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At a time when many thousands of God's people are beginning to realize we are in danger of going into captivity under aliens, it is well that someone injects into their thinking a reason why we might be in such danger. Yes I know, many are saying the danger of conquest faces us because we've coddled our enemies, both outside the nation and inside. Or that our enemies are too wicked and cunning, they overcome us through the sheer weight of their lies and deception. And their solution, usually, is a form of Paul Revere-ism - wake up the people, and tell them what is happening; the people will rise up and save America (and Australia).

Of course, many others who realize this, will admit that America is in danger of being conquered. But it is not only no fault of mine, it is of no concern of mine. Before America (Australia) is conquered or destroyed, I will be gone in the Rapture. And after all, America (Australia) is wicked, and deserves destruction anyway. The people who are left, after I leave in the Rapture, will get only what they have deserved, because they didn't believe in my Christ so they could escape with me in the Rapture.

In both cases, the one who knows the conquest may come, and thinks we can put it off only by our own overt action against the enemy, and the one who cares not that it may come because he'll be gone; both of them in most cases, credit the One Worlders with the power to bring about the defeat of America. In the first case, they give God little or no credit for what is happening. In the second case, they give God no credit for the possible future conquest, only for having prepared an escape hatch for a handful of people. All other events seem to them to be controlled by someone or something other than God.

So for the many thousands of people who are still rather new to the truth that we are Israelites, I want to show you what part God played in the captivities of our forefathers. Perhaps you'll have a little more respect for God's participation in the present dilemma facing us Israelites today. Can we learn from Israel history in God's Word? Let's try. Turn to Judges 2, and to set the stage for where Israel is, if you'll recall, of course, Moses brought Israel to the promised land, then Joshua took over, and conquered most of it. However, neither he nor they drove out all of the Canaanites as God had commanded them. Some were left.

"And an angel of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I sware unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you. And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this? Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be {as thorns} in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you." (Judges 2:1-3).

Under Moses, this command was given quite a number of times: for Israel not to worship the gods of the Canaanites.

"And it came to pass, when the angel of the Lord spake these words unto all the chil-

dren of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. And they called the name of that place Bochim: and they sacrificed there unto the Lord. And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great works of the Lord, that he did for Israel.” (Judges 2:4-7).

So the generation that was alive during this time, when these great things were done, stayed true to God.

“And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, {being} an hundred and ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the mount of Ephraim, on the north side of the hill Gaash. And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: (that means they all died) and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.” (Judges 2:8-10).

So all the people who had been around under Joshua’s leadership are now gone; we are now reading about their children, and their grand-children. Let’s compare what we are going to read right now, to our own history. Some time ago I did a tape entitled **“America Thanked God”** (#8125). It referred to our colonial forefathers who lived through our war for independence, saw the hand and works of God in delivering America and publicly acknowledged it. I read from Ezra Stiles and other men, who in their preaching and in their speaking, acknowledged to their listeners that God caused this to happen during the War for Independence; God caused this to happen; God defeated the enemy there; and so on. That generation of our people who saw the great works of God at the beginning of this nation, would have died out by the time of our War between The States. Those people born ten to fifteen years before the American War for Independence would have been gone by 1865; most of them by 1820-1830. So here in Judges we have a similar situation: those who were alive during the battle to establish Israel in the land as a nation, are now all gone, and a new generation is here.

“And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the Lord, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and served Baalim: And they forsook the Lord God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the Lord to anger. And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.” (Judges 2:10-13).

God had warned Israel not to do that. Or at least He had warned their fathers and their grandfathers. Remember that you are reading about, and will continue to read about, God’s chosen people, God’s peculiar people; a nation of priests, an Holy nation, people of the Covenant; the people that God chose to place high above all nations of the earth. What did they do?

“And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and Ashtaroth. And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that they could not any longer stand before their enemies. Whithersoever they went out, the hand of the Lord was against them for evil as the Lord had said, and as the Lord had sworn unto them: and they were greatly distressed.” (Judges 2:13-15).

Think about that! One generation God brought out of Egypt, they rebelled in the wilderness, and God let that generation die there. The next generation God brought into Canaan-land, and that generation prospered under Joshua. But the next generation rebelled against

God, and God turned them over to their enemies, so that they were robbed and defeated by them, and greatly distressed.

“Nevertheless the Lord raised up judges, who delivered them out of the hand of those that spoiled them. And yet they would not hearken unto their judges, but they went a-whoring after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers walked in, obeying the commandments of the Lord; {but} they did not so. And when the Lord raised them up judges, then the Lord was with the judge, and delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented the Lord because of their groanings by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them.” (Judges 2:16-18).

They were apparently complainers. They got into trouble through their own sin and iniquity. Then when they came under the control of aliens, they were robbed and of course, they groaned.

“And It came to pass when the judge was dead, {that} they returned, and corrupted {themselves} more than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn way.” (Judges 2:19).

I'll remind you again, and keep this in your mind as you read Judges, these are YOUR FATHERS IN ISRAEL! The Isaac-sons. You are reading this for your learning upon whom the end of the world is come, to learn God's part in the fortunes of Israel. I would suggest as you study this, you contemplate just what kind of people these Israelites are. There are those who call themselves Identity ministers, who continually teach that we Israelites are a superior people; that all our troubles are caused by the aliens among us, and if they left us to our own devices, we would have a superior civilization.

But God said of these Israelites, their wrong was that they ceased not from their own doings, nor from their stubborn ways. You see, it is not necessarily true that if it were just Israelites here now, that we would be any better than they were, unless we have improved morally over our hardheaded, stiff-necked, sin-prone ancestors. I wonder if that isn't what our problem is? We are not ceasing from our own doings, and from our own stubborn ways.

“And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel; and he said, Because that this people hath transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations which Joshua left when he died: That through them I may prove (test) Israel, whether they will keep the way of the Lord to walk therein, as their fathers did keep {it}, or not. Therefore the Lord left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.” (Judges 2:20-23).

We were told at the beginning of the book of Joshua, that when Joshua and the Israelites captured a city they were to kill every living soul among the Canaanites. They were to leave none alive. That continued right up until near the end, and then God said He would end that, and leave these people there, apparently to test Israel.

I wonder if you have thought of the probability that we have Canaanites among us, to test us; to prove us; to see whether we will turn to the God of Israel, or whether we'll turn to that false religion of the ancient Canaanites.

“Now these {are} the nations which the Lord left, to prove Israel by them, {even} as many {of Israel} as had not known all the wars of Canaan.” (Judges 3:1).

This is a new generation of Israelites and they have not fought in any of the wars. The

wars were over before they were born.

“Only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as before knew nothing thereof.” (Judges 3:2).

