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Your Editor's Viewpoint

Millions of Americans sat horrified a few weeks ago, and watched death in an unforgettable drama.

The pallid, grief-stricken faces of the poor and terrified Vietnamese civilians who were victims of the violence at Saigon, will long haunt the memory and conscience of us comfortable Americans.

Everywhere, the cameras sighted the running women and children seeking a safe place to hide. But there wasn't a place to be found that could be called a refuge from the raging fires and dangerous bullet-filled air. The cameras also, zoomed in on the grotesque forms of dead, blood-smeared faces and limbs.

Whether civilians, allies or enemies, the horrible picture of ugly death, violence and destruction was shocking! We all realized that this was not a play in which dead actors arise and walk away. This was real; real human misery, unrehearsed and unabridged.

These were the unforgettable scenes of war. A war, that was brought right into the very intimacy of our own living rooms.

Without a doubt, never has the likes of this been seen before: Here is a war, raging thousands of miles away while we, sitting in comfort, well fed, warm and safe, are entertained by beholding the slaughter of human life and the wanton destruction of their humble, pitifully few possessions.

Surely, never before in history, has war had such a mass involvement of curious onlookers!

God only knows what an impact such newsfilms has made on thousands of sincere people. People who felt genuinely thankful and appreciative for our freedom and comfort, and who at the same time felt a deep pang of sorrow and genuine compassion for our fellow-man. For the poor, innocent children and sorrowing mothers.

Children, mothers, and the poor of every country are usually the same. They want only to live in peace, eat and have shelter. The Vietnamese, Chinese, Russians, Koreans, are no less human than we. They, as we, feel love for their living and grief for their dead.

But what can little people do against powerful, unmerciful governments? Against wicked rulers who oppress the people and keep them coerced and ignorant with cunning and deceitful propaganda? Well did the Wise Man write: "As a roaring lion, and a raging bear; so is a wicked ruler over the poor people" (Prov. 28:15).

Although we, the little people of the world, can do little to throw off the giant tyrants, there remains hope in the infallible justice of God. Soon now, God is going to take absolute control of this world's governments and He, Almighty God, shall rule in peace and justice for all.

"Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not: behold, your God will come with vengeance, even God with a recompense; he will come and save you" (Isaiah 35:4).

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The Birth of the Universe



by Hubert Smith

The "birth" or beginning of the Universe, is a controversial subject. Whether man always has a good reason for arguing is questionable, but argue he will. Man is apparently unwilling to accept the Bible "report" on how the universe came into existence. Although it is the most reasonable, and the most logical "report" that has ever been written.

Theory

There is a theory called, a "Steady-State" theory. This theory holds (according to a "Reader's Digest Almanac—1967") that there was no BEGINNING and will be no END. Its popularity (while being attractive), nevertheless, seems on the decline, and has been virtually abandoned.

The Bible (after all reports have been given), still remains the most solid substance of information ever communicated, on which to base one's faith in its "report" of the beginning of all things.

It is simply stated in this manner, "In the beginning God created" (Gen. 1:1).

Bible Versus Theorism

As Science continues to probe and to discover more facts, the greater becomes the confirmation that behind this Magnificent Splendor that we call the Universe, must live a Great Architect of unsearchable Wisdom and Intelligence to conceive and to construct, yes, and to bring into physical existence something of such immense proportions as the Universe.

To us who accept the "report" that the Scripture communicates unto us, it is a fact that is visibly here. "Through faith we understand that the worlds were framed by the word of God, so that things which are seen were made of things which do not appear" (Heb. 11:3).

"For he spake, and it was done; he commanded, and it stood fast" (Psa. 33:9).

"He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and hath stretched out the heavens by his discretion" (Jer. 10:12).

If you will not believe this Biblical account, never shall your thoughts be established. There will always be loose ends that you will be trying to pick up and weave together as a weaver does a rug. You shall weave, but your rug shall never be completed.

Validness for Believing

The Bible has vindicated itself through doctrine, through prophecy, and through the very Spirit of the Word itself that it IS a "Book" fully worthy of our trust and fully able to defend itself against all adversaries.

"But the Word of the Lord endureth forever. And this by the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you" (1 Pet. 1:25).

The Fallacies

of

British-

Israelism



by Dale Lawson

PART II

Correct prophetic interpretation hinges on the proper understanding of this important doctrine. Does the Bible give evidence that perhaps England and the United States could be the Bible Israel, or Manasseh and Ephraim? Here is part II of this timely study.

God promised through His servant Amos, "Surely the Lord GOD will do nothing, but he revealeth his secret unto his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). God wants His people to understand the signs of the times in which we live—signs that give proof of the nearness of the appearing of His Son, our Lord and Saviour. Of these signs, those dealing with Israel are very outstanding, and cause us to thrill with the anticipation of the **SECOND COMING OF CHRIST** as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

As you consider the material in this series of articles, we want you to prove each point with your Bible. **THE TRUTH IS IMPORTANT TO YOU.** Let God's Word be your guide as you make this a matter of prayer. "Prove all things; hold fast that which is good" (1 Thess. 5:21).

In our last issue we dealt with two major points of error in this theory of British-Israelism: First, we showed that in truth, the Bible does *not* teach

that David must have a continuous throne; it actually teaches the opposite—that if Solomon and his children (royal heirs) would not obey, God would cut them off; this He did. He will fulfill His promise to David only through the future reign of Jesus Christ on David's throne.

Secondly, it was pointed out that the three overturns were not transfers of David's throne from country to country until it finally rested in England, (where it is actively claimed the throne exists until Christ's second advent). But rather, the scriptures teach that David's throne would be overthrown three times (this occurred in 606 B.C., 598 B.C., and 586 B.C.) and would remain in a ruined condition until Christ comes to set up His kingdom (note Ezekiel 21:25-27 and Luke 1:31-33).

Now we want you to prayerfully consider some additional points that will help you to understand God's great truth concerning Israel:

COMMISSION MISCONCEPTION

First, we want to turn our attention to the calling and commission that God gave to Jeremiah, found in Jeremiah 1:9, 10. God said to Jeremiah in verse 10: "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build and to plant." The British-Israel doctrine teaches that *nations* in this text means Judah and Israel, and that Jeremiah was involved with the pulling down of Judah, and more specifically, the throne of David. This, they teach, was done by Jeremiah's prophetic warning of the impending destruction of Jerusalem and of the impending captivity of the people along with Judah's kings at the hands of Babylon.

Jeremiah is supposed to have begun the second part of his work, after this had come to pass and the last king of Judah had been taken captive

and after all the nobles (male heirs to the throne) had been killed. He was first to tear down, root out and destroy, and then to build and plant. He is said to have accomplished the planting by taking at least one of the king's daughters, together with a small remnant from Judah, to Ireland and there the king's daughter is said to have married a prince in Ireland who was from one of the lost tribes of the House of Israel.

Thus, according to the British-Israel theory, Jeremiah was *literally* (not prophetically) involved in the building of, or the planting of, the throne of Israel in England, via Ireland.

JEREMIAH'S PULLING DOWN

What was Jeremiah's commission? Was it strange and mysterious, being hidden from the eyes of man as taught by the British-Israel doctrine? Or was it the marvelous prophecy and commission found right in the book of Jeremiah?

Of course it is true that Jeremiah did warn and prophesy against Judah and her kings; this is outstandingly clear in the opening chapters of Jeremiah and it involves a major portion of the book. For example, Jeremiah declares in chapter 38:20-23: "...Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of the LORD, which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well unto thee, and thy soul shall live. But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that the LORD hath shewed me: And, behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah's house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon's princes, and those women shall say, Thy friends have set thee on, and have prevailed against thee: thy feet are sunk in the mire, and they are turned away back. So they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans: and thou shalt not escape out of their land, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babylon: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire."

Finally, in Jeremiah 52, the actual fulfillment is given, and one can readily see how the first part of the commission was carried out by the prophet.

It is with the planting or building that the British-Israel doctrine runs into error. The story does not become one of mystery, being hidden from the readers of God's inspired Holy Book. Neither does Jeremiah's work change from a prophetic nature to a literal carrying away of the king's daughter so that he might preserve the throne of David. His commission is completely prophetic and the entire wonderful story can be found within the book of Jeremiah.

Remember again the words of the commission: "See, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant." **JEREMIAH WAS OVER THE NATIONS**, and it does include the nations of Israel and Judah, but we will notice in God's Word that **IT INCLUDES MUCH MORE**. There are no mysteries or strange stories; here you will find just pure, true words of God that you can understand by a careful reading of your Bible. Let us go through the commission as the Bible portrays it in its fulfillment:

For the rooting out, the pulling down, and the destruction, we already noted that Judah was surely involved. But the Bible says that Jeremiah was set over the **NATIONS** and the **KINGDOMS**, emphasizing a plurality of these terms. The reason for the plurality is given right in your own Bibles—there for you to understand. Jeremiah prophetically was set over several nations and he pronounced judgment and doom to those nations who were enemies of God and His people, Israel.

Prophetically, he rooted up **NATIONS**, declaring destruction for Egypt (ch. 46), the cities of the Philistines, (ch. 47), Moab (ch. 48), Ammon (ch. 49), and Babylon (ch. 50-51 and ch. 25:13-15).

It is interesting to note that Jeremiah was not involved in the fall of the northern ten tribes because they had fallen at the hands of Assyria in 722 B.C., long before the time of Jeremiah. However, there was a very large group of Israelites from the northern tribes living in the Southern Kingdom at the time of Jeremiah. They had come down from the north

in great multitudes because they were disgusted with the idolatry of the leaders of Israel, and later, because they had answered the call to come and worship in the kingdom of Judah. They settled in Judah, and according to the Bible, they "...strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, strong, three years..." (2 Chron. 11:16, 17). (Note also 2 Chron. 15:8, 9 and 30:10, 12, 18).

JEREMIAH'S PLANTING AND BUILDING

Now let us turn our attention to the second part of the commission: Jeremiah was to build and to plant. This part is equally as prophetic as the first part (the rooting up), and this, too, is found in detail in the book of Jeremiah.

In chapters 30, 31, and 33, you will find complete and wonderful fulfillment of Jeremiah's building and planting commission. It is only natural that Jeremiah would not prophesy of a planting of the pagan nations that refused to know the God of Israel. Jeremiah's planting involves Israel and their **GLORIOUS AND WONDERFUL RETURN** to their own land to **BECOME A NATION ONCE AGAIN**. This return has occurred in our day and you have been privileged to behold **JEREMIAH'S PLANTING** with your very own eyes.

Please note several verses: "For, lo, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will bring again the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the LORD: and I will cause them to return to the land that I gave to their fathers, and they **SHALL POSSESS IT**" (Jer. 30:3). "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" (Jer. 30:7). "...and Jacob shall return, and shall be in rest, and be quiet, and none shall make him afraid" (Jer. 30:10). (Please compare Jer. 30:10 with Ezekiel 38:8, 11, and 14). "...in the latter day ye shall consider it" (Jer. 30:24).

