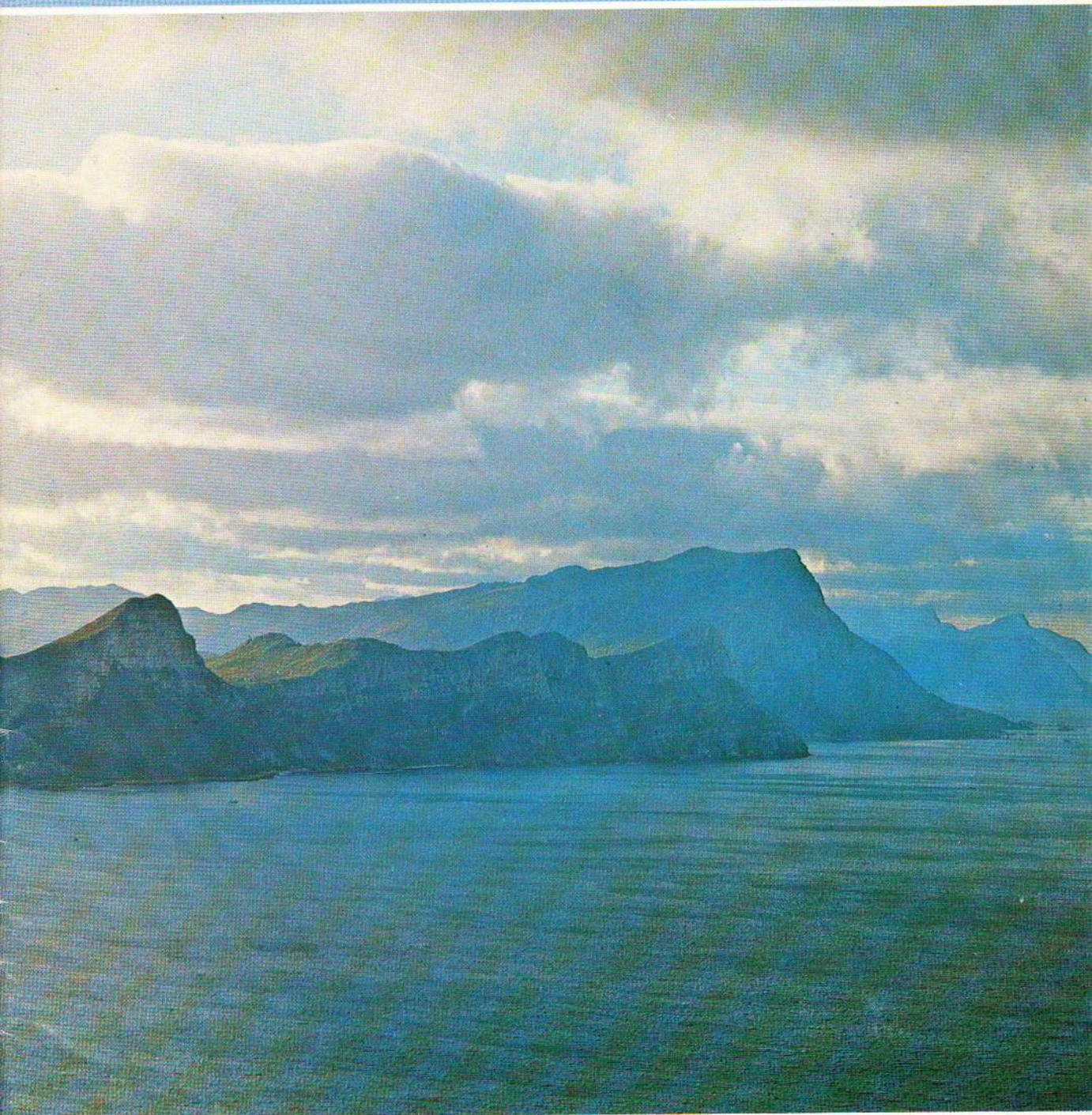


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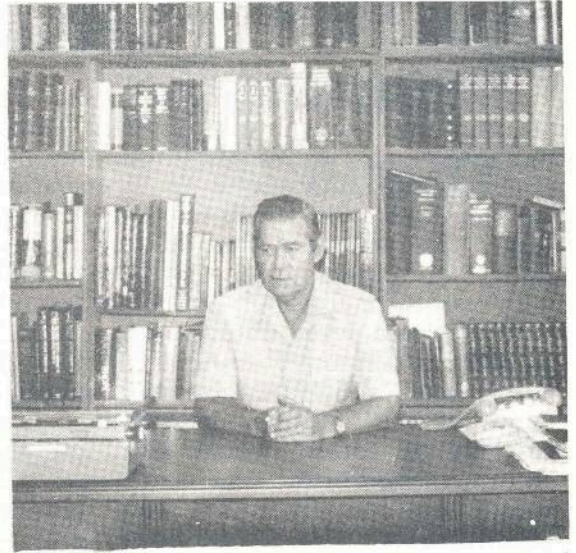
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from the Editor's Desk

Dear Friends,

This is the last edition of *The Covenant Message* for the year of 1982 and throughout the twelve months which have passed, we have tried to show how far we, the true modern development of God's Covenant People, have come from what He requires of us. What we have said has not always been acceptable to some of our readers who, instead of showing the reason for their disagreement, have merely resorted to personal attacks. This we accept and in all humility remember that when the Jews could not answer what our Lord Jesus Christ had said about their "traditional doctrines", they began a personal attack calling Him "Beelzebub" and implying that what He taught was heresy straight from hell. We today, are finding ourselves in the same position when we too point to the Judeo-Christian doctrines and expose them for what they are — we too are called "heretics" because we do not conform to "orthodoxy" which demands that we accept what others accept without question. In this Organisation, believing as we do that our Lord Jesus Christ is THE WORD OF GOD INCARNATE IN THE FLESH, we stand on what HE said and taught and if any other impugn HIM, we will expose this and reject what they say. This, we have done and as I have said, a few do not like it but, and we give thanks for this, the majority of our Israelite brethren have recognised the signs of the times and have asked the same questions that we have and have not found adequate answers in orthodoxy.

We have, over the past twelve months, shown that wars have been fought — some won and others linger on — yet peace is very far from us. We have shown that, as a people, we have compromised, not only our history, but future generations by allowing the cultures of others to be integrated with our own and despite this, we still know nothing of peace. We have shown in our



companion publication, *News of the New World*, that our politicians, those whom we elect to serve both us and our country, are serving other interests but even though they bow to the pressure exerted on them, there is no peace in any of the political arenas of the world. Surely, as we reflect on the past and contemplate the future, we must ask; WHY? WHY? WHY? Why is there no peace, why are we harried on every hand and why are we required, by those in authority over us, to suppress what is essentially part of our make-up and accept the dilution of the civilisation which our fathers built?

We are told — and this from public platform and pulpit — that we must change, we must compromise a bit more and that we should be more Christian by "loving our neighbour as ourselves". Strange, is it not — those who use this ploy fail to define the scriptural meaning of "neighbour" and invariably shy away from the fact that in its scriptural context, it means "one who is your brother" and this according to the flesh as is related in Leviticus 19:15-18. Those who are most insistent that we should change and that we should love our neighbour as ourselves — if he or she belongs to a different race — usually counter any appeal to the scriptures with some such statement as: "It doesn't really matter what it says — it means the brotherhood of man". We believe what the LORD said, if He really

said it and are not prepared to accept the interpretations which man put into His mouth.

This month, of course, is December and we Anglo-Saxons who call ourselves "Christian" will see the people throughout our lands gearing themselves in preparation for the celebration which is called "Christmas". This will be a time of feasting and gift-giving, a glamorous and glittering time with carols ringing out and churches full with "twice a year" church-goers who will all listen to sermons relating to the "babe in the manger" which has been told since the dawn of the Christian dispensation. Few teachers of course, would dwell on the incorrectness of the time and fewer still would care to relate the true *national* significance of the "Word made flesh" — this would be contrary to popular opinion and lead to some embarrassing questions. And so the same story will be told again and if, by chance, someone happens to point to little discrepancies in it, they will be told that these discrepancies do not really matter just so long as we remember the Birth of our Lord.

Make no mistake here — these discrepancies *do* matter. What would happen if on some space venture some obvious errors were found and ignored or simply dismissed as being of no importance? The success of the whole venture would depend on clearing up the errors and coming up with a programme free of all problems. The same thing applies where our faith is concerned.

Let us take the time for instance on which we celebrate the Birth of our Lord. December is in the winter in the northern hemisphere and while winters in Palestine are not so severe as in other places, they were severe enough for the Lord to warn His disciples: "... pray that your flight be not in the winter" (Matt. 24:20). We are told: "And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night..." (Luke 2:8) and we have to decide whether Luke was totally wrong about that or whether we are in placing the Birth on December 25th. Apart from the fact that no shepherd would do this, it would be suicide to keep flocks out at night in Palestine between the months of October to February

in any given year and with our date of December 25th being at the height of winter, we must surely admit that our date is wrong and that it should have been not later than some time in September.

There is of course so much more associated with the "Christmas Story" but I would merely like to comment on one more. Have you ever stopped to ask where the proverbial "Christmas Tree" comes into the story? Just turn to Jeremiah 10 — and we should remember that Jeremiah was telling Judah precisely where they had gone wrong in departing from God's way for the nation "Thus saith the LORD, Learn not the way of the heathen (Heb. *goyim*, nations)... For the customs of the people are vain: for one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman, with the axe. They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not..." This, you will note, was the custom of the nations and there can be very little doubt that these nations were Babylon and other mid-eastern people. Was not our Israel people created to be a separate, different people that we should witness to the LORD our God? Why then do we do those things which violate our separate status and why do we do those things that the other nations do which have meaning to their gods but which are an abomination to Almighty God? (Micah 4:5).

Is it not time that we began to get our facts straight and get ourselves squarely into line with what the LORD our God requires of us? What does He require? Surely as Moses said: "... *fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul*" (Deut. 10:12). So then my personal wish for you at this time is that you will be blessed by the WORD and in the WORD which, in the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ, was made flesh and may He bring to you the peace of knowing that He is with us, guiding and directing us into the Truth that will indeed make us all free.

May He bless and keep you all.

In His Service
W.G. FINLAY

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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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by W.G. Finlay



"And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war. His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written that no man knew, but he himself. And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God" (Rev. 19:11-13).

While the Book of The Revelation of the Lord Jesus Christ is not the main theme here, it does serve to introduce a subject which many choose to overlook today. In the above quotation — and notwithstanding the highly symbolic language which is used — one is confronted by a situation which would appear to have no meaning in the present day. The Bible, as such, is available in virtually every language spoken by modern man and to keep pace with the ever-changing vocabularies, it is continually revised so that men's perception of the Bible is not clouded by language difficulties. On the surface, revisions would appear to be a good thing for none will surely deny that — insofar as English is concerned — the language spoken today is a very far cry from the English spoken in the days when the Authorised Version made its appearance. This, of course, is no new development for if one thinks back to the days just prior to the canonisation of the present sixty-six Books of the Bible, one finds Jerome faced with a similar, although more complex problem.