The true faith in God is that He is the controller of the future, but that doesn't mean it is a faith of pacifism, or a faith of do-nothing, or of not fighting for home and kindred. Here we find that God left these Canaanites among our ancestors, and He said He left them there to teach the coming generation to war. It's entirely possible, of course, that we might still have some among us that will eventually teach us war also. He lists them in the next verse.

“{Namely}, five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entering in of Hamath. And they were to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, Hittites, and Amorites, and Perizzites, and Hivites, and Jebusites.” (Judges 3:3-5).

Then look at what they did:

“And they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their daughters to their sons, and served their gods. And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served Baalim and the groves.” (Judges 3:6-7).

Here our noble ancestors are at it again!

“Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrishathaim eight years.” (Judges 3:8).

Notice where I got the title! GOD SOLD THEM! That should be a humiliating phrase. It almost implies that He got some sort of payment for these children of His. Think of the difference here in comparing a parent and child. You have read of instances where a parent or both parents have put their child up for adoption; they have given it away. There were difficult circumstances perhaps, and they gave the child to relatives or friends and said, “I can't raise them”. Generally when we hear a story like that we have some sympathy for the parent.

However, we once in a while hear of some parent who has sold their children and received payment for them. They've actually sold them to someone else, and you know, we have no sympathy for that parent whatsoever, no matter what the circumstance. They took money for their own children; they sold them. Yet that is the phrase God uses for His own actions in disposing of His children: the House of Israel. Does it imply an evil God? Or does it imply evil children. Wicked children, so evil that a parent would sell them to get rid of them. They would have to be pretty bad. In Deuteronomy 21 there is a law about these kind of children, who are so evil and so wicked that a parent can, under the law, dispose of them. Most people today wouldn't know about this. This is God's law on rebellious children.

“If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, which will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and {that}, when they have chastened him, will not hearken unto them:” (Deuteronomy 21:18).

Remember, God had put them in captivity and chastened them. They came out of captivity doing the same things all over again.

“Then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him, and bring him out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; And they shall say unto the elders of his city, This our son {is} stubborn and rebellious, he will not obey our voice; {he is} a glutton, and a

drunkard. And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die: so shalt thou put evil away from among you; and all Israel shall hear, and fear." (Deuteronomy 21:19-21).

Think about this from your experience with your own children and others. A child would have to be extremely wicked before you would do such a thing. And yet God authorises, and places in the power of parents, to see that their child can be put to death by the civil authorities, or the nation, if that child is incorrigible. We do have laws in this country regarding incorrigible children. We don't put them to death, but the state is authorised to take children from their parents. I think this says something about the wickedness of these Israelites. God says I SOLD THEM into captivity! So now, in Judges 3, they had been sold into captivity for eight years.

"And when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered them, {even} Othniel, the son of Kenaz, Caleb's younger brother. And the Spirit of the Lord came upon him, and he judged Israel, and went out to war: and the Lord delivered Chushanrishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed against Chushanrishathaim. And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died." (Judges 3:9-11).

So that was eight years of captivity, and then forty years of liberty and peace. What happened next?

"And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done evil in the sight of the Lord." (Judges 3:12).

There is a new thought injected in here. In the past, there was only the specific statement that Israel had been sold into captivity. Now, the fact that God actually strengthened an enemy of Israel has been added.

"And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek, and went and smote Israel, and possessed the city of palm trees. So the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years." (Judges 3:13-14).

If a nearby enemy of Israel was not strong enough, and God wanted to put them into captivity, apparently God Almighty would strengthen that enemy and then they would put Israel into servitude.

"But when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord, the Lord raised them up a deliverer, Ehud the son of Gera, a Benjamite, a man left-handed: and by him the children of Israel sent a present unto Eglon the king of Moab." (Judges 3:15).

It then tells of how they were delivered, by Ehud assassinating that alien king. However, it was, of course, God's deliverer raised up.

"And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirath. And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went down with him from the mount, and he before them. And he said unto them, Follow after me: for the Lord hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of Jordan toward Moab, and suffered not a man to pass over. And they slew of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all lusty, and all men of valour; and there escaped not a man. So Moab was subdued that day under the hand of Israel. And the land had rest fourscore years. And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel." (Judges 3:26-31).

Eighty years of rest and peace, and by now these pious and noble ancestors of ours have learned their lesson. After all, they are Adamites, and so much more intelligent than all the other races of the earth. And, according to some preachers, these Adamite Israelites are the spirit sons of God, now dwelling in the flesh, and they were sent to this earth to cleanse it and to rule over it. Certainly their spiritual excellence, their heavenly origins, will come to the fore, and they will now show the stuff of which they are made. These heavenly sons of God certainly won't make the same mistake again. Or will they?

“And the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the Lord, when Ehud was dead. And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor; the captain of whose host {was} Sisera, which dwelt in Harosheth of the heathen. And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.” (Judges 4:1-3).

Eighty years of freedom for two generations and then the next one in bondage.

“And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, she judged Israel at that time. And she dwelt under the palm tree of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in mount Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment.” (Judges 4:4).

What follows is the longest story of their deliverance. We're not going to be looking specifically at the deliverances. This is a lesson on why Israel goes into captivity and who puts them there. However, you can read the rest of the story, because if there are any women-libbers among you, you will find that when Deborah was called to deliver Israel, she went and found a man to lead the army. There were no female generals in Israel. God used Deborah to judge Israel, and He also had Sisera killed at the hand of another woman, which of course, was done to shame the enemy, that they were killed and defeated by women.

“So let all thine enemies perish, O Lord: but {let} them that love him {be} as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rest forty years.” (Judges 5:31).

Now this must be enough, with all the captivities, and then the miraculous deliverances. How can such a glorious race as Israel, go on repeating the same mistake?

“And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years.” (Judges 6:1).

Are you beginning to suspect that Israel can only remain a free and independent people when they obey God. Let's read a bit about what God told their fathers through Moses, when He gave them the Law regarding liberty and freedom, or captivity and bondage. The first part of Leviticus 26 told Israel how they will be blessed and kept in liberty and will be able to destroy their enemies, when they obey God's statutes and judgments. However, since it seems that they haven't done that to any extent yet, let's read the part where God promised them (and remember that this is a promise) that certain things would happen if they did not obey.

“But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; And if ye shall despise my statutes, or if your soul abhor my judgments, so that ye will not do all my commandments, {but} that ye break my covenant: I also will do this unto you.” (Leviticus 26:14-15).

This is not a case of God saying that if you will not obey my law, terrible things might happen to you. This is a positive statement. God says “I, God Almighty, will do this unto you.”

“I also will do this unto you; I will even appoint over you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, that shall consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart: and ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it. And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be

slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you; and ye shall flee when none pursueth you." (Leviticus 26:16-17).

We are those people of the Book. We are the people of whom the Bible is written, and the people to whom it is written. We are the descendants of the people who were given this law, and God said to our fathers, "If you won't obey My Law, I will do this!" And it included such strange things as sending disease upon them.

