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The sunflower has many different meanings including optimism and peace. This cover represents the joy of summer and the hope set before us by our Lord when He said, "...upon the earth distress of nations with perplexity; the sea and the waves roaring; men's hearts failing them for fear, ... And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. And when these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:25-28).

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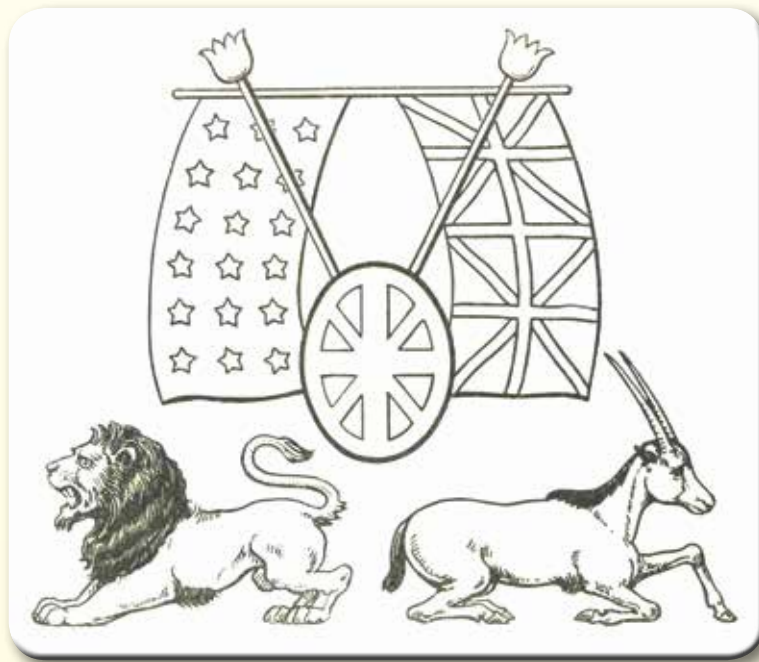
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There are two nations which have played a very prominent and unique role in modern history.

They are Great Britain and the United States of America.



This ancient pattern for the Union Jack and the Star Spangled Banner can be seen on a rock carving near Bhopal in India of the fourth century BC.

Joseph's two sons
Ephraim and Manasseh
were blessed by
Jacob/Israel in
Genesis 48:8-20
and inherited the
blessing of Joseph:



*“Joseph is a fruitful
bough, even a fruitful
bough by a well;
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over the wall”
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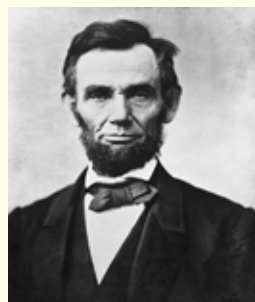
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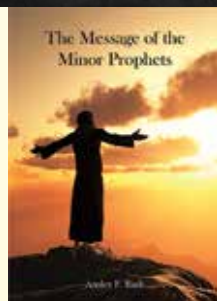
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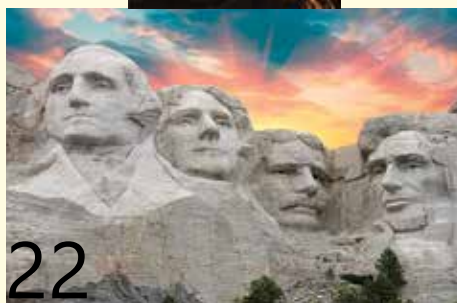
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EDITORIAL

THE SIEGE OF CIVILIZATION

Putin sends his 'Destroying Wind' on Europe



The picture above of the Archangel Michael in Kiev, Ukraine, appeared in the same position of the Editorial in the eighth issue of the first volume of this magazine at Christmas in 2009 under the heading: **The Age-end Distress of Nations – and the Great Prince who defends the Covenant People.** It was indeed prophetic, for it was *twelve* years later, significant of government and from 6 October, 2021, that Vladimir Putin, who reached the measure of 10 x 2520 days (Divine order of chastisement) from his birth on 7 October, 1952, began to finalise his strategic plan for the Russian armed forces to invade the Ukraine.

The supporters of the coat of arms of Kiev feature the Archangel Michael officially named as “Saint Michael the Archistrategos” wielding a flaming sword and a shield on an azure field and the crowned Lion of Judah, adopted on 18 April, 1995. We have never heard of another country with an archangel in its coat of arms. The prophet Daniel declared that at the time of the Age-end “*And at that time shall [the Archangel] Michael stand up, the*

great prince which standeth for the children of thy people [Israel] and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation” (Daniel 12:1).

The Apocalypse in *Revelation 12* reveals the war in heaven led by Archangel Michael, of which what is happening in the natural is only a shadow of the heavenly battle. Significantly, Michael is one of the most common names in the Ukraine. Also the chapter says that the woman flees into the wilderness away from the dragon and now we see the flood of refugees across Europe – mainly women and children – who have fled into a spiritual wilderness, as they have no idea where they are going.

Satan knows that his time is now very short and we may consider that Satan could have entered into Putin, as he did into Judas, in order to provide the motivation behind the war of genocide on Ukraine that the Russian dictator launched on 24 February, 2022. It is already affecting Germany in respect of the supply of gas. There have been growing calls for Europe to ban imports of oil and gas from Russia,

but EU nations are divided on the issue due to the risk of deepening the continent’s energy crisis.

This is undermining the economic stability of the EU which, in the first phase of the Armageddon conflict, was accomplished by the ‘destroying wind’ of the ‘battle axe and weapons of war’ (*Jeremiah 51:1 & 20*) by the USSR against Nazi Germany in the 1941-1945 conflict (*Revelation 16:13-16*). After the Soviet Union collapsed in 1990 it appeared that the EU would become the United States of Europe with Britain captured by deception. Providentially the Divine command to Israel-Britain intervened “*that we receive[d] not of her plagues” (Revelation 18:4).*

Now in 2022 is this the final phase of the conflict by Russia which will see the break-up of *prophetic* EU-Babylon?

The Archangel Michael is standing-up at this time. Is this all part of the last great battle against the satanic elite against the covenant nations, which is far more wide-reaching than we realize?

THE DIVINE COMMONWEALTH

And the Coming Restoration of World Order

The intent by atheistic powers to control the world's population and the earth's resources, looking toward the domination of the entire globe, the planning for which has spanned the past century in particular, has now come fully into the open from the World Health Organization (WHO) using the springboard of the Covid-19 pandemic.

On 1 December, 2021, the World Health Assembly met in a Special Session and adopted a sole decision titled 'The World Together.' It was reported that "Dr Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, WHO Director-General, said the decision by the World Health Assembly was historic in nature, vital in its mission, and represented a once-in-a-generation

opportunity to strengthen the global health architecture to protect and promote the well-being of all people."¹

On 3 March, 2022, the European Council adopted a decision to go ahead with negotiations towards an international agreement on pandemics which is needed to "enhance international cooperation in a number of priority areas, such as surveillance, alerts and response, ..." Two of the five points of focus are "**a stronger international health framework** with the WHO as the coordinating authority on global health matters" and "the '**One Health**' approach, connecting the health of humans, animals and our planet."²

A paramount premise behind the plan for a manmade New World Order, has involved the carefully instituted scheme to break down racial barriers, destroy pride of race, eradicate racial differences and most recently to attack the peaceful age of colonial order under the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people – as the servant people of the covenant nations – when the great wilderness continents were developed to the huge benefit of the indigenous races.

Since the withdrawal from leadership and guidance of those former days, violence and revolutionary disorder now assaults the earth to the point that millions are fleeing by land and sea seeking refuge in the European and North American lands of the covenant nations. Things have



The Darial Gorge, Caucasus Mountains, Georgia

become so serious for the United Kingdom that a scheme is to be introduced which will fly thousands of illegal migrants to Rwanda in East Africa, to establish the true status of these refugees. Could it mark the beginning of a true restoration of world order?

The Heritage of the Lord

Contrary to the WHO plan and that of atheistic powers, it is vitally important to realize that God, the Creator, set apart from each other all races of mankind and to each He assigned an inheritance. This is the Divine Directive, as stated by Moses.

“When the Most High divided 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. For the Lord’s portion is his people. Jacob is the lot of his inheritance” (Deuteronomy 32:8-9).

It should be noted in the first place that “He separated [not: ‘integrated’] the sons of Adam.” Then “He set the bounds of the people according to the number of the children of Israel.” Our question should be: Why is that part which Israel is to inherit called “the Lord’s portion”? The word “lot” means “measuring line” and who is “Jacob” who is the “measuring line” of His inheritance?

The answer is supplied in an understanding of the meaning of the instruction given to Moses when, at Mount Sinai, he was commanded to say to “the house of Jacob and tell the children of Israel” that they were to become God’s Kingdom (*Exodus 19:3-6*). At that time the Elders assembled all the people together and they gave their assent to the requirement to honour all the terms of the covenant with the Lord God Jehovah which would give them nationhood in His plan (*Exodus 19:8; 24:3-6*).

Thus, the Kingdom of God was established on the earth at Mount Sinai. That this is the Kingdom over which Jesus Christ is to reign forever – and that it is the inheritance assigned to Israel in the division of the lands of the world, defining the boundaries of our Lord’s Kingdom – is confirmed in the annunciation to Mary, the mother of Jesus. The Archangel Gabriel informed Mary:

“The Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom [the house of Jacob] there shall be no end” (Luke 1:32-33).

Again: Who is “Jacob” and what is “the House of Jacob”? The man, Jacob, was the son of Isaac, the grandson of Abraham. Jacob’s name was changed to Israel (*Genesis 32:24-28*) and he became the father of twelve sons, who were the progenitors of the twelve tribes of Israel, but they became divided into two kingdoms, Israel and Judah, after King Solomon.