The *Dictionary of the Bible* which was edited by James Hastings D.D. and compiled with the assistance of four other Doctors of Divinity, relates that in the Western Church,

the various documents which recorded Biblical matters such as the Old Testament plus whatever existed of the New, were recorded in Old Latin whereas in the Eastern Church, the Septuagint — the Greek Version of the Old Testament scriptures — plus Greek Versions of New Testament writings were in use. Jerome therefore undertook the revision of the Old Latin so as to provide a more understandable version of existing texts for the Western Church. As is stated in *Hasting's Dictionary of the Bible*, "The Latin Bible, which we know as the Vulgate was not wholly Jerome's work, still less did it represent his full and final views on the textual criticism of the Bible; and naturally, it did not for a long time acquire the name "Vulgate". The "vulgate editio" of which Jerome himself speaks, is primarily the Greek Septuagint and secondarily the Old Latin as a translation of it . . ."

If one continues to research the development of the Bible as such, it will be seen that theological text books provide the picture of revision after revision — some based on changes in the vernacular while others were based on what was felt as the need for artistic merit in presentation as was the case of the Gospels and Service books produced at Winchester in England between 960 and 1060 A.D. However, in all these changes — it has been estimated that between Jerome's revision and the *Textus Receptus* which was the basis of the Authorised Version some fifteen other revisions were made — one wonders how much abuse the originals suffered. In returning to the present time in which some thirty-six different versions or translations are currently available (in English alone), one is surely tempted to ask how much of the original Jerome revision remains and as new versions and translations appear almost annually, how long will it be before most of the original is lost altogether? Is this perhaps why, as stated by the Lord Jesus Christ, when He comes again He will have a name written that no man knew but He Himself — that Name being, The WORD OF GOD?

However, as was stated earlier, the quotation from the Book of the Revelation serves to introduce — not only the dangers inherent in a multiplicity of revisions — but a situation in which the Apostle John

figures very prominently. John, as all will surely know, was not only the recorder of the Revelation but the author of the Gospel which bears his name as well as the Epistles which too bear his name. It must be admitted that John was singled out for some specific purpose by the Lord for if the last chapter of his Gospel account is considered, it will be noted that Peter, sensing that John's mission was in some way different, asked the Lord: "... and what shall this man do?" To which the Lord replied: "If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to you?" (John 21:21,22). Thus, in the Lord's reply, one is given to understand that John's real mission had to do with the then future troublous times and while Peter was not told specifically what John's role in those times would be, as one looks back and searches John's writing, the Lord's purpose becomes very clear.

The Background and History of John's Work

A strange feature about the work of "the disciple whom Jesus loved" (John 21:20) is that his Gospel account was the last to be written — written so it is generally claimed, some time between A.D. 85 and 90. This being so, one naturally wonders why he left it so long to record his account of the Life of the Lord and why, when one analyses his history, it is found to be so different from what others had written? In order to provide an answer to the two questions, one is directed to the unique education which John, together with Peter and James, received from the Lord which, in all probability, is the reason why he wrote of the qualifications for apostleship. He wrote that the Lord said: "And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning" (John 15:27) — and who better was qualified to teach the things which the Lord taught than those who had been with Him?

However, when one looks at John's qualifications, it will be noted that this was left to others to write and they certainly recorded a series of events in which Peter, James and John shared a unique experience. Matthew, for instance, recorded that Peter, James and John were taken up on to a mountain and there witnessed the Trans-

figuration — the fulfilment of the words spoken by the Lord when He told His disciples that: "There be some standing here, which shall not taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom" (Matt. 16:28). In passing to Mark's Gospel, it will be noted that the same three men — Peter, James and John — were, by the Lord's specific command, the only ones to witness the raising of Jarius' daughter (Mark 5:37) and, again according to Mark, these three are specifically mentioned as being present during the Lord's private Discourse on the fall of Jerusalem (Mark 13:3). Thus, from these statements, it is patently obvious that Peter, James and John are singled out as living in close intimacy with the Lord and were obviously well equipped to be able to both tell and write of the things which He both did and said.

James of course, was John's elder brother (Mark 1:19) and if one is to understand why John left the writing of his Gospel account so late, one must consider James, what he wrote and what happened to him because of it. Unlike Paul's Epistles, James never wrote to any church or assembly — he simply addressed what he had to say to "... the twelve tribes who are scattered abroad" (James 1:1) and throughout one may read of his total opposition to Pharisaic doctrines which centred on priestly interpretations of both the purpose of the LORD God of Israel and His Law. He wrote of the consistency of the Father (James 1:17) Who, "Of his own will begat he us" (the twelve tribes) and exhorted the same twelve tribes to "be doers of the word and not hearers only" — stressing that "... faith without works is dead" (James 2:20). So then, James, who was specially equipped with Peter and John to be able to relate what the Lord Jesus Christ had taught, wrote his Epistle in what can only be called "a national context". One cannot of course, be sure *when* James wrote his Epistle for although it is generally contended that it was written in A.D. 60, there is evidence that a date some fifteen years earlier would be more appropriate. According to Acts 12:2, James was killed by Herod Agrippa 1 and while the reason for this is given as being Herod's "vexing" the church, it is

more than probable that James himself and his qualifications plus the content of his messages had a lot to do with his murder.

This contention is certainly supported when one considers the identity of the man who was responsible for the death of James. Herod Agrippa was the son of Bernice and Aristobulus, a son of Herod the Great — the latter being an Idumean or Edomite descended from Esau and according to Malachi, the only people in the Bible, whom the LORD said He hated (Mal. 1:3). Herod Agrippa was the child of two first cousins and was himself married to another cousin who was the daughter of his aunt who again, was married to an uncle (Josephus: *Wars* and *Antiquities*). Thus, while being under Roman overlordship, Judaea was ruled over by one whose Esau-Edomite lineage had been carefully preserved. *The Edomites were not Israelites — nor were the people over whom this Edomite line ruled.*

With James writing his Epistle to the “twelve tribes which are scattered abroad”, the Apostle was giving the lie to the image being projected by both Herod Agrippa and the people over whom he ruled for if the *twelve tribes* were scattered abroad at that time (A.D. 45), who were those masquerading as the Covenant People in Judaea? It should be noted that James did not write to “those of the twelve tribes” which were scattered abroad, thus making allowance for *some* in Judaea to be of Israel — his writing was simply addressed to the “twelve tribes” in dispersion which makes absolutely no provision whereby the Judaeans could intrude themselves and make themselves part of twelve-tribed Israel. This being so, the letter written by James constituted a threat to the continuity of the Judaeans masquerade and in characteristic form, he was silenced — the record of which is found in Acts 12:2.

Having seen what had happened to his elder brother, John became cautious. It should not be thought that he was fearful for his own life — his imprisonment on Patmos indicates that he was prepared to do anything for the “testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev. 1:9). However, John recognised the signs of the times and knew that in addition to the persistence of Pharisaism with its “traditionalism”, a new dimension

of confusion was creeping in, in that the warning words of the Lord, spoken to the disciples on the Mount of Olives, were beginning to take effect. He had said: “Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am (the) Christ; and shall deceive many” (Matt. 24:4,5) — and John saw this in action. He had been present when the Lord had said: “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 15:24) and he had heard and been obedient to the Lord’s commission to the disciples: “Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into any city of the Samaritans enter ye not: But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel...” (Matt. 10:5,6). He now saw a new development taking place — an emphasis on the total exclusion of Israel, the Covenant People, their absolute redundancy and replacement by all and sundry who *claimed* to be motivated by the Holy Spirit and who preached in the Name of Jesus Christ but whose preaching was other than that which John had heard.

The main theme now being proclaimed was proselytism — everything had to be done to “save” the world and to bring all people, irrespective of who they were, into the fold. The words which had been spoken by the Lord on the Mount were totally ignored in the new euphoria and John would sadly reflect on the multiplicity of languages and cultures which were now being brought into the “church” and recall that the Lord had said: “Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast ye your pearls before swine, lest they trample them under their feet, and turn again and rend you” (Matt. 7:6). If one looks at this account as it appears in the Greek text, it will be noted that the phrase “turn again” is taken from the word *strepho* which literally means to “revert” while the word “rend” is taken from the Greek *rhegnumi* or its strengthened form *agnumi* which means to “break, wreck or crack, shatter or disrupt”. Thus, as John watched the developments, the words of the Lord would surely pass through his mind and he knew that what he had to write concerning the Truth of the Advent of the Lord would be howled down and labelled “heresy” by those who were using the Name of Christ to

promulgate *their* doctrines about Him.

John waited until Jerusalem fell — as the Lord had foretold it would fall — and even then, although the power of the priests and the Pharisees was broken, he still waited before beginning to write his Gospel account, his Epistles and finally the Revelation. As one reads through his writings, one finds that they bear the unmistakable mark of one who was saying something but who was somewhat fearful of what others would make of what he wrote. Thus, John's writings may be said to have been couched in cryptic terms — a method designed to preserve what he said from perversion and manipulations by later transcribers.

This Method Not New

John would recall that living in the region south-east of Jerusalem — indeed had been living there for nigh on two hundred years — was a community which had been a thorn in the side of the priests and the Pharisees. This community lost no opportunity to accuse the priests and the Pharisees of making the Word of God of none effect — accusing the priests of ritualistic perversions and the Pharisees of distorting the Law to their own ends. This community finally recognised the futility of trying to change the rulers of Judaea and so created their own school of scribes who were commissioned to write their scriptures and the *Manual of Discipline* so that the future generations could have access to something more than that which the Judaeans scribes had recorded. Some two thousand years later, their writings would be discovered and today, although portions of their writings have been deciphered, the Israeli takeover of Jerusalem in 1967 has ended Western research into their true meaning.

What little information is available, strengthens the conviction that the Judaeans scribes were guilty of falsification of the records for that early Qumran community used an ancient Hebrew form of cypher in which key words were deliberately obscured by the use of this. What, in fact, they did was simply to replace the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, *aleph* with the last letter *tau*; the second letter *bet* with the penultimate letter *shin* and so on and so

the *fact* that they used this cypher is a clear indication of the need for such processes in and about the time of the First Advent.

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ב	=	ש
ג	=	ר
ד	=	ק
ה	=	א
ו	=	פ
ז	=	צ
ח	=	ס
ט	=	נ
י	=	מ
כ	=	ל

THE ANCIENT ALPHABETICAL CYPHER.

However, while John may have known that the Qumran scribes had used the ancient Hebrew form of cypher so as to confound the prevailing Judaeans hierarchy, he would dismiss this as being impracticable for his purpose. Being part of that company of Apostles whose understanding of the Old Testament scriptures had been opened (Luke 24:45), John would recognise the futility of using the cypher for, according to Isaiah, the very people to whom his writings were directed — Israel — would not speak Hebrew but some other language (Isa. 28:11) Faced with this dilemma, John no doubt thought back to the way in which the Lord had handled a situation similar to this for He too had been faced with a mixed bag of people, some of whom were genuine in their quest for Truth while others were present merely to trap Him and make His teaching appear ridiculous in the sight of the people. John remembered that on these occasions, the Lord resorted to parables and, as Mark wrote: "But without a parable spake he not unto them: and when they were alone, he expounded all things to his disciples"

(Mark 4:34). John therefore, decided to use a form of parable in which to write his messages to Israel.

