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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 swore 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 3”

by Pastor Jim Jester

#### THE CARTHAGINIAN CONNECTION

Matthew 10:5-6: “*These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, Go not in to 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.*”

We can see in this statement of Jesus that He had a message for Israel only. For many today, His statement about excluding certain people might sound ‘racist.’ This new term (invented by the government) usually has the meaning ‘hate’ attached to it. Most people today, when they hear the concept of racial separation automatically think ‘racism.’ This is a mistake, and the result of brainwashing by the media. The Bible is a racial book and teaches racial segregation, but that does not mean the Bible teaches hatred of the other races.

Jesus referred to Israel (whom He was sent to) as “lost sheep.” Israel, like sheep, had a tendency to wander away from God’s Laws as is documented in the books of Kings and Chronicles. Also, like sheep, they were lost and didn’t know it. They had, for the most part, forgotten who they were as a race and that they were of Adam, God’s special creation; and of Abraham whom God was in covenant with. Is this not true of many people today? They have no clue that they are Israelites (sheep) and that their God demands obedience (to His Laws) and separation (from other races, and sin), or His judgment will fall upon their Nation. This is the lesson that should be learned from studying Israel’s history.

It is partly understandable that Israel (a people, not a country) would forget who they were after migrating over the centuries into various parts of the Earth. Also, that many Israelite children grew up in a religion of some false god, rather than the God of Israel. After Solomon, Jeroboam forced calf worship on them and abolished the Holy Days in favor of new celebration (see 1 Kings 12:25-33).

They also served Baal, Moloch, Astarte and other sun gods over the centuries, and even today, what’s known as Christendom is still steeped in sun worship whether they realize it or not. This is also true of our nation today; we do not know who we are as a race because we are taught there is no such thing as ‘race’ and that it does not matter who you are.

A great deception is that when Christians read their Bibles, and come to the word ‘Israel,’ they think it is talking about a country in the Middle East. Then they figure violating God’s Law doesn’t apply to them today because that was for ancient Israel.

Another deception is that they see the word ‘nation’ in

the Bible and think it means the same as it is used today (some political entity). That is not how the Bible uses the term. In most cases ‘nation’ refers to a people of the same family, tribe, or race. Once again, we must think Biblically when reading the scriptures to properly understand it.

#### ISRAELITE MIGRATIONS

All the Israelites (both North and South) had come to resent the labors and taxes because of Solomon’s “public works projects.” Rehoboam said he would be even ‘tougher’ than Solomon (1 Kings 12:1-21) [and now we have Rudd, being even ‘tougher’ with taxes than Rehoboam, CIM]. This was foolish, and all of Israel’s tribes, led by his rival Jeroboam, had offered their loyalty only if he would lighten up the load.

Having had their conditional offer rejected by Rehoboam, all the tribes except Judah (Rehoboam’s own) and Benjamin rejected Rehoboam and made Jeroboam their king. This left both sides feeling at odds against the other. The Bible records constant fighting between Israel and Judah during the reign of these two kings (1 Kings 14:30). This greatly weakened the Israelite Empire which had developed under Kings David and Solomon. Stephen Collins in his book, “*The Lost Ten Tribes of Israel Found,*” (#990 @ \$25.75) (p.104):

“Although the Israelites outnumbered the Jews (Judahites) approximately two to one; God gave the victory to the Judahites. (2 Chronicles 13 shows the Judahites were

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again serving God faithfully). **The deaths in this single conflict numbered almost one-half of the 1.2 million combatants!** Israel alone suffered 500,000 battle deaths (2 Chronicles 13:17), and we are not told the amount of Judahite casualties. The hatred between Israel and Judah must have been immense to cause such unimaginable bloodletting!

This brutal war (occurring approximately 913 BC) had vast international repercussions. 2 Chronicles 13:20 tersely states concerning the aftermath of this horrendous loss of life: "neither did Jeroboam recover strength again..." With Israel's military being greatly depleted as a result of this battle, it could no longer control or defend its empire... Many nations which had been dominated by Israel now became independent by default."

Power struggles went on for almost two centuries between the world powers of that day, until Israel, as a nation, no longer existed. 2 Chronicles 15:5-6 says of that time:

*"And in those times there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in, but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the countries."*

This is very similar to the words of Jesus speaking prophetically about another age in Matthew 24:6-7,

*"And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars ...For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom ..."*

The migrations of Israel and Judah didn't just happen because of the Assyrian and Babylonian invasions, or their own internal problems. Certainly many had been migrating elsewhere to avoid the increasing attacks, but also the vast population of that tiny land had been settling into 'Phoenician' (as the Greeks called them) colonies all over the world. Many Israelites were relocated to the colony of Carthage in northern Africa because of the drought caused by the prayer of Elijah as God's response to the wicked King Ahab and Jezebel (a Phoenician princess) for establishing Baal worship. During this time period (mid 9th century BC) with water sources gone and vegetation scarce, starvation gripped both Israel and the Phoenician city-states (1 Kings 17:7-12, James 5:17).

By the time of the fall of Samaria (Israel's capitol) in approximately 721 BC, most of the Israelites had already moved out of the land voluntarily! Look at it this way; if you knew another invasion was coming and you would become a captive or a corpse, wouldn't you relocate? Neither the Bible nor Assyrian records state that the remainder of the Israelites in Samaria were taken captive. 2 Kings 17:5 states that the Assyrians went "throughout all the land" but only found resistance (and captives) in the city of Samaria. Our researcher, Collins says in his book (*ibid*, p.120):

"The cuneiform records of the Assyrians claim only 27,290 captives in this final campaign, all of whom came from Samaria. The Assyrians claimed no captives other than the residents of Samaria. Since the Assyrian kings were not at all modest in their victory statements, we can be sure that they would not have failed to record additional Israelite captives if there had been any! ...The obvious question is: What happened to the rest of the inhabitants of the kingdom of Israel? Where did they go?"

Most likely they went to some of the closer colonies (of the Mediterranean area), but certainly they had the capability to go anywhere in the world. The growing power of Assyria, beginning as early as the 9th century BC, struck

terror into the people of Syria and Israel and the whole land of Phoenicia. There were three Assyrian invasions beginning in 745 BC, the second in 722 BC, and the third and final, which took the ten-tribed Israel into Asia, in 677 BC. (*Tracing our Ancestors*, Frederick Haberman, p.118, #306 @ \$17.95). Many Judahites had also been taken from Judah by 700 BC as Assyrian captives. Judah, and its capitol city of Jerusalem, survived until approximately 586 BC, when the Babylonians took the remainder of the population into the Asian (Babylonian) captivity.

Since Israel was generally a food exporter (see Ezekiel 27:17) the drought of Elijah must have caused quite a hardship upon the nation. Much of the population faced a brutal choice: either stay and die, or go somewhere else and live. We know that some wanted nothing to do with Baal worship and moved to Judah where King Jehosphaphat ruled by the Law of God. Researcher Stephen Collins in his book adds this concerning the drought:

"The fact that little Judah could support a population that included military reserves of over one million men provides ample evidence that the drought did not affect Judah! This was a stark contrast between the two Hebrew nations, and daily proof of God's role in the drought. He gave rain to Judah (which obeyed God) while he denied rain to Israel (with its Baal worship), even though Israel and Judah directly bordered each other."

Collins also brings to our attention that Israel under king Ahab still had some political 'clout' in the world. After Elijah came out of hiding, one of the aides to the king said:

*"By the life of the Lord your God, there is not a nation or kingdom where my lord has not sent in search of you; and when they said, He is not here; he made them take an oath that they had not seen you."* 1 Kings 18:10.

Since it would have been very easy for Elijah to catch a ride on one of the many commercial trade routes either by land or sea, King Ahab searched all the Israelite/Phoenician colonies in Africa, Europe and North America. But the elusive prophet hid in a place Ahab least expected: a suburb of Jezebel's home town Sidon, the very heart of the pagan religion that

was destroying Israel (1 Kings 17:9). Collins reason, (*ibid*, p.144):

"Since we have evidence of ancient Hebrews, Phoenicians and Egyptians in widespread areas of North America, an assumption that Elijah had fled to a completely different continent would have been understandable. Since the navies of Israel, Tyre and Sidon sailed throughout the Mediterranean Sea and Atlantic Oceans, and since the ancient Egyptians sailed into the Indian and Pacific Oceans, a statement that king Ahab (who was one of the co-rulers of the alliance that commanded these navies) searched in all nations of the earth for Elijah can not be dismissed as an exaggeration ...If he had been an important little potentate, he would have been ignored. While Israel's homeland could only support a skeleton crew during the drought, the remainder of its population (much of it still loyal to Ahab and Baal-worship) could easily have relocated to Israel's colonies.