"And ye shall sow your seed in vain, for your enemies shall eat it." (Leviticus 26:16).

Have you ever wondered how this strange situation has developed here, where we grow grain in America and Australia, and then it is sold and delivered to our enemies and they eat it, and then our government cancels the money that they owe for it, and they get it for free. Now, I bet you thought that was all carried out by traitors; by enemies in our own government who betrayed us, and helped the Communists. Well, the Bible says that God Almighty was going to do that. Yes, I think these men are instruments in God's hand, but it is God Almighty who sends our grain to our enemies, and they eat it.

"And I will set my face against you, and ye shall be slain before your enemies: they that hate you shall reign over you;" (Leviticus 26:17).

We can understand from reading the words of Jesus Christ, and the men who wrote the epistles in the New Testament, that the world would hate God's people, because of Jesus Christ; they would hate them because they were Israelites, God's chosen people. If you make a list of the people who rule over you in your local government, state government, and federal government, you won't find one in one hundred elected officials who are sincere believers in Jesus Christ. In fact, you will find thousands, and tens of thousands, in positions of rulership over you who hate Christ.

Christ told us that they would hate us because they hated Him first. God told Israel: "If you won't obey, they that hate you shall reign over you". The antichrists hate the Christians, and our race, the Israelites, and they reign over us. That is what God warned these people back then, and these people were our fore-fathers who had this curse put on them. In Deuteronomy 28, which is a longer chapter than Leviticus 26, but much the same thing, God promises at the beginning, that if our Israelite fathers obeyed the Lord God Almighty, He would bless them and their crops and their fields and their work and their family with plenty of children, and give them health. And in verse 13 it continues:

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; (In other words, you'll be the ruler, not the captive) and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; If that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do {them}." (Deuteronomy 28:13-14).

However, what we're concerned with here is the last 75% of this chapter, because it is also a promise. I cannot emphasise that enough! God's promise to put Israel into captivity when they disobeyed His Law, is as certain as His promise to keep them free, healthy, and prosperous when they obeyed His Law.

"But it shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day; that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee." (Deuteronomy 28:13-14).

And then He lists all the curses that would happen to them; they would lose their crops; they would even lose their children; they would become ill and sick.

"The Lord shall cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies: thou shalt go out one

way against them, and flee seven ways before them: and shalt be removed into all the kingdoms of the earth.” (Deuteronomy 28:25).

We supposedly went out against our enemies in a dozen different ways over in South East Asia, and we actually fled that country. People said it was because of betrayal in the government. I’m trying to show you that God Almighty said He would bring these things to pass if we disobeyed His laws, statutes and judgments.

“The stranger that {is} within thee shall get up above thee very high; and thou shalt come down very low. He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.” (Deuteronomy 28:43-44).

How would this enemy, this stranger in the land of Israel, get conquest over Israel? By debt bondage! *“He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him.”* You could make a comparison with this nation today, and consider who it is that runs the banking institutions, and has obtained rulership over us, by placing us in debt bondage in our own land. We blame them, and we rail against them, and we think we can rise up and cast them out. Yet, if we will read God’s Law, we will find that this is God keeping His promise to Israel!

I am often accused of being a negative preacher. They say, “Oh Pastor Emry, you preach too much about troubles. You preach about the Reds making wars against us, even prevailing over us. You should talk about good things, nice things, the blessings of God.” Well, yes I should. But when our people were rebelling against God in ancient times, what did the prophets come and tell them? Did they tell them only about the future glory of the kingdom. No, they told them “Turn and obey God or else God will bring to pass that which He promised upon you in His Law. You will suffer the consequences.”

Now that is negative preaching according to most people. But you know, half of the law is positive and half is negative. We like to hear the positives, the blessings; we don’t want to hear the negatives, the curses. And neither did our ancient fathers. Which would you rather do? Would you rather hear the law and turn, or would you rather experience it? God wrote these things in His word for our learning upon whom the ends of the ages are come; these are our fathers He is writing about. God has given us this record of history that we might find that He keeps His promise to Israel, even the promise of judgement for disobedience.

I will continue in Part 2, God willing, in Judges 6 with the captivity where God delivered Israel into the hand of Midian for seven years. That was the captivity from which they were delivered by Gideon, although, of course, we’ll find out it was a deliverance by God Almighty. Let me repeat again, and let this sink deep in your consciousness, especially those who are fairly new to this truth that we are the Israelites, that by the time you make this study of this portion of the Scripture along with the rest of Scripture, you will realize that Israel can never remain a free and independent people except in obedience to God’s Law. They must turn and obey God, or else God Almighty Himself will place them under bondage to alien people until they turn and cry for deliverance. We have no other choice.

Back when you thought we were just Gentiles, when you did not know we were Israelites, you perhaps assumed that we could go on our merry way and have some good and some wickedness, but if we just fought and resisted in some way we could stay free. No! Israel can never remain free and out of bondage except as God wills it, through their obedience to His Law, and that will continue into eternity. Thank God that through the shed blood of Jesus Christ He has provided the way, where in the Kingdom we will obey and have liberty and will serve our God in truth and in righteousness.

Chapter 2

We have seen how some Christian Americans, perhaps many tens of thousands, realize that we may be subject to captivity by Red Communism, possibly through an internal takeover, or through an invasion, or whatever. Part of them will think the solution to this problem is that we must tell everyone and then the people will rise up and drive the enemy out, and I called that Paul Revere-ism. Another part of them will say, “Well it’s possible we’ll be conquered. However, that has nothing to do with me. I’m going to leave in the Rapture before this all takes place.” The tragedy of both of those points of view is that both of them give God Almighty no credit whatsoever for either the captivity or a future deliverance. They do not see the hand of God in this. They credit the Reds, or Satan, or world history, or something else with this might and power of the enemy and our weakness.

However, those of you who know that we Anglo-Saxons are the descendants of the house of Israel look at this a little differently, because you know the Bible is about us, the prophecies are about us, and God deals directly with us as He deals with no other people upon the face of the earth. So you are reading what God did with our fathers in ancient time. It takes a little while after you learn we are Israel before you realize how much God does with us, and to us, and for us. Because back when you thought we were Gentiles, you didn’t know God dealt with us as a people. You thought it was all individual, you didn’t understand His hand on the nation. One thing we’ve already found out in the book of Judges was that when our Israel fathers sinned, God Himself put them in the captivity. We’ll re-read just a few of those verses.

*“And the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he delivered them into the hands of spoilers that spoiled them, and he sold them into the hands of their enemies round about, so that **they could not any longer stand before their enemies.**” (Judges 2:14).*

It says delivered them, sold them, into the hands of their enemies. ,

*“**Therefore the anger of the Lord was hot against Israel, and he sold them Into the hand of Chushanrithaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Chushanrithaim eight years.**” (Judges 3:8).*

Then another captivity,

*“**And the children of Israel did evil again in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel.**” (Judges 3:12).*

So here God actually gave additional power and strength to an enemy who could then conquer the Israelites.