Evidence of This

Some may, of course, strongly oppose this contention claiming that John had no need to resort to this in writing his messages. However, one should bear in mind that when John finally began to write, the "faith once delivered to the saints" (Jude 3) was in jeopardy — this being the result of unnamed persons who had crept in unawares and who were jeopardising the Truth (Jude 4). Thus, according to Jude, there was a need to be watchful and to "earnestly contend" for the faith which was being threatened by those who used subtlety in their approach.

Bearing in mind that James had been murdered for writing to the "twelve tribes scattered abroad", John, it will be noted, did no such thing in his Epistles but, if one looks at what he *did* write, his message will be seen as directed to the same people but hidden in parable. It will be noted that John begins his second Epistle with these words: "The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth . . ." while he ends the Epistle with the words: "The children of thy elect sister greet thee." Unless one rejects the Old Testament, it is an undoubted *fact* that *Israel* is the LORD'S "elect" (Isa. 45:4) and again, unless one rejects the Old Testament, it is equally undoubted that the family of Israel was divided into two sections who are called "sisters" (Jer. 3:8). The names of these "elect sisters" are Aholah (10 tribed Israel) and Aholibah (2 tribed Judah) and if one considers the message directed to these "sisters" one finds that it directs attention to the Law of the Lord in which the "Love thy neighbour (brother)" dominates (Lev. 19:15-18).

"Whosoever transgresseth and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son. If there come any unto you and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God speed" (2nd John 9,10). In a nutshell, John was writing

to Israel exhorting them to stand exclusively on the "doctrine of Christ" i.e. that which Christ taught, and if any come with some other doctrine, this should be spurned — a very logical statement in view of what others were teaching "in the name of Christ". ambitious, resisting the writer's authority, and standing in the way of the hospitable reception of the brethren who visited the church." Funk & Wagnall's *New Standard Bible Dictionary*, explains *Diotrephes* in these words. "Described in 3 John 9, as one 'who loved to have the preeminence among them'. He had evidently refused to heed the Elder's written instructions to 'receive' the brethren. From the fact that he 'forbids' and 'casts out' of the church, it is evident that he occupied some position of authority which might bring him into conflict with his brethren and the Elder." Dr. William Smith's *Dictionary of the Bible* has this bald statement: "A Christian mentioned in 3 John 9, but of whom nothing is known." All this should surely provoke a question from those who are not mentally anaesthetised — who was this man who exercised so much authority in the church generally and who could place an embargo on the Apostles and even victimise those who received them? He was surely more than just "an unknown Christian."

Just as John had used the name "Gaius" as the cryptic form of addressing his Epistle, so too this name *Diotrephes* was the cryptic form of naming the person whose authority in the church and among the congregations was prodigious. John was not prepared to have the Truth of what he had written in his Gospel and in his Epistles labelled as the work of a "heretic" — as would be the case if he named the man outright and so in order to retain credibility for his writings he used a name which could be analysed and identified. *Diotrephes*, according to Liddell and Scott's *Greek-English Lexicon*, means "cherished by Zeus" — which of course, leads the researcher into the realm of Greek fable and legend — a strange directive from the "disciple whom Jesus loved". However, as one proceeds, one asks *who* was cherished by Zeus and the answer is provided in Greek mythology — Hermes, his son. So then, *Hermes* appears to be identified with John's *Diotrephes*.

As was stated earlier, while the Eastern church retained the use of the Greek language, in Rome, the Western church had translated the Greek into the Old Latin and in this process, the Greek *Zeus* and *Hermes* were Romanised into *Jupiter* and *Mercurius*. John's accusing finger was therefore pointed at one who in the Greek was called *Hermes* but in Latin was referred to as *Mercurius* and all that is needed to unravel John's parable in his third Epistle, is to consider who, within the Christian community was called by this name. "And when the people saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voices, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. And they called Barnabas *Jupiter* and Paul *Mercurius*, because he was

In passing to John's third Epistle — again written in the same vein — it will be noted that it is addressed to "... the wellbeloved Gaius" — a Roman name which was extensively used at marriage festivals when both the bride and bridegroom were joined together. Here, as with the second Epistle, John was writing to Israel for in both Old Testament and New Testament prophecy, *Israel* was said to be the "bride of Christ" — those who are to be united — *GAIUS*.

As with his second Epistle, John warns true Israel and again his warning is cryptic although in this instance, he presumes that Israelites had not succumbed to the pernicious "leaven of the Pharisees" and were still able to reason for themselves. "I wrote unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the preeminence among them, receiveth us not. Wherefore, if I come, I will remember his deeds which he doeth, prating against us with malicious words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and forbiddeth them that would, and casteth them out of the church" (3 John vv. 9,10). Throughout the three Epistles, John warns against the "anti-Christ" which he said was active at that time, he warns against "any" who do not hold the doctrine of Christ and finally, in his third Epistle, he names the one who was mainly responsible for Israel's problems. **WHO THEN WAS DIOTREPHE'S?**

Hasting's *Dictionary of the Bible* has this to say. "A person otherwise unknown, who is introduced in 3 John, vv. 9,10 as

the chief speaker" (Acts 14:11,12). Thus, John is shown to be very mindful of preserving the Truth against the popular appeal of emotional doctrines other than those taught by the Lord Who was THE WORD Incarnate in the flesh.

John's Gospel

"In the beginning was the WORD, and the WORD was with God, and the WORD was God... And the WORD was made flesh, and dwelt among us..." (John 1:1,14). This unique beginning to John's Gospel — centering as it does on the Identity of the Lord Jesus Christ — speaks volumes to those who have ears to hear and establishes, without any equivocation, the need for the Living WORD to be manifest. At that time, the Judaeen *Mishna* dominated — a revised code of rabbinical decisions on the subject of ritualistic sacrifice. Insofar as Israel's history was concerned, the *Gemara* was the vogue in which revisions and enlargement of purpose was said to have been the expanding revelation of the LORD. In addition, the *Kabala* was becoming very popular in which mystical and uninhibited interpretations were said to be contained in the plain recorded facts of Israel's history — a feature which in the present day may be seen in "spiritualising" the whole Old Testament story. And so the WORD was made flesh and the Word of God was again spoken to the Apostles (John 17:8) who, as John records, were sent on the same mission and in the same context as had characterised the Lord's own statement concerning His Advent (Matt. 15:24) — "As my Father hath sent me, even so send I you" (John 20:21).

According to John's Gospel account — so different from the other three — one finds a consistent theme which, while exposing the doctrines propagated by the priests and Pharisees, also exposes the fallacy that the heterogeneous population of Judaea were indeed the Israel people of God (John 8:31-47 and 10:26). However, despite the care taken in penning his Gospel, John's fears were realised when at some later stage, an over-zealous scribe added to what he wrote and inadvertently presented John as writing something derogatory about the Lord.

In the *New English Bible* translation of John 7:4 it reads: "If you really are doing such things as these, show yourself to the world. For even his brothers had no faith in him. Jesus said to them, 'The right time for me has not yet come, but any time is right for you. The world cannot hate you; but it hates me for exposing the wickedness of its ways. Go to the festival yourselves. I am not going up to this festival because the right time for me has not yet come'. With this answer he stayed behind in Galilee. Later, when his brothers had gone to the festival, he went up himself, not publicly, but almost in secret..." In this, the Lord is said to be saying one thing and then doing the very opposite and to those who believe the Lord, this is evidence of scribal interpolations.

What Happened to Those Apostles?

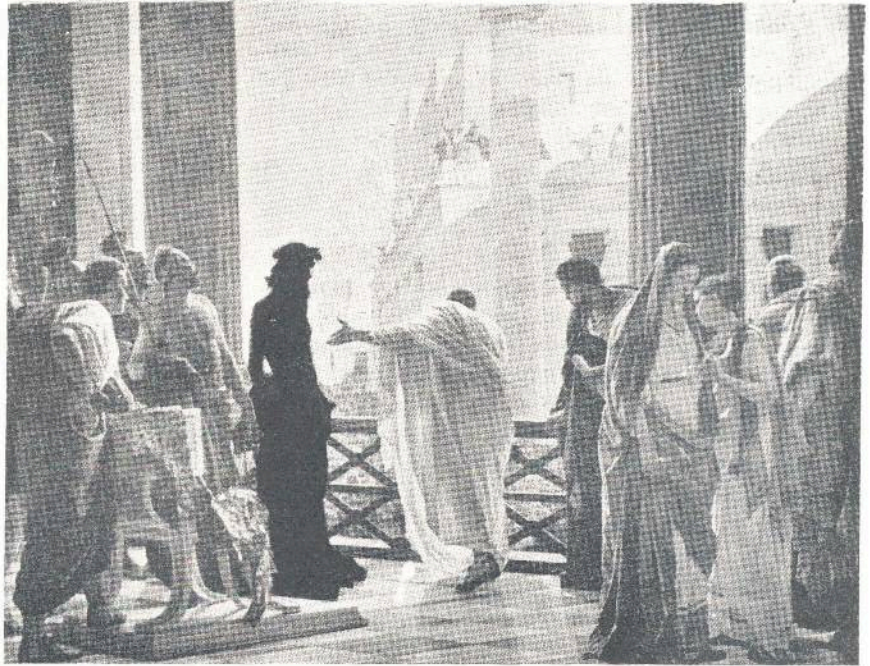
When one thinks of the special education which the Lord had given to the twelve Apostles, one surely wonders what happened to them, for apart from the writing of Peter, James, John and Jude, nothing is heard of them. The Ecclesiastical historian Eusebius (A.D. 254-340) wrote in *De Demonstratione Evangelii*: "The Apostles passed beyond the ocean, to the isles called the Britannic Isles" while the British historian, Gildas (A.D. 516-570) wrote: "Meanwhile, these islands... received the beams of light, that is, the Holy Precepts of Christ, the true Sun... at the latter part, as we know, of the reign of Tiberius Caesar" (A.D. 14-37). There appears to be no reason to doubt the accuracy of these reports for in the Church Councils of Pisa (A.D. 1417), Constance (1419), Sena (1423) and Basle (1431) all ruled that the British Church took precedence over all others being founded, so it is claimed by Joseph of Arimathea. This being so, it would appear that Christianity in Britain was established on the teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ and not that which permeated through the Middle East after the Ascension of the Lord. This latter teaching was adopted by Rome in 313 and when the Papal faith dominated the civilised world, it was this, and not Christ's teaching, that was propagated. In A.D. 597, Pope Gregory sent Augustine to Kent in England

and during the ensuing ninety years, the Saxon kingdoms gradually rejected the teaching of the older British Church and accepted the Roman faith. When all England became subject to the Papacy in Rome one may see that the work of the Apostles who were taught by the Lord Himself was brought to nought and the same doctrines which held sway in Judaea and subsequently transmitted to Rome, overshadowed and obliterated the Truth.

Notwithstanding the Reformation which provided the Opened Book — this Book was merely another translation added to the many which had preceded it and which contained the same "tares". Since that time, many other translations have been made and in a world situation which deteriorated to the position of anarchy and in an Anglo-Saxon situation which rose to great heights and is slipping into unprecedented depths, no new translation appears to be bringing light to bear on the situation. In the light of all this, one can perhaps understand why it is that the Lord revealed that at His Coming again — the need for this is becoming more imperative as the days pass — His Name, The WORD of God, is unknown. However — and thanks be — He IS Coming again and as Moses wrote so long ago: "...unto him ye shall hearken" (Deut. 18:15). In the First Advent, the WORD was again given against the background of perversions of the Truth and yet, such was the power of the "prince of this world", that despite the re-giving of the WORD it has again been perverted requiring a Second Advent so that the LORD'S Covenant People will know the Truth that shall indeed free them from the activity of delusion and deception which the Lord warned would come.