Take your Bibles and read Jeremiah 30, 31 and 33 and notice how Israel has fulfilled these prophecies. God's great Word has not failed concerning Israel and it never shall.

The texts that have been given show clearly the meaning of Jeremiah's outstanding commission; it is all in the Word of God in fine detail. Surely you can see that Jeremiah had not a "mysterious and strange" commission. The British-Israel doctrine depends on the theory that Jeremiah planted Israel in the British Isles. The Bible gives no indication that he did this at all. The last we hear of Jeremiah, he was with a small remnant of Judah in the land of Egypt (Jer 43:5-7). Later there was a small group of the remnant Jews who escaped out of Egypt and returned to the land of Judah. It is quite probable that Jeremiah was in that group. Jeremiah 44:14 reads, "... for none shall return but such as shall escape." Verse 28 reads as follows: "Yet a small number that escaped the sword shall return out of the land of Egypt into the LAND OF JUDAH..."

ISAIAH IN JEREMIAH'S COMMISSION

This brings us to a point in connection with Jeremiah's commission that should be considered at this time. The British-Israel thought is that Isaiah, (a prophet living a hundred years before Jeremiah) finished the story of Jeremiah and the king's daughters (found in Isaiah 37), telling of their escape out of Judah. From there they are said to have escaped to Ireland where they established the throne of David.

This is an injustice to God's Holy Word; with open minds you need to study this passage of Scripture to see God's TRUTH. Isaiah 37:31 and 32 says, "And the remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward, and bear fruit upward: For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of the mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this." This prophecy of Isaiah cannot fit into Jeremiah's picture and commission. Notice the plain teaching of this chapter. It deals directly with Hezekiah and his escape from Sennacherib, King of Assyria, over one hundred years before Jeremiah's time.

In Isaiah 37:16-29, Hezekiah earnestly prayed, "O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the

cherubims, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth... Incline thine ear, O Lord... and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which hath sent to reproach the living God... Now therefore, O Lord our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the LORD, even thou only." Verses 29-38 is God's answer to Hezekiah's prayer through the prophet Isaiah. It is important to notice that Sennacherib, King of Assyria, had taken all of Judah's defenced cities except Jerusalem where a remnant of Judah remained (Isaiah 36:1 and 37:33). This great problem and siege is what caused Hezekiah to turn desperately to God in prayer.

To quickly conclude this matter, let us note that at this time, "the remnant did escape of the house of Judah" and that they did "take root downward and bear fruit upward." You can find God's exact fulfillment of this as you read of the prosperity and the reign of King Hezekiah after the defeat of Sennacherib, and of Josiah's great reign in 2 Chronicles 34 and 35. Concerning Hezekiah, the Bible says in 2 Chronicles 32:22, 23 and 29: "Thus the Lord saved Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem from the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and from the hand of all other, and guided them on every side. And many brought gifts unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and presents to Hezekiah king of Judah: so that he was magnified in the sight of all nations from thenceforth. Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance: for God had given him substance very much."

Finally, in connection with Isaiah 37, let us notice the fulfillment of verse 32 which says, "For out of Jerusalem shall go forth a remnant, and they that escape out of mount Zion: the zeal of the LORD of hosts shall do this." When God delivered Jerusalem (verses 33-38), this remnant went out of Mt. Zion and took root downward in the land of Judah (NOT Ireland or England). These people became established in the land even as **ALMIGHTY GOD HAD PROMISED**. The Bible does not indi-

cate that these people (the remnant) left the land of Judah. **IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THIS PROPHECY TO BE A COMPLETION OF JEREMIAH'S COMMISSION.**

ISRAEL RETURNS WITH JUDAH

Another mistaken concept in this doctrine, states that none of the House of Israel (ten tribes) returned to Judah with Zerubbabel, Ezra, Nehemiah, and the House of Judah after Judah's 70-year captivity in Babylon. British-Israelites say that the ten tribes were taken to the southern shores of the Caspian Sea by the Assyrians. Later, the two tribes of the House of Judah were taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar's armies and carried away to Babylon. This, they say, widely separates these two peoples, disallowing any chance of an association between these peoples in the land of Babylon. The House of Israel is supposed to have kept going north up into Europe and the House of Judah is to have returned home to Judah.

Now let us examine these concepts: If they are to stand as truth, they must be able to stand in the light of plain Bible texts. Were the ten tribes taken to the southern shores of the Caspian Sea?

The Bible says in 2 Kings 17:6 that they were taken "... into Assyria and placed in Halah and in Habor by the river Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes." Of course, it is possible that some of the Israelites ended up in the area of the Caspian Sea, but not the main body of them. Look on your Bible maps and find Halah, Habor, and the river Gozan. This is the area that the Bible names and makes clear with great emphasis. There in your own Bibles you will see that the separation in distance was not so great that it would prohibit an association or mingling of Judah and Israel.

At the end of the 70-year captivity of Judah, the Bible says Judah would return again into their own land. "That which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto all the people of Judah..." and "... these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years" are words from the

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The Mysterious Dialogue Between Jesus and Nicodemus

by Christ Kiesz

There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews; The same came to Jesus by night, and said unto him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:1).

Now some look down on Nicodemus because he came to Jesus by night, as though he would not like to be seen by the people, but let me bring to your attention that Nicodemus showed himself as a friend to Jesus. In John 7:50, 51, "Nicodemus saith unto them, (he that came to Jesus by night, being one of them) Doth our law judge any man before we hear him, and know what he doeth?"

Why did he come to Jesus by night? Well, perhaps Jesus did not have time during the day to talk with this ruler, and it is easy to see that Nicodemus wanted to talk to Jesus alone.

Ye Must Be Born Again

"Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:3). Surely there will be many nice things to be seen in the kingdom of God, but we cannot see them without being born again.

Will this new birth take place in this life or in the resurrection?

In Saint John 1:12, 13 it reads: "But as many as received him, to them gave he

power to become the SONS of God, even to them that believe on his name, which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, BUT OF GOD."

Yes, in order to be called SONS of God, we must be born of God. We are not only called to be Sons of God after our bodily resurrection, but in this life also. Here is the Bible proof. 1 John 3:1: "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called THE SONS OF GOD;" Verse 2: "Beloved, now are we the sons of God." And why is this? Because we ARE born of God!

James 1:18 tells us that of "His own will God begat us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures." And again, in 1 Corinthians 4:15, "For though we have many instructors in Christ, yet have ye not many Fathers; for in Christ Jesus, I have begotten you through the Gospel."

Thus we see that the first step to salvation is the new birth. If the children in this life are only begotten, they have no name. But after they are born, their names are recorded. And so are our names recorded in heaven in the book of life.

Let us now go to 1 Peter 1:3: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by his great mercy we have been BORN ANEW to a living hope

through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, from the dead" (German Bible and RSV). This is a clear Bible text which we can believe. And now, what are we born for? In verse 4, "We are born for an inheritance incorruptible and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you."

So by this we see that our inheritance is reserved in heaven for us. Now in verses 22, 23: "Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently, Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever." This text shows that Peter and the Church of God at that time believed that they were born of God at that time, and did not have to wait to be born in the Resurrection.

In another Bible text, 1 John 2:29, we read: "If ye know that he is righteous, ye know that every one that doeth righteousness IS BORN OF HIM." My, that's plain and clear.

1 John 3:9: "Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him; and he cannot sin, because he is born of God." Again we read in 1 John 4:7: "Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and every one that loveth IS BORN OF GOD,

AND KNOWETH GOD." 1 John 5:1: "Whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is born of God," and then in verse 4: "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith." All of these clear Bible texts show that the new birth MUST take place in this life.

Born of Water and Spirit

There is another point which we shall not overlook in this article. In John 3:5, "Jesus answered, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God."

The spiritual birth takes place through the holy spirit, but what of the water? Water, in this respect means something that cleanses, it could not mean literal water. Let's see what Ezekiel 36:25 has to say: "Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will put my spirit within you." This is the new creation as it says in 2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are made new." And too, in Hebrews 10:22: "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water."

The water that washes us is the Word of God or the Word of Jesus, as it says in John 15:3: "Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you." Ephesians 5:26, 27 offers a very clear statement: "That he might sanctify and

cleanse it (speaking of the church) with the WASHING OF WATER BY THE WORD, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing: but that it should be holy and without blemish." This is what we all like to be and can be.

Titus 3:5 says: "Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy, he saved us by the WASHING OF REGENERATION, AND RENEWING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT." This is what is meant (born of water and spirit).

The great multitude in Revelation 7:9, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands. And in Verse 13, the question was asked: "What are these which are arrayed in white robes? And whence came they?

And he said unto me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve him day and night..." (vv. 14, 15).

Here are a few Bible texts which connect nicely with the subject. "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God" (Colossians 3:1).

Ephesians 2:6: "And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus." Colossians 1:13: "Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son."

May God give us all mercy so that we all can understand this subject, and experience the new birth and be washed and made clean.

Can I Become a Christian Without Becoming a Member of the Church?

It is as possible as being . . .

- A student who will not go to school.
- A soldier who will not join the army.
- A citizen who will not pay taxes or vote.
- A salesman with no customers.
- An explorer with no base camp.
- A seaman on board ship without a crew.
- A businessman on a deserted island.
- An author without readers.
- A parent without a family.
- A football player without a team.
- A politician who is a hermit.
- A bee without a hive.

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The Sacred Name

by Bose L. Dickens

Is the use of "Jesus, Lord, God and Christ" paganistic and blasphemous? Does their use constitute an infraction of the third commandment? This article offers a clear and documented answer to this question.

Several years ago, the Doctrine of the Sacred Name was very strongly presented to me by one of its advocates. Although I had been acquainted with this teaching before that time, I had not given it serious thought or investigation.

As I began to consider this little-known doctrine, there were some points about it which seemed to be convincing. Some of the evidence for the restoration of the Hebrew names for deity was very convincing and at times I almost embraced this teaching secretly, without openly acknowledging it. Nevertheless, I would not accept this teaching until I had done some thorough investigation on it; therefore it should be very clear to my readers that I commenced my research without any prejudice against the Doctrine of the Sacred Name.

The following results are but condensations from my soon to be published book on the Sacred Name.

MY SEARCH BEGAN

In undertaking a study such as the "Sacred name," one's duty should be to give careful atten-

tion to the etymology of the prominent words involved, i.e., "Name, Lord, God, Jesus, Christ, Yahweh, etc." Word derivation in the study of a teaching like the one in question, is of prime importance and logically speaking, it deserves attention first.

"The etymological meaning of the words deserves attention first, not as being the most important for the exegete, but because it logically precedes all other meanings." Principle of Biblical Interpretation, P. 67, by Louis Berkhof.

The first word study I had was with the word "name" itself and how it was applied in the scripture. I found that the two prominent original words used were the Hebrew word, *shem*, which literally means "name," and the Greek word, "onoma," which also means "name." Below are some less prominent original words which are translated "name."

Old Testament

1. "AMAR," to say—1 Sam. 16:3; 28:8; Micah 2:7.
2. "DAVAR," to speak—Gen. 23:16.

