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

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### "DHARMA ILLUSTRATED"

by Pastor Lawrence Blanchard

#### THE CINCINNATI MOSQUE BOMBING

On December 21, 2005, a local Cincinnati Islamic mosque was bombed. Apparently, a couple of pipe bombs exploded damaging a door and some windows. No one was hurt—there wasn't any one even in the building at the time of the explosion. At this writing no one knows who did it and no one has claimed responsibility.

But it wasn't the relatively small bombing itself that was the focus of the news coverage, it was the massive, lightening quick shock and awe convergence of "more than two dozen religious and community leaders" who gathered to loudly, and in unison, condemn the bombing. At the conference, these "leaders" were falling all over themselves to get in their two cents worth about how "hateful" this act was.

Here is a list of some of the words used by these various, multi-religious "leaders" that deliberately intensified the situation. They called the bombing a "hate crime," an "act of terrorism," "hateful," "evil," a "deplorable act." One editorial in the *Cincinnati Enquirer* ("Bombing An Attack On All Of Us," 12/22/05) called the bombers "aliens" and the bombing a "slithery attack" of "poisonous hate" ... "bigotry" ... "religious hate." You would have thought the entire mosque had been levelled to the ground!

Besides the various Protestant and Catholic "leaders" and civil government "leaders" (from the Governor and a Senator from Ohio to the Mayor of Cincinnati) and the Muslim "leaders," was Rabbi Abi Ingber leading the charge against intolerance. There they were, the local force of diversity and tolerance preaching against intolerance.

Of course, our small intolerant church would not condone such acts either where property is deliberately damaged or people harmed except in the matter of self-defense. We say, let's treat this incident as a violation of law like any other at common law. Anything more than that is tainted with political purposes. This incident, and the religious and civil government reaction, was just that—political. Specifically, it was an opportunity (maybe an intentionally created one?) to exploit political Dharma.

#### WHAT IS "DHARMA"?

We owe a great debt to Richard Hoskins who has helped discern our times and incidents like this bombing, by explaining the reality of Dharma. In his book, *In The Beginning* (#406 @ \$27.00), Mr Hoskins explains the basic teachings of Dharma that you will most certainly recognize today. I copy from his book verbatim: (page 50):

NONVIOLENCE: *Ahimsa*—one must be non-violent to all other races and religions in both word and deed. Violence in word or deed is criminal

OBEDIENCE: One must be obedient to the statutes, provide the needs of one's family, neighbours, workers, and especially obedient to the ruler, which makes all else possible. It is a crime to be disobedient and take the law into your own hands.

TOLERANCE: One is required to be tolerant. Dharma directs that one may not discriminate because of race, religion, or national origin.

Dharma is the "tolerance and diversity" political and religious theme of the day. It is political, religious and economic. It's the central pillar of the Hindu/Buddhist/Masonic/Catholic/Jesuit/Protestant/Jewish new world order. A Senator from Ohio, George Voinovich, said of this mosque bombing, "We all should be outraged about what has occurred. We live in a nation where **we respect religious freedom, the religions of others, and our places of worship**" (Emphasis added). That's Dharma illustrated

#### DHARMA—THE NEW RELIGION

As Mr Hoskins points out, Dharma allows you to worship any god you choose just so long as you tolerate all other gods and all religions. "Dharma—acceptance, non-violence and tolerance of different peoples and their gods and obedience to one's rulers" (p.52). And the purpose of Dharma? To facilitate "the religion of the international merchant" (p.53). There cannot be a political, economic and religious new world order without intense, persistent Dharma propaganda and enforcement. That was what this bombing incident was all about—on a small yet significant scale. I mean, do you really think that Rabbi Ingber was

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really concerned about Muslims or their mosques? No, this incident was about advancing Dharma doctrine.

Here's the point. When an exclusive religious opinion surfaces that defies the tolerance and diversity religion, it's swiftly condemned and punished. That's what these "leaders" were trying to make this bombing incident out to be—a violation of the religion of Dharma. This reaction was not for the pity of the Muslim worshippers, but for public consumption to teach Dharma. It was a warning shot to let every one know that Dharma violators will not be tolerated. The Dharma religion has teeth of fear.

### IS DHARMA BIBLICAL?

No matter how loud and threatening the followers of Dharma are, we must always seek what the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob hath said in His written Word. Repeatedly He has said to His covenant people, we are to fear Him and Him alone. And that holy fear compels us to obey the Word. And in regard to Dharma it says, "**You shall have no other gods before Me**" (Exodus 20:3)[no section 116, Australian Constitution!]

In Dharma, the modern day Protestant has his god, the Catholic has his god, the Jew has his god, the Muslim his god and the Hindu his gods, and so forth. The Christian is compelled to worship an exclusive jealous God Who has commanded His covenant Christian people to obey His Law/Word. And that Law/Word excludes the worship, service or mention of other gods.

This Dharma religion is *inclusive* of all other religions, gods and all races. It's absolutely opposed to the *exclusive* God of our fathers. His Law, and His covenant people. Dharma doesn't tolerate racial, covenant Christianity. Biblical, covenant Christianity and Dharma are mutually exclusive toward each other.

### ISRAELITE HISTORY OF DHARMA

Our people today, the descendants of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, are *en masse* following the religion of Dharma. many are serving another god or gods, and most are simply tolerating other gods and the religions and ethnicities they represent. They mistakenly call it "freedom of religion." But in reality they have been "Dharmatized."

But there is nothing new under the sun. Our people have always been susceptible to serving other gods. Just read through the stories of the kings of Israel and Judah. God's punishment and eventual deportations were the result of such sinful and rebellious behaviour—they chose to worship and serve other gods by fearing them (fear of the Jews), walking in the pagan customs of the nations (Christmas and Easter) and building high places (false churches). They practiced Dharma then as we do today. God put them under a curse then, and we are under His curse today—for the same basic reason.

### DHARMA IS A TEST

Dharma presents an opportunity from God to obey or rebel—to serve the exclusive God and obey His Law, or serve this god and tolerate other gods. The words of Joshua echo this challenge to His people today:

*"If it is disagreeable in your sight to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves today whom you will serve: whether the gods which our fathers served which were beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*  
- Joshua 24:15.

Dharma is death to the chosen people of God. But I have hope that God has not totally abandoned His people (although we deserve it) and that one day this deception

called Dharma will be unveiled before their eyes and then they must make a choice. Will it be "disagreeable" for them to serve their God exclusively because it will cause too much trouble to oppose the politically correct and religiously acceptable doctrine of the new world order? Or will they cry out to the Lord God of their fathers for deliverance from this terrible madness and will they rise up one day to openly confess that this God is the God of the land and His Law is supreme/ Let's ask our God to have mercy on His people that one day they will be filled with God's holy spirit as a mighty army to pronounce death to Dharma. His Kingdom come!

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## LIBERTY OR SLAVERY?

by pastor Don Elmore

With the rejection of the everlasting covenant and the laws of that covenant, come the promised curses to the people of that covenant. What is surprising in this present era is the lack of seeing that these curses abound. One of the curses that should be obvious to observe, but is not visible to many, is as follows:

*"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."* (Deut 28:43-44)

Many Christians have been duped into believing that the Bible has very little to say about economics—at least about economics as it relates to their life, their family and their nation. But the Bible gives many laws and warnings about how a nation, family or individual could prosper or become impoverished by keeping or not keeping God's commandments.

In fact, as any student of history will attest, man has yet to come up with a system of economics that really provides prosperity to its people—but God has given a true economic structure that will bring to its citizens real happiness. It eliminates destructive competition; it provides for private enterprise and industry and protects the right of ownership to its citizens.

In the early days of the United States, some of God's economic laws were put into place and many were not. But since the late seventeen-hundreds, the instillation of a different medium of exchange, new tax laws, the creation of a national bank and a federal reserve system, and new bankruptcy laws have had drastic changes.

Like most of God's Laws, the majority of professing Christians have never heard of them. And if they did, most would consider them too old-fashioned for today's modern advanced world. One such supposedly "out-dated" economic law is:

*"Thou shalt not lend upon interest to thy brother [racial kin], interest of money, interest of victuals, interest of anything that is lent upon interest."* (Deut 23:19)

The charging of interest, while making the lender wealthy, impoverishes a people, perpetuates poverty and works hardship on not only individuals but communities and nations as well as it necessitates war. Did Israel obey this law?

A person has \$300 a month to pay for the purchase of an automobile. He has no money to put down and no car to trade in. Below are two possible scenarios for him to use. Plan "A" enables him to buy a better car now—but is it the wisest plan?

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by Paul Johnson

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**PLAN "A"**

This plan is the most commonly chosen. He buys a \$16,000 car, with monthly payments of \$300 for 5 years.

Year	Total Payments	Total saved
1st	\$ 3,600	\$0
2nd	\$ 7,200	\$0
3rd	\$10,800	\$0
4th	\$14,400	\$0
5th	\$18,000	\$0
6th	\$18,000	\$0
7th	\$18,000	\$0

After 7 years, the person trades in his vehicle for \$5,000 and buys another one for \$21,000; thereby financing the car for \$16,000 and the cycle repeats.

Year	Total Payments	Total saved
8th	\$21,600	\$0
9th	\$25,200	\$0
10th	\$28,800	\$0
11th	\$32,400	\$0
12th	\$36,000	\$0
13th	\$36,000	\$0
14th	\$36,000	\$0

After fourteen years, this person has spent \$36,000 on two cars. He now has a car worth about \$5,000 with no savings. To buy another car, the cycle repeats again.

**BOTH PLANS USE ONLY \$300 A MONTH—BUT PLAN "B" INCREASES THE PERSON'S WEALTH BY \$36,000 after 14 years!**

**PLAN "B"**

This plan is designed so that a person will only have to be in debt once in order to buy an automobile. Instead of buying a \$16,000 car, he purchases a less expensive used car for \$5,400 for \$100 a month for 5 years. Then he puts the balance of the \$300 (\$200 a month for the first five years and \$300 a month for the last two years) into a savings/investment account

Year	Total Payments	Total Saved
1st	\$ 1,200	\$ 2,400
2nd	\$ 2,400	\$ 4,920
3rd	\$ 3,600	\$ 7,570
4th	\$ 4,800	\$10,320
5th	\$ 6,000	\$13,200
6th	\$ 6,000	\$17,500
7th	\$ 6,000	\$22,000

After 7 years, the person trades in his vehicle for \$1000 and buys another one for \$16,000 cash. After buying the car he has no monthly payments and \$6,000 in his savings/investments.

Year	Total Payments	Total Saved
8th	\$22,000	\$ 9,900
9th	\$22,000	\$14,200
10th	\$22,000	\$18,500
11th	\$22,000	\$23,000
12th	\$22,000	\$27,700
13th	\$22,000	\$32,600

14th \$22,000 \$37,800

After fourteen years, this person has spent \$22,000 on two vehicles, but since he bought a less expensive car at first, he was able to save and invest the balance of what he had to spend. Now he has a car worth about \$3,500, but has \$37,800 saved to buy another one. This person will never have to finance another car in his lifetime.

The prophet Ezekiel condemned Israel:

*"Thou has taken interest and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbours by extortion, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord God."* (Ezekiel 22:12).

For a second witness, the prophet Nehemiah severely rebuked the nobles and the rulers when he said:

*"Ye exact interest, every one of his brother ..... it is not good that ye do; ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the heathen our enemies?"* (Nehemiah 4:7a, 9).

Nehemiah was responding to the great cry of the people who were put into bondage after they were forced to mortgage their lands, vineyards, and houses for food and taxes.

**BUY NOW—PAY LATER**

(A WILE OF THE ADVERSARIES-doing the lending)

The United States is now built upon the ancient Babylonian system of debt-interest. The practice of BUY NOW—PAY LATER is totally inbred into the present generation as a way of life.

Automobile loans, mortgage loans, unsecured loans—especially credit cards; personal loans, school loans, margin loans, etc. are a way of life. Interest rates between 20%-30% are common.

Is this system a blessing or a curse? Does this practice of BUY NOW—PAY LATER provide prosperity or poverty? Especially when it is BUY NOW—PAY MUCH MORE LATER (see charts further on).

Like many of the newly emerging acceptable vices—casino gambling, lotteries,

race track gambling, sports gambling—buying on credit and increasing one's debt has become a way of life. A entire new generation has grown up living in a world where one does not save FIRST and then purchase a wanted item.

The generation of their depression-experienced grandparents who SAVED NOW—BOUGHT LATER has been long forgotten: Their generation's debt-free life-style as opposed to the debt-life-style of today. Two different ways of life. Does the God of the Bible have anything to say about which system would be best?

*"The rich ruleth over the poor and the borrower is slave to the lender."* (Proverbs 22:7).

Like alcohol to a drunkard, debt can be as intoxicating to a borrowing consumer. But while the danger of drunkenness is generally known, the danger of debt is rarely considered to be worthy of a sermon.

But it is a statistical fact that most marriages run into difficulty because of a poor financial situation, usually the result of debt. Even newspapers like the *Wall Street Journal* state that seven out of ten families live from paycheck to paycheck. Financial magazine after magazine report that the typical household debt has soared to over

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And the most dangerous culprit?—the credit card! Most today would be surprised to learn that the credit card was unknown just a few years ago. The families of the 1930s and 1940s, who were scarred by the Great Depression would borrow very seldom, and they lived within their means.

The families of the 1950s and 1960s began to borrow in order to purchase a home—but little else. But their children when they had families in the 1970s and 1980s began to borrow in order to purchase not just homes, but automobiles, vacations, furniture, televisions and other items.

It was in this generation that the credit card became a convenient way to borrow money. And for the banks and financial institutions who lent them, they enjoyed monstrous profits. With fees and mafia-style interest rates, the great perceived plastic prosperity disease now only encourages covetousness, but entraps many of its users. Slowly the monthly payments increase as the debt increases.

And if a payment is late—the interest rate can automatically double for three years! Many people are struggling under the burden of interest rates of 30%. Most consumers do not understand the Algebraic exponential function. Since the interest is compound interest (exponential), the effect on the borrower's checkbook is almost inconceivable.

But anyone who has borrowed on a house or automobile has seen its effects whether they understand what an exponential function is or not. For the first bunch of payments almost all goes towards interest and just a few dollars goes towards the principle. For example, the first payment on a \$150,000 loan might be \$1000. After making the first payment, \$950 would be for the interest and only \$50 would go towards the principal. So after the first payment, the debt would stand at \$149,950. (if faced with this situation, do not make 'extra' payments, or make payments more often to try and bring it down - rather save up some and then make a PRINCIPAL ONLY extra payment! This works and will save heaps in the long term - especially if done early on in the loan)

More dramatic is this principle when one purchases a new car. Since a car usually depreciates rather rapidly (most cars lose one-half their value in four years), many borrowers find themselves "upside-down" on the loan—that is, they owe more on the car than the car is worth, even though they have made every payment on time. If the car is totalled in a wreck or it is repossessed, this is of course, a financial disaster. (this is where you get squeezed again - because of the loan, the car has to be insured, so the premium is added to the loan, and you pay interest on the insurance premium!)

### TEENAGER'S TRAP

Today's teenager's are facing financial disaster. This will be the first generation that will be practically financially ruined before they even begin their marriages. Why?

1. Automobile. Most teenager's get a job so that they can purchase a car. Since they don't have enough money to pay cash for a car, they borrow to buy it. Along with their insurance and normal repairs, it usually takes most of their paycheck to make the payments and pay for the expenses of running the car. Most of these people will be paying for

vehicles all of their lives.

2. College. With the rise in tuition and other expenses related to education and/or training, student loans have grown geometrically over the past two decades. It is now not unusual for a student to graduate with a debt of over \$30,000 in student loans. Woe be if two students with similar amounts of student loans get married!

So it is not rare in today's world for a young married couple to have over \$70,000 of debt hanging over their heads as they begin their marriages. With a house to buy, and children to rear—economic stress is guaranteed.

### GOD'S LAW ON DEBT

#### FOR HIS PEOPLE IN HIS KINGDOM

God instituted for his people one of the interesting and ingenious laws that no other nation has ever duplicated—even though it brings prosperity, liberty and peace. God operated on a seven-year cycle plan. (of course, this plan will not feed the parasites who live among us).

God provided for the land that every seventh year it would be granted a rest. No farming was to be done. The land would sit idle as the minerals would be replenished in the soil. This enables the food to be nourishing.

God also provided for His people to experience a rest every seventh year. All debts were to be cancelled every seven years (some hold that the seventh year was a suspension of payment - a holiday - and that actual cancellation only occurred in the Jubilee year, otherwise, with debts forgiven in the 49th year, and the Jubilee beginning 6 months into the 49th year, there would be nothing to forgive for the Jubilee).

*"At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor that lendeth ought unto his neighbour shall*

*release it; he shall not exact it of his neighbour; or of his brother; because it is called the LORD'S release. Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it again: but that which is thine with thy brother thine hand shall release; save when (to the end that) there shall be no poor among you; for the LORD shall greatly bless thee in the land which the LORD thy GOD giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: Only if thou carefully hearken unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all these commandments which I command thee this day."* (Deut. 15:1-5).

What a wonderful law! Every seven years every one would be debt free again! No debt consolidation plans. No buy-downs. No bankruptcies needed to be filed. Automatically every seven years all debts cancelled.

### THE LIBERTY BELL

Inscribed on the famous American Liberty Bell are the words which are a quotation from Leviticus 25:10a:

*"And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and PROCLAIM LIBERTY THROUGHOUT ALL THE LAND UNTO ALL THE INHABITANTS THEREOF: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family."*

The "LIBERTY" of the Liberty Bell has nothing to do with a democracy or civil rights or religious freedom—but with the automatic repossession of the farmland that had been sold or given to another family during the duration of the previous forty-nine years. And since it also was the end of another seven-year cycle, it also included another round



of the cancellation of all debts incurred during the previous six years. Thus, every fifty years (seven cycles of seven years) was called the year of the JUBILEE.

### SUMMARY

From these two special years—the year of release and the year of jubilee (one a calendar year, the other an overlapping year like a financial year)—we can see that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob wanted His people to experience the blessing of being debt free and not debt enslaved. In addition, interest was forbidden to be charged to the citizens of His kingdom.

God's financial blessing:

No loans of more than six years duration at 0% interest. All debts cancelled every seven calendar years. Farmland needed not to be repurchased. It reverted back to the original family owners every fiftieth year.

Therefore, prospective husbands were expected to have saved a dowry for his wife BEFORE they got married. Marriages were to start on financial soundness.

Modern day's financial curse;

Loans of 30 and more years. Interest rates above 30% in some cases (credit cards). No release years or year of Jubilee. Farmland must be repurchased. Most marriages begin with financial hardship.

Memorizing Bible verses, attending church services, singing hymns, praying, home schooling, reading the Bible, can be nullified by the stress and strain of being in a financial nightmare—being a slave to the lender. With a hole in our pockets, working harder and longer hours to little avail.

With the federal, state and local governments; along with many large corporations with massive debts that increase to the point of there ever being any possible way to ever repay the debt—what should the Christian do?

1. Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness—then all needs will be met.
2. Pay God the tithe that is due from the increase of one's labours.
3. Get out of debt. If one has to get in debt, borrow for as short a time as possible and only borrow on those things which will not generally depreciate in value.
4. Those that have, give to their brethren that are in need.
5. Teach our children to SAVE and then buy.
6. Make thriftiness a life-style.
7. Set up a budget and stick to it.
8. Do not spend more than one makes
9. Have a "rainy day" fund (about \$1000)
10. Have an emergency fund (3-6 months of expenses).
11. Invest.
12. Do not borrow. But if one has to, repay it as fast as possible.
13. Buy the basics until one can afford the best.
14. Don't waste money.
15. Have some precious metals—gold and silver coins
16. Keep the commandments of the LORD our GOD.

*"And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of the LORD thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the LORD thy God will set thee on high above all nations of the earth: And all these blessings shall come on thee ... And the LORD shall make thee PLENTIOUS in goods ... The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure ... and thou shalt LEND unto many nations, and thou shalt NOT BORROW. And the LORD shall make thee the head and not the*

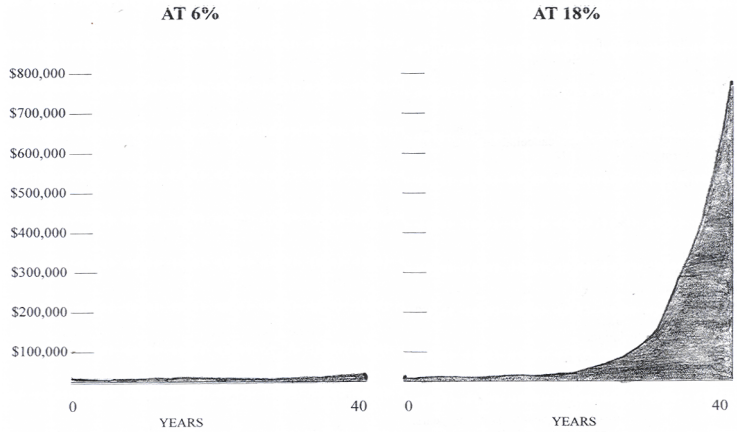
*tail."* (Deut 28:1, 2a, 11a, 12a, c, 13a).

Debt free—LIBERTY; In debt—SLAVERY.(Note that even thou you may not have personal debt, you are still subject to slavery because of local, state, and federal debts)!

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card from his local bank. He deposited \$1,000 in his savings account when he was 20 years old and borrowed \$1,000 on his credit card. Like his famous father, he then went into a deep sleep—this time for forty years. His bank paid him 6% on the money in his savings account and charged him 18% on his credit card. Both interests were compounded. After he awoke, he went down to the bank to take the money out of his savings account and use it to pay of some of his credit card balance. But

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He OWED the bank:	\$740,093

Now you know one reason why the banks own most of the tall buildings in every major city.

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 a reader sent me the following, which I think is worthy of further circulation - and reading!

### CHRISTIANITY IN CRISIS

It has been a very long time since the world has seen such a lukewarm church. Sure, there are rallies, fellowship and all manner of praising the Lord, but underneath the veneer of smiles there is adultery, fornication, disobedience and deceit in the heads of many. This is borne out by the fact that few Christian homes have escaped divorce. It is now common that young 'believers' choose often to live together rather than marry (it used to be called "Shacking-up together"). Also, children are so often seen speaking to their parents without showing any respect at all. Even more, they display outright rudeness and rebellion at times.

So often we hear that 'so and so' is living with someone, or that this one or that one is divorced. All this is to our shame. Look at us! Can we really expect the Lord Jesus to come back and say, "Well done good and faithful servant"? Perhaps He will say, "Get away from me you who do not respect My standards nor keep them."





Look at the way we believers dress and talk. Look at our body language. Shirts hanging out. Women with short hair and in jeans or slacks. Men doing exactly what their wives say, displaying no family leadership skills. Allowing children to behave almost exactly as those in the world. Where is our modesty, discipline, obedience, temperance, standard of dress, moral standards, courtesy, and on and on and on .... ??

Time after time, we find out that young people whom one would assume to have kept themselves pure have actually done the wrong thing and transgressed God's moral laws in the past.

Have we forgotten to fear God? It says in the Bible that, "True love casts out fear." But what does this mean? Does it mean that we should not fear God? No, because we read in the book of Hebrews that "God is a consuming fire." And in the book of Matthew that it is a "... fearful thing to fall into the hands of Almighty God." True love is this: "If you love Me keep My commandments" (John 14:15). One who keeps God's commandments does not live in fear, as one who does not. It is the very fact that we have turned away from God's values so far that we now do not even know what sin is. Or if we do, we say in our hearts, "Christ will forgive me, I am saved anyhow." Rubbish! Saved from what? Saved from being initially condemned with the world (John 3:18) - but not saved to eternal life.

"HE WHO ENDURES TO THE END SHALL BE SAVED" (Matthew 24) Therefore, as we have not yet endured to the end, we are not yet saved. Therefore it would appear that if this is the case, we ought be more careful with our young ones' lives. One who commits fornication has lost purity. It can never be found again!

It is time for we men to grow up into the shepherds Christ is seeking. And it is time for Christian wives to be more submissive and supportive of their husbands and menfolk. You children (if you have read this far) read on and learn to be more obedient and pleasing to your parents and to Christ. Parents and children need to sit down together from now on and look at some of the more challenging Scriptures instead of always grabbing hold of the ones that please us. We are without excuse. We know the love and wrath of God and we know that Christ lost none as an example to us all. Yes, Christianity is in crisis, but we can avoid being caught up in it if we hang onto the chastening of the Lord, being strong to resist the evil catchphrase: "**You shall not surely die...**" On the contrary, few there be that find the narrow way that leads to life

Please renovate the way you run your family so that you do not fall short of the standard God expects of His people!

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And ..... given with some reservations, .... something else that makes points worth considering:

### HOPE HILL UPDATE

Dear brethren and others who seek the will of God. I write this letter to you because of the changing state of both our nation and the world. Many of us have homeschooled our children. Many of us have endeavoured to remain separated and innocent followers of Christ, as we have seen the world crumble around us. In the process, we have become as islands. Our safe haven for our young has also created a

problem for us all. many find that they are reaching a point where they see the need for a kind of Christian tribalism—as practiced by the patriarchs and the early Christian church—so that those of like mind may have interaction.

Our initial reason to walk as we have walked is to prove the length and breadth of our faith, and to bring our children up in the admonition of the Lord. Now, I believe, we must learn to walk in harmony, developing a forgiving spirit without losing sight of our goal - that being, to be found worthy to escape the things that are coming upon the earth.

I suggest, Dear Brethren, while we still have time, before the door of opportunity shuts, that we all establish ourselves in a place either inside or outside of Australia where we can dwell in unity. I have a vision of a place where our young men and women can court and marry, where the burdens of daily life can be shared. A place where the men and women folk can live as God planned, each day being lived gracefully and contentedly within the protection of God's Laws (I'm sure I'm not alone).

I believe it is drawing close to the time when God's people will be divided into those who see a need to work together and move into "the wilderness," and those who will be caught by a kind of "Lot's wife syndrome."

Unfortunately, if I am not mistaken, this year will be a year of increasing distress and control over the Western World. Now that we know our own governments are involved in bringing a police state upon us, starting from 9-11, we must come to terms with the fact that we are caught up in a timetable of past and future events that to us is a net. This is not to say we ought not reach out to others as

we go - but our outreach must, I believe, be done with wisdom.

Dear Brethren, if we stay as we are, we face many dilemmas. We are more vulnerable spiritually if we stand alone. Family members can see fathers as being radical, rather than normal. Wives can feel lonely, for want of Godly female companionship. Our young men and women can become frustrated for lack of a spouse. And for the menfolk, the difficulties of maintaining the energy, vision and hope required can be daunting.

Having said all this, I stress that one ought not to feel any sense of obligation or pressure to act without deep thought and prayer. Any who come at this time to dwell as one body must be first drawn to do so. There must be a conviction to want to make this Godly pattern work. Moreover, there must be a desire to want good things to happen to all, and to value the bond of unity.

Remember, a struggle is upon us. Whatsoever we do, if you imagine life to be without some struggle and frequent need to overcome, then you will be often disappointed in life. Therefore, if you consider this letter, dear Brethren, and feel convicted to get in contact, please be mindful that all who enter into a covenant to work together, must also accept that those who have been called, and who have responded to that calling to be separate, should also subject themselves, one to another, that those who are shepherds may chasten and encourage for the perfecting of us all, as the coming of our Lord draws nearer.

The time of the Son of God's return is perhaps closer than we think. Are you ready for that return? Are you placing yourself or your family in the most appropriate place? Is God calling you to get out of this system of things? May

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Friends and racial brethren: The Judeo-Christian heresy wishes to deny the *exclusivity* of the birthright and the Covenants. This is pastor Eli James putting out the challenge to any and all Christians who believe that the Bible is a universalist document. We in Christian Identity teach that ONLY True Israel, the Anglo-Saxon, Celtic and Caucasian peoples, are a party to the Covenants. Only Israel was present when Moses delivered the Law and only Israel (not Jewry) was present and vowed to obey Yah's Laws. Hence, since only we made the promise and broke the promise, only we are the one's who needed to be redeemed by Yahshua Messiah. That's what Jesus Christ did when He died for us; and that is why His Judahite genealogy is preserved for us in the Gospels. He did not die for the whole world. Only Israel needed to be redeemed, and He came only for His sheep, True Israel; and He instructed the Apostles to seek out only the "Lost Sheep of the House of Israel" and no one else. When we finally allow the Law (which includes the Law of Separateness) to be written on our hearts, the rest of the world benefits by our coming back into the fold, and the rest of the world benefits from our ingenuity, creativity and obedience to His Will. No other Plan will accomplish peace on this planet. This is a blood (genetic) family that was begotten by the Father in the Garden of Eden before the Fall. We are now returning to our inheritance in spite of those who wish to call us "racists" for loving our own kind. We can look at the world around us and see how far loving the other races is getting us. They squander our generosity and they scoff at our civilization, taking the benefits but offering only revolution in return. Wake up, Christian Israel! The following is an article written by Bertrand Comparet which spells out the CI message and our Divine Mandate to be true to our race and to our religion. It doesn't belong to any other group. We do ourselves a disservice when we "cast pearls before swine." If they want to be Christians, it's their business, but that does not eliminate Yahweh's commandment for us to remain separate. Whenever we race-mix, we lose focus upon Him and we start following other religions. This is the simple, historical fact. For us, separateness is mandatory or we lose our birthright! - Pastor Eli.

### **SQUANDERING OUR BIRTHRIGHT**

*by pastor Bertrand L. Comparet, A.B., J.D.*

The 25th chapter of Genesis tells us, that Jacob and Esau were twin brothers, sons of Isaac and in line to inherit the wonderful blessings God had promised Abraham, Isaac and their descendants. It also tells that Esau was the first born and therefore entitled to the birthright of a double measure of blessings. Yet God told the prophet Malachi, "Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith the Lord: yet I loved Jacob and I hated Esau." (Mal. 1:2-3). The Birthright was lost by Esau and inherited by Jacob, our ancestor, whose name God Himself changed from Jacob to ISRAEL (meaning 'ruling with God' or 'ruled by God.') and to whom God confirmed all of His promises and prophecies.

In all the world's history, no-one was ever offered such marvelous blessings as were in this birthright. To lose it was a most terrible loss, yet Esau and his descendants lost

it. We now have it, yet we are today in great danger of losing it the same as Esau lost it. Genesis 25:34 tells us that ESAU DESPISED HIS BIRTHRIGHT and therefore lost it. Today our politicians and our churches are in an evil contest to see which can teach our people to despise our Birthright the most. If we do not swiftly repent of this, we too can lose our Birthright.

What are we talking about? What is this Birthright? It is all the blessings promised by God. But every coin has two sides and every blessing has the corresponding duty on our part to do the thing which God has said. There are both promises and commands. Let's briefly list these major promises God made to Abraham, Isaac and Israel, our ancestors.

*"I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven and as the sand of the seashore (Genesis 22:17). I will make of thee a great nation and I will bless thee and make thy name great (Genesis 12:2). I will make nations of thee, a great and mighty nation and all the nations of the earth shall be blessed in thee (Genesis 35:11); thou shalt spread abroad, to the west and to the east, and to the north and to the south (Genesis 28:14); for thou shalt break forth on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall inherit the nations and make the desolate places to be inhabited (Isaiah 54:2-3); thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies (Genesis 22:17); thou art My battle-axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations and with thee will I destroy kingdoms (Jeremiah 51:20); behold, they shall surely gather together, but not by Me; whosoever shall gather together against thee shall fall for thy sake. No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord and their righteousness is of Me, saith the Lord (Isaiah 54:15-17); ye are My witnesses saith the Lord and My servant whom I have chosen (Isaiah 43:10); YOU ONLY HAVE I KNOWN, OF ALL THE FAMILIES OF THE EARTH (Amos 3:2); therefore, God give thee of the dew of heaven and the fatness of the earth and plenty of corn and wine: let people serve thee and nations bow down to thee; be lord over thy brethren and let thy mother's sons bow down to thee; cursed be every one that curseth thee and blessed be he that blesseth thee (Genesis 27:28-29)."*

A pretty impressive list, isn't it? Why would Esau be willing to lose it? Because it carried duties he wasn't willing to bear. He was to keep the race line pure, to be strong, to spread abroad in colonies and rule the backward people, to develop the rich natural resources of the earth; to destroy in battle all nations who oppose God's plan (will); and to be God's witness to the truth of our religion. Esau was of too weak a character to assume these duties. He lost the birthright when he polluted the race by marrying Canaanite and Ishmaelite wives (Genesis 26:34-35 & 28:8-9). His sale of the Birthright for a bowl of stew was only a formal ceremony expressing what was already a fact.

WHERE DO WE COME IN? God has fulfilled His part of the bargain by giving us all the promised blessings. However, we are now backing out of our part, refusing to do the things God said we should do in this same Birthright. Our politicians and our churches teach us to violate God's commands, for the evil profit they can make from our enemies both within and without our nation. The com-

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mand was that WE should be strong and rich with the fatness of the earth, not that we should make God's enemies rich and strong with it. God gives these blessings to those who worship Him, not to those who worship other gods and devils. We are to be God's witnesses that prosperity and power are His gifts and obtainable only from Him. Yet now we are told we must share all this equally with the "have not" nations, reduce ourselves to their level, while making them rich and strong; that we must dissipate God's gifts to finance the Congo natives in their cannibalism and worship of witch doctors, voodoo devils; that we must give up our right to determine our own, independent course and become helpless pawns in the hands of the United Nations, where the cannibals alone outvote us 24 to 1.

God expressly commanded us to be colonizers. He did not say, "You MAY, but "THOU SHALT." Today, how our politicians and our preachers denounce "imperialism." Franklin D. Roosevelt said that his great ambition was to be known in history as "The man who broke up the British Empire." OUR financial pressure forced Britain to pull out of India and Egypt, so those two nations now vote regularly with the Red bloc against us. We brought Cuba and the Philippines the greatest liberty and prosperity they ever had. Then we became ashamed of our good works and pulled out. What is Cuba today? The Philippines have lost their prosperity and are in great danger of losing everything to Communism. We forced the Dutch out of Indonesia and have made it a Red submarine base to be used against us. We forced European influence out of China and made it what it is today. We forced Belgium, France and England out of Africa. The Congo demonstrates what we are thereby accomplishing (see the video *AFRICA ADDIOS, #CI-00. Loan \$6 VHS or \$5 DVD*) Do we expect God's approval when we destroy civilization in half of the world? Not content with that, it has now become our policy to waste our wealth, despising God's blessings, to finance uncivilized, pagan, God-hating governments, even including the enemy Communist governments of Yugoslavia and Poland. Our president tells us that we have not done nearly enough, that we must grind our taxpayers into the dust to raise hundreds of billions of dollars for those who hate us and our God (the Israeli state). Do you expect God to bless us when we try only to strengthen His enemies?

God commanded us to be His battle-axe and weapons of war, to destroy the evil nations when they threaten peace. Yet our president said that we should apologize for merely watching what preparations Russia is making to destroy us! That we should try to negotiate co-existence on terms Russia will approve. In all history, surrender to evil has never avoided war, instead it has brought wars as our well-earned punishment.

God commanded us to be His witnesses. Yet, when we should be witnesses for Jesus Christ, what do we find? The blasphemous spectacle of Jewish Rabbis invited to preach in Christian churches, in the name of "Brotherhood"! Brotherhood with what? With anti-Christ! 2 John :7-11 warns us, "*For many deceivers are entered into the world, who confess not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh; THIS IS A DECEIVER AND AN ANTICHRIST ... WHOSOEVER TRANSGRESSETH AND ABIDETH NOT IN THE DOCTRINE OF CHRIST HATH NOT GOD ... IF THERE*

*COME ANY UNTO YOU AND BRING NOT THIS DOCTRINE, RECEIVE HIM NOT INTO YOUR HOUSE (or church), NEITHER BID HIM GODSPEED: FOR HE THAT BIDDETH HIM GODSPEED IS PARTAKER OF HIS EVIL DEEDS."* Jesus Christ, Himself said, "*He that hateth Me hateth My FATHER also.*" (John 15:23).

Esau despised his Birthright, because he lacked the moral courage to accept its duties. We have been betrayed by those we should have been able to trust, our political leaders and our clergymen. We have been led to despise the duties of our Birthright. After Esau realized how much he had lost, he tried in vain to regain it. Hebrews 12:17 says, "*For ye know how that afterward, when he would have inherited the blessing he was rejected: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.*" Before we find ourselves in that same disaster, let us stop committing the Sin of Esau, despising our Birthright.

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## NEW TESTAMENT CHRISTIANS

by Howard B. Rand

When Old Testament truths are brought to bear upon a discussion of some aspects of the Bible, one is frequently confronted with a new variety of believer—one whose excuse for failure to give heed to the writings of the prophets of the Lord is, "I am a New Testament Christian." These individuals seem to be completely unmindful that it is impossible to divorce the teachings of the New Testament from the basic facts set forth in the Old Testament which is the very foundation upon which the reliability of all the New Testament teachings rest, even the identification of Jesus as the Christ

### BABES IN CHRIST

But even more important—and it would be amusing if it were not such a tragic mistake on their part—the boastful claim of so-called New Testament Christians of their

ignorance of Old Testament teachings is an admission of spiritual immaturity. Furthermore, they are condemned by the very section of the Scriptures which they purport to uphold. Paul calls them "babes in Christ" who must be fed with milk and not with meat (1 Cor 3:1-2). He meant by this that they are incapable of digesting the strong meat of deeper Scriptural teaching which would enable them to rightly divide the Word of Truth (2 Tim. 2:15).

This appraisal, given under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, makes it quite clear that there is a classification among those who, having become Christians through the acceptance of Jesus Christ, have not only failed to grow in grace but to grow into a full understanding of the whole truth of the Scriptures in their entirety. This would include a mastery of Bible history and prophecy, as well as a working knowledge of the perfect laws of life contained in the Scriptures.

### ABLE TO TEACH

Speaking of Melchizedek, and referring to Jesus Christ, who is High Priest forever after the Order of Melchizedek, Paul chided those whom he addressed as Christians. He had much he would like to have said to them regarding the glorious Divine Person and His purposes, but their slowness of comprehension prevented him from a further discussion of the subject. He made this observation:

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***“For although from the length of your Christian experience you ought to be teaching others, you actually need someone to teach you over again the very elements of Christian truth, and you have come to need milk instead of solid food.”*** (Heb.5:12, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

We see from this that Paul expected those of a few years' Christian experience to be able to instruct others (the only Scriptures they possessed to study at that time were what we call the Old Testament). What would he say of professing Christians who, after many years of opportunity to become familiar with the Scriptures, know little or nothing about the great truths taught in the Old Testament? Paul comments:

***“Anyone who is limited to milk is unacquainted with Christian teaching, for he is only an infant.”*** (Heb. 5:13, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

#### KNOWING THE LAW

Here Paul is severely condemning the Christian for his failure to be well-grounded in his belief, which can only come about when he applies himself to understand the Old Testament. In the light of this statement by Paul, the great body of church members today are but infants, unable to assimilate, for when the solid food of Scriptural teaching is given to them, spiritual indigestion is usually the result. But of those who do attain spiritual adulthood Paul declared:

*“But full-grown men have a right to solid food, for their faculties are trained by practice to distinguish right and wrong.”* (Heb. 5:14, *Smith & Goodspeed Trans.*)

When one asserts he is a New Testament Christian, it is a declaration of spiritual infantilism, including a tacit confession on his part of an incapability to make the distinction between right and wrong which comes only through a knowledge of the justice and equity of the Law of the Lord. This failure to distinguish between right and wrong according to Scriptural standards is clearly borne out in the lives of multitudes of Christians who daily violate the Divine injunctions pertaining to health, resulting in sickness, suffering and infirmities. When it comes to the weightier matters of the law pertaining to the practice of righteousness, their daily activities proclaim their complete ignorance of the Divine precepts, which bear upon this aspect of Christian conduct.

Paul counseled those who are infants in Christ, the milk-fed Christians who are unacquainted with the first principles of the oracles of God, to leave the elementary teachings of the doctrines of Christ and go on unto perfection; that is, to advance to maturity (Heb. 6:1). Once Jesus Christ has been accepted as personal saviour (a phrase not found in Scripture! CIM), to confine one's spiritual conversation wholly to this subject, and not advance in the knowledge and understanding of the profound truths of the Old Testament, will result in spiritual atrophy rather than produce a well-integrated Christian. Actually there is no standing still, for the perceptive capacities of the Christian will either waste away through want of nourishment from the Word of God or he will grow up to maturity in understanding as the outcome of his diligent study of the whole Scriptures.

#### SEARCHING THE SCRIPTURES

Let us examine the unsubstantial basis underlying the declaration of those who say they are New Testament Christians and use this as an excuse for their lack of interest

in Old Testament study. First and foremost, when the New Testament states that the early Christians searched the Scriptures daily to see whether or not these things were so (Acts 17:11), it was not the New Testament to which they were referring. They were searching the Old Testament since this was their Bible. There was no New Testament at that time. Therefore, in searching the Old Testament, they learned from its historical records and from its prophecies that the declarations of the Apostles concerning Jesus the Christ were true; that is, He was the Messiah who was to come.

#### SUBSTANTIATING EVIDENCE

The early Christians also learned that Jesus the Christ is the Redeemer of Israel as well as the Saviour, and the coming King who will rule over His Kingdom when it is restored in its full perfection upon the earth. Without knowledge of the words of the prophets regarding the marks of identification by which the Messiah was to be known, there would be no evidence whatever to demonstrate that Jesus the Christ was indeed the predicted One who was to come and fulfill all that was foretold of Him.

The foundation of the story the Bible tells is laid in the history of the Old Testament. This is concerned with the People of the Book—Israel (apart from Jewry)—the appointed race which was to be a blessing to all the families of the earth (Gen. 12:1-3). Through both history and prophecy in the Bible the Christian learns how this responsibility and destiny eventually devolved upon the Anglo-Saxon Celtic peoples—the modern Israel of God.

The Old Testament gives the history of the setting up of the Kingdom of God on the earth, outlines the laws which were to be its constitution and become embodied in the Law of the Lord. It provides information concerning the lands His people were to occupy and the provisions which were to be made for the establishment of the throne of the Lord in their midst.

#### THE THRONE OF DAVID

When the Angel Gabriel told Mary that God would give unto Jesus the throne of His father David, how is it possible for a New Testament Christian to understand this without first reading about the covenant of perpetuity made with David regarding his house and his throne? The specific details of this vital development in the Divine plan can be found nowhere except in the Old Testament (2 Sam. 7; Jer 33:14-26).

What of the annunciation by the Angel to Mary that Jesus would reign over the House of Jacob forever?

*“Behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end.”* (Luke 1:31-33).

In this statement the Angel stated unequivocally that the Kingdom of our Lord is to be the House of Jacob. What can the New Testament Christian know about the House of Jacob unless he turns to the Old Testament for his information? It is there alone that he will find out about the organization of the House of Jacob into the Kingdom of God and the enduring covenant made with that Kingdom (Ex. 19:3-6) Because of sheer ignorance of the fact that the Kingdom of God was organized on earth at Mount Sinai and that the nations forming its nucleus are among us today, with the

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throne of David in their midst, the New Testament Christian attempts to spiritualize away the literal existence of the Kingdom and throne of which Isaiah was speaking when he said:

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

#### LAW AND LAW

Because of the failure of church leaders today, as the shepherds of His people (Ez 34), to search all the Scriptures and accept their teachings as authentic in every respect, they have proceeded to so muddy the waters of understanding regarding the law that proper discernment between the ordinances of the law and the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord is impossible. It is in the Old Testament where this distinction is made and the writers of the New Testament assume familiarity on the part of Christians with the Old Testament Scriptures, enabling them to make the correct application of terms in regard to those laws when they are referred to.

Out of this lack of understanding comes the statement that through Jesus Christ all the law was done away with, when in fact He declared that He came not to destroy the law but to fulfill the prophets (Matt 5:17). Furthermore, He emphatically stated that all those who teach against even the least of the commandments will be least in the Kingdom of God (Matt 5:19). However, the laws contained in ordinances—that is, the laws of ritual and sacrifice—were fulfilled in Jesus Christ who was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. By His death on the cross, He made the required blood atonement:

*“Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross.”*

Moreover, this same lack of understanding, which prevents Christians from distinguishing between law and law, has fostered ignorance of the fact that, while commandments were given governing individual conduct, the Lord also laid down statutes governing national administration. Due to the failure to realize this, many cite laws which regulate individual behaviour, applying them to national action, or *vice versa*, which is completely contrary to Scriptural teaching.

#### GREATNESS OF THE KINGDOM

What of the prophecies pertaining to the coming greatness of the Kingdom of God when it will be restored in full perfection and this will be evident in the administration of the commandments, statutes and judgments of the Law of the Lord in the carrying on of the affairs of state? While the New Testament Christian is acquainted with Jesus Christ as Saviour, without referring to the Old Testament what can he know about the redemption of the Kingdom and its subsequent exaltation in order to understand what Isaiah meant when he declared that of it “there shall be no end.” All this and many more related subjects are a mystery to one who asserts himself to be only a New Testament Christian.

#### BEWARE OF PRESUMPTION

Let us remember Peter’s instructions who, having witnessed the coming glory of the Lord on the Mount of Transfiguration, admonished us not to neglect the Old Testament and the words of His Prophets:

*“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost.” (2 Pet. 1:19-21).*

If Peter the Apostle gave counsel that the Old Testament prophecies should not be neglected, upon what ground does the New Testament Christian stand who refused to consider the words of men who spoke as the Spirit of God gave then utterance? **Is it not presumptuous to despise what the Holy Spirit has presented for our information, admonition and guidance?**

#### UPHOLDING THE TRUTH

There is a dire need for Spirit-filled men and women who have full knowledge of the Word of the Lord in order that they may instruct others in the whole Scriptures. The present tendency to esteem the New Testament only is the outcome of having capitulated to the higher critic and Modernist who, having attacked the Old Testament and its inspiration, are in opposition to God.

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*“Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.” (2 Chron. 20:20).*

That exhortation is germane today and just as essential for the Christian to heed as it was in the day when the King encouraged his people

in this way in the face of enemy attack. The enemies of righteousness today are indeed attacking the bulwarks of faith and their first objective is to destroy the Divine authority of the Bible, the Old Testament particularly, since it is the foundation upon which the New Testament rests. Let us therefore, as Christians, recognize that the Old and the New Testaments are together the Word of the Lord, written for our instruction and guidance. Let us not neglect either, for only in this way can we hope to attain to that wisdom that comes as a gift from God our Father.

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Carvill first noticed the life-giving quality of Calvin Seerveld’s psalm translations in 1969, when she and her late husband took classes from Seerveld at the Institute for Christian Studies in Toronto. She heard Seerveld read his psalm translations when he preached in local churches.

“In 2000, he gave a keynote address to a North American Christian Foreign Language Association conference. At the end he read the psalm dearest to him—Psalm 39. I said, ‘Before you die, you have to produce a CD.’

“If I read his translations, I can hear his voice. He just has a way of reading the words. He speaks with so much force and power that you know it is the Word of God.” Carvill says.

### SAY THEM TOGETHER

“God’s psalms are dynamite. They need to be spoken aloud AND SUNG, until they are stamped on our communal mind,” says Calvin Seerveld, an author, composer, and emeritus aesthetics professor. So that readers of *voicing God’s Psalms* would take a fresh look at God’s words, he translated the passages from Hebrew and Greek into idiomatic American English.

As he explains in his introduction, Seerveld hopes this book and CD (NOT AVAILABLE TO CIM) will help people “start reading and listening to God talking live.” His translations are clustered into nine themes: Law, Melchizedek, enemies, repentance and forgiveness, wrestling with the Lord, comfort, trusting God, God-promises, and hallelujah.

Seerveld’s translation of Psalm 6:2-5 captures David’s desperate agony:

“Deal gently with me, LORD, because I am fragile, petering out, really—

Heal me, O LORD, for my very bones are caving in,

my deepest self is horribly disturbed—

and you, LORD, how long will it be before ....

Please turn around, LORD, pull my life up out of its mess; set me free! simply because of your covenantal mercy, Because no one remembers you if they are dead!

In the grave, who can give you praise?”

### SING THEM TOGETHER

Seerveld is convinced that singing psalms together is another way to stamp them on the communal mind. Since the days of John Calvin, Reformed Christians around the world have sung from the Genevan Psalter.

When he was a boy in West Sayville, New York, Seerveld said, he was impressed that Dutch congregations knew psalm texts by heart. “The Genevan Psalms came alive for men in the 1960s, when I used to speak for the beleaguered Christian Labour Association of Canada. There I heard the Genevan psalms sung in unison, at tempo (rhythmic).

Calvin Stapert, who plays the recorder on the CD, says the Genevan psalms have lasting power. “Their tunes are as simple and direct as Cal Seerveld’s language. Their melodies are beautifully shaped out of simple, singable motifs. Their rhythms are built out of only three note-lengths, but with a great variety of metric structures.

“They’re simple without being simple-minded, grand without being grandiose. They’re sturdy and strong, and they fit John Calvin’s requirement that the song should correspond to the magnificence of the subject,” Stapert explains.

### EXPRESS LAMENT AS WELL AS JOY

The psalms provide rich possibilities for Christians who want to use God’s words to praise God. Seerveld notes that biblical praise is a response to specific blessings, such as God’s compassion in dealing with our sins (Psalm 103:8-18) or grace in giving a child (1 Sam 2:1-10).

Of course, while some of us are singing praises to God, others in the congregation might be grieving. As Seerveld explained in a *Reformed Worship* article, we need ways to “openly express our private pain in a public liturgical setting.” Here’s where the Bible’s so-called “hard psalms,” such as Psalm 3, 5, 22, 39, 51, and 86, give voice to our pleas, woes, confessions, and doubts.

Seerveld believes that bringing the psalms back into public life would remedy the current “weakness of biblical consciousness.” There is so little, if any, common song (much less Psalms!) among followers of Christ. ‘Amazing Grace,’ the doxology, and ‘Silent Night’ are probably about the most Christians could muster to sing impromptu without printed notes. They need to memorize the psalms.

“We need to start way back and have leaders fall in love with the psalms, recite certain psalms, exercise certain tunes, and then—after a generation?—they may begin to live in our voices,” Seerveld says. “If believers ask their pastors to give attention to the psalms, and then if pastors and music leaders show they do take God’s psalms to heart, not just as token items in a Sunday liturgy, then maybe this will help to endear the psalms to God’s people.’ They should be taught to children in Sunday school, and sung in the home.

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### HOLDING FAST TO THE PSALMS: STORIES FROM HUNGARY

by Beth Lantinga

The book of Psalms, embodied in the Genevan Psalter, has nourished Reformed Christians for centuries. This spiritual heritage has a special place in the hearts of Hungarian Reformed believers who have survived the harsh years of Communist repression and domination. Their stories testify to the influence of the psalms in the ordinary and extraordinary details of their lives.

In a recent set of interviews with Reformed believers in Hungary, I asked what the psalms meant to them. Some of those interviewed were surprised that I would even ask whether the Psalter was important for them, because the answer was obvious—of course! They had been wrapped in the tapestry of faith into which the Genevan Psalter was woven—in some places obvious and clear, in others as a deep background color—but always present.

### A MUSICAL HERITAGE

As in many Christian traditions, the musical heritage of the Hungarian Reformed Church continues to be passed along within families.

The Viskys passed along the heritage of the Psalter to their children by incorporating the singing of the psalms into their daily family worship every morning, noon, and evening. To this day, whenever a guest is present, they sing the benediction of Psalm 122: “For the sake of my brothers and friends, I will say, ‘Peace be within you.’” They seek to provide an encounter with God for every guest who enters their home.

Almasi Istvan, a retired musicologist now living in



Cluj-Napoc, Romania, reflected on the significance of that musical heritage. “You may be absolutely certain that the singing of the psalms did help preserve faith during the Communist era!” he says. Istvan is confident that the intrinsic depth and beauty of the Genevan Psalter could continue to capture the hearts of young people today if taught with love. “Music has the power to capture and transform in a way that no other medium can, but the teaching of the psalms to the young depends on the teacher’s love for the psalms and the ability to lead the children to Christ,” he says.

Three generations of the Timar family in Nagyida, Slovakian, can trace their family’s musical heritage back five generations to eighty-nine-year-old Jolan Kiss, the matriarch of the family. Jolan knows 135 of the Genevan Psalms, many learned from her grandmother, who could sing all of them by heart. Jolan’s daughter maria knows nearly a hundred, and maria’s daughter, shares their love for the heritage of the Genevan Psalms. When we asked Jolan to sing some of her favorites, she didn’t hesitate a bit, singing several, including Psalm 90, the best-known psalm among Hungarian Reformed people. The music of God’s grace is like the dew, she says, very refreshing on a hot, hot day!

The strength, stability, and endurance of the people of Nagyida during the difficult days of communism is due in no small part to the community’s faithfulness in passing along their Reformed tradition—including the Genevan Psalms—to the young. What’s heard in the home surely shapes the music of the soul and the heart of the community.

#### THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH

What is taught and sung in the church also shapes and strengthens believers. The Hungarian Reformed Church inducts new members into the church in an age-old process. Even today, when young people cast their lot with God’s people, they participate in a two-year confirmation process. Typical confirmation classes include the study of church history and a survey of the historic confessions of the church and the Heidelberg Catechism. Young people memorize Bible passages and learn several Genevan Psalms by heart. The exact number of psalms memorized depends on the musical ability and inclination of the pastor, but always includes a minimum of four of the most loved: Psalm 23, 25, 42, and 90.

#### SUMMER MUSIC CAMPS

Teaching the music of the church takes place in a more concentrated form at summer church music camps. One such camp, headed by Sandor Berkesi, director of the Debrecen Cantus, is held each summer in the city of Miskolc, Hungary. During the 1960s, musicians like Berkesi realized that the ideology of the regime was slowly and surely eroding church life; the younger generations no longer knew and loved the music of the Genevan Psalter. In the words of musicologist Istvan Almasi, “Communism was a disaster” for the life of the church and its members. Some speculate that at least two generations were lost to fear, intimidation, and finally apathy. Out of this concern emerged the concept of summer music-camps to restore and re-teach the musical heritage of the church—including the Genevan Psalter—by training well the church musicians of the future.

A young pastor described the experience at the Miskolc camp in the 1990s. Anita Barnoczky, a new Reformed Christian, wanted to learn more about the Reformed musical heritage, so she participated in an intensive three-year summer program for church musicians and cantors. Each year a three-week program designed for ages 14 through adult is offered. It includes four levels. Levels A and B introduce music history, the Psalter, and the organ. Campers learn fifteen psalms during the first year’s cycle, ten of them by heart—all the stanzas! These levels also include private music lessons and regular practice time. Levels C and D focus more on conducting, leading, and playing the traditional music of the Reformed Church.

Nor are the younger children neglected. Children ages 7-13 are invited to join the Miskolc camp for one week during the three-week session. Each summer Berkesi writes a new piece of music for young children, and Katelin Gavay, the children’s instructor, teaches them three or four psalms, always including her favourite, Psalm 150. According to Barnoczky, the final concert by all the campers is a delicious foretaste of the Kingdom.

Gavay views herself as a link in the chain that her grandfather embraced, one he passed along to his children and grandchildren, and one she joyfully passes along to the leaders of the future at the summer camp. As the process of globalization marches across cultural and national borders, evening out cultural differences and homogenizing social, economic, and religious life, she would like to preserve the heritage of psalm singing, not only as a cultural manifestation, but as a living expression that no matter what the future holds, our hope and trust is in the powerful, compassionate, living God of the psalms who always remains near His children.

#### THE GENEVAN PSALTER

... is a collection of all 150 psalms written in poetic meters and set to 125 melodies, all prepared under the leadership of John Calvin in Geneva. Completed in 1562, the French psalter was immediately translated into German, Dutch, and Hungarian, and spread very quickly, providing the main musical diet for centuries of Reformed Christians, especially in Hungary and the Netherlands. Several tunes are still included in most North American hymnals; the three best known are:

Genevan 134 (old hundredth), often sung to Psalm 100 and “The Doxology.”

Genevan 42 (freu dich sehr), also sung to “Comfort, Comfort Ye My People.”

Genevan 66/98/118 (rendez a dieu), the tune for psalms 66, 98 and 118.

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and in John Calvin’s own words, in 1543:

*“As for public prayers, there are two kinds: the one consists simply of speech, the other of song... And, indeed, we know from experience that singing has great strength and power to move and to set on fire the hearts of men in order that they may call upon God and praise Him with a more vehement and more ardent zeal. It is to be remembered always that this singing should not be light or frivolous, but that it ought to have weight and majesty, ... Now what Augustine says is true, namely that no one can sing*

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## THE SECRET OF IRAQ

by Eustace Mullins

The secret of our involvement in Iraq is no secret. This area has been known from 500,000 BC to 5,000 BC as a Paleolithic era country. We cowered in terror before the threat of Iraq's weapons of mass delusion, a la Harry Boudini and its threat of imminent nuclear annihilation, only to find, on inventing Iraq in a desperate attempt to stave off destruction, that its present leader, Saddam Hussein, had been a CIA asset for the past forty years, with his handlers numbering both Bush pere at fils, and that his nuclear capability had been destroyed years ago by Israeli assaults using American planes AND BOMBS, etc. Did we heave a sigh of relief upon learning this news? No, we were more terrified than ever, as we entered the defining Age of America, the Age of Terror, under which we labor today.

Now Iowa farm youths are dying in unamoured pleasure vehicles manufactured by General Motors, the infamous Hummers. They are dying in Babylon, a name unfamiliar to most Americans, because Dan Rather tells us it is Baghdad, a modern version of the notorious Whore of Babylon.

Has anyone in Washington ever heard of the Sumerian Empire? The Assyrian Empire? Certainly none of the 3,800 overpaid, highly trained "investigative reporters" downing their martinis and New York strip steaks at the National Press Club ever heard of these empires. They have come and gone. Babylon-Baghdad itself veered into oblivion in 2800 BC after some three thousand years of prominence. Why are Americans dying in a city which reached its peak three thousand years ago? Answer anyone, anyone? It is because we are embroiled in World War III, stupid: A new crusade from the 12th century, in which Christians and Muslims rush like lemmings into mutual destruction, while the instigators wait on the sidelines, enjoying the gladiators in our modern Coliseum, the television set.

Two names are never mentioned in contemporary accounts of this imbroglio—Woodrow Wilson and Ronald Reagan, yet they account for the entire story. You can throw in the ubiquitous FDR and Wilson's mentor, Colonel House, and you have it all. Why was Ronald Reagan accorded a Pharaoh's funeral when he passed away recently? He was honoured as the maestro of World War III, which he arranged during his Presidency. Reagan is revered for his monumental feat in ending the Communist "threat," which he did by a simple act - he cut of the flow of cash from the taxpayers of the United States, an unending stream which had been launched by Woodrow Wilson in 1917, and which ended in 1989, aided by Senator Joe McCarthy's astounding discovery that the world headquarters of communism was not in Moscow, as we had been taught since childhood, but in Washington D.C., the headquarters of our fake money, the Federal Reserve System. When Joe began to rattle the branches, the money tree stopped its manna, and the dreaded Soviet Empire, unable to survive for a single day on its own, quickly joined the Sumerians and Assyrians on the dust heap of history.

This should be enough of a history lesson for one session, but I will go a bit further. How did the Hollywood sycophant, Ronald Reagan, arrange World War III? He was an actor, all of whose scripts were carefully written for him. And so was this one. When he was elected President in

1980, a day of despair for the doomsayers, the same ones who greeted Bush's re-election as the end of this world, which they would celebrate by moving to Canada or Australia. Reagan made his triumphant entry into Washington, accompanied by a carefully selected and trained "advisors" who had been recruited from the Hoover Institution at Stanford University ... its full name is the Hoover Institution of War, Revolution and Peace, I am the only historian who has ever accounted for its miraculous growth as THE think tank for all think tanks. After World War I, the Rothschild's realized that someone might actually find out how World War I made its unexplained appearance on the world scene. These clever bankers hired 400 recently discharged U.S. Army Officers to travel to Europe, carefully gathering up all documents which might reveal their complicity in the war. These papers are stored at Stanford University. The name of the think tank had no connection with J. Edgar Hoover, but with the sainted former President, who was revered in Russia as the savior of Communism, with Russian Relief in 1921, and again in subsequent relief efforts. because of the revealing connection, a quickly manufactured story, which became gospel, claimed that he was a fanatical anti-Communist, which the gullible believe today.

Who is the present Bush's closest advisor? Condoleezza Rice, his newly named Secretary of State. This is the same Rice who was Provost of Stanford University. Once again appearing in Washington is Robert MacFarland, who was Reagan's National Security Advisor. It's the same cast, folks, replaying the 'Life and Loves of Andy Hardy.' The farm boys know nothing of this. They will never know it. But they have their moment of glory, when CBS news honors them for 3 seconds each evening as Our Fallen Heroes.

The Hoover Institution quickly gained fame as the final resting place of our greatest Trotskyite Communist, under the aegis of Sidney Hook and his partner Seymour, heroes of the Trotskyite memory squad. They snickered for years at the manufactured reputation of the Hoover Institution as the headquarters of anti-Communism, where only real Communists were welcomed. I was never in its walls. Also revered is FDR and his protégé, Alger, whom he called "son." Alger Hiss was one of FDR's personal assistants; the others were Lauchlin Currie and Harry Dexter White. All three were named before Congressional Hearings as known KGB Agents for Stalin. Alger Hiss has now come into his full glory as the founder of the United Nations, so we operate under his aegis today. Forgotten is our outdated Federal Reserve Constitution, with its mediaeval tokens of account. In our future, money will be food stamps and coupons. None will be fed who does not bear the Mark of The Beast. But tell us, Eustace, how do we get out of Iraq? Where is the exit door? I'm sorry folks, there isn't one. We got out of Vietnam by the skin of our teeth, in waiting helicopters. Helicopter engines don't work in the sand. We have not yet found Ali Baba's cave in Iraq. The jewels vanished two thousand years ago.

Moving from fantasy to reality, we come back to the real world, where a fanatical band of conspirators, known in Washington as "the chicken hawks," younger men without military risks who did not hesitate to order American youths to the Middle East to bring the dream of world conquest to fruition. All of them are well known in political circles, where they are known as "chevaliers sans reproche," because no one dares to criticize them. The names Faith, Libby, Billy Crystal of Hollywood, or Billy Kristol, son of Irving, one of New York's most venerable Socialists, and Richard Perle, renowned in Washington for his sobriquet, "the Prince of Darkness," proceed on their chosen path, willing to risk all for Israel, and dedicated to risking all America for Israel. They may be at greater risk than they know, as the Nuremberg Trials tried, convicted



and executed German leaders for “planning and waging aggressive war” after World War II. What follows World War III? And why is Bush’s cabinet hastily resigning? Not only did the conspirators attack the very foundation of civilization at the juncture of the Tigris and Euphrates, then disguised their conspiracy by saying it was a quest for oil. No oil has been forthcoming.

Historians will record that at the Sixth Zionist World Congress at Basle in 1896, an impassioned speaker painted a glowing picture of three world wars, and after the third, the delivery of the world into their hands. We are now in the Third World War. Will humanity take the hint, and move for its own survival? Or is this a trivial question?

## DOES YOUR “CHURCH” TEACH BIBLE DOCTRINE?

Churches obscure truth and undermine Scripture. Some of the more obvious conflicts are listed below. Supporting or attending denominational churches may well be idolatry!

*“If there come any unto you, and bring not this doctrine, receive him not into your house, neither bid him God-speed”* (2 John 1:10).

### THE CHURCHES:

1. God’s Law cancelled by grace
2. God changes
3. “Chosen People” = Jews
4. Israel = Jews
5. Dead go to Heaven or Hell
6. Evil is caused by “the Devil.”
7. Soul of man is immortal
8. Spirit is a separate life entity
9. God loves everyone
10. Do not judge
11. Society to be controlled by church and state
12. Obey government
13. Sin undefined
14. All men are brothers
15. Love and tolerate all enemies
16. Sodomy (homosexuality/lesbianism) tolerated
17. Usury (“interest”) approved universally
18. Everyone descended from Adam
19. One “End-time” Antichrist
20. Saints to be removed from Earth (“Rapture”)
21. Christ established a church
22. Jesus crucified for religious reasons
23. A future “Antichrist” is mentioned in Daniel 9:27
24. Hell = place of fire and torment

### THE BIBLE (God’s WORD):

1. **God’s Law is immutable. Grace cancels debt, not law.** (Matt. 5:17-19)
2. **God never changes.** (Ps. 102; Mal. 3:6; Heb. 1:12; James 1:17)
3. **“Chosen People” = Israel** (1 Chr. 16:13; Ps. 135:4; Isa. 41:8; 44:1).
4. **Israel = People of God’s (El’s) Kingdom.** (Gen 35:10-12; Deut 28:1-4; Deut 32:26; Isa. 41:8-9; 51:1-2; 62:2-3; Matt. 15:24; John 10:24-27; Heb. 8:10; 10:16-17; Rev. 2:9; 3:9; 7:4).
5. **Dead rest in grave until raised.** (Job 14:12; Ps. 6:5; Ecc. 3:19; 9:5-10; John 11:11-14, 43-44).
6. **Man’s heart is the source of evil** (Gen 8:21; Ecc. 9:3; Jer. 17:9; Matt. 15:19; Mark 7:21; James 1:14-15).
7. **Soul dies.** (Eze. 18:4, 20)
8. **Spirit is motive; that which inspires and/or animates.** (John 3:6-8; 6:63; 1 John 4:1-6).
9. **God hates evildoers/Esau.** (2 Chr. 19:2; Psa. 5:5; 11:5; 45:7; Prov. 8:13; Amos 5:15; Zec. 8:17; Mal. 1:3;

Rom. 9:13)

10. **Judge righteous judgment.** (Lev. 19:15; Num. 35:24; Deut. 25:1; Prov. 17:15; 21:3; Isa. 1:17; Jer. 5:28; Luke 12:57; John 7:24; Rom. 16:17; 1 Cor. 6:2-3)

11. **Society directed by God** (Psa. 22:28; Matt. 2:6; 28:18; Rom. 13:1; 1 Cor. 15:25).

12. **Obey God.** (Gen. 3:17; 1 Sam. 15:24; Mark 7:7-9; Acts 4:5-19; 5:29; Rev. 14:9-12).

13. **Sin defined.** (1 John 3:4).

14. **Brother does God’s will.** (Matt 12:50; Mark 3:35; Luke 8:21).

15 **Do not love God’s enemies.** (2 Chr. 19:2; Psa. 97:10; Isa. 66:6, 14; Mic. 7:6; Nah. 1:2; Matt. 10:36; Luke 19:27; James 4:4; 1 John 2:15).

16. **Sodomy condemned.** (Ex 22:25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Judg. 19:22; Rom. 1:27-32).

17. **Usury condemned from brethren/God’s people** (Ex. 22:25; Lev. 25:36-37; Deut. 23:19-20; Prov. 28:8; Ezek. 18:13; Luk. 19:12-26).

18. **Everything after its kind.** (Gen. 1:11-12; 21-25).

19. **Many antichrists.** (1 John 2:18-22; 4:3; 2 John 1:7).

20. **Wicked to be removed - not Saints.** (Jer. 27:9-10; Mic. 4:10; 13:41-49; Matt. 24:29-31; Mark 13:24-27).

21. **Christ established Ecclesia - i.e. a body politic ...** NOT a “church.” (Matt 18:17; Acts 8:3; 11:26; 12:5; 19:32, 39; 1 Cor. 6:4; Eph. 1:22; 1 Tim. 3:5).

22. **Jesus crucified for political reasons.** (Matt 2:6; 21:38; 26:3-4; Mark 13:9; Luke 19:47-48; 21:12; 23:12; 24:20; John 1:49; 7:32-45; 11:47-48; 18:13; 19:6-7; Acts 4:26; Eph. 6:12).

23. **Jesus Christ is described in Daniel 9:27.** The “covenant confirmed with many” (New Covenant) was in His blood, and He was “cut off” in the middle of the 70th “week” of years. There is no “gap” of 2000 years!

24. **Hell means “grave” and is often translated thus.** (Gen. 37:35; 42:38; Job 14:13; Isa. 38:18).

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Hi everyone! Greetings in Jesus’ Name. After much rain even into the winter months, we are getting some nice sunny days, although some nights are a bit chilly. So far this year we are over 2,000 mm of rain, and recently we had some nights of 10-11 degrees C. Still much time is taken up with remastering some of the old videos, but the quality of some really is much better. We are continuing to dispose of old VHS video tapes @ 6 for \$10 posted, of which \$8 goes to Australia Post! The postage costs continue to rise as the service declines. We have had several complaints as to the length of time taken by AP to deliver articles. Please be patient when something takes a long time - often it is not us but AP who is being slow. We try to put your material in the mail one or two days after we receive the request. Many new videos have come in and will be listed slowly over a period of time, we hope you will enjoy them and find them helpful.

My wife and I with two children have to travel to Brisbane again in early September, and we will be looking up some of our readers while there. If you want to be included, let us know in plenty of time. While obviously there will be time for only short visits, is there anyone who could perhaps put us up for a night?

Thanks again for letters, clippings and donations and support. All are needed and appreciated even though we may not always have time for a personal answer. There were some very appreciative comments about our Newsletter! