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

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THE SIMPLE, EFFECTIVE ANSWER TO CRIME By Lt. Col. Gordon "Jack" Mohr

In recent months, the emphasis on rising crime has been tremendous. Frightened citizens, who a few years ago would leave their doors unlocked, now barricade themselves behind triple locked doors; there are bars on their windows, burglar alarms, a fierce watchdog prowls outside in the yard and a loaded shotgun stands in the corner.

Although our government spends countless billions of dollars every year, in an effort to control crime, the statistics go up and up, year after year. Crime rose in America from 1,887.2 per 100,000 population in 1960, to a staggering 5,109.3 in 1978. Violent crimes, which include murder, forcible rape, robbery and aggravated assault, rose from 160.9 per 100,000 to 486.9.

During this same eighteen year period, while about 500 convicted murderers were waiting on death-row, only two were executed. Some concerned people have said: "What we need is gun control, this would slow down violent crime," but the strange thing is, in cities with the toughest gun laws, armed crimes have skyrocketed, until today, many police executives are convinced that tougher gun laws are not the answer. (tougher gun laws actually protect the criminals!)

What is the answer? Must we continue to live in fear? Recently, Senator Robert Packwood of Oregon said: "With rising crime rates and violence from our minority groups, the time may come, when we will have to live in a benevolent dictatorship. But this might not be so bad." I doubt that even the minority dissidents would agree with this. To believe there is no answer, is almost too frightening to contemplate; it would send this country into a terrible mental depression from which there would be no rescue. I believe there is an answer.

Some will no doubt question my reasoning, since I am not a professional in the field of crime. I am a retired Army Lt. Colonel, who rose through the ranks, fought in World War II and Korea and have degrees in Master of Psychology, Master of Theology and a Doctor of Letters. But I am not a crime professional. Someone has said that a professional is *"anyone who is over fifty miles from home."*

But I have spent over twenty years in the military, working with young men under the most trying of circumstances. I believe I understand something about human beings under pressure - maybe more than the psychologists who work from their ivory towers. During my military career, I worked with the Army Psychiatrist, who dealt with American prisoners who were returning from the Communist prison camps of North Korea. Here I learned more about human action under pressure.

Since retiring in 1964, I have been busy, full-time, as an author, lecturer, and lay evangelist, speaking in 49 States and

over 3,000 communities. So I believe I have a pretty good understanding of human nature, and how Americans think. With the help of a man who is an expert, Dr. J. Franklin Snook (author of several booklets, including **TO HEAL THE NATION**, #391 @ \$10.50), I would like to give you what I believe to be the answer to crime in America. I am indebted to Dr. Snook for the Biblical perspective, which you will find throughout this message. I will do my best, to explain the Bible plan for Law, in terms which any layman can understand, and back it with proof that it will work.

Over the years, mankind has developed what we call a "criminal justice system." That of the white, Anglo-Saxon and related peoples is extraordinary, since it is based on Biblical principles. Today, many people question whether this system dispenses justice; whether it is actually a system, or whether it favors the criminal over the law abiding. (To those of you who favor "Gun Control" as a means of controlling violence, let me point out that gun control laws, always put pressure on the law abiding, <u>not the criminal</u>).

One district attorney of a large city, recently stated in a TV interview, that the system itself is criminal. You can understand this type of thinking, when you consider the many court decisions, including those of the United States Supreme Court, which hamper the usually fine work done by our police, in apprehending criminals and bringing them to justice.

I am not arguing against rules of conduct, guide both

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The views and opinions expressed in the articles herein or herewith are those of the authors and not necessarily those of CIM. They are written by fallible men. You must ask Jesus to quide your studies! the police and courts, in protection of the rights of both the accuser and the accused. But these rules must not become so restrictive, as they are in many cases, so as to cause known criminals to be released to prey on the public, without a proper punishment for the crimes they have committed.

A few years ago, the Police Chief of Charleston, S.C. told me: "We have an exceptional arrest record for crimes committed in this area; but many times, when my men arrest a crook, he is out on bail, and thumbs his nose at the arresting officer who is still making out the arrest record."

When we take a close look at crime statistics, in a large city like New York, we realize that for every 100 criminals apprehended, this means "*caught in the act*," of committing a crime, less than 2 of them ever go to jail, you can begin to understand the problems and the frustration of the police.

Unfortunately, the drive for Human Rights has reached the absurd point, where the rights of the criminal often supercede those of his victim. One of the worst hindrances to justice, is the "plea bargaining system,' in which a criminal settles for a lesser sentence, by pleading guilty to a lesser offense. There is little doubt that the criminal takes this into consideration in planning his crime. He knows that if he is caught, he has a better than even chance of being released on some absurd technicality. If not, he can plead guilty to a lesser offense, and even though he may be a "hardened criminal," a "repeater," he will get off with a light sentence, or be put on probation.

Before you attempt to argue over this point, I suggest you take time to study a few of the more violent crimes which have taken place in recent years. In a majority of these cases, the criminal has had a record of fifteen or twenty convictions. Usually, each new crime committed, becomes more violent, until he finally ends up committing a brutal, heinous crime, which shocks the community. Who is to blame? The practice of paroling criminals after they have served a minor portion of their sentence, is an incentive for them to continue in a life of crime. Therefore, it becomes a criminal act, for a parole board, to turn a man loose, who very easily may begin once more, to prey on the law-abiding. (the whole parole board should be charged as accomplices, if a parolee commits another crime, as they are partly to blame!! This will cause them to give better consideration to their actions. AIM)

Biblical law has very little use for prisons - there are much better ways of dealing with criminals. It's difficult to parole a criminal, once he has received **"forty lashes"** for his deeds.

The broad latitude granted judges and even the Supreme court, is in itself a crime. We seldom see any uniformity, or equity in the sentences imposed. A recent newspaper article tells the story of a man charged with forging a \$35 cheque. He was sentenced to four years in prison. In another state, a drunken driver, with a long record of prior arrests for the same crime, killed a woman while DWI. He was sentenced to a year in jail, and five years of probation. The jail sentence was suspended by the judge. Of course the fact that he was an important politician might have had something to do with it, but you cannot really call this "justice."

There has been much objection to "mandatory sentences" but all the tickets issued for traffic offenses are mandatory sentences! You commit the crime, you know beforehand what the penalty will be. This is how it should be with most crimes, if not all!

There is a fallacious theory making its rounds, that criminals are not responsible for their crimes; that they are the unwilling products of a harsh and uncaring society; that they "go bad" because society has been mean to them, and that all that is necessary to make them honest citizens, is to put them into a good environment, and give them a chance. This theory breaks down under honest scrutiny. Poverty and slums do not make criminals. These are the "doublethink" terms used by "superficial social thinkers," and "bleeding hearts." They are excuses for the inexcusable.

Two well-known doctors at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, did a major study on the criminal personality over a fifteen year period that ended in 1976. They concluded that

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"What is needed to stop crime," these two experts said, "is not better housing, or conventional therapy, but the offender's conversion to a new life-style, through rigorous moral education."

After spending thousands of hours with criminals, Doctors Samuel Yachelson and Stanton Samenow, reluctantly abandoned their search for the causes of crime. They discarded the theory of "mental illness" as a factor and threw out "psychological and socio-

logical" excuses. Once they abandoned the stereotype approach to criminality, they were able to invade the thinking of the criminal mind. They came up with 52 attributes of criminal personality - such as lying, a failure to consider injuries to others, and the pursuit of power and control for their own sake.

"For five years the criminals made fools of us," Dr. Yachelson said, "when we used traditional psychiatric methods, we met with frustration. They turned us around and in their special ways, exploited us for their own purposes." So after five years of frustration, Yachelson and Samenow abandoned their permissive attitudes for a firmer, direct approach. They had previously avoided using the word "criminal" in dealing with these men, since they believed they were dealing with the mentally ill. Now they use it all the time.

"There are present in every criminal," these doctors said, "tendencies towards lying, stealing, assaultive thinking or action, and sexual violations." These criminals, almost without fail, had committed innumerable offenses during their lifetime, most of which had never been detected.

They said: "When a criminal enters a store to buy a pack of cigarettes, possible crimes immediately begin to run through his mind. He views the merchandise, the customers, the sales persons, the cash register, credit cards, purses, all in terms of crimes he can commit. There is no such thing as a non-premeditated crime."

This analysis fits perfectly into what the Bible says about human nature. In Proverbs 23:7, we read: **"For as a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."** In St. Matthew 15:19, Jesus Anointed said: **"For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witnessing, blasphemies." He evidently knew more about human beings than our psychologists**



and psychiatrists.

The answer to our crime problem in America, can be found in the pages of the Holy Bible. (At one time, this was the basis for law and life in America. It was taught in the home, the school, and honoured in the church. The reason people stood in courts when the judge came in, was not because of the judge, but because of the Bible he carried). Today, for the most part, the Bible is rejected. Many give lip service to it, but are like those people spoken of in Isaiah 29:13, "... this people draw near me with their mouth, and with their lips do honour me, but have removed their hearts far from me, and their fear towards me is taught by the precepts of men ..."

