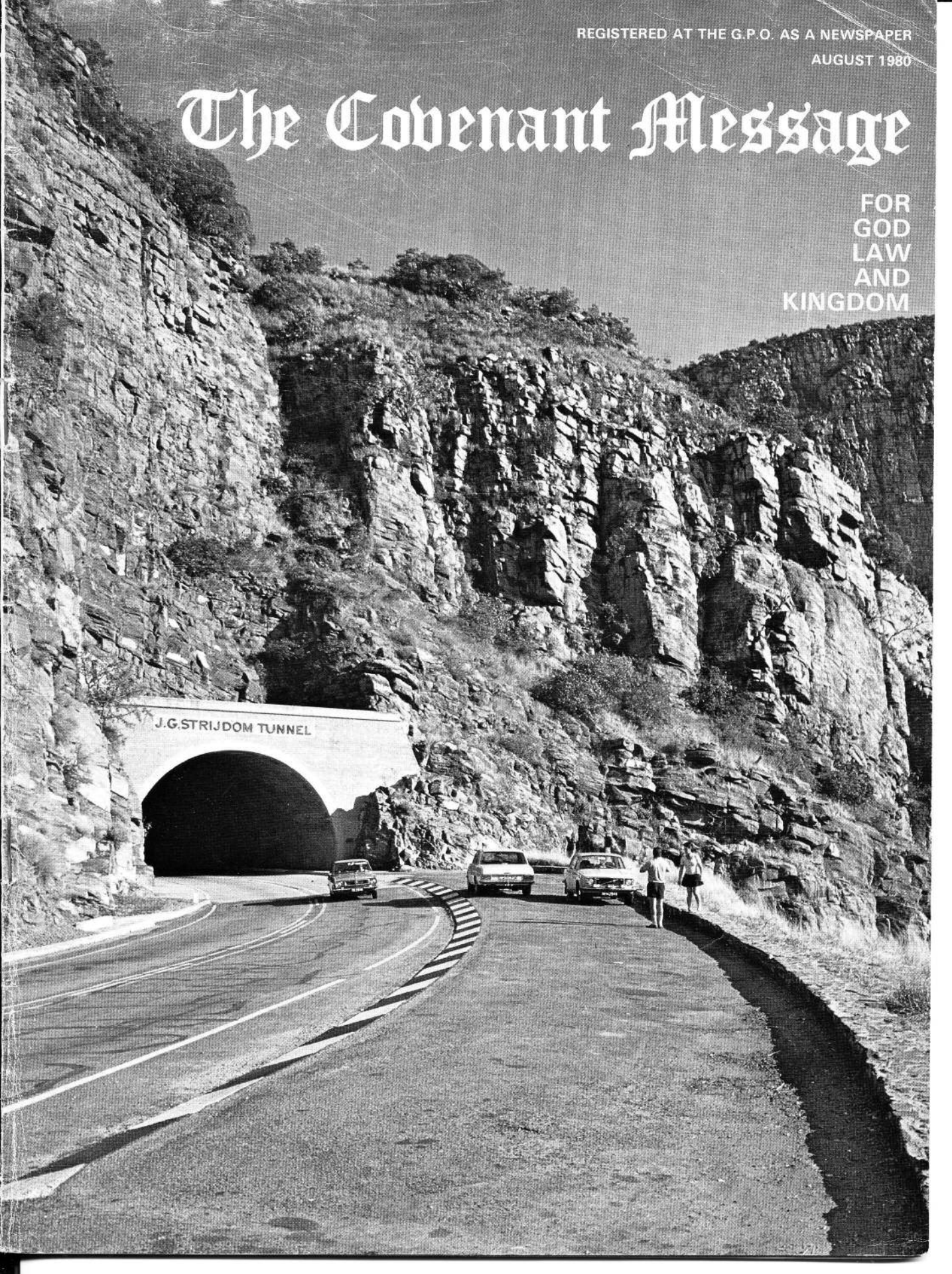


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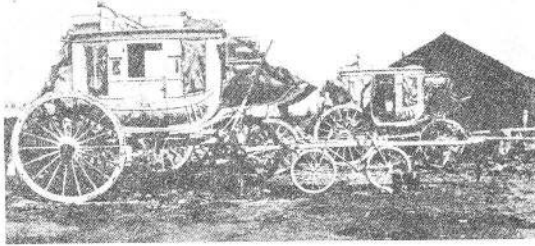
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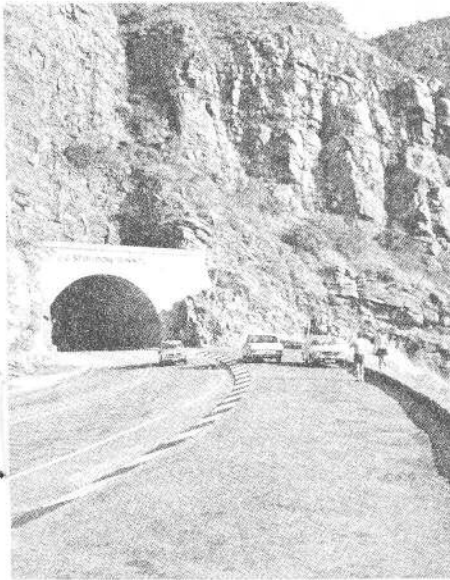


The great Drakensberg mountain in the Eastern Transvaal, despite the inroads of the modern technological age, remains perhaps the most hauntingly beautiful landscape in all Africa. The modern highway which snakes its way through this wonderland of nature, evidence of man's development, still cannot depress the sense of contact with the past. As one stands in the midst of the grandeur of nature which is breathtakingly beautiful in its vast scale, one is able to capture, in imagination at least, the sound of those who passed this way before. One can almost hear the tread of elephant and big game; one can almost feel the passing of hunters, slave traders, of prospectors and the rumble of transport wagons - all of whom passed this way but whose passing was soon obliterated when nature re-asserted itself.

However, there is one area in which man is ever keeping nature at bay and this is his access route to the lowveld. In the 1870's, the brothers Louw and Pieter Zeederberg began a wagon transport system in the Transvaal and in order to extend this service to the lowveld on the eastern side of the mountain range, they sought for and found a way through the mountain which became the regular passage linking the lowveld region with the highveld. Today, a modern roadway follows the same route used by the Zeederberg brothers and perhaps the only change, is the J.G. Strijdom Tunnel which has been carved out of the mountain to obviate some of the difficulties. This pass which was used so long ago is today called the Abel Erasmus Pass. It descends some 800 metres and is some 24 kilometres in length.

On driving through this pass and the J.G. Strijdom Tunnel, while one cannot help but be impressed by the evidence of man's technology in cutting through the living rock, and as one passes out into the sunlight, the sense of the comparative insignificance of man and his achievements is driven home by the all-encompassing grandeur which rises on all sides. Truly, at this place, one can say with David of old: "What is man that thou art mindful of him?"

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## The Covenant Message

WHAT IS IT  
ALL ABOUT ?

'Happy is that people, whose God is the Lord.'

This magazine has to do with what is generally called, the Israel Identity Truth. And Israel Identity as the term suggests, draws attention to a people who may be identified with the name Israel which, in the first instance is a status - *ruled by God* - and secondly, the patronymic name which was given by God to Jacob who was also the inheritor of the Promises of God which deal with very material things - national things. Such statements of course, go against the teaching of Christianity today which in the main centres its belief on the importance of the individual whereas God's Word insists on giving priority to Almighty God. Thus, 'Let God be true' is the theme of *The Covenant Message* which presents evidence of His Hand in history and the assurance of His Intervention today.

The matter goes further however for within the twenty-eight pages of this journal, the editorial policy will be seen as providing as much evidence as possible in order to re-establish within the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred European nations, a sense of purpose and direction coupled with a reverence for the responsibility which must come with identity. It may be asked here as to why so much effort should be put into telling this company of nations that they are Israel when in fact, the world accepts that the Jews are identified with this name? The answer is very simple. The world may accept this but the Jews are NOT the people to whom God made His Promises for as a people - and this term is very ambiguous for it presupposes a nation descended from a common ancestor - as a people, the Jews (by this name) only came into existence after 536 B.C., whereas the Promises of God were made circa 2,000 B.C. and to a nation. Nor are the Jews a nation but rather, a heterogenous people bound together by a faith - and no such group ever figured in God's Covenant Promises. And while the Jews profess to keep the Law of the Lord, even the punitive or retributive clauses of this Law cannot be seen as working in them.

Conversely, within the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and company of nations, there is a great deal of embryonic evidence of the Promises while in their Constitutional life, each of the punitive clauses of the Law of the Lord may be seen in operation. And if two and two are added together, the answer is four. An answer which surely reveals that these people are Israel to whom the Law was given at Sinai.

Tragically today modern Israel is both gloomy and despondent. They have allowed others to usurp their name and will insist on wallowing in a 'gentile' state of mind and cannot see their own short comings. Yet in a time not too far off happy indeed will these people be when they re-discover that God is indeed their Lord.

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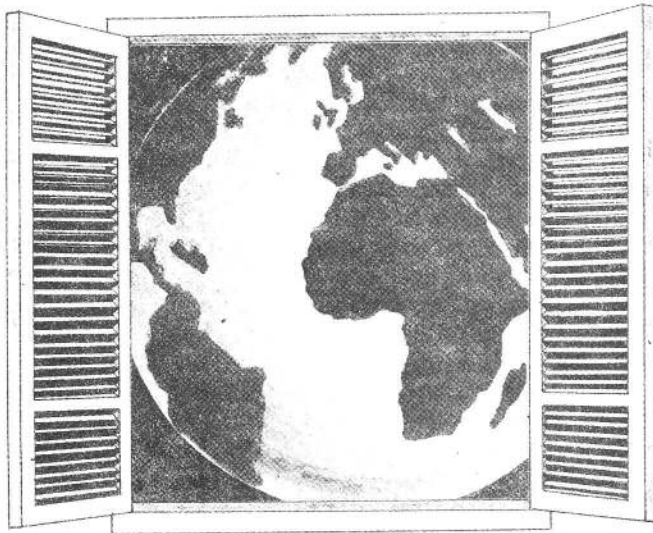
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# Window on the World



## A THOUGHT PROVOKING STORY

—Edgar Wallace Robinson  
*Rolling Thunder*

A long, long time ago, several groups of people left the countries where they were born and raised and struck out for a new land, a land where they could be free from evil government controls, a land where they could establish a new form of government allowing freedom of religion and freedom of speech.

These people, pilgrims if you like, endured many hardships before arriving at this new and unsettled land. When they finally reached their destination, they gathered upon a large rock and thanked God for their safe journey, and there pledged their devotion. Even today, that rock is still one of their new country's main landmarks.

Before doing anything else, these men were determined to build a place of worship in this, their new land. It was not a fancy structure by any means, but it was still a house of worship, and the people would gather there each day to pray. They also had a special day set aside each year to give thanks.

The pilgrims began driving off the savages that inhabited this new land and immediately began building plain, rough shelters for their families in this lonely, secluded region. From time to time they had to fight off the savages who had lived there for many years and resented these newcomers. Whether working right near their homes or out in the fields, the men had to be alert at all times for attacks from these savages.

These people were not easygoing, but were uncompromising, hard working, and determined to build something worthwhile: a new nation. It is said that the first schools to offer free public education in the history of the world were established by these pilgrims and were operated by religious leaders.

Most of these pilgrims were farmers, men who loved the land and were most content when working in the fields and planning for their tomorrows and their children's tomorrows.

Some of the people back in the old countries, from which these pilgrims had migrated, looked with amusement on these pilgrims who chose to live under such primitive conditions, scorning the luxuries left behind. They had no way of knowing, then, that these people and their descendants would build the most powerful, most respected, and richest nation in the world.

These settlers absolutely refused to be patient with wrong-doing and they punished criminals very severely. They did not intend to pamper, nor in any way allow the lazy or depraved among them to become parasites in their new nation.

As their communities grew, they began trading with each other and with other countries. They built ships and began importing and exporting goods. Soon they began to prosper, but they still maintained their simple manner of dress and mode of living. They loved the land which nourished them, and enjoyed gathering together in their churches to worship. Over a long period of time their villages became towns, and the towns became cities.