What followed was in God’s *greater plan* for the progeny of Jacob-Israel (*I Kings 12:24*); the northern kingdom consisting of ten tribes, plus most of the southern kingdom of two tribes, were deported *en masse* to Assyria. Within fifty years they escaped that captivity when the Assyrian empire collapsed. The remaining part only of Judah were taken captive to Babylon, with a mere 42,360 returning to Jerusalem after 70 years (*Ezra 2:64*), becoming known as Lewes (*II Kings 16:6*, *spelt with ‘J’ by some printers from the 1620s*) to be integrated into the Edomite people by the Romans – apart from the remnant of Benjamin in Galilee from whom Jesus Christ chose his disciples.

The vast number – many millions – of the Hebrew race were never going to return to Palestine; they moved westwards across the Crimea

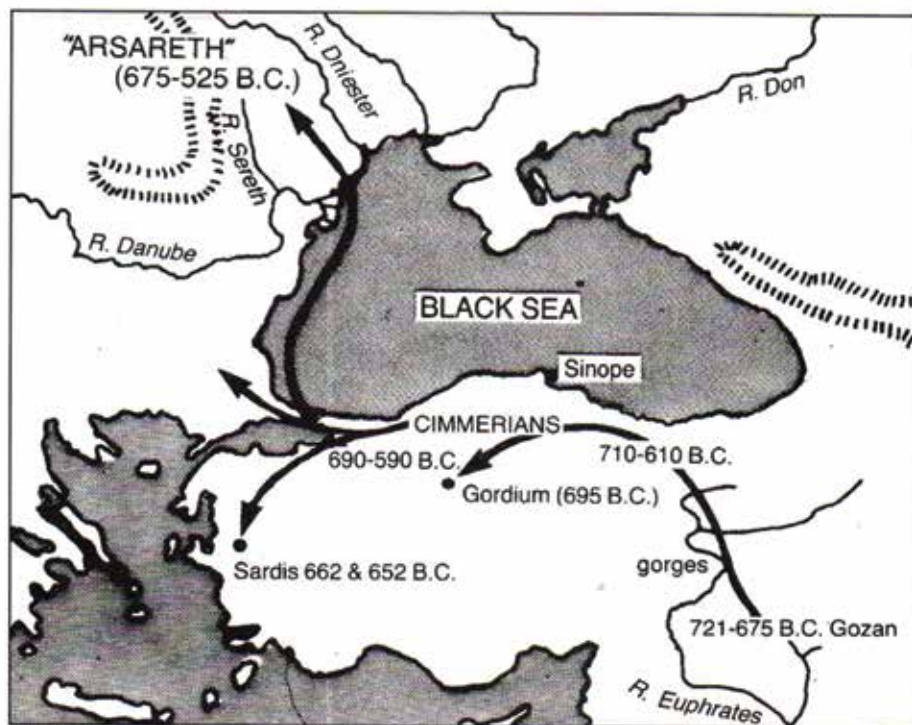
region and northwards through what is known *to this day* as ‘**The Pass of the Israelites**’ north of Georgia into Europe and the region of Arsareth (*II Esdras*, or *Ezra*, 13:39-46). Through the process of history, they lost their original name, but, like the tribe of Dan, they left their name on the **Dardanelles** and many rivers, like the mighty **Danube** and as the sons of Isaac, or Sax-sons, the House of Israel under their present-day designation emerged as the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples, or in current parlance ‘**the Anglosphere**.’ They have become the great “*nation and company of nations*” (*Genesis 35:11*) promised to Joseph and his sons Ephraim & Manasseh in fulfilment of the **Birthright** promise to Joseph (*I Chronicles 5:1-2*).

To pass over this clear prophetic fulfilment of the Old Testament (Covenant) and transfer it to the *Church only* – the spiritualized kingdom dogma of the Roman church – exposes the Protestant Church as blind *in the very day* when knowledge of the Divine Commonwealth has become the need of the hour.

The Redeemer Comes to Zion

It is high time for clarification because of the times and seasons in which we now live. Special emphasis in regard to the return of our Lord Jesus Christ to the earth is required. *It cannot be too positively affirmed that Jesus Christ is not returning, at His Second Advent, to set up a one-world government.* Rather, he is coming again to receive the Kingdom promised to Him; to take up the throne of His father David; to initiate His everlasting reign. That is what the Bible states.

The Scriptures record a special call to the people of that particular Kingdom, through the Prophet Isaiah, which is to be heeded when Jesus Christ, their Redeemer, comes to Zion – the seat of governmental authority within the Kingdom. It is



specifically addressed to those who “turn from transgression in Jacob” (Isaiah 59:20) and it is an exultant appeal:

“Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of the Lord is risen upon thee” (Isaiah 60:1).

As for the nations outside the allotted boundaries of the Kingdom of God, Isaiah prophesies:

“For, behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the people; but the Lord shall arise upon thee [His Kingdom people], and the glory of the Lord shall be seen upon thee” (Isaiah 60:2).

The area of gross, or thick darkness, (Jesus designates it as “outer darkness,” as well as likening it to a “furnace of fire”) will be outside, or beyond, the limits of the Kingdom of God. The Lord has decreed that He will purge, or remove, from His Kingdom all who rebel against Him, even though they may be of the seed of Abraham. He also declares that many will come from the East, and from the West, and enter the kingdom:

“But the children of the kingdom

[although of the seed of Abraham but in rebellion against Him] shall be cast out into outer darkness [excluded from the Kingdom]: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth” (Matthew 8:11-12).

When the Redeemer comes to Zion, and the nations of the Kingdom respond to the joyful invitation to “arise” and “shine” – that is, “be enlightened, for thy light cometh” (marginal rendering) – all those who have failed to turn away from their transgressions will meet their inevitable fate, for it is stated:

“The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather all things that offend, and them that do iniquity” (Matthew 13:41).

The Reigning King of Kings

The nations who willingly turn to God for guidance and direction in national affairs, and in attainment of domestic tranquillity, will thereupon assent to the overlordship of Jesus Christ, who will be the reigning King of kings. Ultimately all the nations that retain their nationhood will choose to become members of the Divine Commonwealth, but in the beginning, according to the

Scriptures, a few will refuse to pay homage to the Lord of Hosts. They will disdain compliance with the requirements of His laws and the Prophet Zechariah declares: *“Even upon them shall be no rain” (Zechariah 14:17).*

From the Throne of the Lord, within the Kingdom of God, Jesus Christ will issue mandates which the nations will be compelled to obey, just as more powerful nations today are able to force lesser governments to comply with their directives. It is stated by the Prophet Micah:

“And he shall judge among many people, and rebuke strong nations afar off” (Micah 4:3).

The Hebrew word *yakach*, translated “rebuke,” means “to convince, correct or reprove.” With the power vested in Him, Jesus Christ, as Lord and King, will issue royal edicts from His throne and nations will have no choice but to obey His pronouncements, for it is written: *“He shall rule them with a rod of iron” (Revelation 19:15).* One major result will be that world disarmament will follow:

“And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more” (Micah 4:3).

The fact that *“nation shall not lift up a sword against nation”* indicates that national entities will continue to exist apart from the Kingdom of God. Nevertheless, the domestic well-being that will prevail in all nations when war is universally outlawed is graphically pictured:

“But they shall sit every man under his vine and under his fig tree; and none shall make them afraid: for the mouth of the Lord of Hosts hath spoken it” (Micah 4:4).

How beautifully this expresses the foundational premise of private ownership, which the ideology of the World Economic Forum and Communism does not accept. Howbeit, those elite groups and nations which finally refuse to honour the King of kings, and obey the laws of His Kingdom, will forfeit their right to exist:

“For the nation and kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yea, those nations shall be utterly wasted” (Isaiah 60:12).

This presupposes that there will be nations so committed to some form of autocratic domination and evil intent that they will have to be severely dealt with. Their leaders will be brought to judgment and stripped of the right to rule. Only in this way will they be prevented from disturbing world peace and their subjects will be delivered from oppression by tyrannous despots.

The Kingdoms of This World

Briefly summarized, then, in the coming **Divine Commonwealth of Nations**, there will be many nations

bound together all recognizing the supremacy of Jesus Christ, as King of kings and Lord of lords. Each government will exercise full rulership in its own domain, although responsive to the directives and pronouncements issuing from the Throne of the Lord within the Kingdom of God. Then the purport of the proclamation by a voice in heaven, when the Seventh Angel sounded, will be readily perceived by all:

“The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of His Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 11:15).

The chief rulers of every nation will pay homage to Jesus Christ and ascribe honour, power and glory to Him who sits upon the throne of his father David, ruling over the House of Jacob forever:

“For it is written, As I live, saith the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God” (Romans 14:11).

Looking towards the day when all this will become an actuality, the Prophet Isaiah exclaimed:

“The government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of Hosts will perform this” (Isaiah 9:6-7).

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PAUSE FOR THOUGHT

Secrets and confidentiality are very important and without them life would be intolerable but there are some things which must not be hidden from view. People must be told so that they might hear the gospel and be saved from sin and death.

“Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people” (Luke 2:10).

Almighty God has instructed His people many times to speak out: to be ‘witnesses.’

“Ye are my witnesses, saith the LORD, and my servant whom I have chosen” (Isaiah 43:10).

These witnesses are to tell the world all the things that He has done through and by His servant people.

Their task is to continue down the ages and to be joined with that of those who were told,

“Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15).

WHEN IS IT RIGHT TO FIGHT?

Self-Defence is Mandated in God's Law

The Law of God is clear: *“If the thief is found breaking in, and he is struck so that he dies, there shall be no guilt for his bloodshed” (Exodus 22:2).* The Law of God establishes the basic right of self-defence. Any person is justified in defending himself, or his family, whenever they are attacked or their lives are in danger. Any weapon is permissible for use in self-defence. The Law of God does not say that the homeowner is guilty if he uses a sword, but innocent if he uses a club! The issue is not one of weapons, tools, but the right and duty of self-defence.