Bible Law recognizes the fact that each man and woman is responsible for their own actions (they can't pass the buck to some 'satan' or 'devil'!) It gives specific

instructions to judges: "You shall do no injustice in judgment: you shall not be partial to the poor, nor respect the person of the mighty, but in righteousness shall you judge your neighbour," (Leviticus 19:15). In the Biblical Justice system, the sentence for each crime has already been determined by the Righteous God and should be imposed by the judge as written. God never gave man the authority to make or change His Laws, but only to administer them in justice.

So let us begin our study of crime in the nation by looking at our methods of dealing with it and comparing them with Bible methods. We will begin by looking at crimes which warrant the death

penalty. As you know, there has been a hot debate going on in this country since 1972, concerning Capital Punishment. In that year, the United States Supreme Court declared the death penalty, as practiced by many of the states, to be unconstitutional. The attorney general of one state, recently said during a TV interview, that he was opposed to the death penalty because he considers it to be "vengeance," rather than justice and that God reserves vengeance to Himself. It is quite evident that this gentleman has done very little Bible study on the subject, but who gets to argue the point with him?. The Apostle Paul does admonish citizens not to take the law into their own hands and in Romans 12:19, he quotes from Deuteronomy 32:35 - "Vengeance is mine: I will repay, saith the Lord."

But there are several common errors, which account for a widespread misunderstanding of the Divine system of justice. First, while many Americans honor God as their Creator and Savior; few think of Him in His role as King of the Universe. So the vengeance referred to in the Bible, is the Divine judgment meted out by duly constituted government, through its established courts of justice. In Romans 13:1,2, Paul tells us: "Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers (authority). For there is no power (authorities) but of God: the powers (authorities) that be are ordained of God. Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God....."

Secondly, most people fail to differentiate between the laws for the nation and the laws for individual conduct, or between civil and religious law.

Thirdly, a point of confusion is in the meaning of the word "sin." We are told in 1 John 3:4, that "sin is the transgression of the law." Today, the breaking of civil law is called "crime." But if the word "crime" was used to name

all violations of God's Laws, it would have a great deal more impact on our thinking, since while all crime is considered sin, not all sin is labelled as crime.

Before we look at "capital crimes," as they are listed in the Bible, let is consider a note of warning given in Romans 13:3,4 - "Rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? Do that which is good (lawful), and thou shalt have praises of the same: for he (the law official), is THE MINISTER OF GOD to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid: for he bears not the sword in vain: FOR HE IS THE MINISTER OF GOD, A REVENGER TO EXECUTE WRATH UPON HIM THAT DOETH EVIL." (Emphasis added, JM)

The first murder on historical record, was that of Abel, by his brother Cain. Cain was not punished by the

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natural 'devil', they are lying to you. sug. don. \$9 the two for this month, death penalty, but by banishment. Why I do not know; possibly it was because there was no organized government at that time. But immediately after the Great Flood, God Almighty decreed: "Whoso sheds man's (Strong's 120 awdawm- he who blushes red, shows blood in the face) blood, by man shall his blood be shed, "(Genesis 9:6). Obedience to this command demands an established government, and a court of justice. Without this the land would be filled with blood feuds.

In Exodus 21:12-14, (Moffat's translation), we read: *"He who strikes a man* (376 Iysh - man, an individual,

male) so that he dies, MUST be put to death. But if he did not intend to do it maliciously, if it was accidental, I will appoint a place of asylum for such a one among you. Only if a man attacks another, to murder him craftily, you must take that man (even) from My altar, to put him to death." God authorizes (those appointed to that task) to enter a church meeting to apprehend a criminal.

In Numbers 35:21, we read: (Again Moffat's translation)- "...*if he pushes a person because he hates him or hides and throws anything at him, so that he dies, or maliciously strikes him till he dies, the man who struck the blow must be put to death without fail; he is a murderer.*" The method of murder is immaterial; it is the intent on which the judgment rests.

The Law of God specifies only one penalty for murder; this is "death." In fact, it forbids any other. Listen to Numbers 35:30,31- "Whoso kills any person, the murderer shall be put to death by the mouth of witnesses; but one witness shall not testify against any person to cause him to die. Moreover, thou shalt take no satisfaction for the life of a murderer which is guilty of death: but he shall surely be put to death!" (In fact, to NOT put a murderer to death, becomes a transgression of the law, and therefore SIN or a crime, against that society!) In other words, there is to be no pardon, no ransom, no fine, no sentence such as "life imprisonment," there is only one verdict -DEATH!

God in His love for the innocent, always demands the death penalty for murder, no matter what preachers, priests, and rabbis say to the contrary. Those who contradict God's Law, are among the greatest hypocrites on the face of the earth. Let me give you an example. A few



years ago, when I was visiting Ohio State University, I picked up a magazine in the Student Union Building. It was a full colour school publication. On one page was a full-

page ad, showing a baby seal, lying on an ice floe, covered with blood, there was an impassioned plea to students and professors, to join an organization to protect baby seals. I had nothing against this, I like baby seals. Then the utter hypocrisy of the ad struck me. Here was a group of intelligent people, most of whom were violently against the death penalty for murder; most of them in favour of liberalized abortion, yet they favoured the protection of baby seals, over that of unborn baby humans. No wonder we have trouble in this nation!

God does

not give government permission to use the death penalty, **it is manda-tory!** To sentence a murderer to prison is to <u>reward</u> him for his wicked deed. He is relieved from all responsibility for the rest of his life. All the necessities of life are furnished him, by the citizens he has wronged. God strictly forbids this!

(there was an article in the Melbourne, Herald-Sun of Monday Dec 23, 2002, about "A Menace We Can't Deport", A person who can't be deported to Vietnam because he now has Australian citizenship. He has already cost the Victorian taxpayers at least \$1.5 million in legal costs, prison time,

and victim compensation. He has been sentenced to more than 70 years in jail since he arrived in Australia in 1980. This 41-year-old has already been jailed for armed robbery, aggravated burglary, causing grievous bodily harm, false imprisonment, blackmail and kidnapping, drug trafficking and recklessly causing injury to a police officer can now be added to his file. Crime is all he knows - he is entrenched in Asian organised crime.)

The Law clearly says: "Thou shalt not murder," and if you do, the judgment is "DEATH!" There is no provision made for "innocent by reason of insanity!" Some may argue that the death penalty is no deterrent to murder. This is an empty argument, since deterrence is not the issue. Those who make deterrence the issue, turn to foolishness the basic principles of justice and moral law. To do away with the death penalty cheapens human life. If a murderer gets a thirty year sentence, the judge is saying in essence: "The life of the victim was only worth thirty years of the murderer's life. If the criminal is paroled after ten years, the Parole Board is saying: "we believe the victim's life was only worth ten years of that of the murderer. When more value is placed on the life of the murderer than on his victim, that society is in serious trouble. Until we as a nation are willing to follow God's Laws, we will see innocent blood shed in our land. This principle is explained in Numbers 35:33 - "In this way (capital punishment) you shall keep your land undefiled, for bloodshed profanes a country, and there is no expiation for a country with bloodshed except having the blood of the murderer shed."

On the crime of kidnapping, God's Law is very explicit,

Exodus 21:16- "*He that steals a man, and sells him, or if he is found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.*" At one time, kidnapping was considered a capital crime, with the death sentence. Now it has become big business, not only for ransom, but also to be used as a political weapon. In some cases, people are held hostage in their homes, or businesses, (e.g. also in banks at times of armed hold-ups). The principle is the same and the same law applies. And - the death penalty stops repeat offenders!

Some of you older readers may remember the Bruno Hauptman case. In 1932, he kidnapped and murdered the infant son of America's hero, Charles Lindberg. After some brilliant police investigation, Hauptman was captured and tried in a sensational trial. He was duly executed. It was a long time after this, before there was another kidnapping in the United States.

Another "capital" crime listed in God's Laws, is

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crime listed in God's Laws, is pretty much disregarded these days. This is the sin of "blasphemy." The same Law which says a murderer must die, says: "Whoso curses his God shall bear his sin (crime). And he that blasphemes the name of the Lord, he shall surely be put to death." It's no wonder we have so much trouble in America, when people are free to commit a capital crime and are not punished.