*“**And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan.**” (Judges 4:2).*

The deliverance that followed then was of Deborah. In each case these captivities were only one or two generations apart. It was either the children of those who had been delivered or, at most, the grandchildren of those who had been delivered. It certainly doesn’t indicate a very bright and intelligent people who could hardly learn anything from their fathers or their grandfathers. Or perhaps it had something to do with the fathers and the grandfathers not teaching their children and their children’s children. This should give us emphasis on what we should do with our children.

The next captivity came with the deliverance through Gideon. Most people who have attended church at all, especially when they were little, have learned the story of Gideon. And

everyone wants to be a Gideon. Many people claim that their church denomination acts like Gideon, and there are groups that think that they are doing Gideon's work. They always talk about the deliverance; this great and startling thing where a man went out with only a handful of people and frightened the enemy so badly that they ran out of the country. Wouldn't we all love to do that? Such a simple way to deliver America is to be just like Gideon. However, hardly any preachers tell their congregations, and very few Christians study, how and why Israel got in the position where they needed a Gideon. That's the part of the story we're not interested in. We love the story of deliverance, but we ignore the stories of the captivities.

"And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years." (Judges 6:1).

So here is another captivity. Verse 2,

"And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: {and} because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which {are} in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds." (Judges 6:1).

Before we read any further, I want to repeat again that God has taken credit for every captivity of Israel so far in the book of Judges. You may have heard of the Babylonian and the Assyrian captivities which came along much later. The captivities in Judges took place centuries before those. I want to read just a few verses in Isaiah and Jeremiah to show you that God took credit for those captivities also. God asks this question:

"Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned? for they would not walk in his ways, neither were they obedient unto his law." (Isaiah 42:24).

Remember the captivities in the book of Judges, where they spoiled and robbed the people? God says to Isaiah, centuries later, that it was God Almighty who did such things. The following was preached by Jeremiah to the southern kingdom of Judah after the Assyrian captivity of the northern house:

"Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it {is} a mighty nation, It {is} an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say." (Jeremiah 5:15).

These would be complete aliens to the nation of Israel.

"Their quiver {is} as an open sepulchre, they {are} all mighty men. And they shall eat up thine harvest, and thy bread, {which} thy sons and thy daughters should eat: they shall eat up thy flocks and thine herds: they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig trees: they shall impoverish thy fenced cities, wherein thou trustedst, with the sword." (Jeremiah 5:16-17).

This was a warning to the Judah kingdom, which then was taken into captivity, and this is exactly what happened to them. God said, "I will bring a nation upon you". Daniel was apparently not only the wisest Israelite in the kingdom of Babylon, he was the wisest man in the kingdom of Babylon, and here are Daniel's words about Israel:

"Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy law, even by departing, that they might not obey thy voice; therefore the curse is poured upon us, and the oath that {is} written in the law of Moses the servant of God, because we have sinned against him. And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil: for under the whole heaven hath not been done as hath been done upon Jerusalem." (Daniel 9:10).

Other than Solomon, Daniel is perhaps one of the most intelligent men we read about in the Bible. What did he say was the cause of Jerusalem being destroyed and Israel being taken into Babylon? They have sinned against God and God brought the evil upon them. This is hard for our people to understand, especially those new to the faith that we are the Israel people, that God Almighty could have a hand in our weaknesses, and our failings, and our disasters in foreign affairs, and wars, and so on. We think that if we just get smarter, and do things a little differently, and build up our own strength, then somehow we'll overcome the enemy.

I think that when we finally get it through our heads that God Almighty is making us weak, and God Almighty is raising up the enemy against us, that will put an entirely different picture on the way we look at things that are happening to us. These wise men in the Bible understood this. There is only one captivity that you might call a captivity where God did not say specifically, "I did this because of Israel's sin", and that was the one in Egypt. However, in Genesis 15, I want to show you that God prophesied that captivity.

"And when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and, an horror of great darkness fell upon him. And he said unto Abram, 'Know of a surety that thy seed shall be a stranger in a land {that is} not theirs, and shall serve them; and they shall afflict them four hundred years; And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge: and afterward shall they come out with great substance.'" (Genesis 15:12-14).

This was fulfilled 'to the letter' with the descendants of Abraham; Joseph first, and then the others going into Egypt, and four hundred years later coming out of a great captivity with great substance. God had prophesied it, although He did not say "I put them there for their sin". It is another passage of course, which demonstrates deliberately who is in charge of the events taking place upon the earth. Let's go back to Judges.

"And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel: {and} because of the Midianites the children of Israel made them the dens which {are} in the mountains, and caves, and strong holds." (Judges 6:1).

Some people who are called 'survivalists' are already doing this; they are actually building bomb-shelters and they are going into the dens and the caves and the rocks. The Bible doesn't say that they were wicked for doing that. It just said that the oppression of the enemy, and the fear of the enemy was so great that they had to do it.

"And {so} it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east, even they came up against them." (Judges 6:2).

Notice that there are three different peoples here who are coming against Israel. I'll mention where this is explained later so you'll understand who the children of the east are.

"And they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou come unto Gaza, and left no sustenance for Israel, neither sheep nor ox nor ass." (Judges 6:4).

What were they doing? They were depriving Israel of the fruits of their labour; they were spoiling them; they were robbing them. This is what God has allowed our enemies to do every time Israel gets into sin and iniquity.

"For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and they came as grasshoppers for multitude; {for} both they and their camels were without number: and they entered into the land to destroy it." (Judges 6:5).

That phrase "without number" is interesting, because several months ago the immigration department admitted in a press conference that they have no way of knowing the number of illegal aliens which have come into America in the last year. The man was questioned to

some extent, and he admitted that he really couldn't tell whether the number coming in was five million or ten million. They have completely lost track. They are coming in "*without number*". That's exactly what happened back then; no one could number them. Whether they are coming into the land to destroy the land is a moot point, because if enough of them come in they will destroy the land, whether that was their intention or not.

"And Israel was greatly impoverished because of the Midianites..."

...so they formed the John Birch Society, and raised up Billy James Hargis; (they formed the Heritage Protection Society, and raised up Peter Sawyer) and Earl McIntyre (and Fred Nile) and Dr McBirnie, and they told the people how terrible the Midianites were. There are many people doing that today. They see exactly what Israel must have seen with that Midianite and Amalekite and children of the east invasion. I wouldn't be surprised if some of the Israelites did that too; formed organizations and got speakers to warn the people of the invasion. However, if they did, it was apparently so unimportant to God that He didn't bother to put it in the Bible so that we would know about it. What we do know is that our people are doing that today, because they think that is what will save us. They think that by telling their neighbors how wicked the enemy is that they will be delivered from the enemy. Well, thank God that at that time, Israel did something else and hopefully will do so again some time in our future. Here it says:

"...and the children of Israel cried unto the Lord." (Judges 6:6).

