to the Flood in which Almighty God destroyed a generation that was so evil it threatened the order of human creation itself. It was essential that the status quo be restored by the Creator.

The same conditions are extant now threatening all nations and not just corrupt international finance; they are being propelled by ever-advancing technology. God has most certainly allowed the medical scientific world to discover the ability to save life and even reconstruct elements of human life itself. However, while the incredible beauty of design involved in this science is convincing many that there must be a Creator – conversely

there are ungodly powers that are seeking to pervert this perfect order by sowing the seeds of self-destruction.

It was the Apostle Paul who in prophetic vision declared of the last days of the age that perilous times would come and that there would be a profusion of heady and high-minded traitors in national controlling positions to whom we should not have regard; those *“Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away”* (II Timothy 3:1-7).

The Apostle Peter also was well aware of the constant danger to society if these conditions prevailed when in his epistle to the dispersed of Israel, or “strangers scattered” in Eurasia, he wrote: *“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”* (I Peter 5:8).

This is the evil force in our midst which is defying Almighty God. Its origin emanates from the originator of rebellion being the Deceiver who knows that his time is now very short. His name is **Lucifer** (*Isaiah 14:12* – King James and Douay versions only), better known as Satan. In modern versions of the Bible his identity is cloaked by omitting **his name**; he is presented to us as a **“shining morning star . . . who has weakened the nations,”** this so we can all become **One**

World; he is *not* now identified as an evil personality and least of all a roaring lion.

The Christian covenant nations in particular have been deceived by his destructive evil force in our midst in the takeover of governments by stealth to engineer globalisation. Those rulers who have sought to integrate all races and cultures into a borderless One World under the rule of a pagan elite, have not known *the name* of the Deceiver, whereas when Jesus Christ cast out demons in possession of people, He first required that the demons reveal their **name**. The enforced breakdown of cultural borders, involving racial identity, the ‘marriage’ between same-sex couples, the utter confusion now taking place in sex and gender identification and the destruction of life in the womb, all confirms that Divine intervention cannot be long delayed.

We are dominated by an aggressive Media with anti-God political bias against the descendants of the patriarchs who were chosen and called by God as **the building family** to bring blessing to *all families* in the earth (*Genesis 12:3*). These are the people hated by the servants of Lucifer for they are standing in the way of his domination and slavery of mankind – which he knows is soon to be overthrown.

Thus, it is his strategy to enflame racial and religious conflict through

evil and unclean spirit possession; the sowing of the seeds of ever-increasing sexual confusion and social chaos through the legalising of homosexuality, the redefinition of gender identification, abortion and now, even infanticide! It is very revealing of the source of these evil spirit influences when, as always happens when they are in the ascendant, we see them now fighting among themselves for legitimacy of their rebellion against the Law of the Lord. Let us understand, God cannot be *the author* of this confusion (I Corinthians 14:33).

The pathetic ‘woke-following’ prelates, in Aaronic mode, compromise to please any new pagan and alien religious trend, so denying belief in the power of His unbreakable covenants, *even if they know them*. In recent decades there has also developed a thrusting evangelism, which is short on doctrine but long on ecumenical and inter-faith experience. While it proclaims the Kingdom of God for the individual, it draws back from recognizing the substance of the Word of God **for the nation**. It thus becomes a *form only* of subscribing to the Kingdom, by belief in Christ as the Coming King, without accepting the literal dominion of His Kingdom upon earth which the Scriptures declare to be *continuing* and being prepared, awaiting only His Return for the complete restoration of government. A one-cylinder gospel is inadequate for the need of the hour, when full power is needed to bind “*the prince of the power of the air*” (Ephesians 2:2).

Almighty God is the same unchanging covenant-keeping Deity as when He declared to His ancient Kingdom people that they would become a great people in the earth, even a “**company of nations**,” who would expand nationally on a global basis to lead the other non-Israel nations into blessing – albeit amid the latter days of age-end trial and

conflict out of which they would be delivered (*Jeremiah 30*). What was stated by the Almighty concerning the literal descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, was so clear, indeed so unmistakable, that all that men were required to do was to uphold the integrity of His Word.

Most certainly, the Lord God did not intend that His eternal and unconditional covenants to Israel should be spiritualized out of their literal meaning and context. If it had been that theologians had simply read the Bible and had allowed the Holy Spirit to speak to them through

the meaning of the language itself, then understanding would have followed. This they did not do, but began to impose a spiritualized concept of the Kingdom of God which was dictated by the sufferings of ancient Rome.

In his famous fifth century work, *City of God*, St Augustine of Hippo left an abiding mark on Christian theology which has influenced the whole psychology and philosophy of the servant people of the Western world. The work was produced subsequent to the sacking of Rome by Alaric and his Goths in AD 410,



St Augustine; in the Basilica of Our Lady Help of Christians in Turin, Italy

which event was impressed upon him as retribution for the worship of false gods by “educated pagans.”

There was also the historical context of God’s long “Seven Times” punishment period upon His servant people, the 2,520-years during which He was hiding Israel in the “wilderness” of Europe and the West. It made it appear as if God *had destroyed* His national bride forever; this despite numerous Scriptural promises to the contrary which by covenant oath declare that God would restore and build His national people again. A *new* and *appointed* place of safety was promised other than the original Promised Land (II *Samuel* 7:10).

As far as Augustine could see, there were two cities in conflict, the City of God and the City of the world. The City of God consisted of earthly Jerusalem and Jerusalem above. In no sense does Augustine have a vision of *prophetic* Jerusalem in the Scriptures, with its revealed expansion to the West. The

great doctor of the Latin Church maintains that God’s real purpose in creating the world was the building of the Heavenly City which is on a pilgrimage in this life. Thus, the concept of a spiritual kingdom without literal expression becomes the limit of understanding. It is the struggle of the individual *only*, according to Augustine; the struggle of the nation of the servant people, which is very clearly revealed in Scripture as continuing into the future, is passed over.

While he very rarely identifies the City of God with the Roman Catholic Church, Augustine does distort the clear meaning of the new covenant promise of God to restore *both* Houses of Israel in righteousness, recorded in *Jeremiah* 31, by transferring the promise to the Church or, as he says, “Jerusalem above” (Book 17, 3).

If it be said to be understandable that Augustine should see the struggle in the world as being not on the Roman Pantheon – a temple

of all the gods – but on Christian love, then it must also be said the time is long since passed when our view of the City of God should be confined to the limited concepts of Augustine’s day and indeed, of the Roman Church (with the European Union!). Yet, slavishly, theologians of the Protestant Reformed Church are *still* following the same concept in doctrine on the City of God as when the Roman paganized system of Christianity was in the ascendancy.

In the mind of all those who have taken up the work of Augustine, the City of God has become completely separated from the reality of the Israel destiny as the Kingdom of God upon earth; except of course for the fixation by evangelicals on *geographical* Jerusalem and the Israeli State since 1948. This has become a blinkered view of the besieged state in Palestine as the return of Israel to the Promised Land whereas, in fact, it is the barren fig tree which has not borne fruit (*Mark* 11:13-21).



*The oil of
understanding
in a dark world*

This shallowness of faith is an extremely serious matter. The **oil of understanding** has run out in the lamps of the “foolish virgins” (*Matthew 25:1-13*). There can be nothing more dangerous for the Christian than to have a form of religious belief and yet to be found denying the power of His Word thereof and His great Truth. Indeed, this is the very description of our days given in II *Timothy* chapter 3 and which, ironically, is quoted continually by the Christian folk that it now concerns.

The writer to the Hebrews, or Israelites, declares that God is “*upholding all things by the word of His power*” (*Hebrews 1:3*). As the essential and **only national instrument** of God’s witness to the Gentile nations in the earth, Israel is the *one* nation-state structure for Divinely orientated civilization that, above all else, He is committed to uphold. The Scriptural case for this continuity of the Kingdom is utterly

overwhelming and we are bound to say that if the reader has never before realized this fact, then a real understanding of God’s master plan for the world has hardly begun to unfold. In this respect *Psalms 89* and *Jeremiah 31* with *Hebrews 8* would be a good starting point to understand His covenant Word and promise to *both* Houses of Israel under the Davidic Throne of the Lord.