The word "blasphemy" is defined as: "to defame, to slander, to speak evil of." (in this regard, it is interesting to listen to Sheldon Emry's tape series: *THE BURNING HELL, IS IT BIBLE TRUTH OR IS IT BLAS-PHEMY*, # a-7604, 7605, 7606, @ \$15 ppd - where he proves that

all who teach an "ever-burning hell" are guilty of blasphemy!). You can hardly carry on a conversation with some people, without having them blaspheme God, yet they get upset with you if you say anything about it. Some will immediately say that blasphemy is a religious matter and that we should not mix church and state. Those who hold this opinion, know very little about God's Laws. This statute is based on the Second and Third, of the Ten Commandments, and is further explained in Exodus 22:28 (Ferrar Fenton's translation) "You must not revile God, nor curse a ruler of your people." If you were to curse the President and make threatening remarks about him, you would get into serious trouble. This is as it should be, for to voice a threat, or revile the ruler, is rebellion against legally constituted authority (the only time this is permissible, is when the Government is going against the mandates of God).

The crime of rape is one of the most difficult to deal with. But in Deuteronomy 22, we are told that if a girl or woman is raped, and cries for help, and no one comes to her aid, she is not guilty of any wrong doing and the assailant will be put to death. In the case where a man seduces a young girl (virgin), if he is apprehended, he must pay a stiff fine to the girl's father and then marry the girl - and he may never divorce her! (Can you see the restricting effect this law would have on some of the Don Juans who roam around our country, bragging of the "women they have seduced"?)

In the case of adultery - better understood as interracial marriage "both the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death." The law in Leviticus 20:10 is very

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explicit. Now before you begin to gasp at the cruelty of such a law; and don't come up with that perennial: "God is a loving God and Jesus did away with those Old Testament Laws," I want you to remember what Jesus Himself said, in Matthew 5:17, "Think not that I am come to destroy the Law or the prophets; I am not come to destroy, but to fulfill." If God never changes, as we are told in Hebrews 13:8 - "Jesus Christ the same, yesterday, and today, and for ever," then the death penalty for adultery must still stand. (Note that while there are differences between the 7th and 10th commandments, they are nevertheless closely linked) Why such a severe penalty? It becomes reasonable when you think of all the mixed breed children brought into the world - who are then rejected by both sides, and become problems for both sides as well.

In the case of transgression of the 10th commandment take into account the broken homes in which children are the

big losers. Think of the damage done by venereal disease. We often hear that morality cannot be legislated, but God said it must be. This crime against God and mankind, would shrink into insignificance, if our courts followed God's Laws. We haven't and today, for every two marriages, we have one divorce - a majority of them brought on by this capital crime.

Then we come to the ticklish problem of homosexuality and read in Leviticus 20:13- "If a man lie also with mankind as he lies with womankind, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death." And once again, the bleeding hearts of church and politics, will scream out against the unreason-

ableness of God. Some states have even enacted legislation which has legalized homosexual acts between consenting adults. But God's Laws say, Romans 1:32- "Who knowing the judgment of God, that they which commit such things (all listed in verses 29-31; including homosexuality), are worthy of death....." Our Creator knows a lot more about human nature than the psychologists or social workers, and He has specifically stated that homosexuality is a capital crime, punishable by death.

There must be a reason for this harsh penalty. I challenge you to make an honest study of history. It will show you, over and over again, that when a civilization goes "soft on homosexuality," it is on its "way out." I can't help but feel, that one of the major keys in controlling crime in this nation, is to be found in the Fifth Commandment, which demands respect for parents: (Exodus 20:12, is the only commandment with a promise attached - and note it does not say parents have to "earn" that respect!) - "Honour thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the *land* "For many years, this was the "norm" in our land. It was taught in home, church, and school. We had very little trouble from rebellious youth. Then came the self-proclaimed child expert, Dr. Benjamin Spock, who probably did more to tear down the teachings of the Word of God in recent years, than any other. He made a mockery out of honour, respect and patriotism.

Today, the results can be seen in his illegitimate children, as permissiveness has swept over this land like a gigantic tidal wave of dishonour and disrespect. It has brought ugliness, the drug culture, the rock 'n roll music, abortion, robbery, rape, murder, lack of patriotism, military desertion, sexual perversion and disaster (most have also increased because of the invasion by aliens to our race, another judgment from God!) A nation cannot long stand against such moral sickness, and preserve its freedom.

In 1953, when the American prisoners were returning from the prison camps of North Korea, Major Gen. William Dean, the highest ranking man to be captured in that war, was returning to Pan'mun jon, accompanied by a Chinese Lieutenant Colonel, who had a PHD in Psychology from the University of California, L.A. He told the General on parting: "Don't feel bad because you are leaving us, for we will be in America in a few years. All we have to do to is destroy one generation of your youth, and we will take you without a fight." The reason they have come close to doing this, is because we have forgotten all God's Laws concerning our children's upbringing. We have forgotten that we are God's People and that we have

CHILDREN OF THE PROMISE The Biblical Case for Infant Baptism by Robert R. Booth

In his ten-year ministry, he had put off studying the topic of baptism. Then the Baptist pastor felt his heart sink as he began to see how Scripture challenged his long-held beliefs. What would prompt him to change his views - and find great encouragement in the doctrine of infant baptism? Are there good biblical reasons to baptize the children of believers? What does the Bible say about your children? Robert Booth answers these questions by carefully unveiling the covenant promises of God to Christian parents and their households.

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a Covenant with our God! The children of laxity and

permissiveness, are now taking their places in our public offices and legislative halls. As a result we have seen a flood of legislation which seeks to decriminalize drugs and legalize all forms of sexual degeneracy (a booklet has been distributed to school children in Victoria, that they are allowed to engage in sexual activity at 10 years of age, provided the other person is no more than 2 years older. An ex-children's court judge, was advocating parents and others to keep protesting until the booklet is and withdrawn the laws changed!)

Our country is torn apart by economic woes, as we have failed

to follow God's laws concerning economics. We are in a terrible debt, to alien, anti-Christian, International Bankers (see *Billions for the Bankers, Debts for the People*, #104 @ \$3.00), because we have refused to follow God's Laws concerning usury. We are terrified by saboteurs, assassins, private armies, traitors and revolutionaries. Even prison inmates riot to obtain what they call their "civil rights." Welfare mothers organize for the right to bear illegitimate children, which must be cared for by the working citizen, and we wonder why we have racial tensions.

Our country has been plunged into a cesspool of immorality, violence, and depravity. We keep telling ourselves that it isn't so, that it can't happen to us, while we know it is happening. We have become like the proverbial ostrich, as we tell ourselves: "*I don't know, so I don't care! I don't see it, so it can't be there.*"

Our national purpose has fallen before the onslaught, while national will lies wounded and bleeding. Over 150 years ago, a well-known French Political philosopher named Alexis de Tocqueville, visited America. When he returned to France, he wrote a letter to an American friend, in which he said, among other things: "I came to America to search for your greatness. I looked in your great cities and it was not there, I looked at your commodious harbors and I could not find it there. It was not your magnificent agricultural largesse. It was not until I went into the churches of America, and listened as their pulpits flamed against unrighteousness, that I realized that America is great, because she is good. When she ceases to be good, she will cease to be great."

Those of you who can look back on 50 years of Amer-

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ican history will have to agree, for the strength of America, at home and abroad, has gone "down hill" to the same degree that our moral and spiritual strength has been destroyed. This has happened, as we forgot God's Laws. Unless America returns speedily to an appreciation of God's Laws, our progress could very well be halted on the ash heap of Armageddon.

The hour is late, but it is not too late to act! A little thoughtful consideration will reveal that God's Laws were not given out of a sense of cruelty, but because of His great love for the innocent. They were prepared to cleanse the land of crime and disease, to assure the safety, prosperity, and happiness of its people, and to prepare the land for God's Kingdom on earth. But if you think the Laws I have mentioned are harsh and cruel, please do not argue with me about them. Remember, they were made by the Creator of the universe, and like His Law of Gravity, they may not be broken with impunity by anyone, no matter how prestigious they may be.

Let's take a simple example. Let's say that a very wealthy, very powerful man such as David Rockefeller, begins to believe that he is something special, because of his wealth and power. One day, he decides to show the people of New York City how special he really is. He goes to the ninetieth floor of the Empire State Building and climbing out on a ledge, he looks down at those little ants walking far below. With a bull horn, he shouts to them: "People, look up here. This is David Rockefeller. I'm going to prove that I am something special by defying the law of gravity." So he jumps of the window ledge. What happens?

He tumbled through space and splatters on the sidewalk. Then a bum, seeing his actions tries the same stunt. He too crunches into the pavement. Lo and behold, when you go down to street level and inspect the scene, you can't tell what grease blob is the billionaire and which is the bum. Why? there is a simple explanation. The law of gravity works the same for both of them.

In a U.S. News and World Report on crime in America, some time ago, they found that very few criminals arrested ever received any punishment of any kind. One man was arrested for armed robbery and released on bond. During the four months he was free on bond, he was arrested five times on charges ranging from petty theft to car theft. He pled guilty to petty theft and was released on bond again, to await further trial. This has been the story of criminal justice in America.