With another year coming to an end and with memories of the true significance of the First Advent fresh in the mind through the writing of John, Israel, now become the "tail" among the nations of the world, can think again on the promise of Redemption when the Word — not interpretations or translations of it — will motivate God's People along the lines prescribed by their Maker.

CHAOS OR CHRIST?



In many countries this month the people are celebrating the anniversary of the Birth of the *Prince of Peace* to the roar of guns and the explosion of bombs accompanied by the screams and moans of dying men, women and children. For terrorism holds sway.

No doubt, many editorials will be written at this time deploring such events, but what will be forgotten is that there has been a continuous struggle throughout the ages between nation and nation and between one ideology and another. In fact, the very essence of the struggle — the law of the survival of the fittest — is still taught by many of the colleges of our lands as the basic law of the universe and, according to this law, each man has to struggle for himself against nature and his fellowmen, in order to live in this world. According to *this* law, each man is allowed to grab as much as he can, whether his neighbour lives or dies and if the law of competition — the law of the survival of the fittest — *is* indeed the law of the universe it reveals that man has still not grown up. There is of course another law in existence too which declares that all men are equal and in spite of its high appeal, this extremely popular law in actual fact seeks to drag all men down to one level so that if *this* law is to be the law of the universe then man is due for slavery in a very short time.

It would seem that it is only at Christmas time that people think of what a fine world this would be if the "Spirit of Christmas" — supposedly the spirit of love and goodwill toward all men — should reign throughout the world. At this time even a miser will put a dollar into the city's Christmas stocking for the children of the poor! However, as soon as the Christmas lights have gone out, selfishness again descends upon the world and once more it is "every man for himself"; "make good or get out", and "the big fish is free to swallow the little fish".

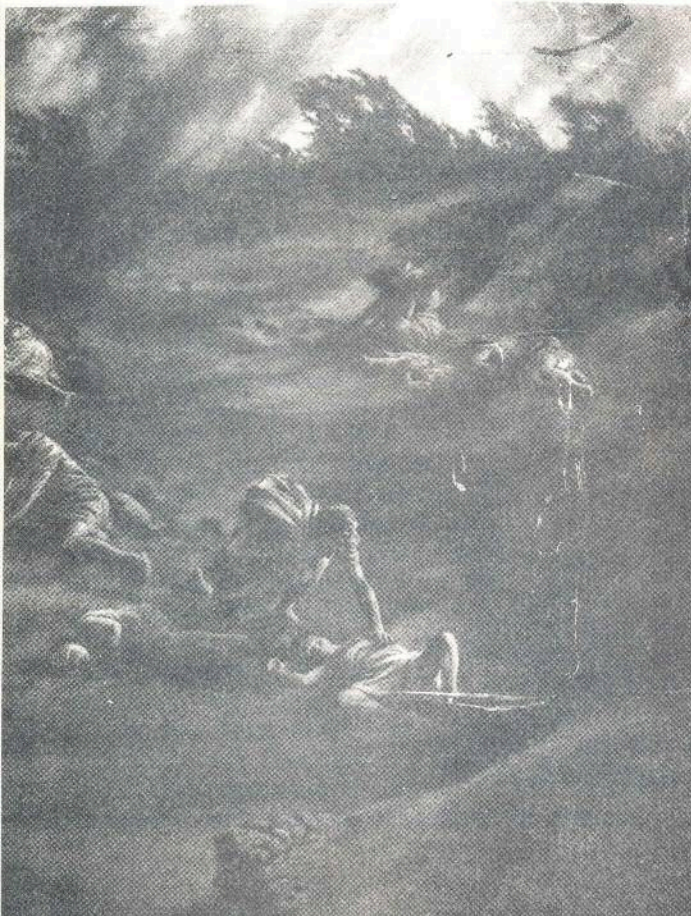
There can be no doubt that as a people, the Western world has practised more goodwill toward other nations than any other country on the face of the earth and they are always so "shocked" at the terrible destruction and misery in the world. Yet not even these so-called Christian democratic nations have been able to abolish poverty within their own borders and "chaos" is the word often to be used. Indeed, many of their statesmen and intellectuals can see nothing else *but* chaos especially for the

future for they know no other law than the law of competition and self-preservation and the Law of God is never taught in the colleges nor practised by business corporations. Nowhere is it on the statute books of any of the nations of the world and so it is not surprising that chaos now holds sway.

Humanity of course had a taste of chaos during the first two world wars, but learned no lesson from it. Such treaties as the "Treaty of Versailles" promising "peace" were signed but as soon as "peace" was declared, the war of competition began with renewed intensity. The factories that had been making weapons and munitions simply turned to the manufacture of "profitable" goods and people thought the Golden Age had arrived.

But it was only a delusion; it was only a "truce in chaos", for the law of self-preservation — the law of brute force — is still the dominating law of the Western world as it is among the so-called aggressor nations who are now trying to take away from the Western nations some of the abundance which they have and in honesty, if the law of the survival of the fittest *is indeed the basic law of the universe*, as some would have us believe, then the aggressor nations have as good a right to it as the West, provided of course that they can take it! Sadly, the Anglo-Saxon nations do not as yet know that there is a Higher Law than that of brute force and this is the Law of God's Kingdom which is the true creative force of the universe.

It should always be borne in mind that during the first World War all the world, including Great Britain, France, Italy, Russia, Japan, the U.S.A. and many other smaller nations were arraigned against Germany and it took them all over four years to beat that country. Much the same can be said of the second World War. Now the world is lined up against the Anglo-Saxon lands especially in Southern Africa and what chance has either side for an overwhelming victory over the other? Indeed, under certain circumstances, one hundred years of war or a stalemate could be in store and undoubtedly accompanied by complete chaos. Whatever peace there is in the world could not hope to survive all the bitterness and hate that would develop during such a drawn-out



struggle for hate *always* breeds more hate and can never produce security and safety.

So it cannot be doubted then that the world faces complete chaos and a condition far worse than the Dark Ages, UNLESS... *"these days will be shortened"*. Unless... the Return of The Word of Truth is near at hand!

It is truly pitiful that the Western leaders do not understand the really great issues at stake at this time. That according to Scripture we are now in a "war" between Almighty God and His Anglo-Saxon Israel people on the one side and the evil usurpers on the other. That the real issue is between Great Babylon and the Kingdom of God on earth. That no amount of treaties or appeasement will win the day. That the Lord Jesus Christ warned that His Kingdom cometh not by violence nor giving-in but by obedience and submission to Him. He stated: "Call upon me in the day of trouble and I will deliver thee."

However, this idea is the last one ever likely to enter their minds and it is not surprising they are sorely perplexed and mixed-up especially if they are "looking at the things that are coming upon the earth" for they are looking in every direction but to Almighty God for help. Some years ago, a leader in Anglo-Saxondom was severely criticised when, in a public address, he suggested to his country that an honest return to Almighty God might help. This tragically did not come, so the world still has chaos, an international and economic chaos brought about by the spiritual chaos that exists among the leaders of the so-called Christian nations.

Many have tried for many years to proclaim the Gospel of the Kingdom to the people, but they have been as it were up against a stone wall of infidelity, ignorance, ridicule, and contempt on every hand. This applies not only to the clergy, who have ridiculed the idea of an Anglo-Saxon-Israel identity. One thinks here too of the so-called intelligentsia who have failed to search the scriptures for the truth concerning the Word of God and who have adopted strange ideologies instead. The Western nations call themselves Christian, but if one goes into their colleges and universities where the minds of the nation

are formed, one finds no Law teaching there — nothing but the philosophy of materialism and selfishness and of course, the social gospel of "equality". Thus it is not surprising that chaos is to be found on every hand.

A Chinese ambassador once asked an American missionary to China, "Dr. Woodbridge, why do your missionaries come to China to teach our people Christianity? I have lived for 20 years in Washington and nobody ever spoke to me of Christ or practised His principles." And this observation was not far off the mark for one has only to turn on the radio for one hour in order to hear the pagan hottentot music that fills the ether above all our lands while sex and the lust for pleasure all constitute the chief attractions for the people. Indeed, there seems to be only a thin veneer covering the body of civilised paganism and money and materialism are the kings of democracy.

It can never be doubted that the Israel people have been blessed with the choicest blessings of God's green earth, yet they have not even succeeded in using these blessings to the Glory of God and it is not surprising that they have aroused the envy of other nations. Now of course the Day of Assessment has come — the day of Reckoning. For the judgment begins in the House of God — namely Israel.

Nor should the people complain when judgment does come for Israel's prophets of old not only warned of what would happen, but always blamed Israel's troubles on the sins of their own people. They considered the Assyrian and Babylonian invasions in their time to be chastisements of Jehovah and the sooner the people again consider the present crisis — Jacob's Trouble — in the same light, the better for all concerned. For the Assyrians are again threatening Israel!

One of the warnings the prophets have given concerns the falsity and wickedness of our economic system which is spoken of in the Scripture as "Great Babylon". They tried to tell the people of the true economic system which is based on the Law of God. But all efforts have been in vain and today, Israel is still up against the greed of those who control the financial destiny of the

world and nothing has ever been done to destroy this evil.

However, what has not been accomplished — the destruction of the Babylonian system — *God will do* and in such a manner that, as the prophet Joel points out, the only condition under which modern Israel will be able to win through, will be according to God's Command: "... turn ye even to me with fasting, and with weeping and with mourning. And rend your hearts and not your garments and turn unto the Lord your God" (Joel 2:12-13).



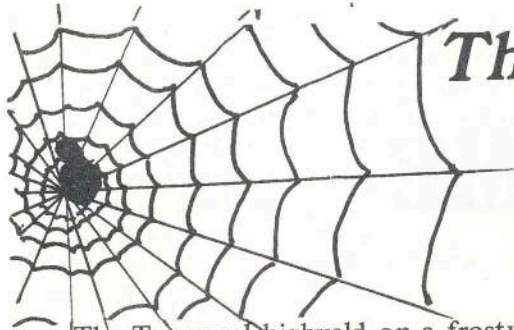
The result of disobedience to God's Law

So far of course, there is no sign of such repentance and indeed, judging from the boastful attitude of some of the leaders, they are more than ever intent on defying God Almighty. It is really not surprising that the prophet Isaiah stated that: "The lofty looks of man shall be humbled and the haughtiness of man shall be bowed down, and the Lord alone shall be exalted in that day. For the day of the Lord of Hosts shall be upon every one that is proud and lofty, and upon every one that is lifted up; and he shall be brought low... Upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant pictures... and the Lord alone shall be exalted that day... In that day a man shall cast his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which they made each one for himself to worship, to the moles and to the bats; to go into the clefts of the rocks, and into the tops of the ragged rocks, for

fear of the Lord, and for the glory of His Majesty, when He ariseth to shake terribly the earth" (Isa. 2:11-21).