Then others began to come and establish new communities and colonies, but they were all still separate colonies, not yet joined together into a nation. They continued, to some degree, under the rule and authority of the governments of the old countries from which they had come. They did have one thing in common, and that was they had all fled to this new country, leaving the oppression and persecution of the old country behind, hoping to find peace. As far as they were concerned, and as they wrote many times, they were determined, in the sight of God, to establish a new nation.

Many years went by and the colonies prospered and grew. Small enterprises grew into big business, and the winds of freedom blew strong and fresh, lighting up their hearts and spirits.

Those colonies can claim some of the greatest literature that has ever been written by man. They built some of the grandest architecture of all time, and devised some of the most noble precepts ever laid down. Legends like "Liberty" and "Justice" that are found on many of our modern government buildings were penned in those early years.

Some great men were beginning to appear on the scene and God was blessing this group of colonies that were not yet united into a nation.

More years passed and then a dreadful and alarming event took place. One of the old countries, corrupt, greedy, and despicable as it was, tried to impose its will on the colonies and put the colonists once more under oppression. They sent tax agents to the big city of the pilgrims.

The news of this attempted tyranny travelled through the colonies like a mighty wind, alerting the pilgrims to the presence of this dangerous threat. A general assembly was held and attended by representatives who were especially chosen from each colony. Knowing that they would find strength in unity, they began to search for someone to lead them wisely. They agreed upon a gentleman farmer, a man who was concerned mainly with agriculture but who was also a man of great learning. The representatives found this gentleman farmer standing in his fields, with his hand on the plow. After he was informed of their mission, the man agreed to leave his farm and accompany them to the city. A large, well known American city is named after this man who later became known as the Father of His Country.

Now, this man united the colonies. This great man – who will always be remembered whenever and wherever free men dare to speak – won the fight against corrupt politicians and then returned to his farm.

These colonies, just recently united, then became one nation. It was the dawning of a new era. A great and still growing power had emerged in the world as a new kind of nation – a Republic.

There were two houses of government in this new nation, the strongest, most powerful of the two being the Senate. In the early days of this new nation a man had to be religious, patriotic, and honourable in order to be elected to the Senate.

The Senators believed in and actively supported their Republic, avoiding all intrigue with foreign nations. For many, many years they stood for the principles upon which the Republic was founded and none would even consider betraying the people.

Then another dark cloud moved over the Republic and she was divided in a terrible civil war. A man who led the country in war was assassinated. To this day he is still the subject of many books. Plays have been written, and movies made about him.

The Republic seemed to establish a new set of principles and ideals shortly after that infamous civil war.

Although the Republic was still a young nation, she was now recognised as a major power in the world. She became known as a land of opportunity and attracted thousands and thousands of immigrants. Some of these immigrants, like the early settlers, came to escape oppression. Others only came because of the riches in this new land of opportunity.

This Great Republic became famous for her outstanding achievements in sanitation, parks,

banks, architecture, education and administration. She began to mass produce some consumer items and she established a stock market which dealt with large investments.

After a while, many of her Senators became greedy and power hungry. Some of them began to make deals under the table, so to speak, and soon forgot or ignored their humble beginnings and the principles for which their country and their flag once stood. Some of them would do anything for a price – *even to the extent of committing treason.*

Later, the Republic became entangled in foreign alliances, supposedly for the purpose of defending the civilized world. But the real reason was to satisfy the greedy ambitions of the corrupt politicians and merchants.

Soon the alliances resulted in wars, and of course the wars brought taxes. However, the good citizens didn't complain, because the wars also brought additional trade and industry. The citizens of the Republic began enjoying their new prosperity and did not mind the taxation – at first. The politicians said that the tax would only be collected from the rich, and the foolish people believed them.

But now the citizens began to think about security. They wanted public auditoriums for sporting events, paid for by tax money. They wanted bigger and better roads and they soon began to

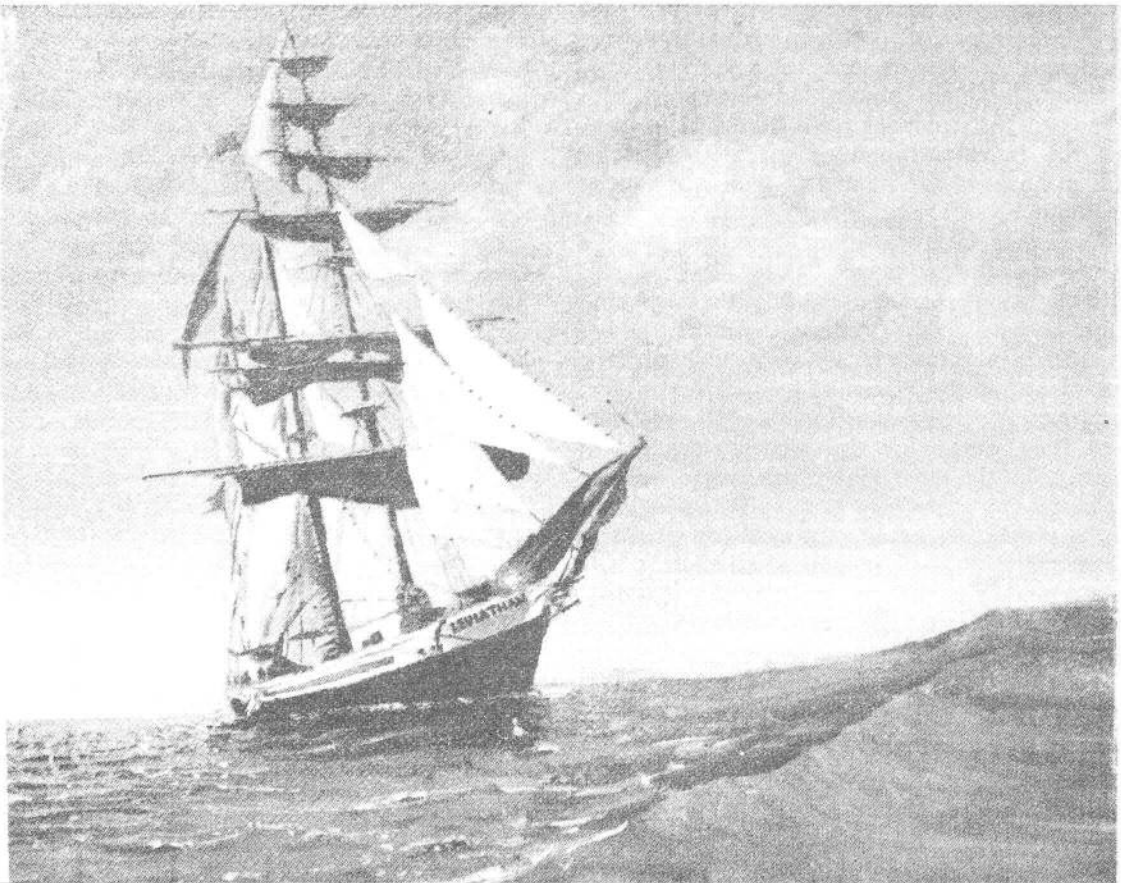
develop a vast network of roads and highways all across their land. They wanted pensions, and they wanted the government to support them whenever they were unemployed.

Those in the cities were not the only ones looking for a government handout. Soon the farmers began to demand their share. They appealed to the Senators for subsidies and price supports, which they were granted. After all, the Senators knew that they must give the people what they wanted if they expected to get re-elected. So the government began buying up the farmers' surplus crops which were stored and left to rot in warehouses. And, of course, the big industrialists demanded benefits in the form of tax breaks, etc.

So it was only a matter of time before the new government became the all-powerful State.

The greatest asset of the Republic was that group of people commonly referred to as the middle class. They were farmers, shopkeepers, small businessmen, etc. The politicians knew that the government could not become all-powerful without first being able to control the middle class. So the government began giving out welfare, supporting over three hundred thousand people. They subsidized housing and established wage and price controls.

It must be remembered that in the early days



of the Republic's greatness, its middle class citizens regarded themselves as their own chief source of income and livelihood. When the government began its big give-away programme and started building its welfare rolls, there were, no doubt, many good patriotic citizens who were opposed to such a programme. However, as is the case in any welfare state, when the government gives away that for which man has always had to work, it soon destroys the incentive of the working man. So, in a short time, many of those same patriotic citizens, who at first objected, now began to drink at the public trough, believing that if they didn't take it, then someone else surely would. Many of the respectable middle class became just like the mobs, lazy, shiftless, and self-seeking. Never satisfied – the more they got, the more they wanted.

The mobs began to protest and make demands, never realising, or caring, that they were becoming more and more dependent on their government for their very livelihood, and in so doing were losing more and more of their rights and freedoms. It goes without saying that the more freedom they gave up, the more power the government acquired.

Still the mobs demanded more, and the government, becoming more powerful and corrupt all the time, gave them what they wanted. The government built new sports arenas, and subsidised more housing, building new housing projects in the city for the "low income groups", and even giving them swimming pools! The welfare continued and increased.

Before long, the housing projects turned into slums with the swimming pools filled with garbage. Yet the Senators continued to meet the never ending demands for more and more government assistance.

Meanwhile, what was left of the middle class, the backbone of the nation, was fighting a losing battle. With inflation running rampant, they couldn't afford to have children. They were unable to keep up with their taxes, which were steadily climbing toward an unbelievable one hundred percent, and there were no longer decent schools for the children. They began to lose their homes, which became slums when the mobs took them over. There was no longer any such thing as morality among most of the people. Sex became the main preoccupation of the majority, and crime was at an all time high. It was unsafe to venture out into the streets of the city after dark. The middle class was all but abolished.

The ruler of the Republic, a crippled and evil old man, led the nation into foreign war. The government became enmeshed in all kinds of foreign

matters and financial foreign aid. It was no longer popular to be considered patriotic. Now patriots were scorned and made fun of.

There was an old general who, having been belittled by his government, begged his country to remember her past and to turn back to God; to return to the principles of her founding fathers; to return to honour and decent government. But the people ignored him and considered him, like other patriots, an extremist.

Even one of the Senators dared to be different and stand up for what was right. He addressed the Senate and beseeched them to put a stop to the foreign subversive influences in the Republic. He called for a halt in the spending of the people's money on foreign aid. But he, like the old general, was despised and ridiculed.

The Republic became a member of a group, or league, of many world nations. Most of these nations hated her and naturally took advantage of her. But in spite of this, the government of the Republic continued to send wheat and other commodities to those other nations, all at the ever increasing expense of the taxpayers.

The Republic continued to deteriorate, the government becoming more vile and corrupt all the time. She was the victim of mass corruption, exorbitantly high taxes, a huge bureaucracy, and burdensome regulations. Foreigners began to acquire control over the supposed rulers. The people who controlled the government were no longer dedicated to the Republic, but began serving foreign interests.

How did these traitors in government get so much control that they could sell out the nation and her people? Who gave them such total and unlimited powers? The people themselves did it when they gave up their individualism for a free handout.

The Republic began to die. Actually, she was no longer a Republic in the true sense of the word, although she was still sometimes called a Republic.

Now, have you been wondering about the name of this famous Republic?

*The Republic that you have been reading about was Ancient Rome!\**

\* Adapted from an article entitled "Honoraria" written by Taylor Caldwell in 1957.

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# National Dignity!

by W.G. Finlay D.D.

*"For thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God: the Lord thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth. The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: But because the Lord loved you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers . . ." (Deut. 7:6-8).*

To many people, the above statement, plus the context in which it appears, is totally alien to their concept of God Who would never, in their opinion, lend Himself to the principles embodied in this chapter of Deuteronomy. Ignoring the fact that this is an integral part of the Revelation of God, a vital aspect in the development of His Plan and Purpose in the earth, many people charge that the whole theme is 'repugnant to Christian principles' and therefore 'unChristian' in the extreme. As Moses was the writer of that which is considered as 'un-Christian', it naturally follows that he too must be classified as 'unChristian' which indeed is what many theologians have contended. This being so, it would serve at the outset to take a look at this man Moses, not in detail for this would fill volumes, but rather at his character which prompted him to write such things as demanding the destruction of the seven Canaanite nations; the stringent prohibitions against intermarriage with them; the refraining of making any covenant or alliance with them and the total destruction of their way of life in the land.