In Massachusetts, a few years ago, a young mother answered a knock on her door one night, to be confronted by a drunk man brandishing a knife. He threatened to kill her and her two small children. She retreated to the basement with her children, he followed, cursing and threatening. In the basement, she picked up a single-shot .22 rifle and fired once, striking him in the head, killing him instantly. Today, she is serving an eight year sentence in Massachusetts penitentiary. The judge on sentencing her said: "She could have retreated through the basement window with her children and she did not!'

You see, in that state, in 1975, the legislature passed a law called "The Prowler Bill," it states: "It is a crime to use force against anyone trying to break into your home or business, if you are in a position to retreat.' (I wonder if this is the principle the Australian government wants to apply to asylum seekers/illegals?)

Now I don't know how you feel about a "criminally contaminated" bill like this, but my personal opinion is, that any legislator who would vote for such a law as this, should be "tarred and feathered; rode out of town on a rail, and then prosecuted for criminal negligence." Because that law is a direct repudiation of the Law of Almighty God, found in Exodus 22:23, which says: "If a thief is found breaking into a house, and is wounded so that he dies, there is no penalty for bloodshed." This means, without a shadow of a reasonable doubt, that you have the right to protect your family and property from the depredations of evil men we call criminals, even to killing them if necessary.

When a criminal comes into your home or business, and he is armed with a weapon of any sort, he is saying by his actions: "I came here to deprive you of your property,

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The reader will recognize that all of Mr. Fiske's arguments are not perfect, and we would guess that he may have just begun to see the error of the common teaching on the "Devil," and in this attempt to show its error, he may have used some faulty reasoning. Therefore we do not agree with ALL of the premises, but our purpose in reprinting this is to show that some men of some time ago began to see the impossibility of the great and powerful "devil" as taught by so many Christians (including some

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and if you try and stop me, I will hurt or kill you." By his actions, according to Biblical Law, he places himself outside the protection of the law and anything that happens to him during the commission of that crime, falls on his own head.

God's Laws for lesser crimes such as theft, assault, false witnessing, etc., are just as important as those concerning the major crimes. When a man robs another, and is apprehended, he will have to return the property if possible, and restore from two to five times its value to the owner. Let me use an example. A teenager steals a car, which he takes for a "joy ride." He is apprehended, and has to give the car back, and also

either give a second car or its equivalent value to the owner. Another takes a car and wrecks it. Do you think any of these teenagers might think twice before committing such a crime again, if the first had to pay the equivalent value of the car to the owner, and in the second case, because the car was wrecked and could not be returned, he had to pay four or five cars value to the owner? That's what Bible Law requires. There is <u>no long term in jail</u> at the taxpayers expense; he is not sent to some juvenile detention center for rehabilitation. He either pays up, or he goes to work with a large share of his paycheck going to the man he has robbed.

Now the Law of God is very specific about criminals who injure their victims during the commission of a crime. Leviticus 24:19, 20, tells us: *"as he hath done, so shall it* be done to him; breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth." (i.e. let the punishment fit the crime). All handled under the supervision of the local government. There is an alternative punishment found in Deuteronomy 25:1-3, this is speaking about judges: "And when he has decided between the assailant and the assailed, he shall cause him to be punished in his own presence according to the extent of his crime. You may inflict forty strokes - no more " (Ferrar Fenton translation). What do you think the reaction of some teenage hoodlum would be, if he were stripped in public and forty stripes were administered to his bare behind! His friends would laugh him out of town! How many petty thieves do you believe would face up to that kind of punishment?

God's Laws also deal with vandalism and arson, listen to Exodus 22:4,5 (Fenton translation) - "If the farm or vineyard of a man is burnt, and ruffians from his village



burn his farm, or part of his farm, or part of his vineyard. It shall be compensated." (This is particularly relevant in view of the fires started by arsonists in Australia in January). Today, we hear some talk about compensating the victim of crime. Bills have been introduced to compensate victims for certain crimes. This is a wrong step in the right direction. The victim should be compensated all right, but it should be done by the criminal, not the law-abiding, long-suffering taxpayer. Mr Lawmaker, why don't you make crime so costly a profession, that even the reckless and evil would shun it? In other words: Why not make the punishment fit the crime?

Divine Law requires a speedy trial for the accused. No trial should drag on for months and even years, consuming more and more of the taxpayers money. There should be no appeals from smart lawyers; there should be no "plea bargaining," there should be simple swift, effective justice. All lawyers should be working for the safety of the community,

interested in obtaining the truth, and not have a debating society where one lawyer tries his hardest to get a conviction, while another tries his hardest to get the defendant acquitted - whether the defendant is actually guilty or not. This would be the best deterrent to crime.

God's Law requires at least two witnesses to convict and to insure they tell the truth, the penalty for lying on the witness stand, is to be punished by **the same penalty** as the crime they are witnessing about. As an example, if a witness were to testify at a stolen car trial, and it was found that he lied, he would have to pay the equivalent of two cars. If a wit-

ness were to testify in a murder trial and it was found that he had lied, he would be executed. Don't you think this would have some effect on the honesty of the witness?

God's Law provides for the poor and unfortunate. We have done this to some extent in our legal aid for the poor. But we have seen a shift in recent years, in help for the poor and needy, from the church and community, to the county, then the State, and more and more to the Federal Government. In this move, the personal touch has been lost and the system has been the subject of all kinds of abuses.

Welfare, has become a racket for the selfish, the lazy, and the greedy. In many cases it has become a "way of life," for those who refuse to work, particularly among non-Anglo-Saxon people. Divine Law counters this with the admonition to all able-bodied individuals: "He who will not *work, shall not eat.*" (2 Thess. 3:10). There is always work that can be done - sweeping streets, planting trees, cutting grass, picking up litter - and any able-bodied person on welfare, should be required to do this. The only exception should be widows with children, the crippled and helpless. This should apply to welfare, food stamps, and public assistance. THERE SHOULD BE NO SUCH DEMEANING THING AS HANDOUTS!!!

So what have I said in these several thousand words? Our government is as much an institution of God as the church. Our early statesmen recognized this. Benjamin Franklin said: "God governs in the affairs of men ... is it probable an empire can rise without His aid?"

So, we have a chance today. We can obey God's Laws and have good come to us. We can choose to disobey and expect evil, even the loss of our freedom. This choice is spelled out in the Bible (Lev 26 and Deut 28) in terms so simple, there is no excuse for any not to understand. Presidential candidates often speak about reorganizing the executive branch of government. This is needed, since they are top-heavy with bureaucratic fat; but they need to go farther. The present roadblock to prosperity can be found in the multitude of regulations which go contrary to God's Laws. These are strangling us. We are governed to day, not by laws but by bureaucratic regulations. This must be stopped!

The energy shortages are all results of mishandling our national resources. Our minority problems are caused by a mishandling of immigration laws, all laid down in the Bible (Exod 23:33!). Our inflation is caused by mishandling of economics, by allowing alien, heathen to control our money system through the Federal Reserve System (Reserve Bank), which is a repudiation of God's Law.

Of course there is an answer for this Christian Nation, if we are willing to listen. It is found in a promise given to

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done?

What does Jesus Christ have to say about our life-styles and our future prospects? #851 was \$12.35, sug don \$6.00 our ancestors, many centuries ago, 2 Chronicles 7:14, "If my people (Israel), upon whom my name is called (Numbers 6:23-27, which happens in Christian churches!), will humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face (study God's Word and God's Law), and turn from their wicked ways (i.e. change from being disobedient to being obedient to those Laws); THEN will I hear from heaven, AND WILL FORGIVE THEIR SIN (their disobedience and transgression of God's Law), AND WILL HEAL LAND!" THEIR (emphasis added, JM)

We have our choice. Either repent, and turn about to follow

God, or continue as we are and expect the chastisement of God to become worse and worse, until the Nation is driven to her knees! Which do you want? The answer is up to you!!

[Congratulation to Brother Jack Mohr on his 87th birthday, on January 1st]

PASSOVER, LORD'S SUPPER, COMMUNION HOW OFTEN?

Referring to the institution of the memorial of Jesus' death, Paul wrote: "As often as you eat this bread, and drink this cup, you do show the Lord's death till He come." (1 Cor. 11:25,26). Some feel that the word "often" here indicates that Christ's death should be commemorated frequently, in the sense of many times. hence, they commemorate it more often than once a year. Is that what Paul means?

It is now almost 2,000 years since Jesus inaugurated the Memorial of His death. Therefore, celebrating the memorial even once a year means that it has been celebrated often since 33AD. However, in the context of 1 Corinthians 11:25-26 Paul was discussing, not *how often*, but *how* it should be observed. In the original Greek, he did not use the word *pol-la'kis*, which means "often" or "frequently." Rather, he used the word *ho-sa'kis*, which means "as often as," an idiom meaning "whenever,' or "every time that." Paul was saying: 'Every time that you do this, you keep proclaiming the death of the Lord.'