It is noticeable that God has provided His creatures with weapons. Almost every animal has some means of defence, for flight, or fight, or means of camouflage, to defend themselves and their loved ones. God has equipped His creatures with claws, talons, teeth, horns, hooves and tusks. How can it be that the Creator has provided His Creation with weapons and with the instinct to protect their lives and their young, but Bible-believing, born-again, Spirit-filled, *names written in the Lamb's Book of Life*, believers, are expected to instead be pacifist doormats, like salt that has lost its saltiness, good for nothing, but to be thrown outside and trampled underfoot!

A Time to Stand

There are times when we must stand up, step out and speak up, fighting the good fight of Faith. This Scripture teaches us that we need to be ready to defend our family,

our Faith and our future. ***“But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever” (1 Timothy 5:8).*** Anyone who fails to provide protection for their family has denied the Faith and is worse than an unbeliever. In fact, those who refuse to protect their young are worse than an animal. What animal will not fight to protect its offspring?

Christianity is not a Pacifist Faith

Our Lord Jesus Christ told his disciples: *“He who has no sword, let him sell his garments and buy one” (Luke 22:36).* Pacifism is in defiance of historic Christian teaching. The 39 Articles, The Foundational Statement of the

Church of England, states clearly in article 37: *“It is lawful for Christian men to carry weapons.”* The Westminster Catechism, considered one of the finest expressions of biblical teaching, states, under the Sixth Commandment, that the prohibition against murder requires as our duty: *“All careful studies and lawful endeavours to preserve the life of ourselves and others, by resisting, by just defence, against violence, protecting and defending the innocent” (Q135).* ***“Like a muddied spring or a polluted well is a righteous man who gives way to the wicked” (Proverbs 25:26).***

When St. James Church of England in Kenilworth, Cape Town, South Africa, was attacked by APLA terrorists of the Pan African Congress (PAC), 25 July 1993, one of our missionaries was in the congregation and returned fire, injuring the terrorist who was spraying the congregation with his assault rifle from the doorway. This resistance, by a single member of the congregation, with a snub-nosed .38 revolver, caused the terrorists to break off the attack and flee. ***“Do not be afraid of them, remember the Lord, great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives and your houses” (Nehemiah 4:14).***

National Defence

So, just as personal, family and church defence is necessary, so too there are times when national defence is required.



St Augustine of Hippo

“Now it shall come to pass, if you diligently obey the Voice of the Lord your God, to observe carefully all His Commandments which I command you today, that the Lord your God...will cause your enemies who rise against you to be defeated before your face; they shall come out against you one way and flee before you seven ways” (Deuteronomy 28:1,7).

Augustine and Just War

The great theologian Augustine of Hippo taught that a Christian could be a soldier and serve both God and his country honourably. Augustine spelled out the Christian criteria for a Just War. This involves three aspects: *Jus ad bellum* (a just cause for war), *Jus in bello* (just conduct during war) and *Jus post bellum* (a just conclusion of a war).

A just war requires a **just cause**. Innocent life must be in imminent danger and intervention must be to protect life. Only duly constituted authorities may wage war. War must be a last resort, only after exhausting all peaceful means. There must also be a reasonable probability of success to justify involvement in a war.

Just conduct in a war requires that it be limited to military targets and not endanger civilians, nor damage the environment, nor harm animals. The Scripture is clear that soldiers are not even to chop down fruit trees during war (*Deuteronomy 20:19-20*). The benefits of the war must be proportional to the costs and risks of the war. In a just war there must be a clear distinction between combatants and non-combatants. Enemy combatants who surrender, or who are captured, are not to be mistreated in any way.

Military necessity should be governed by the principle of minimum force. Every means must be taken to limit excessive and unnecessary death and destruction, nor may combatants use weapons or methods of warfare which are evil. A just war must be concluded with a **just peace**. Revenge is not permitted. Life and property must be respected and the rule of law upheld.

By these biblical standards there have been many senseless and unnecessary wars in which neither side was at all concerned with righteousness and where both sides share the guilt. However, we can also discern in history many necessary wars, which were defensive and just.



Charles Martel at the Battle of Tours

Just Wars

The Battle of Tours, AD 732, in France was one such landmark battle. Charles Martel, the Hammer, rallied the Christian soldiers of Europe on the plains of Portieres in the Battle of Tours and courageously stood firm resisting six furious charges of the Muslim cavalry, routing them and sending them fleeing back across the Pyrenees Mountains. The *Reconquista*, which liberated Spain from 800 years of Islamic occupation and oppression in 1492, the Great Siege of Malta, 1565, and the Battle of Lepanto, October 1571, were other vital defensive battles

which protected Europe from being overwhelmed by Islamic invasions. The lifting of the Turkish siege of Vienna, 1683, was another major turning point, which protected Europe from becoming ‘Eurabia.’

The Bible states: ***“When you go out to battle against your enemies and see horses and chariots and people more numerous than you, do not be afraid of them; for the Lord your God is with you, who brought you up from the land of Egypt. So it shall be, when you are on the verge of battle, that the priest shall approach and speak to the people. And he shall say to them, Hear O Israel: Today you are on the verge of battle with your enemies. Do not let your heart faint, do not be afraid, and do not tremble or be terrified because of them; for the Lord your God is He who goes with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you” (Deuteronomy 20:1-4).***

War Psalms of the Prince of Peace

Many of the Psalms are prayers to God for guidance in war, or hymns of thanksgiving to the Lord for victory in battle. The Scriptures reveal that God is a

God of war, as well as a God of peace, because God is primarily a Holy God of justice. On occasions, God not only permitted war, but commanded it. In the Bible, military defence against invaders is given the same status as capital punishment for murderers. If all the people with a conscience refuse to fight – then it will leave the battlefields in the hands of men without a conscience.

Be part of the solution not part of the Problem

However, foreign military adventurism does not fulfil the requirements for a just war. Instead

of *send in the Marines!* we should send in Missionaries. There is no military, or political solution to the complex crisis endemic to many parts of the world. They need the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. Instead of sending bombs, we need to sow Bibles throughout these regions. Instead of intervening in their incessant wars, we need to bombard them with Gospel radio broadcasts, ministry through the internet, Bibles online and wholeheartedly work to fulfil the Great Commission. We will do more to undermine terrorism and aggression by fulfilling the Great Commission, than we will by military expeditions. There are frequently alternatives to war, including diplomatic and economic measures and the more excellent way of Christian love and Gospel ministry. The wise Christian does not seek to selfishly avoid the problems of the world, but courageously steps out in Faith to be part of the solution.

Consider the example of Switzerland's armed neutrality. The Swiss are not pacifist. They take national defence very seriously. If you want peace, prepare for war. However, their primary involvement in foreign conflicts is sending in humanitarian relief, such as through the Red Cross.

Blessed are the Peacemakers

America's first president, George Washington, in his farewell address cautioned Americans against entangling alliances and warned them never to get involved in Europe's wars. US President Theodore Roosevelt intervened in the Russian-Japanese War of 1905, not by becoming a belligerent or taking sides, but by negotiating a peaceful end to that tragic conflict.

Mission to the War Zones

During the height of the Cold War, we were involved in a just war in Rhodesia and South West Africa defending our peaceful nations from communist terrorist attacks

and holding the line against Soviet expansionism. Yet, during our Bible study and Prayer meeting in the South African Army, the Lord gave me the vision of responding to communist hate with Christian love. They are sending terrorists to us. We need to send Missionaries to them. They are smuggling in landmines, limpet mines, grenades, to sow terror in our communities. We need to smuggle Bibles and Christian books into their territories and win converts, make disciples, undermining their communist tyranny with the fulfilment of the Great Commission. This year will mark 40 years of Frontline Fellowship cross-border missions into war zones and restricted access areas. We are completing the book: *Frontline – Behind Enemy Lines for Christ* recounting many of the untold testimonies of how God used this initiative for the extension of His Kingdom.

For Such a Time

*"To everything there is a season,
A time for every purpose under Heaven;
A time to be born and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to pluck what is planted;
A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to break down and a time to build up;
A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance;
A time to cast away and a time to gather;
A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing;
A time to gain and a time to lose;
A time to keep and a time to throw away;
A time to tear and a time to sow;
A time to keep silent and a time to speak;
A time to love and a time to hate;
A time of war and a time of peace...
He has made everything beautiful in its time.
Also He has put eternity in their hearts..." (Ecclesiastes 3:1-11).*

A Time for War

There are times when sinful men need to be restrained by laws and by force. Liberty needs to be defended. Freedom often comes through, and often needs to be maintained by hard fighting. If all Christians became pacifists, would all the Jihadists, atheists and communists also become pacifists? Not likely. It is useless for the sheep to pass resolutions in favour of vegetarianism while the wolf remains of a different opinion. For those pacifists hoping for worldwide peace, listen to the words of our Lord Jesus Christ: *"Do not think that I came to bring peace on earth. I did not come to bring peace, but a sword"* (Matthew 10:34).

Missionary Action

"Blessed are the peacemakers for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9). You have to make peace. It takes action. Sometimes military action. Most times missionary action. May God find His covenant nations faithful to His Word, prepared to defend the defenceless and to rescue the innocent. When we have to fight, may God grant that we will be fast and accurate. Make disciples. Teach obedience to all things that the Lord has commanded. The Bibles of the Christians are more powerful than the bombs of the Muslims and Marxists.

"Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature"
(Mark 16:15).

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A PROPHETIC EVALUATION

Putin's 'Special Military Operation' (SMO) as it affects the future of the European Union

The timeline of the war that President Putin launched on **24 February, 2022**, until he is deposed as dictator is now clear. There were **13 days** of conflict to **8 March, 2022**, when the historic event took place of the Ukrainian President addressing the historic assembly in the House of Commons at Westminster. There is now following **13 months**, or 390 solar days, to **7-8 April 2023**, which marks the completion of **90 x 286.1 days**, significant of judgment and finality of displacement for Vladimir Putin, who was born 7 October, 1952. It is clear this date could see the limit of his SMO *and very likely of his dictatorship as well*.

