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"Blessed be the LORD God of *Israel*; For He hath visited and redeemed *His* people, And hath raised up an horn of salvation for *us* in the house of his servant David; as he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began; That *we* should be saved from *our* enemies and from the hand of all that hate *us*; to perform the mercy promised to *our* fathers and to remember his holy covenant; The oath which he sware to *our* father Abraham, That he would grant unto *us*, that *we* being delivered out of the hand of *our* enemies might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of *our* lives." Luke 1:68-75; the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic-Germanic-Scandinavian people are *ISRAEL!*

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"DECEPTION ON IDENTIFYING ISRAEL, PT 2"

by Jim Jester

In part 1 of this series I proved who the imposters were who claimed to be Israel from their own words and the Bible. I now want to set them aside and give you more history of the real Israel (not the counterfeit one of the "spiritual" one). My source for the historical information is "*The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel Found*" by Steven M. Collins, 1995; now out of print. He stressed the importance of this subject in the Introduction to his book:

Since the Bible is adamant that the ten tribes of Israel would survive, be multiplied, and be identifiable nations in the latter days, those Christians who assert that the ten tribes of Israel "died out" or "cannot be located in the modern world" unwittingly call God a liar. Since God promised in the Bible that he would vastly multiply the ten tribes' population after their exile from Palestine, and that they would have major roles in the latter days, if it can be proven that these things did not occur, then it can be shown that the Bible is a hoax. Nothing less is at stake. Those who deny the modern existence (and identifiability) of the ten tribes of Israel are actually attacking the foundation of the Christian religion: the credibility and infallibility of the Bible!

The prominent Jewish historian, Josephus, of the first century AD commented on the immense population of the ten tribes of Israel in their new homeland in Asia. So he was, eight centuries after their removal from Palestine and he did not regard them as being "lost." The ten tribes can easily be identified in the first century and their later migrations can be traced in the records of secular history from then on and up into the modern era.

THE PHOENICIAN CONNECTION

Centuries before there was an empire built by Greece or Rome there was an empire whose domain, colonies and influence included both the Old and the New World. That empire was Israel under David and Solomon until the time it broke up into separate remnants. The "Phoenicians" also established an international empire approximately the same time (100-700 BC). We shouldn't forget that the Greeks gave the name "Phoenicia" to the whole region on the eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea and to the alliance of people there which was then headed by Israelites. Another historian comments:

The very word "Phoenician" was unknown to them; the label was pasted on them by the accident that the Greek language and its literature, and not the Phoenician, have been passed down to us (Edey, "*The Sea Traders*," p.9).

Steven Collins concludes:

... the Israelite alliance with Tyre and Sidon was Phoenicia by the Greeks, and that the term "Phoenicia" initially designated a whole region, not merely a few city states on the shores of ancient Lebanon ... under Kings Solomon of Israel and Hiram of Tyre, the Israelites and city states under King Hiram became virtually one people, with mingled work forces laboring together on huge building projects and with their navies crewed by sailors from both nations. Since the Israelites and the inhabitants of the city states shared a common language, common customs and a common race, the differences

between them amount to mere nuances when viewed from a perspective almost three thousand years after their existence. The Israelite dominance in that empire was forgotten because the Israelites left the region. Since the inhabitants of the non-Israelite city-states did stay in that area of the earth, the name "Phoenicia" rested on non-Israelites after 700 BC. However when historians refer to the Phoenician Empire and its international power and influence around 100-700 BC, they are actually identifying the empire of Israel to which Tyre and Sidon were allied (Ibid., p.76).

ISRAEL'S RISE TO GREATNESS

Near the beginning of the first millennium BC the Israelites were composed of 12 tribal units which had only recently been brought (together) under King Saul. After he had been killed in battle, David became king over the Israelite tribe of Judah while the House of Saul continued to rule over the remaining tribes for several years. Finally, David became king over all the tribes of Israel and began moulding them into a unified kingdom with a powerful military force (approximately 1000 BC). According to 1 Chron. 21:5, David could field over a million and a half men! If that was his army you can imagine how massive Israel's total population was at that time. This number did not include the women, children, elderly or maimed.

Israelites and Phoenicians were of Semitic origin and spoke the same language. They also had a common enemy, the Philistines. The king of Tyre, Hiram, was surely aware of the military power of Israel being flexed to his south. He certainly had no desire to be an enemy of King David. The

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city-states were also dependent on foodstuffs from Israel and Judah. So King Hiram initiated a peaceful approach and builded him a house (2 Sam 5:110. This seems to have been the inspiration for David to build a house for God (2 Sam 7:1-3). King Hiram also had many trading contacts throughout the ancient world and King David was known for his military expansionism (2 Sam 7:9). Collins says (Ibid, p.9), "The Phoenician-Israelite alliance united the world's greatest commercial and naval power with the immense land power of David's army, making this alliance one of the strongest military powers in the world at that time."

With his enemies conquered, David turned to his project of collecting materials for the Temple of God, which his son, Solomon would build. With vast war booty, tribute payments from vassal nations, and access to raw materials from around the world via the maritime routes of his Phoenician allies, he amassed tons of everything imaginable. Stone, wood, silver, gold, copper, and iron, so much it was "beyond weighing" in the words of scripture (1 Chron 22:1-16; 29:2). In today's terms this had to be in the billions of dollars! With the lesser precious metals "beyond weighing," such as iron and copper, one has to ask where did all this come from?

In the book, "Bronze Age America," by the late Dr. Barry Fell, Professor of Harvard, documents that copper trading between North America and the Old World existed prior to and during the reign of King David. He cites evidence from ancient manuscripts that Norse kings carried on a copper trade with the New World in the St. Lawrence River area as early as 1700 BC, seven centuries before the reign of King David! If the Old World civilizations had traded with the inhabitants of North America, could the Phoenicians have been far behind? From Dr. Fell's book (Ibid, p.261):

Around the northern shore of Lake Superior, and on the adjacent Ile Royale, there are approximately 5,000 ancient copper mine workings. In 1953 and 1956 Professor Roy Drier led two Michigan Mining and Technology expeditions to the sites. Charcoal found at the bases of the ancient mining pits yielded radiocarbon dates indicating that the mines had been operated between 2000 BC and 1000 BC ... The most conservative estimates by mining engineers show that at least 500 million pounds of metallic copper were removed over that time span, and there is no evidence as to what became of it.

David's reign is now generally fixed at 1010-970 BC and since the date of this mining is the same time period, it seems likely that some of this ore went to King David. The observation that "there is no evidence as to what became of it" means that there was no evidence (Ibid, pp 263 and 268 of Fell's book) that this North American copper was used in North America. The Bible again contains the answer that King David was stockpiling copper ores around 1000 BC. Secular sources confirmed the North American copper mines ran out of ore around the same time. Other evidence is that Israel had smelting facilities at Ezion-Geber.

At the time of David's death, Israel had become an ancient "superpower" and clearly shows that they were not an obscure people in the ancient world stuck in the small land of Palestine. Rather, they were the dominant power on earth with huge military resources, advanced technology, control over land and sea trade routes and a close alliance with the dominant maritime power of that time. The Bible describes the interactions of the great powers of the ancient world as not insignificant events which affected only a few people in ancient Palestine.

THE "GOLDEN AGE" OF ISRAEL

King Solomon was given great wisdom by God thus he excelled in many fields. He was a ruler, scientist, naturalist, builder, author and songwriter. He collected treasures, art works, singers, musicians, plants, animals, etc, the zoos, museums, and cultural activities truly made it the "golden age" of the Israelites (see 1 Kings 4:29-34).

The Temple project took seven years to complete. Since all the tribes of Israel and the various Phoenician city-states worked together on many building projects they would have been cemented together into a single entity. It is no wonder his fame spread rapidly with the maritime fleets of the city-states carrying the news about his activities. Not only were they melded on land but due to the building projects they were becoming one at sea. 1 Kings 9:26-27 states: "And King Solomon made a navy of ships in Ezion-Geber, which is beside Eloth, on the shore of the Red Sea (Gulf of Aqaba), in the land of Edom. And Hiram sent in the navy his servants, shipmen that had knowledge of the sea with the servants of Solomon."