They didn't cry unto their neighbors, and they didn't cry unto their politicians; they cried unto God. Let's read some more on the Egyptian captivity.

"And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigour: And they made their lives bitter with hard bondage, in mortar, and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field: all their service, wherein they made them serve, {was} with rigour." (Exodus 1:13-14).

So it was a hard bondage. Then in Exodus 2:

"And it came to pass in process of time, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage. And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. And God looked upon the children of Israel, and God had respect unto {them}." (Exodus 2:23-24).

In the place of "*...and God had respect unto them*" the Bible margin says, "*...and God knew them*". So whether they cried unto God *per se*, the bondage was apparently so hard that they did cry, and God heard them because of the covenant with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This shows that just our crying unto God is not as important as the fact that we are the covenant people who should cry unto God. God will remember His covenant that He made with us through Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. These Israelites were delivered after they cried to God and notice what else it says:

"Israel sighed by reason of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God by reason of the bondage."

People ask me, "Well Pastor Emry, when are we going to be delivered? What is going to happen? How long will this take? We can't go on for very many more years." Well, I know there is a cry in this land about the bondage. However, there are also millions of our people who do not realise they are even in bondage, because the bondage has been concealed by media propaganda and by their blindness to God's Word, so they are trained not to recognize it. The economic bondage is not recognized by most people, because they do not know Bible

Law. If they understood Bible Law, where it requires the cancellation of debts every seven years, the cancellation of all foreclosures at the end of every forty-nine years, and no interest on money, they would look at where we are today and say, “Yes, we are in bondage”.

But they don't know Bible Law, they don't know God's Word, and they don't even see that they are in bondage. All they do is work harder (in line with propaganda for increased productivity), put their wives to work and put their children to work, and somehow think that if they just strive hard enough, they'll get out from under this. But it's a blindness, and, at least up to this point, not very many of them have cried unto God. They complain to their captors and they complain to their friends and neighbors, but they are not crying unto God. Not the unbelievers, but neither are the Christians, and that's the great tragedy, they are not crying unto God. Alright, what did God do:

“And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto the Lord because of the Midianites, that the Lord sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, which said unto them, Thus saith the Lord God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; And I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drave them out from before you, and gave you their land; And I said unto you, I {am} the Lord your God; fear not the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but ye have not obeyed my voice.” (Judges 6:7-10).

They probably expected a deliverer, not a preacher. But they got a preacher; someone came there and talked to them. He didn't do anything about their bondage, he just talked to them. And what did he talk about? He mentioned four specific things. He recounted Israel's history, especially the deliverance from Egypt. In Deuteronomy 4:9-10, God told Israel they were to teach their children and their children's children, how God brought Israel out of Egypt. Now we are commanded to teach that to our children. The second thing he told them was that God had given them that land. The third thing he reminded them of was that God had told them not to worship or fear the false idols of the land in which they dwelt. Number four he concluded with: “Ye have not obeyed my voice”.

I mentioned before that some accuse me and other Kingdom Identity preachers of being very negative. What would you think of that prophet, and I wonder what they thought of that prophet, when he came? They had cried unto God for a deliverer out of the bondage, and what did the prophet come and tell them? Well, what do we as Christian Israel-Identity preachers tell you?

Let me list them:

1. We teach you about Israel history, including how God brought our ancestors out of Egypt, and then how God brought our fathers out of European bondage and brought them to America.
2. We tell you how God gave our ancestors old Canaan-land, and then how God gave our fathers this north American continent, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.
3. We remind you that because we are Israel, we are not to worship the idols of the heathen, nor believe or follow the doctrines of other gods, nor to fear them in any manner.
4. Identity ministers should tell our people that as a people we have not obeyed the voice of God.

I believe very sincerely, that if there is any parallel between Gideon's time and our own, we are going to have to have some preaching, in the same manner of that prophet, to this nation, before God sends a Gideon. Yes, I know, we'd all like to be Gideons and blow the

trumpet and smash the pots and show the lamps, and have the enemy scream and run. But that isn't going to happen.

“And there came an angel of the Lord, and sat under an oak which {was} in Ophrah, that {pertained} unto Joash the Abiezrite: and his son Gideon threshed wheat by the wine-press, to hide {it} from the Midianites.” (Judges 6:11).

Here comes the choosing of Gideon, the one who would then begin the deliverance of Israel from the Midianites. I won't go through this in too much detail, for my purpose here is not to show how Gideon delivered Israel. The purpose here is to show you why Israel was in a position of captivity, where they needed a deliverer in the first place. That's the major thing we learn from the book of Judges. Let's go straight to God's role in the captivity first!

I did a series of eight sermons on Gideon, which are available on four cassettes titled **“Gideon And The Rock Of Oreb”** (#7317-7320), and is also available in the booklet **“This Thy Might”** (#125). I'm going to give you just the highlights. I've had people tell me they have listened to all eight sermons, two or more times, and I've had two people tell me they have listened to them twelve times! I said earlier that everyone wants to be a Gideon, and drive out the enemy. But Gideon had to do something else first. This is to me very significant!

“And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord {is} with thee, thou mighty man of valour.” (Judges 6:12).

What a compliment! Boy, that would make your chest swell up, wouldn't it, if an angel of the Lord came to you and called you a brave and valorous man?

“And Gideon said unto him, Oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where {be} all his miracles which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not the Lord bring us up from Egypt? but now the Lord hath forsaken us, and delivered us into the hands of the Midianites. And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?” (Judges 6:13-14).

When someone mentions Gideon, we think of a man who gathered a small troop of brave men, went out in the night and surrounded the enemy camp, and they created such a horrendous scare that the enemy just rose up and fled into the night, and this saved Israel. But here is a man who says, “What is all this that's happening?” He's protesting to the angel of God. And yet the angel of God had said to him, “Go in this thy might!”

What was Gideon's might? I think it was in what he believed. He believed:

1. that God should be with Israel,
2. that God had performed miracles in Israel,
3. that God had brought Israel out of Egypt.

And to me the most important thing, He knew and understood and believed:

4. that God had delivered Israel into that existing captivity.

Before Gideon did any great thing, he told the Lord what he believed, and the Lord said, “Go in this thy might, and thou shalt deliver Israel”. I would say this if I were a prophet, that any man or group of people trying to drive the aliens out of this country, without first believing that God has brought them here for His purpose in the first place, will have no part in the work of deliverance of Israel from their captivity. If they try any other way, for any other other reason, they will not succeed and have no part in it.