“The wise took oil in
their vessels”

Matthew 25:4

Having spoken of the new covenant with *all* Israel, the writer to the Hebrews declares that “*The Lord shall judge his people. It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God*” (*Hebrews 10:30-31*). This message should have been

manifestly clear to Christians. Israel as His servant people cannot escape from God and His mercy. He is bringing about a complete restoration of the Kingdom, albeit amid the temporary falling away from faith in our generation. Perhaps the pandemic has been instrumental in changing this decline?

It is one thing for the Christian to be in ignorance of a deeper and wider appreciation of the Truth, but quite another to have heard and, having been presented with an opportunity to consider the case, to deny the very Word of His Power which upholds the foundation of His Kingdom upon earth. In fact, we are convinced that if many understood the degree of seriousness in their rejection of the Identity teaching, they would tremble.

MICHAEL A CLARK

PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

How do you know where you are going? On a journey, do you use a satnav? What is guiding you through your life?

Returning from a day out with the family and the car full, a driver opened the satnav and pressed ‘Ok’ for ‘Home.’ All went well and they were soon on their way chatting happily. There was excited anticipation about further enjoyment in the evening to come.

Suddenly the voice directed ‘Go left at the next junction.’ The driver knew that this was incorrect – going ‘Home’ should be ‘Continue straight on.’ What should be done? Follow the satnav? Ignore the evidence of the driver’s eyes and the knowledge of the route that should be followed? Disobey the satnav? What! Use one’s own judgment and understanding! Can technology be wrong?

The answer – when driving and, most of all, when living – is to have the solid foundation of the best directions; to know where ‘Home’ is to be found. A satnav with the wrong information takes everyone in the wrong direction. Living with the wrong guidance leads to the broad way “*that leadeth to destruction*” (*Matthew 7:13*).

The best directions are there in the pages of Scripture and in the words of our Lord, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*” (*John 14:6*).



THE NAVAL POWERS IN 2021

Britain is still the world's second naval power, and it is up to us to uphold the law of the sea

It might be considered by our detractors that the Divine promise to give the covenant people control of the sea gates of the world in Genesis 22:17 & 24:60 has failed. This significant article by Daniel Hannan, which first appeared (in full) in The Sunday Telegraph of 27 June, 2021, sheds light on the present strategic reality and the fact that the UK's presence in the Black Sea isn't a provocation, but defence of the international order.

Emphasis has been added.

Britain has a permanent interest in open sea-lanes. We live on a set of islands, and depend on the constant flow of containers through Felixstowe, Grimsby, Belfast, Southampton and Liverpool. We have a permanent interest, too, in the principle that borders should not be altered by force.

That is the short answer to those who ask why we sent a Royal Navy vessel to the waters off Crimea – a territory occupied by Russia, but considered Ukrainian by the rest of the world.

Russia responded to the presence of HMS *Defender* with predictable

bellicosity, buzzing her with jets and lobbing ordnance nearby. The presence of British journalists on board the warship prompted some commentators to ask whether the whole exercise was a set-up, a flaunting of our machismo, an exercise in Johnsonian jingoism.

In fact, it was an assertion of the right to free navigation from which all countries benefit, Britain more than most. It was a defence of the international order, a reminder that facts on the ground do not automatically trump the rule of law, and a sign that Britain is still prepared to act as a global adult.

When critics complain of jingoism,

they possibly speak truer than they know. The word has its origins in the Russo-Turkish war of 1877, which provoked widespread concern in Britain that the Tsar would seize the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles, turning the Black Sea into a Russian lake and closing it to international shipping . . .

As the Russians marched on Constantinople in 1878, Britain sent a fleet. The Russians duly halted their advance, and the straits remained open to international shipping. Jingoism, if you like, worked.

The fact that it worked for Disraeli does not, of course, automatically

make it the right strategy today. There are several questions to consider. Should we still think of Russia as an adversary? Do we continue to have interests in the Black Sea? Are we, these days, in a position to police the world's oceans? Might some other country or coalition of countries do the job better?

Let's take those questions in order. First: Russia. These days, there is no geostrategic reason to treat Russia as a threat. We need no longer fear a Russian attack on India, the menace that haunted our Victorian ancestors. In the mid-twentieth century, AJP Taylor argued that Russia, because it was also a semi-European country, was Britain's natural partner, a theory advanced in a slightly different form by Enoch Powell.

What both men failed to take into account was the nature of the regime in the Kremlin. Although Russia might have had no quarrel with us, Soviet Communism most certainly did. So, sadly, does Vladimir Putin, whose agents have twice killed people living here under the Queen's peace – technically an act of war.

Putin's goals are not the same as Lenin's. He does not aim to replicate his regime around the world or to spread revolution. Although, like most Russians, he feels the phantom pain of the amputated republics, Putin's revanchism is limited and local.

His goal is not to re-establish a Russian presence in Afghanistan or East Germany. Rather, it is to pick regular fights with the West so as to keep his people in a state of constant anxiety and wounded patriotism. Even autocrats depend on a measure of genuine public support, and Putin knows that a naval clash off the Crimean coast boosts the siege mentality on which his regime rests.

So why give him what he wants? Because our elemental interest in maritime freedom matters more than whatever propagandist use RT [Russia Today] makes of the encounter. It is fair to point out that we became sticklers for marine laws only as our power grew.

“Let thy seed possess
the gate of those which
hate them”

Genesis 24:60

In the sixteenth century, we were privateers, cheerfully disregarding the international agreements negotiated by Continental states. In the seventeenth, we sought to wrest naval supremacy from the Dutch arguing, among other things, that their ships should salute ours in acknowledgment of our “sovereignty of the seas.” But by the eighteenth we had worked out we would benefit from a global order in which civilian shipping went unmolested and trade flourished.

Since then, we have been the foremost defenders of the laws of the sea and other maritime conventions. If any country can be said to have written the rules, we did.

It is true, of course, that we are no longer the blue-water power we once were. But let's not lose our sense of perspective. When it comes to the ability to project naval force, we are second only to the United States.

When you tot up all the overseas territories that make up our extended archipelago, we are responsible for 4.2 million square miles of ocean – an area around twice the size of India or 30 times the size of the UK. With global insurance, law and shipping

headquartered in London, we have an obvious interest in maintaining a peaceful international order.

We are not alone in wanting peaceful commerce, obviously. Most Western countries share that objective. And, indeed, France and Germany occasionally make a point of sending one of their warships along vital shipping routes. But France and Germany were even [in late June] seeking to draw the EU closer to Russia, to the consternation of its more easterly member states. When Germany decided to go ahead with the Nord Stream 2 pipeline, to the horror of the United States, it signalled that, when it comes to containing Russia, the Anglosphere must take the lead.

Let's be clear about what is involved. Whether it is sending HMS *Defender* to Crimea or HMS *Queen Elizabeth* to the South China Sea, we need to be prepared to follow through. Regular and repeated voyages signal strength. A one-off journey signals weakness. Restoring a presence in distant oceans represents a return to our traditional blue-water vocation.

After 1945, we had good reasons to focus on Western Europe. But that era was, in the run of our history, highly unusual. **As we turn our eyes once more to the high seas, we should be aware of the responsibilities and of the costs. But, if not us, who?**

DANIEL HANNAN

Photo: HMS *Glasgow*; building the world's most advanced naval ship in Govan. CREDIT: BAE Systems

A LAMB IN A LARGE PLACE

A fascinating prophecy concerning the Ten Tribes of the House of Israel is found in *Hosea* 4, verses 15 and 16: “*Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Bethaven, nor swear, The LORD liveth. For Israel slideth back as a backsliding heifer: now the LORD will feed them as a lamb in a large place*” (*Hosea* 4:15-16).

Historians tell us that Gilgal was known as a place of false worship. The IVP Bible Background Commentary says, “The exact location of this site near Jericho has yet to be determined (see *Joshua* 4:19). Among the most likely suggestions, based on Iron Age deposits uncovered in survey work, are sites near Khirbet el-Mefjir, a little over a mile northeast of Jericho. Its name, meaning ‘ring of stones,’ suggests its importance as a cultic center. Both Amos (*Amos* 4:4; *Amos* 5:5) and Hosea (*Hosea* 9:15; *Hosea* 12:11) condemn Gilgal for the religious

transgressions and inappropriate sacrifices made there. The nature of these religious activities is not spelled out, but it may be presumed that they involved the worship of gods other than Yahweh.”