Second only to his total commitment to the Service of God, one finds that the one strong and

dominating characteristic of Moses was the complete identification of himself with the nation which he represented. This fact is established in the New Testament for in Hebrews 11:25-26 it is stated that he chose to suffer affliction with the people of God, esteeming the reproach of these people (Greek: *Xristou*, anointed) greater riches than the treasures of Egypt. All that is written of this man indicates a withdrawal of himself, a preference for the cause of his nation to his own interests which naturally, makes him the most complete example of Israelite patriotism. This is where Moses the man runs foul of most Christians for while *they* are universalists, he, Moses, was an extreme nationalist and was not ashamed of it.

While Moses died unattended and his burial place unmarked, this Israelite patriot did not slip into the limbo of forgotten national heroes nor, as so many would have it, was his name used in the New Testament as the very antithesis of the Christian life. Strangely enough, and this point is missed by so many today, there is an amazing parallel in the Life and the Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ with that of Moses which makes any claim that his principles were opposed to Christ, Scripturally untenable. One of these parallels may be seen in the account of the instruction given to the new generation of Israelites born in the wilderness in which Moses said: "The Lord thy God will raise up unto thee a Prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, *like unto me*; unto him ye shall hearken" (Deut. 18:15) while in the same chapter, Moses recorded the words of the Lord Who said to him: "I will raise them up a Prophet from among their brethren, *like unto thee*,

and will put my words in his mouth” (Deut. 18:18). This peculiar feature is referred to twice in the Acts of the Apostles – Peter drew attention to it after he had performed the miracle at the gate of the temple (Acts 3:22-23) and Stephen, in his address before his martyrdom, too called attention to it (Acts 7:37). “A Prophet, from among their brethren, like unto thee . . .” – if this was fulfilled in the Lord Jesus Christ as was suggested by both Peter and Stephen, the charge that Moses was opposed to the Lord and His Ministry and that what he both did and wrote was ‘unChristian’ is totally opposed to what the Scripture teaches.

As Moses was the entire representative of his people, feeling for them more than for himself, absorbed in their interests, hopes and fears, so too, with reverence let it be said, was the Lord Jesus Christ. Does not the genealogy in both Matthew and Luke show who are His ‘brethren’ and did not the angel of the Lord tell Joseph that He, JESUS, would ‘save His people from their sins’ (Matt. 1:21)? Did He not, at the outset of His Ministry say: “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 15:24)? Was not His Life a total commitment to His People and their needs? Did He not consummate His commitment by offering Himself as the ‘Sacrificial Lamb’? Was He not, like Moses, the Law-giver in Israel? Who can read the institution of the Last Supper (Matt. 26:26-29) and not see in the shedding of His Blood the ratification of the New Covenant which is a Law-Covenant (Jer. 31:31 and Heb. 8:8)? If, as more than one theologian has said, Moses, Israel and the Law are ‘repugnant to the principles of Christianity’ and if the Message of the continuity of national Israel is ‘lethal to the soul’ and if the identity message is nothing but ‘sanctified imperialism’, then it’s time that the Bible was scrapped and a new canon of philosophical writings put in its place. This, in point of fact is what has happened – unofficially of course – for, instead of believing what God said and what ‘Holy men of God wrote’, the opinions of men and their doctrines about God have certainly taken precedence and are the basis of faith today. Truly, “If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded, though one rose from the dead” (Luke 16:31) and characteristically enough, despite He Who rose from the dead, men continue to believe what men say rather than what He said.

### Moses and National Dignity

In returning to Moses and what he wrote by way

of direction to God’s Covenant People, it should be noted that his impact on them was a very sobering one. If one thinks of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the story of the family before the Egyptian experience, all was dominated by the declared Intention of God which centred on the exercise of His Sovereignty as was expressed in His unconditional Covenant Promises. From the call of Abraham right down to Jacob whose name was changed to Israel the story is one from which emanates a picture of a vast array of material possessions resultant on the fulfilment of God’s Promises, for which, at that time, nothing was required of the people in return for this. Thus, in the initial stages, the lives of the patriarchs revolved around this peculiar situation in which they were the beneficiaries of God’s Covenant Promises and as these had been sealed with the Oath of God (Gen. 22:16-18) and as nothing was required of the people in return for this, it is quite possible that a type of arrogance began to manifest itself.

However, *if* the covenant descendants of Abraham entertained any grandiose ideas of their own importance and *if* the fact of the unconditional Covenant Promises had engendered any notion of arrogance in the people, this was soon dispelled. When Jacob-Israel’s family had reached the total of sixty-six persons, the famine in Canaan drove this family down into Egypt where they joined Joseph who had become head of state second only to the Pharaoh. For seventy years, the children of Israel enjoyed an affluent life in the land of Goshen but this came to a sudden and abrupt end when Joseph died and a ‘Pharaoh which knew not Joseph’ arose. Israel now passed into a state of slavery which lasted for just over one hundred years. It was at this point in time that Moses came into the picture and while the history of that time concentrates on Moses, the Ten Plagues and the ‘Reed’ sea crossing, one should not lose sight of the people – for whose sake those momentous events took place (Isa. 43:3).

It is very doubtful that those people remembered the Promises which God had made to the patriarchs for had they done so, the exodus would have been marked by a joyful acclamation of the Faithfulness of God – which is not recorded in the Scriptures. It will be recalled that when God confirmed His Covenant to Abraham, He also made reference to the Egyptian servitude, the duration of which had been limited to four generations (Gen. 15:13,16). If the Promises had been remembered, the fourth generation would have been filled with an expectancy of deliverance but, as there is no record

of this, one is left to conclude that the Promises had faded from the national memory.

Moses was of course, the fourth generation of Israelites, although he was of the second generation born in Egypt. It will be recalled that twelve sons were born to Jacob in Canaan – the third of which was Levi, whose mother was Leah (Gen. 29:34) and he, Levi, in turn, had three sons, Gershon, Kohath and Merari (Gen. 46:11) who formed part of the sixty-six of the children of Israel who migrated into Egypt. Kohath married in Egypt and his first-born was Amram who was the first generation of the family of Levi born in the land of the Pharaoh. Moses, the second generation of Israelites born in Egypt was the second son of Amram and was in fact, the fourth generation of Israelites which, had national memory of the Covenant Promises been retained, would have expected the deliverance from bondage. As has been stated above, such an expectancy was not manifest and as the Scripture indicates, the people were reluctant to leave Egypt and on every occasion when danger threatened, they longed for the land of their slavery (Ex. 14:11,12). This was the character of the people with whom Moses had to deal and if, at times, he appeared to infuse national pride in the people, he did this against the background of the 'slave mentality' which continually hankered after the 'flesh-pots of Egypt' (Num. 14:2-3). The Egyptian servitude had alienated the Purpose of God from the minds of the Israel people and in the process of re-education, Moses had to tread a very difficult path and as one looks back over what he did, it is small wonder that his place in the Kingdom is assured (Matt. 16:28, 17:1-3).

### The Population of Israel

Before proceeding with the story of the national dignity which Moses infused into his people, it would serve to take another look at the numbers of people with which he had to deal. One is of course, familiar with the fact that God had Promised Abraham that his seed would be as multitudinous as the stars of heaven (Gen. 15:5) – a Promise which was reiterated to both Isaac and Jacob – but nowhere is it stated that this multiplicity would become immediately effective. While nothing is impossible where God is concerned, one should be wary of projecting the improbable and illogical as part and parcel of the events in which God worked. The reason for this statement is that many critics, in their dismemberment of the Truth of the Old Testament, have pointed to the census recorded in

Numbers 2:32 in which the fighting men in Israel over the age of 20 is set at 603 550. This number, it should be noted, excludes the tribe of Levi, the women and children plus the mixed multitude which accompanied Israel in the exodus from Egypt. The Jewish Encyclopaedia plus many modern Bible commentaries and Dictionaries have calculated that the whole mass of people whom Moses commanded was in excess of two million people. As is pointed out by the critics, the land of Goshen could never sustain more than four or five thousand people in addition to which, if the numbers in the census were correct, the two midwives (Ex. 1:15) would have been occupied seven days a week delivering 140 births per day – an impossible feat. It is further charged that as only 215 years had elapsed since Jacob led his family of sixty-six into Egypt, the figure of 603 550 men over the age of 20 just two generations later is not only wholly fictitious but a further indication of the unreliability of the Scriptural account.

What the modern critics do not allow for is the fact of the fallibility of men's translations and this is where the fault of such incredible numbers comes in. Listed below are the census figures as they appear in Numbers I at the commencement of the forty years in the wilderness and also the second census after the forty years as it appears in Numbers 26.

	Num. i.	Num. xxvi.
Reuben ... ..	46,500	43,730
Simeon ... ..	59,300	22,200
Gad ... ..	45,050	40,500
Judah ... ..	74,600	76,500
Issachar ... ..	54,400	64,300
Zebulun... ..	57,400	60,500
Ephraim ... ..	40,500	M. 52,700
Manasseh ... ..	32,200	E. 32,500
Benjamin ... ..	35,400	45,000
Dan ... ..	62,700	64,400
Asher ... ..	41,500	53,400
Naphtali ... ..	53,400	45,400

As the tribe of Judah was the most populous, the figures provided for this tribe will form the basis of an explanation which *could* answer the critics insofar as the numbers are concerned. It will be noted that Judah comprised 74 600 – a figure which was written in four Hebrew words as: (1) *shibiyim* purely numeric and totalling 74; (2) *eleph*, used in two senses, one of which is thousands while the other a *family* or *dwelling place*; *shishâh*, purely numerical indicating the figure 6 and (4) *mêyâh* again purely numerical indicating hundreds. Thus in Hebrew, the census concerning the tribe of Judah *could* be written as 74 *eleph* – six hundred people or 74 families or tents comprising six hun-

dred people. In the light of this and if the whole fighting potential of Israel is considered it will be seen that five thousand five hundred and fifty is certainly more realistic than 603 550.

Whatever conclusions one may come to, it is patently obvious that Israel was certainly in the minority when contrasted with all other people for did not Moses say: "The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any other people; *for ye were the fewest of all people . . .*" (Deut. 7:7). It was within this minority that Moses had to instil a sense of dignity while at the same time safeguarding the nation's identity against absorption within the other more numerous people and this, became the theme of his dealing with the people.

"Thou art an holy people unto the Lord thy God . . ." – this was the foundation on which Moses built and while the English version of his words carry a different sense to the Hebrew, those who listened to him were left in no doubt as to their relationship to God. They heard Moses say that they were not a pious, sanctimonious, holier-than-thou type of people – they were a very ordinary every-day people who had been separated from all others because, apart from the Covenant Promises which had been made to the patriarchs, the Honour of the Name of God was involved with them. Because of this and for no other reason, theirs was a unique experience in destiny not shared with any other – a destiny which carried the tremendous responsibility of being the living testimony of the Reality of God. If one were to sum up all that Moses taught Israel it would be seen that he transformed the servile, slave mentality of the Egyptian bondage into the dignity of labour in the Service of the Living God. Against the background of the tremendous demonstration of the Reality of God, the Plagues in Egypt, the deliverance from Pharaoh's army at the 'reed' sea crossing, the changing of the bitter water of Marah, the manna for sustenance, the battle with Amalek – with all this branded into the national consciousness the time had come for the people to become involved and this involvement, as Moses makes abundantly clear, was limited to obedience to the Law.

#### The Law – the Only Mechanism of Service

"Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagle's wings, and brought you unto myself. Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye

shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests and an holy nation . . . (Ex. 19:4-6). The importance of the Law is stressed time and again by Moses who made it very plain that their status of 'Israel', ruled by God, was entirely dependent upon their obedience to God's Holy Law (Deut. 27:9). Obedience, of course, was guaranteed to make the nation the area of every conceivable blessing and because it was a God-centred, God-obedient people, it would be the most prosperous people on earth which would be the envy of all others (Deut. 4:6). Indeed, as Moses said: "And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God . . ." (Deut. 28:13). If one bears in mind that Israel was a minority nation in the middle east, the only way in which it could be the 'head' or as it is in Hebrew, the *rosh*, the first or the beginning in prosperity, would be the degree of its obedience to the Law for in itself and without the Law, it would be overwhelmed by the majority and their way of life. As Moses explained, if they refused to keep the Law, their minority status deprived of the dynamic of blessing, would be no match for the majority who, in typical vein would view the minority as of no importance and therefore the last for consideration of things politic. It was therefore of vital importance to Israel – the 'fewest of all people' – that they adhered to God's Law for this was their only assurance of survival as an entity, amid the more numerous surrounding nations.