While those Israelites who served God sought refuge in the southern kingdom of Judah, those Israelites who served Baal likely sought refuge from the drought in Israel's far-flung 'Phoenician' colonies where Baal was worshipped. Undoubtedly, some of Israel's refugees found new homes in Israel's colonies in Spain, Briton, Ireland, and even North America. Since most Israelites had aban-

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done their distinctly Hebrew religious practices, they would have been indistinguishable from the 'Phoenician' colonies in their new lands. With the culture, religion, and even dialect of Tyre and Sidon, migrating Israelites would have quickly lost their Israelite identity, and would be known to us today simply as 'Phoenicians,' 'Iberians,' 'Celts,' 'Celtiberians,' etc.

Since we are speaking of the time of Elijah and the reign of King Ahab (874-853 BC), have you ever wondered about those seven thousand men (1 Kings 19:18) who did not bow their knees to Baal? On three occasions Elijah said he was alone. It appeared that he couldn't find them. Could it be that they had fled to one of Israel's colonies in the nearby Atlantic Ocean many years earlier? Haberman, in his book, *"Tracing our Ancestors,"* p.113, claims that these "seven thousand God-fearing men of Israel were the Druids in the appointed place, Britain." He also adds:

"...At the very time the Lord made the promise to David, about 1040 BC - "I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and I will plant them, that they may dwell in a place of their own" (2 Samuel 7:10) - that promise was being executed. In fact sixty years before the promise was made, Brutus had arrived in the Isles of the West, in 1100 BC, and had named them Brith-ain, the Covenant Land. [Brith-ain and Brith-ish the ancient Hebrew/ Phoenician name]."

### CARTHAGE

Israel needed to build a new and closer colony for its large starving population, yet it had to be far enough to avoid the drought. The location on the African coast with a harbor proved to be an excellent choice. It was given the Hebrew name 'Kirjath-Hadeschath' which means 'new city' ('Kirjath' is the Hebrew word for 'city'). The Greeks called it 'Karchedon' and the Romans called it 'Carthage.'

Carthage became independently strong soon after the fall of Israel's capitol, Samaria. Herodotus, a Greek historian (5th century BC) confirmed that Carthage attained, by 650 BC, a "rich and powerful ...adult status." At first the Greeks were their enemy, but as Rome increased in power, it became their greatest rival. In a treaty dated 348 BC, Carthage forbade the Romans to even trade with certain Western Mediterranean areas. Their arrogance, even with their business partners, eventually became a factor in their undoing.

Carthage could blockade the Pillars of Hercules with its navy so the Greeks or the Romans could not pass into the Atlantic Ocean. When one Greek mariner names Pytheas did get through around 300 BC due to impending military action elsewhere, it was an extraordinary event. Pytheas visited the coastlands of western and northern Europe, previously unexplored by the Greeks. He marvelled that the constellations changed in the sky as he travelled north, giving evidence to the Greeks that the world was a sphere. Dr. Barry Fell noted,

"Never before had any [Greek] navigator been able to sail so far north; Carthaginian commercial interests would not permit it."

The Greeks and Romans were limited to areas within marching distance until Carthage waned in power and therefore had a limited world view. This has huge implications for us as we learn history. Collins expresses it well (ibid, p.148):

"Our modern versions of ancient history are taught almost exclusively from a Greco-Roman perspective. Therefore, we are taught to assume that no one in the ancient world could know anything until someone in the Greco-Roman world learned about it for the first time..."

Carthage (and Israel/ Phoenicia) knew vastly more about the geography of the spherical earth than the ancient Greeks and Romans ever knew! Israel, Phoenicia and Carthage discovered, explored, colonized and exploited the New World long before the Greek or Roman eyes ever saw territory beyond the Mediterranean Sea!"

So if the Carthaginians were getting rich off of the trade and exploitation on a global scale, it is no wonder they wanted to keep the Greeks and Romans ignorant of what was out there. Perhaps this is why there were tales of "falling off the end of the world" or "those sea monsters out there." If Carthage had defeated Rome (and they almost did), the later European nations would have never inherited the idea that the world was flat.

Frederick Pohl, in his book, *"Atlantic Crossing before Columbus"* (p.20), gives a Greek account of a land beyond Gibraltar which can only be ancient America. It is from the writings of Aristotle:

"In the sea outside the Pillars of Hercules they say that an island was found by the Carthaginians, a wilderness having wood of all kinds and navigable rivers, remarkable for various kinds of fruits and many days sailing distance away. When the Carthaginians, who were masters of the Western Ocean, observed that many traders and other men, attracted by the fertility of the soil and the pleasant climate, frequented it because of its richness, and some resided there, they feared that knowledge of the land would reach other nations, and a great concourse to it of men from various lands of the earth would follow. Therefore, lest the Carthaginian Empire itself should suffer injury, and the dominion of the sea be wrested from their hand, the Senate of Carthage issued a decree that no one, under penalty of death, should thereafter sail thither, and they massacred all who resided there."

Carthage had no sovereignty of its own since it was in the shadow of the mother country, Israel. That changed after Israel's fall and it began to develop its own identity in world affairs. Carthage was famous for its wealth. In Dr. Barry Fell's book, *"Saga America"* (pp.55-59, 65-67, 84), he documents the finding

of Carthaginian coins, artifacts and inscriptions in the states of Alabama, Connecticut, New York, Colorado, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nevada. He also postulates that Carthage's gold and much of the timber for its large naval ships came from North and South America (Ibid, pp.77, 85-87).

Nigel Davies, in his book, *"Voyagers to the New World,"* cites an account by the Greek historian Herodotus that the Carthaginians mounted an expedition of 30,000 men and women in 60 ships in 500-480 BC, and sent them westward into the Atlantic to war an unknown destination. Mr. Davies observed that this "resembles a migration more than a mere expedition" (Ibid, p.151).

At first the culture of Carthage honoured "El," a common name for the God of Israel, and had strong family values. But just as its mother country, it too began to degenerate into Baalism and child sacrifice [as we have done today, called Abortion, CIM]. Once again we see a pattern here. When our nation follows the Laws of God it prospers. When it forsakes the Law, it falls.

Internal corruption and the Punic Wars finally brought down the city of Carthage and its surrounding empire. But what happened to its population? Just as the Israelites had fled from the Assyrian conflicts, so the Carthaginians had fled to other parts of its empire. According to the above account of 60 ships filled with families headed west, they must have had a place to go which was appropriate for ref-

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ugees. There is an ancient stone inscription in Massachusetts which claims North America for Carthage in the middle of the first millennium BC, by Hanno, a Punic ruler (*"America BC"* by Dr. Barry Fell, pp. 95, 160).

I have already mentioned in the first part of this series that Israel/ Phoenicia had established the Adena culture in the Ohio valley. There is evidence that the Adena colony received a large influx of new immigrants known as the Hopewell People in 300-200 BC (Lenhart, *"The Adena Tablets,"* Epigraphic Society Occasional Publications, Vol 13, 1985, pp.206-208). This coincides with the First and Second Punic Wars (264-241 BC and 218-201 BC) between Carthage and Rome. It also follows the time that Carthaginian coins and tablets with Punic inscription (nearly identical to Hebrew, especially the consonants) were infused into North America. So it seems logical and feasible that a part of Carthage's population came to America. The destruction of Carthage came at the end of the Third Punic War in 146 BC.

We do not know for sure what happened to the ancient American Punic civilization known as the Hopewell Civilization. It could have been a venereal disease brought on by Baal-worship and the related promiscuity. There may also have been slave revolts that killed off the ruling class. Dr. Fell noted that an artifact found in Ohio depicts a Nubian head indicating that Hopewell culture was multi-racial. 'Hope' in our culture? Where have we heard that before? [I digress].

It is also known that Carthage's army included many mercenaries of other races. It is possible that the Punic colonists gradually lost their distinctive identity via intermarriage with other native in-habitants. Do I see a repeat of history in America? At any rate, the Hopewell people disappeared about 500 AD.

In the opening scripture on page 1, Jesus Christ said to His disciples to go to the lost sheep, Israel (not the political entity - the people; wherever the location). He said not to go to anyone else, and He gave an example of one people (the Samaritans) not to go to. Are there any churches in America who follow this procedure of our Lord? Not many, for most of them go to anybody and everybody they can.

Matthew 18:11, *"For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost."*

Did you notice it says *"that which was lost"* not, those who are lost? If Jesus was not talking about the people who were lost, then what was He talking about? He was talking about the Kingdom that was lost. That Kingdom is Israel! Four times in this chapter alone the Kingdom of Heaven is mentioned.

America has hundreds of denominations, thousands of churches, and millions of people who attended those churches, yet America is lost and continues on a downward spiral. Of the millions of people who attend church every week, you could ask any of them if they are a part of the "lost sheep of Israel" and you would get a blank stare. They don't even know who they are; neither do they know they are lost.