Similarly, Beth-Aven, “house of wickedness,” was a pun on the name of the city of Bethel, “house of God.” This was the prophet’s way of denouncing the false worship found there and identifying it as an illegitimate place of worship. The prophets Hosea and Amos were the two Old Testament prophets whose ministry focused specifically on Ephraim, the ten northern tribes. Hosea refers to them as “a backsliding heifer,” meaning that they were a stubborn and rebellious people. God therefore issued his judgment upon them, saying through Hosea, “*now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place.*”

This prophecy has fascinated and bewildered Bible students. What

is the “large place” to which God would lead them? The Jameson, Faucett, and Brown Commentary says, “It shall be no longer in the narrow territory of Israel, but ‘in a large place,’ namely, they shall be scattered in exile over the wide realm of Assyria.” Bishop Horsley had a similar interpretation: “Sheep love to feed at large. The sheep of Ephraim shall presently have room enough. They shall be scattered over the whole surface of the vast Assyrian empire, where they will be at liberty to turn very heathen. It is remarkable, however, that it is said that even in this state, Jehovah will feed them. They are still, in their utmost humiliation, an object of his care.”

Barnes Commentary, however, specifies a different location for Israel in exile: “To Israel, this ‘wide place’ was the wide realms of the Medes, where they were withdrawn from God’s worship and deprived of His protection.” Media was a



different land to the east of Assyria. Actually, the Bible tells us that the ten tribes were exiled to both countries: “*Halah and in Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes*” (II Kings 17:6).

Did these Israel tribes remain permanently in Assyria and Media? A Commentary on the Holy Bible (J.R. Dummelow, ed.) tells us, “A large place always in Scripture is used as a symbol of safety (*Psalm 18:19; Psalm 118:5*).” The territory ruled by the ruthless Assyrians and Medes could not be considered a place of safety for God’s people! They would therefore have left for safer pastures as soon as events would allow their escape. Some Bible expositors insist the exiled Israel tribes are still remaining in that exact same location even today, but the Geneva Bible translation notes tell us, “God will so disperse them that they will not remain in any certain place.”

Other expositors also realize that these cast off Israel tribes have wandered far from their original home and far from their original place of exile. The Interpretation of the English Bible Commentary speaks of, “...the final casting out of the people by God so that they should become wanderers among the nations.” Similarly, the Companion Bible describes Israel’s exile location as “an unenclosed space: i.e. the lands of the heathen.” Where was this unenclosed space to which they were later to be found?

The People’s Bible, a commentary by the famous nineteenth century Rev. Joseph Parker, tells us: “Israel said, ‘I want liberty, I do not want this moral bondage any longer; I do not want to be surrounded by commandments, I do not want to live in a cage of ten bars called the ten commandments of God; I want liberty; let me follow my reason, my instincts; let me obey myself.’ The Lord said, ‘So be it. Thou shalt

have liberty enough, but it shall be the liberty of a wilderness.”

The MacArthur Bible Commentary also places them in an immense wilderness land: “Because Israel was like a stubborn calf, God no longer attempted to corral her, abandoning her as a lamb in a vast wilderness.”

“Go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel”

Matthew 10:6

A wilderness indicates a wild, largely unpopulated region. The Popular Commentary explains, “Now the Lord will feed them as a lamb in a large place, by removing them to a distant and large country, where they would be far removed from those with whom they were associated in their idolatry.” This was, in fact, the moral purpose in God removing the House of Israel, the ten tribes, from the land of Canaan where pagan nations surrounded them and induced them into false worship and idolatry. The prophet Hosea, writing to these lost and dispersed tribes reveals God’s ultimate purpose in the exile: “*I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely: for mine anger is turned away from him*” (*Hosea 14:4*).

Bible readers are generally unaware that in the Scriptures, as Lang’s Commentary informs us, “The phrase, ‘to feed in a large place,’ is elsewhere used in a good sense (*Isaiah 30:23; Psalm 18:19; 118:5*).” God would employ the seemingly disastrous conquest and exile of His people for their own ultimate good.

God therefore took them away to a wilderness region that was nearly vacant where He could restore them for His purposes. The Apocrypha tells us exactly the same thing.

In II *Esdras* 13:40-45, we read: “*Those are the ten tribes, which were carried away prisoners out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, That they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow places of the river. For the most High then shewed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth.*”

Famous theologian, Dean Prideaux, said of these exiled ten tribes, “They...thenceforth utterly lost their name, their language, their memorial, and were never any more spoken of” as Israel. They would lose their identity as God’s Israel and be known by other names. Where was their land of exile? The only unpopulated large region located a suitable remoteness from the idolatries of old Canaan was in Europe. In the early pre-Christian era it was indeed “an immense wilderness,” an “unenclosed space” where Jehovah God could “heal their backsliding” and make them “an object of His care.” It was not by accident that the New Testament apostles, being told by Christ to “*go to the lost sheep of the house of Israel*” (*Matthew 10:5-6*), proceeded directly to Europe. God used the apostles and their followers to restore them through the Gospel and keep His promise to remember them in their exile and affliction.

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THE MARVELS OF NATURE AND SCIENCE

“But now ask the beasts and they will teach you; and the birds of the air and they will tell you; or speak to the earth and it will teach you; and the fish of the sea will explain to you. Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this? In whose hand is the life of every living thing and the breath of all mankind? Does not the ear test words and the mouth taste its food? Wisdom is with aged men and with length of days, understanding. With Him are wisdom and strength, He has counsel and understanding” (Job 12:7-13).

There is much in modern technology that is marvellous. However, the incredible complexity and intricacy of God’s Creation is infinitely more marvellous. Many of today’s scientific achievements were inspired by and modelled on marvels of nature.

Flight

For centuries, men dreamed of flying. However, men do not have muscles powerful enough to lift their own bodyweight into the air. In 1781 James Watt invented a steam engine that produced rotary power. In 1876 Nikolaus Otto built an internal combustion engine.

The brothers Wilbur and Orville Wright had wanted to fly ever since they had played with kites as boys. Later they learned engineering skills by building bicycles. They realized that the key challenge of flight

was to design a craft that could be controlled. A plane that could not be balanced in the air is as useless as a bicycle that cannot be steered.

Learning from the Birds

Wilbur watched birds in flight and noticed how they bank into a turn, as a cyclist does. He concluded that birds turn and keep balance by twisting their wingtips. He resolved to design a wing that could twist.

In 1900 Wilbur and Orville built an aircraft with twistable wings. They flew it first as a kite and then later as a piloted glider. They discovered that an aircraft needs three basic controls to adjust pitch, roll and side-to-side movement. However, they were frustrated that the wings did not produce enough lift. The Wright brothers built a wind tunnel and experimented with hundreds of wing shapes until they found the ideal shape, size and angle.

In 1902 with the new design, they mastered the art of balancing the aircraft on the wind. Now they needed to mount an engine on it. With the knowledge they had gained with their wind tunnel, they designed a propeller. They also had to build their own engine. Finally, on 17 December 1903, the Wright brothers started the engine, the propellers spun and the aircraft lifted off into the cold wind. This introduced the age of flight.

Learning from Creation

As the brothers became international celebrities, they pointed out that God’s Creation taught them all the principles of flight. The Word of God tells us: *“But now ask ...the birds of the air and they will tell you ...the hand of the Lord has done this...” (Job 12:7-9).*

Feathers and Bones

It is apparent that everything about



An albatross adjusting its wings during flight



Swallows preparing to migrate

birds is designed for flight. The wings of birds are so light, yet very strong. The shafts of wing feathers support a bird's entire weight during flight. How can they be so light, yet so strong? If you cut through the shaft of a feather, you will see an engineering masterpiece. The shafts of feathers have a foam sandwich of cross beams which strengthen the light design. Engineers have studied the shafts of bird feathers and used the foam sandwich theme design in aircraft. The bones of birds are hollow and, in many cases, are strengthened by internal struts in a form which engineers call the warren girder. When engineers designed the wings of the space shuttle, they incorporated these features that have been observed in the bones of birds.

Control

Pilots balance modern aircraft by adjusting flaps on the wings and tail. The average bird uses some 48 muscles in its wings and shoulders to change the configuration and motion of its wings and individual feathers. Birds can make multiple adjustments several times a second. The eagles and falcons are the example and envy of aircraft designers.