The evaluation of this time measure is that Putin may **not** remain as Russia's Commander-in-Chief after 7-8 April, 2023. At present the Russian dictator may be able to continue his war aim of establishing direct links to the Crimea despite his serious military failures. He could be forced to sue for a cease fire with Ukraine at any time over the **13 month** period to April 2023, particularly as China is now very unsettled by the conflict affecting the world economy. Vladimir Putin marks his 70th birthday on **7 October, 2022**, significant of determination (Intelligence confirms that Putin's mental and physical condition has changed in the past two years affecting his judgment, also, did Putin fail to confirm to Xi he really would invade Ukraine after the Beijing Winter Olympics?).

President Xi has been very surprised to see Britain and America come closer together in the war crisis.

He did not anticipate this. What no one in any position of authority understands is that the Special Relationship of our two great nations originated with Jacob's son Joseph and his **Birthright** blessings (I *Chronicles* 5:2), as great nations, which was passed to his sons both in **prestige** as Ephraim-Britain and **superpower** status as Manasseh-USA (*Genesis* 48:12-20). This is why the West has been able to create the modern world and has always defeated dictatorships.

It was on **6 October, 2021**, that Putin reached **10 x 2520** days (chastisement) from his birth, when he initiated the gathering together of his forces to invade Ukraine. Exactly at that time the U.S. began to receive intelligence of Putin's mobilization of his forces. CIA Director, Bill Burns, was sent to Moscow to tell Russia's Commander-in-Chief that he had been rumbled. It had no effect as Russian forces continued to gather on the Ukraine borders.

The period this year marking **105** years ($24 \times 105 = 2520$) from the Russian Revolution beginning **8 March to 7 November 1917** is most significant as it will almost certainly mark a consolidation of Putin's SMO changing the whole pattern of European, EU and NATO defences. Basically the significance of the **65 years** (breaking) from 25 March, 1957, when the **Treaty of Rome** was signed, to **25 March, 2022**, was **huge**. It is warning of the *coming final break-up of the great European Project, first economically*.

The USSR was the "**battle-axe and weapons of war**" (hammer and sickle *Jeremiah* 51:20, Ferrar

Fenton), raised up to destroy **80% of the Nazi armies** initiated by the Nazi invasion of the USSR at *Barbarossa* on 22 June, 1941. In ancient history this began with the foreign ruler **Cyrus** (*Isaiah* 45:1), descendant of the Medo-Persians, being named as God's 'anointed' (*the only time when God so named a non-Israelite ruler*).

Russia under Putin appears doomed to fail in his SMO, but is actually destined to be instrumental in bringing down the financial foundations of the EU. Britain has been removed from the EU in time to *avoid the severe economic effects of judgment* hanging over the EU according to *Revelation* 18:4. The **13 month** period to 7-8 April, 2023, may well culminate in the collapse of the single currency, or *prophetic economic Babylon*.

In any event very big political and military challenges are facing Germany as well as France, which marks **1290** years (desolation) on **10 October, 2022**, from the Battle of Tours in AD 732 when the tide turned against the invasion of the Islamic Moors into Spain in AD 711. The European Union is really built on the temporary cooperation of France and Germany and the continuation of this relationship.

President Macron, in his second term as head of state, will set out to unite a divided nation and a fragmented society over the EU and national identity. Prophetically, the months ahead could not be more significant.

MICHAEL A CLARK

THE KEY

The Bible is perhaps the most criticised and misunderstood book which has ever been produced. Paradoxically countless numbers of people have read it and come to know the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Lord through the inspired words it contains. Yet many others have seen in it a book of contradictions and have dismissed it out of hand as of little relevance to our modern world.

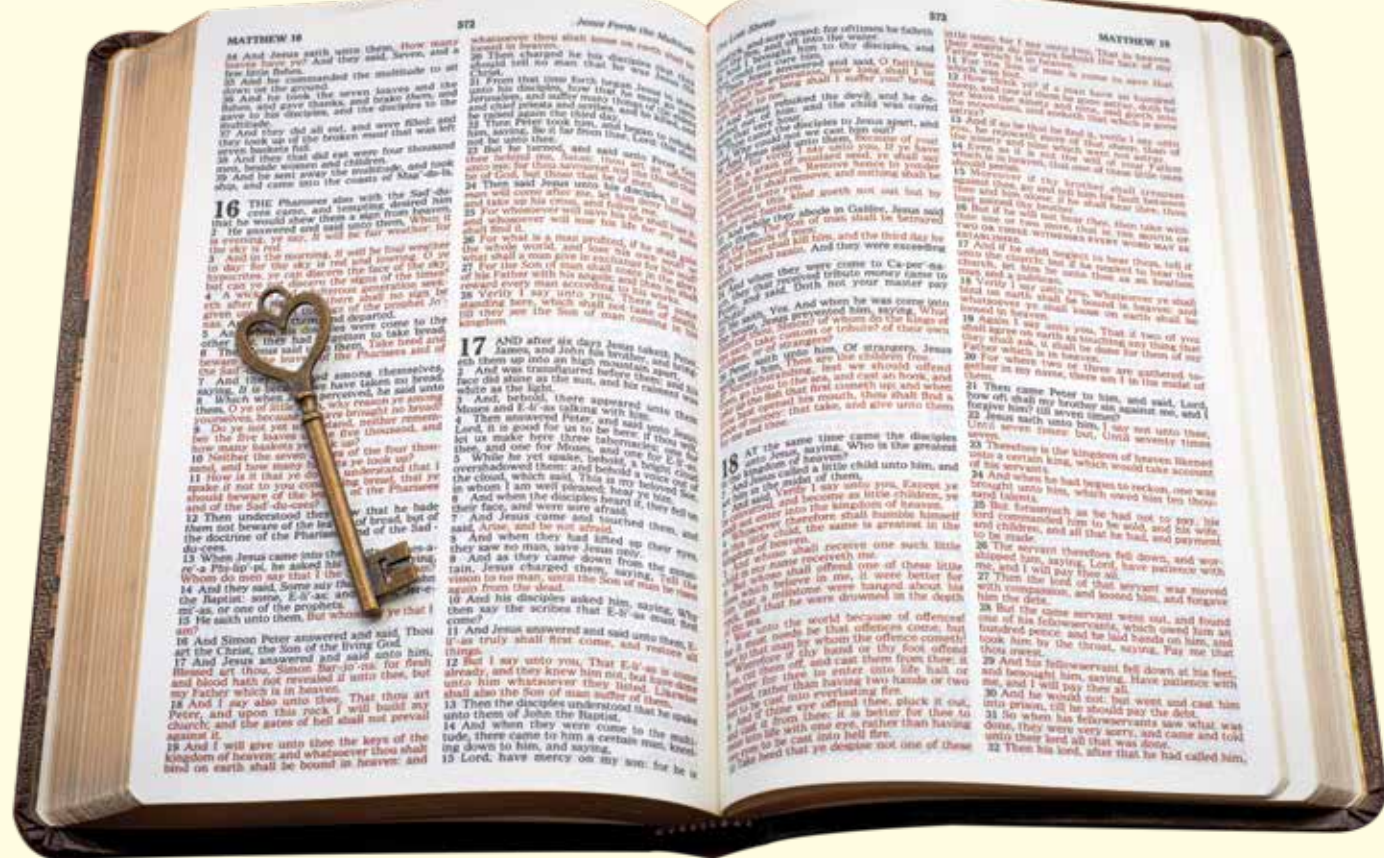
These latter may well have been influenced by the teaching of some theologians who, themselves, have not recognised that the Bible, apart from it being the inspired Word of God, is also the historical record of a nation of people which became divided into two separate and distinct entities, following different paths in their subsequent separate histories. It is the failure to acknowledge this fact which may well have led to the charge of it being contradictory which non-believers make against the Bible.

Complicit in this failure are the persistent assertions that 'Moses led the Jews out of Egypt,' or that 'Abraham was a Jew,' which is absurd, he wasn't even an Israelite for they had not then been invented. The Bible does not say that 'Moses led the Jews' anywhere. Throughout the time of Moses, recorded in the first five books of the Bible, there is no mention of any 'Jewish people.' In the following period of leadership by Joshua there is still no mention of the 'Jews.' Nor are they mentioned during the period of the Judges. Neither are they mentioned in the books of Samuel. The people throughout that half millennium of post-exodus history are only ever referred to as Israelites, the people of Israel, descendants of Jacob/Israel. It is not until II Kings, chapter 16 verse 6, at the time following the division of the Kingdom, that the name 'Jew' first appears and thereafter refers specifically to the southern kingdom of Judah, comprising the two tribes, Judah and Benjamin and their

descendants. This understanding of their identity is confirmed by the present leaders of the Jewish community in this country.

This historic and biblical fact is the key to the understanding of the prophetic Scriptures relating to the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah. Without it the words of one prophet will appear to contradict those of another prophet and lead to great misunderstanding and result in erroneous conclusions. In the New Testament we have the record of our Lord giving His blessing and seal of approval to the words of "Moses and the prophets" (Luke 16:31). He would not do so to anything which was in any way contradictory.

Further confusion is only deepened by the rejection of the historical content of the Bible, contained in a statement made in a publication, 'Church and Society Newsletter' (April 2013), which I quote: "Promises about the land of



Israel were never intended to be taken literally or as applying to a defined geographical territory. The 'promised land' in the Bible is not a place so much as a metaphor of how things ought to be among the people of God. The 'promised land' can be found – or built – anywhere." Such an assertion negates all authority and credence in God's Word, effectively removing the historic foundations of the Christian faith.