Notice that this location (Ezion-Geber) is the same place where the industrial activity of smelting metals was going on. He may have sailed around Africa to bring in

copper from America, or there may have been another possibility (Solomon's ships may have visited the east coast of Australia, - Jonathan Gray's book - The Ark of The Covenant; the Phoenician site at Sarina, Qld - council video). Modern man hailed the construction of the Suez Canal which was a great engineering achievement, but they were not the first ones to do it. Ancient civilizations had also linked the Mediterranean and Red Seas on several occasions. Sesostris III, of Egypt, is credited with connecting the Nile River Sea with the Red Sea. It is dated approximately 1380 B.G.C. Efforts to reopen or maintain this route have been attributed to Ptolemy Dynasty of Egypt (3rd century BC). Trajan the Roman

Emperor (ca 100 AD), and the Moslem rulers of Egypt (7th century AD). Also, Darius the Great (521-486 BC) is credited with building a waterway between them (see "Short History of the Near East" by Hitti). Since the Egyptians had already established a waterway link before the rule of Solomon, it is likely he may have used it as a link to the Atlantic Ocean.

Another important event of this time was that Egypt joined the Israelite/Phoenician alliance making it even stronger. 1 Kings 3:1 notes that Solomon's first wife was a daughter of the Egyptian Pharaoh. With Solomon in close alliance with King Hiram of Tyre and the Pharaoh of Egypt, Israel now became a tripartite alliance under Solomon's leadership.

In the latter years of Solomon's life he is increasingly grew farther away from God. This is how sin operates, slowly, a little at a time, until it has a grip on you and have you bound as if you were tied with a rope. Isaiah 5:18, "Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin as it were a cart rope." Proverbs 5:22, "... He shall be holden with the cords of his sin."

King Solomon collected lots of things (as noted above). It is now obvious that he collected women as well (1,000). Here is the account of how far Solomon went from God's Law (1 Kings 11:1-10):

"Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites;

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... which Jehovah said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: For it came to pass, when Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not perfect with Jehovah his God, as was the heart of David his father ... Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the mount that is before Jerusalem and for Moloch the abomination of the children of Ammon. And so did he for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. And Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Jehovah, the God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which Jehovah commanded.”

From this we can see many violations of God’s Law: Not keeping separate from other races, including their religion and the building of places for the gods. Yahweh God had even warned him more than once, yet he continued. Do we in America see any parallels here? God may be patient, but judgment will come.

The Golden Age of the united kingdom of Israel was over and the downward spiral began. The hedonistic religions who glorified sex and worshipped the host of heaven and built idols (such as the obelisk—a phallic symbol) that represented these things continues during the migrations of the Israel people. In America we also have many of these same symbols. The Hebrew nation of Israel had been a monarchy with the Law of God as its constitution. As long as it followed Yahweh’s Law it prospered and became the international super-power of its day. After the death of Solomon the kingdom was divided as “Israel” in the north and “Judah” in the south. We in America had our division of North and South as well. We also were 13 tribal units. Are we repeating history?

AN IMPORTANT DISTINCTION

The books which compose the bible are to be viewed in context with each other and to the Hebrew mind-set of that day. Our educational (I should say “indoctrinational”) institutions train us not to think Biblically, so we have to deprogram our minds.

From the point where the kingdom of Israel was divided into two entities, the Bible makes clear who it is talking about. “Israel” or “The House of Israel” comprised the 10 tribes—headed by the largest, Ephraim and Manasseh. “Judah” or “The House of Judah” comprised 3 tribes—Judah, Benjamin and most of Levi. From this point forward the Bible always recognizes these two nations, not just the one. It is the biggest mistake not to make this distinction when interpreting the Bible. Without it the Bible makes no sense and actually contradicts itself in many places. The masses of people in America and even the churches think that the words Israel, Judah (or “Jew”), Hebrew and Semite are all synonymous. Nothing could be further from the truth.

Take the slang word “Jew” for example, which is derived from Judah, one of the sons of Jacob/Israel. It can have multiple meanings:

1. Geographic aspect—Jew can mean Judean for the land of Judea.

2. Racial aspect—Jew can mean Judahite denoting a genetic connection with the tribe of Judah.

3. Religious aspect—Jew or Jewish means the Talmudic traditions of the elders.

So in any discussion it is important to define the word being used.

Let’s take the example of Jesus Christ. We constantly hear that he was a “Jew.” This is misleading. The word as used today refers to those who wear old black hats, practice Judaism, celebrate Purim, and support the Zionist regime of Israeli in the Middle East. Jesus did not do any of these things but rather opposed the Pharisees who were the forerunners of modern Judaism. The Bible is clear that these Judaizers “sought to kill Him.” Jesus was not a “Jew” in any religious sense whatsoever. He was always in trouble with the religious authorities of His day. Neither was he a “Jew” in the racial sense as used today, because as I have shown, today’s Jews are not descended from a pure lineage of the tribe (family) of Judah.

We know that Jesus was descended from Judah; therefore he was a true “Jew” (if used in the racial sense; also Rev. 2:9) or Judahite (a better translation) which also makes him an Israelite (Semite and Hebrew included). The Bible also calls Jesus a “Galilean” (used in a geographic sense) since he lived in the country of Galilee. He only visited Judea at least times. So geographically speaking, it is more correct to call Him a Galilean than a Judean. He was also known as a Nazarene - not because of any ‘Nazarite’ vow, but because he came from Nazareth. With all the shades of meaning to the word “Jew” it can be a very deceptive term. It is far more accurate to just say that Jesus was an Israelite; just as He did when He saw Nathanael (John 1:47) and said, “... behold an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile!” Or, as Paul said, “... I also am an Israelite,

of the seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.” Like it or not, the Bible is a racial book; and the sooner Christians realize this, the sooner we can understand the Bible.

..... to be continued.

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THE TOWER OF BABEL, AGAIN

by pastor Don Elmore

What day is our National Sabbath (United States)? Let’s see—what day do most stores and government offices close? What day looks like a day of rest? What day became a state and national holiday in the middle 1800’s?

I saw a commercial on television today and it said that this company which repossesses objects (like cars) took the advice of emails from some of its customers to take the day off.—what time did they take off—this year they took off Christmas. Christmas is the only day of the year that Kroger’s closes its stores. For many stores—the story is basically the same. Christ’s mass is the time for the nation’s Sabbath.

Best-Buy, Wal-Mart, Meier, Macey’s, Sear’s, Ikea’s, etc., all are closed on Christmas. The one day that resembles a Sabbath in America is Christmas. Most stores and factories are CLOSED. Most people are not working. But it is NOT commanded by our God; it is the Sabbath of the god of this age.

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All over the world, most civilizations have been celebrating a time of celebration for this week during the Winter Solstice. It is the actual birthday of Mithras or Nimrod. The stories are all similar. The husband dies a horrible death. The son marries his own mother. The mother has a son; which is a miraculous birth. The birth was on December 25th.

NATURE'S VERSION

This all takes place in nature. The Winter Solstice is the darkest day of the year. The sun shines for the least amount of sunshine—the sun seems like it dies. For three days the amount of sunshine remains the same—will the sun live? After three days, December 25th, the day of sunlight began to last longer—the sun was reborn.

As the superstitious pagans observed the sun gradually moving south in the heavens and the days growing shorter, they believed the sun departing never to return. To encourage the sun's return north (i.e. to give the winter sun god strength and to bring him back to life again), the sun gods were worshipped with elaborate rituals and ceremonies, including the building of great bonfires, decorating with evergreen plants. The winter solstice, then was the shortest day of the year. Observing the slowdown in the sun's southward movement, and its stop, the heathen believed that their petitions to it had been successful. A time of unrestrained rejoicing broke out, with revelry, drinking, and gluttonous feast. Then, when the pagans observed the sun moving again northward, and a week later were able to determine that the days were growing longer, a *new year* was proclaimed.

BABYLONIAN'S VERSION

The false gods worked around this story. Cush was the father of Nimrod. His wife was Semiramis. After the Tower of Babel failed, Cush died. Semiramis then married his son, Nimrod. Seth the faithful descendant of Noah, gathered 72 men and killed Nimrod by cutting him into many pieces; sending them throughout the region.

This was done to show that Nimrod was not a god. Semiramis was able to find 14 of the cut pieces but could not find the one reproductive part for it was eaten by a fish. Nimrod came back to life on December 25th; this was shown by an evergreen tree which replaces a dead stump. His wife, Semiramis, became pregnant and she said it was from the spirit of Nimrod. She gave birth to Tammuz (or reincarnated Nimrod) on December 25th.