Engine and Energy

Flight, especially take off, consumes a lot of energy. So, birds need a powerful, fast-burning engine. A bird's heart beats faster than that of a similar-sized mammal and is usually larger and more powerful than the heart of a similar sized mammal. Also, the birds' lungs have a different, one-way flow design that is more efficient than mammals. One measure of an aircraft's efficiency is whether it can take off carrying sufficient fuel. When a Boeing 747 takes off for a ten-hour flight, roughly one third of its weight is fuel. Similarly, a migrating thrush may lose almost half of its body weight on a ten-hour flight.

The Swallow

The barn swallow is one of the wonders of God's Creation. At 18g it is one of the smallest migrating birds. The average barn swallow flies 12,000 km each year. It leaves Europe during its August/September autumn each year to spend its summer in the Southern Hemisphere. The barn swallow breeds in Europe, but summers in South Africa. Barn swallows fly up to 50 km a day, even when at home, to forage. They serve God and people by controlling the aerial insect populations (including mosquitos). Their migratory journey from KwaZulu/Natal to Germany may take a month. They fly an average of 400 km a day. Approximately 3,000,000 barn swallows migrate between South Africa and Germany each year.

When a bar-tailed godwit takes off from Alaska, heading for New Zealand, over half its body weight is fat. Astonishingly this bird flies for over 190 hours (eight days) nonstop! No commercial aircraft can do that.

Navigation

Perhaps you have had the problem of finding your way across an unfamiliar town. Even with maps and directions you can get lost. So how do navigators find their way across featureless oceans? Merely having a compass does not help unless the navigator knows what his position is in relation to his destination. Not until the invention of the sextant and the marine chronometer in the 1730s could navigators determine their exact location and plot their course on a map. Each fix required hours of calculation.

However, today, motorists in many countries navigate using a Global Positioning System (GPS). Originally designed in the 1960s for military use, to guide, for example, cruise missiles, the GPS was later made available to the public

becoming fully operational in 1996. The GPS is a marvel of computer technology. The device can show your exact location on the screen and guide you to the address where you want to go.

Satellite navigation devices depend on about 30 satellites that each broadcast signals indicating the satellite position and the time to an accuracy of a few billionth of a second. Once your GPS has established contact with three satellites, it accurately measures how long a signal takes to travel from the satellite to your receiver. This requires complex calculations. In a few seconds a GPS computes the distance to three satellites, all thousands of kilometres away, travelling in different directions, at speeds of many kilometres per second. Yet the GPS is clearly not the first automatic navigation device.

God's Positioning System

"Even the stork in the heavens knows her appointed times; and a turtle dove, the swift and the swallow observe the time of their coming. But My people do not know the judgment of the Lord" (Jeremiah 8:7). Jeremiah wrote about the migrating of the storks and swallows over 2,500 years ago. Today people still marvel at creatures that migrate.

Migrations

Consider the salmon which can swim thousands of kilometres in the ocean and return to the stream where they were born. Leatherback sea turtles have made incredible journeys. One that nested in the Indonesia was tracked as it migrated 20,000 km to the coast of Oregon in the United States. Leatherback turtles often return to the same area of Indonesia to nest again.

Monarch butterflies from vast areas of North America migrate more than 1,700 km to a small area of Mexico.

Even though they have never been to Mexico before, they find a way, often to the same trees where their great grandparents roosted the previous year. Just how they do it still baffles researchers.

Homing pigeons have been transported more than 150 km to unfamiliar places, while under deep anaesthesia, or in rotating drums, yet, after circling a few times, they have calculated their position and turned accurately towards home. As researchers have even gone so far as to force these pigeons to wear frosted eyeglasses, they believe that

pigeons calculate their position in relation to home by detecting the directions by which they receive important navigational information.

Scientists took 18 albatrosses by plane from a small island in the centre of the Pacific Ocean to several locations, thousands of kilometres away and released them. Some were taken to the Western rim of the Pacific Ocean, others to the Eastern rim. Yet within a few weeks, most of the albatross had returned to their small island in the centre of the Pacific!

Whereas our automatic navigation devices may depend totally on satellites, many animals seem to be able to use various navigational methods, from observing landmarks and the sun to detecting magnetic fields, distinctive smells and even sounds.

Biology professor James Gould wrote: *“Animals whose lives depend on accurate navigation are uniformly over engineered ... they usually come equipped with alternate strategies, a whole series of backups, between which they switch depending on which is providing the most reliable information.”* The sophistication of animal navigation continues to confound scientific investigators.

Cell Phones

In 1973, Doctor Martin Cooper was the first to demonstrate a handheld cellular telephone. It had a battery, a radio and a microprocessor (a mini computer). New Yorkers were stunned to see Cooper making a phone call on the street. This invention was only made possible because of previous inventions. The invention of a reliable battery by 1800, the development of the telephone by 1876, the radio by 1895 and the computer by 1946. The invention of the microprocessor in 1971 made cell phones possible.

Voice and Hearing

However, communication with sophisticated devices was not actually that new. Since the dawn of Creation, a communication device which has often been taken for granted is the human voice. Over half of the billions of neurons in the motor cortex of your brain are involved in controlling your speech organs. About 100 muscles operate the complex mechanisms of your jaw, throat, lips, tongue and chest to enable you to speak.

Of course, the human voice would be of no benefit without the ear.



The ear is also part of the same communication system. The ear converts sound into electrical impulses that the brain can process. Your brain analyses sounds so that you can recognize people by the timbre of their voice. Your brain also measures how many millionth of a second one ear hears before the other and thus calculates precisely in which direction and roughly what distance a sound comes from. These are just two of the features that enable you to listen to one person at a time even though several others may be speaking in the background. So, sophisticated wireless communication with caller recognition is not that new. It is first found in how God created us.

Television

Soon after men learned to broadcast sound, inventors wondered if they could also transmit live pictures. To appreciate the challenge, consider how television works. First a TV camera focuses a scene onto a target device that reads the picture. Instead of reading lines of letters on a page, as we read books, the Television scans lines of spots, or pixels, in the picture. It converts these pixels into an electronic video signal that can be transmitted to another place. A receiver then converts this electronic signal back into a live picture. John Logie Baird, from Scotland, has been credited as the inventor of Television. When poor health caused him to give up his job as an electrical engineer, he devoted his time to a subject which had fascinated him since he was a teenager, how to build a machine that could transport live images.

Baird's television camera used a hatbox, perforated by 30 holes, as a disc. As the disc spun the holes scanned successive lines of the picture and they allowed light to fall onto a photoelectric cell. The cell produced a video signal that was transmitted to a receiver. In the receiver, the signal was amplified to

illuminate a variable light behind a similar spinning disc to reproduce the picture. The challenge was to synchronize the disc. To support himself while working on this project, Baird raised funds by polishing shoes. On the 2 October 1925, Baird transmitted the first television picture from one end of his attic to the other. The first person ever to appear on television was a frightened office boy from downstairs. He was paid half a crown for his services. In 1928 Baird broadcast the first television pictures across the Atlantic.