The separate paths and destinies of the House of Israel and the House of Judah, the two kingdoms which resulted from the division of the twelve tribes of Israel, are recorded in secular history and were in accordance with the foreknowledge of God as foretold in the writings of the prophets in those distant and troubled times. The name 'Israel' means 'a Ruler with God' and was a highly exalted name to which the people lost their entitlement when they broke the Mosaic Covenant and rejected God. So they lost that name and were to be known by some other. This was foretold in the prophecy of Hosea, chapter 1, verse 9, when God declares that they are "*not My people.*" The prophet Isaiah refers to Israel being later called by a new name. (62:2 & 3). The people of the house of Judah, by then known and often referred to as Jews, were not to lose their name. Indeed Jeremiah foretells that they will become "*a reproach and a taunt*" wherever they went in the world (24:9). The 'wandering Jew' has been a byword down the years as they moved from country to country.

The identity of the Jews has thus always been known but, in contrast, that of their brethren Israel became lost. Jesus Christ referred to them as being lost, as we read in *Matthew*, chapter 10:6. He, of course, knew where they were and instructed His disciples accordingly, directing them to "*...go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.*" The same terminology is used in

Jeremiah, chapter 50 verse 6 "*My people hath been lost sheep.*" The Abrahamic Covenant promised that Israel would eventually become "*a nation and a company of nations.*" In confirmation the prophet Hosea foretold that Israel would become "*as the sand of the sea*" (1:10).

In contrast the Jews would fail to multiply to any great extent, as Jeremiah foretold (15:7), for they would be bereft of children. The Jews would lack a home and a government of their own but, instead, would always be subjects of foreign rulers (*Jeremiah* 17:4). On the other hand Israel would always be independent and self-governing. (II *Samuel* 7:10, 16). In preserving that independent state God promised that Israel's security was also guaranteed, in the words of the prophet Isaiah, chapter 54 verse 7: "*No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper...*"

In *Genesis* chapter 18, verse 18, and again in chapter 23, verse 18, Abraham's descendants were foretold to be a blessing to all the nations of the world. This has proved to have been fulfilled, to a great extent, by Great Britain in its recent history. Its colonial expansion brought great benefit in health and education services, industrial technology and in the administration of law and justice to the indigenous peoples of the lands we occupied. In the present political climate the atheistic Marxist ideology is spewing out its own biased and inaccurate version of our past administration in these colonial lands, emphasising the degrading use of slave labour to increase our national wealth. From their vociferous rhetoric one would think that we were the arch villains in this inhuman practice, when the truth is that African chiefs were themselves eager participants in such slave trading and enriched themselves by so doing. Arab and Asian peoples were also involved

in this slave trading for their own advantage and enrichment. It was apparently common practice and considered acceptable in those less civilized times.

Britain, in time, realised that such human trafficking went counter to the Christian principles it had adopted nationally. After the Reformation its first endeavours to bring an end to this inhuman treatment of foreign nationals was fiercely opposed by the African chiefs, who saw it as bringing an end to their power and wealth. Since then many of these former colonies have gained their independence and some have come under the despotic rule of unscrupulous leaders who have subsequently brought despair and hardship to their own people. The British Empire did not bring about paradise on earth, it had its faults, but the benefits it brought to those under its influence were noteworthy, underpinned by the Christian principles it endeavoured to uphold and promote. Indeed, taking the Bible and the gospel to foreign lands was the greater blessing and we were at the forefront of this great missionary enterprise.

Such a comprehensive record of material and spiritual blessing in the wider world has never been achieved by the Jewish people, nor was it envisaged in the prophetic writings of Scripture. The present Israeli State in the Holy Land displays none of the enterprising and pioneering zeal of the house of Israel, now resident in the British Isles and Commonwealth lands. It is a republic rather than a monarchy. It is not officially Christian by faith, although there are a number of Messianic Jews within the country who accept the Lord Jesus as the Son of God and their Saviour. It is a modern addition to the nations of the world with its founders being emigrants from Eastern Europe and Russia early in the twentieth century. In today's world there

are about 14 million Jews, half of them living in America, about 3.1/2 million in the State of Israel itself and the remainder still scattered throughout Europe and elsewhere. (Google search). Hardly the “*nation and company of nations*” of Divine promise, nor as numerous “*as the sand on the sea [shore]*” of prophecy. (*Genesis* 27:17 & 32:12, *Hosea* 1:10).

Having acknowledged the evil of the slave trade and our part in making it unlawful, man’s inhumanity to man is, however, a sad fact of history and is ongoing even today. The barbarity of the holocaust has been rightly seen as plumbing the depths of human depravity, perhaps unmatched in history. The prophecy that the Jews would be ‘a reproach and a taunt’ may well have been a forewarning of such depth of hatred which would be shown towards them when the word translated as ‘taunt’ has also the more explicit meaning of ‘reviled.’ This is a very unfavourable mark of distinction for any people to have to bear. It perhaps explains, though does not justify, such barbaric behaviour, but it can never be an excuse for depriving anyone of Christian love and respect, to which all human beings are entitled, as our Lord made very clear in the Commandment: “*Love thy neighbour as thyself.*” God alone is the true judge of us all.

It is hoped, then, that these distinguishing marks seen between the two kingdoms of Israel and Judah clearly assist in tracing their separate roads in history up to the present day. In the epistle of *James* the writer addresses his letter to “... *the twelve tribes which are scattered abroad.*” This clearly indicates that although there were Jews in the Holy Land at that time, descendants of the party which returned from captivity under Ezra and Nehemiah, the greater number of their brethren of the house of Judah were in exile like

the other tribes and would join in the westward migration to these shores. When Jesus told the Jews that “*The kingdom of God shall be taken from you and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof*” (*Matthew* 21:43.)

“No weapon formed against
thee shall prosper”
Isaiah 54:7

He was indicating that the Holy Land, with Jerusalem its capital city, would no longer be the spiritual and administrative centre of the kingdom; it would be relocated to the “*appointed place*” spoken of by the prophet Nathan in *II Samuel* 7:10. The ‘fruits’ referred to are surely the gospels of Salvation and Redemption which have been proclaimed from its new location here in these British Isles. The name ‘British’ is itself derived from two Hebrew words meaning ‘covenant people’ – the new name spoken of by the prophet *Isaiah* as already mentioned and which could hardly be more fitting.

Although the kingdom was relocated away from the promised land the latter was a significant area of land and Jerusalem a city of unique importance within it. In *Deuteronomy* 12 we read the account of God’s instructions to the Israelites regarding their initial occupation of the land and His intention of having a special place in their midst, declaring “*Then there shall be a place which the Lord your God shall choose to cause his name to dwell there;...*” (verse 11, similarly verse 5). In *II Chronicles* 6:6, 7:16 & 33:7 that place is clearly Jerusalem, with God’s declaration being quite specific “*In this house [the Temple] and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen before all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name*

for ever.” This marks Jerusalem as a very special place in the life of the kingdom, being the focal point of their lives for worship and the administration of the laws of God. It was a place of great blessing for Israel, such as was not possessed by any other kingdom, a place where God had a virtual presence at the very heart of the kingdom. Furthermore, the name ascribed to that country, the Holy Land, is appropriately named as such for God, on more than one occasion, referred to it as “*My land*” (*Leviticus* 25:23 & *II Chronicles* 7:20). In geographical and historical terms it has proved to be pivotal in every age. In more recent history occupation of that land has been in contention. Arabs have lived there for hundreds of years and consider it their own. The Jews consider it to be their ancestral home and thus rightfully theirs. But God has made it clear “*It is My land*” and He has decreed who should occupy it.

The city of Jerusalem itself remains to this day, having suffered many times in the hands of its incumbent rulers over the years. To these it has not been a blessing, nor was it destined to be so. On the contrary, as we read in *Zechariah* chapter 12, verse 3, Jerusalem was to be “...*a burdensome stone for all people.*” It will only return to its former state of being a blessing to all people after the Lord returns in glory. For it is to that place that Jesus Christ will return when He fulfils the words of the prophet *Zechariah* in chapter 14, verses 1-11. It will be at that final crisis situation, affecting all nations and with the Holy Land as its focal point, when our Lord intervenes to bring an end to the powers of the evil forces which at present hold sway over the lives of all peoples and nations. Every year we come to that period of rejoicing over His first advent; let us rejoice even more at the near approach of His much needed second advent.

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CONCLUSIVE EVIDENCE

KING GEORGE VI CONFIRMS HIS BELIEF IN THE BRITISH-ISRAEL TEACHING

It has been stated many times that the Royal Family know and believe the British-Israel teaching. Here is conclusive evidence, in his own handwriting and with his signature, that King George VI had studied the message and concluded that the nation is "the Chosen Race."

This extract from his letter, written in 1922 when he was still Albert, Duke of York, is very clear. He stated **"I am sure the British Israelite business is true."**



'Cashing in on the royal mail' by John Windsor appeared as a half-page article in *The Independent Weekend*, Saturday 6 April, 1996. It concerned the sale of some royal memorabilia; this letter by the Duke of York, letters from the future Edward VIII and also three letters written by The Queen herself. The sale was held in April 1996 in Bristol.