3. "NAQAV," to mark out, define—Isa. 62:2; Amos 6:1.
4. "QARA," to call—1 Sam. 4:21.

New Testament

1. "LEGO," to say or call—Matthew 9:9; Mark 15:7.
2. "KALEO," to call—Luke 2:21; 19:2.

Now that the basic lexical meaning of the word had been determined, the next thing to do was to examine the context where each of the words translated "name," was used. This was very important because the context is the only means of ascertaining if the word has a special or different meaning from its literal basic lexical meaning.

What was now undertaken, was to list a large number of texts from each book in the Bible, from Genesis to Revelation, where the word "name" appeared. The purpose of this was to study the context to determine if the basic meaning was constantly affirmed throughout the Bible or whether the context showed a variation in the use of this word. The texts in

which the word "name" had a relation to God were studied closely to see if the context would allow the substitution of the sacred Hebrew name for God (Yahweh).

It is here that I began to see where the "Yahwist" had violated some important hermeneutical principles. For example, it would be catastrophic to understand that the word "Name" in reference to God, in Psalm 75:1, could be substituted for the Hebrew name for God, (Yahweh). It is very clear from the context, that the use of the word "name," is used symbolically of God's presence and power to help (Psalm 46:1).

Let us take another passage to further illustrate our point.

"O Lord our lord, how excellent is thy *name* in all the earth" (Psa. 8:1). Or take this passage: "And all the people of the earth shall see that thou art called by the *name* of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee" (Deut. 28:10, compare also Psa. 54:1).

Again we can see from these passages that the inspired writers were not making an appeal to the literal appellation of God, but rather using the expression "name" as referring to the essential attributes of God.

This writer has found that the expression "name" is very prominently used in this fashion more than not. This fact is so obvious that one does not need extensive academic training to discover this truth. The reason that God reveals Himself by a name—and they are many—is for the sake of man. If He presents Himself to a man as a healer then, He names Himself a healer as in Exodus 15:26. (Heb. Yehovah repha).

This idea may be traced from Genesis to Revelation; and it will be seen that after every revelation of God to man, He either reveals Himself by a name that corresponds to the revelation, or He receives a response from the one to whom He reveals him-

self, who in turn names Him (God), or the place where he reveals himself according to the nature of the manifestation. (See Gen. 21:33; 22:14). I think that Dr. Gustav F. Oehler, has well summed up the matter when he wrote:

"In short, God names himself, not according to what he is for himself, but to what He is for man; and therefore every self-presentation of God in the world is expressed by a corresponding name of God, as we have already seen. (3) But the Biblical notion of the divine name is not exhausted by this. It is not merely the title which God bears in virtue of the relation in which he places Himself to man; but the expression '*name of God*' (emphasis ours) designates at the same time the whole divine self-presentation by which God in personal presence testifies of Himself the whole side of the divine nature which is turned toward man." Theology of The Old Testament, pg. 125.

After being convinced that literalism in the use of Sacred Name could be stretched beyond the boundary of the context, I next investigated the Origin of the English names for deity.

PAGAN ORIGIN

One accusation that is commonly raised against Christians who use the English words or titles for God, is that their use constitutes an infraction of the Third Commandment, because it can be proven that they are titles for pagan deities. But does this charge hold up under etymological research? Space would forbid us to give an exhaustive treatment of the derivation of the titles of God. Therefore, we shall only give a few facts. A more exhaustive treatment will be given to the etymology of these titles in my forthcoming book on "The Sacred Name."

LORD

Dr. Eugene A. Nida in his book, "Bible Translating," p. 210, gives the following on the true derivation of the English word Lord:

"Some are also likely to place too much emphasis upon the derivation of a word, thinking perhaps that the English Lord is some mysteriously remarkable term especially applicable to God. They do not realize that this English word Lord comes originally from two stems which mean literally 'loaf-ward.' The ancient lord of the castle was the guardian of the loaves of bread." The voluminous and scholarly "Oxford Dictionary" (Vol. 6, p. 442) confirms the above statement.

JESUS

The claims of the Yahwists that Jesus is synonymous with Zeus, the Greek God, are contrary to facts. In Dr. Barnard Cook's exhaustive volumes on "Zeus," no such word derivation or connection with Jesus can be established. This work represents a most profound treatment of the origin and worship of the god Zeus.

The Oxford Dictionary, Vol. 5, p. 573 shows "Jesus" to be the anglicized form of the Latin Iesus, which in turn is the latinized form of the Greek, Iesous, which in turn is the grecianized form of the Hebrew, Yeshua. It is also impossible to establish any connection between the Greek word Zeus and Iesous. Linguistically they are not cognates. The Greek word for Zeus, is improperly translated Jupiter in Acts 14:13.

CHRIST

Dr. H. J. Schonfield was right when he showed in his book, The Passover Plot, that many Christians are not aware of the fact that the title "Christ" is a Greek translation of the Hebrew title "Messiah" (the anointed one)! (See introduction p. 4). It

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Life in Bible Times

by Nathan Straub

To understand some of the activities recorded in the Bible, it is useful to catch a glimpse of everyday life in those times. Although the Bible and other reference books shed some light on life at that time, at best, only a sketchy view is available to us. However, even such a limited knowledge helps us to better understand many important Bible accounts.

Government

Israel had a nomadic form of government in the early day of the settlement of Canaan, which allowed for a tribal system of rule. The basic group unit was the family, then the clan, and then the tribe. This system certainly had its weak points as is evident in the book of Judges, which is a good example of tribal life in the early Hebrew nation.

Beginning with David (Saul did not disturb the tribal system), the kings began to destroy the tribal system in favor of a strong central government and the unifying of the nation.

Family Life

By provision of law, a man owned his wife like he owned his sheep, but in practice, marriage was a partnership. Certainly women like Deborah and Michal were far from being downtrodden.

A woman's chief work was to prepare food and make clothing for her family. She did her washing at a community washing place rather than in her home (which by the way is still practiced in primitive areas).

One of the chores given to the children was to collect fuel for the

home fires. The children gathered wood or dried animal droppings from the wilderness.

Food

In the time of Abraham, the chief foods were: beef, lamb, goat, figs, dates, honey, grapes, and bread. Bread was made of flour, salt and water.

In later times, it has been established there were only two formal meals in the day. One at noon, and one in the evening. Foods then were: figs, sycamore figs, almonds (oranges and lemons which are now popular in the holy land, were unknown in Bible times), quince, apricots, melons, grapes, figs, dates, pomegranates, cucumbers, leeks, onions, garlic, beans, and lentils.

Though meat was eaten, it was not eaten often except by those who were very wealthy, because of the cost. Animals were mostly kept to provide wool or milk.

They drank milk more than water, because water was unsafe. Most water came from cisterns which collected water from the streets (not the roof), and carried the filth of the streets into the cistern water. Milk was kept in goat skins and was usually thick and sour. Cheese was common.

Bread was the staff of life. It was baked daily. Raised bread was made by adding fermented dough which was from the previous day's dough, and had been allowed to ferment.

Clothing

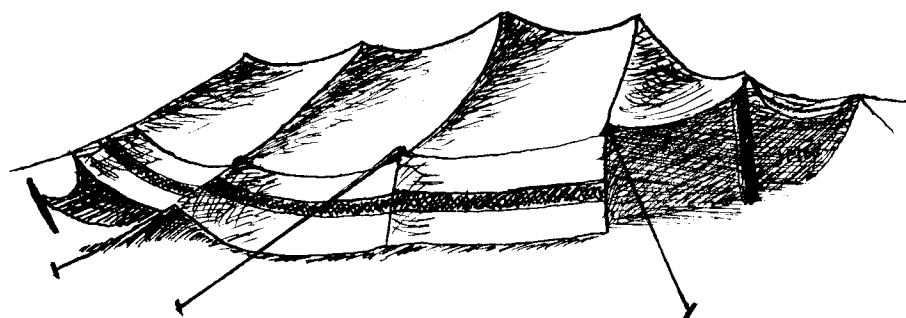
Both men and women wore cloaks of the same basic construction. They were made of heavy wool and were mostly full length. Women had more color in their cloaks.

Peasants and shepherds wore cloaks made of skins, especially in the colder weather. Working men wore cloaks that came down only to the knees. Men of leisure always wore full-length cloaks.

Homes

In the times of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, families lived in tents. The tents were made of goat hair and when properly shrunk were (supposed to be) waterproof. The





tents averaged 10 by 15 feet in size. The roof of the tent was usually supported by nine poles in rows of three. The tent was divided into rooms by curtains.

As the family moved along, it was the job of the women to pitch and strike the tents. A wealthy man would provide a private tent for his wife, too. This gave her another tent to pitch and strike.

When Israel arrived in Canaan, they began living in houses. Most often, a family worked, ate, and slept in a single room, and many times this same room was shared with the family animals—sheep and goats. Sometimes a family had a small yard, which provided some relief from congestion in pleasant weather.

Houses were made of either stone or dried mud blocks. The room was made of brushwood (for support) and covered with mud which dried. This mud would have to be repaired after heavy rains. Windows were merely slits in the wall which served for ventilation and for a chimney. Lighting was by oil lamp on days when the door could not be left open. A lamp was kept burning and served as a source of fire. Only larger houses had fireplaces. Other homes only had a fire pit in the floor.

Beds were just a rug or straw mat. There were no tables as we know them, in the average home. People ate from a straw mat or an animal skin spread on the floor, and they squatted around the food. Chairs were rare in a home. The house was congested enough with storage jars, tools, and animal food, without complicating traffic with tables and chairs.

Many homes had flat roofs which

served much as does a patio in the American West.

Farming

Grazing land was common land, that is, anyone could graze in areas where grazing was permitted.

Horticultural farming was done on private parcels. Farmers mainly consumed all they produced. Plowing was done mostly in the fall for most grains, and threshing was done at a community threshing floor.

In Isaiah's time, vineyards were planted on terraced hillsides. The vineyard (which a farmer might have) was surrounded by a wall or a briar hedge or both to keep out thieves and vine-eating animals.

Olives were grown mainly for lamp oil, rather than for eating. Figs and dates were only minor crops.

Industry

During Isaiah's time, metal smithing was an industry. Metals worked were: iron, copper, bronze, brass, silver, and gold. Pottery made a good industry. Pottery was very useful, and very breakable, so initial sales and replacement made pottery a good business. There was a wood industry. Carpenters made chairs, tables, and inlaid work for the rich, and frames for plows for those who needed them. Textiles provided another industry. Country women made their own cloth and clothing, but city women had theirs made, by *men* in the city. Cloth for clothes was made into a garment from scratch. That is, a garment was not made of flat material. The material was made into the form of a garment. It was a custom garment, then. Most material

made was fashioned into garments, as there was little demand for material, except in garment form.

In the New Testament Times

Life changed very little in old Bible times. Indeed, aside from a few exceptions such as in Israel itself, life in the old Bible country has changed little even to our present time. But there were a few changes, say, from Isaiah's time, to the time of the New Testament.

Schools

Ezra started the synagogue (school) system. By New Testament times, there was a school in every town, and education was compulsory for every child over the age of six.