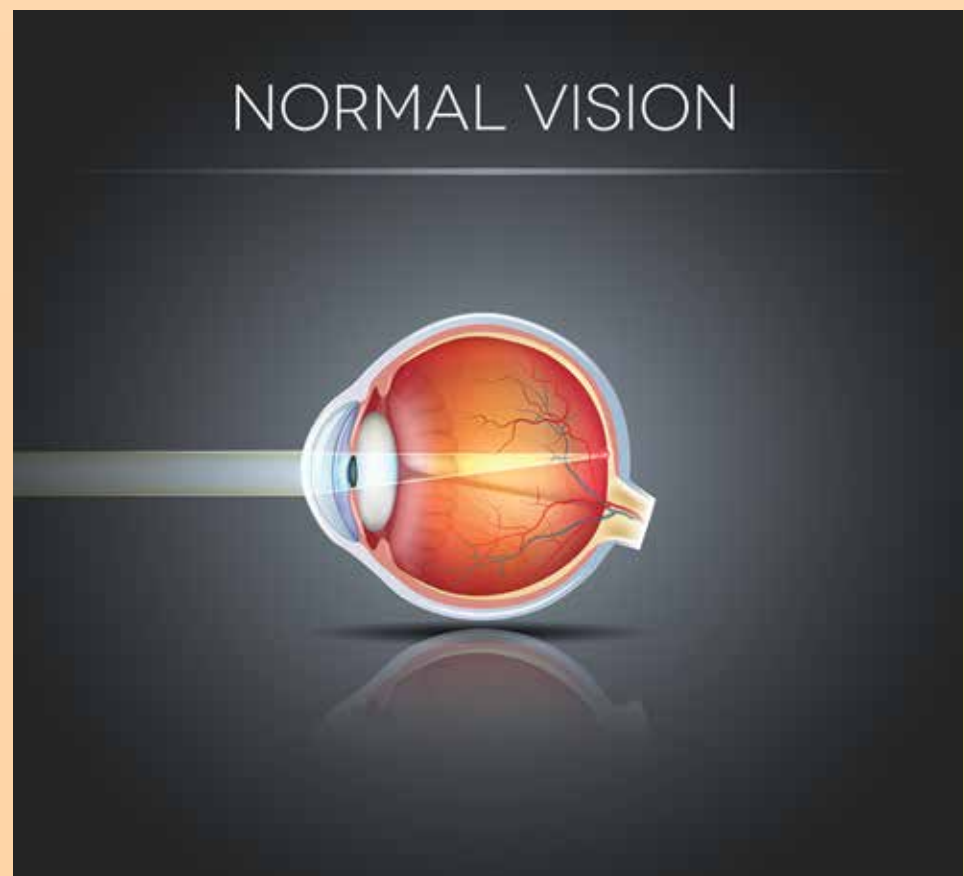
Eyes

However, this was not the first time that live pictures were ever transmitted. *“The hearing ear and the seeing eye the Lord has made them both”* (Proverbs 20:12).

Your eyes are like tiny television cameras. They convert images into electrical signals and transmit these signals along the optic nerve to the back of your brain, where the actual seeing takes place. The eye is a magnificent marvel in miniature. Just 24 mm in diameter and 7.5 g

in weight, the eye is ingeniously engineered. For example, it has separate systems for dim and bright lighting. 30 minutes after entering a dark room your eyes may become 10,000 times more sensitive to light. Your eye has over 100 times more light sensitive cells (pixels) than most video cameras. A large portion of those cells are packed into a small spot at the centre of the retina called the fovea, which provides the sharpest vision. Electrical signals from the light sensitive cells pass from one nerve cell to another towards the optic nerve. But the nerve cells do far more than just pass the signals on. They process the images, enhancing vital information and suppressing unneeded details.

The visual cortex of your brain is a live sophisticated video receiver. It sharpens images by enhancing edges and compares the signals from cells sensitive to primary colours so that you can distinguish literally millions of shades of colour. Your brain also compares the tiny dissimilarities between what your two eyes see, so that you can perceive distance and depth.



Consider how your eyes can recognise faces in a distant crowd and send electronic impulses to your brain, which then transforms the signals into clear images. Consider how subtle details of these faces are compared with one's in your memory, so that you instantly recognise your friend. Is that process not awe inspiring? ***"Oh Lord, how manifold are Your works! In wisdom You have made them all. The earth is full of Your possessions"*** (Psalm 104:24).

Purpose and Intelligent Design

Frequently, one reads in secular humanist scientific journals, which report to believe in Evolution, statements such as this: Of all the body coverings nature has designed, feathers are the most various and the most mysterious. According to the Oxford dictionary, to design means to *"plan something with a specific purpose or intention in mind."*

Secular humanists who believe in Evolution frequently refer to "Nature" designing things. Although they may claim that they believe Nature is a mere force, they attribute intelligent design to it. Can an impersonal force design things? What many Evolutionists refer to as nature, we know to be Creation and the Creator does have a Name. ***"For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to Salvation for everyone who believes ...for the wrath of God is revealed from Heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who suppressed the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the Creation of the world, His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse"*** (Romans 1:16-20).

The Wisdom of God

From nature, we learn that God's wisdom is superior to ours. If God can design things better than inventors can, does it not stand to reason that He can advise us better than human counsellors can?

As Francis Bacon, the father of the Scientific method once put it: *"There are two books laid before us to study; to prevent us falling into error; first the volume of the Scriptures, which reveal the Will of God, then the volume of the Creators, which express His power."*

Celestial Mechanics

The great Astronomer Johannes Kepler, (1571-1630), is the founder of Celestial Mechanics. He was described as a *"Brilliant mathematician and astronomer; he contributed to the Scientific Revolution with his work on the planetary orbits, laws of motion and the Scientific method. Kepler's accomplishments formed the foundation of modern theoretical astronomy."* Kepler viewed all science as man attempting to *"think God's thoughts after Him."*

The Works of God

Sir Isaac Newton, (1642-1727), the father of calculus and dynamics, was a scientific genius and a dedicated Christian. Newton formulated the theory of gravitation and the laws of motion. He made vital contributions to mathematics, astronomy and physics. Newton maintained that there were two key sources of knowledge, one revealed in the Bible and the other revealed in nature. Newton believed that in order to *"truly know the Creator, one must study the natural order of things."* Newton dedicated his life to know the Word of God (the Bible) and to know the works of God (Creation).

What hath God wrought

Samuel F. B. Morse, (1791-1872), was the man responsible for the

development of the modern telegraph and the Morse code. This was one of the greatest innovations in the world of communication. Samuel deeply absorbed his family's Calvinism, which he eventually translated and applied to all his Scientific work. In 1844, Samuel Morse astonished the US Congress, gathered in the Supreme Court chamber, by sending the words from Numbers 23:23 ***"What hath God wrought!"*** The first intercity telegraph line in the world communicated these words of Scripture to inaugurate the great invention. Morse laid the foundations for the development of modern communications.

Communication

The Designer of our organs for communication obviously wants to communicate with us. If we find learning about inventors interesting, we will find that learning about the Creator is far more fascinating. Whether they acknowledge it or not, Scientists have learned design from our Creator God. God speaks to us through General Revelation in Creation and through Special Revelation in the Bible. When we study His works in the light of His Word, we come to understand the God of Creation, ***"God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son..."*** (Hebrews 1:1-2).

"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work" (II Timothy 3:16-17).

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WHY WAS JESUS BAPTISED AT BETHANY BEYOND THE JORDAN?

By understanding the geography of where biblical events took place we often discover that extra levels of meaning are revealed in the biblical text. Have you ever considered why Jesus was baptized at Bethany Beyond the Jordan? What is the significance of this location?

Many will know that at this place, just north of the Dead Sea, Joshua led the Israelites into the Promised Land over a thousand years before Christ and will see the connection between Joshua and Jesus, and between the Israelites and the followers of Christ. We see the pattern linking Joshua leading Israel into the Promised Land with Jesus leading His followers into the Kingdom.

Yet, there is something geographically significant about this location which didn't become evident to us until a few years ago when we were blessed to be able to visit this spot.

Going down...

Having flown into Amman, Jordan, we were picked up by our taxi driver who took us down to the Jordan River. We descended several thousand feet as our driver navigated a series of narrow switchbacks as the road dropped from the Madaba Plateau into the Great Rift Valley and to the banks of the Jordan River, where we eventually arrived at the ancient crossing site, just to the north of the Dead Sea.

It was on arriving at this location that its significance

became clear to us. Not only is this site significant because it is where the Israelites crossed into the Promised Land, but the Dead Sea and the region surrounding it is the lowest point on the surface of the earth. We were standing some 1400 feet below sea level. We were at the lowest point on the surface of the earth... you could go no deeper.

But why is this significant? Why is it significant that Jesus was baptized at the lowest point on the surface of the earth?

The Significance of Mountains

To understand the significance of the location of Jesus' baptism we need to know something about what mountains meant to people in the ancient world.

In the ancient world mountains were considered to be places where heaven and earth met. It is where one could be "closer to God" who dwells in the heavens. We see examples of God meeting His people in places like Mount Sinai and Mount Zion, the transfiguration of Jesus occurring on a mountain, and Jesus' ascension occurring from the Mount of Olives.

Mountains were therefore seen as places where heaven and earth were close together.

He comes down to meet Us

With this understanding it naturally follows that the lowest point on earth represents the point where heaven and earth are as far apart as possible. Whilst at the top of the mountain God and the people are close, at the lowest point of the earth they are far removed.