ROMAN CATHOLIC VERSION

This story has been passed around the civilizations—from Egypt to Babylon to Greece to Rome, etc. until around the third century AD, the Roman Catholic Church changed the name of the gods to Christianized names. Thus, Christmas was added to the list of Yule and Saturnalia and became a holiday of the counterfeit Christian Church.

Nimrod's name was dropped and the name "Jesus" replaced him. Mary replaces Semiramis. Jesus also was substituted for Tammuz the son, born on December 25th. All the traditions and decorations were Christianized from the ancient Babylon and from nature.

THE BATTLE BETWEEN THE BLOOD LINES

This battle has been going on for almost 6000 years; with victories on both sides. Nimrod, according to a variety of ancient sources, wore "magical" clothes. These clothes were said to be the clothes of ADAM himself—the clothes God made for him after he realized he was naked in the

Garden. Adam reportedly gave them to his son, Seth, who passed them down through the generations, eventually to Noah. After this, they found their way into Nimrod's hands.

Whenever Adam wore these clothes, all the animals around him prostrated themselves in obedience. Nimrod discovered that he could wear these same clothes, and the animals of the day would do the same thing. This could probably be the reason he was known as a mighty hunter and conqueror of wild animals (Genesis 10:8).

Apparently, the clothes had the same affect on the people of the day, which allowed Nimrod to reign over them, as well. We know, however, Nimrod's rule was not to last. After his death, his mother/wife had a child, of whom she claimed was Nimrod reborn, or a "god-incarnate."

One day, her son, this "re-born" Nimrod, was all grown up and went hunting. He wore the same clothes of Adam in his hunts, to protect himself from the animals around him. Jacob's brother, Esau, was also a hunter. He saw neo-Nimrod and his body guards. Having known about the magic clothes, Esau stole them off the murdered body, and took them for his own. It was a tough ambush, and Esau became exhausted from the struggle, so he ran all the way home to where Jacob was staying. Once he saw Jacob, he begged him for something to eat. He sold Jacob his BIRTHRIGHT for a pot of lentils.

This set up a *sibling rivalry* like the world had never seen. Esau's descendants, the Edomites, would eventually become a large part of the Pharisees, the Jews, and now the ruling part of the Roman Catholic Church.

God hates Esau, if, for no other reason for his position of opposition to the descendants of His chosen people. God loves Jacob; God hates Esau. How can there be peace in the world?

There was a royal "*changing of the guard*," in regards to the authority and hierarchy of ancient Babylon. Once, it was Cush and Nimrod, then Semiramis, then neo-Nimrod. Now,

Esau stripped the royal clothes off new-Nimrod, as well as Babylon's majesty, and kept them for his own descendants.

That is why eventually Rome and the Roman Empire would take its place as a majestic, world-dominating system. Although the influences of ancient Babylon spread throughout many facets of the world, its royal authority, or majesty, was once headed at the city of Babylon.

The sibling rivalry between the descendants of Esau and the Israelites have continued on till today. Both Israel and Rome want "divine" authority. Esau had control over the clothes of Adam and passed it on through his generations. Have you ever wondered why Rome has such a dominating hold, or majesty, over the world? Why are so many people attracted to the Vatican, and yield under its power?

The Edomites, descendants of Esau, became the rulers by deceit. They have infiltrated and ruined every civilization that they became a parasite to. The European Union (E.U.) was established at about this same time as the nation of Israeli. This all went down in the "Treaty of Rome." The nation which now encompasses Rome (Italy) was one of the founding countries of the E.U. The treaty of Rome formed a conglomerate of nations—nations that seemed to be a "revived" conglomeration of the lands that Rome once ruled!

And what are the holidays of the one-world religion? Is it not the holidays of the witches and religious world?

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Christ's mass is a major component of the world's religion. It is celebrated by over 2 billion people in the world. Go you think that the Holy Spirit would guide any of His people to celebrate this day? It is the shortest day of the year; the darkest day of the year.

The Bible says nothing about celebrating the birthdays of any of its saints—let alone any thing about celebrating the birthday of its SAVIOUR. The battle goes on—Don't be deceived by the headline and clothes of Esau!

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IS ECONOMIC RUIN INEVITABLE?

by C. R. Dickey

Before proceeding with a discussion of the probable outcome of present conditions, it seems necessary to digress long enough to determine the meaning of the word "inflation." It is a pet word used by the "hired economists"

to frighten the populace away from any plan for a just and scientific monetary system. For example, in 1933, the late President Roosevelt made a step in the right direction when he announced his intention to raise the price of an ounce of Gold.

"But immediately the newspapers throughout the country released a terrible campaign of terror and intimidation. Mr. Baruch had already favored the United States with a terrifying article on inflation, in which he wisely warned against repetition of the German inflation. It is so strange 'experts' do not explain that raising the price of an ounce of gold is *not* inflation in any sense of the word. Raising the price of an ounce of gold is *revaluation*. Did Mr. Baruch explain that throughout the entire history of money, the only time inflation, as he described it, took place was when the internationalists wanted to destroy not only the value of the currency but also the government of a country? *Never* has any government itself conducted such an inflation.

"A vicious inflation is produced only by printing an enormous amount of paper money and putting it into the money stream of a nation without any regard to the actual amount of money required to conduct the nation's business at price levels which are honest and equitable.....

"There are two kinds of inflation: one by expansion of bankers' credit; the other by expanding the currency (bill-fold money). The latter may be an expansion which will be scientific and adequate and no more; or the kind of expansion as was carried on by the private international bankers, during the 'French' Revolution, after the 'Russian' Revolution of 1917, and in Germany after the War, etc. This destruction of the value of currency (making it actually worthless) has never been brought about by politicians, but always by the international bankers themselves. It has never been the statesmen-politicians, but always the *international bankers who have caused un justified inflation whenever it has occurred in the past 150 years*. There is not

one example of a government which misused its national currency.....

"*Was it the international bankers, who know no patriotism, who were responsible for the German currency destruction in 1922 and 1923?* It was a private money inflation of Reichsbank Notes perpetrated upon innocent Germans. This was intentionally done to dispossess the great middle class of German people. The same thing will be done to the middle class of American people if they do not arise and restore their money creation powers to the jurisdiction under which it belongs—the *Congress of the United States* . . .

"The German financial structure was in no condition whatever to warrant the destruction of the currency, *if that had not been the planned intention of the international money lenders* ... From the time of the signing of the (Versailles) Treaty in June 1919 until the beginning of 1922, the international powers who were in control of the Reichsbank and the German Government were manipulating to gain control of actual physical property in Germany. They went so far as to get the banking laws of Germany drastically changed, so that they could borrow unlimited amounts from the Reichsbank and purchase physical property with the knowledge that the loans could later be repaid with worthless currency.

"It is one thing for a nation itself to issue sufficient currency, bearing its own imprint, to effect the volume of exchanges necessary to feed, clothe, and shelter its people, and it's quite another thing for a group of predatory internationalists to print money by the bale and inject it into the currency stream of a nation. That is exactly what was done when the French money system was destroyed at the time of the French Revolution. The money was really printed in England, and was injected into the French money system by paying it over to the conspirators to be used in bribing the 'adepts' and the 'dupes.' It has been reliably chronicled that seventeen printing presses and 400 men were employed in England at that time to manufacture and carry on the traffic in this counterfeit

money. By this means the French Government money (Assignats) was destroyed, and later the same private individuals gained control of the new money system after they had acquired possession of most of the property in France.

"When the Russian currency was destroyed in 1917, the international money powers ordered a foreign warship to sail for Kronstadt, the naval station of St. Petersburg, carrying printing presses, which at once began to emit fake money, which was injected into the Russian currency stream and finally destroyed the entire money system of Russia.