A POLITICIAN'S LIFE

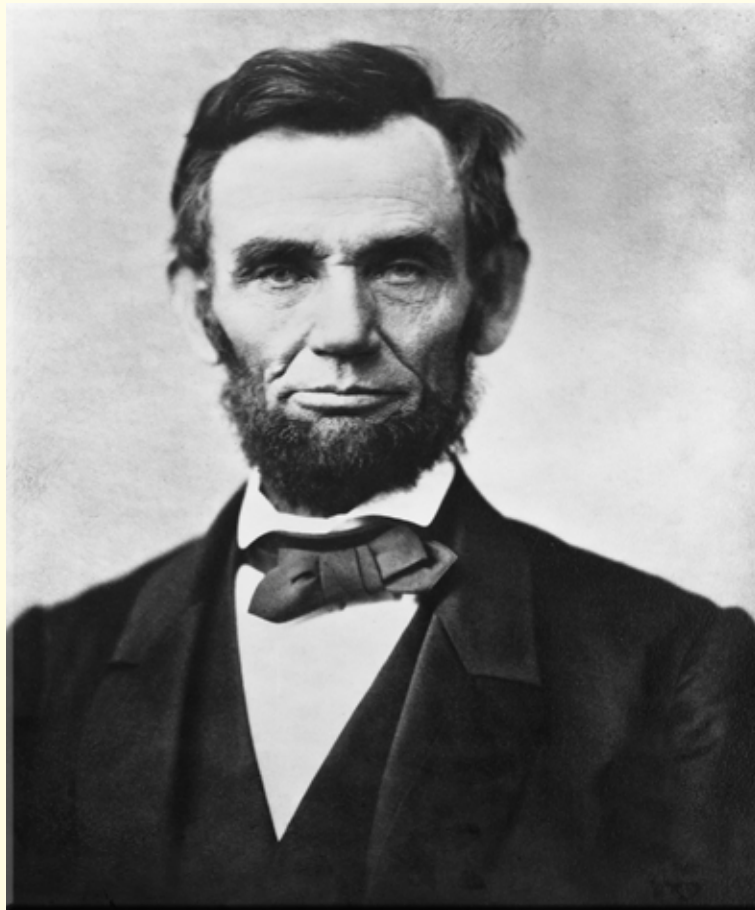
In all my writings I have focused on prayer and Holy Scripture. Indeed, it is critical to read the Bible every day. Remember the Apostle Paul wrote to Timothy: "... *as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*" (II Timothy 3:14-17).

Here, I am praying for those in authority. In the *Book of Common Prayer* (1662) we are encouraged to pray for them in every Service. Do we?

I was greatly encouraged recently by Michael Clark's work *Western Civilization is destroyed by Pietism and Lawless Dogma*. Indeed I was so encouraged I wrote a book – *Lawless Dogma or Fundamental Bible Truth*.¹ I have acknowledged Michael's work in this book. All of this has caused me much reflection again on *Covenant Nation's* Editorials.

When we look at all the turmoil in Almighty God's world, we see the devil is fearfully active in his powers of darkness. I am reminded and reflect again on some Editorials, namely the article: "The Force in our Midst Defying Almighty God

while Christian prelates deny the Power of His Covenant Word"² is precisely what I wish to address: "Millions of Christians thinking and commonsense 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."³



I am still reminded of the wonderful Editorial⁴ 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?

Decisions made by our political leaders – **our servants – servants looking after the subjects of the Crown under Almighty God** are failing Almighty God in faithfulness and obedience!

Further, I am constantly overwhelmed and humbled by the godliness of the Editorial Team's Editorials revealing the awful truth of the unfaithfulness, disobedience and – yes – treason as seen in: "In June 1975 at the first Referendum on Britain's membership of the *then* EEC – two and a half years *after* the Heath Administration took the United Kingdom in European bondage undermining the historic and unique British Constitution..."⁵ Are all our Constitutional rights fought for and established by our forefathers now in danger by those now in authority?

Please remember this editorial about leadership. The Editorial Team's thoughts "In This Day and This Hour"⁶ are timely and awesome: "It is beyond question that the integrity of the United Kingdom and the great company of Covenant Nations in all their aspects have been undermined during the past seven decades. What has happened by neglect and deliberate action is unacceptable and the voice of the People must now be heard. In the Western World we are a people in crisis, desperately

looking for positive guidance and **leadership** that will remove us from the deepening quagmire of destruction in a spiritual vacuum.”

Positive godly guidance and leadership is the key in this destructive ‘spiritual vacuum.’ The alternative is what is happening now and has happened as Holy Scripture records: *“The word of the LORD came to me: Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel; prophesy and say to them: This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?”* (Ezekiel 34:1-2). *“I myself will tend my sheep and have them lie down, declares the Sovereign LORD. I will search for the lost and bring back the strays. I will bind up the injured and strengthen the weak, but the sleek and the strong I will destroy. I will shepherd the flock with justice”* (Ezekiel 34:15-16).

Do those politicians in authority realise our human lifespan is short? *“For, all men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of the Lord stands forever. And this is the word that was preached to you”* (I Peter 1:24-25).

Are those in authority under Almighty God there to do good or evil? King David was clear in the above concern:

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked

will perish” (Psalm 1:1-2, 4-6).

Concerning the above references, in my previous writings I have blessed Almighty God for His love for faithful Britain (Ephraim), particularly their faithfulness over the past 470 years in taking the Gospel to colonies and territories – now an Empire of covenant nations.

Then I had a spiritual insight from Almighty God through His Holy Spirit concerning the faithfulness of America (Manasseh). I was reminded of The Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. Sadly, I was also reminded of some words by Abraham Lincoln:

“America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms it will be because we destroyed ourselves.”

What is happening in our covenant nations? The Apostle Paul records: *“The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of men who suppress the truth by their wickedness, since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. For since the creation of the world God’s invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that men are without excuse. For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools”* (Romans 1:18-22).

The devil is behind this, to deceive and destroy. Paul adds: *“Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves*

nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God” (I Corinthians 6:9-10).

Much of Almighty God’s command of what is evil to the Corinthians above is normal practice now. There is a glorious way forward – simply trusting and obeying Jesus.

I have made the comments below on several occasions in my writings. The concern I have for those politicians and the Liberal Church is that many members, including leaders are not true committed Christians. A difficult truth as the Apostle John recorded about Jesus: *“He was in the world, and though the world was made through him, the world did not recognize him. He came to that which was his own, but his own did not receive him. Yet to all who received him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God”* (John 1:10-12).

As noticed above, the word ‘received’ – and this is true – you have to be given something before you can ‘receive.’ When you realise and are truly thankful for all that God has done for you in Jesus, and you truly believe and keep on believing this truth, you are saved now and eternally.

The following truth is repeated for emphasis: *“I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life.... Then Jesus declared, I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never go hungry, and he who believes in me will never be thirsty.... All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never drive away. For I have come down from heaven not to do my will but to do the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I shall lose*

none of all that he has given me, but raise them up at the last day. For my Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.... No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him, and I will raise him up at the last day. It is written in the Prophets: They will all be taught by God. Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me. No one has seen the Father except the one who is from God; only he has seen the Father. I tell you the truth, he who believes has everlasting life. I am the bread of life.... What if you see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before! The Spirit gives life; the flesh counts for nothing. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.... From this time many of his disciples turned back and no longer followed him. You do not want to leave too, do you? Jesus asked the Twelve. Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of

eternal life. We believe and know that you are the Holy One of God" (John 5:24, 6:35, 37-40, 44-48, 62-63, 66-69).

I began by expressing great concern for politicians who reach positions of "power" as they approach retirement – **maybe twenty years of service left** – and then facing eternity. Have they served for good or evil?

Concerning the above, King Solomon (c. 900 BC) in his wisdom recorded: "I undertook great projects: I built houses for myself and planted vineyards. I made gardens and parks and planted all kinds of fruit trees in them....I denied myself nothing my eyes desired; I refused my heart no pleasure. My heart took delight in all my work, and this was the reward for all my labour. Yet when I surveyed all that my hands had done and what I had toiled to achieve, everything was meaningless, a chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 2:4-5; 10-11).

I pray their service will be for good and trust and obey Almighty God.

Mark recorded Jesus saying: "*What good is it for a man to gain the whole world, yet forfeit his soul?*" (Mark 8:36).

"Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil" (Ecclesiastes 12:13-14).

Blessings

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1. *Lawless Dogma or Fundamental Bible Truth* by Rev Dr Graham Whelan OAM
2. *The Covenant Nations* Vol 5 No 7, p.5
3. *The Covenant Nations* Vol 5 No 7, p.6
4. *The Covenant Nations* Vol 5 No 4, p.5
5. *The Covenant Nations* Vol 5 No 5, p.5
6. *The Covenant Nations* Vol 5 No 6, p.10-11

COVENANT PUBLISHING NEWS

Another title is now available from Covenant Publishing: *The Message of the Minor Prophets*. This useful publication was written by the Rev. Ansley F. Rash in 1951 and the **Introduction** to his work appears below. His words fully explain the importance and relevance of studying these scriptures. Writing in the aftermath of World War II he experienced “days of confusion and chaos” and nothing has changed for the generation of today. The book is highly recommended by the publishing team.

“The Old Testament writings generally referred to as the Minor Prophets are apt to be neglected by students of Scripture. This is a pity, because each one of the twelve books has a stirring message for our day and generation, and amply repays careful and prayerful study. Incidentally, it might be well to point out that the Minor Prophets are so called because their books are shorter than those of the Major Prophets and not because they are of lesser importance.

The significance of prophecy needs re-emphasis in these days of confusion and chaos. It contains an outline of the Divine plan and purpose for our nation and the world in general; it reveals the end from the beginning, increases faith, and gives much-needed courage and confidence for the future. Prophecy fulfilled in history clearly indicates that God in heaven and not blind chance over-rules the destiny of mankind.

In studying the prophetic writings of the Bible, both in the Old Testament and the New, certain vital points should be borne in mind.

1. There is almost always a first and then a final fulfilment of each prophecy. It is essential, therefore, to know something of the historical background of the message given.