The baptism of Jesus at the location of Bethany Beyond the Jordan was a highly visible declaration, showing that no matter how far man has fallen from the presence of the Almighty God, no matter how grievous the sin, He will come down to us and meet us there. He will meet us at the lowest point of our lives, and through His eternal sacrifice provide a path to restoration and life.

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A sign on the way from Amman to the Jordan river showing a cross section of the topography.



The traditional site where it is believed that Jesus was baptized.

THE GREAT CONTEST

SPIRITUAL REVIVAL OR TRUST IN SUPRANATIONAL ORGANISATIONS?

I am still reminded of the wonderful Editorial¹ focusing on the "...mixing ourselves and our laws and culture with other nations and pagan supranational organisations..."

The above highlights the problems of globalist and green state 'last days' godless evil fueled by political correctness and an "unclean' spiritual onslaught by pro-EU legal Lords." Will there be a real stand against this as with Churchill's stand against the total evils of 1939-1945?

Covenant nation Britain, indeed all covenant nations, were faithful to Almighty God before the 1960s. The deception quoted above, aided by the liberal church, has led them astray to unfaithfulness, unholiness and disobedience. Remember another Editorial² "With death striking at the leading covenant nations and people's livelihoods under threat, many people who have never given God a serious thought in their lives (we hear) have been praying for the first time in their lives. This is significant as the Lord declared "**If I**

send pestilence among my people: *If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways: then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal **their land**"* (II Chronicles 7:13-14).

The liberal church has gone soft on holiness (Leviticus 18:22; Romans 1:24-27; I Corinthians 6:9-10). The liberal church has corrupted biblical truth. Further we remember in relation to the quote above "mixing ourselves and our laws and culture with other nations," Almighty God gives a warning with anger as He did with the House of Israel: "*Be careful not to make a treaty with those who live in the land where you are going, or they will be a snare among you*" (Exodus 34:12).

"...and you shall not make a covenant with the people of this land... ..you have disobeyed me. Why have you done this? Now therefore I tell you that I will not drive them out before you; they will be thorns in your sides and their

gods will be a snare to you. When the angel of the LORD had spoken these things to all the Israelites, the people wept aloud..." (Judges 2:2-4).

Complacency and giving in to claims of discrimination led to history repeating itself:

"Foreigners sap his strength, but he does not realize it. His hair is sprinkled with grey, but he does not notice" (Hosea 7:9).

This leads me to a further deception of supranational organisations such as the EU and the United Nations. When will all covenant nations forget their evil intentions? When will they remember their "*first love*" and "*the height from which they have fallen*" (Revelation 2:4-5)! We pray for repentance and spiritual revival.

Before focusing on what has led them astray, I need to encourage us on the biblical truth of Holy Scripture which teaches us what is right, how to get right and how to keep right.

God is the creator and sustainer of His world in which we live. Scripture is clear on this, "*In Him [The Lord God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,] we live and move and have our being*" (Acts 17:28). This means that the whole of our past, the nanosecond of our present and our future – each breath – is given by the one true Lord God Almighty.

Remembering the Beginning: "*In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth*" (Genesis 1:1).

Here we notice 'God' (Hebrew, Elohim) 'created' (Hebrew, bara). God created out of nothing (Latin, 'ex-nihil'). 'Elohim' is plural and



'bara' is singular. Immediately we see the Holy Trinity singularly creating.

Consider current studies in science: the question of intelligent design was a difficult thought for many philosophers who looked to evolution for an answer to beginnings even though they had the answer in Holy Scripture! The reality is that intelligent design does not go far enough in answering the creation of the universe. When we focus on intelligent design, by definition a high degree of understanding the plan and purpose of our universe and our existence is the focus. The true reality is that intelligent design does not adequately define what God had done in His continual timely loving care of His creation and its maintenance and renewal. This is God's providence; He who sustains His creation with His omnipotence, omnipresence and His omniscience.

Hence the problem of our covenant nations today and their unfaithfulness and disobedience causing their focus on evolution not Scripture. The study of organic evolution and biophysics is an interesting research subject and the work by Spetner³, on chance, seriously refutes the theory of evolution. In the history of evolutionism, Darwin thought that the universe began and was simply run by fixed laws and that there was no place or need of a divine creator. Man was answerable to himself only. Darwin believed that life formed from inanimate matter in a natural way in a primeval swamp. Do you really think our ancient ancestors came from a swamp?

William Paley, a philosopher and a Christian, published a work in 1794 called "A View of the Evidences of Christianity." This was followed by another work "Natural Theology" in 1802 where he emphasised the existence of a creator with his famous statement "Argument from design." He mentions about

a watch being found in the desert and argued that the watch had not come into being all by itself or by chance. Paley argued that just as the watch had to have a creator, all the more the creation of living things definitely emphasised a creator.

Further, the truth that Almighty God is in total control:

"Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth take their stand and the rulers gather together against the Lord and against his Anointed One. [This is Jesus, concealed in the Old Covenant and revealed in His New Covenant]. Let us break their chains, they say, and throw off their fetters. The One enthroned in heaven laughs; the Lord scoffs at them. Then he rebukes them in his anger and terrifies them in his wrath, saying, I have installed my King [my son Jesus] on Zion, my holy hill. I will proclaim the decree of the Lord: He said to me, You are my Son; today I have become your Father" (Psalm 2:1-7).

Intelligent design is limited in relation to God's plan for and His sustaining of His creation. This can be seen in the following example which highlights the difference between Paley's watch and a living organism. The example follows – a mechanic was complaining about how much he had to pay a doctor. He was repairing the engine of a car and charged a certain amount for his work. He then found that a doctor who had performed heart surgery had charged 100 times more for the heart surgery operation than the mechanic had charged for servicing the car engine. When he was telling this to a Doctor, the Doctor replied "Perhaps the Doctor's fee had something to do with the fact that the heart was still running!" He asked the mechanic "Did you service the engine while it was still running?"

So, continuing on, the argument from design was successful in

dampening evolutionism, however, unbelief in Almighty God led to the Religion of Evolutionism being favoured in many scientific circles. We are beginning to understand the problem of unbelief and trusting in the fraud of evolution. This fraud continues in the error of climate change which God has under His control.

In Darwin's work we have to distinguish between his theory of descent and his theory of natural selection. Of the first, the theory of descent says that all living organisms arose from a single simple form. They all developed in a natural way into their present forms. Darwin held natural selection to be the mechanism through which evolution works. Many people had suggested ideas about evolution long before Darwin wrote his book, but none was widely accepted.

Darwin's process from simple to complex was to take a long series of steps – many steps over long periods of time for each step, building on the step before. He really had no concepts of the variations, **assuming** that they were there, and **then saying it was a fact they were there**. This is not logical. Darwin thought there were "causes" **but had no idea of these causes**. Spetner records⁴: "Darwin simply looked to chance in his work of 1873." It is true that Darwin led the world into concepts of evolution with many biologists following him but not really acknowledging the problems with his theory. He focused on chance. When Darwin died, tradition recorded that he said he was sorry to Almighty God in that his ideas were not sufficiently correct.

There is a great deception in evolution theory, rejecting the reality of Holy Scripture, which many may accept until they see Jesus face to face when they pass from His world awaiting eternity

with Him or not with Him!

Let us compare the two creation orders:

1. Bible creation truth order *Genesis* 1: earth created before sun and stars (v. 12); earth initially covered with water (v. 6); oceans before dry land (v. 9); life on land first (v. 11); plants before sun (v. 12); fish and birds (v. 20); land animals follow (v. 24); man, and creatures (dinosaurs).
2. Evolution theory corresponding order: stars and sun before earth; earth; dry land; then oceans; life began in oceans; plants after sun; fish before birds; animals before large sea creatures; dinosaurs extinct before man appears.

Further, the attempts to push to a godless global 'last days' one-world government shows the rejection of Almighty God and His sustaining and maintaining His creation. This is clearly seen in the greed forcing the fraud of climate change. Australia is blessed with the best coal (anthracite) in God's world. Technology has enabled coal-fired stations to produce the cheapest, cleanest base-load power. Professor Ian Plimer, Australia's leading geologist in his book 'Climate Change Delusions and the Great Electricity Rip-off' makes the following comments⁵ on the deception of human induced climate change:

"Very cold minimum temperatures measured in 2017 by government agencies are expunged from the record or changed to a warmer temperature to show a warming trend."

