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EDITORIAL

HALLELUJAH FOR THE STILL SMALL VOICE!

The world is in tumult. The Middle East is a cockpit of conflict. The British nation is sunk deep in sin while unbelief holds centre stage and the abortion of unborn children is at a record level. In fact the statistics are terrifying. And let us not forget that child sacrifice was a shared sin among the Canaanites and the Philistines. In fact, child sacrifice was a major religious practice across the ancient world.

And we are under God's judgment. Our government is listless and directionless and has ushered the United Kingdom into a period of deepest humiliation. We are a laughing stock worldwide. At home, girls and women are not safe, neither on our streets nor in our homes, where brutal males carry out depraved attacks on the defenceless.

But in the midst of the clamour and the headlong rush to destruction listen for the still small voice of the living God. God is here with us in our darkness. Has God not sent the light of the world into our midst to spread the gospel of redemption and die a sacrificial death on Calvary's cross? Hallelujah!

Listen for the still small voice made known to you as you read God's word or kneel in prayer or worship his holy name. People refer to the quiet revival, though the statistics are controversial. But the evidence of our own eyes is that not only in our local church but across the country, people are returning to church. In our home church, 34 have been added to our regular Sunday congregation. And that experience is widespread. The scriptures tell us that when the enemy comes in

like a flood, the Lord will raise up a banner against him. Meanwhile, Bible prophecy is being fulfilled in plain sight. How are we to explain the Israeli state and the United States of America acting in concert?

A military alliance of the most sophisticated kind, which has pummelled the mad mullahs of Iran and the Hezbollah in Lebanon. How is this strange conjunction of the Israeli state and the U.S.A. to be interpreted unless we acknowledge the division of the 12 tribes in the ancient past into ten tribes and into two tribes? The ten tribes who were God's witnesses taking the gospel to the world. These tribes had a separate destiny from the two tribes. But in God's wonderful Providence, his plan continues to unfold.

Dr Clifford Smyth



A GOOD QUESTION

Why should a sovereign nation be bullied by Brussels into policies that would jeopardise its future as a distinct people?’ Tony Abbott

After the recent general election in Hungary, which is a member of the European Union, former Australian premier Tony Abbott commented on the defeat of the outgoing prime minister, Viktor Orbán.

Taking to social media he said: ‘[Orbán] and I differed on Ukraine, but I thought **he was dead right to defy the EU, on illegal immigration especially. Why should a sovereign nation be bullied by Brussels into policies that would jeopardise its future as a distinct people?’**

That is a good question, for several reasons.

Firstly, it highlights the bullying approach of Brussels to the members of the European Union, something that is also true of its approach to its neighbours, including the United Kingdom.

Secondly it identifies the danger of the EU to the future of ‘distinct peoples’. The EU’s vision of a United States of Europe, coupled with its long-standing strategy of incremental harmonisation and integration is designed to end the future of distinct peoples.

Thirdly it poses the question ‘why should a sovereign nation be bullied by Brussels into policies that jeopardise its future as a distinct people?’ Why indeed?

Ten years ago, on 23 June 2016, the people of the United Kingdom voted, in a referendum, to leave the European Union and reclaim their national sovereignty.



Tony Abbott

Yet today there are ominous signs of an attempt by the UK government to reverse that decision. They negotiate with Brussels and use words like reset, realign and revise but these words are really used as euphemisms for reverse. Their aim is not to revise Brexit but to reverse it and take the UK back into the EU.

So why would a UK government allow itself to be bullied by Brussels into rejoining the EU?

We have a government of ‘remainers’ who attempted to thwart Brexit and are now seeking to reverse it, albeit incrementally. They do not value our British nationhood, our national interest, our national identity and our national sovereignty as they ought and at heart, they are globalists.

What else can explain their weakness when faced with the bullying of Brussels and other threats, both internal and external? It is therefore time to watch and pray.

Watch carefully

We must watch carefully to ‘understand the times, to know what Israel ought to do’ (1 Chronicles 12:32).

Yes, The Cabinet Office has said: ‘The UK will not be rejoining the EU, but **this Government has reset its relationship with the EU with a new strategic partnership:** A deal that is good for UK bills, borders, jobs and growth.’ [*Daily Express* 13 April 2026]

Back in 1972, when Edward Heath negotiated Britain’s membership of the Common Market, he assured parliament that ‘there is no question of Britain losing essential national sovereignty’. He ruled out any loss of ‘essential national sovereignty’ but he did not rule out any loss of national sovereignty, because he knew there would be a gradual loss of sovereignty. Because he simply did not want to admit that he introduced the word ‘essential’ but did not tell us what he meant by that.

Today we would call that ‘spin’ and ‘fake news’ and we need to beware of it in relation to the EU. Remainers see a ‘deepening partnership’ as the road to membership by stealth.

Watch prayerfully

The BIWF and other British-Israel organisations believe in the national sovereignty of the British people, and we also believe in the power of prayer. Our God is a living God and a listening God, who hears and answers prayer.

For a generation, from 1973 until the Brexit vote of 2016, we prayed for Britain to leave the European Union. In the end that prayer was answered, and so we should pray now that the current plans of some politicians and political parties to take us back into the European Union will be defeated.

May God help us to watch and pray.