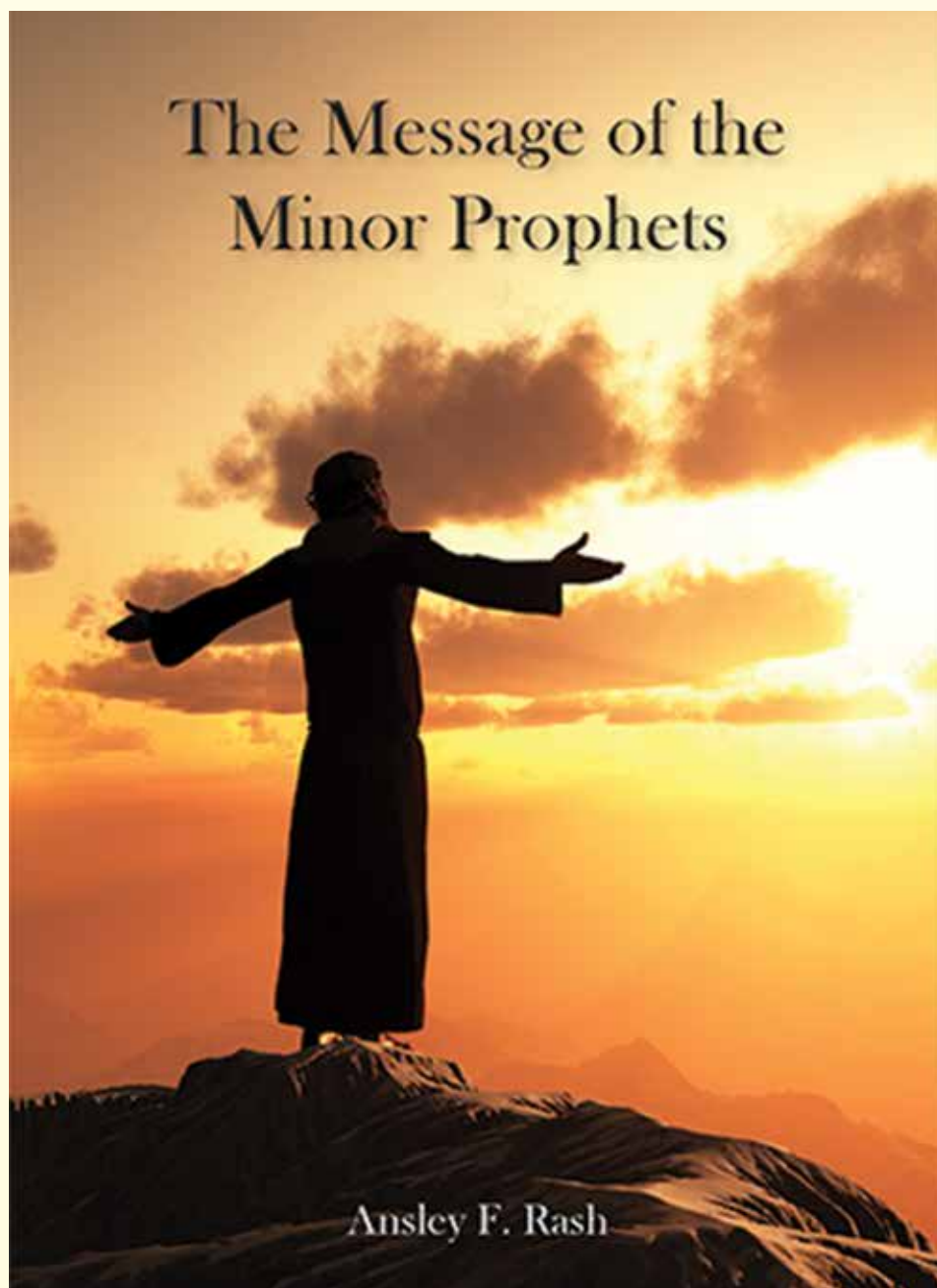
2. In the vast majority of cases, the prophet first sketches the outline of events and then fills in the details. Hence, in order to understand the prophecy, it is necessary to fit the latter into the pattern provided by the former.

3. Many prophecies are capable of a literal and also a spiritual interpretation, and so when studying it is necessary to discover this by a careful consideration of the context. If there is any doubt it is always wiser to accept the literal rendering.

4. In considering the future, it is well to remember all those prophecies that have already been

fulfilled, because the past is often the explanation of the present and the key to the future.

In presenting these outline studies it is my earnest prayer that they may lead to a deeper understanding and a fuller appreciation of what is surely one of the most remarkable portions of the sacred Canon of Scripture.”



OUR HISTORY REBUKED, REVOKED AND REWRITTEN

We have entered an Age of Anarchy signalling the Latter Days. Riotous crowds are openly defacing and destroying anything seemingly related to our Western Christian history and culture. The powerful and influential American “Democratic National Committee” posted a “tweet” suggesting that the beautiful Mount Rushmore memorial is a hateful symbol of White privilege, leaving the impression that it should be demolished. This attack is not only directed at monuments, but schools, streets and even cities are being renamed to eliminate their White historical connections. The city of Columbus, Ohio, removed a prominent statue of Christopher Columbus, the city namesake, and a drive is on to rename the municipality.

A tremendous amount of misinformation is being spread in the liberal-left media inflaming

diverse crowds of rioters who seem bent on destroying any signs of Anglo-Saxon heritage, while claiming a moral and historical right to do so. Yet a study reported in our newspaper said that only 18% of “Black Lives Matter” demonstrators are Black, showing that a growing number of young Caucasians have been falsely instilled with a sense of shame and embarrassment about their ethnic heritage, which at the very least is not a healthy mental attitude. A widely shared typical comment by a young White man on Twitter social media stated, “Yes, I think the statues of the white European they claim as Jesus should also come down. They are a form of white supremacy. Always have been. In the Bible, when the family of Jesus wanted to hide, and blend in, guess where they went? EGYPT! Not Denmark. Tear them down.”

The assumption is now commonly

made that the peoples of ancient Israel and Egypt were uniformly black or dark-skinned. However we find an interesting fact in *A Handbook to the Egyptian Mummies and Coffins Exhibited in the British Museum*, published in 1938. The book presents us with an early “pre-dynastic” mummy with light reddish-yellow hair similar to what may be found in northwest Europe today, listed as “No. 32751.” The British Museum guidebook says, “The body of a man originally buried in a shallow, oval grave on the west bank of the Nile, near Gabelein...is typical of burials in the pre-dynastic period, to which this body belongs, survivals of it are found as late as the Twelfth Dynasty...The man was fair-skinned and light-haired, it has therefore been suggested, as the dynastic Egyptians usually represented the Libyans as fair-skinned and blue-eyed, that he was of Libyan stock. His height was about



six feet...” Some historians believe that dynastic individuals such as this are related to the Hyksos “Shepherd Kings” who ruled early Egypt, and of which the Israelites in Goshen may very possibly have been a part.

This “Egyptian” mummy has been “known affectionately to the attendants who look after the Egyptian Department, and indeed to all of the museum authorities... as ‘Old Ginger,’” as reported by the late British-Israel scholar, Norman Court, in an article titled “Old Ginger” published in the late 1930s. We think of the Libyans today as a dark-complexioned people, but the ancient inhabitants in the region of North Africa were “usually represented...as fair-skinned and blue-eyed,” according to scholars in the British Museum.

The Ethiopian Eunuch (*Acts* 8) was likely Hebrew, not African; a heathen would not understand Passover and Pentecost, nor would he be allowed to participate.

It is becoming politically correct today to assert as well that the early Israelites were dark-skinned or black, but that is contradicted by the famous ancient *Dead Sea Scrolls*. In column 20 of the scroll known as *The Book of Abraham*, Abraham’s wife, Sarah, is described as having “*soft flowing hair...her whiteness complexion.*” This in no way describes someone of Black African descent.

Professor Roland Dixon, late professor of Anthropology at Harvard University, wrote, “*We are probably justified in believing the people of Palestine and the adjacent country to have been, in the second and third millennium B.C., primarily of the Mediterranean and Caspian Nordic types.*” (*Racial History of Man*, p. 172).

In the Bible, King David is described: “*Now he was ruddy*

[‘freshly or healthily red, fair, florid, blond,’ Oxford Dictionary] *and withal of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look to...*” (*I Samuel* 16:12). Similarly, David is again described in *I Samuel* 17:42, “*And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him: for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and of a fair countenance.*” David had a fair or white complexion.

The prophet of the return from exile, Ezra, said, “*O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to Thee, my God...*” (*Ezra* 9:6). It is only those of Caucasian ethnicity that are fair complexioned and rosy, able to blush or show blood in the face.

The prophet Jeremiah complained of the Israelites saying, “*Were they ashamed when they had committed abomination? Nay, they were not at all ashamed, neither could they blush*” (*Jeremiah* 6:15; 8:12).

The biblical book, *Song of Solomon*, says, “*My beloved is white and ruddy, the chiefest among ten thousand*” (5:10). Similarly, we read in biblical *Lamentations*, “*Her Nazarites were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was of sapphire*” (*Lamentations* 4:7).

Did the Israelites intermarry with other peoples? In the *Dead Sea Scrolls* “Temple Scroll” column 57 is a command to men that “he shall not take a wife from among all the daughters of the nations, but instead take a wife from his father’s house from his father’s family,” which matches an even earlier biblical command in *Numbers* 36:6.

Dr. Frank Stevens, the late curator of the Salisbury and South Wilts Museum in England, stated, “*There is a recognized ‘Megalithic Route,’ as it is called, marked by huge stone monuments of the nature of Stonehenge, which, starting in India, can be traced to Persia, Palestine,*

Arabia, Morocco, Algeria, Tunis, Portugal and Brittany, finally crossing the Channel to Devon and Cornwall.” (*Stonehenge Today and Yesterday*, 1919, pp. 88-89) Wherever Israel went they were to set up waymarks (*Jeremiah* 31:21), and the Megalithic Route is Israel’s route. None of this is known to our modern young people, and the great commission given to the House of Israel is increasingly neglected through agnostic ignorance. What a positive difference in faith, evangelism, and even mental well-being, would acknowledge our Israel heritage and Divine commission be to our young people today!

Every nation should be allowed to exhibit pride in their heritage, and a love and appreciation of one’s cultural forefathers is not hate. Yet our past is being deliberately and devilishly altered as if it was uniformly evil and corrupt, rebuking our ancestors, shaming and revoking their life accomplishments, and rewriting our history books.

We were warned that this time would come. “*Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob’s trouble; but he shall be saved out of it*” (*Jeremiah* 30:7). Take courage in that promise. This is indeed a time of trouble, but we need to follow the Apostle’s advice: “*Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand*” (*Ephesians* 6:10-13). Amen!