"The fact that *only* international bankers profit by this procedure. During the last 150 years, whenever the currency of a country has been destroyed, the government of that country has also been destroyed, and the country has been taken over in toto by the international bankers. They take possession and control of the entire country; loyal citizens lose everything, including their property and their rights. It is certain people who are now decrying an honest money system in the United States; shouting 'inflation' to terrify people whenever honest recommendations are made, *who will destroy the currency which we now use when they are ready to act.*" (Money Creators, pp.93, 119-

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These few pages from history will let us see just where we are on the road to chaos. They explain what is happening in China - and how a monetary crisis was used to deliver that great nation into the hands of international Communists. They explain what is back of the "dollar crisis" in Great Britain. They also expose the real purpose back of the pretext, which sent the currency printing presses of the United States Government to Russia in 1945. According to *Time*, June 30, 1947, Henry Morgenthau explained what he called the "childishly simple" plan back in 1943:

"The British and American armies needed currency when they invaded Europe. So the Treasury had agreed to print invasion lire for use in Italy, invasion marks for Germany. The real beauty of the plan, in Morgenthau's view, was that the US would have to redeem only the currency the army used to pay soldiers ... But last week, as three Senate committees began a combine probe into the fantastic finance of invasion currency, they were shocked to discover how the plans had miscarried

"Just how the blunder had occurred was explained chiefly by Assistant Secretary of War Howard C. Petersen. The marks for the US and Britain were printed in Washington. The US also offered to print marks for Russia. Of course, the Russians refused; they wanted to print their own. They demanded the printers' plates. Morgenthau, with the approval of the Department of State and apparently of President Roosevelt, turned the plates over just before V-E day ... As far as the US now knows, the Russians are still printing the marks."

Ask informed businessmen what is happening in the large cities of this country, and they will tell you that Morgenthau's "funny money" has already been injected into our currency stream by "refugees," who have lugged it in by the bale and bought whole blocks of choice business buildings, hotels and fine homes, often paying two and three times the actual value of the property. That is real and vicious inflation. As a taxpayer, how do you like the prospect of paying two hundred and fifty-four billion dollars of bonded indebtedness with worthless currency?

Viewing the dismal scene at this point, one seems justified in concluding that economic ruin is inevitable. Yet we maintain that a way out is even humanly possible; although, as stated before, it is hardly probable because our people as a whole are steeped in false teachings about the nature and function of money. The principles of an equitable money system are not complicated; on the contrary, they are so simple, both in theory and in practical application, *that we are in danger of overlooking them altogether.*

Information is the great need of the hour. People must know the truth about money and why so much mystery and deceit surrounds the subject. It is because of the need for reliable information that we have used most of our space in giving the background of financial chicanery. The pattern is ever the same. If one is led to see the plan as it has operated in the past, he can know what to expect as it unfolds in his own time.

The Austrian-born Supreme Court Justice, Felix Frankfurter, is quoted as saying, "The real rulers of a nation are undiscoverable." This sinister statement is only partly true.

Any wide-awake person can discover a lot of things when he learns how to apply the pattern to events and individuals in the contemporary scene. Only an informed public can remove the veil of secrecy from the money question. As Frederick Soddy has widely written in his book, *Wealth, Virtual Wealth and Debt*:

"Democracy so far has but seized the shadow and has yet to grasp the substance of sovereignty. Its first step must be to end the conspiracy of silence in its organs of publicity and instruction concerning the one power of government which underlies and controls all effective political action, and to insist upon its monetary system being as public and open to criticism and conscious alteration as its political system."

The next step is to do something about it. The money-changers must again be driven out of the temple. It is hazardous business, but it can be done. Jesus Himself set the example. It takes courage and drastic action. In a straightforward manner Gertrude M. Coogan points the way:

"The only hope for the United States is to eliminate bank-created money forever; replace every 'credit' dollar

with a real legal tender dollar; keep banking separate from government, and restore control of our money creation to Congress. The present un-American control of the United States Money System could be overthrown without war; without disturbing the public peace; without public expense; without interfering with constitutional rights of any single American; without violating but by observing moral and constitutional law; and without upsetting in any manner or taking any value away from an owner of property in any form, whether it be physical, tangible or stocks and bonds.....

"Actually, the United States could and should set up a domestic money structure, without either gold or silver as a base. . . . Gold and silver should be used only to settle international balances. They are not necessary as bases for the issuance of

domestic money, and are nor necessary for domestic exchanges of goods and services. Gold and silver could be used for settling trade balances until other nations have followed our example in revoking the privilege of private issue, and can agree with ourselves and each other on the establishment of an international currency used in settling trade balances. Until that is done silver should be given a more important place in settling international balances. There should be no such thing as international loans. The absurdity of international loans will vanish as other nations also learn to issue their own currency.....

"Individual banks must continue to be privately owned and managed but they should no longer have the power to manufacture and cancel money (now called expanding and contracting 'credit'). They should be depositories for and lenders of real money (as building societies do now); should collect a fee for acting as a depository for private citizens, and for performing all the non-monetary functions which banks now carry on. The basic difference would be that banks would no longer be able to create money (which is done every time they make a loan) and to cancel money. That prerogative would rest with the United States Government alone (can they be trusted?? CIM)

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development of the individual. The world money powers, through their weapons—Socialism, Fascism and Communism—are struggling to force it closed. True leaders must lead us away from the terrible economic perversion. Practical Christian leaders cannot justify themselves or their offices unless they are willing to attack the heart of this great moral problem. Beware of those spiritual leaders who ‘plead’ for Social and Economic Justice while they refuse to attack the money problem . . .

“Once the international money power is destroyed and the power to coin money and regulate its value is resumed by congress, as mandated by our Constitution, all of the social experimentation and legislation of the present era, with its high priesthood of theorists, professors, ‘reformed’ speculator stock exchange regulators, Wall Street farmers, professional social ‘reformers,’ Judas leaders, Red sympathizers, Constitution ridiculers, college boys, riot agitators, strike agitators, and destructionists in general, can be forgotten as one bad dream.

“The abuses that have been sneaked into the government structure of this nation, and of many states and cities, through the machinations of the international money power to accomplish its own destructive purposes, would be quickly thrown out as relics of a barbarous and almost fatal assault upon the world’s only haven of a Government truly ‘of, by and for the people.’

Why do Christian citizens of the United States, Great Britain, and other predominantly Christian nations continue to pay tribute to the Internationalists? It is for the very same reason that the Judeans paid tribute to Caesar in Jesus’ day. Let us analyze that statement for a moment. The Herodians came to Jesus with the question, “Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not?” They handed Him a coin and He said, “Whose is this image and superscription?” They answered, “Caesar’s.” Then Jesus said to them, “Render therefore unto Caesar the things which are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.” Our Lord must have smiled as the wily Herodians went on their way, for He did not reveal to them the point uppermost in His own mind; namely, that if the Judeans had been observing the economic laws of God through the years, they would not have owed tribute to Caesar. They were in bondage to Caesar because they were disobedient to their God-given economic laws. (Note that the Herodians sought to kill Jesus and they came with a forked question in order to entrap Him. Jesus answer can in no way be construed as instructions to His disciples as to what they should do. He told those who hated Him that they should pay tribute to Caesar.- go read the passage again, slowly! CIM. Mat 22:21, Mar 12:17, Luk 20:25).

Faithful observance to Divine Law, as codified by Moses in the Pentateuch and ratified by Jesus Christ in the sermon on the Mount, guarantees national wealth; it makes every individual a capitalist from birth, a home-owner whose holdings are protected from confiscation either by debt or taxes. Prosperity is written into God’s covenant with His Christian-Israel people. We miss the temporal blessings because we fail to do the one thing required of

us—and that is to obey His will as expressed in the perfect laws of the Bible”

“Some people say, “Were not these laws done away by the New Testament?’ If they were done away, why do they still operate? If they were done away, why do we meet the severe penalty at the very point where we transgress them? I do not understand this notion that the Gospel of Jesus Christ does away with the basic Laws of God written in the very constitution of things. The economic attitude of our Saviour is unmistakable; He specifically upholds the Law and the Prophets. The Gospel in men’s hearts disposes them toward all the good ends sought by the Law of God. Our Christian goodwill is often aroused and eager to do something, but it is nullified because it does not know what to do, when all the time the Law of God outlines the principles of action. Goodwill needs a method, and a true method needs goodwill—here are the Law and the Gospel as you find them in the Bible. Where there is a will there is a way; we have the will in the Gospel and the way in the Law, both of them gifts of God in Christ.” (*Economic Law of the Lord*, by W.J. Cameron).

David Davidson, in his *The Path To Peace In Our Time*, emphasizes the same truth when he says:

“The Constitutional Governments of the British Empire and the United States of America are on the threshold of constitutional crises through which only the power of Jesus Christ can bring them safely. It is true that there is the Gospel of Salvation for the individual, but there is also the Gospel of the Kingdom for the organized community (ecclesia, also translated ‘church’ being a self-governing Christian community). The latter is nit any spiritual Kingdom in Heaven, but Christ’s Kingdom on earth, and we are living in the days in which no constitution will survive except by having Jesus Christ as the acknowledged Head and Counselor in State deliberations and decisions.” (p.32).