#### National Failure

It is, of course, a matter of Biblical history that Israel exercised a power totally disproportionate to their numbers during the reign of David and that of Solomon. If one considers 2nd Samuel 8, it will be seen that David's kingdom ranged from the river Euphrates in the north to Edom in the south which extended from the Gulf of Aquaba to the river of Egypt just south of Raphia on the west coast – the land which had been promised to Abraham even before his descendants had reached national proportions (Gen. 15:18). It is also a matter of Biblical history that Solomon departed from the Law (1st Kings 11:1-8) and from this point in time, the events in Israel followed a course which is in parallel with the prescribed punishments for transgression of the Law one of which states: "And I will set my face against you, and ye shall fall before

your enemies, and they that hate you shall pursue you; and ye shall flee, none pursuing you” (Lev. 26:17 Septuagint version). All of the punishment clauses in the Law of the Lord follow the unmistakable pattern of cause and effect and this particular event is quoted in order to show this in action. Bearing in mind that Israel was always the ‘fewest of all people’ plus the fact that their authority under David and Solomon was disproportionate to their numbers, bereft of the promised blessing and authority guaranteed under the Law they found their minority role very much emphasised when the emerging Assyrian Empire began its expansionist programme.

As the history of Israel relates, the full weight of the punitive clauses of the Law of the Lord came into operation which involved the removal from the land and this is precisely what happened which serves to indicate that whether the people believed in the Law or not, its effect, either in blessing or curses remained valid. As Israel went into captivity entirely unrepentant, it follows that *every one of the punitive clauses* had to become operative and as a time factor is also involved, this too had to become effective. As the English translation is rather ambiguous, the Septuagint version should be noted and it will be seen that the punishments are both in the form of *intensity* and *duration*. In Leviticus 26:18 it states: “And if ye still refuse to hearken to me, then will I chasten you yet more even seven times for your sins”. In verse 21 it is stated that ‘seven plagues’ will be visited upon the people while in verse 24, the bald statement of ‘seven times’ is again referred to, to be followed in verse 28 by the announcement that a ‘sevenfold’ chastisement would be upon the people.

As has been stated in previous articles in *The Covenant Message*, the phrase ‘seven times’ is a period of 2 520 years (see article ‘Why?’ in the June 1980 issue) and as Israel’s history proved the punitive clauses of the Law to be so exact, one can reasonably expect the 2 520 years to be equally precise.

### The ‘Times’ Run Out

The first of the *national* disasters which befell Israel was the downfall of the capital of the northern kingdom, Samaria, which took place in 721 B.C. 2 520 years later saw the dawn of the 19th Century which should, all things being equal, witness the re-emergence of God’s true Covenant People. The counterfeit which was set up after a remnant of

Judah and Benjamin returned to Judaea in 536 B.C. should be discounted as totally spurious for the punitive clauses of the Law ignore them completely as does God in terms of His Promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. However, all things were not equal in true Israel for they were still blind to their national identity (Isa. 42:9) and despite the Reformation which provided an open Book in which the Truth could be seen, the delusion of the non-importance of the Law still gripped the people. However, while Israel in its modern development of Anglo-Saxondom failed to recognise the signs of the times, the powers of darkness were not in ignorance of the importance of the 19th Century. They had seen the Faithfulness of God to His Word of Promise in ‘raising up’ His People (Hos. 6:1-2); they had seen the ‘spreading abroad’ (Gen. 28:14) of God’s People in the Promised embryonic demonstration of the Covenant Promises (Gen. 18:18) and they knew that if the spark of the Law would catch hold, Israel, in all its God-promised glory would stand forth as a mighty demonstration of His unchanging Reality.

Events in Europe, as the 19th Century began to draw near, showed very clearly that forces were at work which were designed to offset any possibility of the emergence of true Israel along the God-prescribed lines of His Law. In 1776, Adam Weishaupt founded the *Illuminati*, a secret atheistic revolutionary movement which was formulated for world control the first step toward which, was the series of revolutions which broke out in France and which gave violent birth to the principle of ‘liberty, equality and fraternity’. That this revolution or rather series of revolutions – for there were three in all beginning in 1789 and ending in 1848, that they were part and parcel of a sinister plot cannot be denied, and to illustrate the point, the following is a quote from Nesta H. Webster’s *The French Revolution*.

“The sequel to the great French Revolution was thus eighty years of unrest. That this unrest was the direct outcome of the Revolution, it is impossible to deny. To attribute it to the unstable character of the French people is as illogical and unjust as to attribute the crimes and follies of the Revolution to their passions. The French people had not proved fickle or unstable under their former government; were they not the same people who had proved passionately loyal to their kings during fourteen centuries? If after the Revolution they became restless and unstable, it was

simply that the Revolution itself had produced this change in the national character. For by that gigantic demolition France lost the habit of stability, the power of remaining content with any form of government; the spell exercised by the monarchy once broken she lost faith in all rulers, and through eight succeeding forms of government never found one to satisfy her permanently.”

There can be absolutely no question but that the Revolution was designed to give birth to unstable society and within the framework of the now popular slogan ‘liberty, equality and fraternity’, any demonstration to the contrary, any suggestion of a dispensation along the Mosaic lines would have been laughed out of court. Coinciding with the convulsions which were still taking place in France, a new theology began to develop within Protestantism – a theology which took as its watch-word the French slogan and on which what is today known as the ‘social-gospel’ was laid. The religious and the political climate throughout the world was now being geared to the universal concept of the brotherhood of man and was certainly aimed at the developing trend toward the Abrahamic Covenant fulfilment in Anglo-Saxondom.

The terminal date of the ‘seven times’ punishment resulting from the fall of Samaria in 721 B.C. passed unheralded for Israel remained ignorant of her identity and certainly oblivious to the imperative need of implementing the Law of the Lord as her national Constitution. As she continued to break God’s Law, so a second cycle of punitive clauses began which are not destined to run their full course as there are signs that men of courage are still to be found in God’s People who are not afraid to speak the Truth. If one goes back to 1848 when the third of the revolutions convulsed the French people, the ink was drying on two important documents which embodied principles which set both at the extreme ends of the then current political opinion. The one document was the *Communist Manifesto* while the other was the *History of England*. The one, the *Communist Manifesto*, was completed by Karl Heinrich Marx, a disciple of Adam Weishaupt while the other, the *History of England*, was completed by Lord Thomas Babington Macaulay who was the son of a Scottish Presbyterian minister and who became both an historian and Member of the British Parliament. There is very little need to comment on the effect of the *Communist Manifesto* for its effect is seen in the revolutionary terror which stalks through

every land not committed to the socialist ideology which too was given violent birth in 1917 in Russia. However, Macaulay’s *History of England* needs comment here and a quote from his 1848 work would not go amiss at this time.

*“A people which takes no pride in the noble achievements of remote ancestors will never achieve anything worthy to be remembered by remote descendants.”*

While it is absolutely true that Macaulay was only spanning 163 years of history, yet he found something of tremendous dignity in what his people had done and he did not hesitate to speak of the ‘noble achievements’ of the people of his race. Today, and within the same race which had acclaimed his work, the people would call him a ‘racist’ for the poison of one-worldism as sponsored by the Illuminati-generated Revolutionary movements such as in France and Russia has taken its toll of Anglo-Saxondom so much so, that whatever dignity characterised these people – even 80 years ago – has now turned to a cringing apology for its very existence. Many people may not like this, but what has happened to the roar of the lion which kept law and order wherever it went? What has happened to the dignity of its politicians who 128 years ago could speak of the ‘pride’ and ‘noble achievements’ of the pioneers who pushed back the horizons of the unknown? Its politicians today can only speak of compromise, detente or whatever other phraseology will suffice to cover their total inadequacy when dealing with the demands of those who have done nothing of which history can be proud and certainly have no achievement which could be called ‘noble’.

True Israel today is once again in the state of ‘running when none pursueth you’ and in its backpeddling, this company of nations which holds within its national hands the Honour of God and the Integrity of His Holy Name, is fast becoming the ‘tail’ among the nations of the world. However, God is not mocked and as the humiliation in Israel drags the people into conformity with the satanic one-world concept, one may be sure that a ‘standard’ will be raised which will rally God’s People who, in His Law, will find their dignity and once again be proud of their calling in His Service Who created them.

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# Seventy Momentous Weeks

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*“Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel wholly, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord; unto us is this land given in possession”*  
(Ezekiel 11:15).

It was the expectation of many Bible students of the nineteenth century that the year 1917 would have a most profound effect on world history. They were indeed completely correct in their assessment although it is very doubtful whether they envisaged the precise nature of the events in that year on the world generally. In the main, attention was focused on Jerusalem as the centre of events and as 1917 dawned, many viewed the date appearing on the Moslem calendar, i.e. 1335, as portending the fulfilment of Daniel 12:12 which carried an expectation of blessing from that date.

Notwithstanding the Moslem dating, the subsequent history of Jerusalem in particular and Palestine generally, is a record of anything but blessing to the people. It should be noted that Daniel's prophecy is related to *people* for it is stated: “Blessed is he that waiteth . . .” It is quite conceivable that to the *migrant population* of the land the year 1917 was a blessing, but to others it has been the reverse. This being so, it would be advantageous, at this stage, to reconsider the history of events subsequent to the deliverance of Palestine from Mohammedan dominion.

As is well known, it was the British Forces who delivered the Holy City on December 9th, 1917, and the Mandate over Palestine was given to Britain by the then League of Nations. A month prior to the deliverance of Jerusalem, Sir Arthur James Balfour, the British Secretary for Foreign Affairs, communicated with the Jewish Zionist, Lord Walter Rothschild, and this communication indicated previous correspondence in which Palestine figured very prominently. In this communication it was intimated that the British Government was sympathetically inclined toward the establishment of a national home for Jews in Palestine, provided that such a home was not prejudicial to the then existing non-Jewish communities in the land.



An Egyptian coin dated 1917 with the same equivalent in the Moslem calendar.

The Balfour Declaration, as it was subsequently called, was an incredible document in more ways than one. In the first instance, at the time of these negotiations the British victory in Palestine was far from assured and it was a case of two parties entering into an agreement concerning a property which was not theirs. The second amazing feature of the

Balfour Declaration is that nowhere in the terms of the Mandate could Britain, on her own initiative, allocate portions of the Mandated territory for the purpose of receiving migrants from Europe or any other country. Here, indeed, are two very strange features which are tied up with the deliverance of Jerusalem by British Forces in 1917.

The Military Administration which had been set up in Palestine subsequent to the defeat of the Turks, lasted until 1920 when this was replaced by a Civil Administration headed by Sir Herbert Samuel and the Balfour Declaration was implemented. This was the signal for the commencement of events which gave content and meaning to the description by the prophet Zechariah who, in speaking of the 'burden of the word of the Lord for Israel' said that Jerusalem would become 'a cup of trembling' (Zech. 12:2) – a situation which gradually developed in Palestine.

In the first decade after the defeat of the Turks, the Palestinian scene became one of intermittent uprisings and riots with Jerusalem being in the centre of this. The second decade saw an intensification of this with two major revolutions by the Arabs in 1936 and 1938. From the Arab point of view, these were fully justified for they viewed the whole situation as a British sell-out with Jewish migrants flooding into Palestine and displacing large portions of the Arab population. On the other hand, the blame did not lie solely with the British Administration for although they had restricted immigration, they could not control the flooding of the land by illegal means. The 1938 revolution was brought under control after British reinforcements had been rushed to the scene, but by this time the war clouds which had been gathering in Europe broke, and the Second World War was on.

While British and Commonwealth Forces were engaged in a battle for survival, the trembling cup of Jerusalem began to shake with the fore-runner of the current terrorist campaigns. The *Haganah*, the clandestine armed force in Palestine, together with other extreme Jewish terrorist movements began an active terrorist campaign against the British forces which ended on May 14th, 1948 with the eviction of Britain from Palestine.