Nelson McCausland

A PROPHETIC WARNING AND A CALL TO ACTION

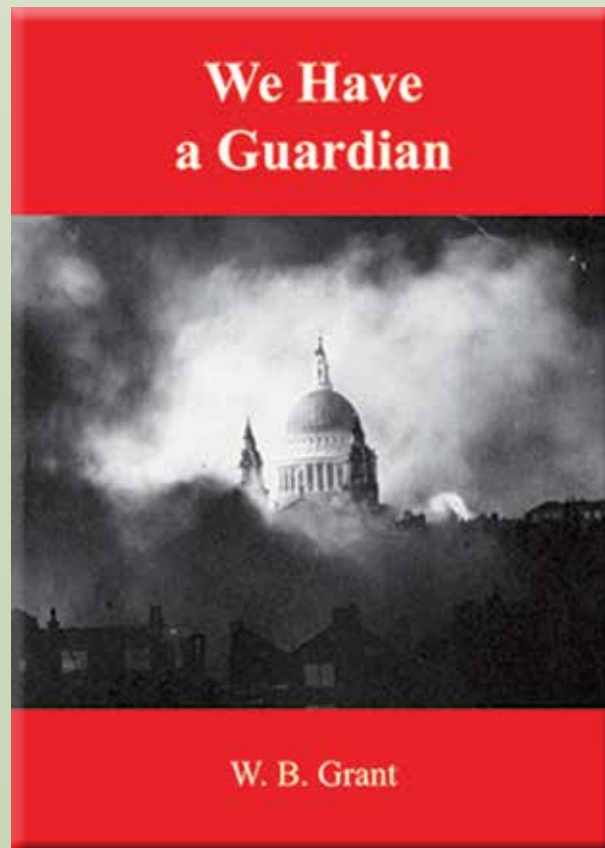
I am Pastor John of *Strengthen the Faithful*, author of the *Wartime Miracles Leaflet* which was posted to 25,000 churches, the producer of the video *A Dramatic Answer to Prayer; The Miracle of Dunkirk* and also *The Repent Britain* talk.

Nine years ago, I received a very clear call from the Lord, to remind people how He had delivered this nation from invasion during the Second World War when they turned to Him in humble repentance. A total of *Seven National Days of Prayer* were held at various crisis points during that war, and God answered each one by altering the natural sequence of events which had been unfolding. One example was the miracle of the flat calm sea which occurred right after the first *National Day of Prayer* and which lasted for the length of time needed to rescue 335,000 Allied soldiers from Dunkirk. The English Channel became like a mill pond. Such a calm hadn't been seen for a generation and the length of duration precise timing and intensity, explains why it is called *The Miracle of Dunkirk*.

About two weeks after the invasion of Ukraine in 2022 the importance of teaching people about these deliverances was further emphasised to me. This happened in an extraordinary way. As I was looking out of my study window reflecting on the invasion, I began to pray in the silence of my heart. My prayer was going to be "*Lord is there anything more that I should*

be doing?" However, I didn't even get to the end of that question. I got as far as "*Lord is there anything more*", and at that point like a flash of lightning, which is the only way I can describe it, the words vividly flashed across my inner vision... "*Get the video out*".

And this is exactly how events are now unfolding before our very eyes. As a nation, we can no longer defend ourselves, feed ourselves or fuel ourselves and most of all, NATO the long-time defender of Western Europe is in crisis as it loses American support.



In a recent interview on *Revelation TV*, I warned that the people of this country will some day have to choose between slavery under a dictator or freedom by repenting and turning back to the Living God of the Bible who delivered this nation in the past. Whenever I am invited to speak, I deliver this message and also remind people that it was the Christian God of the Bible who delivered Britain, not Allah, Buddha, witchcraft, or the gods of Hinduism. Tragically, just like Demas of old who abandoned St Paul because "*he loved this present world*", so Britain has forsaken the God of her salvation.

"*Get the video out*" were the exact words. I am not lying, nor am I exaggerating. And there can only be one reason for the urgency of this task; that at some point in the not-too-distant future this nation will face an existential crisis of such magnitude only Divine intervention will be able to save us from. Just as Britain was alone at the time of the Dunkirk crisis, this Nation will be alone again, without any human help available; only Divine help. It is a prophetic warning of the gravest nature.

From every pulpit in the land there should be sermons about these *Seven National Days of Prayer* showing how God answered those prayers; from every pulpit in the land there should be teaching that God has the power to deliver us yet again but that this is dependent on us turning back to Him in humility and repentance. There should be! But instead from many pulpits there is nothing but silence on these matters. Many who contact *Strengthen the Faithful* tell us that they never hear sermons about deliverances, the need for national

repentance (and very rarely about the Holiness of God, the Second Coming or teaching about Israel in Bible prophecy.)

Boldly teaching people about how God delivered this nation in the past is however absolutely essential. If this truth is not proclaimed by churches now in this present hour, it means that when this Nation faces existential crisis in the future, people will wrongly assume that they have no alternative but surrender, rather than repent and turn to Almighty God for help and intervention. So, what must be done?

Deafening silence from the pulpit is now “*A Trumpet Call to Action*” for believers at the grassroots. Scripture teaches the priesthood of all believers, so on the authority of the *Word of God*, when shepherds fail to sound the alarm, it becomes the duty of ordinary believers to do so. Now is the time for faithful Christians

across Britain (and Ireland) to actively share how Almighty God delivered this country from invasion in answer to national repentance. If the faithful remnant doesn’t do this, nobody else will. As the Lord said to St Paul, “*Do not be afraid but speak, and do not keep silent.*” (*Acts Ch 18v9.*)

And sharing this information is easy. Put “*Deliverances*” into the subject box, email strengthenthefaithful@gmail.com and you will be sent the link to the Dunkirk video along with a poster about God’s deliverances. This poster can be shared with your Bible Study/Prayer Group, displayed on noticeboards and perhaps printed in a church or village magazine. Photocopies of the poster can be distributed among friends, family, work colleagues, church members or simply emailed to them. Those who use *Facebook* or edit a church website, can display the poster and the video link for even wider

coverage. For those who find it easier, the link to the video can also be shared via *WhatsApp*. To receive the link in this format *WhatsApp* the word *Deliverances* to 0788 404 8379. Sharing this information will prove to be the only thing that will bring people hope in the face of what is ahead. By so doing people will know that they can turn to God in repentance and receive help as did the Wartime generation, rather than surrender and become slaves.

In this article I have given both a prophetic warning and an urgent call to action. Either I am deluded and long-term peace is coming, or I have been guided by the Lord to deliver this message and therefore it must be taken very seriously. It is either one or the other, it cannot be both. Please share this article as a witness to what Almighty God can do.

Pastor John

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“LESSONS WILL BE LEARNED”

The reason for placing inverted commas in the title of this article is that it is a common reaction to many incidents or situations which reflect badly on the government or a local authority. Such promises to make improvements to the evident failings often simply fail to materialise. In the wider sphere the histories of nations and empires reveal that failures in their systems recurred in later generations. Such failings, which are reported in historical records tend to be ignored or overlooked by more recent generations or, as is perhaps the case in our own lifetime, newer systems and methods are considered to be better able to avoid any repetition of past mistakes. But, turning again to those ancient records, we find that, even with modern technology and advanced methods, human happiness and welfare are little improved, and the anxiety, poverty and injustice endured back then are still the lot of all too many people today. Clearly the lessons of history have seldom, if ever, been learned.

A climax in history.

In my own lifetime of BI identity teaching and witness it seems

providential that our research and promotion of the evidence of our ancestry have come to the fore at what we believe is now the end of this age in human history. We are clearly at a climax in world history, as critical as it was just prior to the flood or, later, at the time of the confusion of tongues. Such, indeed, was predicted by our Lord in His prophetic words as given in Luke's gospel:- "And as it was in the days of Noah so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man." (Luke 17 v.26). The Biblical record informs us of God's intervention in dramatic fashion on both of these occasions as we know.

Distress and perplexity.

We are, I believe, at such a critical point in world conditions at the present time. Tribulation, affliction, distress and perplexity are words our Lord used regarding this age as the gospel writers recorded. The Reformation brought the Word of God into print and made it available for all to read throughout the kingdom and, in time, in the languages of people worldwide. By this means countless millions of people have come to the Lord Jesus Christ in

faith and gained their salvation. But comparatively few came to a knowledge of Israel's identity in the world. Such blindness was perhaps a blessing, a protection from her hereditary enemies; hidden, yet in plain sight. A further protection was the promise of God, that no weapon raised against her would prosper. That this Israel identity teaching has come into being in these latter days of this age bears witness to the love and providence of God—and to the keeping of His promises to our forefathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, a witness that the national Church has, in general, failed to acknowledge and proclaim. This witness has been proclaimed by individuals and organisations throughout the 'nation and company of nations' for nearly two hundred years, in both verbal and literary form. While the advocates of this truth have, with the passage of time, become few in number, this in itself is a sign of the climactic state of the world we live in. For the Lord Himself alluded to this situation in the question He posed - "...when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?" (Luke 18 v.8) I don't imagine that a multi-faith society is what He wished to see! The faith He will look for is this gospel of the kingdom, yet it is not much in evidence at the present time. But it has been preached in all the world, as our Lord said it would be, so the end of the age must surely be close at hand. (Matt. 24:14).

The Roman Empire.

Before the British Empire came into being the greatest empire, in terms of territorial occupation was, of course, the Roman Empire. In the dream image of Nebuchadnezzar, recorded in Daniel ch.2, it is portrayed in the feet of mixed iron and clay, the fourth empire associated with Israel's



fall from grace and her dispersal westwards from the promised land. The Roman Empire, in its territorial expansion across Europe and in North Africa, subsequently became difficult to manage through its centralised form of government. Social, economic and religious activities were administered or rigidly controlled by the State. It had enemies on the European continent whose persistent attacks eventually required the withdrawal of its military forces from its outlying territories, like Britain and elsewhere, for the sake of the home defence. Its complex rules and regulations became a burdensome bureaucracy. Inflation affected the financial life of its citizens and their businesses. In its latter years farmers were encouraged to leave the land to work in the cities. In the following quote we see how the fall of that empire had repercussions which are still in evidence today:-

“Now the Empire’s problem was shortages: shortages of grain, of materials and of men... Throughout the Mediterranean basin agriculture had been operated to supply the distant mistress of the world. The rewards of the consumer had been too attractive; those for the producer not enough. Lands, especially in Italy, had gone out of cultivation, areas in Africa from which Rome had drawn grain and meat for centuries were becoming desert. Spain and other countries had been deforested to provide fuel for the public baths of Rome....From Spain to Palestine there are no forests left in the Mediterranean littoral, the region is pronouncedly arid instead of having the mild humid character of forest-clad lands, and most of its formerly rich topsoil is lying at the bottom of the sea.

Roman emperors were helpless to reverse the trend. Power had been centralised, and the management of the gigantic administrative machine was simply beyond their capacity. After a certain point of centralisation, a bureaucracy becomes unrelated to reality; it is busy managing management and governing the machinery of power.” (This is a slight contraction of text on p786 of ‘The Institutes of Biblical Law’ by R.J.Rushdoony).

Change is of little benefit.

I think the reader will recognize the similarity of the problems facing our nation today with those experienced by Roman citizens in their empire in those distant years and centuries. Although our many changes and advances in technology have created different problems the basic systems of administration and government suffer from the same weaknesses and failings as did those of ancient Rome. As it was in that distant empire, our industry, businesses and essential services are all adversely affected by government bureaucracy and administrative red tape.

A fairly recent aspect of our system is highlighted, perhaps, in the prophetic words of the prophet Isaiah, in chapter 3 and verse 12:- “As for my people, children are their oppressors and women rule over them. O, my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err,



and destroy the way of thy paths.” They do indeed!

The help-meet.

The suffragette movement in the early years of the last century received sympathetic support from the majority of the country, as it seemed quite fair that women have their say in the choice of members of Parliament. However, it has proved to be the thin end of a persistent wedge. We have grown accustomed now to having women in Government and even to be the Prime Minister. Yet the inference from the words of Isaiah’s prophecy is that such a situation is wrong. So, what is the place of women in society as seen in the pages of Scripture? The Bible is not misogynistic. When God formed the first human being He formed the man, Adam. On his own Adam would have had an unfruitful life and achieved little of any worth. So God formed Eve to be a help-meet to Adam. From then on we see that the man and the woman were of equal value and importance. However, their roles in life are not identical for their strengths and abilities are not identical. But Eve’s place was not one of subservience for she had compatibility with her male partner. This partnership produced a perfect way of life in which there is mutual respect and attention, mutual confidence and assistance. They each had the knowledge and ability to fulfil their respective roles in complete harmony.

Man is physically stronger and throughout Scripture is given the leadership role in family and national life. In choosing additional help in governing the kingdom of Israel Moses was instructed to choose:-”.... able men such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness,”

(Exodus 18 v.21) The prophets in the Old Testament were chosen by God, and were all men, as were the disciples whom the Lord chose, as recorded in the New Testament. The burden of leadership was not to be laid on women's shoulders as it was regarded as more than they could reasonably be expected to bear, and would detract from their other supportive work in the partnership. That supportive role is eloquently described in the later verses of ch.31 in the book of Proverbs and clearly emphasises the essential position the woman holds in the family unit. The fact that our British monarchy has had female occupants on the throne does not negate the principle for the monarch does not rule, but is himself, or herself, subject to law. This was established by Magna Carta and still pertains to this day. They are figureheads or regents, privileged by the law of inheritance to occupy the throne of the Lord in a vicarious role. Their signature giving authority to Acts of Parliament is simply a legal formality in acknowledgement of their high office. This, perhaps, gives emphasis to the expression 'the rule of law' for no one can be exempt from it.

Family unit is the foundation of Biblical society.

In that prophecy of Isaiah, just quoted, the linking of 'unruly children' and 'ruling women' is more descriptive of a family situation than may be apparent at first glance. In the family situation the wife, who bears the children, has the closer relationship with them, feeding, clothing and attending to all their needs. The husband, hopefully, will play a supportive role but his priority is to make provision for his family by means of the remuneration received for his work or service. Thus the training, care, education and resultant character forming of the children

falls mainly on the shoulders of the woman. She has the authority for doing so for it is an extension of that vested in her husband. This may be considered an old-fashioned idea in the light of modern trends of thinking and practice. Yet the lack of intimate care and parental control in the formative years of a child's life results all too often in behavioural problems as the child grows up into maturity. A child does not come into this world fully trained, educated and disciplined and having love and respect for his or her parents. The latter have to work at this and earn the love and respect they naturally desire. In a matriarchal society these principles and practices will be neglected, with the result that behavioural standards then deteriorate and society goes into decline. This, again, is a repetition of history as Rushdoony relates in his book. Indeed, in this he declares that a matriarchal society is indicative of a society in decline.

Decline and lack of vision.

This decline is all too evident today as we witness the chaotic mismanagement of our nation's affairs by its ruling elite, and the lowering of our moral standards which were once Biblically based. The situation we are witnessing and experiencing in our own country is no more than what was predicted in the Scriptures, the words of God given nearly four thousand years ago. Monarchies, military dictatorships, republics, communist regimes, all ruling powers whose laws are man made, have come and gone and proved to be failures in respect of providing peace, prosperity, justice and freedom from all human ills. Even our own system of democracy has demonstrably had its shortcomings. But these lessons of history have seemingly not been learned, as we blunder on, making the same mistakes and following the same futile paths as have been

trodden before.

"Where there is no vision the people perish." (Prov.29 v.18)

Unlike the Roman and preceding empires, which were the product of military conquest, the British Empire would appear to have materialised more by accident than design. It grew from the settlement of emigrants from the home country, along with traders and missionaries, starting up life and businesses in North America, Canada and in lands in the southern hemisphere which were sparsely populated. This new Empire, far from being a military conquest, was merely a movement of populations seeking more space for growth and receiving only reluctant support from the home government at the time. What it was actually doing, even if blindly, was fulfilling the promises given to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, of becoming that nation and company of nations of Divine intent.

Purpose and vision.

With this knowledge we have hope, purpose and vision, and that knowledge is freely available in the Word of God. Turning back to it wholeheartedly, as we must, will be like a rebirth for Israel and for the whole world, the regeneration it urgently needs and which is promised in those sacred pages. So, come quickly Lord Jesus.

Alfred Brown



A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE ROBERT DICK

Robert Dick who died on 23rd February 2025 was a stalwart of British Israel Truth in Ulster.

A local business man in Ballymena, he owned a pharmacy and camera shop. But there was so much more to Robert than that.

Through his shop Robert distributed thousands of books on Bible prophecy, many of them published by our own Covenant Publishing Company.

When rallies on Bible Prophecy were convened, Robert was in his element inviting relatives, friends and acquaintances to the venues.

In truth Robert could account for between 20 and 40 of the attendees.

Robert has been described by those who knew him best as a wonderful and talented person, who loved The Lord, loved life and always saw the bright side of every situation.

With a deep interest in astronomy, history and Bible prophecy, conversation with Robert was both humorous and challenging.

Self-effacing and unpretentious, this was a man of singular worth.



To Robert's wife Margaretta and all the family, we extend our heartfelt sympathy.



THE SUBSTANCE OF PROPHECY:

Jeremiah 7 and the Spiritual Condition of a Nation

There are passages in Scripture that seem to rise from the ancient world and speak with unnerving clarity into our own moment. Jeremiah 7 is one of them. It is a chapter where God confronts a nation confident in its religious identity yet is drifting far from His ways. It is a text that exposes illusions, reveals patterns, and calls God's people back to covenant faithfulness.

For many believers in the United Kingdom today, Jeremiah's words feel strangely familiar. Not because Britain is ancient Judah, nor because Jeremiah 7 predicts our national future, but because the substance of prophecy often works through patterns rather than predictions. Prophecy reveals the character of God, the tendencies of human societies, and the consequences of spiritual drift. In that sense, Jeremiah's message becomes a mirror—reflecting not only the past but the present.

This article explores how biblical prophecy functions, how Jeremiah's warnings illuminate our own cultural moment, and why the call to repentance remains as urgent now as it was then.

Prophecy as Revelation, Not Mere Prediction

Modern readers often approach prophecy as if it were primarily a forecast of future events. But in Scripture, prophecy is first and foremost revelation. It reveals God's heart, God's holiness, God's grief, and God's expectations. It exposes the spiritual reality beneath the surface of national life.

Jeremiah 7 is not simply a timetable of coming judgement. It is a revelation of:

- God's covenant standards
- God's patience and sorrow
- the illusions that deceive nations
- the consequences of persistent disobedience

- the mercy that still calls people home

Prophecy reveals what God sees. It names what society normalises. It recalls people to reality—God's reality.

Prophetic Patterns Across History

Jeremiah's message follows a pattern that appears repeatedly throughout Scripture and history:

1. A nation blessed by God drifts from Him.
2. Religious language remains, but obedience fades.
3. Injustice grows.
4. Truth-tellers are silenced.
5. Leaders offer false comfort.
6. God sends prophetic voices to warn and call for repentance.
7. If repentance is rejected, consequences follow.

This pattern is not unique to Israel. It is the story of every nation that forgets God. Prophecy works by

revealing these patterns so that God's people can recognise them in their own time.

Jeremiah's Confrontation at the Temple Gate

Jeremiah 7 opens with a dramatic scene. God sends the prophet to stand at the gate of the temple—the very symbol of national identity and divine favour—and proclaim a message that shattered the people's assumptions.

Jerusalem believed that because the temple stood in their midst, they were safe. They assumed God's protection was automatic, even while they ignored His commands. Jeremiah exposed three illusions that sustained this false confidence.

1. The Illusion of Guaranteed Safety

The people believed their religious identity insulated them from danger. God responded that only genuine repentance—"amending their ways"—would secure their future.

2. The Illusion of Worship Without Obedience

Sacrifices continued, but justice, mercy, and holiness had vanished. God reminded them that He had commanded obedience, not empty ritual.

3. The Illusion of Consequence-Free Living

Jeremiah warned that if the nation persisted in rebellion, the temple would fall and the city would face invasion. Not because God delights in judgement, but because sin carries consequences.

A Mirror Held Up to the United Kingdom

The United Kingdom is not ancient Judah. The Church is not a geopolitical nation. And Jeremiah 7 is not a direct prediction about Britain. Yet the patterns Jeremiah exposed are unmistakably present

in our national life.

A Nation Living on Spiritual Memory

Britain retains the language of Christian heritage—cathedrals, ceremonies, chaplaincies, hymns. But heritage is not holiness. Memory is not obedience. We risk assuming a spiritual identity we no longer embody.

Religion Without Repentance

Public prayers remain. Religious festivals remain. But repentance has all but vanished from our national vocabulary. We celebrate what Scripture calls sin. We legislate what God warns against. We silence voices that speak truth.

Growing Injustice and Indifference

Jeremiah condemned the oppression of the vulnerable. Today we see loneliness, addiction, exploitation, family breakdown, and moral confusion. These are not merely social issues—they are spiritual symptoms.

False Comforts

Jerusalem trusted the temple. We trust democracy, economics, alliances, and national pride. But none of these can be substituted for righteousness.

A Sense of National Vulnerability

Jeremiah warned of invasion. For us, "invasion" may not be military. It may be cultural, ideological, economic, or spiritual. But the principle remains: a nation that rejects God becomes vulnerable.

Prophecy does not tell us what will happen. It tells us why things happen. It reveals the spiritual currents beneath the surface of public life.

The Redemptive Purpose of Prophecy

Jeremiah's message was not doom for doom's sake. It was mercy.

God warned Jerusalem because He wanted to spare them. His desire was not destruction but restoration.

Prophecy is always an invitation. It is God calling His people home before the consequences of their choices overwhelm them. It is a plea for repentance, renewal, and return.

A Call to the Church in Our Time

If Jeremiah were to stand at the gates of our churches today, his message might sound something like this:

- Do not trust in heritage—walk in holiness.
- Do not separate worship from justice.
- Do not silence the prophetic voice.
- Do not fear—return to the Lord.

Repentance is not a national policy. It is a personal posture. Revival begins not in Parliament but in the hearts of

God's people. If the Church repents, the nation has hope. If the Church awakens, the nation can be renewed. Jeremiah's generation refused to listen. Ours must not make the same mistake.

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CONVERSION TO CHRIST AND CALL TO MISSIONS

49 Years Ago – On the 3rd April 1977, I was converted to Christ. It happened at the Ster Kinekor cinema in Pinelands. My family had moved from Rhodesia to Cape Town. We were living in Pinelands, just a few kilometres from where I had been born. It was a Sunday evening, 3rd April 1977, when I walked over to the local cinema, realising little how dramatically that would change my life forever.

Ambushed by the Gospel

At that time, commercial activity on Sunday was prohibited in South Africa by law. No cinemas were open, in honour of the Lord's Day. Pinelands Baptist Church had hired out the Ster Kinekor cinema for an Evangelistic rally. The guest preacher, Rev. Rex Matthie, preached a powerful message on what Christ had suffered for us: *"Jesus died for you. What have you ever done for Him?"*

Conviction

I sat stunned and ashamed. I had never done anything for God. My family was quite secular. We had never attended church services, not even on Christmas days. Sunday school had never been part of my life. We did not even pray before meals. Like my father, I described myself as an *"agnostic."*

Contrition

Now, all of the arguments I had picked up over the years against God and Christianity seemed awfully puny as I bowed before the Creator of the universe. I could not question the existence of God. His presence was overwhelming. I had nothing that I could say in my defense. I realised that I was lost. If I had died that night, I knew that I would go into an eternity separated

from God, in hell. I was a selfish, self-centred, ungrateful creature. I had never even so much as thanked God for the life He had given me, or for His many evidences of grace in the life of myself and my family.

Grace

My mother had told me that there had been complications before I was born. My mother, who was a nurse, had made use of thalidomide tablets, which were prevalent in 1959, to counteract morning sickness and nausea. Children born to those who had used thalidomide were born horribly deformed, frequently without arms, or legs. My mother had been advised to have an abortion. Even though abortions were illegal in South Africa at that time, because of the revulsion and hysteria of many over the severe deformities suffered by those affected by thalidomide, abortions were not only being allowed in these cases, but encouraged. My mother told me how she just could not bring herself to consider it and called for a hospital chaplain to pray for her baby. Although we were not a praying family, this story had made quite an impact on me and I realised that there was a Higher Power who had smiled upon us and spared my life before I had even taken my first breath. Rex Mathie declared: *"If God has preserved your life thus far, it is for a reason!"*

Mercy

As I sat in that cinema hearing the Word of God, a whole lot of other incidents came to my memory. I remembered when I was just 5 years old, I had been run over by a car, just in front of our home. My mother ran out, lifted up the car and pulled me out from under it! I was rushed to the hospital, where the doctor was

amazed. Although plainly one of the tyres had gone right across my chest (the tyre tracks were clearly visible on my clothes) there was no injury. I remember the doctor declaring: *"God must have been looking after him!"*

God

This was my first conscious recollection of the concept of God. The picture that I had in my mind was of one of the Colstream Guards standing outside Buckingham Palace in London. He had a long white beard but was dressed immaculately in a red soldier's uniform with a tall bearskin hat on his head and a rifle, with bayonet fixed, in his hands. The similarity of the two words guard and God, made me think of God as a soldier. He was plainly up in the clouds and had excellent vision because He could see me all the way down in Southern Africa. Somehow He had been able to intervene to save my life. That was my first concept of God. The preacher said: *"if God has preserved your life thus far, it is for a reason."* I wondered what that reason could be.

Bombardments

All the life threatening experiences that my parents had related to me came flooding back into my memory as well. What if God had not protected my mother and father when they were enduring the mass aerial bombardments of the Second World War? Both my mother and father had experienced people being blown up to the left and right of them and, yet, they had not been harmed. For what purpose had God preserved their lives?

More Lives Than a Cat!

There were also many incidents

that my parents had mentioned of how “*lucky*” I had been: when I had fallen deathly ill with a contagious disease on board HMS Pendennis Castle sailing between England and South Africa, the ship had wanted to put me off at the Canary Islands. Again, my secular parents had asked for prayer from a minister on board the ship and I had been healed. My mother also mentioned when, as an adventurous little boy, I had tried to walk cross a waterfall and was washed over! My mother had said that it was incredible that I had not been killed, or crippled, in that and in so many other incidents. Several times my mother said to me: “*You have more lives than a cat!*”

Why?

Why had God preserved my life when I had not even acknowledged Him? I had not even prayed to God before that night. I had never even thanked Him for all of these incidents, which my parents had reminded me of through the years. In that cinema, on 3 April 1977, I felt myself standing before the Throne of Almighty God, guilty of disobeying His Law, justly deserving to be condemned to an eternity in hell. I was overwhelmed with a sense of my unworthiness and wickedness.

Commitment

There was no way that I could possibly deserve God’s love, but I felt this absolutely overwhelming compulsion to stand up and go forward and make a public commitment of my life to Christ. The very least I could do was to thank God for all that He had done in Christ for me.

Conversion

They were singing “*Just as I am without one plea but that Thy Blood was shed for me*” as I walked down the aisle and bowed in prayer at the front of that cinema in Pinelands. One of the church deacons, Bill Parker, counselled me, explained

the implications of what I was doing and led me in prayer. It was the most exhilarating experience. There could be no doubt whatsoever. God was reaching down and putting life within me. I had been deaf, dumb, blind and dead in my trespasses and sins. For the very first time my (spiritual) eyes were being opened. For the first time I could consciously sense the presence of God. In fact, I was absolutely overwhelmed with a sense of the presence of God, His love and His mercy. I trembled before His holiness and power, even as I revelled in the joy of knowing that my sins were forgiven. I was a new creature in Christ!

Joy

I wanted to jump and leap and shout and proclaim what God had done. This was a completely new experience for me. With a German mother and an English father, we Anglo-Saxons do not particularly go much into expressing emotion about anything. My upbringing had very much been in the restrained, “*cool, calm and collected*” British tradition. But, as I walked and skipped on my way home from the cinema that night, all kinds of emotions were bubbling within me. I could not restrain it.

Called

I was absolutely overwhelmed with the conviction that God had called me to a lifetime of service as a missionary! But what did I know about missions? The only missionary that I had ever heard about was David Livingstone and that was from the history books. Of course, I had sometimes heard reports about missionaries being killed by Communist terrorists in the war in Rhodesia. I had wondered why anyone would do anything so stupid as to go into a war zone and present themselves as targets for blood-thirsty Marxist guerrillas. But now, on the night of my conversion, I was absolutely convinced that God was commanding me to go

and to proclaim His Gospel and to be dedicated for the rest of my life to serving and extending His Kingdom.

Coming Home

What was I to say at home? I could not wait to tell my parents what God had done for me. However, as I opened the door, I saw that someone had beaten me to it. A friend of the family, who had also been at the rally, had rushed over to inform my incredulous parents that their son had gone forward at one of these “*Billy Graham things!*” Jeers and scorns greeted me.

Confrontation

“*So, you have become a born again Baptist like Jimmy Carter!*” That really stung. As a patriotic Rhodesian, I despised everything that Jimmy Carter was doing in betraying our and so many other, countries into the hands of Marxist revolutionaries. To us Jimmy Carter was the epitome of a hypocrite and a traitor. Shamefully I lashed back with razor sharp tongue defending my conversion and disassociating myself from everything that Jimmy Carter stood for. Like my parents, I was an argumentative type and rose to the challenge with characteristic verbal aggression.

Repentance

Later that night, as I bowed in prayer at the side of my bed for the first time in my life, I was ashamed that the very first witness I had given to my parents had been to dishonour them and argue. How would I ever be able to be a Christian? I despaired at the sinful desire to justify myself rising so quickly out of the heart of one who had, at that very hour, given his life to Christ. What kind of poor excuse for a Christian could I ever hope to be?

Christian Union

The next day at Pinelands High School, Mark Liprini, one of the boys from Pinelands Baptist Church

who had been at the rally, came over and introduced himself to me. He told me of the Christian Union that met during break time. It was tremendous to join in singing songs of praises to the Lord with others who loved Jesus. I had no idea that there were so many Christians at school.

Introduction to Sunday Worship

The next Sunday was Easter Sunday. The Liprini family from the church came and collected me for morning worship. I am so glad they did. I was dreading having to go to church for the first time. I do not think people brought up in church-going families realise how intimidating it is for a secular person to enter a church building! No more would we think of going into an exclusive club, where we were not members, than to walk, on our own, into a church building. It was so very helpful and thoughtful of the Liprini family to have driven over to my home and taken me to Pinelands Baptist for the first time.

Experiencing the Reality of Hymns in Worship

That first Sunday morning service was absolutely tremendous. I was astounded that I knew the hymns. We had sung these very same hymns in school assemblies in Rhodesia. Yet, now, for the first time, I was understanding what I was singing! I marvelled that for so many years I had sung hymns that had been insensible to me. Yet now they were coming alive and I was no longer singing a hymn, but worshipping God in thanksgiving for the reality of what He was doing in my own experience!

Communist Idolatry in Moscow

The guest speaker, Rev. Rex Mathie, who had preached on the day of my conversion, proclaimed the Resurrection of Christ. He described in great detail how on Easter Sunday, in Moscow, in the Soviet Union, long lines of Communists file past

the corpse of Vladimir Lenin, to see their god. He is dead. In fact, a full time taxidermist was employed by the Communist Party of the Soviet Union to maintain the illusion of life-likeness for the decaying corpse of Lenin. Very little of his original body remains. Mostly the worshiping Communists are only seeing plaster of paris repairs for the ears, nose, etc. which had already fallen off. There was absolutely no doubt that Lenin is dead.

Christ is Risen

However, on the other side of Red Square, in Moscow, St. Basil's Orthodox Church has a ritual each Easter Sunday. The congregation walks around the church exclaiming: "*Where is He? He is not here. Where is He? He is not here.*" Then the minister exclaims: "**HE IS RISEN!**" And then the entire congregation resounds in response: "**HE IS RISEN INDEED!**" What a contrast between the dead ideology of communism and the Resurrection power of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

We Serve a Risen Saviour

When we sang that hymn: "*We serve a Risen Saviour...*" it felt as if my heart would burst with joy and excitement for this tremendous truth of the Gospel.

No Turning Back

Another hymn that I sang at that time continued to resound within my heart and mind was: "*I have decided to follow Jesus, no turning back! Praise the Lord! No turning back!*"

Saved to Serve

My pastor, Rev. Doc Watson, later testified that from the beginning I harassed him for more teaching and for more opportunities to serve the Lord. Within 2 months, I was working on a Scripture Union team for a holiday mission in Somerset West. During that outreach I gave my first message, A Missionary Challenge, at the local Presbyterian

Church in the evening service.

Literature Ministry, Youth Work and Evangelism

Within the year, I was a Sunday school teacher and a youth leader and administering the book table at Pinelands Baptist. I devoured Christian literature, attended every meeting and training course possible, whether on evangelism, counselling, holiness, or missions. Door-to-door evangelism, placing the Gospel of John in every home in Pinelands, tract distribution in the streets and at railway stations, ministering in homes for the elderly and other Christian service filled my days. One prayer I prayed over and over was the words of that chorus: "*Break me, melt me, mould me, fill me, Spirit of the Living God fall afresh on me.*"

An Adventure of Discipleship

That was the beginning of this incredible adventure of discipleship which has taken me across four continents, over 140 missions behind enemy lines, in war zones, smuggling Bibles to persecuted Christians, serving the suffering in communist and Muslim lands. Whether under fire, or in prison, sick, or healthy, I have experienced the reality of Gods mercy, guidance, provision and protection. The will of God will never lead you where the grace of God cannot keep you.

"And they went out and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the Word through the accompanying signs. Amen." Mark 16:20

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THE APPOINTED PLACE

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In such a short article, we cannot do more than touch the fringe of the vast subject of the Migrations of Israel. We will try, however, to form in our minds a general outline picture of the events which cover the many centuries.

We will commence the story at the time of Joseph in Ancient Egypt rather than in Palestine at the time of the Captivity of Ten-Tribed Israel. From mythological sources we learn that there were two brothers in Egypt contemporary with Joseph, named Danaus and Egyptus. These brothers quarrelled, and Danaus fled from the country and sought refuge in Greece, taking with him the first colonists. This was about 1600 B.C., and a year or two before Joseph's death. According to Dr. William Smith, in his Dictionary of Greek and Roman Biography and Mythology, Danaus and Egyptus were grandsons of Kronus, alias Saturn, alias ISRAEL, through Poseidon. It is quite a simple matter and indeed reasonable to identify Kronus-ISRAEL with ISRAEL-JACOB, for all authorities are agreed that the gods of Greece were merely deified ancestors. Also descended from Kronus-ISRAEL through Zeus, was Aeneas, the hero of P. Virgil's "Aeneid," from whom Brutus the Trojan was descended. According to tradition, Brutus the Trojan came to Britain about 1100 B.C. and founded New Troy, or as it is now called – London. Thus we have links between Israel in Egypt, in Greece and in our own land.

History also connects Phoenicia with Israel in Greece, Palestine and in Britain. The trading ships of Phoenicia afforded a means of communication between this island and Palestine. Friendly relations existed between Israel and Phoenicia, and Solomon had alliances with Hiram, king of Tyre. In 1 Kings 9:11 we read, "(Now Hiram the king of Tyre had furnished Solomon with cedar trees and fir trees, and with gold, according to all his desire,) that then king Solomon gave Hiram twenty cities in the land of Galilee." The word "tor" found frequently in Devon and Cornwall, and also in Derbyshire – areas in which lead and tin were mined and sent to Tyre – is possibly derived from the Semitic word "tsur" meaning a "cliff" or "sharp rock or boulder." For "tor" in the Semitic languages is most easily pronounced "tsor." From the writings of Herodotus,

St. Augustine and historians of our own times, we are led to believe that the Phoenicians were in greater part composed of Israelites.

After the captivity of Ten-tribed Israel into Assyria (2 Kings 17:11 "And the king of Assyria did carry away Israel unto Assyria, and put them in Halah, and in the Habor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.") Israel was "scattered abroad" among the nations and gradually trekked westwards through Europe and Scandinavia, leaving settlements as they migrated, until they finally arrived in the "appointed place" – The Isles of the West – as Angles, Saxons, Jutes, Danes, etc., all of whom Professor Huxley declares to be of the same race. Sharon Turner linked these peoples up with the Scythians or Kimmerians, Cimbri, Gimiri, etc., under which names amongst others, Ten-tribed Israel was known after the Captivity.

There are too many coincidences for this story to be false. The British Commonwealth of Nations *must* be the restored and redeemed Israel of Scripture. To those who knock, the door leading into this great truth will be opened. It should not consume us with vain boasting in our own greatness, but rather it should show us the great responsibility laid upon us of service under the leadership of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

George Sunter



SHOULD I STOP GOING TO CHURCH?

As a lifelong member of the Church of England I have become alarmed at the increasing acceptance of sodomy, not only in the media but also in the churches, including my own. I hear that the Methodist Church now agrees to “marry” same-sex couples and the Anglican Church in Wales is pressing to be allowed to do so.

Why is this no longer considered to be a sin?

I hear that talks have been taking place within the Church of England for some time, in order to try to determine whether or not to offer a Service of Blessing to same-sex couples who have “married” elsewhere. How much talking does the Church need to do? God is quite clear on the matter – he calls it an abomination, as you know, he does not change: Malachi 3:6 “I am the LORD, I do not change” – and “Jesus Christ – the same yesterday, and today, and for ever” Hebrews 13:8. As you also know, sin is the transgression of God’s Law, 1 John 3:4, - and as St James pointed out, “if we keep all of God’s Laws and offend in only one of them, we have broken them all”, James 2:10.

Same-sex couples say that they “love one another”. Couples committing adultery have been saying it for years.

It is not love, if what a person does with another person damages that person’s relationship with God. Leading someone into sin is NOT love. How can a man say that he loves someone if he is causing that person to offend a holy God? Putting a person in danger of hellfire is not my idea of love.

We, the saved, should be expressing

our love for them by showing them the Way of Salvation, not encouraging them in their sin.

Why did God clear the Canaanites out of the Promised Land? It is because they were committing all kinds of abominations including the sin of Sodom. Why did God destroy Sodom and Gomorrah? – Genesis 19. What does God think of sodomy? Read these answers: Leviticus 18:22 and chapter 20:13 and 23; Romans 1:22-28 not forgetting Romans 3:31.

During their teenage years many young people feel confused, as their hormones change them from children to adults. During this time of physical, mental and emotional turmoil, some will develop a “crush” on someone of the same sex and think that they “love” that person – while nowadays evil influences will make them think that perhaps they are “gay”. This is not the case at all – they are merely passing through a stage of confusion and will soon come out of it. Clearly the same male or female person they have always been and ready to enter into

a normal and healthy relationship with someone of the opposite sex. We are living today in fulfilment of the prophecy when men call good “evil”, and evil “good” – Isaiah 5:20.

If we want to know what God is like, we need to read His book, the Bible, His “Love-Letter to humankind”. There we shall see what He regards as an abomination. If we wish to honour him, we should also regard these things as abominable.

God has promised in Malachi 3:3 that He will “purify the sons of Levi”, and for us today that means the clergy and all the church leaders. We need to pray to God to bring this promise to reality, - else the whole country – the whole world, will suffer. We must pray that they will have the courage to withstand the pressure to go down the road of disobedience of God’s Law.

The church which departs from God’s Law ceases to be a church. On Judgment Day, we shall be judged according to God’s Law, not people’s.

Judith Bull



Senior Anglican leaders from Africa and Asia have openly criticised her appointment, both because she is a woman and because of her views on same-sex marriage.

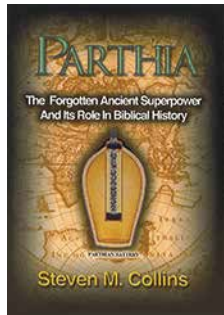
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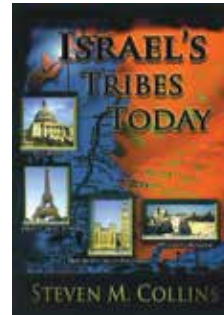


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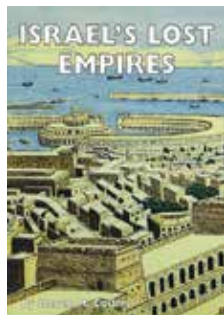


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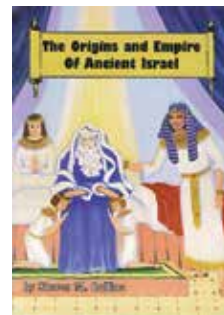


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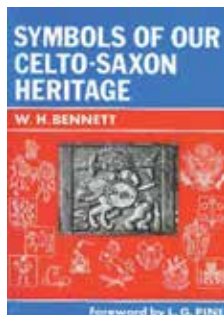


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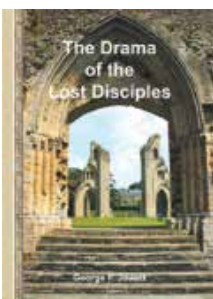
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