How often, then, should the memorial of Jesus' death, the Lord's Supper or Passover be commemorated? It is appropriate to observe it just once a year. It truly is a *memorial*, and memorials are usually observed annually. In addition, Jesus died on the day of the Old Testament Passover, which was held once a year. Appropriately, Paul

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referred to Jesus as "Christ our passover," since Jesus' sacrificial death opened the way to life for all Israelites, just as the first Passover sacrifice preserved alive the firstborn sons of Israel in Egypt, and opened the way for the nation's release from slavery; and from thereon commemorated that event and at the same time, pointed forwards to Jesus' sacrifice for the nation (1 Cor 5:7, Gal 6:16). This connection with the annual OT Passover is further evidence that the memorial of Jesus' death should be observed just once a year.

Moreover, Paul associated Jesus' death with another annual feastday, the Day of Atonement. At Hebrews 9:25,26 we read: "Nor yet that he (Jesus) should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

Since Jesus' sacrifice replaced the annual Atonement Day sacrifice, the Memorial of his death is properly observed annually. There is no Scriptural reason to observe the (the only reason some have it more often, is obviously based on church tradition).

In harmony with this, historian John Laurence von Mosheim reports that the second-century Christians in Asia Minor were accustomed to observing the Memorial of Jesus' first month (Nisan)"according to God's Calendar! (see ITS ABOUT TIME: THE SABBATHS, # 161 @ \$8.50). It was only in later years that it became customary in Christendom to observe it more often than once a year.**

While we are not advocating changing to a new calendar at this point, as it would be totally confusing, until such time as an independent community could be established, separated from the outside world; it may be interesting to note for both Sunday-keepers and Saturday-keepers that the new year this year starts on a Friday (according to the naming of our weekdays). That means, that according to God's Calendar, 21st of March is New Year's day and a SAB-BATH and every Friday from there on until Pentecost, from which time on it would be a Saturday-Sabbath, until next year. That means the date for Passover or the Memorial of Jesus' death this year falls on Thursday, April 3.

THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH: From Whence and Whereto? Dr. J.J. Jackson BVSc of Zimbabwe

The popular Christian concept of "church' is the single grreatest obstacle standing in the way of acceptance of the Bible message concerning the nation Israel. The sentiments of the two ideas are poles apart. The rejection of Israel in turn casts a completely different complexion upon the nature of the Kingdom of God. So different that even the great resurrection hope loses its significance. Christ loses some of His chief titles, and the prophets lose the thrust of their message. In all this, God's enemies achieve one of their aims, namely to present God as a liar. And, many thinking people lose their faith.

Such is the seriousness of the subject. So let us go straight to the focal point where this new "*church*" concept

is supposed to have begun. Jesus said to Peter "On this rock I will build my 'kahal'." He probably spoke Hebrew (or more than likely, Greek, as they used the Septuagint bible, CIM). If He did, that is the word He used. So says my Bible commentary. In Greek it is written "ekklesia." The translators translated it "church." Had we kept the meaning of the word "church" in line with the Bible use of "Ekklesia" or "kahal" there would have been no problem. But we have changed it so much that it has become almost the antithesis of that Bible meaning.

The nation Israel was called God's "kahal" 123 times in the Old Testament. In the Greek Bible "kahal" was translated "Ekklesia" exactly 70 times. Israel was God's "Ekklesia." But concerning "church" theologians write that Jesus' statement to Peter was an announcement of His new program which was to stand "in place of and in contrast to Israel." There you have the antithesis.

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Jesus Christ, who is called the Holy One of Israel, the Redeemer of Israel, the Rock of Israel, and the Coming King of Israel, simply reaffirmed His promise namely that He would build her. Here for the 71st time in the Bible He called her His "Ekklesia." Or is it for the 124th occasion that He called her His *"kahal"*? As always Israel was His *"kahal,"* His *"Ekklesia."* He had solemnly promised that He would build her (Isaiah 54, Jer 31)

Had Jesus announced something different, and had this "new" program been a main thrust of His mission, then surely it would have been the theme of His preaching. But we find that all His moral lessons are set in the framework of His "Kingdom of God" agenda.

Only on this one occasion,

mentioned once in the gospels did Jesus apply the term "Ekklesia" for this body of His people. He used the term "Kingdom," which word appears more than a hundred times in the four gospels, and is even more inseparable from the Israel story. In contrast today "church" is probably the most used word in Christendom while the Kingdom of God has become a vague, mystical concept almost totally detached from that Bible nation.

If we consult Peter, to whom Jesus had addressed those words, we find that in his two epistles there is no mention of "Ekklesia." Yet he speaks very strongly of the national calling. He writes "You are a chosen genera-tion" (Greek 'genos' which means 'race'), "a holy nation" (Greek 'ethnos' which means an ethnic body of people). And Peter speaks of the building. He speaks of coming to The Anointed "as unto a living stone" (the Rock) and says "ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual house." There we see this 'genos' - 'ethnos' being built as the prophets had predicted.

Following many other Bible references we finally see this spiritual building, consisting of living souls, in its completed glory, in Revelation 21. We see it as a city organized on the Israel pattern and bearing the names of her tribes. And it is called the Bride of Christ. This is His "Ekklesia" which He had promised that He would build. And it is viewed by the prophet following its descent to earth. It is built in heaven but its destination is earth when Jesus "brings them with Him."

A most fundamental Bible fact is that God created Israel, called her, and redeemed her from her fallen state, to be His bride. It was not a failed project. God foreknew



Israel. He expected that the good soil which He had so painstakingly prepared would yield fruit. Israel had always been His "*Ekklesia*." In that great New Jerusalem vision we see those "*nations of them that are saved*" walking in the light of this city and going in and out by its gates. This is, in symbol, the climax of the fulfillment of the very first words God had promised to Abraham. Now try to fit the modern concept of church into that picture. It won't. You see this is a picture of nations, and nations are the very entities the modern "*church*" concept tends to dissolve into a mass of nationless individuals.

There is another word, equally misused, which has helped to put the church concept on to a false track, and that word is "gentile." Theologians write about the church as Christ's great gentile bride. We read about gentile believers and so on. In fact much emphasis is placed upon the gentile story. But, alas, there is no such word in the Bible. It is never used in the singular and it is never used as an adjective. Furthermore no individual in the Bible is called a gen-

tile unless there are new translations that have introduced the term. The word only occurs in the plural form as a translation of the Greek "*ethne*" which simply means "*nations*." Nothing more and nothing less. The singular form of that word, namely "*ethnos*" is translated "*nation*," never "*gentile*." As impossible as it is for an individual to be a nation so impossible is it for him to be a gentile.

Israel, according to God's repeated promise by oath, was to grow into a multitude of nations. The Judeans were a remnant of only one of those nations. They were, at that time, the only nation still cleaving to the covenant. The other Israel

nations had become paganized and hardly recognizable. To the Judeans they were despicable and unclean. But, they were to be redeemed - or what does that word redeem mean? (It means 'to buy back what was once owned', as in redeeming goods from a pawn shop. CIM) The Bible message abounds with promises and predictions concerning their repentance and restoration.

Often, in Bible translations the strong Greek definite article is neglected. So, for example, one reads of "the gentiles" instead of reading "those nations." That word translated "the" is in Greek a much stronger definite article, stronger than our "the," suggesting **specific** nations. That simple emphasis makes a big difference.

Apart from the above mentioned "gentile" error, another gross mistake has been added by those who cleave to the "Jews only" idea. Consider for a moment what the Bible tells us concerning the number of Judeans who repented under John the Baptist's ministry, again under the ministry of Jesus Anointed and then further in the days of the Apostles. One can only come to one conclusion and that is that a huge chunk of Judeans became Christian. This division is clearly and repeatedly stated by the prophets. Those early Christians became alienated from their unbelieving brethren. They were persecuted by them and ended up being scattered over the face of the earth. Those Christian Judeans doubtless had descendants. Where are those descendants today? Do they still call themselves Judeans (or "Jews")? Do they even remember their ancient ancestry? Furthermore God's promised blessing probably resulted in a considerable increase in their numbers. Besides these Christianized Judeans the main body of Israel who were never called "Jews", described in Hosea 1 and Isaiah 54, were to become "Sons of the living God."

The "Jews only" fans are simply looking at the broken off branches of Paul's olive tree of Romans 2. They are ignoring the tree from which those "some branches" were broken off (pruning the deadwood). Those branches only constitute the Christ rejecting fraction of the whole. The rest of that whole is to be found in Christendom where they have been fulfilling their Israel role predicted by the prophets.