Inasmuch as we have elected to follow the old Babylonian system of economics instead of Bible laws, we have come to our present condition. The divine economic order demands just weights and measures; and a “shekel” that remains constant in value, not subject to fluctuation in purchasing power. Through the

Prophet Amos, God pronounced judgment upon His people because they made the ephah small, the shekel great, and falsified the balances by deceit.

Bible law stipulates also that no foreigners shall hold posts of authority over the Lord’s people. (so much for Obama being elected!) In a timely article titled “The Stranger In Our Midst” (Destiny, August 1949), Howard B. Rand calls attention to the fact that (certain) foreigners are denied citizenship in Israel until the third generation. The statute is stated as follows in Deuteronomy 23:9,

“**The children that they (the Syrians [not Edomites] and the Egyptians) produce may be naturalized with the Ever-Living after three generations.**” (Ferrar Fenton transl. - and amplified, CIM) Some may not come in “for ever.”

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It is the “mammon of unrighteousness” - the evil system of “gold” control - which we see crumbling in the 17th and 18th chapters of Revelation:

“Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour is thy judgment come. And the merchants of the earth shall weep and mourn over her; for no man buyeth their merchandise any more ... The merchants of these things, which were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her torment, weeping and wailing.”

Here we see the plunderers of the earth brought to judgment. They shall no longer control the resources of the earth. False systems are to be destroyed, so that righteous systems may prevail. Someone has said, “Life should be a series of festivals, interspersed by honorable labor; instead it is a series of needless battles.” We are moving slowly but surely into God’s economic order, where life will never again be “a series of needless battles.”

“And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come in his season; there shall be showers of blessing. . And the tree of the field shall yield her fruit, and the earth shall yield her increase, and they shall be safe in their land, and shall know that I am the Lord, when I have broken the bands of their yoke, and delivered them out of the hand of those that served themselves of them.” (Eze. 34:26-27).

Writing of the time when Ezekiel’s prophecy becomes history, David Davidson says:

“Israel must submit to God first. Then Israel is brought out of the existing Economic World Order to be taught the principles of the New Economic Order, so as to prepare for the real spiritual Front and destroy all the forces of evil under the guidance of our Lord Jesus Christ. Everything has been arranged by God for that, and the power which this people will receive shall exceed in might every previous experience of the exercise of the power of munitions on the seas, on land, or in the air. It will be a definite passing into the full exercise of spiritual power, a power by which man can righteously release forces which our Lord Jesus Christ showed in operation in many of His miracles. Such forces will come under our control when we humbly submit to His guidance.” (The Path To Peace In Our Time, p.54).

Turbulent days are ahead of us as we effect the change from the Old Order to the New. But those who are informed will put their trust in God and go out to meet the New Day unafraid. “Only that is inevitable which has already happened.

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THE GOSPEL OF THE KINGDOM VERSES THE GOSPEL OF HEAVEN

by Robert B. Record

The preaching of “the Gospel” is something peculiar to the Christian dispensation. It was introduced on the Day of Pentecost, following the news that Christ died for our sins, and that we, through faith in His name, can be saved from our sins.

But the sad fact remains that much confusion exists in the lands of Christendom today as to the mission of the Church in preaching the Gospel. The reason for this is perhaps two-fold. First of all, religious leaders, by and large, have mistaken the Biblical identity of national Israel and thus have lost the Divine perspective. Secondly, they have embraced a theology based more on tradition and hymnbook theology and the Word of God.

They come to their Bibles with their preconceived notions as to what the Bible teaches; they read into it things that are not there, and are given to serving God in their own way. Much of their efforts to preach the gospel in keeping with the “Great Commission” is based upon a verse of scripture that is not to be found in two of the most ancient manuscripts, and most Bibles either omit it altogether, or they call the reader’s attention to the fact it is part of an appendix that was not a part of Mark’s Gospel. Mark 16:15 reads, “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.”

Now quoting this verse might not be so bad if it were used in conjunction with Matthew 28:18-20, where Jesus gives the church its commission. But this latter scripture is seldom referred to.

The average preacher is thus left to add his interpretation (2 Peter 1:20), as to what “preaching the gospel to every creature” means. To him it means that we need to evangelize the world and get people saved so they can go to heaven, or so they will not go to hell. But Matthew 28:18-20 allows for no such interpretation. The goal of the righteous is not a heaven above, but the Kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray, when the will of God is to be done on earth as it is in heaven. This is the concept of the Great Commission as set forth by our Lord in Matt. 28:18-20. Having declared that all authority in heaven and in earth had been given unto Him, Jesus then says, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations.” And in doing this, what were they to teach and preach?

Verse 20 tells us, “Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.” And what was that? In answering this, let me point out that there are two preachings and teachings involved in the great commission. First they were to preach the Gospel and win men to Christ. Secondly, they were to teach their converts all things that He had commanded them. This latter part of the great commission has been almost totally and completely ignored by modern evangelicals. They imagine that once they have won a person to Christ, he is saved and ready for heaven,

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“For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fullness of the Gentiles be come in.” Rom 11:25.

“His watchmen are blind: they are all ignorant, they are all dumb dogs... Isa 56:9.

“And in that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and the eyes of the blind shall see out of obscurity, and out of darkness.” Isa 29:18.

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and that is all that matters. Oh, they may urge them to join a church and do what they can to help win others for Christ, but that is about it. But is that what Jesus spent three and a half years teaching His disciples? You know it isn't! In Matthew 9:35 were are told that "*Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues (meetings places), and preaching the gospel of the kingdom.*" What gospel did Jesus preach? The "*good news of the kingdom.*" He never preached one evangelistic message or gave one altar call. There was no such message to preach until He had first died in our (Israel's) place as the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the (Israel) world. Not once did Jesus urge people to accept Him as their saviour so they could go to heaven when they died.

As in Matt. 6:33, He taught them to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. They were to seek to implement the principles of the Kingdom of God in the society where they lived (in NT times these were called 'ecclesias' - translated as 'churches'). They were to abide by the laws of the Kingdom and keep the Golden Rule. The Kingdom that Jesus preached was not a spiritual kingdom—something in your heart. There is no such things. To quote Luke 17:20-21 as proof that the Kingdom of God is 'within' you, is but to strain at a gnat and swallow a camel. Not for one moment was Jesus telling those Christ-rejecting Pharisees that the Kingdom of God was within them. The Pharisees had demanded that Jesus tell them when the Kingdom of God should come; and His reply was, "*The Kingdom of God is in your midst*" or "*among you.*" And in the light of verses 22, 23, a better translation still, is, "*the King is in your midst.*" This is one of the reasons why it was repeatedly stated that the kingdom of heaven was at hand.

The Kingdom that Jesus taught His disciples, and which they in turn were to teach their converts (and their children), is the Kingdom as taught in the Scriptures, or what we call "The Old Testament." It was a literal Kingdom that was to be set up here on the earth. It has to do with a King, a throne, a land, a particular people, and laws of administration. As this age comes to a close, the people of the Kingdom (Israel) are to inherit the kingdom planned for them from the foundation of the world. Matt. 25:34. The government of that Kingdom is to be on Jesus' shoulders—and it, not a heaven above, is the hope of all believers.

How much more enlightening and meaningful would be the Gospel of Salvation if it were tied to the Kingdom for which Jesus taught us to pray! Instead of Christians ever putting disclaimers on this world as being their home, they should be exhorting one another to so live as to qualify for rulership with Jesus in the Kingdom age. God is not saving people so He can take them away from the earth, but He is getting them ready to live upon the earth in righteousness and peace.

In preparation for that day, our Lord declares in Matt 24:14, that as this age comes to a close, there would be a special preaching of the Gospel of the Kingdom. And once it had been sufficiently proclaimed, the end of the age would come. The reason for this special preaching of the

good news of the Kingdom would now appear to be that the people of Christendom would have so apostasized and departed from "The Faith" that it would be necessary to restore the Kingdom to its rightful place in the thinking of God's people.