By Jesus' time, thieves and robbers had become so prevalent, that no one lived outside a city. A home in the fields was not considered safe.

Farming

By Jesus' time, olive groves were prevalent, but the groves were not owned by one farmer. A grove was filled with trees, but each individual tree had its owner. Each tree was cared for and harvested by its owner in the way he thought best. Gethsemane was an olive grove.

People began keeping fowls: chickens, ducks, and geese, and began to have eggs to eat. This was unheard of in Old Testament times.

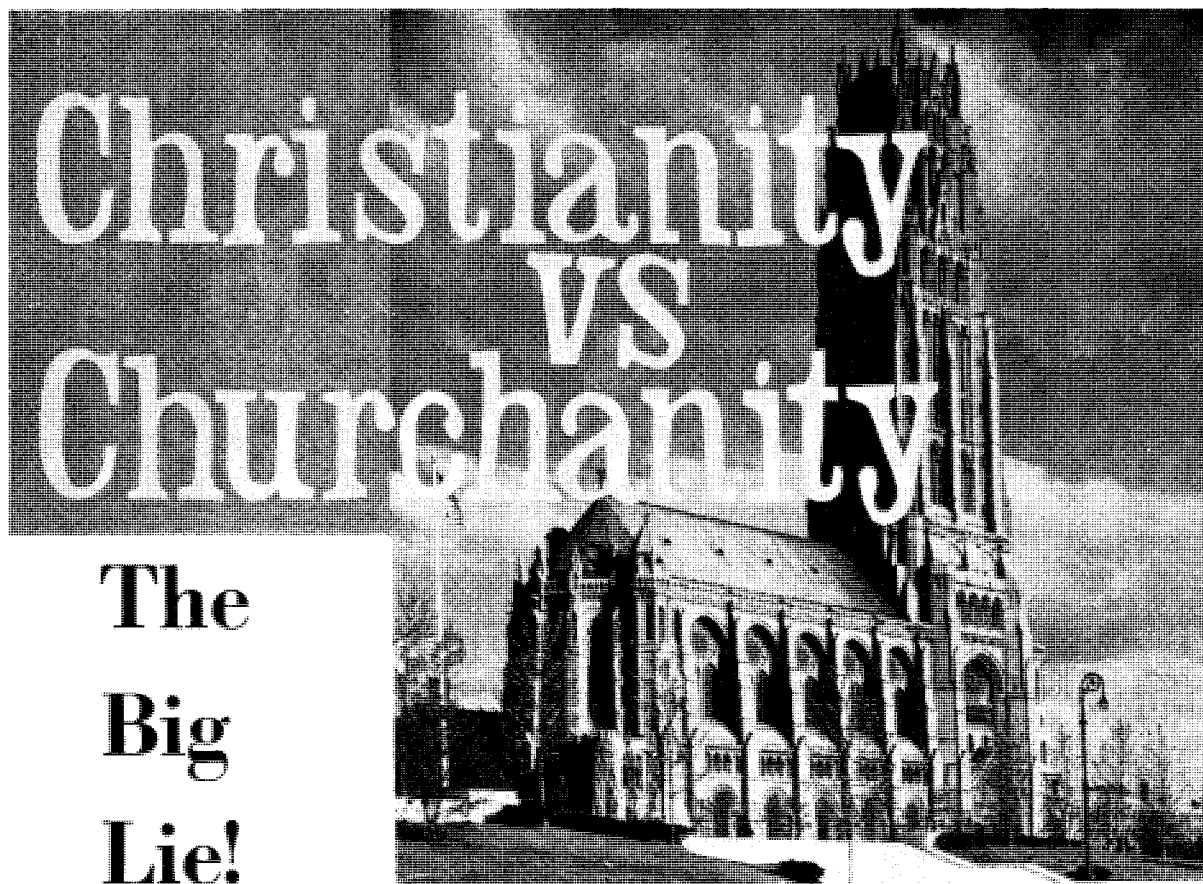
Land Travel

Land travel was by foot, animal back, or cart. Luxurious travel was by litter carried by men or animals.

Trunk roads were well built at great cost, but side roads hardly existed, and if they did, they were only trails. Roads were built above ground level and were as straight as the terrain allowed.

Military Service

Lastly, it is interesting to note that Jews were not forced to serve in the Roman army—for religious reasons. They would do nothing on the Sabbath. They would not participate in Roman religious rituals which the army required.



by N. H. Camero

Adolph Hitler once wrote that "The masses would much easier believe a BIG LIE than a little one." Hitler may have been a mad-man, but he knew the value of a good lie, well told.

And so does Satan.

Satan doesn't necessarily preach that the Bible is NOT true, that there is NO God, that Jesus IS NOT the Saviour, that's not what we *really have to worry about!* What we need to watch out for is the wolf, the cunning deceiver that disguises in sheep's clothing. Jesus said in Matthew 24:24, "For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders: insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect."

There it is!

It is not that doctrine that attacks Christianity that we need to worry about so much, its message is obvious and unmistakable; but that FALSE doctrine that is preached IN THE NAME OF CHRISTIANITY, that undermining message, is far more dangerous.

In Jeremiah's day, the people were also being deceived by the false prophets. "Then said I, Ah, Lord God, behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see sword, neither shall ye have famine: but I will give you assured peace in this place. Then the Lord said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name: I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake unto them: they prophesy unto you a false vision and divination, and a thing of nought,

and the deceit of their heart" (Jer. 14:14).

It was all a lie, but it was well told and the people loved it.

The False Prophet

Today, the same beguiling message predominates. Influential religious prophets are attempting to unite their efforts in a great plan of so-called Christian unity. A streamlined supermarket for wholesale, discount, watered-down Gospel.

The masses are awed by this growing giant of religious polish, influence and economic force. Men who confer with presidents and heads of states, who are able to spend countless millions for publicity, these COULD BE FALSE PROPHETS!

Let all sincere, truth-seeking people be informed that the Lord

has thus stated: "To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them" (Isaiah 8:20).

Regardless of the crowds, power, prestige, polish and eloquence, the Bible plainly states that if they do not speak according to, and in harmony with, "the law" and "the testimony," **THERE IS NO TRUTH.**

Bible facts are plain. There can be no compromise.

When religious leaders begin to say that it makes **NO** difference **WHAT CHURCH YOU JOIN, WHAT DAY YOU KEEP, WHAT DAY HE RESURRECTED, WHAT DAY HE DIED, WHEN WE KEEP THE LORD'S SUPPER, WHERE WE GO AFTER DEATH AND HOW WE LIVE, then WATCH OUT!**

You may be listening to a **FALSE PROPHET.**

John said: "He that saith, I know him and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him" (1 John 2:4). Paul said: "...and keep the ordinances, as I delivered them to you." "For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, That the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:" (1 Cor. 1:2, 23). Notice it, not a Sunday morning communion service, but "the same **NIGHT** in which he was betrayed." That's when Jesus took bread!

Matthew 28:1 says: "In the end of the sabbath." Verse 6, "He is not here..." How can anyone say Jesus arose Sunday morning when Matthew plainly says that "In the **END OF THE SABBATH**" Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to the sepulchre and found the stone rolled back and the angel said, "He is not here." If Jesus wasn't in the tomb "in the end of the Sabbath," how could He be there to arise Sunday morning? Then why the Easter sunrise service?

These are all vital subjects which you need to study for

yourself. The point to consider here, is not the subjects themselves, but whether these so-called religious experts, doctors, leaders, are telling **YOU** the truth.

It's your privilege to try them, prove them, quiz them; after all, it may be your soul that's in **DANGER!**

Now the Other Falsehood

A mass delusion that is being spread today, is that man will usher in a utopia of peace, happiness and prosperity. That through our superior learning we are going to inhabit space, conquer disease, abolish war, outlaw crime, prolong life and stop death.

Let's talk plain.

Millions of Christians and non-Christians agree that we must do one of two things: Either we use our brains and resources to bring about this dreamland of tomorrow or we recklessly blow ourselves up, overpopulate, or else die out of air and water pollution.

But wait a minute. How many believe that Christ is coming again, that God will rule over the nations, that He will bring about this dreamland?

How many?

When it actually comes to this, only a handful really believe in a third alternative. Only a few, really take the Bible seriously.

Isn't it true that science, industry, medicine, education and every segment of our modern society has united to make this an age of great wonders? Television, radio, atomic weapons, rockets, wonder drugs, unbelievable appliances, and thousands of items the average individual couldn't even begin to list... are not these genuine evidences that were we to really concentrate, I mean **REALLY CONCENTRATE**, we could produce a dream world?

However, in spite of all of this, serious-thinking individuals are appalled. Instead of the

world getting better, it seems to be getting worse! It's actually rather frightening.

What has happened?

Instead of working toward our dreamworld, we appear to be accelerating toward the ever-increasing danger of a nuclear war. A war so horrible, we don't even want to hear about it. Besides this, now, we are hearing all about the impending danger of a world-wide famine. When we have always had plenty to throw away. This really scares us. And then, they tell us our air and water are getting so bad it's getting unhealthy to breath. This you can imagine will leave us completely speechless!

This makes many want to adopt that song of a few years back, "Stop the world, I want to get off!"

Why?

God help us, friend, this is no joke! We are in real trouble.

Don't believe the false prophets. It **DOES** make a **DIFFERENCE** what we believe. **NO**, man cannot create a world of peace and security. Believe your Bible, it's the only hope.

The Apostle Paul warned of this present state when he said: "Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ."

When are people going to wake up and start examining the dogmas of the church? Stop putting faith in customs and traditions invented and established by men.

God plainly tells us why this has all come about.

"The earth also is defiled under the inhabitants thereof: because they have transgressed the laws, changed the ordinance, broken the everlasting covenant" (Isaiah 24:5).

There it is! Plain and simple. As long as churches and governments disregard, disrespect and defile the laws of God, man will **NEVER** be able to create an

abode of peace, tranquility, justice and love.

Science and medicine, industry and good government can change and transform the world around us, but no combination of forces can change US! So long as SIN abides and rules in our lives, man will continue to cheat, murder, steal and lie. Neither Democracy nor Communism, Catholicism or Protestantism, has the power to change man.

Make no mistake about it, SIN is real. It is a deadly KILLER. It's the cancer of the mind and heart. Only God has the cure.

Why all this war, sorrow, riots that breed hate and violence? Why this moral decay that corrupts young minds and destroys young bodies? It can all be attributed to the fact that man refuses to heed the advice of His Creator. "For that they hated knowledge, and did not choose the fear of the Lord: They would none of my counsel: they despised all my reproof" (Prov-erbs 1:29, 30).

When?

You may not believe this, but it's true. There IS a day of reckoning. AN END. A FINIS.

God says: "Howl ye: for the day of the Lord is at hand: it shall come as a destruction from the Almighty. Therefore shall all hands be faint, and every man's heart shall melt: and they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames. Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, cruel, both with wrath and fierce anger, to lay the land desolate: and he shall destroy the sinners thereof out of it" (Isaiah 13: 6-9).