Those whose hearts are stirred by the "gentile" idea read into Ephesians the unification of Israel and non-Israel into one body in Christ. Thereby they see the special calling of Israel declared nul and void, now no different from that of any other nation. Israel simply ceases to have significance, and so much of the Scripture becomes books full of empty words. Somehow this dissolution of identity has taken center stage in Christian philosophy. But, what about the great and often repeated Bible prom-

ise of the reunification, in the Messiah, of scattered and divided Israel? Is that not what Paul was writing to the Ephesians about, when Judah and the house of Israel, so deeply divided, and so regularly contrasted in Scripture, are brought together in Christ? There are very solid Bible proofs even within this epistle to that effect.

No! We must keep our terminology clear and exactly aligned with the Bible. Confusion already started with the Greek language where other gatherings also bore the term "*Ekklesia*." An example was the riotous demonstrations in favour of Diana in Ephesus. We

read about it in Acts. The translators dared not use the word church for that one. But in English the word church also has come to have many uses ranging from the "*uni-versal church*" which is supposed to have taken the place of Israel, down to local assemblies, denominations, services, activities and even places of worship. Should we not separate those meanings into more distinct terms?

Concerning the symbolism employed in the Scriptures, Israel is unquestionably the Bride of Christ. The theme runs right through the Bible starting with the marriage ceremony at Sinai, running through the tragedy of divorce, resurfacing with redemption and culminating in the glorious vision of the second last chapter of the Bible. There are a few Christians who agree, but then still see the church as a separate entity called the Body of Christ. However, in Ephesians Paul calls the husband the head of the wife in the same breath that he speaks of the head and body relationship. In the Old Testament the Messiah is pictured as the "head" of Israel (Hosea 1:11; 1 Chron 29:11). Israel certainly is a unique body of people who, as a body of people, are utterly dependent upon the saving merits of sacrificial blood. Right at the beginning we see Abraham at the point of offering Isaac, when God provided a substitute sacrifice. What a profound lesson! On Passover night in Egypt it was the blood of the Passover lamb that secured deliverance for the entire nation. While this has become an important annual Christian festival we have neglected its origin and have given it a pagan name "Easter." The sacrificial laws God gave to Israel through Moses reaffirmed this utter dependence upon sacrificial blood until Jesus fulfilled every detail on the



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cross. Dare we deny His title, namely, the Redeemer of Israel? Israel is a body inseparable from that redemption. As always, of course, every individual in Israel who denies his Redeemer forfeits his heritage. But we are speaking here of the body of people. What is more, the many explicit promises of the outpouring of the Holy Spirit are Israel promises. Please do check each one out! How strange that the "day of Pentecost" is seen as the birth of something destined to displace Israel rather than a fulfillment of God's promise to her! After all, Peter's address on that day was to "ye men of Israel."

The head-body symbolism depicts one aspect of the relationship with Christ while the bridegroom-bride symbolism pictures another angle of the same union. Otherwise the implication of a "gentile" body and an Israel bride is that of a foreign inner circle, which, nice as it may sound, is contrary to the Bible pattern. The Bible places Christ at the center, and the Israel nations as the

recipients of His blessings.

Another very fundamental issue is that Israel, in this dispensation, has got enemies. The Bible has much to say on this matter. This anti-Israel enmity is to culminate in Armageddon and be avenged by God on the Day of the LORD. Today Christian Israel is being grossly undermined by those enemies. In this national dilemma the position taken by many churches is not helping. They tend to spurn the sentiments of kinship bonds as discriminatory. Perhaps the wonder of God's "families of the earth" order has not dawned upon them. Certainly His commandments

regarding the special considerations there should be between fellow Israelites are emphatic. In Leviticus 19 where the phrase "*love thy neighbour as thyself*" first appears in the Bible it is very clear what is meant by neighbour. The Bible has good rules for all the different kinds of human relations. However, there is a church tendency to embrace strangers including those anchored to the occult, and call them neighbours. Loving them is the main thrust of their preaching. It is when those strangers turn out to be enemies of Israel that betrayal by its priesthood becomes the greatest danger in the problems besetting the Christian nations.

How did the derailment of the church come about? Chambers Encyclopedia under the heading "*Church*" says:

"In the English version of the Bible the word (church) is used to translate the Greek 'Ekklesia' which means in the Greek Bible 'the congregation of Israel.' In using the latter name the early Christians claimed to be in a true continuity with the Israel of the Old Covenant as the elect people of God, redeemed by Him and separated from the world in His worship and service. Modern scholarship has shown that it is less true to speak of Jesus Christ's founding of the church than to speak of His re-founding by a New Covenant the ancient church of Israel."

How then has this position changed? The Apostle Paul warned that as soon as he was gone wolves would enter the fold. He said the spirit of iniquity was already at work. John also warned that there were already many antichrists. The apostasy Paul wrote about did not take long to set root. A glance at church history would soon reveal how major Bible doctrines changed one after the other. Academics see it as theological progress. In truth it was the slippery slope of apostasy. Out of this was born the all-prevailing, new church concept, which soon set its seat of power in Rome. The Bible message concerning Israel, in spite of all its scriptural prominence, became utterly meaningless and people virtually worshipped the church. This is the very heart of the antichrist story. Protestants have failed to shake all of it off. How pathetic is the now almost general expectation of a future antichrist! This Romish teaching is geared to pour utter confusion upon the urgent message of God's prophets concerning today. It was formulated by the (Spanish) Jesuit priest Ribera in the 16th century, then greatly expanded by the (Chilean - of Spanish descent) Jesuit priest Emanual Lacunza (pronounced Lacuntha) in the 19th century, and today acclaimed by most Protestants.

If you accept what has been written thus far you may ask: What do we do now? Do we stop going to church? **The answer is NO**!! We must all worship God. We must all attend His house. But we must see the ministry in its correct perspective. It is like the priesthood of Israel. The priesthood had its order, its authority and its rules just like

New Tapes: K-411 Patriots & Politics, 1 Character of Saul & David, Pt 29 K-412 Patriots & Politics, 2 Character of Saul & David, Pt 30 James Bruggeman B-439 Hosea's Warning, 1, Barley E.R. Capt: Battle of Jericho B-440 Hosea's Warning, 2, Barley E.R. Capt: Dan-Pioneer of Israel B-441 Character, 1, Barley E.R. Capt: Benjamin-Light Bearer the Bible instructions concerning the New Testament priesthood, but it was never intended to usurp the position of the nation or in any way reduce or ignore her significance. The nation was the ecclesia and the priesthood was its spiritual nucleus. But we have turned the matter upside down. We say the church is the ecclesia and it stands far above national interests. The difference is profound.

However, we must never forget that "church" in its more local sense has been at the heart of the establishment of the great Christian nations of the world. Unwittingly, perhaps, it

has fulfilled the function of the priesthood of Israel, and it has produced many great men of God. Furthermore, it is in these nations, especially following the Reformation, that true science has emerged. And this is where most of the modern technology, which is benefitting the whole world, found its origin. How significant that so many of the greatest scientists and inventors of past centuries were Bible-believing Christians! How very strange that modern education attempts to polarize Christianity and Science! And these very nations that brought such benefits to the world are now under threat. They are under very serious threat, internally and externally, and they already can hardly be recognized as Christian. It has become more important than ever before to return to correct Bible doctrine.

This is only a broad sketch. A detailed study of every book of the New Testament will confirm it. Once one gets the framework right one discovers many neglected verses throughout the Bible, even plain statements of Jesus, which are otherwise never taken into account.

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WHO ARE THE TERRORISTS HERE? by Charley Reese, Syndicated Columnist, 8/9/02 Foreign Policy Wrong

Last September, when President Bush declared his war on terrorism. I said that you can't kill your way out of a terrorism problem. I cited the Israelies as an example.

Does anyone argue with that? Israel is still wracked with terrorism, despite having re-occupied virtually all of the West Bank and having killed Palestinians at a prodigious rate. Nor have we solved our terrorism problem, even though, for the time being, the terrorists are lying low.

I also said in October that American troops would be in Afghanistan long enough to realize that Afghanistan's

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summers are as blazing hot as its winters are cold. That was when everyone was celebrating the "short" war. Our troops are still there. Moreover, the Bush administration foreign policy is based on lies. It is based on lies in order to avoid the politically incorrect truth that our problem with terrorism is solely the result of our outrageously unjust policy of blind support of Israel. Neither Bush nor Congress wants to admit this, so they come up with absurd lies that terrorists are jealous of our freedom and wealth.

Really now, do you suppose that a multimillionaire (Osama bin Laden) who chose to live in caves is jealous of American wealth? That makes no sense at all. The Zogby organization, which has emerged as one of the country's most competent polling organizations, recently did extensive face-to-face interviews with a cross section of people in several Arab countries. What did Zogby find?

It found that people in the Arab countries do not hate America or Americans or American culture or democracy. They just hate our foreign policy. As Zogby put it, "It's the policy, stupid."