Just as John the Baptist came preaching repentance to the inhabitants of Judea and Galilee preparatory to Christ's first coming, so a similar preaching would be necessary to prepare God's people for His second coming. It is not that most Christians do not believe in our Lord's second coming. It is rather, that they have mistaken the purpose of His coming. Let us not forget that the "foolish virgins" of Matthew 25 believed in Jesus and His second coming. The fact is, they are described as beating their drums and trimming their lamps in preparation for the event. But as that day began to dawn, the lamps of the foolish virgins began to go out. What was their problem? The Word of God is said to be a "*lamp unto our feet, and a light unto our pathway.*" Then the light that was in them, the word that they

preached, was more darkness than light. Their "gospel of heaven," shall we say, was not the message for the hour. The *Fundamentalists and the Futurists* with their rapture theory, the coming of some Antichrist at the beginning of an amputated 70th week of Daniel, and seven years of tribulation, *are nothing but blind leaders of the blind.* They are making the prophetic Word of God of none effect by their traditions; but it has not yet dawned on them that this is so. These heavenly-minded Christians may be sincere, but they are wholly unprepared for coming events that bring this age to a close. It should be clear in the light of the Scriptures, that while the word, "gospel," is usually associated with Jesus and salva-

tion from sin, the "good news," or the gospel, is much more comprehensive than that.

The covenant promises of God to our Israel forefathers could only be realized as they were redeemed from the curse of the law which they had incurred. As we read in Luke 1:68 and 72, God had visited His people in the person of Jesus Christ, that He might perform the mercy promised to our fathers. Through New Covenant salvation the breach between God and Israel had been healed. This was good news. It was a guarantee that the Kingdom promised to Israel was sure of realization. It is therefore properly spoken of as the "Gospel of the Kingdom." Only in the mistaken theology of men are we given to believing that the gospel has to do with getting people ready for heaven.

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FAITH WITHOUT JUSTICE IS DEAD

by Christopher J. Ortiz

To do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. Proverbs 21:3.

I wish I could report to you today that the church of the Lord Jesus Christ is embracing and acting on its primary calling to restore justice to a world pervasively framed in unrighteousness. I cannot. And if my email inbox is any indication, the central questions on the heart of the average Christian still focus on how to celebrate the Sabbath; what church should he attend; can he eat pork; and who was the

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man of lawlessness in Paul's second letter to the Thessalonians. Unless we're talking about unjust taxation, justice and judgment are far from his mind.

Yet Solomon wrote that "to do righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice," and this he said hundreds of years prior to the cross of Jesus Christ. In other words, he was still living in the time of sacrifice, priesthood, and holy days, but like his father, David, Solomon saw past the elaborate—and God-commanded—liturgy of his time. He understood that the ultimate expression of worship was a world restored to justice and righteous judgment.

JUSTICE MORE THAN SACRIFICE

In proverbs 21:3, God clearly states that certain religious deeds are "more acceptable" than others—despite those others being very liturgical functions He Himself required. Even during the Old Covenant, God desired justice more than the celebration of feasts and the offerings upon the altars. This is an important lesson for our time as most contemporary church controversies center around liturgy, sacrament, or some other ecclesiocentric matter. In what sense have we surpassed the Pharisees?

If we must deal with a world that is established in wickedness, then it seems strange that justice would not be our emphasis. Yet a very strange ecclesiastical pietism—a carryover from Romanism—dominates too many churchmen with their belief that properly exercised liturgy will somehow result in very real changes in society. This is a similar faith to that found in many Charismatic churches that hold spiritual warfare meetings in an attempt to "pull down strongholds" (2 Cor. 10:4) over a city. They neglect Paul's obvious meaning of "taking every thought captive" (v.5) as something achieved through Biblical preaching and correction and spiritual disciplines.

Denominationalism has a similar premise. It's the idea that the more visible the institutional church, the more social clout it can exercise. Therefore, church planting becomes an imperial exercise for a particular group where progress is measured by how many new congregations are planted in a given year. This is not the type of visibility that God calls for, as Rushdoony so ably notes:

The visibility of the Church is not in its institutional presence, but in its fulfillment of its calling. When the Church truly fulfills her calling, the consequences are apparent in the diffusion and enforcement of God's Law order, so that every area of life is brought under the dominion of God. 1

Church progress—or church growth—should be measured by the decline of wickedness and the restoration of justice. The purpose of dominion is to restore godly justice in order that the world order might glorify God (1 Cor. 10:31). Churches on every corner, or mass participation in liturgy, hardly give evidence to a restoration of justice. In fact, the average man is angered by the great pomp and visibility of the church. Why? because for all the prowess of the institutional church, the world remains unjust—faith without justice is dead.

The sinner might hate religion, but he longs for justice, and a restoration of justice is a powerful allurements to the Christian faith. As Rushdoony describes, man's cry for justice is basic to his nature:

"However much he hates God, fallen man still echoes God's Law. As a result, when fallen, sinful man faces the wrongs wrought by sin, everything within him cries out against it. The demand for justice was no less present in Rome, Egypt, Babylon, Assyria, and elsewhere than it is today. The cry for justice is as old as man. As God's creature, man cries out against injustice, and his being longs for a just order even as the plant seeks the sun."²

It's when the old world can witness a just and holy order amongst God's people that they will learn of the superiority of God's Law over all other systems of thought:

"Therefore be careful to observe them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples who will hear all these statutes, and say, 'Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people.'" Deut 4:6.

CHRISTIAN OBSTRUCTION

Justice is more acceptable than sacrifice. The restoration of God's order is more acceptable than the questionable laboring by men over the redefining of the doctrine of justification. Even a child could understand that one is justified so that one may go and make the world just. To do that, however, a theologian must forsake his obsession with the church and the academy and reorient himself to Kingdom labor:

"It is a serious mistake to see theology as an academic exercise. The word *theology* means *God's Word*; it begins with the presupposition that Scripture is the word of God, and the duty of the theologian is to understand it and to apply it to every area of life and thought."³

The Scriptures are blueprints for justice and godly order, and in the portions that speak of justice, the Scriptures are plain-spoken. There's no need for debate when it comes to caring for widows and orphans—no need to parse any verbs in that instance. So long as we place priority on anything other than a restoration of justice, we shall find ourselves obstructing God's way. It's not that other religious matters are without importance; it's an issue of priority:

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters

of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone." Matthew 23:23.

According to our Lord, the "weightier matters" (Gk. *barus*) of judgment, mercy, and faith are "more acceptable" than sacrifice. This was a double insult to the Pharisees, since our Lord first used the same word *barus* (grievous) in relation to the liturgical and ceremonial burdens placed on the people by Israel's religious leaders:

"For they bind heavy burdens hard to bear [*barus*], and lay them on men's shoulders....." Matthew 23:4a.

The real *heavy burden* is the restoration of justice, not the liturgical details that identify and occupy each Christian sect. The Lord desires judgment, mercy, and faith. Without these, our faith is without works, and therefore dead.

THE DOCTRINE OF JUSTICE

The Biblical text is so replete with the subjects of justice, judgment, mercy, and righteousness—all synonymous terms—that I contend it should be its own doctrinal category, viz., the doctrine of justice. It should have a place among the creeds and confessions and be pushed forward

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as the defining characteristic of what it means to build the Kingdom and glorify God.

The opposite is also true. Without a doctrine of justice that is lived out by God's people, we are not advancing the Kingdom. Even though our sacraments, liturgy, and organizations might be highly developed, we are not glorifying God in the complete sense if we are not working for a restoration of God's order [it would be well for anybody doing 'jury duty' to remember that!] Israel herself maintained an elaborate liturgy, but injustice reigned instead of righteousness—they were still a guilty and bloody people:

"For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity. No one calls for justice, nor does any plead for truth. They trust in empty words and speak lies; they conceive evil and bring forth iniquity." Isaiah 59:3-4 (emphasis added).

Much of Israel's history can be summarized in the first chapters of Isaiah where God rejects her sacrifices, priesthood, liturgy, and holy days because of her uncleanness and bloodiness. no doubt, the implication is that Israel trusted in her liturgical orders:

"Bring no more futile sacrifices; incense is an abomination to Me. The New Moons, the Sabbaths, and the calling of assemblies—I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting. Your New Moons and your appointed feasts My soul hates: they are a trouble to Me. I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands, I will hide My eyes from you; even though you make many prayers I will not hear. Your hands are full of blood." Isaiah 1:13-15.

God offered her a solution, but it had little to do with organization, a new revelation, a change in the priesthood, or some other ecclesiastical adjustment. The solution was simple and the language was crafted with God's typical summary of what His heart has always desired for His people:

"Learnt to do good; seek justice, rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow." Isaiah 1:17.

For me, Isaiah 1:17 is the simple definition of what it means to seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness (Matt. 6:33). Anything less is "domination" not godly dominion. Anything less is a quest for power.

THE GOD-KIND OR FAST

"Yet they seek Me daily, and delight to know My ways, as a nation that did righteousness, and forsook not the ordinances of their God: they ask of me the ordinances of justice; they take delight in approaching to God." Isaiah 58:2.

Israel thought they could garner a response from God due to their national fasting: "Wherefore have we fasted, say they, and thou seest not?" (Isa 58:3). They had chosen the wrong fast, because despite their acting as if they desired "the ordinances of justice," they actually fasted "for strife and debate" (v.4). God's purpose for fasting was for far more than abstinence. The doctrine of justice served as the thesis for what Israel's fast should typify:

"Is not this the fast that I have chosen? To loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?" Isaiah 58:6.

By destroying wickedness and ending oppression, God's laws regarding fasting were fulfilled—this would be the direct result of an established justice. In fact, beyond fasting, God's Law in its totality is intended to restore order and justice. Israel attempted to humble herself with fasting but the end result was a continual *hiding from their own flesh* (v.7), i.e., they hid themselves from the oppressed living among them. Faithfulness to God's Law should produce the opposite effect. Rushdoony describes it this way:

[T]he result of humility, and obedience to God's law, is a morality that leads to social and personal righteousness or justice.⁴

To "let the oppressed go free" is at the heart of the gospel, and it is good news to them that suffer under tyranny. Our Lord was anointed "to preach deliverance to the captives," and "to set at liberty them that are bruised" (Luk 4:18). In this sense, *true law keeping is "gospel" to the core* because it has—or should have—as its end, the restoration of justice. In fact, even the blessings listed at the end of Isaiah 58 are foreshadows of the Christian reconstructionist vision:

"Those from among you shall build the old waste places; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; and you shall be called the Repairer of the Breach, the Restorer of Streets to Dwell In." Isa 58:12

Like the gospel, the fulfillment of the law leads to liberating the captives. However, the implementing of the law brings physical liberty—not simply the spiritual liberty touted by evangelicalism. It's not enough to have a food pantry. We must "rebuke the oppressor; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow."

In this sense, the law as it is newly expressed through the gospel is a law of liberty; or should I say, "the law that brings liberty." Law and gospel work together bringing both spiritual liberty by the transforming power of holy spirit and social liberty by the theocratic reign of God's people.

JAMES AND THE LAW OF LIBERTY

"So speak and so do, as those who will be judged by the law of liberty." James 2:12.

The above passage is actually the second instance in which James mentions the "law of liberty," but in both cases the idea is similar; the law of liberty involves "doing."

"But he who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." James 1:25

And what is the end result of the doing of the law of liberty? It is the establishment of religion⁵—a pure and undefiled religion:

"Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, to visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world." James 1:27.

Widows and orphans are the Biblical example of necessity for justice, because they represent the weaker and often most oppressed members of any social order (ecclesia). And because the tendency of most societies is to favor the oppressor [look at how the courts favour the banks],

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remaining “unspotted from the world” means keeping one’s garments clean of partiality:

“My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality.” James 2:1.

The example James uses is that of church leaders showing preference to wealthy visitors in full knowledge that those very same people oppress the poor and faithful—those whom God ordained to be “rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom” (2:5)

Partiality violates the “royal law” to “love your neighbour as yourself” (v.8). The royal law is the law of the king, and the law of the King is what advances His reign. But without a more refined interpretation of how to love one’s neighbour, Christians will be ignorant of its application. James then expounds on the details of the royal law by citing the sixth and seventh commandments as examples of its direct application. (v.11).

LAW AND GOSPEL ARE FOR LIBERTY

The ecclesia leaders to whom James writes could certainly claim to have faith, but his argument is that faith is useless without corresponding works of righteousness—works that bring justice:

“What does it profit my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him?” 2:14.

We cannot believe that James is in contradiction to Paul’s doctrine of justification by faith, and Rushdoony points out that James is not dismissing the theological discussion but is rather pointing out the end result of a limited faith:

James is not anti-theology; what he is against is the separation of theology from life, the reduction of faith to easy-believism, and the negation of action as the expression of faith. neither valid faith nor valid works can be separated one from another. How can any man demonstrate a valid faith without works? Faith is shown by works.⁶

This is an accurate description of our present time, for our own generation has limited the faith to belief only without a corresponding application to every area of life. We believe in the gospel of liberty (Luke 4:18), but not in the law of liberty. We are anxious to liberate men’s souls with gospel preaching, but we won’t apply God’s Law to the larger social order to liberate their earthly lives. We have great church services and precise doctrine, but everywhere we look, we are fettered with statist chains.

Therefore, faith without works is dead, and the works James has in mind are the care of the oppressed and impoverished and the destruction of established wickedness. They are works that restore order. In short, they are works of justice. James can be better understood in our time if we said that *faith without justice is dead*. [so if the Queen is supposed to be ‘defender of the faith’ then she should also be a defender of justice - but we do NOT see that happening, CIM]

THE ESTABLISHMENT OF GOD’S THRONE AND OUR RAGE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS

Works are faith in action, faith made manifest.⁷

James wrote that we were born of the word of truth so that “we might be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures” (1:18). For that reason, he goes on to say, “So then, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath; for wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God” (v.19-20). Through Jesus Christ, God has introduced a new humanity into the world. This is an incredible truth that should humble us. To hear that God has called us as first fruits of His new creation should inspire us to be *swift to hear and slow to speak*. We are to be swift to hear the law that brings liberty and learn to speak that word to a world in need of reconstruction. Anything less will “not produce the righteousness of God,” and that is what we are to be seeking:

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness Matthew 6:33

To seek the Kingdom and His righteousness equates to faith in action, and faith in action is justice in action. Whether it is faith, knowledge, wisdom, or understanding, they all result in justice and godly judgment:

“To know wisdom and instruction; to perceive the words of understanding; to receive the instruction of wisdom, justice, and judgment, and equity.” Proverbs 1:2-3.

The center of all things is the throne of God (Rev. 22:1), and from the throne of God comes justice and mercy. Therefore, as James states, our faith must lead to acts of mercy, justice, and judgment. If we are not passionate about the restoration of justice, we cannot claim we are passionate about either God’s reign or His throne:

“Justice and judgment are the habitation of thy throne: mercy and truth shall go before thy face.” Psalm 89:14.

“Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will perform this.” Isa 9:7.

And so God condemns the wicked rulers who perpetually judge in favor of the ungodly

against the widow and the orphan. This is why James is direct in his admonishment against showing partiality to the wealthy—he accuses the church leaders of becoming “judges with evil thoughts” (James 2:5). Surely, James has Psalm 82 in mind:

“God standeth in the congregation (ecclesia) of the mighty; he judgeth among the gods. How long will ye judge unjustly, and accept the persons of the wicked? Selah. Defend the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy: rid them out of the hand of the wicked.” Psalm 82:1-4.

God sought to reverse the order of history by introducing a new creation of godly rulers—a kingdom of priests (1 Per. 2:9)—through the advent of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This eternal purpose was revealed as a Kingdom of salvation and safety because it would be established upon

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justice and judgment with a King whose very name would be righteousness:

"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS." Jeremiah 23:5-6, emphasis added.

Justice and righteousness are a great calling from God, but too much of the faith being taught has little to do with these tenets. so long as we speak more of politicians and economics than justice for the widow and orphan, our religion is impure, power-driven, and materialistic.

We lack a rage of righteousness that seeks to overturn the establishment of wickedness in our present social order. We must first believe and embrace our calling to dominion and then understand that the objective is liberty, not political power. We are here to make the world right through the power of holy spirit, the sword of gospel preaching, and the legislative storehouse of God's Law. We preach to make men spiritually free, but we apply God's Law to free them in history, and the freedom they need is from the oppression of wicked rulers.

ARE YOUR EYES A FLAME OF FIRE?

Christ rides the white horse in history in order to conquer (Rev. 6:2), and the imagery of the book of Revelation is meant to encourage us to conquer in His name. If you want to understand the type of "attitude" you should take towards your role in history, I'll leave you with this uncompromising description of the attitude and action of the One you call Lord:

"Now I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse. And He who sat on him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He judges and makes war. His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns. He had a name written that no one knew except Himself. he was clothed with a robe dipped in blood, and His name is called The Word of God. And the armies in heaven, clothed in fine linen, white and clean, followed Him on white horses. Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword, that with it He should strike the nations. And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God. And He has on His robe and on His thigh a name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS." Rev. 19:11-16.