At this juncture, the prophetic word again takes up the story and draws attention, not only to the 'cup of trembling', but also answers the contention of so many teachers that 'the Jews have now returned to their ancient homeland'. Bearing in mind that *Britain* was the legal and accepted custodian of Palestine and it was the activities of the inhabitants of the land which were creating an explosive situa-



tion through their terrorism, the message recorded by Isaiah the prophet is singularly significant.

In the first instance, the Lord identifies the people to whom the message is directed. "Hearken unto me, ye that follow after righteousness . . . Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you . . . Hearken unto me, *my people*; and give ear unto me, *O my nation* . . ." (Isa. 51:1-4). There is no ambiguity here for it positively identifies the 'seed of Abraham', not in general, but specifically the covenanted line which was born

from Sarah. This identification calls attention to the fact that it was this line to which the promise of Palestine was given. "In the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land, from the river of Egypt, unto the great river, the river Euphrates" (Gen. 15:18).

Abraham sired eight sons in all but the Lord was most specific in stating that the son born to Sarah was the one concerned in his promise for, said He: ". . . in Isaac shall thy seed be called" (Gen. 21:12).

In the light of this, it is evident that the message recorded by Isaiah the prophet is directed to the people to whom the Lord had given the title-deeds to Palestine. Those who have been orientated to world propaganda and who hold that 'the Jews have now come back to their ancient homeland' will no doubt concur with what has been said above and eagerly pursue what the prophet has to say further. However, in continuing with the message directed to God's people, His peculiar servant nation, one finds that something goes wrong for, instead of taking the 'cup of trembling' away from the Jews, *it was taken away from Britain*. "Behold, I have taken out of thine hand the cup of trembling . . . But I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee; which have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over: and thou hast laid thy body as the ground, and as the street, to them that went over" (Isa. 51:22-23). Jerusalem is today in Jewish hands having been taken out of British hands just as the Lord said He would do in respect of Israel.

In the above context, one may see anew the implication arising from the Scripture which prefaces this article for, it will be noted, the message of the Lord was directed via Ezekiel, to 'all the house of Israel wholly' concerning their eviction from the land that was scripturally theirs and in which the evictors are simply named as 'the inhabitants of Jerusalem'. To the average person, this becomes somewhat of an enigma and in order to clarify the position, it is necessary to once again follow the Bible story up to, and through the period which, with certain justification, is called the 'seventy momentous weeks'.

As has been stated above, the title-deeds to Palestine were given to Abraham and his 'seed' but it will be noted, as one probes the grand old story, that nowhere in the Bible is Abraham called a Jew. It is at this stage that the average Christian will no doubt make an interjection on the grounds that it is irrelevant whether God promised the land to Abraham or not or, whether he was a Jew or Gentile. The interjection will no doubt follow

the theme that in God's Purpose all racial and national features dissolve into nothingness because of the Lord Jesus Christ.

However, the matter of whether or not Abraham was a Jew is extremely relevant for if he was a Jew then the Jews have a God-given right to Palestine but, on the other hand, if he was not a Jew there is a serious need for re-thinking on the part of most people. As has already been stated, nowhere in the Bible is Abraham referred to as a Jew nor, for that matter, are any of the 'fathers' to whom the Promises of the Lord were confirmed. In order to overcome this problem, the theory of philological evolution will no doubt then be propounded in which the word 'Jew' will somehow be shown as the evolutionary development of the name 'Israel' which was given to Jacob (Gen. 32:28), the grandson of Abraham. This theory, like that of Darwin, falls down in that no 'missing link' can be found for the simple reason that none exists. The name 'Israel' persists right through the Scriptures passing through the New Testament times to the last Book of the Bible where the gates of the New Jerusalem bear "the names of the twelve tribes of the children of Israel" (Rev. 21:12). Note again, *not* the names of the twelve tribes of the Jews, but of Israel.

It is of more than passing interest to note that it is claimed in Jewish circles that more than three-quarters of world Jewry is *Askenazic* – a name derived from *Askenaz*, the son of Gomer, the son of Japheth (Gen. 10:2-3) – which if true, not only precludes them from participation in the title-deeds to Palestine, but also makes nonsense of their claim to Semitic origins for the word 'Semitic' indicates one descended from *Shem*, the son of Noah. It is surely ludicrous to suggest that the descendants of Shem's brother Japheth could claim this name!

In view of the lack of Scriptural authority to substantiate the claim of Jewish identity with Israel, some have pressed the claim that the word 'Jew' means a remnant of Israel, but as the Scriptural facts attendant on the appearance of the original of this word are considered, this too will be seen to be a very brittle structure on which to base so important a subject.

The twelve tribes of Israel, as is positively established in the Bible, were divided into two unequal kingdoms (I Kings 11:11-13) and thus far, the word 'Jew' in any of its modern shades of meaning, is completely lacking in the history. The major kingdom, i.e. that comprising the ten tribes, having been given a 'bill of divorce' (Jer. 3:8), was removed in captivity into Assyria (II Kings 17:4-6) and could not return. The two-tribed kingdom of Judah and

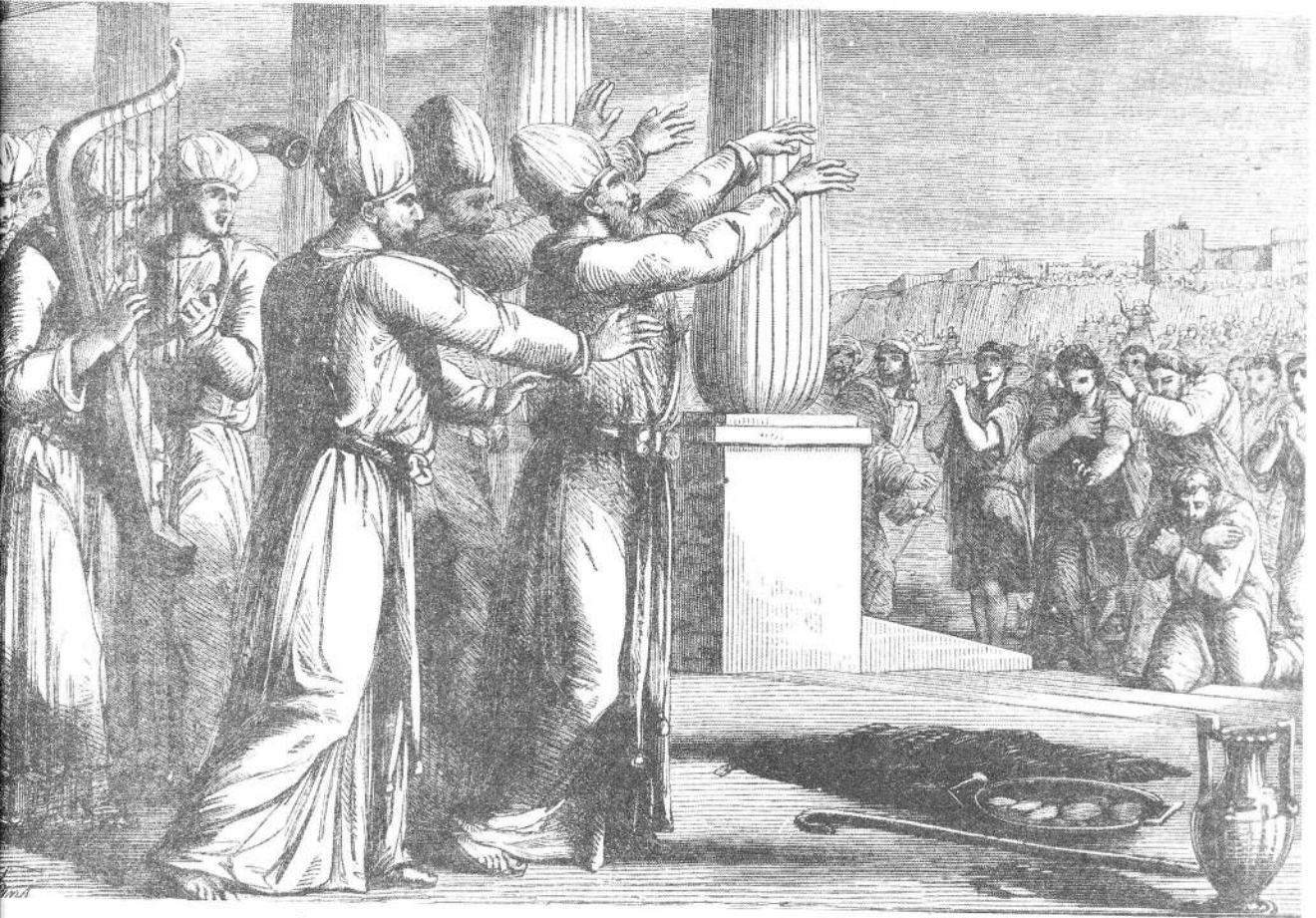
Benjamin, while being mentioned in the context of the bill of divorce, never came under its clauses and could, therefore return subsequent to the Babylonian captivity which occurred some 130 years after that of the ten-tribed kingdom of Israel.

As is well known, a remnant of 42 360 (Ezra 2:64) did return to the land under the Decree of Cyrus, the Medo-Persian king (Ezra 1:3), and the theory that the word 'Jew' is applicable to this remnant and means 'the remnant' makes its appearance. In the Hebrew text, the word *Yehudim* is certainly there but it does not mean 'remnant' nor has it any affinity with the word, as is clearly evident from the Hebrew words which *do* mean 'remnant'. These words are: *achare*; *yathar*; *serach*; *sarid*; *peletah*; *shaar* and *sheerith*.

The English word 'Jew' – and it should be borne in mind that it is an English and not a Hebrew word – is translated from the Hebrew, Greek and Latin word which appears to have been coined in respect of the joining of the former lands of Judah and Benjamin into Judaea and which became a Province within the respective Empires of Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. Judaea, as any map will confirm, was a very small tract of land comprising a mere 1 500 sq. miles as against the 10 900 sq. miles formerly occupied by all Israel. This small province of Judaea thus became the home of the returned remnant of Judah and Benjamin and *geographically* they were called *Judaeans* but racially they remained Semite Hebrews.

With the return of this remnant of true Israel there began a period which would last for 'seventy' prophetic weeks (Dan. 9:24) and which was indeed momentous for true Israel as it laid the foundation for the most bizarre delusion which the world has ever known.

If the *status quo* had been maintained with only true representatives of Judah and Benjamin in the land, no problem would have arisen as to the identity of the 'Judaeans' and this would simply have indicated the 'seventy weeks nation' of which the angel of the Lord had spoken to Daniel. However, it is clearly obvious from the Scriptural account of the events in Judaea that others, obviously not of the covenant line and certainly not heirs to the title-deed covenant, began to infiltrate into the land and through a process of integration, claimed Judaeans citizenship. This, strangely enough, was not opposed by the true Israelites – a feature which has been projected right down to today where it is found that the Anglo-Celto-Saxon and kindred people are quite prepared to share all that is their's with the alien and to accommodate them to such an



*Rejoicing of the Israelites upon the rebuilding of Jerusalem.*

extent that the alien eventually dominates the national scene.

This is precisely what happened with the remnant of true Israel which returned from Babylon. It will be noted that 'strangers' suggested an integration with the remnant in the matter of the setting up of the city of Jerusalem (Ezra 4:1-2). This was resisted at first, but pressures exerted by the 'foreigners' soon overcame this. It will be seen that Ezra positively draws a line between the remnant and the new migrants, the latter beginning to make themselves felt in the matter of the reconstruction of Jerusalem – "... the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building" (Ezra 4:4). This establishes without doubt that others were now in the land of Judaea and their presence could not be called superficial.

As one proceeds with this history one finds a lesson which is being re-enacted within modern Israel today. While the 'foreigners' disrupted the

initial work of rebuilding Jerusalem, it was not long before economic integration led to physical integration and serious consequences. The work of rebuilding the Temple had hardly been completed when realisation dawned on the 'princes', the leaders of the returned remnant, that the insidious contact with those who were not of Israel had begun to make itself felt. While they were fully occupied with the prodigious task of rebuilding, the 'way of the stranger' had begun to permeate through the 'seventy week' nation. "The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the people of the lands, doing according to their abominations . . ." Here indeed is the price of economic integration for Israel, whose fascination with 'strangers' has ever highlighted their relationship with them, even following their social and religious abominations to their detriment. As a natural consequence to this integration, miscegenation had to follow which was certainly the case: "... they have taken of their daughters for them-

selves, and for their sons: so that the holy seed have mingled themselves with the people of those lands” (Ezra 9:1-2).