If they ever discover who they are (as regathered Israel) perhaps they would realize that they are responsible for keeping God's Laws in their nation. That is the only way to reverse the broad way to destruction. Is it any wonder that we don't know where we are going as a nation, when we don't even know where we came from?

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## A SCRIPTURAL STUDY EXPOSING HOW "UNIVERSALISM" MISAPPLIES JOHN 3:16

by Kenneth W. Lent

John 3:16:

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*

We have all heard this verse endlessly repeated as used by the universalist theologians in the attempt to convert everybody on the planet to their brand of "Christianity" when Christ Himself said that He only came for Israel!

*"But He (Jesus) answered and said, 'I am not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel.'" (Matthew 15:24).*

The above discriminatory words of Jesus are also consistent with the Old Testament Scriptures on this same subject:

*"You (Israel) only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities." (Amos 3:2)*

*"He sheweth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and his judgments unto Israel. He hath not dealt so with any nation: and as for his judgments, they have not known them. Praise ye the LORD." (Psalm 147:19-20).*

What do we make of this? Is this a so-called Bible contradiction? Do the Scriptures actually teach *"God so loved the world,"* then turn right around in the Epistle of John and command us:

*"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him." (1 John 2:15)*

Don't we find it a bit hypocritical that God supposedly *'loves the world'* but does NOT want US to love the world??? If that's not hypocritical, then how about just downright confusing?

Is the conviction of sin by the Holy Spirit meant for everybody in the world as the preachers say? Or is God's Word truthful when Jesus Christ tells us that THE WORLD CANNOT RECEIVE the Holy Spirit???

*"And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you forever; Even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive, because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you." (John 14:16-17).*

The apparent contradictory position that, "God (supposedly) loves everybody in the whole world" yet at the same time "hates the House of Esau" (Romans 9:13), and compounded with the fact that "Christ was sent only to Israel" (Matthew 15:24) is made easily understood by realizing one important Scriptural fact never heard from the pulpits of modernism. Namely, the modern churches have either not known, or withheld from the people, the truth that the Bible speaks of *"two worlds"* or two systems of operation in regard to salvation [more on *"The Two Worlds"* on tapes A-8501 & A-8502, by Sheldon Emry @ \$10 the pair posted]

In light of John 3:16, upon further examination, let's see precisely what the Bible reveals about the dual 'worlds' with which we must contend as Christians. The Scriptures tell us that there is a "world of the ungodly" in permanent rebellion against God, AND there is a "world of the godly" which is in accord with The Almighty, and comprises His family, which He has saved from the wages of sin. These



two 'worlds' must be differentiated within the parameter of any Scripture verse being quoted and pulled out of context. Those who are of the "world of the ungodly" are mentioned often in the Bible as noted in Psalm 73:8-12, 16-19,

**"They are corrupt, and speak wickedly concerning oppression: they speak loftily. They set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. And they say, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? Behold, these are the ungodly, who prosper in the world; they increase in riches (unlawfully)... When I thought to know this, it was too painful for me; Until I went into the sanctuary of God; then understood I their end. Surely thou (God) didst set them in slippery places: thou castedst them down into destruction. How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! They are utterly consumed with terrors."**

And also we see from 2 Peter 2:5-6 that God caused the great Flood in Noah's time:

**"And (God) spared not the old world, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly: And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes condemned them with an overthrow making them an example unto those that after should live ungodly;"**

**Contrary** to the world of the **ungodly**, in which people are NOT chosen for salvation but for eventual destruction, we find the **"godly world"** established by the King of kings, Jesus the Messiah of Israel. This world is comprised of redeemed sinners according to the choosing of The Almighty. This is an opposite world, or rather an opposite governing body in contrast to that held by the world of the ungodly.

Furthermore we must understand that the Bible teaches that a conversion of the ungodly world into the godly world is **NOT** an option in God's plans. Rather triumph and victory **OVER** the heathen ungodly world is what the Bible declares.

**"Say among the heathen that the LORD reigneth: the world (i.e. Yahweh's World) also shall be established that it shall not be moved."** He shall not be moved: He shall judge the people righteously." (Psalm 96:10).

**"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... And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God."** (Revelation. 19:11, 15).

This is a **reigning Kingdom** in the earth which installs a "world of the Godly" **OVER** that of the "world of the ungodly." Thus, herein we see God's Scripture truth revealed: It is **this** specific "world" (the world of the Godly) that "God so loved" and to which He sent His Son in John 3:16.

**"The LORD reigneth, He is clothed with majesty; The LORD is clothed with strength, wherewith He hath girded Himself: the world also is stablished, that it cannot be moved."** (Psalm 93:1).

God's particular **"stablished world"** is in reference to divine government of the House of Israel that will be established and not moved as it will be placed in the Earth as a

solid Kingdom ruled by Jesus. It is the "world of the Godly."

**"For a child is born to us, and a son is given to us, whose government is upon his shoulder: and his name is called the Messenger of great counsel: for I will bring peace upon the princes, and health to him. His government shall be great, and of his peace there is no end: it shall be upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to support it with judgment and with righteousness, from henceforth and forever. The zeal of the Lord of hosts shall perform this. The Lord has sent death upon Jacob, and it has come upon Israel."** (Isaiah 9:6-8, Brenton LXX).

Yes, brothers and sisters, if you are of Israel your Heavenly Father beckons you to come out of the "world" that He, our God, **HATES**; and you must get into the "world" which God **LOVES** and sent His only begotten Son to die for. It is the world of divine goodness where you are meant to receive blessings, wisdom, safety, love, and closeness with your Heavenly Father. It is a world of your happiness that God has made for you. The only thing that temporarily keeps some Israelites out of their rightful divine world is carnal disobedience to the laws of our Father. Namely, unconfessed and unrepentant **SIN!** Furthermore, one can't "mentally guess" at what sin is. To find out what sin is, the Word of God must be read and understood, for **"sin is transgression of the law"** (1 John 3:4).

The written Word is your guidebook on how to get out of the ungodly world and get to where you belong - into the Godly world of the government (family, neighbourhood, national kinsmen community) of Jesus Christ our King. The Scriptures also compare the world that God hates to that of the world He loves as being different "temples" or different governing houses:

**"Be ye not unequally yoked together with UNBELIEVERS: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness? And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what part hath he/she that believeth with an infidel? And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the LORD, and touch not the unclean; and I will receive you, and I will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be My sons and daughters, saith the LORD Almighty"** (2 Corinthians 6:14-18).

This is the same directive as that concerning the "two worlds," namely: get out of the world that God hates and get into the world that He loves. If we don't do this, the Bible says that we can not know the Creator as Father. Many may go to church on Sundays (some to sleep) and try to fool themselves that they are in God's world (Kingdom, Temple), but the Bible teaches that unless one is of the House of Israel **and also** repentant of their sins (that is, cheerfully and wilfully desiring to obey God's Laws), they are not in the divine Kingdom (that is, the Godly World).

Furthermore, it is easy to get into the proper World that God has made for you - just recognize and profess the gift of eternal life given to you freely by Jesus, turn away from the world of the ungodly, and ask Father to guide you into an ever-growing walk on the road of His Kingdom. This

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does not mean that you must (totally) avoid people. It means that when somebody (whether friends, family, neighbours, visitors) crosses your property line that you make it clear that they are entering into a zone where the convictions and laws of your Father/ King are IN FORCE to the best of your ability; and that when you yourself leave your property those laws and convictions of holy spirit go with you in your heart as you travel among the "other world."

Those who say they are 'Christian' but have no desire to keep God's Laws (including Tithing), have deceived themselves. Yes, it is a true Scriptural statement that eternal salvation can not be 'earned' by trying to keep the Law, as we all fall short. Eternal salvation is a free gift from God through the Cross of Jesus (Romans 6:23). However, Jesus tells us that if one is truly called into His New Covenant, that the proof of this is seen in a heart that makes a good faith attempt to be obedient to God's commandments. When we fall short and stumble we have forgiveness by the blood of Jesus Christ. But sin no longer rules and dominates a Christian's life.

*"If ye love Me, keep My commandments,"* John 14:15.

*"If ye keep My commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept My Father's commandments, and abide in His love."* John 15:10.

*"And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments."* 1 John 2:23.

*"And whatsoever we ask, we receive of Him, because we keep His commandments, and do those things that are pleasing in His sight."* 1 John 3:22.

*"By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep His commandments."* 1 John 5:2

*"For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments: and His commandments are not grievous."* 1 John 5:3.

*"Do we then make void the law through faith? God forbid: yea, we establish the law."* Romans 3:31.