These are not idle words for God's Word also states: "If my people which are called by my name, shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins and will heal their land" — and here is hope indeed, but meanwhile, and very tragically, the Western World has no notion of obedience to The Law. Indeed, the people are studying everything *but* the Law in order to find the way out of the trouble they are presently in. Trouble which is descending upon them from every quarter with more and more trouble brewing every day and so at Christmas time this year, the Western world not surprisingly faces chaos and has need to decide which way they will go. For chaos has now taken over completely and the Israel people will have it indefinitely unless the Lord Jesus Christ cuts it short in righteousness! Of this urgent need there can be no doubt for every form of human government has been tried and failed — because of human selfishness. So too will the proposed totalitarian one-world state fail, because men have never learned to keep God's Law and in fact, if after nineteen centuries of Christian teaching, the so-called Christian nations have never learned to practise obedience to Almighty God then what hope is there if they still muddle on in the same way for the next nineteen centuries?

The "law of the survival of the fittest", the law of "equality" and any other man-made laws are thus in reality the most colossal and conclusive figment of man's imagination and more than anything else demonstrate that there is only *one* hope left for this selfish and selfconceited world — the return of The Christ Who is in every respect The Word of Truth.



The Cobwebs

of your Mind

by M.G. Collett

The Transvaal highveld on a frosty winter's morning: millions of cobwebs sparkle in the rays of the rising sun: each one is a breathtakingly beautiful picture, perfect in geometrical design, with the ever-changing colours of the minute frost-crystals scintillating in the pure, clear light.

Slowly the sun melts the shining icy crystals and tiny drops of moisture run down the gossamer threads to gather the microscopic dust particles on those threads thereby cleansing them and then to drop to the earth. Suddenly an unsuspecting insect touches the now almost invisible threads and immediately one senses tension. The spider pounces from his lair, his long legs grabbing his prey. He sucks the life out of it, then casts it away as jetsam and returns to his lair. The minutes pass and the next tiny morsel of life wings its way along to its destiny. This time the spider is replete, but, in an astonishingly short space of time his victim is enclosed in a strait-jacket of web to await the spider's future needs.

Then there is a buzzing of wings and a honey-bee en route to the next source of nectar flies into the web. There is a frantic buzzing and she breaks loose, tearing a part of the web away with her.

Cobwebs in the corners of the rocks at midday: dirty, dust-laden and unclean. Yet this need not be!

How like a spider-web is the human brain! Geometrically perfect, each segment there for a specific task and each designed to warn of something; of pain, of heat, of cold, of danger, of touch, of sight, of smell. We are the spider who must take action, evasive action, assimilating action or storage action. Evasive action if the segment warns of danger; assimilating action if the segment accepts the scent as pleasing; or storage action, if the information gained needs to be placed in cold storage in another segment of the brain.

If we allow our "spider-web" brain to become the receptacle of dust, of filth and dirt and allow it to decay, it cannot function as it should. A computer is built up of banks each with its own specific task to perform and if one bank fails like the spider-web, the remaining banks can be programmed to cover the failure, although possibly to a more limited extent. So it is when the bee damages the cobweb. Unless the spider goes out and repairs the damage — that web will no more function as it should. And if we allow filth and dirt to come into any segment of our brain, whether it be of the segment of sight, of hearing, or of smell we damage that segment if the filth and dirt is violent enough. We never get it back to perfection although we may get it back to a limited extent.

Abuse of anything is dangerous whether it be drugs, alcohol, sex or, believe it or not, religion. And "religion" has in every sense become "... the opiate of the people" with far too many refusing to use their logic — their common sense — preferring rather to continue to blindly follow wherever their religious leaders choose to take them.

And so they are caught and the cobweb of their mind is damaged — so often, beyond repair. Yet it will be recalled that His Name is — O LOGOS TOU THEOU — and from this comes *logic*: "O LOGOS, THE WORD".

The search for Truth is thus most necessary if the cobwebs of the mind are to sparkle and to remain perfect in geometrical design — to be used for His Honour and to His Glory.

IF JESUS CAME

TODAY

*"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day
and for ever"* (Heb. 13:8).

by W.G. Finlay

In an age when man attempts to justify his actions by every means at his disposal, he often invokes a principle in which he does not necessarily believe. An instance of this is found in the recourse to Biblical matters in relation to conditions obtaining on the earth. In respect of the problem of race, the statement: "If Christ came today, He would be classed as non-White" falls and has fallen very readily from the lips of those who press the equalitarian dogma. Many who make this assertion do not even profess Christianity but they do not hesitate to use the principle of the Second Coming of the Lord in the hope that it will add weight to their theory thus appealing to Christians that their assertion is made on Biblical grounds.

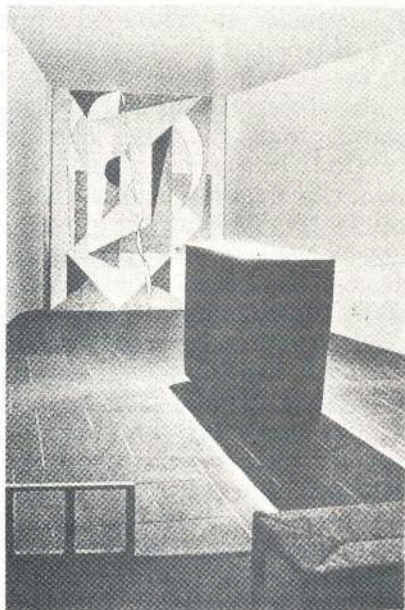
In this and many other instances similar appeals fall on barren ground. For one thing there is no scriptural authority to back the contention that the Lord was either Coloured or Black. The Bible nowhere states the colour of the Lord's skin. However, as He was called the "son of David" and as David is positively stated as being "ruddy and of fair countenance", it is highly improbable that He could have been Black.

If one wishes to go outside the scriptures and consider secular accounts then there is the record contained in the "Archko Volume" and which is reputed to be *Pilate's report* to Caesar of the happenings in Judaea when the Lord was condemned. In this report it is stated "His golden-coloured hair and beard gave to his appearance a celestial aspect". One is yet to find a non-White to whom such a description may be applied. The point to note in this is that however galling it may be, the scripture does not present a record of the colour of the skin of our Lord. It is thus pure assumption and not the least ambiguous to make claims without foundation or authority in order to foster an unqualified sentimentalism in respect of race relations.

“If Jesus came today” is however, a statement of vaster proportions than those involved in only the race problem. Those who insist on bringing the Lord as an example of biological factors should apply the same principle in respect of the other problems confronting the world today. For instance why not ask the question: “How would the Lord Jesus Christ react to the United Nations Organisation?” or “How would He look on those who deny the LAW which He upheld?” “Would He favour the integration of opposing forces so clearly evident in His Israel people today?” “Would He condone and urge Church unity with a return to Rome by the Israel Church?” Would He indeed condone the churches at all with their Social Gospel? These questions would be constructive and of great worth, particularly if truthful and honest answers are given.

The Lord Jesus Christ and The United Nations Organisation

“Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers.” If the Lord came to the earth today, would he immediately go to



UN 'meditation room'
any reference to God has been
carefully avoided.

UNO and plead for peace among the nations? This question need not be open to speculation for a positive answer is available from the scriptures. The Lord would act in precisely the same manner as He did during His first Advent. He would surely condemn any Covenants with other races and it is clearly evident that He would not change His mode of conduct having once established the merits of the case. Never once did He side-step the issue whether it was of a political, economic, physical or spiritual nature. He invariably answered by invoking the Law of the Lord as an entity of ultimate Truth basic to all factors in life which knew no barriers of time.

In this eternal Law, the principle of unequal yoking is clearly prohibited (Deut. 22:10). Yet at UNO today, “Christian” nations and particularly God’s servant Israel nation (Anglo-Celto-Saxondom) are unequally yoked with non-Israel nations in whose power rests the deciding vote on any given issue. By reason of the increased numbers in UNO membership, immature and in most cases heathen states may combine to outvote any resolution which may be presented and any Israel nation, by reason of the same voting power, may be subject to the dictates of an unholy conspiracy which seeks its destruction. This merely touches on the fringes of the unequal yoking which is manifest in the so-called United Nations today, and would the Lord really associate with this? The question of “majority rule” never deterred Him in His application of the righteousness of the Law of the Lord and here one should recall that Truth has never enjoyed the patronage of the majority. There can be no doubt that just as the Lord lamented the fact that Jerusalem and the small remnant of Israel in Judaea were involved with the Roman world system, so too, He would lament the unequal association of Israel at UNO today.

The Lord Jesus Christ and Perverters of the Word

“Ye have made the word of God of none effect by your traditions” (Matt. 15:6). With these words the Lord rebuked the interpretations and additions which had been made to the written scriptures and

those who still indulge in this are likewise rebuked. On occasions the scriptures warn against adding to the words of the Lord and those guilty of this should heed the warning. Indeed, the tragedy lies in the way in which the scriptures have been tampered with over many years until today, it is almost impossible to discover the Truth.

The Lord Jesus Christ and the Integration Within Israel

“...thou (Israel) 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 the people that are on the face of the earth” (Deut. 7:6) and in 1st Peter 2:9 the same words are recorded having their application to the same people who, through transgression, had divorced themselves from the Lord for a period. From the time of the captivities the theme of national obedience to the Law became a Biblical one and when Israel had been removed from the land the prophets raised their voices in proclaiming the coming of the Lord to turn the nation back into intimate relationship with God. It was this fact which evoked from the lips of the Lord the statement: “I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 15:24). In His first command to the disciples this same Israel factor was uppermost in His mind for He said: “...go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel” (Matt. 10:6). Having shown such deep concern over Israel’s condition because of Law violation, *and it should be recalled that integration with other nations was forbidden in terms of that Law*, is it feasible to assume that He would remain unmoved at the present plight of Israel throughout the world? The integrating forces now sown among the Covenant race are by no means an uplifting force. They are in fact some of the “tares” of which the Lord in His parables warned and having warned of the danger of “tare” integration, would He now aid and abet that which is further destroying His holy people?

The Lord Jesus Christ and Religion

During His first Advent, the Lord was

went to visit the synagogue, but it is recorded (Luke 4:16-30) that His exposition of the scriptures was such as to cause the adherents to synagogue worship to seek to kill Him (verses 29 and 30). The teaching of the Lord Jesus Christ was not within the compass of the traditional church of His day. He taught in the open countryside and within the cities and when the occasion arose and when He had to do with the priests of that day, His accusation against them was not only that they followed ritual, but that they followed *traditional interpretations of the ritual* and the Law and had placed these above the recorded scriptures. He accused them of making the Word of God of none effect by their traditions. Thus is seen that the Lord Jesus Who is the same yesterday, to day and for ever, in His first Advent, was opposed to any interpretations or addition to the scriptures, insisting on the pure Word in its recorded form.

The worship as it obtained in that day as far as can be ascertained, centred on the Priest and the shed blood of the sacrificial animals. As one turns to the Revelation of the Lord given to John on the isle of Patmos, the symbolism utilised with its Old Testament key provides an ominous warning to the people of Israel of the dangers of integration with the Babylonian system of worship wherein the intercession of mediators is given greater prominence than obedience to Almighty God. In Hyslop’s *Two Babylons*, this worship is detailed and authenticated by recourse to ancient historians whose records have been pieced together to provide light on that which the Lord warned against. Why the warning?

If the Lord came today what would He do in the face of the Rome-Babylonian trend within His Israel people? The Reformation was the occasion when the chains of this system which had bound that nation for centuries should have been broken. Secular history records that men and women did indeed give their lives that this might be accomplished. Yet today it would appear that the Church in Israel is more than eager to repudiate the Reformation and to uphold Babylonian and Roman worship.