From the record of both Ezra and Nehemiah one is able to establish incontestably that, in the five centuries prior to the Christian Dispensation, a vast non-Israel crowd was domiciled in Judaea and that by reason of this, it is entirely incorrect to give Israel identity to these inhabitants just as it is incorrect, too, that such aliens as are presently living in say Britain are British. It is clearly established that living in the land of Judaea were Moabites, Hittites, Canaanites, Jebusites and Egyptians (Ezra 9:1) all of whom, by reason of residence, were called ‘Judaean’ the word from which the English ‘Jew’ is translated.

The much publicised propaganda that ‘the Jews have returned to their ancient homeland’ presupposes a racial continuity of the people who inhabited the land but, as has been shown above, the word ‘Judaean’ is not indicative of racial origin but geographical domicile. The name ‘Judaean’, however, disappeared from the geography of the Middle East at the beginning of the second century A.D. when Rome officially named the whole land as *Palestina*. From that time, the word ‘Judaean’ had no further significance geographically and it is, of course, utterly ludicrous to speak of ‘Judaean’ today.

While the subject is hotly debated in many circles, it is generally conceded that the English word ‘Jew’ could denote a religious affiliation, i.e. any person who embraces the ‘Jewish’ faith. This faith has undoubtedly had a continuity since its inception in Judaea and was in fact referred to as ‘the Jews religion’ which, in fact, means the religion of the Judaean. This religion evolved as an accommodation for the multi-national population of the land being based on the Scriptures given to Israel but, perverted in such a manner as to make it generally acceptable to all the people of the land.

It will be recalled that in the general dissolution of Israel prior to the return of the remnant, all the scrolls of Israel’s history were lost in the general demolition of Jerusalem (II Kings 25:9-14). Many valuable objects were paraded at Belshazzar’s sacrilegious feast (Dan. 5:2-3) but no mention is recorded of the Tables of the Law nor any other portion of Divine Revelation. The Apocryphal writings indicate that Esdras appealed to the Lord in this context and pleaded for a replacement of the Scriptures as the Guide to Israel. This was given when Esdras, Sarea, Dabria, Selemia, Ecanus and Asiel wrote under the Inspiration of the Holy

Spirit for forty days and a complete replacement of the Scriptures was given (II Esdras 14:21:22).

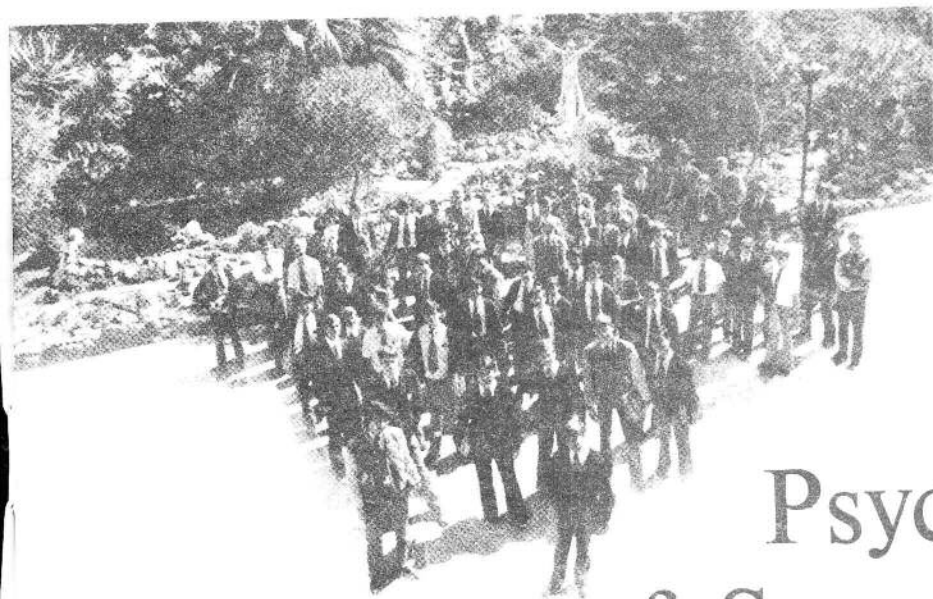
However, by the time of the First Advent of the Lord Jesus Christ, such was the complete dominion of the ‘strangers’ over true Israelites that the religion of the Judaean centred around *what was said and thought about the Scriptures*: “Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time . . .” (Matt. 5: 21;27;33;38;43). Thus, the ‘religion of the Jews (Judaean)’ came into being and has persisted down the centuries and is practised today.

Religion of course cannot be accepted as a criteria for ‘race’ and certainly the Jewish religion does not make its adherents heirs to a Covenant which is national in context. The claim that the present Israeli State is the rightful return of the true owners of the land is as fallacious as is the claim that they are the ‘chosen people of God’. And as has been shown throughout this article, Israel identity cannot be superimposed over the word ‘Jew’ for this merely throws the Scriptural narrative into confusion.

The momentous seventy weeks of history are seen in the light of a two-fold purpose. The first is that the ‘Judaean who say they are Judaean’ are revealed as spurious and their blasphemy concerning Israel’s Redeemer is an insidious mechanism designed to plunge true Israel into the abyss of ignorance while, in the second instance, their pretensions to an identity which is *not* their’s prevents true Israel from realising the disastrous consequences of their re-enactment of the events of the momentous prophetic weeks of history.

“The inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from the Lord, unto us is this land given in possession.” The usurpation of the Land of Promise by the ‘inhabitants of Jerusalem’ is bad enough, but the greatest tragedy of all is the phrase, ‘Get you far from the Lord’. True Israel in Anglo-Celto-Saxondom who has indeed ‘Bowed down and has laid her body as the ground and as a street’ (Isa. 51:23) is today in the parlous position of having ‘forgotten the God of her salvation and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength’ (Isa. 17:10) – indeed she has become ‘far from the Lord’. However, the final act in the great drama has not taken place and when it does, the nations of Israel will surely be staggered when they know that they have been duped, but greatest of all, will be the complete humiliation in true Israel when God is proved faithful to His Word.

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# The Psychology of Surrender

By Nord Davis, Jr.  
—U.S.A.

For the first time in American military history, in a now forgotten Korean prisoner of war camp, something very terrifying happened. American soldiers, both Officers and Men, were actually psychologically conditioned to die. And, die they did, by the hundreds! In many instances, the Korean Communists did not have to lay a hand on them and many were not even physically mistreated. For many soldiers this psychological conditioning proved to be more deadly than armed combat. The effect on all soldiers was so severe that according to Army records, not one soldier *ever attempted to escape back to the American lines!* The enemy needed only minimum security, as few as a dozen guards for several hundred men!

This new type of thought process engineering was so effective, so demoralising to American troops, that after the Korean War, a special Army medical team was set up to try and find a viable method of coping with this most devastating Communist secret weapon – behaviour modification. The American team, headed by Col. William Mayer, MD, after an exhaustive study of the soldiers involved, concluded that there was no known means to counter it in the training of American troops. The team labelled this technique: *Brainwashing*.

Today, some 25 years later, the term “Brainwashing” has come into common and general use without the slightest concept, by most people, of the methods and techniques of group thought control which were then used. It is beyond the scope of this article to teach the reader how “Brainwashing” works or, for that matter, how its subtle psychological thrusts can be detected and avoided. It is enough to point out here that “Brainwashing’s” greatest threat lies in the fact that the brainwashed always deny that they were ever taken in by it! Those whose thought processes and moral concepts were scientifically and skilfully altered always adamantly maintain that this is just how they have always thought, acted, and believed!

Please understand: If I were your enemy, there are several ways with which I could eliminate your opposition to my programmes. One quick way is to put a bullet between your eyes, or otherwise overpower you with brute force. Another way is to terrorise you into mortal fear of your life. Still another way, and very useful, is to use the “Dale Carnegie approach” and, through influence and persuasion, get you to willingly join my side and help me. The Korean method, using various forms of all three of the above, is to gain control over your subconscious thinking by psychologically tricking your mind so that you act and believe exactly as I wish. Actually, this is the best method, for it is *generally* not reversible and you would never have any conscious knowledge of the behaviour pattern change. Since the change takes place at the subliminal level, you would, from then on, do exactly what I tell you and, ironically, regard me as your friend and benefactor at the same time.

With the limited number of American prisoners, dramatic psychological changes were individually tailored to the specific thought patterns of the soldier. The intensity of the technique in the Korean prisoner of war camps was enough to, subliminally, cause many of the soldier’s involuntary body functions to slow down and stop – actually cycling down the body until death occurred! Incredible as it may seem, this has been documented by the Army study under Col. Mayer.

Other than hearing the word BRAINWASHING, have you ever been taught what this technique is at any time in the last 25 years? No, the Western people have never been warned or instructed concerning the most dangerous of the Totalitarian Socialist’s most dangerous secret weapon. They do not know what brainwashing is when they see it, and most would not even believe it if they were shown how it works. For this reason, they are vulnerable to it and have no defences against it.

It was found in the study of American soldiers, that those who had been taught the fundamental Bible laws were not as susceptible to the behaviour modification techniques as the average soldier. Those who clung dogmatically to Christian absolutes were separated from the others and their survival rate was far higher.

I regret to say, the Western world has been betrayed by their leaders to the point where they are now at the mercy of Soviet-style scientific thought control and modification methods. Most ministers, who often preach about the Satanic influences, simply have no concept of this tech-

nique which is even now seducing their congregations.

Fortunately, scientific thought control engineering on a mass scale can not be as individually effective as when directed to a few people isolated and insulated from their families and familiar surroundings. The best that the Totalitarian Socialists among us can hope to accomplish is one or more of the following:

1. Create a climate of indifference or hopelessness about world and domestic events.
2. Generate a spirit of confusion and indecision about the future.
3. Create a spirit of isolation, distrust of friends, neighbours, associates and relatives.
4. Through manipulative suggestion, cause the breakdown of family, patriotic, and Christian concepts to a point of indifference and no concern.
5. Create a spirit of terror and fear in the streets by causing the breakdown of law and order. Work to destroy public confidence in the police and the armed forces.
6. Create a climate of hatred of anyone who opposes the gradual totalitarian socialist conquest of the world by labelling them as reactionaries and extremists.
7. Promote preachers into the mass media who teach a “something-for-me” type religion, and who teach the sovereignty of man’s will and limit or omit teaching on the Sovereignty of God. Promote the clergy who teach that Christian militancy against evil is non-spiritual and replace it with social concerns of one kind or another.

The above is not intended to be a complete list of socialist objectives, but unless someone calls these to your attention you may not realise how many of just the above may now be a part of your normal thinking patterns.

Generally, brainwashing on the mass media scale is so subtle that it is never noticed by the target populations, while creating among them a mental attitude of indecision, hopelessness, procrastination, and surrender. The individual citizen is thus programmed to reject the teachings of his parents and his church regarding every social value from the daily routines to world-shaking events.

To the educated or well-to-do, these norms are

programmed to not apply to them – only to the masses; to the down-and-out, these norms would apply in normal times, but in their unfortunate situation, they are exempt from them until they get out of the jam they are in. You see this attitude all the time. The bottom line is that we are being programmed to die. America, as Karl Marx wrote, will fall like an over-ripe fruit into socialist hands – and with it the Western world.

For almost 25 years now, this subtle thought process engineering technique, against which there is little or no defence by the unsuspecting, has been used by socialists against the mind, will, and determination of the West. It has been so effective that 90 percent of the population, if asked, would deny its existence.

However, any basic study of for instance American history would quickly demonstrate to the casual observer that the America of 1980 is not the America of a hundred years ago. Has the change in the thinking patterns all been progress? Do you really think a two-bit Muslim priest would have dared to hold fifty Sovereign American citizens hostage in 1880? Can you imagine any American president of those years wringing his hands in helplessness as Mr. Carter does? Do you think your great-grandfather would have stood mute if he was asked to pay a mortgage interest rate of 18 percent? Would he have sat mesmerized as government controls are placed over every facet of his life? Why, the thought is absurd!