While we're at it, let's make a quick note on 1 John 2:2, *"And He (Jesus) is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."*

Do NOT be misled. The Scriptures are consistent and do not contradict themselves, even though this verse has been used by "universal salvation" teachers. This verse does not mean that Jesus died for all the inhabitants of the globe. Again there is a world of the Godly (those destined to be called; Ephesians 1:4-5) and a world of the ungodly, never to be called (Mark 4:11-12). First century sacred Greek language experts on this verse agree that John is referring here to **the whole world of chosen believers in other areas**, in addition to the local believers to whom he was writing.

We know that this is Scripturally evident because there is clearly a certain "world" that Jesus DID NOT include in His propitiation and for whom He did NOT pray. Please see John 17:9-11, Jesus' prayer to the Father:

*"I pray for them: **I pray not for the world**, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them. And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee, Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given Me, that they may be one, as we are."*

We also notice that the Greek idiom "whole world" is

repeatedly used in a **localized and limited context** such as noted where Rome issued an edict that **"all the world"** be taxed (Luke 2:1); **which tax, however, was limited to the Roman Empire** and did not apply to all the other empires of the entire planet at that time.

Let's regroup our thoughts for a moment and slow down. We have seen that God's Word says that eternal salvation is a free gift from Jesus to all of Israel. God knows the specific reasons why salvation is limited in scope and not 'universal' (i.e. for the entire planet population). The proof that one has become aware of this salvation, is that he/she loves to keep God's Law (including tithing). The keeping of God's Laws shows divine love is active within, and exemplifies love for **God's world**. This 'world' is the world which God loves so much that He sent His only begotten Son to die for (John 3:16).

It is this discriminatory divine reality which removes all supposed contradiction of the Scriptures on this matter. This Scriptural clarification, where God's cross-referenced

Word itself explains John 3:16, is the truth of God beyond and above the carnal emotional faulty reasoning of universal theology, a function of the sinful mind which opposes God's ways and His world. With no apology, we now see that the modern church clergy have been incorrect all along - John 3:16 is not for 'everybody.' It is for the "world of the Godly" (Yahweh-God's household which was in need of redemption and has been thus redeemed - Galatians 4:5), and it is not for the world of the ungodly. It wasn't for the "whole world" in Noah's day and it isn't in the day of the New Covenant in Christ Jesus - our latter days.

*"And (God) **spared not the old world**, but saved Noah the eighth person, a preacher of righteousness, bringing in the flood **upon the world of the ungodly**;"* (1 Peter 2:5).

*"But as the days of Noe (Noah) were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be."* (Matthew 24:37).

Regardless of the mission efforts of the world order churches to supposedly 'save' the heathen lands of the communal world, Scriptures teach us that the true world of the Godly will never 'convert' the world of the ungodly, no matter how many millions of bank-credit-dollars are collected from the church pews for that effort.

On the contrary, the world of the ungodly will be conquered by the saints of The Most High, not converted. In view of John 3:16 the two distinctive "worlds" of the Scriptures must be understood. Jesus was sent to only one of those worlds - the world of the Godly - His called-out Kingdom saints. The different 'worlds' are noted below:

*"For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."* (1 John 5:4)

*"And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever."* (1 John 2:17)

*"...Who shall not receive manifold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting."* (Luke 18:30)

*"For it was not to angels that God subjected the world to come, of which we are speaking."* (Hebrews 2:5, Paul separates 'worlds' here)

In John 3:16 we must be aware of **"which world"** it is speaking, as it clearly refers only to those of Christ's world, His chosen saints.

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## GALATIANS 3:28

by Pastor Don Elmore

When reading the foreword to Andrew Hitchcock's book, "*The Synagogue of Satan*," I came upon the following words written by Texe Marrs:

"Please keep in mind that God is no respecter of persons, and that RACIAL advantage has NO part to play in God's heavenly Jerusalem. Indeed, contrary to the doctrines of devils spread by lying evangelicals, GOD DOES NOT DISTINGUISH BETWEEN RACES IN CHOOSING A PEOPLE FOR HIS NAME. *Galatians 3:28-29* is marvelous in dispelling satanic notions of RACIAL superiority. God does not favor those who are "Jews" or those of any one race or ethnic heritage. Instead, the Bible invites men and women of every nation and race on earth to come and drink of Jesus' living water: 'And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed and heirs according to the promise'" (page 15).

Texe Marrs is probably the best person that I know who teaches of the dangers of the Freemasons, Jesuits, Bilderberger, Bohemian Gardens, Council of Foreign Relations, Illuminati, and other similar groups who are trying to bring about the New World Order. He has written so many books and DVDs that teach about these enemy forces: *Rothschild's Choice; Codex Magica; Mysterious Monuments; Masonic Lodge Over Jerusalem; Stony Beasts and Menacing Idols Surround Us Everywhere; Dark majesty; Mormonism, Masonry, and Godhood; Conspiracy World; The Levelling of America; Rebellion, Death, and Hoodwink*; etc.

But what he wrote in this foreword, reproduced above, strikes at the core of the gospel of the kingdom, preached by our Saviour and His disciples. (1) Racial advantage has no part to play in God's heavenly Jerusalem, and (2) God does not distinguish between races in choosing a people for His name; is a very puzzling charge to be written by a man who is so knowledgeable about what is happening in this country.

I wonder what church he pastors. I was told that years ago he was the trusted airplane pilot for Henry Kissinger. I don't know, but I wonder what happened to get him from Kissinger to where he is now? But nevertheless, I must answer the charge that those who believe race is an issue in the gospel of the kingdom are teaching "DOCTRINES OF DEVILS SPREAD BY LYING EVANGELICALS."

Texe Marrs quotes Galatians 3:28-29 to prove his point. But the reason for the book of Galatians was to help the churches of Galatia understand the double threat that was attacking them: (1) involving purity of doctrine, and (2) purity of conduct. Certain individuals had come into the area who "would pervert the gospel of Christ."

The Apostle Paul was writing in the book of Galatians about how some of them were being removed from the grace of Jesus Christ unto another gospel. He then tells them of how he used to be in the religion of the Jews, even a Pharisee, but how God miraculously separated him to the truth of God and eventually called him to be in His ministry - an opposing ministry.

Paul then teaches about Abraham. In the third chapter he taught that the covenant was confirmed 430 years before the Mosaic Law was given to Israel. That meant that the inheritance was given *by promise* to Abraham. *The obvi-*

*ous point was the inheritance was given not by keeping the Mosaic Law but by promise.*

When Paul says in verse 28, "*There is neither Jew nor Greek*," he does not mean that there is nobody but that there is neither House of Judah nor House of Israel; he repeats this there in the second chapter of Ephesians. The reconciling of the BOTH (houses) into one body.

The Bible tells about how Israel split into two separate kingdoms shortly after the reign of their third king - King Solomon. The Northern Kingdom (of Israel) from the beginning of its existence, was apostate. It never has a king that was descended from David. Each King ruled worse than the one he replaced. They worshipped at two newly-built centers of worship - one in the tribe of Dan, far to the north, and the other in Bethel - not in Jerusalem, as they were commanded. (listen to Sheldon Emry's tapes: "*Is God in Bethel*," A-8310 and A-8311 @ \$10 posted)

They had the lowest of the people (non-Levites) to be its Priests - the majority of Levites, who God commanded to be priests, fled the land and went to the House of Judah and the Temple. The Northern Kingdom made up their own mind on when special days (holidays) would be held unto their 'god.' These days were an abomination to the God of Israel.

The Northern Kingdom eventually got so bad that God *divorced* them. The prophet Hosea dealt specifically with this situation: (1) That they would no longer be His people, (2) He would no longer have any more mercy upon them; and (3) that they would be scattered - thus the kingdom of the house of Israel would cease to be.

That happened about 7 centuries BC. The Northern Kingdom (10+ tribes) were separated from God's grace and scattered throughout the lands of Assyria and Asia Minor. *This is the time that many falsely believe is now* - that since the Jews rejected Jesus Christ, God put them in a parentheses, until after the rapture

of the Church, which consists mainly of non-Jews. Then God will once again deal with "His covenant people."

This is what most of Christianity now believes; but it can't be true.

1. The Jew cannot refer to both the House of Judah and the House of Israel. The letter 'J' was added to the English language about five hundred years ago and the term 'Jew' NEVER referred to the House of Israel and never correctly referred to the House of Judah [at the time of the KJV, 1611, the word was written 'iewe'].

2. Greeks never referred to all the rest of the people of the world besides the Jew. The Apostle Paul was writing to Greeks - *Celtics* who had invaded the area known as Galatia in Asia Minor from *Thrace* - northern Greece to southern Bulgaria. It obviously did not refer to the Africans, Asians, Aborigines in Australia, Malays, American Indians, Babylonians, Romans, Persians, etc. These Celts were descendants of the House of Israel, which had been taken captive by the Assyrians and who had not been keeping the Mosaic Law for about a thousand years. They were awaiting the promise.