There is no relationship between measured temperature and CO2 emissions.

Plimer continues:

"The fraudulent 'homogenisation' of raw data, the inaccessibility of stored raw data, the deletion of large volumes of raw data, the opacity of modeling methods, the omission of validation

past climate data, the uncertainty of measurement, claims of a consensus and the demonising of dissent all show that climate 'science' has nothing to do with science but, rather, is post-modernist political activist thuggery. These historical temperature records may be nigh on useless.

Taxpayers fund climate research and institutions like the Bureau of Meteorology, CSIRO and universities. We expect accountability and independent dispassionate information and should not have to pay crippling electricity bills because of fraudulent environmental activism.

Attempts to change global temperature or stop global climate change are deluded and are essentially attempts to control to every aspect of our lives by unelected opaque organisations such as the UN.

Climate change activism is the main weapon of the culture wars to deconstruct Western civilization.

The 97% consensus fraud: We hear from the media that, in the scientific community, there is little controversy and 97% of climate scientists conclude that humans are causing global warming. Is that really true? It is a zombie statistic. However much you try to kill it off, it keeps coming back and it's simply not true.

In the scientific circles I mix in, there is an overwhelming skepticism about human-induced climate change and many of my scientific colleagues claim that the mantra of human-induced global warming is the biggest scientific fraud of all time. And future generations will pay."

When will true Christians, true Ministers, politicians and businessmen take a stand for spiritual revival? Almighty God has an eternal warning for the false shepherds of church and state:

Concerning the prophets: My heart is broken within me... like a man overcome by wine, because of the

Lord and his holy words. The land is full of adulterers... The prophets follow an evil course and use their power unjustly. Both prophet and priest are godless; even in my temple I find their wickedness, declares the Lord. Therefore, their path will become slippery; they will be banished to darkness and there they will fall. I will bring disaster on them in the year they are punished, declares the Lord. And among the prophets of Jerusalem ['the foundation of peace'] I have seen something horrible: They commit adultery and live a lie. They strengthen the hands of evildoers, so that no one turns from his wickedness. They are all like Sodom to me; the people of Jerusalem are like Gomorrah. This is what the Lord Almighty says: Do not listen to what the prophets are prophesying to you; they fill you with false hopes. They speak visions from their own minds, not from the mouth of the Lord. They keep saying to those who despise me, The Lord says: You will have peace. And to all who follow the stubbornness of their hearts they say, No harm will come to you... See, the storm of the Lord will burst out in wrath, a whirlwind swirling down on the heads of the wicked. The anger of the Lord will not turn back until he fully accomplishes the purposes of his heart. In days to come you will understand it clearly" (Jeremiah 23:9-20).

Today this is happening to our covenant nations. We pray for Spiritual revival.

Blessings

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THE ATHEISTIC STRATEGY IN PLAIN SIGHT

Change the Bible to destroy *the* Faith

For many decades it has been known to us that those aiming at a pagan One World needed a Bible that was not the **inspired** *Holy* Bible, which is *not* copyrighted, but which could be accepted by all religions. Thus in the many new editions, copyrighted *because they are different*, that emerged in the second half of the 20th century words and text have been gradually changed.

The following is extracted from a speech reported to have been made in 2020 to an informal meeting (by invitation only) among those working towards the ‘Great ReSet.’ The speaker who was described as ‘an avowed atheist’ which appeared on the Christian website ‘Stranger Than Fiction’ is reported to have said:

“The major religions of today have to be changed – because they are not compatible with the changes to come . . . In order to do this, the Bible will be changed. It will be rewritten to fit the new religion – gradually. Key words will be replaced with new words, having various changes of meaning. Then the meaning attached to the new word can be close to the old word – and as time goes on, other shades of meaning can be emphasized, and then gradually, that word can be replaced with another word . . . the idea is that everything in the Scriptures might not need to be rewritten, just key words replaced by other words – and the meaning and variability attached to any word can be used as a tool to change the entire meaning of Scripture – and therefore make it acceptable to this new religion. Most people won’t know the difference.”

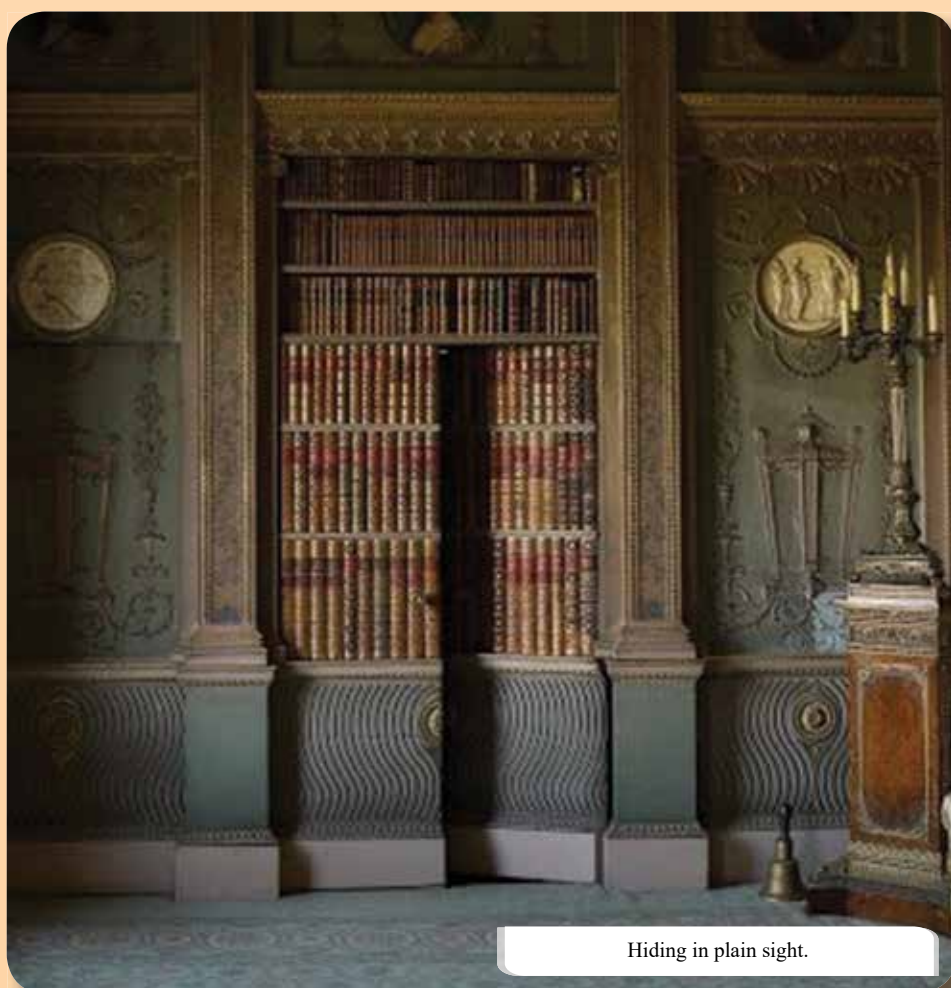
The reporter commented that this was one of a number of times where he said that the few who do know the difference won’t be enough to matter. Then followed one of the most surprising statements of the whole presentation. He said: “You probably think that the churches will not stand for this,” But he predicted: “**The churches will help us,**” There was no elaboration on this; it was unclear what he meant when he said: “The churches will help us.”

We have been aware for many years of subtle changes to our National Prophetic Record, the Hebrew Bible, through the lack of knowledge of the Kingdom truth, this to fit with the Roman Catholic dogma of the

spiritualization of the Kingdom. For example, in one popular translation – the NIV – the record of the two kingdoms as being “Houses” of Israel and Judah has been omitted in *Jeremiah* 31:31 and *Hebrews* 8:8, which obscures God’s clearly defined Great Plan in the division of the Kingdom (*I Kings* 12:24) and the covenanted redemption of the Hebraic-Kingdom people on earth.

Finally and most significantly, is the omission of the name ‘Lucifer’ in *Isaiah* 14:12 in all modern translations. Thus Satan, the Deceiver, *has become the bright and enlightened one!*

MICHAEL A CLARK



Hiding in plain sight.