God chose a man to deliver Israel, who knew God had put Israel into captivity. That's one of the first things he said to the angel. I'll repeat this again: If the Red Bolsheviks gain their power over us or any future power they might have, because of their own cunning or wis-

dom and might, then we are lost! Because they have done it in defiance of God Almighty. However, if the power they have over us, has been arranged for and allowed by God Almighty, then we have every hope of deliverance because God controls it.

This is what Gideon understood: that God controlled the captivity. He did ask, “How have all these things happened”, but he believed God had delivered Israel into captivity. If God delivered them into captivity, God can deliver them and us out. If there is any other reason for this captivity, than we have no hope, at all, of deliverance. It would depend entirely on our own physical and mental capabilities.

“And the Lord looked upon him, and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?” (Judges 6:14).

Gideon had such a low opinion of himself and his family, that he argued a bit and he required some signs. You may have thought that as soon as that conversation was over, that away Gideon went and drove out the Midianites. No! Gideon had to do something else first.

“And it came to pass the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take thy father’s young bullock, even the second bullock of seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the grove that {is} by it: And build an altar unto the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock, in the ordered place, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down.” (Judges 6:25-26).

What was he told to do? Tear down his fathers altar, destroy the false religion and build the true worship upon its ruins. We want to be Gideons and run the enemies out, but we will do nothing about destroying false religion in Israel FIRST! What was the reason God put Israel into captivity? Because they worshipped other gods. And here we sit, in this nation, where we know that most of what passes for Christianity is a false religion. Yet, what is the work we try to do? We try to destroy the power of the enemy and deliver ourselves from the One World Government/ New World Order, but we will not lift a finger to destroy the false religion of our fathers.

In spite of Gideon’s faith and understanding, that God had put Israel in captivity, the angel of the Lord instructed him that the first thing he had to do was destroy his fathers false religion. It’s almost a certainty that Gideon was raised in that false religion, and had probably worshipped at that altar of Baal himself. That was the church he grew up in. What did God say? Tear down that false religion of your fathers and build my true worship upon its ruins.

Pastor Emry is about ready to tell people who insist on returning to the altars of Baal every week, and giving their presents and their tithes to the altars of Baal, that I’m about through preaching to them. Many of them even say they are Christian Identity people, and have the truth and the gospel of the Kingdom. Many will go to their jobs and to their work, and tell others about the gospel, and take time off from work to distribute Kingdom Identity literature, and all sorts of good things. But what happens on Sunday Morning? They go back to the altars of their fathers in that Baptist, Methodist, Anglican, Presbyterian, or Pentecostal church and pay homage to Baal.

We are not going to come out of this captivity until we as Israelites turn away from the thing that has put us in the captivity - false religions. I know the bondage itself is economic in nature, where God put Israel in bondage and let other people rob and plunder them. But the reason for the captivity was not economic, it was religious. And that is a hard thing to get through our heads. I know people who have known the truth that they are Israelites; they have known the truth of the gospel of the Kingdom for twenty, thirty, even forty years. Yet every

Sunday morning they go back to the church and worship at the altar of that false religion, and wonder why they never accomplish anything for God.

You see, Gideon, a great and marvellous deliverer, he did a startling thing with a handful of men. But he first left his fathers church and offered the true worship to the God of Israel, before God would even use him in this deliverance. I had a letter the other day, and it reminded me of some of this. I can't quote it exactly, but it said something like, "Pastor Emry, you are too hard on the preachers. You call the preachers liars. You should be nicer to them. How do you expect to get their co-operation if you speak so harshly of them." Well, I don't expect to get their co-operation. Can you imagine the angel of the Lord saying, "Now Gideon, what I want you to do is, go over to these Baal priests and tell them what a good job they're doing, except there is one thing they should change in their religion, but first get their co-operation and then you can go and drive the enemies out of Israel".

My God, they were in captivity in the first place because of that false religion, and those false priests. I neither expect the co-operation of these people, nor do I want it, because I don't think its going to do us any good. In fact, it will do great harm. If Gideon had not done what the angel said to do (destroy that idol of his father, and that altar of the false religion), Gideon would never have been used for this purpose. How do you expect to do the work of a Gideon, if you will not even leave your fathers false religion? To say nothing about working to destroy it. Once every week you go back to the altar of Baal. And then some of you, of course, give tithes, God's money, to the religions which are part of the cause of our bondage.

Here are two quick examples in the newspapers, recently, of things that have a bearing on what I'm saying. One is a story about the so-called Russian Mafia. The people in California are concerned because a lot of the Jewish immigrants from the Soviet Union are criminals, and they are causing trouble. The article says they bring in fifty thousand of them into the United States every year. This is a part of the invading army that is putting us under alien bondage.

Here in another paper, about the same time, "Baptist leader expresses love for Israel during tour". If you read the whole article, the Rev. Baily Smith is working to bring about greater co-operation and help from the fourteen million strong Southern Baptist Convention. At the end of it, there is a quote from the president of the S.B.C. "The bottom line is that you are going to read my name many times in the future in activities supporting the Jewish people in Israel." These Esau-Edomite or Khazar Jews out of the Soviet Union are the aliens who are putting Christian America (and other Christian nations) in bondage.

If you can imagine the opposite of Gideon, this would be it. Gideon was used for the deliverance of Israel from her captors. The Southern Baptist Convention's leader is going to do all he can to work for the Esau-Edomite Jews who are invading and conquering the nation. Any Christian who understands the truth that WE ARE ISRAEL and the Jews are antichrist enemies of Israel, should withdraw any membership or association he has with the S.B.C. Why join with your enemies and claim you are working for your people and for Christ? What happened when Gideon did what the angel of the Lord told him: "destroy this false religion". Here is what happened,

"Then all the Midianites and the Amalekites and the children of the east were gathered together, and went over, and pitched in the valley of Jezreel." (Judges 6:33).

The whole enemy camp prepared for war against Israel. I believe that around about the time we start tearing down the altars of Baal in this nation, these enemies are going to rise up in open warfare against us. They know they are safe in their nefarious works as long as we wor-

ship false gods. They know that as soon as Israel turns to the true God of the Bible, they are in danger. Show me a church or a religion that is not opposed by the enemies of Christ, and I'll show you a religion that's a false religion! Gideon got a few men together and scared the pants off of them, and here is the number he was fighting:

"And the Midianites and the Amalekites and all the children of the east lay along in the valley like grasshoppers for multitude; and their camels {were} without number, as the sand by the sea side for multitude." (Judges 7:12).

Some of us may lose heart because of the overwhelming opposition that we see. Can you imagine what Gideon saw? With only three hundred men, and the enemy literally without number? Hundreds of thousands of armed men prepared for war. But Gideon had done what God had told him to do. He destroyed the false religion, he made a true sacrifice unto God, and God promised to be with him to deliver Israel. I think that God will be with this whole Kingdom movement if we will follow God's instruction on what we're supposed to do.

Let's review what the book of Judges has taught us so far.