The people called 'Jews' today are actually the enemies of God's Covenant People. They are descendants of Esau-Edom, Canaan, Askenaz(i) [Japheth's grandson] and

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others. Jesus said to them that they could NOT hear (understand) what He was saying because they were not His sheep. "But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep; ...My sheep hear my voice and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:26-27). Immediately after this, they tried to stone Him (John 10:31).

Remember, it was the Northern Kingdom (lost ten tribes), that had broken the covenant that God has made with His people. There was no hope for them, except for the **promise** of the inheritance that was made with Abraham 430 years before the Mosaic Law was given to Israel. The House of Israel for seven hundred years was **cut off** from their God and had not kept the Mosaic Law for over 1000 years! Hosea also quickly told of the hope for the House of Israel:

"And I will sow her unto me in the earth; and I will have mercy upon her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to them who were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God." (Hosea 2:23).

These verses are also related to in the New Testament book of Romans (9:25-26) - the other sheep of the fold who would hear the words of the gospel of the Kingdom after the death and resurrection of their Saviour. As the disciples took the gospel throughout the world to these Gentiles/ Israelites, many heard and believed for the first time in a thousand years.

So, the State Churches have made a fatal mistake - they have forgotten that the Gentiles were the divorced, scattered people of the northern kingdom of Israel. Yes, after the death and resurrection of their Saviour, there was no longer any Jew or Greek - any House of Judah or House of Israel, for they were now one - being baptized into the body of Christ." He made both one, breaking down the middle wall of partition. (Ephesians 2:14).

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## SAVE YOUR MARRIAGE

by Joel Hilliker

### A Beautiful Truth that the Divorce Industry Cannot Teach You

Divorce is hardly new; celebrating it like a wedding is. A small but burgeoning new industry is giving us divorce greeting cards and cakes - even fairs, where new divorcees can connect with life coaches, financial planners and dating services agencies. This is a full-out assault on the stigma of severing a marriage.

"Open a divorce registry, throw a divorce party (why not?), take a vacation or change your look!" says one website for divorcees. Divorce registry? That's right: Department stores - including one of Britain's largest retail chains - are encouraging the newly unhitched to register for and solicit gifts just like couples preparing to wed.

All this frippery is an effort to put lipstick on the ugly truth: that *divorce is failure*. Everyone marries with the hope of "till death do us part." But often, as the realities of life impinge, selfishness intrudes. One or both partners become unwilling to invest the required effort to surmount obstacles and make the relationship stronger. They lose trust; they begin to cordon off territory in their hearts. Usually, each spouse figures the problem is mostly with the other. Often, they begin to believe that marital happiness

would be theirs if they could only find someone more compatible.

Little wonder, then, that a growing number of people who split up have open ears to vendors, eager for their business, cheering them on: *Throw a party - you deserve it! Don't worry - your REAL soul mate is waiting.*

In reality, most marriages fail *not* because of a lack of compatibility - but largely because of *ignorance* about *what marriage really is* and *how it must function*.

What that means is, these marriages *need not fail*. Ignorance can be remedied through right education and the application of right knowledge.

### WHAT ARE YOU GETTING FROM YOUR MARRIAGE?

The basic truth that virtually all of us are ignorant of (to at least some degree) is just how deeply selfish we are. And selfishness is toxic to a marriage. Human nature tends to focus on what we can *get* from the other person. The romantic attraction that draws most couples together is essentially a self-oriented emotion.

A 'love-struck' individual can easily convince himself that he suddenly has a deep, pure, completely selfless desire for nothing but the other person's happiness. In reality, however, real love is not even possible without a degree of maturity. Mature love begins slowly and grows. Lust often masquerades as love, but it's lousy at maintaining the ruse for long.

A relationship based on *get* is bound to suffer, if not fracture. Once one partner feels their needs aren't being adequately fulfilled, they will generally show their discontent by giving a bit less of themselves in return. A negative cycle begins.

"There exist, overall, only two basic ways of life - two divergent philosophies," (Herbert Armstrong wrote in "**The Missing Dimension in Sex**"). "They travel in opposite direc-

tions. - one is the way of give - the other the way of get."

Marriage is fundamentally a giving relationship. It is successful - even to the point of being spectacular - to the degree that both husband and wife understand their spouse's needs and then prioritize fulfilling those needs above their own. Of these two opposing ways of life, Mr. Armstrong continued,

"More specifically, the one is the way of love, humility and of outgoing concern for others equal to self-concern. It is the way of cooperation, serving, helping, sharing; of consideration, patience and kindness. More importantly, it is also the way of obedience to, reliance on, and worship solely towards God.. It is the God-centered way, of love toward God and love toward neighbour. The opposite is the self-centered way of vanity, lust and greed; of competition and strife; of envy, jealousy and unconcern for the welfare of others."

The more that *self-centeredness* occupies a marriage, the more friction, hurt and broken trust will result. There is a reason for that! As Mr. Armstrong explained,

"Few realize this vital fact: The 'give' is actually *an invisible, yet inexorable, spiritual law in active motion*. It is summarized, in principle, by the Ten Commandments. It is a law as real, as *inflexibly relentless, as the law of gravity!* It governs and regulates all human relationships!"

Yes. The very God who created the universe and all the physical laws governing matter with precision also set in motion a spiritual law governing human relations. Every

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hint of conflict in a marriage, every particle of discouragement or frustration, every speck of sadness or pain in that relationship, is caused by breaking that spiritual law.

### HOW TO MAKE A MARRIAGE GREAT

True love is "never selfish" (1 Corinthians 13:5, Mofatt Translation) This is a crucial point that distinguishes true love from love that is fundamentally selfish. Selfish 'love' makes you hold back when you feel your spouse doesn't 'deserve' it. It means you're unwilling to overcome irritating habits that you know bother your mate, but that you just don't feel like changing. It means you allow petty personal interests to consume your time that your spouse would be *thrilled* to see you devote to the family. There are perhaps hundreds of little and big ways that our *self-love* can manifest itself in our marriage.

Society today tends to exalt self-love as the highest virtue. It tries to convince us we all have a natural-born *right* to put ourselves first. Scripture reveals that this is the *get way*. It is contrary to the spiritual law of God, which is true love. Though we probably don't want to admit it, self-love does not make us happy - it actually creates tension, offense, hurt and grief within our marriage and within ourselves.

God's love is *always*, ALWAYS outflowing. It does not wait for the other guy to begin acting unselfishly before reciprocating with unselfishness. Jesus Christ *died* for us while we were yet sinners. The principle of striving always to put your spouse's needs above your own is fundamental to making a marriage great. If each of you is looking out for the *other* OVER AND ABOVE yourself, then there is plenty of overlap to ensure both you and your spouse's needs are amply met. That is true love! It's not, "I'll give you this if you give me that." It is NEVER selfish. It is unconditional.

This is a difficult lesson to learn. That is why the marriage relationship is uniquely suited to teach it. Because it begins with each spouse making a life-long commitment, a couple must find a way to stick together through whatever trials life may present, and come out stronger on the other side.

### A SIMPLE - AND DIFFICULT - COMMAND

One of the first Biblical commands regarding marriage is found in Genesis 2:24: "*Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall CLEAVE unto his wife: and they shall be ONE FLESH.*" What does God mean when He commands a husband and wife to *cleave* to one another? The Hebrew word is *dabaq*, which means to cling or adhere, or to catch by pursuit. Elsewhere in the Bible, it is translated *abide fast, follow close, be joined, pursue hard and stick*.

What practical instruction on how to love! In the midst of life's hubbub, actively cleaving to your spouse in love doesn't happen accidentally. Children, work, friends, chores, errands, bills, diversions, spiritual obligations - so many concerns compete for your attention. The command to *cleave* requires that you structure your priorities so as to regularly, actively pursue one another!

God commands that you become "one flesh" - not just sexually, but in every way. He insists that you build *oneness* by sharing your thoughts, attitudes, emotions, bodies and the physical things in life. Why? because that is how you practice and grow in TRUE GODLY LOVE.

The command to cleave is simple enough - but it takes real *effort* to obey in spirit. You must spend real time at it. Share your life! Read together, listen to music together, take walks together, talk together. Rekindle the flames of romance that drew you together. Court each other! Get a baby-sitter for your children [a trusted extended family member] and go out for a date, and not too infrequently. Take short trips alone - perhaps two to three days long, two to three times a year

How is your communication? You should have more to talk about together the longer your marriage lasts. If you are making a vigorous effort to love and to cleave, then your common interests and your ability to relate will grow with time. You will feel close emotionally, and your shared understanding and affection will make your marriage a joy.

For some marriages, a mountain of mutual effort is required to restore the relationship to where it should be. If the idea of loving each other in this way seems overwhelming, that is a good indication you and your mate would benefit from getting some spiritual

counsel.

### TILL DEATH DO US PART

God created the marriage institution as the nucleus of family. He had a transcendent reason for that, but in very practical terms the fact is it provides a day-to-day training ground for learning how to apply the spiritual law of give - which is *real love*.