The younger generation in God’s Israel people upon confirmation and acceptance

into the church are issued with a book of devotional worship in which the ritual of today is set out. A few quotations from this will indicate the Romeward trend for under the heading "Rule of Life" the rules of conduct state:

"To be present at Mass every Sunday and on the Greater Feasts and Fast days which occur on weekdays. To go without meat on Fridays, and on other days of abstinence, and to keep the Rule of the Church about Fast days." Under "The Preparation" for the Mass it is stated among many others in the ritual:

"I confess to Almighty God, to blessed Mary ever Virgin, to blessed Michael the Archangel, to blessed John Baptist, to the holy Apostles Peter and Paul, to all the Saints and to you father (note the small 'f'): That I have sinned exceedingly in thought, word and deed . . ." Under the heading of "Daily Prayers" is recorded the "Hail Mary". "Hail Mary full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou amongst women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother-of-God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen." Under "Regina Coeli" is recorded the deification of Mary. "Joy to thee, O Queen of Heaven, Alleluia!"

As must be obvious, this ritual is almost pure Romanism and shows an alarming trend towards being enmeshed in the toils of the *spiritual darkness of Babylon*. The Lord Jesus Christ, Who is the Word of Truth is now through the traditions of men, said to share the Office of Mediator with His mother. And the elevation of Mary to "Queen of Heaven" is out and out paganism for there is *absolutely no scriptural authority* for this and is furthermore warned against by the Lord in His Revelation to John when He stated that His people would come under the influence of the "Jezebel" era wherein Astarte was also elevated to this position in the pagan Babylonian system of worship. Again the reader is asked to form his own opinion of how the Lord would

view this tragedy within Israel.

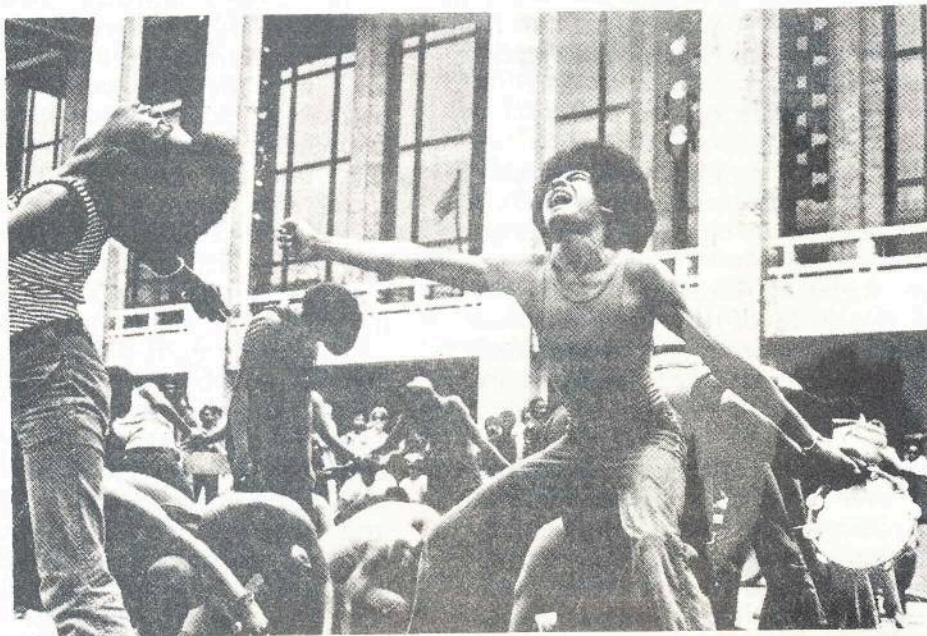
The Lord's Ministry, although possibly not all of it, is set forth in the Gospel accounts and from the moment of His appearance in public He began to teach the Gospel of the Kingdom of God on the earth. It is hoped that readers will not misunderstand this, but the Lord Jesus Christ did not travel the country asking the people if they "were saved" for the Ministry of Jesus was that which concerned the Kingdom of God in its entirety — *its laws, its blessing and its power to create peace, quietness and assurance for ever*. Tragically, this Law has little or no place in modern teaching. Men appear to shy away from the political aspect of the Kingdom of God, but as the Lord, on His own Authority (Rev. 19:15), will "Rule the nations" with a "rod of iron" one is naturally thrown into the realm of national administration which can be called by no other name than "politics". His Israel *nation* must be there and be actively engaged in His service under His guidance. His Law must be put into operation.

Thus it can be seen that if Jesus came today, there would need to be a great cleaning up in all departments of the nation and there is no reason to believe other than what has been said. One should not treat this subject lightly and most certainly should not merely invoke personal opinions to justify unscriptural theories.

The Word is coming and if all would search the scriptures, they would see the tremendous revolution which will overtake the world. It thus behoves each one within the Covenant race to make themselves ready and an examination of our relationship to Him is more than necessary. Do we conform to all that the Law requires or is our dedication according to man's tradition? Let us all go forward in the Power and Might of the Lord serving Him each day in accord with what He demands of us.

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VIOLENCE!



While the cry today is for Peace at all costs and while the Christian world hopefully celebrates what should indeed be a time of peace, there can be no denying that it is a peace which is taking a heavy toll for it is spawning corruption, destruction and violence on every hand.

In terms of definition, the word "violence" is today understood to mean the use or exercise of physical force so as to inflict injury on or damage to persons or property. In this sense, it would be consistent to say that the current world scene is filled with violence in one form or other for peace has undoubtedly been taken from the earth. One is mindful of letter bombs; of plastic bombs; the bombs and bullets of Ulster; hi-jackings and kidnappings; terrorism in all forms of sophistication and outright war as in the case between the Israelis and the Arabs. One thinks, too, of the change in the games played by little children. Formerly, these were the antithesis of violence, whereas today, due to the emphasis laid on this in every media possible, children's games now involve acts of violence whether imaginary or real.

Thus, whatever sphere one cares to consider, the same feature emerges in which

destructive and uncontrolled physical forces dominate the scene. At one time when one passed a church, whatever the frame of mind, this immediately conjured up scenes of serenity and peace, whereas today, the church is seen as the outward symbol of the World Council of Churches and its predisposition toward assisting and furthering the aims of world materialist revolution. Protest as one may, this is the thought that immediately wells up in the mind of the average man-in-the-street whose former reverie concerning the church has been displaced by the sponsorship of acts of inhuman violence perpetrated by the terrorist beneficiaries of this.

However, there is another meaning to the word "violence" which is defined in the *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* as: "Improper treatment or use of a word; wresting or perversion of meaning or application." And the erosion of the Truth of God falls into this category for it is no exaggeration to claim that "violence" has been done to the Word of Truth. That men set out to correct and add to the Word of God in order to have it conform to preconceived and ideological notions.

A closer examination of the Hebrew and

Greek words which have been translated "violence" will reveal that they carry, in the main, the meaning as has been quoted from the dictionary, namely, an abusing of words. It will be recalled that the Lord Jesus Christ, in His Olivet Discourse, drew attention to the parallelism which would exist in the days immediately prior to His Coming again with those in the "days of Noe". In those far-off days He said that they "... were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall also the coming of the Son of man be" (Matt. 24:37-39).

It should be noted here that the Lord stated that the condition in that society was considered as completely "normal" by the people. However, as one turns back to the historical record, one notes that this "normality" only existed because of the people's acceptance of the then propaganda pertaining to the norms of human behaviour. It should be kept in mind that the Lord said that "they knew not" thus implying that the people were in ignorance of the fact that they, by their behaviour and acceptance of principles of conduct, were acting in diametric opposition to what God required of them. A very definite mechanism had been injected into their thinking which provided for the appeasement of every intellectual desire and notwithstanding Noah's call to repentance, they continued in a state of blissful ignorance until the devastating Flood broke upon them.

The history recorded in the sixth chapter of Genesis may be seen as an account of the situation as viewed from God's standpoint in which He saw that the "thoughts of their hearts was only evil continually", i.e. the norms of human society were the very antithesis of His original Directives concerning them. It is somewhat difficult to imagine a society which the Lord describes as pursuing the normal everyday mechanics of life being plagued with the suggested tensions embodied in the phrase: "... and the earth was filled with violence" (Gen. 6:11). The word "violence" here is translated from the Hebrew *chamac* which literally means to "maltreat" or "abuse". The abuse here concerned was the Directives

of God and one may see satanic activity in the fact that "... all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth."

Thus, when the Lord directed attention to the "days of Noe" He undoubtedly provided a warning against the abuse of God's Word by men — an abuse which has very definitely supplanted and obscured the essential facts as originally recorded. It would serve no purpose to claim that these events have no relevance today for the "mystery of iniquity" which was centred in negating the Word of Truth is projected, in the word of prophecy, to the times of the end and is only nullified when The Word is revealed in Truth.

In John's Gospel account, the accusation of the Lord against the Jews is most enlightening. "Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do" (John 8:44). At this time the population of Judaea was very heterogeneous with control or administration of the territory definitely in the hands of the Idumean or Edomite Herod. As to the actual populace, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica* provides the following information which is most significant. It states that "the findings of physical anthropology shows that, contrary to the popular view, there is *no Jewish race* ... they differ greatly from one another in all the important physical characteristics — stature, weight, skin colour, etc. ..." How different is this from the assurance of God Who said that while the sun, moon and stars continued, the "seed of Israel" would be a nation before Him (Jer. 31:36).

One has only to consider the continued allegations of the Lord against the Jews which centred around the "violence" done to the "commands of the Lord" to appreciate that the Directives of the Lord given to Israel at Sinai in the context of His Kingdom suffered abuse at the hands of "men of violence" who were prompted by their "father the devil". Having taken control of and tampered with the Law, these men of violence are certainly identified by "their fruits" for they had abused the scriptures by forcing these into a form which justified their evil practices. It is small wonder that He said: "The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt.

21:43) and in case there be some who fail to identify the recipients of this pronouncement, it is recorded: "And when the chief priests and the Pharisees had heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them" (Matt. 21:45).

This violence done to the scriptures and the abuse of the Word of Truth would, on the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ, be in evidence and have dimensions equal to the days of Noe, immediately prior to the end of this world order. And it certainly is so today as the contemporary scene indicates. Under the cloak of love, the love which the Lord was supposed to have shown and which has become the supreme expression of "Christian" charity, people commit the most atrocious crimes not the least of which is miscegenation. Under the pretensions of peace, riots and revolts are staged in open rebellion against the laws of the land as well as against the Laws of God. The very symbol adopted as the image of peace is the very sign of Satan himself.

However, the abuse of the Word of Truth does not stop there. In conformity with what is developing into the norm of human behaviour, some irresponsible leaders are suggesting that the Lord was not only married but divorced, thus providing an example which more and more are following today. There are, however, more trends and one finds that a leading British (?) Minister of religion actually suggested that the Lord "might have had homosexual leanings" — the result? an increase in homosexual incidents and an aura of respectability being given to the Sodomy which is roundly condemned by the Lord (Deut. 23:17-18).



Gay bar in New York.