In just the past 25 years, *something* has snatched from us that unique American Spirit. We no longer have the will to resist when the Federal Government, with no Constitutional authority whatever takes from the “Haves” and gives to the “have-nots”. The earnings and profits of the American worker is taken from him and given to unAmericans within our borders and sent to a hundred foreign nations to build the world Socialist utopia. Some of our citizens grumble a little, but most of them just whimper and go along with it. Karl Marx had a way of making thievery and plunder seem like Christian charity when he said:

*“We will take from each according to his ability and give to each according to his need.”*

You can see how they do it in Cuba and in the Soviet Union, can't you? But can you think of a recent American President, Republican or Democrat, who has not promoted and done exactly that? They do not wave the Hammer and Sickle. They

call themselves “Liberals”. But the effect is just the same, only the words have been changed to deceive us. You do not believe it? Then define for me a “Democrat”. What does this man believe and stand for? You don't know and neither do I! Trying to define a “Republican” is even more difficult, when that party embraces everyone from the Marxist Senator Jacob Javits to the Patriot Senator Jessie Helms.

Don't you see, America has been programmed to co-exist with evil. We have been tricked into thinking that Totalitarian Socialism is somehow the wave of the future and that all the government interference into our personal lives is somehow best for the “common good”. These Socialists think that they know what lifestyle we should have, and if we do not want it, they will use force to make it go their way.

Almost without a whimper, you let these Socialists pick up your children and bus them hither and yon to achieve some kind of social racial balance arrived at in the Ivory Tower. You accept the need for a “Permit” to do just about everything from building a chicken house to selling second-hand items. Without a thought, you provide the government bureaucrats information about everything in your life by filling out an income tax form and then you take food right out of the mouths of your children to pay those taxes so that some illiterate African can enjoy some fruits for which he did not work via foreign aid! My friends, this is not the mark of a red-blooded American, and the reason is behaviour modification. At the same time you are programmed to accept all of the above you are also programmed to reject any warning about Communist conquests of the world. When warning of extreme danger is presented to you in a factual documented manner, there is something that snaps shut in your subconscious mind and you close your eyes and conscious mind to these unpleasant truths. Now, isn't that so? And as in America so in all our Western countries.

You know, when I talk to groups about these very serious matters, it is sometimes very hard to evaluate who have been brainwashed and who are just morally decadent. Both conditions cut right through all strata of society. I have found this little test to be quite accurate as to identifying those who have been psychologically programmed to some extent. Stand on a busy street corner and watch those who are jay-walking or crossing against the traffic. As an approaching car bears down on the jay-walker, if he is a victim of social thought programme, he will always *instinctively* look the other

way! Because of the thought control conditioning against accepting any form of danger as real, such a person will act contrary to his own best interests, even with his life at stake! He will look the other way when confronted with even fatal danger. His sub-liminal mental processes have caused him to look away from the very threat which his conscious mind has alerted him to and there is no adrenalin flow and no quickening of the steps. The jay-walker appears indifferent to the on-coming car. Such action makes no sense to the logic and reason, yet, you will be astounded to see the number of people who have been programmed into this absurd ritual.

When I began watching this phenomenon some ten years ago, I noticed that only 25 percent did actually look the other way. Recently, in Chattanooga, I spent two hours on Market Street watching jay-walkers, and only one in ten appeared to be keeping his eye on the approaching car. Watch this for yourself, and then ask – by what mental process does this come to pass? A detailed answer to that question cannot of course be considered in this article. It is enough to demonstrate that the symptoms are real and observable.

In years past, I used to spend my time travelling America speaking to small groups who had been assembled to hear a genuine extremist. Just before I was scheduled to speak, the assembly would be called to attention and all there would dutifully place their hand over heart and pledge allegiance to the American Stars and Stripes. I was thrilled to think that here was a group which still stood by my country. Yet, I have come to realise that most of those people had no more idea of what those words meant than they did the language of, say, the Republican Platform. These good people, along with nine out of ten of their neighbours, do not have the faintest idea of what guiding political and economic concepts made America the envy of the world – *and which contrary programmes have brought this nation to the verge of social, political, and economic disaster* – and with it the Western world.

Brainwashing, as such, is of course not new. Its methods have been widely used for centuries. But, in recent times, these techniques have been scientifically expanded with laboratory experiments on humans at the Pavlov Institute in the USSR to meet the needs of the expanding Communist empire. One form of brainwashing or psychological invasions of mind take the form of a “command” or suggestion by a person/group/sect/party which make no sense to the logic and reason wherein the obedience to the “command” can be psychological-

ly embarrassing or emotionally degrading. If you yield to that command or suggestion against the force of conscious logic and reason to the contrary – even slightly – you have conditioned your sub-conscious to obey *without the need for logic or reason*, further commands and suggestions from that person or group. I am not going into this any further, but can you now see the reason for the “foolish commands” by the Drill Instructor while you were going through military basic training, all of which you obeyed against logic and reason? From that point on, you did what any person with just one more “stripe” told you, didn’t you? Remember the initiation into certain fraternities? And the dogma of certain church groups? How about the idea that financial experts cannot discover the cause of inflation? How about the idea that Russia can be our arch enemy and most favoured nation for trade at one and the same time? Or that there is an energy shortage in the midst of statistical surplus? Or that East and West Germany can participate in the Olympics, but anti-Communist Free China and anti-Communist South Africa should not? Jacques Barzon wrote:

“Intellect deteriorates after every surrender to folly. Unless we consciously resist, the nonsense does not pass us by but into us.”

Through Brainwashing, which most people are unable to detect, our people have lost the will to resist. As an observable result, the nonsense above, as typical examples, does not go in one ear and out the other, but is actually accepted as Truth. If the victim is asked how he came to that absurd idea he would not know!

Meanwhile, there is going to be no easy way back out of our deliberate entanglements with anti-Christ nations. There will be no non-violent way out from under the yoke of Socialist economic and political life. Withdrawal pains from Socialist excesses will be accompanied by a total collapse of the economy and a complete breakdown of law and order at every level. Most patriots, and all but a few preachers, who teach otherwise, have overlooked the powerful psychological chains which now bind the brains of our people so that seeing they see not and hearing they hear not. Hundreds of patriots have written to me remarking of the inability to make the average person understand what is happening. Now many of you may begin to understand the reason.

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# Discotheque

A NEW LIFESTYLE AND RELIGION

*The following article from Discotecas, Rio de Janeiro, and reprinted in "Speak Up", Toronto, Canada, throws revealing light on the dangerous "Disco" epidemic sweeping the world.*  
—Spearhead

A growing number of adolescents and even children are now spending their leisure time in the so-called discotheques.

The shake-shake-shake fever is gradually eliminating other forms of entertainment: recreational games, meetings with friends, reading, and other leisurely activities indispensable for the good moral, mental, and physical formation of youth.

Disco was born in the United States. Then the new craze quickly spread through England and several other European countries, disseminated by means of a skilful propaganda which made use of the movies, television, and the press.

In the large urban centres, disco salons are equipped with a very costly complex electronic apparatus designed to cause a sensation. In general, the media are earnestly committed to spreading the new fashion and present it in a fascinating manner to people from all walks of life.

## Emotional Frenzy

As the people in the towns of the countryside became hypnotized by the mirage of the new dance's prestige, they made it a point of honour to establish their own discotheques. If they were not able to afford sophisticated sound systems, they arranged ordinary sound systems in tandem with an ingenious network of flashing lights.

And so the makeshift discotheque was set up, without any art, with a lot of noise, and out of an eager desire to follow the new wave.

According to the pattern established internationally by numerous *model* discotheques, the disco dance is a new kind of rhythm. Sounds and lights must mingle in a chaotic and arbitrary way, bound by only one rule: the creation of an emotional *frenzy* in the disco goers.

#### Objective of 'Disco'

According to Laerte Willman, director of a course in Sensorial Language and supervisor of Movement Therapy, the discotheques "*induce a sensory activation . . . that would block the purely rational level of the individual, liberating him on an emotional level. It is as though his circuit of reason, of command, had been turned off*".

This, then, is the objective of the so-called discotheques: *to cut the patient off from reason and deliver him to the domination of his instincts, of brutalised and of irrational movements, and of unbridled sensuality.*

The sound, or rather the noise in discotheque is deafening, often surpassing the 100-decibel limit that can be tolerated by human ears. The emphasis is on the heavy beat, one that makes even the internal parts of the human organism vibrate, with the goal of shaking the person as a whole to engage him completely in a rhythm of delirium and madness.

The unending succession of sounds and lights flashing continuously are often supplemented by certain special effects: sirens, car headlights, and even laser beams, which are used to create a gaudy choreography on the room's walls or on the dancers themselves.

#### Irresistible Ambience

In order to completely involve the persons in the rhythm, powerful speakers are installed everywhere, including the ceiling and below the floor. Disco managers boast of their success in creating an irresistibly involving ambience.

Inside the disco parlour, the people are almost fatally induced to mad contortions, which are constantly stimulated by sound and lighting effects. Reason and thought give place to the impulses.

The volume of the sound makes conversation impossible. Human relations are reduced to rhythmic movements in common accompanied by a collective feeling of drunkenness produced by the whirlpool of sounds and lights.

*Such a situation reminds one of certain primitive religious dances of aboriginal peoples of Africa*

*or even from a certain standpoint, the gregariousness of some savage animals.*

#### Suggestive Elements

An article called "Discotecas" furnishes suggestive elements about this phenomenon. The article says:

"When a person enters one of these places to analyze human behaviour and the dance in vogue, he is left in doubt as to whether he is in a place of amusement or in the *presence of a tribal activity*. Perhaps both hypotheses are true and interconnected.

"At first sight, the spectacle that one finds inside *resembles profane and Dionysian rituals*, and one expects the corners of the room to disclose large and discreet Sevillian ladies who may at any time enter into a convulsive crisis of self-flagellation.

"Blows on the body always played a very important role in the burning off of excess energy – especially masculine energy. And the tendency toward vivacity and exuberance is so pronounced that prescribed movements alone could never satisfy it.

"The shaking and undulating movements of the trunk, of the muscles of the breast, of the back, and of the abdomen, movements that glorify the kings of the night in the discotheques, *are classic examples common in the tribes of the north of Africa as well as among the Canela tribe of Indians in Brazil.*

"The Bantu in Africa, moreover, perform sinuous and convulsive dances very well, using movements concentrated particularly in the abdominal muscles. Among African tribes, as well as in the discotheques of the large cities, men take the first place, going through erotic movements.

"The same behaviour occurs among Malaysian witchdoctors when they perform their rituals.

"Even the most ancient descriptions that we have of the dance, published by the Saramasin brothers in their book about Ceylon, speaks of the performance of a sensual and convulsive dance of the Vedas. They would strike blows on their bellies (as on a percussion instrument) with increasing vigor while their bodies and hair undulated continuously because of the whirling of their heads and their hips."

Accordingly, all vestige of conversation disappears, thought becomes atrophied, and people's personalities are stifled by the madness created in the ambience surrounding them.

### A New Religion?

If someone were interested in creating a new human type lacking personality and defined personal characteristics without a will, massified, brutalized and sensual – and thus an easy pawn in the game being played by the manipulators of propoganda and fashion – he might well establish a discotheque . . .

Jacque Moreli, a French composer and producer of musical shows, put it this way: "This rhythm that obliges everybody to shake, came, in fact, to fill the gap left in the youth after the disappearance of the Beatles."

And Roberto Machado, a member of a Brazilian rock group, asserts that to frequent discotheques is "to express, through shouts, all the repression that a youth finds within his own world." He adds: "It is a kind of mental therapy in which the youth tries to liberate himself by giving his body over to the sound of music."

In this way, directors of disco and experts on it begin attributing to it a wider scope than that of mere entertainment.

The Fourth Annual Disco Forum, sponsored by *Billboard* magazine, brought together in New York about 1 500 disco-parlour owners, disco jockeys, and sound and lighting manufacturers.

### Noteworthy Statements

Some of their statements on that occasion are noteworthy. Bill Wardlow, considered to be the creator of the discotheque and the father of disco, affirmed:

*"The discotheque is not only the place where one goes to take drugs, become 'mad', or do exciting things. It is also the ballroom of the future."*

According to Wardlow, it will inaugurate "a whole lifestyle".

### A World Revolution?

"Disco expanded through the world with a force unmatched since the first days of rock and roll", said Neil Bogart, president of Casablanca Records. Bogart adds: *"History textbooks in the future will inevitably call disco a world revolution."*

And Edward Koch, mayor of New York City,

asserted: *"Disco and its lifestyle have contributed to a harmonious brotherhood in relation to all creeds and races."*

Richard N. Peterson, professor of Vanderbilt University, describes disco as "the key that will enable people who lead a routine life to be different".

And Michael O'Hare, disco consultant of the year in the United States in 1975 and 1976, notes: "The discotheque is becoming *almost a religious experience*. It deals with all the emotions and senses . . ."

"Xenon, a powerful New York discotheque, arranges for a large, illuminated gadget to descend from the ceiling in order to "give the idea of flying saucers in close encounters of the third kind".

One of the T-shirts worn by participants of the Fourth Disco Forum displayed a mysterious question: *"Will there be life after disco?"*

Along with the rise of the discotheques and their new rhythm, a new style of clothing has appeared: the disco clothes. An acute observer will notice the penetration of a similar new style in human relations, in language (or rather, in monosyllabic communication) and in behaviour.



John Travolta

In other words, irrationality is gaining ground over all that which signifies spirit and culture.

The discotheques of the mid-70s were at first merely gathering places for Blacks and homosexuals in the United States, especially in New York. It was only with the sudden rise of a star, John Travolta, who was transformed into a celebrity overnight through the film *Saturday Night Fever*, that the discotheques attained their present great popularity. Travolta plays the role of a non-conformist young man who gives vent to his impulses on Saturday

night by dancing in a discotheque.

The movie gave rise to disco parlours such as New York's Studio 54 and Washington's The Plum and Pier Nine, where Travolta's twists and contortions caused a sensation. Such parlours began attracting large crowds every night. From Studio 54, the new fashion spread throughout the United States and the world.

Records featuring the new beat began achieving record sales, in some instances selling as many as 15 or 20 million units worldwide. Persons connected with the disco business claim that the number of disco parlours in the United States has reached ten thousand.

### In Britain Today

Shakespeare's celebrated remark about something being rotten in the state of Denmark might easily be applied today to the United Kingdom. In the historic city of London, gentlemen are becoming sufficiently rare to qualify as museum pieces.

"Disco fever has taken over everything", the Financial Times affirmed. "The fans of this dance" – the paper continues – "have their own shops, their own language, their own radio programs, and now their own world championships of dance. Fifteen thousand competitors from 40 countries came to London for a world championship of disco dance".

Comparing the boom of disco music with the jazz of the 20s, Prof. R.A. Peterson of Vanderbilt University, U.S.A., stated:

*"While jazz came from the Blacks and entered the urban consciousness of America, disco represents the emergence of a homosexual reality. In disco, the leaders and creators of fashion tend to be homosexuals."*

### Originated in Vice Dens

The first American discotheques quickly became centres for the dissemination of drugs. At the end of last year, one of the owners of Studio 54 was arrested while carrying cocaine.

According to the newspaper O Globo, Rio de Janeiro, "the finding of drugs in Studio 54 was not a surprise, for its clients usually smoke pot and take cocaine".

Such disco parlours, anticipating the use of drugs on the premises, prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages there, for they are well aware of the explosive results produced in persons who mix drugs and alcohol.

The discotheque, then, is a phenomenon that originated in the dens of vice and crime, that was introduced in all layers of society by means of a skilful propaganda on an international scale, and that spread across the world through the impetus of major centres where drugs circulate freely, thus becoming the epidemic of the moment.

### Responsibility of Parents

Although disco has been announced as a *revolution*, a *new lifestyle*, and even as a *new religion*, it presents itself in many areas in a milder and less dreadful guise.

However, how long will it be possible to contain the extreme consequences to which this process inevitably leads? This is the question that remains hanging in the air.

All those having educational responsibilities in the countries of the world should be concerned about this question.

Inside the family, it is the responsibility of the parents to adopt a serious attitude toward this problem; outside of it, that responsibility falls on the shoulders of the educators and the authorities.

In summation, we may say that a new human type is taking shape in the agitated discotheques of New York City.

### Origin of Discotheque

How can we fail to ask if we are facing a *revolution* of mentalities and habits aimed at inaugurating a *new lifestyle* for all *different men*, founded on a new religion, that of a *harmonious brotherhood of all races and creeds*?

A mystery lies beyond this question: what is the meaning of the reference to the so-called flying saucers?

The phenomenon of the discotheque is not unrelated to Rock and Roll and other forms of music and dance which marked the 60s.

Disco is the continuation and the refinement of the previous forms all of them being part of a process of musical decadence closely related to the moral and mental decadence of modern societies. It is easy to verify that the advance of this process has been accompanied by the continuous disappearance of dignified and elevated social relations, of good manners, of conversation, and, in short, of a life of thought.

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# The Problem of Human Engineering

by W. Davis McCurley

“Who can know what man may become as we choose our way across the endless future? The next step for evolution is ours.” So writes Robert L. Sinsheimer as he looks to the future and his part in shaping the destiny on all mankind. For this man is one of many who believe that the progress and procession of man is firmly within *man's* hand and that it is the prerogative of man to form the direction of tomorrow.

This age in which we live is quite fascinating, but it is becoming more readily apparent that man is no longer able to make the wise choices necessary to establish the framework of the next generation's society. As we look at the scientific discoveries and the experiments which are being carried out in the major institutions of this land, it seems as if we are living in the world of fantasy and make-believe, a dream world. However, we have so many interests today and the social and political problems are so overwhelming that seldom do we have the time or the energy to investigate what those in the ivory towers of science have up their sleeve. Yet, once in a great while something attracts your attention and for a brief moment you catch a glimpse of the world of the 21st century.

In a world of political suicide, where a major focus is placed on the Soviet capabilities in the event of a nuclear confrontation, and the damage that could be done, there are other realms which are receiving a lot less attention, but in the long run can be just as devastating and catastrophic in nature. I recall reading in high school a book by a man named George Orwell entitled *1984*. The work written in 1948, was this man's interpretation of what might be possibly found in that far off time of the 80s. And now here we sit just four years before that fateful date, and someone in examining the work found that approximately 100 of the 137 predictions which the author made have surely come to pass. The man did not intend to be a prophet, but it seems the reality of “Big Brother is watching you!” is now closer than we would like to truth.

We are moving towards that end of a completely controlled society where every activity is first authorised by the government and then carried out by the people. The fact that a man of Sinsheimer's

stature could write and express a desire for man (the scientist, most especially) to be able to control the genes, i.e. the makeup of the next generation, just goes to demonstrate how far we have come down that road to slavery.

From the beginning man (and woman) has craved the ability to be as God. It was with the hope of that, that the serpent was able to seduce Eve and she in turn her husband. They wanted to be able to decide for themselves what was best for life. It was not so much that they rejected God and His way and wanted something different or better, they just felt that they should have the option to choose for themselves that destiny.

While that was true of a couple of individuals, it was left to a generation later to wish that the whole society could usurp the authority of God, and stand in His place. It was in the plain of Shinar that men came and said, “Come let us make bricks and bake them in the fire. For stone they used bricks, and mortar they used bitumen. Come, they said, let us build for ourselves a town and a tower with its top reaching heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves, so that we may not be scattered about the whole earth” (Gen. 11:3-4 *Jerusalem Bible*).

The people of that day were of one mind and one accord, but it was not to do the will of God, or even to seek out what that will might be. Instead, it was to make a name for themselves to demonstrate just what man could do when he put his mind to it. It would be a lasting monument to the capabilities of this generation and just how great a people they really were. In fact, the Lord Himself commented as He prepared to take action and intervene, “Now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do” (v. 6). They were united in this project to defy God, and if they were allowed to continue unabated, they would go on defying Him, endeavouring to reach new heights.

Moreover, there is a similar feeling in the world today. There are the psychologists who feel that if they were first given control of society that they could programme everyone to live happily and peacefully with each other. Then there are the politicians who say that if we only get them into office that they can lead us into the promised land of prosperity and peace. And then there is the geneticist who says, “Give me the opportunity and

I will make man in my image, and after any likeness that you so desire”.

Down through the ages, man has continually wanted to dominate and control life. The peculiar thing in this generation is that it seems as if the majority of people want their lives controlled. Instead of desiring to make their own decisions, they would rather have others (supposedly far more qualified) to make the choices for them. Look at what Robert L. Sinsheimer has to say, “We need a further goal for man as a species. Science has done much to make man proud, but curiously and profoundly it is not enough. In a deep sense (man’s achievements) torment man for they make his own mortality . . . all the more senseless, frustrating and unbearable. Man needs a sense of enduring . . . he can find this in a proud role for his species . . . our species is potentially immortal and . . . potentially crucial in evolution.”

The decade of the 70s was that of the ‘test-tube’ baby, but what will we find is going to be the objective of the 80s; the Lord permitting, and barring His return? It is the great desire of science to eliminate sorrow and heartache for man, and so the researcher looks into areas where he can be of service and help. One of the results has been that samples can now be taken and the potential parents informed whether or not there is any possibility of genetic defects in the still-to-be born child. Today it is the parents’ decision just what they want to do, but there are those who are pushing for allowing others to make that choice instead.

The objectives are noteworthy and exemplary – trying to alleviate suffering and pain, and to make a better life for everyone. Man, through the auspices of science, is trying to pick himself up by his own bootstraps. Unfortunately, what we fail to realise and see is the fact that even in dealing with genetics and control that we are only dealing with the apparent manifestations of a much greater problem. All these solutions and alterations have done nothing in touching the root of the matter. All of man’s devices only correct that which has already taken place. God gives the route whereby the problem does not arise. The Lord God of Israel presents the solution in which the genetic defects, the sickness, the disease, the pain is all eliminated before and not after.

Man’s vanity and pride has led him to the place where he wants to sit as God and rectify his own problems. But man does not realise that he cannot see beyond today, and that he has no understanding at all of what the end result is going to be. In fact, if man cannot see and recognise the beginning,

how can he ever hope to be able to discern and comprehend the end. Nevertheless, we plunge head first into the abyss, and like the sheep that we are, the nation follows along in step right behind.

What is the Christian to say to these activities? Are they right, are they godly, has God granted us the knowledge so that we can do all these things, or have we overstepped our bounds? These are important questions which you and I must not only answer, but also be willing to give an answer for in the days ahead. We have a responsibility to this generation and to the next to speak loud and clearly concerning the hope that is within us and “thus saith the Lord”.

The Scripture is very plain and explicit concerning man and life. Two men fighting and accidentally bumping a woman with child, demanded a stiff penalty upon them. In fact, in the event of the death of the unborn child, the men themselves were put to death (Ex. 21:22-25). Therefore, any alteration of manipulation of life itself, demands from God a just punishment, and if it was the death penalty for an accidental abortion, how great a penalty in the sight of the Lord must it be for a willful one. The fact that the law is not enforced in this nation today does not negate either its validity or the fact that God Himself is carrying out the penalty prescribed. In fact, the reign of death is directly attributable to our neglect of God’s commandments, statutes and judgments.

How can we rid our nation of sickness, disease, sorrow and suffering? The Christian must say that it comes from only one source, for all that man can do is work on the symptoms and never bring about a lasting solution. We as a nation and as individuals have this promise: “Who so findeth me, findeth life.” And how that is done and the consequences are given here: “Wherefore it shall come to pass, if ye hearken to these judgments, and keep and do them, that the Lord thy God shall keep unto thee the covenant which he sware to thy fathers; and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee: he will also bless the fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, and thy wine, and thine oil, the increase of thy kine, and the flocks of thy sheep, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. Thou shalt be blessed above all people; there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness, and will put none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, upon thee” (Deut. 7:12-15).

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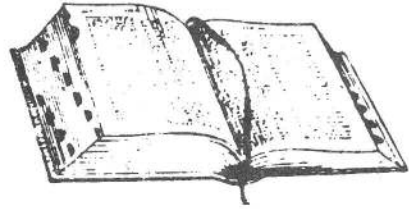
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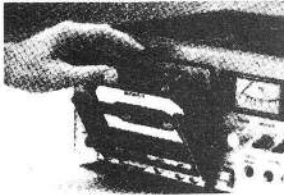
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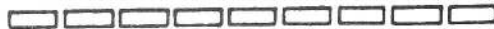
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