A marriage will be *great* inasmuch as both husband and wife pursue this goal. It will be harmonious and happy, rewarding and rich, to the extent that each mate drives out self-love and replaces it with true love. And real, mature love grows stronger through trial - and sweeter with age.

That is a lesson that needs the security of a "till death do us part" commitment in order to become manifest. It is instruction that divorce robs us of. Those breaking that commitment and celebrating it truly don't know what they're missing.

[It also helps if you have a ecclesia/ community/ church where there are other godly people you can go to and discuss some of these issues].

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## WHEN FAMILIES DISAPPEAR

by Robert Morley

Can a nation survive without strong [extended] families? You need to know, because strong marriages and families are disappearing. Take Britain, for example. The marriage rate in England and Wales is at its lowest point since records began in 1862. In 2008, for the first time, fewer than two percent of women over the age of 16 got married over the course of the year as the marriage rate for women fell from 20.2 women per 1,000 the previous year to 19.6, the United Kingdom's Office for National Statistics (ONS) has reported.

ONS figures also show that the percentage of Britons getting married for a second time is falling. It's not because marriages are lasting any longer; marriages are still breaking up at record rates. It is just that now fewer people are choosing to remarry following a divorce.

Britain has become a world leader in cohabitation. And now, the new trend is single mothers choosing to live alone on state benefits. New research by sociologist Geoff Dench shows that these premeditated single mothers believe they

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by Frank J. Jerome, D.D.S.

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have *no need for a spouse*, and their children have *no need for a father*.

Of the one in four mothers who currently live without a man in their house, *half* have made the conscious determination to live alone. Britain's record breakdown of the traditional family coincides with several other dubious distinctions: Britain also leads in rates of obesity, public drunkenness, drug use, and sexually transmitted infections. It is also a leader in illiteracy, crime and teenage pregnancy. Yet despite this list of disturbing accomplishments, many people remain blind to the looming social and national disaster facing the country.

### DIVORCING IN ORDER TO MARRY

History shows that once national family life breaks down, societies are on the downhill slide. Gerald Flurry wrote in March 2009,

"The strength of any nation depends on the strength of its families. Family is the rock-solid foundation on which a country's superstructure is erected. That was the case for both America and Britain."

Note the past tense.

Strong (extended) families were also the concrete foundation of the Roman Empire during its heyday.

"Back then, when people talked about Rome falling, they were scoffed at and scorned," noted Mr. Flurry. "When Seneca, the famous Roman, warned that Rome would fall - even telling people *why* it would fall - the people ignored him. In the words of Seneca, one of the foundational reasons Rome would fall was the fact that *they divorce in order to remarry. They marry in order to divorce.*"

Seneca warned that family breakdown would destroy the Roman Empire - and it did! And it is destroying our nations today.

In his masterpiece "*History of the Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire*," Edward Gibbons identified five major causes that contributed to the fall of the Roman Empire. First on the list was breakdown of the family. The other factors included increased taxation, an insatiable craving for pleasure, an unsustainable buildup of armaments, and the decay of religion.

Doesn't Rome before the fall sound like today's United Kingdom? The looming disaster is hard to miss.

### "THE BEST COUNTRY IN THE WORLD"

Few in Britain acknowledge something is wrong. But the will to act is conspicuously lacking. Even those politicians who publicly support traditional families have shown through decades of inaction that they don't have the will to stop the downhill slide and make the controversial changes necessary to help get families back on track.

Writer Melanie Phillips suggests things are to a state now that the government should give dowries to men who get married for the first time. This would "increase their worth to women, and "send a powerful signal that men are not worthless creeps but essential to family life" (*Daily Mail*, March 1).

Wow. How the British man has *fallen* since the feminist revolution - to think that state-funded dowries are needed to show that men are not worthless in *family life*, of all things! A real man should have his own career and be able to provide for his own - before getting married. And he should be the solid core of that marriage and family for the rest of his life!

Yet according to some, British family life is not in crisis. "This country has never been broken by anyone or anything," said Prime Minister Gordon Brown in September 2008. "For all the challenges, I don't believe Britain is broken - I think it's the best country in the world. I believe in Britain."

Sounds just like something Seneca's countrymen might have said. All the while, nationwide collapse is thundering closer as the bulkheads snap under the pressure.

### CAUSE AND EFFECT

The evidence is clear. A host of studies have shown that stable (extended) families result in children who are less prone to violent crime, better educated, less likely to take drugs, healthier physically, healthier mentally, and less likely to have teenage pregnancies.

Why do we have children today who publicly harass and denigrate their teachers? Why does London have a higher crime rate than Istanbul? Why do government officials feel the need to hand out morning-after pills to 11-year-olds? Why are British girls having up to four abortions by their 18th birthday (thereby dramatically increasing their risk of breast cancer)?

Because there has been a serious breakdown, of one kind or another, in those families (contributed to by television, schools and education, rock music and a host of other contributing factors).

And, because nothing is changing, Britain as a nation will - just like its families - fall apart. History provides no examples of societies that remained viable without viable families. Even the mighty Roman Empire fell. It is cause and effect.

God says that when you break His Laws on marriage and family life, He will send curses as correction. Through the Prophet Jeremiah, God says, "*For the land is full of adulterers; for because of swearing the land mourneth; the pleasant places of the wilderness are dried up, and their course is evil, and their force is not right*" (Jeremiah 23:10).

In this verse, God says there is a direct connection between marriages and escalating national problems. The phrase "*their course is evil*" implies aggressively running after evil ways like runners in a race. As Melanie Phillips pointed out, British society is totally geared toward not only promoting single motherhood, but toward denigrating fathers. Britain is steaming full-speed ahead contrary to God's Laws, like many nations. Therefore curses are inevitable!

Jeremiah says the land will mourn and the pleasant places will be ruined. Britain is suffering intense natural disasters. Over the past few years it has suffered devastating crop failures and cattle diseases. Flooding has taken huge tolls. Severe snowstorms have blanketed the nation. Economically, its place as the world's financial capital is gone, the pound is under attack, and the nation is on the brink of financial collapse.

The phrase "their force is not right" implies a failure in military action. The Hebrew word for 'force' means *valor; victory; mastery; might, mighty* (act, power), *power; strength*. It's a military word. God warns us that national sins destroy military might. Today, British troops are worn down and short on equipment. Troops are heading home from failures in Iraq and will probably come home from a

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failure in Afghanistan soon as well. In February, the *Daily Mail* lamented that if Argentina were to take the Falklands, the bitter truth is that Britain doesn't even have the resources to send a task force to retake the islands. That is a far cry from the nation that once boasted the world's largest empire backed by its most powerful navy.

But that is the thing with curses; eventually they result in destruction. Family Bridgetown in Britain is breaking the nation. And worse is yet to come. If you don't believe it, just ask Rome - or the now largely vanished British Empire.

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## ON THE SHELF OR IN YOUR HEART

How big a place does the Bible have in your home? Although 93 percent of American homes have at least one Bible, Gallup calls the United States "a nation of Biblical illiterates." (the same could undoubtedly be said for much of Australia). Apparently, half of the population can't even name the first book of the Bible. The Bible is on the shelf but not in the heart. [even before we started home-schooling, memorising Bible books was just one of many memorisations, CIM]

Horace Greeley, founder of the *New York Tribune*, stated, "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible-reading people." Is this why most 'Christians' are vulnerable to deception? The Bible is on their shelf but not in their hearts. This great freedom-loving nation is subtly being enslaved by the deceptive ideologies of humanism, socialism and even communism. Many are unaware it is happening. But if we don't wake up now, it will be a different world for our children and grandchildren.

It is time for the Bible to come off our shelves. It is time to read the Bible personally. It is time to read the Bible to our children [doesn't matter if they are still too young to understand - they will learn the pattern and acquire the routine]. The Bible is our greatest Constitution. It is the basis for our mind-set. It is the foundation for our nation. It is the blueprint for our success.

God encouraged Joshua, "*This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.*" (Joshua 1:8).

How much of the Word of God is in your heart? How much is in your children's hearts and minds? Apart from our personal devotions, my husband reads the Bible to our household each morning and evening.

I loved reading the story of the Arnold Pent family who travelled the continent preaching the gospel together. Every day, Arnold Pent conducted family devotions with his wife and eight children. It wasn't a ten minute devotion either. He read the Word of God to his children for one hour after breakfast, one hour after lunch and one hour after supper whether they were at home or someone else's home. Consequently, by the time the children were 10 years old they could all quote at least 300 verses of the Bible. The older ones could quote the entire New Testament and many passages from the Old Testament [*"Ten P's in a Pod,"* by Arnold Pent III].