1. God was the one who put Israel into captivity under non-Israelites.
2. The reason for the captivities was given repeatedly: Israel worshipped false gods, in opposition to God's instruction.
3. In each case Israel cried for release (and remember this one), their cry was because they were being robbed and plundered of their goods and their wealth.
4. In each case they were delivered, but never by their own strength. The delivery came through some human instrument, it is true, but the delivery was in God's time, in God's place and in God's order.

You folks who think that some patriotic movement or John Birch Society (Heritage Protection Society, Citizen's Electoral Council), or any other group that does not even understand what Gideon believed and understood, is going to deliver us, you are badly mistaken. Is it possible that we of modern Israel are in captivity, or in danger of going into captivity for the same reason: that we are involved in false religion, and the worship of false gods? Will we as a nation cry for deliverance for the same reason: that we will have lost our wealth, and be placed in economic bondage? I think most of you can see that it has already happened.

CONCLUSION

It Is God Who Puts Israel in Bondage

We have seen from the book of judges, that it is God Almighty Himself who puts Israel in bondage when Israel transgresses His Laws. This Divine principle is almost unknown in churches today. Nearly all of the preaching is of a personal nature and every bad thing that happens to individuals is credited to ‘the devil’. Christians do not understand God’s role in their lives and in the life of their nation.

This principle that God places Israel under bondage, is spelled out hundreds of times in the Holy Scripture. The prophet Isaiah asks this question,

“Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not the Lord, he against whom we have sinned?” (Isaiah 42:24).

Isaiah knew from God’s own law, that it was God’s doing and not really the enemies at all. God speaks of Himself through this same prophet:

“I form the light, and create darkness: I make peace, and create evil: I the Lord do all these {things}.” (Isaiah 45:7).

“Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to destroy.” (Isaiah 54:16).

Solomon tells us this about God:

“The Lord hath made all {things} for himself: yea, even the wicked for the day of evil.” (Proverbs 16:4).

Modern church theology would have you believe that all men can be saved by preaching; that the only reason we have unsaved people in the world, is that we have not preached the gospel to them. But God’s word tells us, that God himself has created evil and wicked people upon the earth, to carry out His purposes. And His purposes do not include the salvation of their souls. I realize that this might be strange doctrine. But it was understood by the writers of the New Testament, and if we understand it today, we would know how foolish it is for Christian people or nations to make treaties with, and co-operate with, and try to be brothers to, wicked and evil men or nations.

Jude warns the Christians in verse 3 to *“...earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints,”* and then gives the reason why Christians must fight literally for Christianity:

“For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” (Jude 4)

Does that mean that the people who deny God and our Lord Jesus Christ were actually ordained of God for that condemnation? Well, you read it yourself, and you can come to no other conclusion. Peter also writes of wicked men and says,

“But these, as natural brute beasts, made to be taken and destroyed, speak evil of the things that they understand not; shall utterly perish in their own corruption.” (2 Peter 2:12).

Natural brute beasts, made or created, to be taken and destroyed; not to be preached to and converted, but rather to utterly perish. Peter must be speaking of the same wicked ones we read about in Proverbs and Isaiah, the ones created by God for such purposes. They are not our

brothers. They are not destined for salvation, but they are created by God to be used as instruments against God's people, when God's chosen people turn away and refuse to obey Him. They are the wasters God has created to destroy. They are the wicked for the day of evil. They serve God's purposes in the same manner as Pharaoh did. God told Moses to go to Pharaoh and tell him to let God's people go.

"And the Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into Egypt, see that thou do all those wonders before Pharaoh, which I have put in thine hand: but I will harden his heart, that he shall not let the people go." (Exodus 4:21).

"And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh: for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I might shew these my signs before him: And that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought in Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know how that I am the Lord." (Exodus 10:1-2) .

So God's purpose in Pharaoh was to make Pharaoh anti-God, that God might be glorified before the children of Israel, and make Israel know that He was God. Pharaoh was one of the wicked created for the day of evil. The modern evangelists would have gone to the Egyptian "White House" and chummed around with President Pharaoh, perhaps even played some golf with him, or gone swimming with him. Like America's best known evangelist today, he might even tell the people what a religious man Pharaoh is. But Moses knew God had no intention of converting the President of Egypt.

I wonder if perhaps America's present rulers with their continuing increase in our present bondage of taxation and debt, and their refusal to admit that God has any power or purpose in our nation are not the modern Pharaohs? Their hearts are being hardened that God might be glorified in our deliverance. We should understand that God is sovereign and that His purposes are being worked out. They may not be worked out at all like the modern church hopes they will be. In Isaiah 10 there is a prophecy about an "end of the age" world-dictatorship (NWO). We read that this anti-Christ system, called "*the Assyrian*" shall "*lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt.*"

What was the manner of Egypt? Basically, economic and political bondage. The Israelites were brought into poverty and hard labour. Where are America, and our brethren nations of Europe, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand heading today if not again into economic bondage? They are loaded up with more debt, more taxes, more work needed to buy the necessities of life. And our leaders tell us we shall have to tighten our belts. We shall have to learn to live with less, "become more productive" and "be competitive" with cheap 'slave labour' imports. We just can't expect to continue our affluent society, and on, and on; conditioning our people toward poverty. God tells us that our deliverance will also be "*after the manner of Egypt.*"

The blindness, and lack of understanding on the part of Christians today, as to what is going on in our nation, is because they have no understanding of how God works His mercy and deliverance on His people Israel. Firstly, most of them do not even know that we are the Israel people. Secondly, they do not know that it is God who allows our tribulation and captivity because of our own sins. And thirdly, they do not know that God actually created wicked and reprobate people to rule over us when we are in sin.

Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers?

Christians need to know that answer. Speaking of bondage in Egypt, and our American-Israel and other Israelite nations being given to the robbers, brings me to my timely booklet, *“Billions For The Bankers, Debts For The People”*. If you have never read this, or any similar article on the unpayable debts of our nation and of our people, write for this simple little booklet, and ask for your copy. In our nation, as in ancient Egypt, we have task-masters going around in their chariots, carrying whips to drive our people to work harder.

Our task masters hide under such nice-sounding names as the Tax Office, Reserve Bank, the Treasury Department, Bank loan, debt, State bonds, mortgages, old-age and survivor insurance, property tax assessor, rate collector, ‘Free trade’, production increase, lifting of tariffs, etc. Each one slowly but surely increases the amounts taken from the worker each year. In effect requiring the worker to produce more bricks in order to maintain his standard of living.

As long as you beg, borrow or steal enough to pay the interest and taxes, no one bothers you. But woe unto him who is late with that interest or tax. Then the collector does get in his chariot. Not a two-wheeled one drawn by two horses, but a four-wheeled one driven by a two hundred horse, gasoline motor, complete with four-wheel suspension and air-conditioning, and brings his whip, a so-called legal summons for you to pay up, or they will confiscate your car, or your boat, or your bank account, or even your house.