Wherever one looks today in the context of the things of God, one finds the same tragic situation which is slowly but surely building an unhealthy climate in society reminiscent of the days of Noah. The Directives of God are ignored, His Word altered and spurned and men cast around looking for an intellectual exposition of the things of God which conform to and save the so-called human conscience. One of the most incredible developments in this is the "Christian" appeal made to the Jews concerning the Person of the Lord Jesus Christ, an appeal which is, in Jewish opinion, becoming an embarrassment. One such incident is recorded by Hugh Schonfield, a self-confessed Jew who wrote: "I recall my discomfort, while translating the New Testament, when a distinguished and Christian layman said to me, 'If you can get around Jesus cursing the fig tree you will have done us a great service.'" Is this not an example of "violence" done to the scriptures?

Forgetting the words of the Lord Who said of the Jews "And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not" and also that they would do the lusts of their father the devil who "is a liar, and the father of it" (John 8:44-45), people persist in seeking Jewish light on the Person Who is the Foundation of Truth, and persist in spite of the fact that violence has been done to not only the things which He taught but to Him as the Son of Almighty God. Thus, true Israel has been led astray by the very ones the Lord condemned.

Tragically today, it requires diligent searching in order to discover *the Logos — the Word of Truth* for undoubtedly much in the Bible has been tampered with and much has been added and one may well consider how this satanic mechanism of "violence" has claimed many victims.

It is characteristic of most Jewish writings too that the Lord is presented as the "son of a typical Jewish family" — the product of an age of Jewish rebellion against the oppressive measures of Rome. Marcus Eli Ravage, writing in *The Century Magazine* (1928) enlarged on this claim by building a picture of Jewish nationalism. "Among the masses, the rebellion took the form of a revival of the old belief in a Messiah, a divinely ap-

pointed saviour who was to redeem his people from the foreign yoke and make Judaea supreme among the nations. Claimants to the mission were not wanting. In Galilee, one Judas led a rather formidable insurrection, which enlisted much popular support. John, called the Baptist, operated in the Jordan country. He was followed by another north-country man, Jesus of Nazareth. All three were masters of the technique of couching incendiary political sedition in harmless theological phrases. All three used the same signal of revolt — ‘The time is at hand’. And all three were speedily apprehended and executed, both Galileans by crucifixion.”

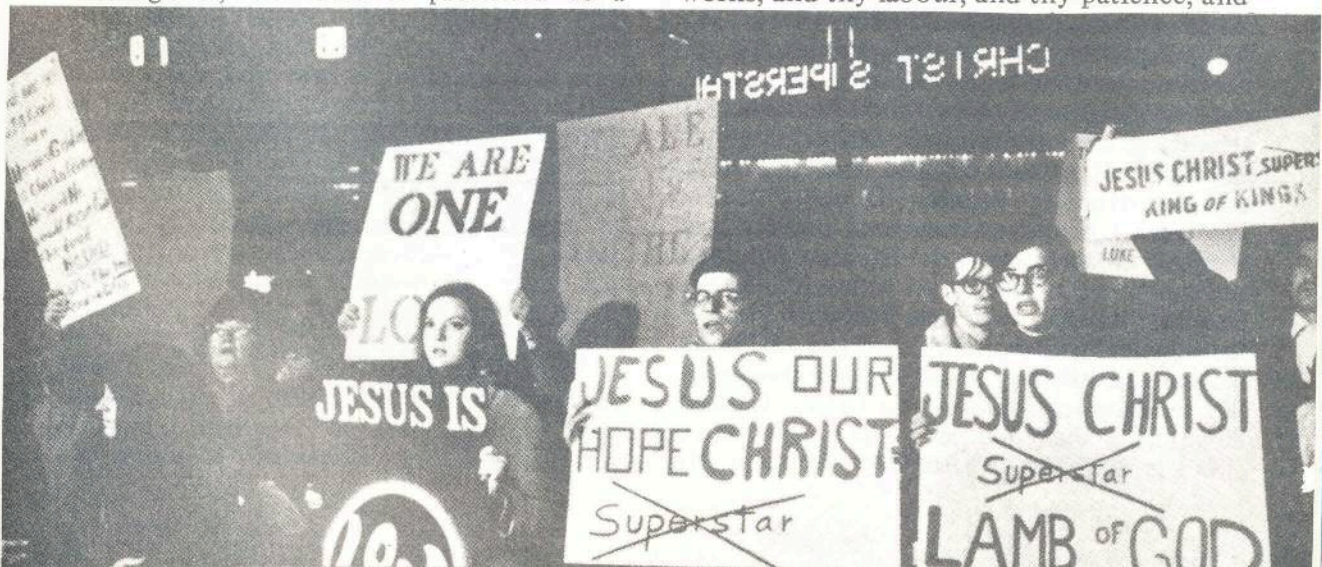
Further, in this day and age, particularly where politically motivated clergymen are concerned, the Lord is held to be a socialist and political reformer — a very definite projection of Jewish thought into the context of Biblical matters relative to the present time. Here indeed is “violence” done to the words of Scripture. However, notwithstanding the many works which are written by Jewish sources explaining the Birth of the Lord, one finds in the Talmud (Schabbath Zarah II) that He is referred to as the “son of Pandira, the Roman” and in Kallah 8b (18b), as illegitimate. Has this anything to do with the high increase in illegitimacy which appears to be dominating the scene in Anglo-Saxondom today?

In Schabbath, 104b, the Lord is referred to as a “fool and a clown” and one wonders if the work *Godspell* was not a direct product of this for as is well-known, in this musical extravaganza, the Lord is presented as a

clown and no “explanations” of getting the message over to the younger generation can suffice to justify this iniquitous depiction of the Son of God — the Word made flesh. Far from accepting The Christ, the Word Incarnate the satanic mechanism of violence done to The Word is creating both “another” Jesus and yet another religion.

What has happened to that which the Lord taught? What happened to His self-proclaimed Mission: “*I am not sent unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel*”? Something went very much awry when one considers the statement by the Lord to His disciples when He said: “*And ye also shall bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning*” (John 15:27). In His Commission to Peter to “*Feed my sheep*” (Israel were the sheep) recorded in John’s Gospel (21:15-17) and that to the Apostles (Acts 1:8-9) there was a specific directive to specific persons and yet in the main history is silent concerning these men and their subsequent service. What really happened to these men? They had been schooled in the Truth concerning the Lord Jesus Christ for He had opened their understanding that they might understand. Thus He had prepared them for the task which lay ahead. What happened to them and what of the Message entrusted to their care?

That others would usurp their role and function under the satanic pretence of presenting the Truth is to be found in the Revelation of the Lord Who in His message to the Church at Ephesus said: “*I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and*



how thou canst not bear them which are evil: *and hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars . . .*" (Rev. 2:2). It is thus all too evident that the "mystery of iniquity", based on supplanting God's Truth with devilish error (II Thes. 2:3-4), was asserting itself only a few years after the completion of the Mission of the Lord.

Today, almost two thousand years later, one can appreciate the implications of the Lord's parallelism in equating the present time with the days of Noah. How many within true Israel believe God? How many believe His national Message in which His servant nation Israel figures so prominently? How many believe the Oath-bound Covenant which He made with Israel? How many take Him at His Word and see in Anglo-Saxondom the faithfulness which He has shown to His Word? Conversely, how many are bewildered and confused? How many just don't care? How many are content to indulge in self-gratification and let the rest of the world take care of themselves? Without a shadow of doubt, the world is filled with violence and in the light of the above and so much more, this is surely not surprising.

However, assurance is given that the mystery of iniquity and all that this entails, will be nullified. And as the year draws to an end it is well to recall: "I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth make war . . . *and he had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself. . . and his name is called The Word of God*" (Rev. 19:11-13). All the pretensions, all the assumptions, all the violence done to the Word as well as all the artificial trappings and emotionally stimulated doctrines will disintegrate in the light of the Word of God. And The Word will rule over "the house of Jacob". "Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever" (Isa. 9:7).

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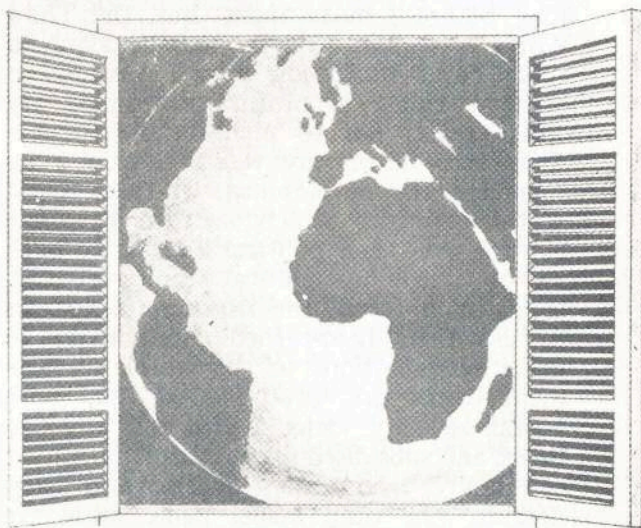
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Window on the World

"IF I WERE A RICH MAN"
Gleaned from *"The Reaper"**

If I were a rich man, long ago I would have established a central bank to help me consolidate financial and following political power in the country; many years ago I would have established a graduated income tax to make it difficult for other men to obtain my elevated position of wealth and power; long ago I would have had abolished the states' selection of senators so that I could better consolidate power at the federal/empire level through their "popular" election; many years ago I would have seen to it that there were convenient world wars to destroy the wealth of hard-working and productive people, so that I could finance not only the war effort, but also the reconstruction effort and further increase and concentrate my wealth and power internationally; long ago I would have established a boom-bust inflationary and deflationary cycle triggered by my central bank, whereby I could profit from the extremes of inflation and deflation, further increasing my wealth and power; many years ago I would have seen to it that democracy was established, allowing people to vote for their own economic self-interest out of the federal treasury through spineless politicians, so that not only could the people be controlled, which is the case with all democracies, but so that also it would be easy for me to buy political power by making poor politicians rich; long ago, in my scheme to establish a one-world empire and condition the last free country on earth to slavery and poverty, I would have established the public school system, fought two no-win wars to demoralise the youth of the country, financed the drug trade to blow the minds of the nation's youth so that my



socialistic one-world empire could be established and make leisure time and entertainment the focus of common folks' activities.

Now, my master plan is almost complete. My boys over at the Central Bank engineered an inflation in the 1970s that hooked nearly everyone in the private sector, both businesses and consumers, into excessive debt. Then my cronies at the Central Bank changed the game and brought about the devastating money crunch that crippled all the borrowers in the 1980s. And now, finally, when it's becoming obvious to all of us that we are headed for a tremendous crash and depression, the soothsayers of the day are pointing to me and my fellow cronies with financial and oil empires, saying that we are about to collapse. Sure, they know that there were two problems with my bank: 1) A devastated bond portfolio, and 2) Disastrous Third World loans. However, I'm not stupid. I've already solved my bond portfolio problem. Thanks to my friends at the Central Bank and co-operating economists, I loaded up on bonds long ago at the beginning of this year and made a killing as the price of bonds rose. Furthermore, I was

unable to unload the losers that I had in my bond portfolio on this rally. So much for that problem. Now, all I have to be concerned about is the loans that I have made to the Third World deadbeats. Approximately \$200 billion of them are in trouble. Does this bother me? Not at all. Sure, I knew these loans would eventually be deadbeats long before I made them. But, the Third World is stupid. And by making loans to these Third World low lifes, I was able to make a killing in profits establishing my banks there, not to mention the tremendous increase in my wealth acquired by financing the development of these Third World countries which in turn gave me control over their political leaders. To back me up, I had my political cronies establish laws which forced the American taxpayers to use their hard-earned productivity to make contributions to the world development banks that I established, that both guaranteed my loans, bailed out my bad loans, and subsidised my investments.