While I could write 10 columns on the injustices of that policy, one example will suffice: We have inflicted a terrible economic siege and periodic homb-

economic siege and periodic bombings on Iraq in the name of enforcing United Nations Security Council resolutions. A former secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, [a Jewess], said on global television that 500,000 dead Iraqi children were "worth it to enforce the resolutions." At the same time, the state of Israel(i) stands in open, stick-it-where-thesun-don't-shine defiance of more than 60 U.N. Security Council resolutions. It is able to do so because the United States refuses to allow any enforcement actions to be taken against Israel(i).

You do see the contradiction, do you not? Enforcing U.N. resolutions against Iraq is OK, even if it means killing half a million Iraqi children,

but no U.N. resolution can be enforced against Israel. It is not surprising that Arabs do not like that policy. Their dislike is quite rational and moral. The only thing the Arab world, and indeed the Muslim world, asks of the United States is simple fairness. Israel's terrorism problem will never be solved as long as it continues to occupy the West Bank and Gaza. Instead of pressuring Israel to do the right thing, President Bush is trying to imitate the Israelis' failed and blood-spattered policy (And John Howard wants to help him! CIM).

Get a video of the American film "**The Patriot**," with Mel Gibson. In your own mind, substitute the Palestinians for the American Patriots and the Israelis for the British. You will have a correct analogy of what is going on in Palestine. Every time the Israelis kill and maim Palestinian children and commit other injustices, the Palestinian determination to fight grows 10 times stronger.

It is sad that our government rejects the Palestinian freedom fighters and instead supports the oppressor, Israel(i). We'll pay for that stupidity in blood!

(Charley Reese is one of the very few syndicated columnists who is not beholden to the "Israeli lobby," and who presents the truth in journalism.) ------ from VCI

HUMOR

An old man lived alone in Palestine. He wanted to dig his potato garden, but it was very hard work. His only son, who would have helped him was in an Israeli prison. The old man wrote a letter to his son and mentioned his predicament. Shortly, he received this reply, "For HEAVEN'S SAKE, Dad, don't dig up that garden, that's where I buried the GUNS!"

At 4 a.m. the next morning, a dozen Israeli soldiers showed up and dug up the entire garden, without finding any guns. Confused, the old man wrote another note to his son telling him what happened, and asking him what to do next.

His son's reply was: "Now plant your potatoes, Dad. This is the best I can do for you at this time."

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WHOREDOM TODAY Stephen Contrado. Th.M.

12 Park Avenue, Hull, MA 02045 "Wife," "mother,' and "widow" are considered by many people to be loaded words, expressions that cause an automatic gut reaction (usually used in a somewhat favourable sense), but "whore" by far surpasses these loaded words in intensity (almost always used in an unfavourable sense). The more common nomenclature for "whore" today - voiced especially among youths - is

"ho" (e.g. She's a real big <u>ho</u>). While a prostitute works for money, the whore does what she does solely to rebel against God. This distinction, however isn't always made. Although liberals and feminists would have you believe otherwise, the label <u>whore</u> is no mere loaded word. The whore is a real type of sinner, not merely a way male chauvinists blame the victim of patriarchal society for attempting to usurp male prerogative.

The defense of female promiscuity claims that sex is based on a double standard, condoned in boys and frowned upon in girls. Every year the average age of first intercourse among youths gets younger. Modern contraceptives have

fuelled the rate. Pharmaceutical companies make multimillion-dollar profits on the sale of contraceptives. And other interest groups have a stake in the sexual revolution and "free love." Christians have become slack in the observance of Christian norms. God considers whoring an abomination. The Most High God declares, "*There shall be no whore of the daughters of Israel*," (Deut 23:17).

How God's people have backslid! They block their ears and seal their consciences to the commands of God and rationalize their wrong conduct. It's an old story. Read what motivated Lot's daughters (Genesis 19:30-38) and what motivated Israel at Peor (Numbers 25). The Bible has many warnings for women regarding this issue. Isaiah says, "Moreover the LORD saith, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty and walk with stretched forth necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making tinkling with their feet: therefore the LORD will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the LORD will discover their secret parts." (Isaiah 3:16-24).

One very likely reason God wanted Israel to be separate from other nations (Leviticus 20:24) was that the women of the other nations were whores (Lev 19:29). Israel's priests were only permitted to marry virgins (Lev 21:7). If a priest's daughter was a whore, she was burnt. The LORD said to Moses, "And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the whore, she



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profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire" (Lev 21:9). Moreover God warns the whore that he punishes her children. He says, "And I will not have mercy upon her children: for they are the children of whoredoms" (Hosea 2:4).

God honoured every daughter of Israel. But she didn't appreciate his kindness. God says, "Thou didst trust in thine beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pourest out thy fornications on every one that passed by; his it was ... Thou hast built thy high place at every head of the way ... and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredoms ... Thou hast played the whore also with the Assyrian, because thou wast unsatiable; yea thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet couldest not be satisfied" (Ezekiel 16:15-28). God hated Israel and Judah in his sight (see Ezekiel 23). Will God not regard abortion with the same animosity he regards the sacrifice of children to the god Moloch? And how far removed is whoring from witchcraft?

But the whore destroys more than her own children. John, praising God, wrote, "For true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great whore, which did corrupt the earth with her fornications, and hath avenged the blood of his grints.

blood of his saints at her hands" (Rev 19:2). Indeed, God used the whore as a type to describe the wicked system of false religion and economic exploitation in the last days (Rev 18)!

So what does a whore have to be proud of? Love and loyalty have almost vanished from the land. How sad it is today to see such lewdness among women masquerading as social and sexual equality. How wrong it bigger than rock music and Hollywood. The San Fernando Valley in California produces more than 10,000 films a year. Americans spend 10 billion dollars a year on pornography. And 21 million Americans visit one of the 60,000 pornographic Internet sites at least once a month. Most of the women involved in prostitution and pornography have some form of STD (sexually transmitted disease).

O tempora! O mores! What corrupt times we live in. Many women would feel more at home in Sodom and Gomorrah than they would living in the United States. The defiled land will vomit out its inhabitants (Leviticus 18:25). ****

(A note from the Editor of VCI)

Why is it that we are witnessing such conditions in our land, and in the other Israelite nations today? More than 53+ percent of all marriages in the United States end in divorce (I don't have numbers for other countries). It is like marriage is a game to be played, and when the game is over each goes home separately, with or without the children. Why is it that those in their early teens, and some pre-teenagers, have to become involved in "dat-

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ing"? And in many cases there is little if any parental control and supervision which only leads to sexual experimentation with the ultimate results of either pregnancy, some sexually transmitted disease or even the dreaded and fateful AIDS. T have noticed, especially during this past summer, the large

is for women today to base their marriages upon economic incentives. Many marry for power, money, and possessions and would rather have a third car than a third child (or one even). And they demand divorce as quickly as a fast-food dinner. Many women consider psychological maturity as the overcoming of a fixation on morality. But there is no joy in a world of women who don't worship their Creator and find salvation in the work of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.. Too many women know nothing about Christian growth and the infinite happiness it brings.

We are witnessing another case of liberal blindness where the lessons of history are ignored. The 16th century saw an epidemic of venereal disease that led to efforts to control prostitution. International cooperation to control the traffic of prostitution began in 1899. And James Mann's White Slave Traffic Act (1910) forbade interstate and international transportation of women for immoral purposes. But today prostitution is on the rise. Some European nations regulate prostitution as a public health measure. It is legal in Nevada. And in Britain a parliamentary act (1959) forbids open solicitation but permits prostitution at home.

Morover pornography is a big international industry -

number of women and girls scantily dressed while parading around in public. You cannot convince me that halter tops and short shorts are any cooler than a more decent mode of apparel. Today, it is not possible to ascertain the motives of the many which you may come in contact with in the public sector. Scantily dressing only brings the individual "attention" and you don't know what or who your "advertising" is attracting.

Parents are old enough to guide and counsel their children and should have the common sense to ingrain a decent and proper mode of dress, <u>and conduct</u> to their children. Let them take note!

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A study by the Erasmus Medisch Centrum in Rotterdam (Netherlands) has shown that people who are seriously overweight at 40 years of age generally die 6-7 years earlier than those of normal weight. If the overweight are also smokers, the report concluded, they die an average of 13.5 years earlier. The report said that people of 1.8 metre tall, is seriously overweight if weighing more than 98 kilo. Between 81 and 98 kilo was consid-



ered 'overweight. '

Married people live longer than singles. People who are married live longer and are happier than those who choose to live alone. Especially men of 50 (years) will live an average of 4 years longer than single men of that age, and about 3 years longer than divorced men. For women of 50, the advantage is about 2 years longer. Statistics show that especially after 35 years of age, couples are happier than singles. The study also showed that 30 percent of interracial marriages dissolved in less than 10 years.