To many millions of infidels, this "day of the Lord" stuff, is just so much ridiculous fanaticism. Yet, though scoffers sneer and snicker, the tell-tale signs of the end are all around us.

In 2 Tim. 3:1-4, Paul writes a long list of ugly moods and acts that would be much in existence as a sign of the end time. Of course, here again, some modernists claim this is purely press exaggeration. That in all affluent civilizations, immorality, crime, and wars have always existed. This is to try and calm the alarmed by telling them not to get excited—that this will all blow over and everything will be just fine!

This is another BIG LIE!

2 Timothy 3:13 says: "But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived." The Scriptures plainly state that the situation would wax WORSE AND WORSE. Sure, wickedness, violence and wars have always existed, but the truth is that all of these things were to increase, become over abundant, and literally intolerable.

This is precisely the situation today, as every news media will attest. It's useless to appeal to overpopulation as the culprit, because statistics prove beyond possible controversy, that crime grows faster than the population.

Try to blame it on what you will, unemployment, no education, poverty, communism, no sex education, careless parents, or what you like. The fact still remains that crime, violence, immorality, divorce and illegitimacy goes up and up! Don't be deceived, this IS REAL.

Another extremely important thing that would indicate WHEN the end time would be in existence, is the rebirth of the nation of Israel. This modern-day event has fulfilled Bible prophecy.

Although again, false prophets say this all came about through crooked politics and illegitimate maneuvering by the money-rich Jews, history has now recorded the phenomenal resurrection of a dead nation. Sympathetic or not, you have to admit the Jews are in Israel

and they have proven to the world they mean to stay.

The false prophets, religious and political, discarded the Biblical preaching that the Jews would return to their homeland as simply preposterous. This, they said, could never happen to a cursed, ungrateful, disunited band of vagabonds. Notice again, how the devil inspired another BIG LIE.

How?

How is this all going to end? How is God Almighty going to expose and unmask these BIG LIES?

First of all to the nations, God says: "For my determination is to gather the nations, that I may assemble the kingdoms, to pour upon them mine indignation, even all my fierce anger..." (Zeph. 3:8).

God is going to shatter the BIG LIE to pieces—the BIG LIE that false prophets, religious and political, have been spreading, that man is going to end war, and bring about a government that will provide peace, security, happiness, justice and equality for all. That all we need to do is get behind the unity movement under a single leadership, make the church a strong champion of good, and force evil governments to give up their evil plots and plans.

God has other ideas. His determination is to gather the nations to pour out upon them "indignation," and "fierce anger." God Almighty knows that no combination of governments or churches can bring about a perfect world. He knows that man will not listen. Man's arrogance and pride is such that only a sound thrashing will pound some sense into his stubborn head. And yes, God is going to reveal Himself as the Almighty, All-Wise Creator.

How is God going to do this? Jeremiah 51:20 gives us the answer. "Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the

nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms."

It may sound incredible, but there it is, in black and white. The Lord plainly says that He is going to use Israel as His battle axe and weapon of war and that with her He "WILL" "DESTROY KINGDOMS." In Ezekiel 38 and 39, you will find the complete battle strategy.

Today's conflict seems to be a war of nerves and espionage, lies and collusion. But the real, live, awful conflict will begin in the Middle East. Ridiculous as it may seem to the politicians and upsetting as it may be to the religious leaders, God is going to bring all nations into a world-wide conflict that will revolve about modern-day Israel. Zechariah 12:9 says: "And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem."

Notice also Zechariah 14:2: "For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle: . . ." What will you do with these verses? Will you discard them?

Russia, the U. S.A., China and all the great powers of the world, are going to be involved in this world collision. What will you do? Where would you hide from an all-out war?

You have the right to judge all that has here been written as totally untrue and ignore it all. But suppose for one minute that it just could be true!

Just Read This

Take a little time, just read this one last thing.

The atomic bomb of 20 years ago, had a force of over 20,000 tons of TNT. The hydrogen bomb of today is so much more powerful that it is measured in Megatons. One megaton is equal to one million tons of TNT.

Now you tell me, who is going to outlaw these monster bombs? Who can guarantee that some nation or some insane leader might not choose to commit

world suicide? You want to put your trust in man?

You can. But as Joshua said: "As for me and my house, we shall serve the Lord."

God knows man better, than man knows himself. God will not permit man to continue this mad trend that will lead to world suicide. God doesn't want the world destroyed.

Almighty God wants peace to reign supreme. And this is only possible with Himself, heading a World Government in which He will be absolute Ruler.

Why not give God a chance?

You've got a Bible, study it. The world may judge you nuts, but just what can the world offer you that is so permanent or so good? God is offering you a chance to live in a Kingdom built and ruled by Him. A place free from sickness, sorrow and death.

To help you study the future predicted by the Bible, expose the Big Lie, send for the free booklets, Armageddon and World History Foretold. Absolutely free without any obligations whatsoever. Order from Bible Advocate Press.

To Whom Shall We Go?

"From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. Then said Jesus unto the twelve, Will ye also go away? Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:66-68).

At some time in our life we come face to face with having to make a momentous decision. There is a time when we must choose between Christ and Satan. Was it a small, insignificant decision that set you on the right road? Or was it a time when it seemed that you were giving up your very life?

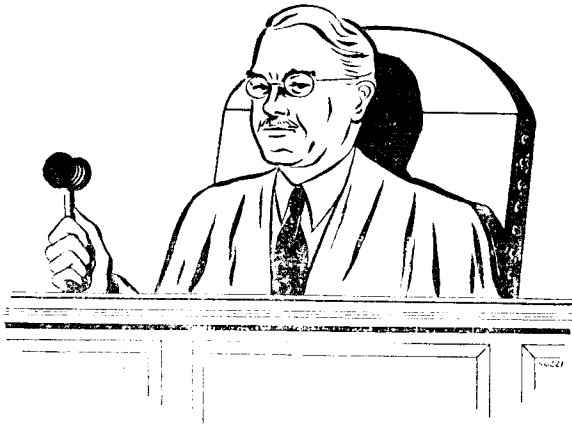
When Jesus asked His Apostles if they, like many of His disciples, were going to turn away from Him because He taught things they did not wish to hear and obey, Peter asked Him: "... Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life" (John 6:68).

Nothing has changed since that day. To whom can we turn except Christ? No one else can give us a valid promise of eternal life. Satan can promise, and will give us, riches and pleasures of this world if we serve him. He can promise, but he can never give us eternal life. He deceives his followers into thinking he can, but they are deceived. In the dreadful day of reckoning their eyes will be opened and they will realize what they have lost, but it will be too late.

There is only one true way to salvation, that is through faith and obedience in Christ. Christ obeyed His Father. He tells us to follow in His footsteps of obedience.

Alma Ward Rodgers

Nakedness, Rape and Murder!



Who Is to Blame?

by Trinidad Padilla

Our papers are filled with sex crimes. Women and girls being forced into automobiles and later found in a field or ditch, beaten, raped and murdered.

Immediately the cry goes out, "Get the sex killer," "Give him the chair."

Let us stop a minute and consider. Who is to blame? Who is guilty of arousing the beast-nature that provoked this murder? Why did he do it?

A majority of womanhood has by their SEMI-NUDE appearance in public, aroused this beast-nature in man and invited this lust demon to demand its passions satisfied!

Womanhood is inviting this thing upon themselves by their indecent and immoral dress. No decent woman or girl will parade about in garments that reveal their bodies to the opposite sex, without inviting an insult. When a man is brought before a court in this day for insulting a woman, it would be well to investigate as to just how decently the woman was dressed at the time of the crime; and if she was dressed in these so-called mini outfits or some other garb, let her be charged by the court for solici-

tation or for indecent exposure and sent to jail with the man, for she is as guilty if not more so, for dressing to invite such a crime.

If a woman is not selling her body on the altar of lust, let her take it off the display counter. People who have something to sell usually show and advertise it to the public. If women do not want the insults and attacks of lust-filled libertines, then let them cover up. If mothers do not want their daughters attacked let them see to it that they dress modestly.

The sad thing about this matter, is that this naked craze has crept into the church. Some preacher's wives dress like a dancer at a burlesque show. Don't say it isn't so. A preacher once said that recently a woman in his city, appeared in public stripped to her waist. Yet, some pussy-footed preacher says, "I don't believe in preaching on non-essentials." Some preachers say, "I never preach on the dress question."

Decency and modesty is almost a thing of the past. If a preacher opens his mouth about the naked and immoral, guzzling generation, they are branded as a hobby rider, an old fogey and

out to drive people away from the Church.

We declare unto you if they do not have enough decency and respect for God than to come to church half naked, it is time that preachers are getting down before God and asking for power to cast the immoral devil out of the people that come to his church.

Yes, the so-called Christian churches are becoming so conformed to this naked devil-inspired craze, that the Lake of Fire will enlarge itself to welcome the preachers, Sunday and Sabbath school superintendents, teachers, elders and deacons.

Hear the Word of the Lord. 1 Tim. 2:9, "IN LIKE MANNER ALSO THAT WOMEN ADORN THEMSELVES IN MODEST APPAREL WITH SHAMEFACEDNESS AND SOBRIETY;... WHICH BECOMETH WOMEN PROFESSING GODLINESS WITH GOOD WORKS." This scripture applies to men also.

It will make little difference what you profess if you do not meet the requirements of the Word of God. This generation has become a brazen, God-defying, Sabbath-desecrating, immoral, naked people. The man

whom Jesus cast a legend of devils out of, would not keep his clothes on, but when he met Jesus, and the devils were cast out, the scripture declares he was clothed and in his right mind. Now according to that scripture, these who are parading semi-nude are either devil possessed or are certainly bordering on it, and further, if they get their right mind they will put clothes on. Read this for yourself in Luke 8:26-35.

Who is to blame for all this deplorable condition? The preachers of our land are cowards. They have compromised with Satan. They have become afraid of their job. They are afraid that the naked crowd will not support them nor vote them back as pastors. They would rather disobey God than preach the Bible. If the scripture we have mentioned is true, then God has denounced this nakedness of our age.

The preacher is the watchman on the tower. God has commanded the preacher to cry aloud and spare not. He is to lift up his voice like a trumpet and show the people their sins (Isa. 58:1). But they are compromisers and afraid of the face of clay.

Yes, some have taken their clothes off with the rest of them. No wonder they cannot lift up a standard like the Bible has declared to be God's standard. No wonder they have become intoxicated with the no-harm devil. No wonder they oppose everyone that will raise his voice against their demoralizing sin, and have the courage to uncover their wickedness.

If you are of that group mentioned, let this be clear, you need to meet Jesus of Nazareth. You are chained with the shackles of Satan. He has you bound with the fetters of lust and nakedness. You need to be set free by the power of Jesus Christ who cast the devil out of the naked and devil-possessed man of Gadara.

If you are tramping around in these immoral and semi-nude

garbs, according to God's own Word, you are not a Christian, and you need not profess to be.

If you profess to be a Christian God has already branded you a hypocrite. Christians, whether men or women are modest dressers; they put on enough clothes to cover up. When Adam and Eve found they were naked, they patched leaves together and tried to cover their bodies even though they were the only two on the face of the earth. If people will shun nakedness there will be less divorces, less murders, and perhaps the lake of fire will not be so populated with libertines.

May the LORD have mercy on you if you are the cause of the fall of one of the opposite sex when you meet them at the judgment and find that your

dress and actions have caused them to be damned forever.

It is time the clergy cry out against this sin, if they have any decency left in them. It is time that the Church is taking a definite stand against this corrupt, indecent, immoral, naked generation. It is time that the womanhood that remain, take their stand and rebuke their own sex openly for their disgusting dress and immoral appearance.

Yes, it is now time that those who have been guilty of this sin turn from it, get on their knees before Almighty God and repent and ask forgiveness before they find themselves damned like all the people were in Noah's time.

There is only one cure for this age, there is only one way out, that is, seek God with all your heart and turn from sin.

THE SACRED NAME *(Continued from page 10)*

is a verbal adjective and is derived from the Greek verb, "chrio" which means "to anoint." It is the LXX's equivalent of the Hebrew verb, "Mashach," which means, "to anoint." (See A Grammar of the Greek N. T. by A. T. Robertson p. 101, also Thayer's Greek-English Lexicon of the N.T., p. 672, 673.)

No etymological relationship can be established with Krishna, the Indian sun god, as Mr. Haig Mardioressian contends in his book titled, "The true Faith of the Forgotten Worshipers."

LITERAL NAME OR CONCEPT

If the God of heaven is as insistent upon His creatures using the Sacred Name literally as contended, then there are several passages which the Yahwists need to explain in the light of clear and logical reasoning.

First, Daniel 2:4-7, and also portions of Ezra 4. These portions of Scripture record the names of God in Aramaic and

not Hebrew, which demonstrates God's acceptance of His name being spoken in another language other than Hebrew. On the day of PENTECOST, the name of God was heard by the nations who were gathered at Jerusalem, NOT in Hebrew, but in their own national tongue. (Acts 2:17, 23. Joel uses the Hebrew name YHWH for God.)

Secondly, explain why Christ said the use of His name is not enough to secure vindication on the day of Judgment? (Matt. 7:21-23). Thirdly, why does the Creator God apply to Himself the same Hebrew word which is applied to the Tyrian god Baal? In Isaiah 54:5, God calls Himself the Husband of Israel. Literally the word "Husband," is Baal in Hebrew.

We now leave the reader with the task of ascertaining whether or not the use of the English titles for "Lord, God, Jesus, Christ," constitutes an infraction of the Third commandment.
(to be continued)

A Call to Holiness



by John Kiesz

There should be seen a vast difference between sinners and saints. According to the Scriptures a sinner is one who transgresses the law (1 John 3:4), while a saint is one who keeps the law (Rev. 14:12). Eventually sinners will be punished and consumed out of the earth (Psa. 104:35), but the righteous will be preserved forever (Psa. 97:10).

By nature, we are all sinners (Rom. 3:23), for we have been born that way (Psa. 51:5; John 3:6); therefore a second birth (John 3:3-5), or a new creation (2 Cor. 5:17), is necessary in order to free us from condemnation (Rom. 8:1).

This change from a sinful to a saintly life is brought about when one becomes humble and yields, through the Word and the power of the Holy Spirit in such operations as: Conviction—John 16:7, 8; repentance—Matt. 3:1, 2; confession—1 John

1:5-10; conversion—Acts 3:19; faith—Heb. 11:1, 6; baptism—Mark 16:15, 16; and sanctification—1 Thess. 4:3.

The original meaning of the word sanctification is “a state of being set apart for a holy use” (see Genesis 2:3; Exodus 13:2; Exodus 19:10-14). When we surrender our lives to our Creator, we then are set apart for Him. We are no more our own, for we have been bought with a price (1 Cor. 6:19, 20).

It is the Father who sanctifies us (Jude 1). He made His Son “. . . unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption” (1 Cor. 1:30).

According to the Scriptures, there are three phases of sanctification: through the Blood, through the Word, and through the Spirit.

Sanctification through the Blood is an accomplished work of Calvary. “. . . We are sanctified through the offering of the body

of Jesus Christ once for all” (Heb. 10:10). When we accept the shed blood of our Saviour for atonement and obey henceforth, then we are set apart from the world—then we are sanctified for a holy purpose. In ancient times the people were sanctified “to the purifying of the flesh” by the blood of animals, but now sanctification is by the blood of the Messiah (Heb. 9:11-15).

“Whereas Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach” (Heb. 13:12, 13).

“He that despised Moses’ law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, where-

with he was sanctified, an unholy thing and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?" (Heb. 10:28, 29).

Even though we have accepted the initial terms of salvation and have thus been forgiven and sanctified by the blood, there may still be things in our lives which are not altogether pleasing to our Maker. When we are first converted, we are merely babes and must grow, symbolically speaking. And this is where sanctification through the Word comes in.

As we read the Scriptures we may see, here and there, that we need to make some changes in our mode of living; and as we thus obey, fully yielding and walking in all the light as it is revealed to us, we are thereby sanctified through the Word. Romans 12:2 uses transformed in this connection, and our Master prayed, "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth" (John 17:17).

"Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it: that he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph. 5:25-27).

"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy" (1 Peter 1:15, 16).

Now, of course, numerous believers can claim sanctification through the blood and the Word, as discussed in the foregoing paragraphs; yet, many of them still may have carnal (Adamic) natures, just because they have not really been filled with the Holy Spirit. That is where another special grace, or definite spiritual experience, becomes necessary.

Some, through previous teaching and understanding, pray through in full submission to receive spiritual sanctification at

conversion, while others do not receive this experience until some time later (if they ever get it).

Sanctification through the blood takes place when one accepts the atonement by faith. Sanctification through the Word is gradual. But sanctification through the Spirit is instantaneous. It is then that the carnal nature, through the power of the Holy Spirit, is changed to that of divine nature (2 Peter 1:4; Rom. 15:13; Gal. 5:16-18).

When one cannot say that he has had this wonderful experience of sanctification (and it is wonderful), then it becomes necessary to pray and yield until he knows that he has passed from death unto life (1 John 5:10-13) in order to be able to enter the Kingdom of Glory (see Acts 20:32).

"But we are bound to give thanks alway to God for you, brethren beloved of the Lord, because God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth" (2 Thess. 2:13).

"Nevertheless, brethren, I have written the more boldly unto you in some sort, as putting you in mind, because of the grace that is given to me of God, that I should be the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost" (Rom. 15:15, 16).

Only pure and holy folks have a passport to the Holy City (Psa. 24:3, 4; Heb. 12:14; Rev. 22:14, 15). That sanctified folks are free from sin can be seen from Romans 6-8.

Sin is of the devil, and those who live in sin are Satan's children (Acts 13:10). But it is possible to have sin destroyed out of willing lives: "... For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil" (1 John 3:8). If we have hope of seeing our Saviour when He

comes again, we will purify ourselves "... even as he is pure" (1 John 3:2). This does not mean that we cannot make mistakes, but that a true follower of the lowly Nazarene will not continually live in sin (see 1 John 2:1-6).

"Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God" (2 Cor. 7:1).

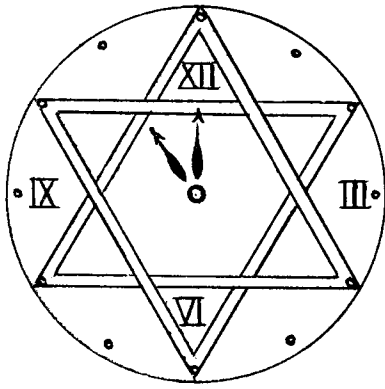
"For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye should abstain from fornication: that every one of you should know how to possess his vessel in sanctification and honour" (1 Thess. 4:3, 4).

"And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:23). This is ENTIRE sanctification.

Among the Corinthian brethren existed a variety of conditions, some good and some quite bad, which gave the apostle Paul plenty of concern. Some of those brethren were still considered carnal (1 Cor. 3:1-4; 5:1-13), while others were washed, sanctified, and justified (1 Cor. 6:11). The unholy ones were not even fit for membership (1 Cor. 5:13).

We have similar conditions in general today. But there will be a sanctified and holy Bride ready for the translation when the Bridegroom returns for His own (Rev. 19:6-9). Will you and I be included in that number? The Church that He will receive unto Himself will be made up of individual believers, but it is only when you and I are personally right that we are granted a part with the believers and will receive eternal life.

Friend, let us make our calling and election fully sure, if we have not already done so (2 Peter 1:10-12). Let us pay the price, whatever the cost may be. "... In due season we shall reap, if we faint not" (Gal. 6:9).



Prophetic Viewpoints

ISRAEL--God's Clock of Time

PART III

By K. C. WALKER

The Beginning of the End

The beginning of the end, carries with it more than 2,500 years of Israel's wanderings among the Gentile nations.

The beginning of the end, is the period of "Gentile times." The beginning of the end, is the "last days" period. This period had its beginning when God allowed the kingdom of Judah to be taken captive by Nebuchadnezzar 600 years before Christ.

The basis of this "beginning of the end," is found in the prophecy of Jeremiah, chapter 25. The message of Jeremiah was to be for all nations. God said of Him, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou comest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations" (Jeremiah 1:5).

"See, I have set thee this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to throw down, to build, and to plant" (Jeremiah 1:10).

Jeremiah was told to go and speak to the people the Words of the Lord.

The Time of Jeremiah

Jeremiah lived at the time of

the "beginning of the end." He warned the Jews of God's impending judgments. He told them that God would bring all the families of the north and Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, his servant, against the land of Israel. He told of the seriousness of this war, by warning that the city would be laid waste, and desolate. Jeremiah 25:1-11 tells of this.

The state of Judaism at that time was extremely wicked. They had rebelled against Almighty God, killed many of the prophets and replaced the commandments of God with their own human instructions. This led to their downfall and captivity as Jeremiah had warned them.

Daniel and Ezekiel were contemporary prophets and were among the captives taken into Babylon. Jeremiah preceded them by a few years but their prophecy overlaps. To consult the prophecy of Daniel, helps one to understand the clear connection in the ticking of God's *Prophetic Clock, Israel*.

Judgment of Nations Began with God's Judgment on Israel

Of Israel, Jeremiah tells us, "For many nations and great kings shall serve themselves of

them also: and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the works of their own hands" (Jeremiah 25:14).

"For thus saith the Lord God of Israel unto me: Take the wine cup of this fury at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. And they shall drink, and be moved, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them" (Jeremiah 25:15, 16).

These verses reveal the mission of Jeremiah. It was a tremendous responsibility. He was to face the kings and rulers with words of condemnation. "Then took I the cup at the Lord's hand, and made all the nations to drink unto whom the Lord had sent me:

"To wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, and hissing, and a curse; as it is this day" (Jeremiah 25:17, 18).