Frankly, I hope these Third World losers default. The tulip mania panic upside in gold has convinced almost everyone that this engineered, worldwide depression will bankrupt my international financial network, that my banks will fail, that there will be a run on the dollar, that the system will collapse, and we will have a revolution. Hogwash. I have already hedged against such a loss and a default on these loans. The consumer will again pick up the tab. But am I glad that he was educated years ago in the public school to turn over all his hard-earned productivity, his money, to me and my banking cronies. By so doing, the consumer has allowed us to wheel and deal with a ruthlessness seldom seen in human history. Little does the taxpayer understand the price he has paid for being irresponsible with something as basic as his productivity, his earnings. But that's another story . . .

A quick aside. Mexico was a real coup. I loaned them billions of dollars, bought off their corrupt politicians, saw to it that the country with its reckless spending and incompetence went bankrupt, so Mexico would default on its loans. Now, Mexico, my largest oil supplier, is forever in debt to me, providing me with effectively \$8-a-barrel oil when the world market is \$32 a barrel.

Pretty slick, eh? And, for icing on the cake, we'll have a socialist revolution in Mexico (socialist or communist, what's the difference?), leaving only America as the final plum to be picked. But, back to my discussion on this depression.

One million jobs have vanished permanently in the United States since 1978. Dun and Bradstreet now declares that we are experiencing the highest number of bankruptcies for the last 50 years. The F.D.I.C. has 227 banks on its problem list. Office vacancies are the highest since the 1930s. The farmers are in the worst shape since the 1930s. The new tax bill, 60 percent of which hit business, will further ensure this depression. Effectively 80 percent of the new tax bill was a tax increase, but we sold it as a tax reform. My man on the Dole did a tremendous job. What suckers the American public are. We even let it out that nine of our largest banks in this country have a debt exposure to developing countries, Eastern Europe, and the Soviet Union equal to 220 percent of our capital. Little do they know how quickly we'll make this up on the downside of this stock and bond market, at their expense, as interest rates soar. Long ago I learned that all it takes is rumours and well-placed bits of information to achieve my desired purposes.

Having 20 000 Mexicans a day cross the southern U.S. border now has ensured social unrest in the independent and wealthy Southwestern United States, which will allow us, in time, to further centralise power and control, as hostilities between the races increase in that area of the country. Yes, my boys at Rand, Brookings, the Aspen Institute and at the Hudson Institute have served me well . . .

Can something go wrong? Well, yes, there are two things that are troublesome. This gold move up has started to get out of hand. Gold has retraced to its latest bear leg down by 50 percent. Gold has rallied to the \$500 level of natural resistance. If gold blows fast and hard on through \$500 an ounce, it could test the old high of \$800 an ounce which, if this happens and is exceeded, could lead to a full blown panic out of the dollar (hyperinflation) and into all tangibles, including commodities, real estate, stocks, etc. in which case, higher interest rates and

a belated attempt to salvage the dollar would not work. Then, we'd have to use Executive Orders to seize control of the country, as well as the Monetary Control Act of 1980. So, you can see why I can't cut this coming spike in interest rates too close. The public is almost at the panic stage now, and the defaults by these Third World deadbeats (I loaned them your money) are forcing me to play my trump card more quickly than I would have liked.

My next problem? This concerns my old friend Israel. Now, you know that a lot of my cronies in these high placed financial circles are of the same religious persuasion as the folks in Israel. And, they have had a bias toward supporting Israel with U.S. taxpayers' money to the tune of \$6 million a day. However, just as in the free market, where race and religion are not issues when it comes to money, so is it particularly true in the games we play at this epitome of the humanistic/evolutionary financial spiral. When it comes to power, control and money, religion be damned. *If necessary, we'll cut Israel's throat.* And it looks like we may just have to do that. I have already had my boys over at the largest New York daily newspaper turn aggressively against Israel, and thus begin conditioning American opinion to become pro Arab. The Saudi Arabian threat to withdraw \$100 billion out of my banks unless my president called off the Israelis from slaughtering the PLO in Lebanon scared the dickens out of me. We put out that fire just in time. The President got on the 'phone to the Prime Minister of Israel and told him to call off his military dogs, which he did. Whew!

Now, I've heard rumours and, in fact have some intelligence to back it up, that suggests that Israel may have developed military technology that is superior, not only to that produced by my American military/industrial complex, but also to that of my military surrogate in the Soviet Union, which I have financed industrially and militarily for years and years. This could prove to be a problem. The PLO terrorists that I financed through my Soviet surrogate were causing so much trouble world-wide that my plan for the centralisation of power was going along nicely. Terrorism always leads to increased govern-

ment control. The Israeli move into Lebanon has disrupted that PLO operation significantly, throwing off my timetable to have my Russian surrogate, the Soviet military, move in to take over and control the Middle East, in the process possibly destroying Israel, and then establish iron-fisted control over Middle East oil. Once this is done, once the Soviet Union controls the Middle East and Middle East oil, I can ration the world's oil supply, set the world's oil price, shore up and increase the wealth of my financial empire, and effectively operate a one-world financial slave empire. I'll own everything in sight and bust the Libertarians, Right Wing and Christians, too. *This has been the dream of men since the beginning of time. I am just on the verge of accomplishing it.* Greedy, you say? *"The love of money is the root of all evil."* The Arabs can't stand against the Soviets. We financed the Arabs and put them in business in the first place with all our oil technology. The oil cartel we formed for them took the bad press for the skyward streaking oil prices in the 1970s when, in fact, it was me and my oil company sisters who profited the most from that Middle East oil concession. So, to sum it up, my only worries now are gold and Israel. Gold I hope to take care of in short order. Israel comes next spring and that could prove to be troublesome. But, then again, no one ever said you establish a one-world empire easily, and this one has taken nearly all this century.

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In the foregoing treatise by R.E. McMaster, Jr., in reference to defaulting loans by Third World and Communist satellite countries, the writer says: "... I had my political cronies establish laws which forced the American taxpayers to use their hard-earned productivity to make contributions ... that both guaranteed my loans, bailed out my bad loans, and subsidised my investments." As though it were in direct confirmation of this statement came the report of October 25, 1982, that "President Reagan would be asked today to sign an executive order authorising the Commodity Credit Corp. to pay a further \$346 million to 12 U.S. commercial creditors for de-

faulted government-backed loans to Poland.” This article by George Archibald in the *Washington Times* continues:

“Despite the recent outlawing of Solidarity by Poland’s Communist rulers, the State Department seeks the authority for the CCC to continue paying off the Polish loans. (In February) the CCC made its first \$2 million payment on a defaulted Polish loan to the Bank of Boston International . . . Poland has been in technical default on its \$26 billion debt to Western countries since 1981 . . . From February to August the CCC made 110 payments totalling more than \$259 to 10 banks and the two export companies that had made government-backed loans to pay for U.S. exports to Poland. Those receiving payments include: Bank of America, Chicago; First National Bank of Chicago; Girard Bank, Philadelphia; Marine Midland Bank, New York; European American Bank & Trust Co., New York; Chemical Bank, New York; Irving Trust Co. International, New York; Riggs National Bank, Washington; Morgan Guarantee Trust Co., New York; Bank of Boston International; Continental Grain Export Corp., New York; and Nissho-Iwai American Corp. New York. CCC plans to make \$346 million in further payments to these lenders in fiscal year 1983, \$225 million in 1984 and \$9 million in 1985 . . . Reagan delegated Secretary of State George Pratt Shultz to provide Congress with the necessary explanation. So Shultz wrote to Congress that “A declaration of default would reduce the likelihood that the U.S. government would recover these amounts from Poland.” (So, the amounts will be recovered for the banks from U.S. taxpayers—Ed.)

There was opposition. Dan M. Burt, president of the Capital Legal Foundation, filed suit in federal court against the CCC payments to the U.S. banks. He said: “These loan guarantees are the sleaziest thing going. The taxpayers are getting raped by this system. This administration didn’t invent it, but they have no business promoting it.

We (U.S. taxpayers) are paying for the soldiers who are sitting on the heads of the Polish workers.”

There are some of us who are old enough to remember that about 50 years ago there was a Great Worldwide Depression. Community banks were closed never to reopen. Industries failed. Businesses went bankrupt. Farm mortgages were foreclosed. There were breadlines, wholesale unemployment. People suffered horribly. But not all of the people . . .

Today the situation is uncomfortably similar. Industries are shutting down. U.S. steel operates at 40 percent capacity. Farmers are in hock. The construction industry is comatose. Unemployment and bankruptcy figures have reached rates not seen since that Great Depression. From Brussels to Buenos Aires, from Vienna to Washington, things are about the same. A West German business weekly reports: “Except for Japan and a few countries in Southeast Asia, the world has plunged into an economic depression comparable to the Great Depression of the 1930s.” There is yet another important comparison. *Now, as then, there exists a ruling class, a self-chosen elite connected by family or associated interests to certain major banking and industrial firms. While others suffer, they will make billions.* Read the biography of Bernard Baruch for confirmation of what happens to the few at the expense of the many. Today, with conditions so very similar to those of the 1930s, we can almost hear that Wall Street banker, super-politician and Permanent President, Franklin Delanor Roosevelt, voicing that victory cry of the Conspirators: “*We planned it that way.*” In the hope that McMaster’s allegorical treatise, “*If I Were a Rich Man*” will alert many more to the dangers we face, we hope for the largest possible distribution of this Plan of the Conspiracy.

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A VITAL PRAYER FOR GOD'S PEOPLE TODAY.

If my people...

which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land".

"Lord, thou great and terrible God who faithfully keepst the covenant with those who love thee and observe thy commandments, we have sinned, we have done what was wrong and wicked; we have turned our backs on thy commandments and thy decrees. We have not listened to thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy name to our forefathers and to all the people of the land . . . O Lord, the shame falls on us as on our kings, our princes and our forefathers; we have all sinned against thee. Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. We have not obeyed the Lord our God, we have not conformed to the laws which he laid down for us through his servants the prophets. All Israel has broken thy law and not obeyed thee, so that the curses set out in the law of Moses thy servant in the adjuration and the oath have rained down upon us; for we have sinned against him . . . And now, our God, listen to thy servant's prayer and supplication, for thy own sake, O Lord, make thy face shine upon thy desolate sanctuary. Lend thy ears, O God, and hear, open thine eyes and look upon our desolation and upon the city that hears thy name; it is not by virtue of our own saving acts but by thy great mercy that we present our supplications before thee. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive; O Lord, listen and act; for thy own sake do not delay, O God, for thy city and thy people bear thy name.

(Dan. 9:4 - 19 N.E.B.)

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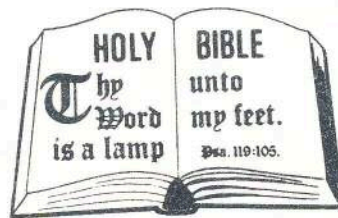
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