He strikes the nations because they are unjust, and He grants us faith that we might establish His righteousness. To place our focus too much upon the ecclesiastical and the liturgical—leads to a dead faith. We are like a body without the spirit:

"For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also." James 2:26.

Let us then truly *pass from death unto life*, for our life and spirit are found in our works of righteousness. The present world order is in need of the power of His resurrection (Phil. 3:10), because its sinful wages have brought death (Rom. 6:23). If faith without works (justice) is dead, then faith *with* justice if life.

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HELP, LORD! — PSALM 12

Robert McCurry

1. Help, LORD; for the godly man ceaseth; for the faithful fail from among the children of men.

2. They speak vanity every one with his neighbour: with flattering lips and with a double heart do they speak.

3. The LORD shall cut off all flattering lips, and the tongue that speaketh proud things:

4. Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail; our lips are our own: who is lord over us?

5. For the oppression of the poor, for the sighing of the needy, now will I arise, saith the LORD; I will set him in safety from him that puffeth at him.

6. The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times.

7. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.

8. The wicked walk on every side, when the vilest men are exalted.

MATTHEW HENRY, COMMENTARY ON PSALM 12

"Let us see here what it is that makes the times bad, and when they may be said to be so. Ask the children of this world what it is in their account that makes the times bad, and they will tell you, Scarcity of money, decay of trade, and the desolations of war, make the times bad. But the scripture lays the badness of

the times upon the causes of another nature. 2 Tim. 3:1, 'Perilous times shall come, for iniquity shall abound;' and that is the thing David here complains of.

When there is a general decay of goodness and honesty among men the times are then truly bad (v.1): When the godly man ceases and the faithful fail. Observe how these two characters are here put together, the godly and the faithful. As there is no true policy, so there is no true goodness, without honesty. Godly men are faithful men, fast men, so they have sometimes been called; their word is as confirming as their oath, as binding as their bond; they make conscience of being true both to God and man. They are here said to cease and fail, either by death or by desertion, or by both. Those that were godly and faithful were taken away, and those that were left had sadly degenerated and were not what they had been; so that there were few or no good people that were Israelites indeed to be met with; there was a general decay of religion and virtue (and the times are bad, very bad, when it is so); not a man to be found that executes judgment, Jer. 5:1.

When the enemies of God, and religion, and religious people, are impudent and daring, and threaten to run down all that is just and sacred, then the times are very bad, when proud sinners have arrived at such a pitch of impiety as to say, "With our tongue will we prevail against the cause of virtue; our lips are our own and we may say what we will; who is lord over us, either to restrain us or to call us to account?" v.4. This bespeaks,

A proud conceit of themselves and confidence in themselves, as if the point were indeed gained by eating forbidden fruit, and they were as gods, independent and self-



sufficient, infallible in their knowledge of good and evil and therefore fit to be oracles, irresistible in their power and therefore fit to be lawgivers, that could prevail with their tongues, and, like God himself, speak and it is done.

When wickedness abounds, and goes barefaced, under the protection and countenance of those in authority, then the times are very bad when the vilest men are exalted to places of trust and honour (who, instead of putting the laws in execution against vice and injustice and punishing the wicked according to their merits, patronize and protect them, give them countenance and support their reputation by their own example) then the wicked walk on every side; they swarm in all places, they declare their sin as Sodom and there is none to check or control them . . . Bad men are base men, the vilest of men, and they are so though they are ever so highly exalted in this world.....

When times are thus bad it is comfortable to think, that we have a God to go to, from whom we may ask and expect the redress of all our grievances. This he begins with 'Help, Lord, for the godly man ceaseth.' All other helps and helpers fail; even the godly and faithful, who should lend a helping hand to support the dying cause of religion..... When godly faithful people cease and fail it is time to cry, 'Help, Lord!' God will certainly reckon with false and proud men, and will punish and restrain their insolence.

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A SAD DAY - VICTORIA RESTRICTS RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

It was a very sad day for freedom of speech and freedom of religion in Victoria when the Victorian parliament's Legislative Council passed the controversial Equal Opportunity Bill on Thursday 15th April 2010.

The Bill had previously been passed by the Legislative Assembly and will now become law.

This draconian new bill gives wide ranging powers to the Equal Opportunity and Human Rights Commission to launch their own investigations even when a complaint hasn't been made.

The Bill also severely restricts religious freedom by requiring religious bodies and schools to PROVE that it is an inherent requirement for a position for them to discriminate in areas such as gender, sexual orientation, marital status and EVEN religion! It also requires these bodies to show it is 'reasonably necessary' to discriminate regarding their 'doctrine' in all other matters (the training and employment of ministers is about the only exception!),

All Members of the Liberal and national Parties voted against the Bill, along with Peter Kavanagh of the Democratic Labor Party. We congratulate them for their stand for freedom and voting against this Bill.

There were some fine, passionate speeches—including those from Peter Kavanagh and Liberals Inga Peulich and Bernie Finn. In his speech Damien Drum (Nationals) said he had received more than 1000 emails - so than you to everyone who wrote to their Members! - for speeches, see Hansard.

All three Greens and all Labor Members voted for the Bill. The vote was 22 to 18.

The Liberals have now committed, in a meeting with the Australian Christian Lobby, to repeal these draconian provisions if they are elected in November. (perhaps they should just disband the HREOC and send them all home, CIM). See the website www.saltshakers.org.au for the Campaign page and full details and links.

SA: INTERNET LAW

Earlier we reported that a law had been passed by the South Australian Parliament that required people who were

making an internet comment about the election to provide a real name and postcode. This was to make it consistent with the law regarding letters and comments published in newspapers.

There was such an outcry from people posting comments on the Adelaide newspaper's website that the Premier, Mike Rann, said he would legislate to abolish the law if he was re-elected—he also promised to make it retrospective

BREAST CANCER

The poignant query by tennis star, Martina Navratilova on learning she had breast cancer that "I am 53 years old, a lifelong athlete, strong, healthy and have eaten nutritiously my entire life - why me?" (Herald Sun, 9/4/10) represents a failure by Cancer Councils to vigorously inform women that being childless is a risk factor for breast cancer.

As the Breast Cancer Prevention Institute, USA, points out, the single most important person protecting a woman from breast cancer is her baby. The more babies a woman has, the younger she is when she has them, and the longer she breastfeeds them, the lower her risk of breast cancer.

All the running, jumping, selling pink ribbons and wearing pink shirts does nothing to prevent breast cancer, however having babies and breastfeeding do substantially reduce the risk.

Babette Francis, Toorak, *Herald Sun*, 13/4/2010

Christianity Fights the Evil-doers

Atheist Foundation of Australia's president, David Nicholls, condemned Christianity for a spate of child abuse scandals (The Courier, 3/4). The truth is that Christianity totally condemns evil behaviour against children.

"It would be better for him to have a millstone hung around his neck, and to be thrown into the sea, than to offend one of these little ones." Luke 17:2.

It's not a faith nor a moral code that leads to this abhorrent crime against innocent children. Paedophiles are depraved individuals who break both civil law and spiritual precepts, whether priests or non-believers.

These perpetrators need to be removed from society (to the bottom of the ocean?) for a very long time, and they must not be protected by any institution, religious or otherwise, nor by an insipid justice system.

David G. Westaway, Navigators, Vic. *The Courier* 13/4/2010

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Firstly thank you for all the positive comments we have received, and how people are looking forward every month to our mailing. We do appreciate your comments, and we thank out Heavenly Father for leading us to include the articles that we do. We pray they will continue to be a blessing to you and to all who may read them. Thank you for sharing them around, and helping to get more (much needed) subscribers. Unless we all continue to work at getting our offspring interested in carrying on, the whole propagation of the Kingdom/Israel message could die out in one generation!! Yes, it is all in God's Hand, but He also instructed His people to teach their sons and their son's sons DILIGENTLY so that they may know and follow the ways of the LORD, and NOT the ways of the world. There is much pressure and propaganda to turn children into good little one-world-slave-state zombies, through the schools and the media. Many thanks to those who continue to support this work, and for the orders for material. May our Heavenly Father, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, our forefathers, bless you and keep you in His care,