This may sound impossible for your lifestyle. How-

ever, I think the least God-fearing families could do is to read the Word of God together at least once a day. This should be a greater priority than anything else in our family schedule. If every family began to do this, we would see this generation change back to our godly heritage. [and turn the TV OFF during supper/ dinner].

John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the United States, wrote letters to his 10 year-old son on how to effectively read through the Bible in one year. These letters were later published in a book so that other children could be inspired to read through the Bible in a year.

At our church gathering last week, not only the adults, but the children were encouraged to take small pocket Bibles with them wherever they go to read at available moments. Today, we have the added blessing of being able to download the Bible on to MP3's.

To become people of the Book, to take up the responsibility of reading the Bible daily to our children and to make it a priority in our home is not just a good idea. It is imperative for the saving of our future generations - our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren - as they grow up in the extended family/ church community.

To live for our own materialistic pursuits and avoid this responsibility will result in the downfall of our nation. My purpose is to live, not only for today, but in a way that will affect future generations for blessing and righteousness. I cannot do this without inculcating the Word of God to my children and my children's children.

Let's hear from two of our early statesmen...

"I know not how long a republican government can flourish among a great people who have not the Bible... But this I do know that the existing government of this country never could have had existence but for the Bible. And further, I do in my conscience believe that if at every decade of

years a copy of the bible could be found in every family in the land, its republican institutions would be perpetuated." (William Seward, a Governor of New York).

"The moral principles and precepts contained in the Scriptures ought to form the basis of all our civil constitutions and laws. All the miseries and evils which men suffer from: vice, crime, ambition, injustice, oppression, slavery, and war, proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the Bible." (Noah Webster, compiler of 1828 Webster's Dictionary).

For the salvation and protection of our nation, may we come back to the original source of all truth, and with excitement and joy, read it daily to our families.

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## JOB AND SATAN

"Gabriel"

The book of Job is probably the bedrock book of the Satan exalters. They claim that this book shows the power of their "fallen angel" and what he can and does do! We will examine the validity of their 'claims' using the Word of God. The word 'Satan' is a Hebrew word, signifying "to oppose, to be an adversary." The word 'Satan' is translated by our English translators 'adversary,' 'withstand,' 'resist,' and also transliterated as 'Satan,' in many places in the Bible.

If the translators had used the words adversary or opponent, instead of the term 'Satan,' we wouldn't have all



the Satan worshippers today [nor the dual seed-liners]. But, as usual, God moved them to use this term to lead the unregenerate man into error. I've discussed this with many people. They all deny that they worship Satan. What they claim is that they just recognize his power, and what he is able to do. Well, my friend, if you think for a moment that you can admit that 'Satan' has power to do his own will, you have, in effect, given him the power of a deity. My dictionary tells me that worship means: TO VENERATE AS A DEITY.

So any way you want to cut it - the "fallen angel" dogma is the veneration of 'Satan,' in violation of the first commandment: "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me." But let's go on to Job, and see if 'Satan' has the power to do anything without the Lord's blessing!

*"There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God and eschewed evil."* (Job 1:1).

If we look up the word man in this verse, we discover that Job was a 'iysh' or son of Noah. We also know he was the third son of Issachar (Genesis 46:13). Knowing this, we can see that Job had moved out of Egypt to dwell in the land of Uz. The land of Uz was in Arabia, by the way. And Uz was the first son of Aram of the seed of Shem (Genesis 10:23). We know the children of Israel dwelt in Egypt for 210 years (2238 - 2448 from Adam).

With Job listed as one of the children of Issachar who entered Egypt, it is no wonder that we don't see any of the other Israelites mentioned as Job's 'friends.' (Job 2:11 and Job 19:13). By knowing this, we can deduce that Job lived out his entire life separated from his brethren in Egypt. Unless, of course, he lived over 210 years, which seems unlikely, according to the 'ripe' old age of Abraham at his death (Genesis 25:7-8). Now that we've determined who Job was, let's discover what happened to him. Job 1:6,

*"Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan came also among them. And the Lord said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it."*

Now the "fallen angel" proponents claim that this event took place in 'heaven' and that the sons of God mentioned here are the angels. And, of course, the 'Satan' here has ascended for the meeting. Now this is a nice theory, but it just doesn't wash when we know Bible terms. I've pointed out before that the Bible term, "sons of God," was exclusive property of the sons of Adam through Seth and Shem, with other divisions coming at Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob-Israel (Luke 3:38). This truth is also confirmed in Exodus 4:22-23,

*"And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith the Lord, Israel is my son, even my firstborn: And I say unto thee, Let my son go,"*

Now as far as the angels being called the sons of God, Paul gives us clarification on this in Hebrews 1:5,

*"For unto which of the angels said he at any time, Thou art my Son, this day have I begotten thee? And again, I will be to him a Father, and he shall be to me a Son?"*

*"But to which of the angels said he at any time, sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool? Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to minister for them who shall be heirs of salvation?"* (Hebrews 1:13-

14).

We can now see that the angels of God were never called sons. And that their job is to be ministering spirits to the heirs of salvation! So now you know what holy spirit is. For more on this revelation read Luke 12:8-10; Exodus 23:20-23; Revelation 22:16.

### NOW BACK TO JOB.

In the days of Job it was a common event for the sons of God to appear before the Lord. This "appearing before the Lord" became part of the law covenant given to the children of Israel in Exodus 23:17.

*"Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the LORD God."*

Prior to this command, and the establishment of the law covenant to be implemented by the Levitical priesthood, Melchisedek was the priest of the Most High God. (Refer to Genesis 14:18 and Hebrews 7). Knowing this fact, I can say without qualification that these sons of God (Israelites) came before the Lord (Melchisedek) who was their intercessor at that time of history.

Now it's obvious from the context of Job 1:7, that this Satan (adversary) was not one of the sons of God. In fact, this adversary when answering the question from the Lord, "Whence comest thou?" admitted that he was a man. His reply was, "From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it." Now if that doesn't describe the locomotion of a person I don't know what does! How in the world can any person then say that this 'adversary' was a "fallen angel"?

But let's go on. 'Satan' (the adversary) accused the Lord of protecting his servant Job. So the Lord allows the adversary of Job free reign to smite Job without retribution. Now remember the fact here that Job was an Israelite. The adversary knew if he vexed Job without the Lord's permission that he would be cursed. This goes back to God's blessing to Abram that:

*"And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee."* (Genesis 12:3).

So with the Lord's permission the 'Satan' (adversary) begins to afflict Job. The first affliction came when the Sabeans (Job 1:15) fell on Job's herds, and slew his servants tending them. One of Job's servants escaped and told Job. While he was yet speaking there came also another, and said:

*"The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep, and the servants, and consumed them; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee."* (Job 1:16).

Notice here it was the fire of God that fell! Next in Job 1:17, the Chaldeans came and took his camels, slaying more of his servants. then we read the report of another servant:

*"And behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped."* (Job 1:19).

Now then: what did Job do?

*"Then Job arose, and rent his mantle, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped; and said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly."* (Job 1:20-22).

Job knew exactly who had caused his problem. It wasn't 'Satan,' but God. And this fact is admitted by the

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Lord in Job 2.

'Satan' came again with the sons of God before the Lord. After a repetition of the formalities we read of in chapter 1, the Lord asked the adversary if he had observed that Job had kept his integrity,

"..... although thou movedst me against him, to destroy him without cause." (Job 2:3).

So from the mouth of the Lord we can see who it was that allowed and even caused Job's troubles. Another thing we can derive from this conversation that Job's adversary was also a member of his household. Probably a servant who could observe Job's reactions to his plight. 'Satan' (the adversary) then said that the Lord had not gone far enough. If he would only,

"But put forth thine hand now, and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse thee to thy face."

Whose hand was 'Satan' asking for to vex Job? If you missed it, read it again (Job 2:5). Yes, 'Satan' (or the adversary) asked for, and got, permission from the Lord to inflict boils on Job's body. Just how this was done we're not told, but we know boils are caused by bacteria, and liquefied puss forms on the infected regions. Medical science knows today that poor nutrition is a major cause of these conditions (source: "**Encyclopedia and Dictionary of Medicine and Nursing**," W.B. Sanders Co. 1972).

Knowing this, is it not possible that Job's boils were, in large part, caused by his faulty diet? Perhaps given to him by an 'adverse' servant? Or could it be that he began an extended fast and lamenting period, in sackcloth and ashes? This was common in those days and could have been the source of the bacteria entering his hair follicles. At any rate, Job was afflicted with boils (see Job 2).

"And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself withal; and he sat down among the ashes. Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still retain thine integrity? Curse God, die. But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips." (Job 2:8-10).