Yes, the task master, the chariot and the whip are all here. We don’t recognize them because they don’t look like they did in ancient Egypt. They seem so nice, and besides, they are “just doing their jobs” aren’t they? Well, Pharaoh’s taskmasters were just doing their job too. While the net worth of the producers and farmers was decreasing, the net worth of the banks has gone up nine hundred billion dollars since 1969 (to 1985). They produce not one loaf of bread, not one board to build a home, they shed not one drop of sweat to build this great nation, and yet in less than seven years they have accrued to themselves over nine hundred billion dollars of property and other forms of wealth.

What magic do bankers use to make that much money, while those who do the actual work have less and less to show for their endeavours? Yes, our people die in war; they work five months out of every year to pay their taxes; they are burdened with ever increasing debt and interest while the bankers become billionaires.

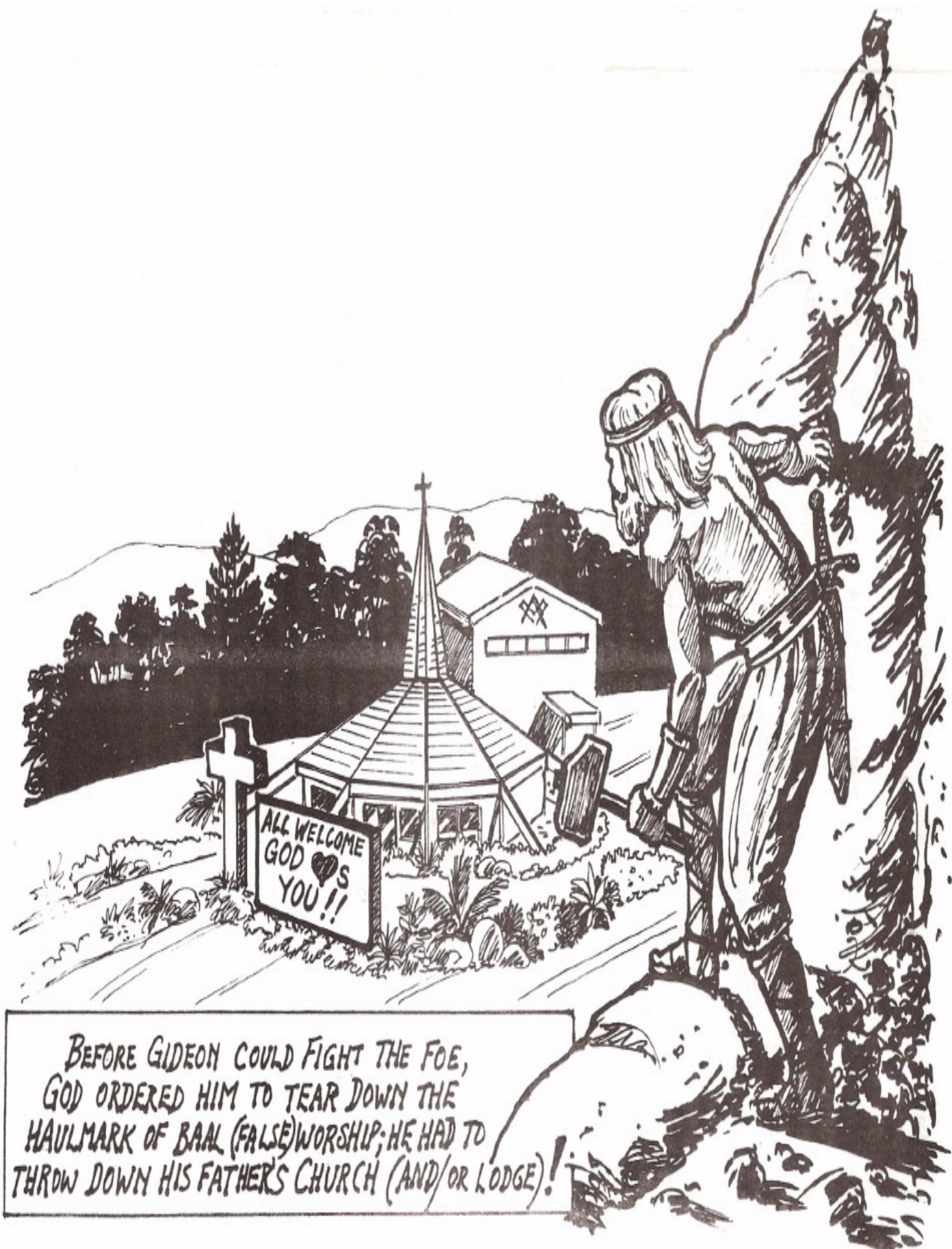
Most people do not even know we have been given into the hand of the robbers. If you read the *“Billions”* booklet, you will find out why senator Louis McFadden, former chairman of the U.S. Senate Banking & Currency Committee, said, “The Federal Reserve Bank is one of the most corrupt institutions the world has ever seen”. You will see why president James Garfield said: “Whoever controls the volume of money in any country is absolute master of all industry and commerce”. You will see why Abraham Lincoln wrote: “The money power preys upon the nation in times of peace, and conspires against it in times of adversity. It is more despotic than monarchy, more insolent than autocracy, and more selfish than bureaucracy. It denounces as public enemies all who question its methods or throw light upon its crime.” You will see why Thomas Jefferson, the major author of the Declaration of Independence, two hundred years ago said: “I believe that banking institutions are more dangerous to our liberties than standing armies.”

The banker and the banking institutions today are clothed with the white robes of service and respectability. No voice is raised among the clergy, or among the politicians against the usurious banking industry. Yet Thomas Jefferson, that great proponent of liberty and freedom, warned our great, great, great, grandfathers that banking institutions were more dangerous to their liberties than the armies of Great Britain. What did Thomas Jefferson know about banking that you do not know? Did he know that through their money control they would come into ownership of our whole nation if we allowed them to continue. God Almighty knows that money lent on usury eventually destroys liberty and nations. God had forbidden the taking of interest on money for good reason.

We will be robbed and plundered through usury up to the point when we cry unto God. And praise God from the prophets and from the work of Jesus Christ, we WILL be delivered. To me, these signs of captivity; these signs of things taking place, give me great hope and comfort that God will do what He said He will do, because He is doing it right now. We are being treated exactly as God has treated our fathers and His mercy will deliver us.

Thank God that Jesus Christ has shed His blood for our salvation and redemption from the hand of all that hate us. Our deliverance is coming, but it will be God's way, not our way.

Pastor Sheldon Emry



BEFORE GIDEON COULD FIGHT THE FOE,
GOD ORDERED HIM TO TEAR DOWN THE
HAULMARK OF BAAL (FALSE) WORSHIP; HE HAD TO
THROW DOWN HIS FATHER'S CHURCH (AND/OR LODGE)!

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