Every person of 12 years of age or older is required to carry a valid identity card. Those who cannot produce a card when asked by police face a prison sentence of maximum 2 months or a fine of maximum 2,250 euro. (report *Dutch Weekly*, 20/01/03)

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A FEW THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE ROLE(S) OF WOMEN

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Though I plan sometime to write an article for Patriarch Magazine (available through Above Rubies, Box 500 Broadbeach Qld) on the subject of "Women, Wives, Daughters Working Outside the Home," I cannot do so at this time. Please permit me, therefore, to answer your question in summary fashion. Most significantly in answering this question is a thoroughly biblical understanding of the role of a woman which, I fear, has been largely lost by 20th century evangelical Christianity, including most of the churches. Why did God create the woman in the first place? God tells us that she was created to be a necessary and corresponding helper (Gen. 2:18) to her husband in both "fruitfulness" and "dominion" (Gen. 1:27-28). (There is no normative biblical example to the contrary). Sadly, we have narrowed her role to that of a helper in fruitfulness (child-bearing and child training) [and even that has gone to a large extent] and have largely ignored her partnership in dominion. Consequently, when a woman's children (fruitfulness) are grown and gone (and because she may have no biblical vision of active grand she partners in dominion with a man who is not her husband. In other words, she "gets a job" outside the home working for another man. In truth, her husband is most culpable here. He married her, but he has not made a place for her in his life-work as God designed. Of course, he himself has been caught up in the wretched, anti-family effects of the industrial revolution, which robbed him from his children and now prevents his wife from being his helper. It is a terrible trap, which will take much sacrifice to escape if God will give us the grace and wisdom. The answer is for the husband to formulate a life work NOT based solely upon his own skill set but upon the skill set of his entire household. In this manner he can include first his wife and then each of his children under his leadership in a dominon work that not only "feeds the family" but also gives his wife and children their "raison d'être" -- their reason to be. Such a family-centered life work becomes the most successful milieu for home

parenting), the wife pursues her OWN dominion work, or

schooling the children since they have daily opportunity to apply their academics to real life. Now, as to the principles violated/compromised by a wife working outside the home, there are several, but I must be brief (there are various other Scriptures that could be cited):

1. The husband is no longer her provider (1 Tim 5:8).

2. The husband is no longer her protector from physical, moral or emotional harm (Gen 20:16, etc). As

the weaker vessel, God designed her to have a protector (cf. Num. 30, etc). But the workplace (even the "Christian" workplace) regularly exposes her to possible harm.

3. Multiple authority/accountability is introduced (Matt 6:10). A woman is designed to serve and to please. Her fulfillment come from pleasing and gaining the approval of the one over her. She is designed to develop affection for the one over her. This has produced great heartache when that person is not her husband.

4. An independent spirit is fostered.

5. She is acting as another man's helper (Gen 2:18).

6. She is not being a "worker at home;" therefore, the Word of God is blasphemed (Tit. 2:5, 1 Tim. 5:14).

7. She violates the pattern of Christ's relationship to His Ekklesia, which is to be modelled in our marriages (Eph 5).

8. She becomes a poor role model for the younger woman (Tit. 2).

9. She robs her husband of honor as there is no praise for her in the gates (Prov. 31:31).

10. She becomes more susceptible to negative influences outside the home, which can become a snare to her.

11. She invests her heart in another man's life work --"Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

12. She often becomes unavailable for family or assembly ministry.

13. Women in the workforce promotes androgyny as men view women workers as "buddies" resulting in the devaluation of the biblical role of women.

14. Women in the workforce diminishes the value of the dollar, making it more difficult for "one income families" to make it.

15. When a wife works, the husband's vision for his family is shown to be incomplete because it does not include her.

Brother, this is a quick list, which admittedly needs much development. Some reasons you may not find immediately convincing. Yet if even ONE is true, then the



"There are a thousand hacking at

the branches of evil...

to one who is striking at the root."

Henry David Thoreau

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role of a wife working outside the home must be reconsidered. I know you desire God's truth in your life, so I write this note NOT with a spirit of criticism but with a spirit of help and a desire to encourage you in a better way. This better way was, for the most part, the practice of godly cultures until around 1800 A.D. when the industrial revolution began. "Ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; and you shall find rest for your souls. But they said, 'We will not walk in it'" (Jer 16:6).

In the bond of Christian love, John. (from an email)

NAMES OF THE ALMIGHTY

In whatever language the names of God, the Almighty, are expressed, such as the names by which Deity is to be addressed in that particular language. The title of this article is the adoration expressed by the four and twenty elders who sat before God and fell on their faces and worshipped Him (Rev. 11:16). The reference to the Almighty in Revelation as the "Lord God" is stated a number of times. This is the book declared to be:

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave unto him, to show unto his servants things which must shortly come to pass." (Rev.1:1).

We have been receiving letters, as have others, that, unless we use the name of God as expressed in the Hebrew language, we are honouring the heathen deity Baal in using the English word Lord. We are referring to the Almighty as it is used many hundreds of times in our Bible and twenty-two times in the book of Revelation. The context clearly indicates it has no reference whatever the heathen god Baal but only to the Almighty. Isaiah declares:

"Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? Them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts. For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little." (Isa. 28:9-10).

Then the admonition:

"For with stammering lips [a different language] and another tongue will he speak [marginal rendering, 'he hath spoken'] to this people." (Isa. 28:11).

That other language and different tongue is certainly English and into which language, for those of us who love the Lord and reverence His Word, He speaks today. As Rev. W. Pascoe Goard points out in his book, "The Names of God:"

"These names of God run like carefully separated threads of gold throughout all the books of the Bible. Some of these names appear to have originated in the minds of men, and to have been used in speaking of, or addressing, the divine. Other and most important names appear to have been assumed by God Himself, and to have been by Him revealed to man. The oneness and the continuity of the Scriptures appear to be shown in a very striking manner by the orderly and systematic use of the names of God therein, especially such of them as are given by Revelation."

A reading of Dr. Goard's book will blot out the confusion being engendered by the present endeavor to propagate that only in using the Hebrew word expressing the Almighty are we actually addressing Him. One writer states: "No translation into another language can change our use of the name as given in the Hebrew language." He completely overlooks Isaiah's reference to God speaking to us in a language other than Hebrew. Furthermore, God has wonderfully blessed those of us who in our own language address the Almighty to whom we pray in the language in which He has caused us to speak and in which we are privileged to address Him. God will most certainly honour the reverent use of His name in any language in which an individual speaks. He will also condemn the taking of His name in vain regardless of the tongue in which it is thus carelessly spoken!

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PETER'S FAILURE - AND OUR OWN

Much like Peter and the rest of Christ's followers taking the sea voyage to Bethsaida, Anglo-Saxondom (modern Israel) has found herself threatened by the violent seas of world politics and intrigues on many occasions.

Although Anglo-Saxondom is nominally Christian, Christ is not at the helm. Mere man tries vainly to outmaneuver the waves. But human wisdom alone falls short of the mark. But Christ is always near. He has stilled the waves many times - when the nation prays.

Alas, like Peter, when the fierceness of the storm increases and the billows foam about us, our faith is staggered. We lost sight of Christ and doubt His ability to save.

But, as we sink below the surface we will have to call "Lord, save me." It is then Jesus stretches forth His hand and says, "O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?" ------

Some Interesting Quotes:

Andrew Jackson: "That Book, the Bible, is the rock on which this Republic rests."

William Penn: "Men who are not governed by God will be governed by tyrants."

Horace Greely: "It is impossible to mentally or socially enslave a Bible reading people."

Woodrow Wilson: "Our civilization cannot survive materially unless it is redeemed spiritually."

"MASTER, MASTER, we perish!"

author unknown

Jesus and His disciples set out to cross the Sea of Galilee. As the Master slept, a storm came up. The rising waves dashed impetuously against the ship, threatening every moment to bury them all in the bowels of the deep. The darkness of the night increased the horrors of the tempest.

In vain the Disciples exerted their utmost strength; the storm continued to increase, and baffled all the efforts of human exertion. The waves broke over the ship, the water rushed in, and she began to sink. All hopes of escaping were vanished; despair seized every individual; and they were on the brink of perishing, when they ran to Jesus, crying out, "Master, Master, we perish!"

He roused from His sleep, raised His hand, so often employed in acts of mercy and benevolence, and with a stern and awful voice rebuked the boisterous element. The raging sea instantly obeyed His command, the aerial torrent stopped short. The surface of the deep became smooth.

Why did the Disciples wait 'till their plight was to the point of abandonment? Answer this and you will have the answer to why modern Christians will not call upon the Power of Jesus to save them from the evils of the present world system until it is almost too late.

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My doesn't time fly? Another month has gone by so rapidly. Thank you again for all the letters, clippings and your much appreciated ongoing support. Our apologies for some delays with back-orders. Please keep in mind and work towards a camp at year's end (tentatively let's say from 22 to 29 December). Pray for peace for the land wherein we dwell, that in its peace we may have peace also. May the God of our forefathers bless you and keep you and give you his guidance and protection,