Notice again the truth of Job's words! Now due to the length of the book of Job, we will not cover it verse by verse, although it is full of many valuable lessons for our day. Our primary goal is to find out who it was that Caused Job to be afflicted. So let's go on to Job 19:5-13, and see who it was that gave Job all his grief:

"Know now that God hath overthrown me, and hath compassed me with his net. Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry aloud, but there is no judgment. He hath fenced up my way that I cannot pass, and he hath set darkness in my paths. He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head. He hath destroyed me on every side, and I am gone: and mine hope hath he removed like a tree. He hath also kindled his wrath against me, and he counted me unto him as one of his enemies. His troops come together, and raise up their way against me, and encamp round about my tabernacle. He hath put my brethren far from me, and mine acquaintances are verily estranged from me." - And finally, verse 21 of chapter 19,

"Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye friends; for the hand of God hath touched me."

Now you just read it. Job listed all his vexations and he knew who had overthrown him. Was it 'Satan,' or was it the Lord? Now to make sure that this is correct in the

Lord's eyes, let's read the last chapter of Job and see what the Lord says to Job's 'friends.'

"And it was so, that after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, the Lord said to Elisha the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. Therefore take unto you now seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job and offer up for yourselves a burnt offering; and my servant Job shall pray for you; for him will I accept: lest I deal with you after your folly, in that ye have not spoken of me the thing which is right, like my servant Job." (Job 19:7-8).

And Job's friends did what the Lord had told them.

"And the Lord turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: also the Lord gave Job twice as much as he had before." (Job 19:10).

And finally, part of verse 11, when Job's friends became reconciled with him,

"...and comforted him over all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him:"

Now, my friend, Job's friends were corrected of their error, for they had told him that his punishment had come because of his sin - and his crafty tongue, which didn't know what it was talking about - when Job identified God as causing his problems.

The question I have for you, my Christian friend, is this: Will you believe Job? Or will you have to be corrected by God? The lesson in Job practically leaps out of the book. Let's heed it!

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## "TEACH THEM DILIGENTLY"

DEUTERONOMY 6:7

God wants us to instruct our children from Scripture - but where do we start? Here are some ideas. Tailor your instruction to your own children: Some of these paragraphs may have material enough for two or three family studies. We hope these spark many of your own ideas for family Bible studies. Enjoy!

### LEARN ABOUT GOD

Why is God called "*the Eternal*"? **Exodus 3:13-15**. When God introduced Himself to Moses, He revealed His name to be "*I Am That I Am*." That means God has *always existed and always will!* **Psalm**

**90:1-2**. God was here for an eternity before anything else existed. **Psalm 90:4**. Can you imagine a thousand years going by like one day? God definitely sees time differently than we do. **Isaiah 57:15**. God "*inhabits eternity*" - He isn't bound by time. It's hard to even imagine that, because we are physical and live only a short time. We are *all* like little children compared to the Eternal, and need to be humble before Him! **Revelation 1:8**.

How God made the Earth. **Job 38:1, 4**. God put our planet in the perfect place in the universe so we're comfortable and safe. **Job 38:5**. He made Earth the perfect size, and measured out just the right amount of things like water, rocks, air, and so on - so we could live here. **Job 38:6**. He anchored us perfectly so we know the sun will rise every morning and set each night, and we have four beautiful seasons each year! **Psalm 104:5-9**. God commands the huge oceans - and He makes sure they don't drown all the land. **Psalm 33:7-9**.

Something God will never do. **Numbers 23:19**. God



does not lie! When He says something, it is true. When He makes a promise, He *always* keeps it! **Titus 1:1-2**. That is why we can trust everything that is written in the Bible. **Hebrews 6:17-19**. What God says is *so sure*, it can be like an anchor in our lives, keeping us steady and giving us hope. That's why we can base our whole lives on what God says in the Bible. **Luke 21:33**. God's words are more dependable than the whole physical creation. *Nothing* God has said will ever fail! **Isaiah 55:10-11**.

### PROVERBS

What you should never say about yourself. **Proverbs 27:2**. It is rude to boast about your own achievements or abilities. What so you think when you hear others praising themselves? If anyone talks about you that way, let it be other people. What should you do if you find yourself praising yourself? **Proverbs 30:32**.

How to look wise. **Proverbs 17:28**. Many people think that in order to look smart, they have to talk a lot. The opposite is true. Keeping quiet helps you listen and learn. When you talk, be someone whose word can be trusted. Know what you are talking about. **Proverbs 10:19**.

Take care of your things. **Proverbs 24:30-34**. Look at the areas you have to take care of: your bedroom, your closet, your locker or workspace - perhaps other areas of the house or yard. Are they messy, uncared-for, broken down? Or do you keep them clean, orderly and maintained? The answer reveals a lot about your character - to other people and to God. **Ecclesiastes 10:18**. Build a habit of being a good steward, or caretaker, of your property. **Proverbs 27:23-24**.

### SOUND ADVICE

How to make the most of your youth. **Ecclesiastes 12:1**. The best time to establish a relationship with God is *now*. Good habits of prayer and study will last your whole life! Never think you are "too young" to build that friendship with your heavenly Father. **Proverbs 8:17**.

If you hear yourself whining... **Philippians 2:14**. 'Murmurings' means grumbling or complaining. God doesn't want us whining and moaning. He got angry with the Israelites for doing so! **Numbers 14:27-29**, **1 Corinthians 10:10**. Be content with what you have. And if you have a request, make it politely.

What comes out of your mouth? **James 3:8-12**. Do you say nice things to some people - and mean things to others? That's not right! **Matthew 12:34-35**. What you say reveals what is in your heart. If evil things come out, it shows that there is evil in your heart that you need to get rid of. **James 3:13-16**. Do you fight and argue? That doesn't come from God! Learn to recognize whether what you're saying is wrong and evil, or right and good. **James 3:17-18**.

### THE LAW

How to treat older people. **Leviticus 19:32**. "*Hoary Head*" means gray-haired people, or old people. God wants older people to receive honor from younger people. One way to do that is to stand when they enter the room. They have lived long and learned much. **Proverbs 20:29**. God considers their white hair beautiful! Treating older people with respect teaches us to treat God with respect. **Proverbs 16:31**.

Why hatred is so dangerous. **Exodus 20:13**. Obviously, we are not to murder - but this law even forbids *hating* someone. **Matthew 5:21-22**. Jesus taught that hatred is the spirit of murder; it breaks God's Law! **Leviticus 19:17**. God doesn't care only about what we do, but also about what we think, and the attitudes in our heart. He wants us to learn to love people. **1 John 3:15-16**. That means going out of our way to help others, giving of our time, our things, and ourselves.

Always be thankful. **Deuteronomy 6:10-12**. The Promised Land was a wonderful, prosperous place. God

warned the Israelites not to let nice physical things pull their hearts away from Him. **Deuteronomy 8:10**. We too have so many blessings! It's important to always remember where they come from, and to thank God (and give the Tithes, firstfruits). **Deuteronomy 8:11-16**. Never take blessings for granted, and don't take credit for them ourselves. **Deuteronomy 8:17-18**.

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### WHO WANTS A MIRACLE??

The LORD God Almighty would rather bless you than work a miracle in your life. Read these Scriptures then we'll see the difference between miracles and blessings. Blessings are a priority that should be our focus.

*"Blessings are upon the head of the just: but violence covereth the mouth of the wicked."* Proverbs 10:6.

*"And all these blessings shall come on thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God."* Deuteronomy 28:2.

*"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ."* Ephesians 1:3.

Everybody wants to pray for and see miracles today. But we get what we ask for. Miracles mean that you are in trouble in the first place and need an emergency intervention by The Almighty. This is not a situation that our God wants to see you in.

On the other hand, blessings repeatedly fall upon a person who is constantly in God's favor by obeying His Laws and enters into His grace. If you are in Big trouble you may need a miracle to pull you out of immediate danger. Who wants to live in a state of constant trouble where they need miraculous rescuing all the time? It is much better for a person to learn the road to blessings by applying God's Laws to one's life, and when they slip up by sinning out of weakness, then we ask forgiveness by the blood of Jesus and the Father forgives us of the infrequent sin (sin = violation of the Law, 1 John 3:4).

A study of The Word reveals that God Almighty would rather not have to reveal miracles to you, but wants to bless you in consistency by a personal ongoing relationship. It is much wiser to see blessings in your life than to ask for miracles which are short term answers to habitual misery. Instead of wanting to see miracles you may want to study the Word of the Law of Moses which leads to ongoing and steady blessings, plus grasp the grace of Paul which leads to forgiveness by the Father when we fail and "skin our knees" in this walk of life. Our Saviour Friend is there to pick us up, hold our hand, and continue on the walk.

Think on these things and ask for further revelation in your personal life. This is why God would rather not work miracles for your situation, although He may if the situation becomes desperate. Get out of the desperate situation in the first place and pray to be blessed so that you never need to be rescued by a miracle. The understanding for your individual circumstances will be given.

Blessings (but necessarily miracles) to the Remnant!

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