COVENANT PUBLISHING NEWS

There are powerful forces at work in the world affecting all the nations and the defences against them need to be kept strong. Elsewhere in this magazine some of the points of attack have been described and a previous one (CN Vol 5 No 2) emphasized the national aspect of the “*whole armour of God*” which must be put on. This latest book from Covenant Publishing, *Fake News*, is an essential part of the accessories which are needed in this battle.

Many people receive very little teaching on prophecy from the pulpits and have very little understanding of it. The author Rev. McDougall wrote his book, originally under the title *The Rapture of the Saints*, from a series of lectures and begins with a brief explanation of the three prophetic schools. The third, the Futurist Theory, is the one which is most popularly known both amongst the laity and the churchgoers. To quote from his opening page: “It

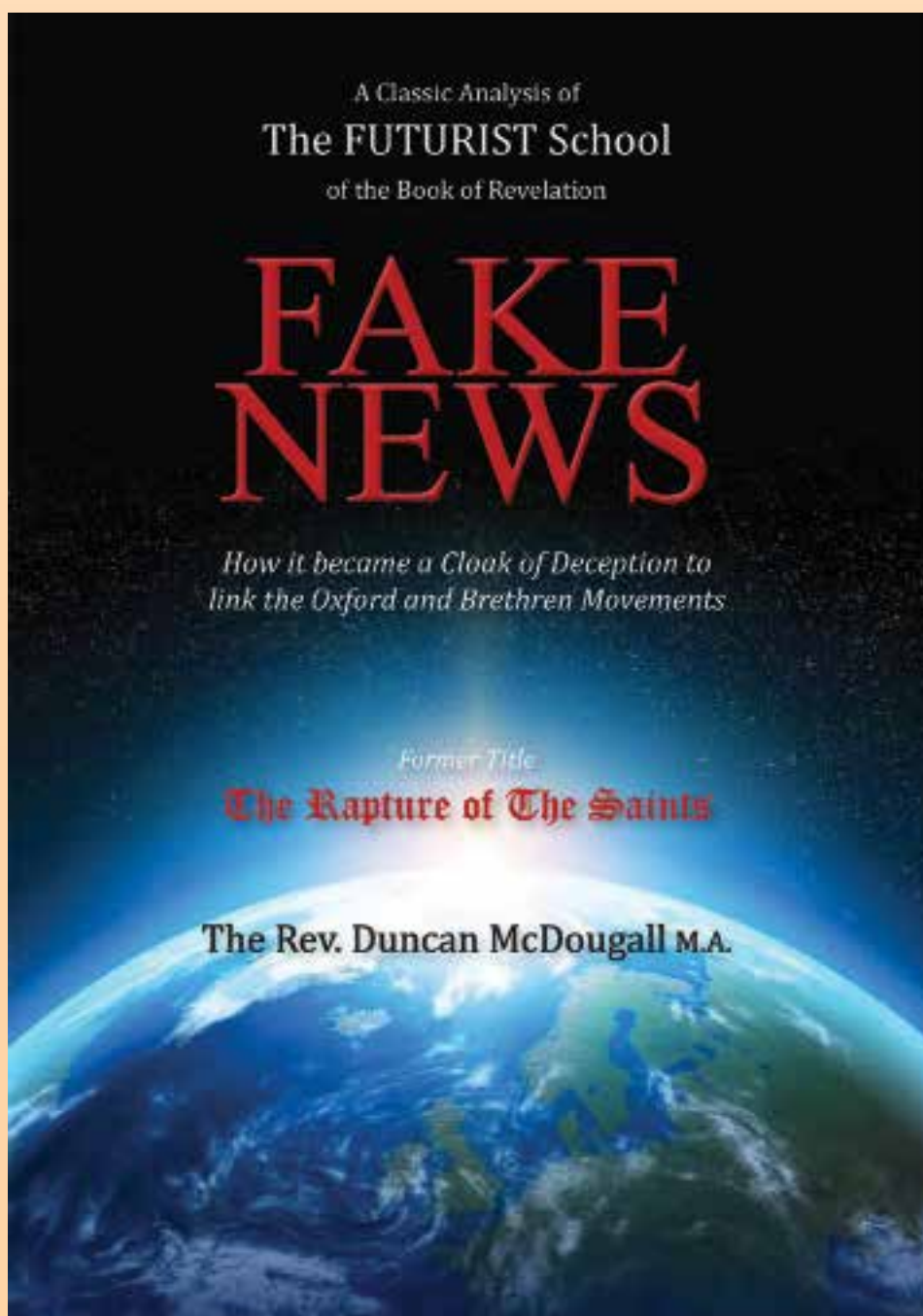
will come as a shock to many good people to be told not only that this teaching is not in the Bible, but that it was originated by the Bible’s worst enemies!” The significance of this wrong teaching and wrong understanding is best explained by this short account from **Albert W. Close**, adapted from *The Antichrist and His Ten Kingdoms*, 1918.

The Signposts of Prophecy were turned the wrong way

“It was Reader Harris KC, who related a tragic event that took place in his young life of how two boys conceived the idea of playing a practical joke on people travelling to a public attraction featuring Blondin, the great tight-rope walker, by turning half-a-dozen finger-posts around at cross-roads to point the wrong way. It resulted in a cart conveying two men, two women and some children in the dark into a river where all but one were drowned.

“A somewhat similar tragedy happened in the theological world of Britain and America in 1826-30 and 1844-45. Four leading scholars turned the finger-posts of Divine Prophecy round so that they pointed the wrong way, turning multitudes of ministers, scholars and students off the King’s highway down into two side lanes; whither they have led nearly the whole Christian Church.”

The Rapture of the Saints was published by the Association of the Covenant People in 1962, then expanded and annotated in 1970 followed by the ‘First Revised Edition’ in 1982 by the Lord’s Covenant Church who gave permission for Covenant Publishing to republish it and the new title was chosen to attract attention and reflect current terminology.



The knowledge of how the Jesuits set in train their plan to derail the Protestant Reformation has been very nearly completely lost. This book describes how that devious plan began and how it was taken up by scholars in the Church of England and was spread with vigour by the Brethren Movement. The ‘Notes’ at the back provide the evidence of the depth of the author’s studies.

This book is highly recommended to all readers for the conversational style of writing which gives the reader the feel of sitting in a room with Rev. McDougall as he explains this vital topic. The Bible is his standard and reference point and this is a key scripture: “*Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation*” (II Peter 1:20).

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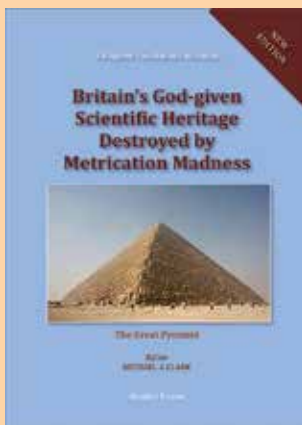


the Bible is neglected, the Sabbath is desecrated, and our parliament has passed laws and has legalized evil practices which are an abomination in the sight of a righteous God.

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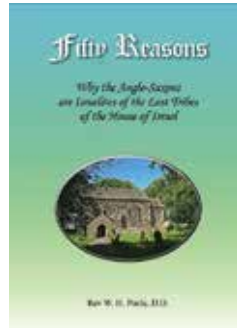
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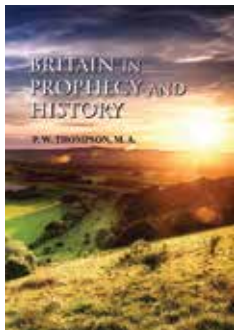
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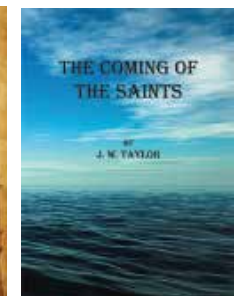
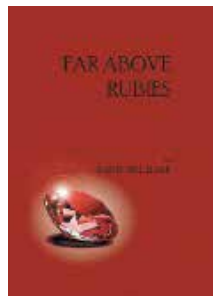
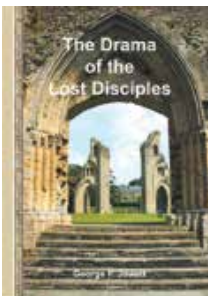
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