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LAMP-TRIMMING TIME

Following our Saviour's discourse on the mount of Olives, when He revealed to His disciples the order of events leading up to His Second Coming, He gave a plainspoken admonition concerning the necessity to be alert and watching while awaiting His return and He made this emphatic by the illustrative Parable of the Ten Virgins.

"Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, which took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. And five of them were wise, and five were foolish. They that were foolish took their lamps, and took no oil with them. But the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. While the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. And at midnight there was a cry made, Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him. Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are gone out. But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage: and the door was shut. Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. But he answered and said,

Verily I say unto you, I know you not. Watch therefore, for ye know neither the day nor the hour wherein the Son of man cometh" (Matthew 25:1-13).

Because it is a parable, the virgins, the lamps, the oil and light are allegorical of conditions and events heralding His Advent when He will rejoin His followers and claim His Kingdom. It is obvious that the Lord Jesus Christ is the Bridegroom of the parable and the virgins are those who are looking for His appearing. The fact that they are virgins indicates that they represent only those who are Christians and who expect the return of the Lord. This parable

does not involve disbelievers, who are indifferent and careless, nor the wicked, who scoff at the promise of His coming.

Looking with particular interest at the moment when the cry was made that the bridegroom was coming, the virgins all arose and began to trim their lamps. The events causing them to start trimming their lamps left no question in their minds as to their significance. But what is signified by the act of trimming their lamps?

What they were seeking, of course, in trimming their lamps, was more light. The wicks in their lamps had evidently become fouled with carbon and the oil could not flow freely, so the trimming or cutting of the wick was essential to restore its usefulness so that more light would be given.

The ten virgins are depicted as going out to meet the bridegroom long before he came and as the bridegroom tarried, the waiting virgins began to nod and sleep. Then at midnight, or as the Greek can be translated, 'in the middle of the night,' a cry was made, "*Behold, the bridegroom cometh; go ye out to meet him.*" The result of this cry was that all the virgins awoke and the first thing they began to do was trim their lamps.

The fact that they began to do this indicated an



urgent need for more light. Before this could be secured, it was essential that the deposits of carbon on their wicks be removed, necessitating the cutting off of that part of the wick that was clogged so the oil could flow freely and brighten the lamp's flame.

What is the analogous meaning of this act of trimming their lamps? This question may be answered by asking another. What is it today that is preventing sincere Christian men and women from recognizing the significance of the events which are now signalling the imminence of His coming and the chronological timing of that coming? Why are they so blind to prophecy that the prophetic portions of Scripture have actually become a closed book to them? What is the hardened encrustation that has prevented the oil of the Holy Spirit from flowing freely to the very end of the 'wick' to provide adequate light? In answering this question, it is important to determine the significance of the wick itself.

In the first place we know that the virgins in the parable are in possession of the oil of the Holy Spirit. Even the foolish have oil enough for a little while but not enough to meet the long delay, for, as the Greek shows, when the trimming was complete the five foolish complained that their lights were going out, clearly indicating the possession of oil but not in sufficient quantity for the occasion.

If the oil represents the Holy Spirit [who is the source of revelation], then in view of Paul's statement, "*Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you,*" it would follow that the believer's body is the vessel containing the oil. The Lord declared of the Holy Spirit that He is "*the Spirit of truth*" (John 14:17), and also the Comforter:

"...whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, ..." (John 14:26).

We readily see the essential importance of the wick in the lamp, for the oil in the vessel must work through it to give light. From the expression in the verse quoted above, "*teach you all things,*" we also perceive the Holy Spirit works through the mind of the believer to increase his understanding. Thus, the wick of the lamp is analogous to the mind of the Christian as the oil of the Holy Spirit saturates it to provide the needed illumination. It was this light-giving qualification of spirit-filled men and women that the Lord had in mind when He said to His disciples,

"Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven" (Matthew 5:14-16).

When the disciples were endued with power at Pentecost, they came into an understanding of the truth as taught by the Holy Spirit and their minds were opened to discern what they were previously unable to comprehend. As a result of the work of the Holy Spirit through their minds, power was given to them to become the light of the world. Luke follows the statement of Christ that a candle is put on a candlestick to give light, with the observation that,

"The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness. If thy whole

body therefore be full of light, having no part dark, the whole shall be full of light, as when the bright shining of a candle doth give thee light" (Luke 11:34-36).

When an observant person looks into the eyes of a truly spirit-filled man or woman, he will see the reflection of the light within, while the eyes of an unbeliever are often dull in comparison because they do not mirror a soul filled with the light of the Holy Spirit. The worldly wise may be well educated and brilliant by all the standards of modern intellectualism, yet because the light within is darkness, they are void of the wisdom which is the gift of God through His Holy Spirit.

In conjunction with Christ's statement that the Christian is to let his light shine before men so that his good works may glorify the Father in heaven, Matthew records Christ's accompanying remarks concerning the necessity to obey even the least of the commandments. Christ stated that the righteousness of His followers (i.e. their keeping of the law) must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees and He gave a specific reason,

"For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven" (Matthew 5:20).

When the spirit of the Christian is all but strangled by the cares of this life because he fails to acknowledge the necessity to be obedient to the commandments of Christ, the Holy Spirit is unable to dwell within.

Also, when the mind of the believer becomes clogged by erroneous information, false doctrines, creeds and dogmas, the work of the Holy Spirit is frustrated because the mind is no longer susceptible to His

leading. Thus, the light that at one time burned brightly grows dim and in some cases flickers for a while and then goes out. The accumulation of a host of ideas, opinions and beliefs which do not conform with scriptural truth is responsible for the failure of many Christians to have the spiritual insight which the Spirit is always ready to impart but cannot do so when the mind is unable to assimilate the truth. In all such cases the 'wick' is clogged with an encrustation of 'hardened carbon' that must be removed.

Because of the many years during which much misinformation, especially concerning the prophetic portions of the Scriptures, has been taught as truth, it is not surprising that even Christians who have the oil of the Holy Spirit are in darkness as to the messages of the prophets and the imminence of the coming of Christ, as well as the chronological significance of the times and seasons in which we are living. Nor is it to be wondered at that many know little about the Bible because of the long-practised method of spiritualization, which obscures the literal meaning of much of its great story. This is the reason why such a surprisingly large percentage of Christians, and even church leaders, who have been born again and have the Holy Spirit, seem to have no light on the relation of present-day happenings to what the prophets foretold. It also accounts for the "*blindness in part*" (Romans 11:25) of so many, which is designated in the Parable of the Ten Virgins as a state of slumbering.

Before it will be possible for these Christians to have the light that will give them understanding, a drastic change of mind must take place. By an analysis of the story of the virgins we are given to understand that under the pressure of events they will awaken to the fact that they must

discard the whole accumulation of long-accepted errors concerning the interpretation of the Scriptures. It will be realized at that time that they must repudiate the Futurist method of prophetic interpretation, which, being based upon the spiritualization of much of the teaching of the Word of the Lord, will have been proved utterly unscriptural. This will, in some cases, require a major 'cutting away' of a hardened over-coating of superficial spirituality, for many Christian leaders have not only preached a subverted doctrine of prophetic interpretation, but some of them have also gone on record in print as an authority on the Scriptures based on these erroneous conclusions.

"Behold, the bridegroom
cometh"

Matthew 25:6

What will be the event, or events, to bring about this sudden change, causing those who are asleep to be startled into a realization of their great need for light? It is certain that their nature will be such that there will be no question as to the meaning of what is taking place – even to the extent of bringing home to all their need to slough off every excrescence beclouding the mind and spirit. This is the significance of lamp-trimming time.

The first result of the removal of the encrustation from the wick of understanding will be the whole hearted acknowledgement of the truth concerning the identity of the Israel of God with the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples. At the same time the truth will be recognized pertaining to the Kingdom of God – the kingdom

over which Mary was told by the Angel that Christ would return to reign forever. The acceptance of the chronological timing of His return will follow, for the very cry, "*Behold, the bridegroom cometh*" will have established its accuracy.

It is at the conclusion of the lamp-trimming period when the full light of understanding has dawned, that the foolish will realize they lack sufficient oil to continue to provide the necessary light. The lamps of the wise will be burning brightly with all hindrances removed, but the analogous parable warns that before the foolish are able to secure what they need from the source of supply, the Bridegroom will come and the wise ones will enter with Him to enjoy the marriage supper.

The midnight hour has passed and we are now in the darkest hours of the night of darkness. The watchers are alert and the importance of transpiring events is tabulated as each hour goes by. Paul's words in the book of *Romans*, chapter 13, verses 11-14, as quoted from the *Revised Standard Version of the Bible*, will be understood by those who are wise.

"Besides this you know what hour it is, how it is full time now for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed; the night is far gone, the day is at hand. Let us then cast off the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; let us conduct ourselves becomingly as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires."

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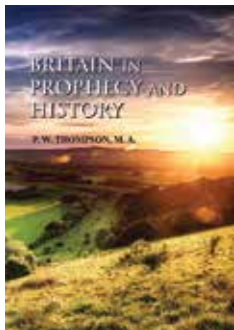
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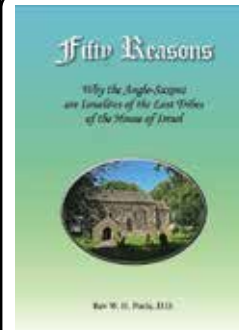


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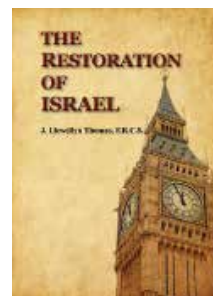
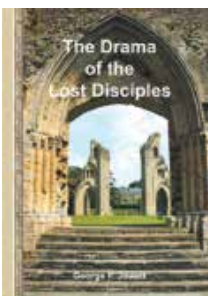
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