Here is the "beginning of the end." Here is the warning to all nations by *the God of Israel*, that God now has a witness among them, of whom they must take heed or perish. Verses 19-26 reveal the fact that all nations were to come in contact

with the sword that God would send among them. The result would be *the end* of said Gentile kingdoms.

God's Sword Among the Nations

The sword is an instrument of war. Remember there are different kinds of war. There is a spiritual war and a physical war. Jeremiah was to carry the sword that would destroy and also, build. Little did Israel know that they were to help carry the sword among the nations of the world.

That is one of the purposes of Israel being preserved to this day among the nations of the world. Jeremiah did not take a material sword. He took the Word of God. The Word of God is called the "...sword of the Spirit..." (Ephesians 6:17).

The presence of Israel among the nations was the Living Word in judgment. The fact that the Gentile nations would hate Israel, stems largely from their difference in religious heritage and their God. They would continually refuse to integrate with Gentile kingdoms. Thus they would refuse to accept their gods.

Yes, Israel did go after other gods, but they did not deny the God of their fathers. Thus the sword sent among the nations was represented by the presence of Israel.

Jeremiah did not go literally to all the nations mentioned in chapter 25 of his writings, yet God said that the message which Jeremiah was given, was to cause all nations to drink and be mad. It was to go out and it has gone out.

Why are the nations of the world mad and angry today? God said it would be that way, and so it is. The sword has gone among them. Israel, the Living Word, by missionary and printed form, has gone to the ends of the earth. The nations of the world are faced with destruction because of the sword God has sent among them.

Daniel Shown the Judgments of Nations

Daniel was among the first of the captives into Babylon in the judgments foretold by Jeremiah the prophet. Daniel was a prophet in captivity and revealed the God of Israel in a strange land, in a most remarkable way.

The book of Daniel reveals the judgment of the nations for more than 2,500 years. The book tells of the future suffering of Israel under the power of Gentile kings and rulers. The book of Daniel reveals the future of the righteous under the influence of pagan religions. The book of Daniel also foretells the coming of the Messiah, both his first and second coming. Judgment, is the first word for the book of Daniel. Dan, means judge. Iel, is the God of Daniel. Thus *Daniel*—"the judgments of God."

The book opens with the destruction of the nations of Israel. Immediately, Daniel and his companions are put to the test through which the God of Daniel reveals Himself as the ruler of the universe.

The gods of the Babylonians are humbled by the presence of Israel in Babylon, as Daniel and his companions come forth and challenge the gods of Babylon.

When Daniel interpreted the dream of Nebuchadnezzar, the king declared, "... Of a truth it is, that your God is a God of gods, and a Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou couldest reveal this secret" (Daniel 2:47).

As Daniel's companions were delivered from the fiery furnace, the king declared, "... Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who delivered his servants that trusted in him. ..." "Therefore I make a decree, That every people, nation, and language, which speak anything amiss against the God of Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego, shall be cut in pieces ..." (Daniel 3:28, 29).

Similar decrees were made by the kings of Media-Persia. This reveals the power of God, working through Israel in captivity to humble the Gentile powers and leave them without excuse as to who is the true God.

As God's judgments of the nations began with the downfall of National Israel, so it is, that the book of Daniel reveals the downfall of the nations who took Israel captive.

Even though Israel was taken captive because of her sins, she must still be a witness to the God of gods and Lord of kings.

God's Word Must Go to the Ends of the Earth

Israel was given the Word of God. God had placed His name upon them. They were to bear His name before all nations—that His Word might go to the ends of the earth.

In chapter 12, Daniel sees Michael standing in defense of the Jewish people (Verse 1). In Verse 6, the question is asked of the heavenly messenger: "... How long shall it be to the end of these wonders?"

The answer, "... that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when he shall have accomplished to scatter the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished" (Verse 7).

The scattering of the power of the holy people must be accomplished before the end would come. What is the power of the holy people? What preserved Daniel and his companions? What has preserved Israel as a different people to our very day?

When God placed His name on Israel, His Word went with them. His Word and His Spirit are His power. Therefore the power of the holy people must go to the ends of the earth before the mystery of God is finished.

The prophetic time period for this scattering is given as, "... time, times, and an half; ..." (Verse 7). This same time peri-

od is given in Daniel 7:25. It is again mentioned in Revelation 12:14. This same time period is spoken of in Revelation 12:6, as 1,260 days. It is further mentioned as forty and two months in Revelation 13:5.

Bible students seem to agree that the time period of Daniel 7:25 has reference to a period in the history of Rome from about 500 A. D. to 1800 A.D. This being true, it would bring the scattering of the power of the holy people into this age—since Jesus gave the great commission to preach the Gospel to the end of the earth.

The Scattering of Israel Coincides with the Great Commission

“And this gospel of the kingdom, shall be preached to all the world, for a witness to all nations, and then shall the end come” (Matt. 24:14).

The coming of the Holy Spirit was to empower the disciples of Christ to carry the message of the gospel to all the world. This was given to converted Israelites in the beginning of the gospel age.

The means God uses to scatter His holy power is strange indeed, but we must accept His methods. If we do not do it under peaceful conditions, then we will have to accept methods of persecutions and hardship, and often death that the God of Israel might be known to all men.

The early church was established under conditions of persecutions, and self-denial. Persecution often proved to be a means whereby the Gospel spread to other peoples. Paul recognized this in his own experiences. The furtherance of the gospel was the result of persecution of the early Christians. Not only was the gospel to go to all the world as a witness to all nations, but Jesus said of the Jews, “And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and shall be led away captive into all nations; and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles,

until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled” (Luke 21:24).

Not only was the Gospel to go to all nations, but Israel was to be scattered to all nations. Why all nations? Why the Gospel to all nations? We can understand the Gospel going to all nations because God’s mercy was extended to all men in the Gospel that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

What of Israel among all nations? The fact that a specific event would mark the end of Gentile times, speaks of a special mission of Israel among the nations of the world.

Israel as God’s Time Piece, must bear witness to all nations. This they have in relation to judgment. They maintained their identity throughout their history among the nations and stood out as a special people. No nation of importance was left out. Israel found herself among the Gentiles all over the world. This she did as a witness of Judgment. The call of the Gospel was to save from judgment.

The power of preservation of Israel is found in the Word of God. What God’s Word has said of them, has come to pass. God’s Word is as much a living thing in fleshly Israel, as it is in spiritual Israel. One bears witness to salvation, the other to judgment.

Back to Jeremiah 25

As God declares in Jeremiah 25:18, that Israel was the first on the list of nations to come under the judgments of the nations, we now notice verses 27-29.

“Therefore thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of host, the God of Israel; Drink ye, and be drunken, and spue, and fall, and rise no more, because of the sword that I will send among you. And it shall be if they refuse to take the cup at thine hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Ye shall

certainly drink. For low I began to bring evil on the city which is called by my name, and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished: for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts.”

God is no respecter of persons or nations. As God began to bring evil on the city called by His name, it was a signal that all nations were to suffer the same fate. The sword that God would send among them was carried by Israel. It began in Babylon, and was to continue until all nations were without excuse before the God of Israel. Repent or perish, was the message of the sword.

As God had a controversy with Israel which led to her downfall (Hos. 4:1-6), so now God has a controversy, with the nations of the world. “... for the Lord hath a controversy with the nations, he will plead with all flesh; he will give them that are wicked to the sword, saith the Lord” (Jeremiah 25:31).

Jeremiah 25 covers more than 2,500 years of human history, with Israel in the midst of the nations. Her presence is God’s Time Peace for all nations to see.

Her presence is God’s warning of impending judgments on the nations that do not repent and turn to the God of Israel.

The trickery of Satan in developing the anti-Semitic spirit furthers his cause to destroy, if possible, the very elect. The corruption of the Gospel in our day, stems from anti-Semitism. This is the basic reason the western world is in serious trouble with the Gentile powers of our times.

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THE FALLACIES OF BRITISH-ISRAELISM

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book of Jeremiah that tell of Judah's destiny (Jer. 25:2, 11).

The books of Ezra and Nehemiah deal with the actual returns of these people in the years just after that 70-year captivity. Now, what does the Bible say concerning the ten tribes that were taken captive in 722 B. C. by the Assyrians? Does it say they went north from Media, traveling over Europe and finally settling in those countries, with Ephraim settling in ENGLAND and Manasseh settling in the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA?

God's Word must be our source for these answers. The answer is there for you to read. Jeremiah 50:1 says, "The word that the LORD spake against Babylon and against the land of the CHALDEANS BY JEREMIAH THE PROPHET." Notice it! The prophecy is against Babylon and against the land of the Chaldeans.

Now for the REAL ANSWER, look at verses 3-5. "For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they shall remove, they shall depart, both man and beast. In those days, and in that time, saith the LORD, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together, going and weeping: they shall go, and seek the LORD their God. They shall ask the way to Zion with their faces thitherward. . . ." ". . . the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together. . . ." Some try to interpret this to be just prior to the Second Coming of Christ. THAT IS AN IMPOSSIBILITY.

Read all of chapters 50 and 51 so you can get the entire story of the FALL OF THE KINGDOM OF BABYLON IN 538 B.C. at the hands of the Medes and the Persians. Especially note the following verses: Jer. 50:1, 3, 8, 9, 17, 18 and 20; Jer. 51:5, 6 and 11. The return spoken of in Jeremiah 50:4, 5 and 51:5, 6 was under the leadership of Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah.

Some Bible students who deny this marvelous fulfillment of prophecy, by

placing Jeremiah 50:1-5 at the end of this age, still delight in taking other texts in Jeremiah 50 and 51 as proof of the fall of Babylon. One should be consistent in such matters.

ALL ISRAEL IN EZRA AND NEHEMIAH'S TIME

It is clear that God's holy prophecy cannot be denied. Truly, the Scripture says that ISRAEL RETURNED HOME WITH JUDAH. At this time they were not wandering all over Europe. The Bible gives further proof of this in the books of Ezra and Nehemiah. Concerning the return under Zerubbabel, Ezra says, "So the priest, and the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers and the porters, and the Nethinims, dwelt in their cities, and *all Israel* in their cities" (Ezra 2:70).

When the rebuilding of the Temple was completed under Zerubbabel's direction, there was a great dedication service for the House of God and about it the Bible says, "And the children of Israel, the priests, and the rest of the children of the captivity, kept the dedication of this house of God with joy, and offered at the dedication of this house of God . . . for a sin offering for all Israel, twelve he goats, according to the number of the tribes of Israel" (Ezra 6:16, 17).

Notice it! The twelve tribes were home and sacrifice was made for each of the tribes at this dedication. Furthermore, Ezra made "all Israel" agree that they would keep certain covenants involving their relationship with God (Ezra 10:1, 5).

Nehemiah supports all these texts in Nehemiah 7:73 when he repeats the truths that had been declared by Ezra.

These texts are conclusive! Did the

ten tribes return to Judah under Zerubbabel, Ezra and Nehemiah? The INFALLIBLE WORD OF GOD SAYS THEY DID! What do you believe?

There are several points concerning the doctrine of British-Israel that we have covered and at this point we feel it important to refresh our minds about them. They are as follows:

1. The Bible does not insist on a continuous throne from David unto Christ, and in fact, it teaches the opposite to be the case because of the sin of Solomon and his children.

2. The Bible does not teach that David's throne was to be transferred from country to country, three times, finally ending up in England where it was to stay until Jesus comes.

3. The Bible does not give Jeremiah a strange and mysterious commission concerning Ireland and the daughters of king Zedekiah.

4. The Bible does not have Isaiah finishing the story or prophecy of Jeremiah's commission.

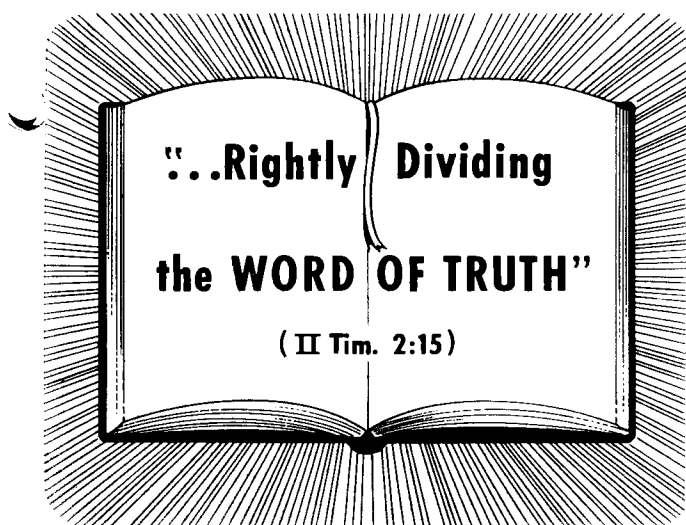
5. The Bible does teach that the House of Israel returned to Judah with the children of Judah at the time of Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah's leadership.

There are many more points that we wish to consider in following issues. Such points as the meaning of "tender one," the place of Israel's abode at the time of Christ, Israel's lost identity, modern names like Joseph, David, Israel and others. Israel's existence in these last days, and many other items of interest will be considered. We encourage you to study this doctrine earnestly with the Holy Bible as your guiding light. May God's Holy Spirit guide and direct us all into His marvelous truth.

(to be continued)

LORD'S SUPPER DATE

The date for the observance of the Lord's Supper Service this year is Thursday night, the night following April 11 (the beginning of April 12).



By Elder Israel Haeger

How do you get that the Jews are yet God's chosen people? Is it not true that the English people are the house of Israel?

I would like to answer this question by referring to chapters 36 and 37 of Ezekiel. Here God tells us through Ezekiel that He is going to take them (the Israelites, known to us as the Jews) from the countries that He has scattered them and make them one nation on the mountains of Israel. This has taken place for a good many years, and is happening before our very eyes today. In verse 22 of the 36th chapter are these words: "...Thus saith the Lord God! I do not this for your sakes, house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went." God would not do this if they were not yet His chosen people. In Romans 11:28-31 we find Paul telling us that these people are the elect for the Father's sake. Then in Hebrews 8:8-12 we note Paul repeating the covenant that was made with them "after those days." This promise is also given in Jeremiah 31:31-34. And as we read on through verses 35-37 in Jeremiah we find that God compares them with the stability of the Sun, Moon, Stars, Day, and Night, and says that they will no more pass away than will these ordinances that rule the universe.

In Romans 11:26 we read, "And so all Israel shall be saved: as it is written, There shall come out of Sion the Deliverer, and shall turn away ungodliness from Jacob." This cannot be spiritual Israel, for ungodliness would have to be taken away from them before they can be counted as one of the fold.

I will have to say, NO, the English people are not Israel. I would not like to think that they are a blinded people. The scriptures tell us that Israel is blinded, Romans 11:7, 25. Israel is blinded until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in. It is still Gentile time now, so it cannot be true that the English people are the house of Israel.

In 2 Peter 3:10 we read that the earth will be burned up when Jesus comes; would this not mean that the saints would also burn unless they went to heaven or be on their way there?

I would like to point out that the verse or verses in question do not only say that the earth shall burn up, but the heavens also. In fact 2 Peter 3:10 says, "...in the which the heavens shall pass away" before it says that the earth shall burn up. So then, if the saints would burn with the earth when it burns up they would also burn with the heavens when they burn up (Verse 12).

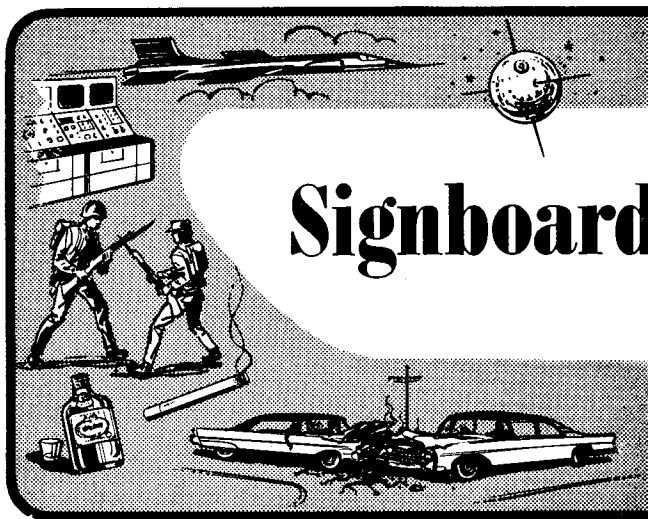
Now then, it seems impossible to get the understanding from what Peter says that the earth (dirt) is going to burn up, but rather the elements of it. The word "element" means environment, according to Winston's Dictionary. It will be all the evil environments that will be destroyed, whether on earth or in heaven. This can be seen by carefully examining 2 Peter 3:5-13, and I want you to note verses 5 and 6. These verses speak of the earth, or world, that was before the flood. And they say, "Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, PERISHED." However, we still walk on the same dirt (earth) that was before the flood. The elements (environments) of it were destroyed, however.

Is the Holy Ghost a person, and if he is not, how can he speak?

The Holy Ghost is not a person but the power of God that we receive through Jesus Christ. The word "Ghost" or "Spirit" in itself designates power rather than a person. Jesus instructed His Apostles to tarry at Jerusalem until they would be endued with power from on high. And then in Acts 1:8 we find Jesus instructing the apostles that they shall receive power when the Holy Ghost is come upon them. As we read on in the book of Acts we find that the disciples of Christ did tarry at Jerusalem until the Holy Ghost was given.

In John 3:8 we note Jesus describing those that are born again, which can take place only through the Holy Spirit, as the wind which cannot be seen. However, the effects of the wind can be heard and seen. So it was with the disciples on the day of Pentecost, when the Holy Ghost was given into this world. The apostles, who were weak, became strong witnesses for Christ and the gospel because of this power that was given them.

The Holy Ghost speaks to us by opening unto us the mind of understanding. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come" (John 16:13). This tells us the Spirit speaks only that which he hears, and he hears only that which is recorded in the Scriptures. The way he speaks to us is by making us understand the Word. Paul says, "But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God" (1 Corinthians 2:10).



Signboards of the Time

In the Beginning, Nothing

Once Nothing arrived on this earth out of space.
 It rode in on nothing, it came from no place;
 It landed on nothing, the earth was not here;
 It worked hard on nothing for year after year;
 It sweat over nothing with mighty resolve;
 But just about then things began to evolve.
 The heavens appeared and the sea and the sod;
 This almighty Nothing worked much like a god.
 It started unwinding without any plan;
 It made every creature and ended with man.
 No God here was needed, there was no creation;
 Man grew like a mushroom and needs no salvation.
 Some scientists say this should be called evolution
 And ignorance quickly accepts that solution.

Author Unknown

Revival Reported in Indonesia

According to an American evangelist and three companions currently holding meetings in Djakarta, Rev. John Edmund Haggai, there are 10,000 people awaiting baptism in western Indonesia and 55,000 in North Sumatra.

Drugs

In the Cleveland suburb, Shaker Heights, said to be one of the wealthiest districts in the world, one student estimated that at least 25% of the high school students were experimenting with drugs. A school administrator says, "The use of narcotics is no longer just an occasional thing. It has become a persistent and virulent problem."

Excavations at Jerusalem

Excavations which may eventually lead scholars to parts of the original temple of King Solomon will begin at the Wailing Wall. It is estimated that the wall now visible on the surface stands atop some twenty tiers left from former structures. The part of the present wall immediately above ground is said to be a remnant of the second temple, begun by King Herod the Great and completed in 64 A. D., six years before it was destroyed by a Roman army.

Albania, an Atheist State

Albania now officially claims to have become the "first atheist state in the world." The closing of 2,169 churches, mosques, monasteries and other religious institutions during the past six months "represents the concluding phase of the campaign against formal religious institutions."

Free Methodist

Wasted Money

It now is coming to light that Russia is investing more than 6 billion dollars a year for the Communist cause in Vietnam.

American Pets Well Cared For

Americans spend \$3 billion yearly on house pets, but only \$1.7 billion on the whole federal war on poverty, a political science professor says. Dr. Richard T. Frost, said Americans also spend \$55 million on the care and feeding of migrant birds, but only \$40 million on aid to migrant workers.

Israel to Pay for Shrine Damage

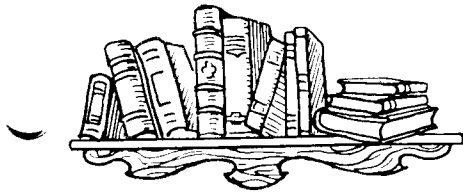
Israel will contribute \$1 million for repairs to ancient shrines and other places of worship damaged during the Arab-Israeli war in June. A major recipient of the contribution is the heavily damaged Church of Dormition of Our Lady on Mount Zion.

Funeral Rites Changing

Elwyn Gipson of the National Selected Morticians Convention, pointed out in several ways the American way of conducting funerals is changing, and then added: "Modern ministers are more concerned with comforting the family than in preaching the gospel."

Greek Church to Publish 100,000 Testaments

The Holy Synod of the Orthodox Church in Greece will publish 100,000 copies of the New Testament in the ancient Greek text.



Book in Review

Reviewed by Jessie Truman

INSPIRATIONAL

FRESH EVERY MORNING by Gerald Kennedy; Harper and Row; \$3.95; 194 pages.

The title "Fresh Every Morning" is taken from the story of the Israelites gathering manna in the wilderness. Moses told them to gather only enough for the day. But because some wanted security they gathered more, only to have it breed worms and stink. The author points out that the important things in life cannot be gathered in advance.

A quote from Bonhoeffer, the German Christian executed by the Nazis, amplifies: "I believe God will give us all the power we need to resist in all the time of distress. But He never gives it in advance, lest we should rely upon ourselves and not on Him alone." The author adds, "This power is given to us fresh every morning. In this faith we live our lives in confidence."

This book is written for this age and its needs. In frankness and understanding the author outlines some things that are not to be manipulated. Other chapters deal with the peace of mind, treasure in earthen vessels, time for decision, God in narrow places, and others.

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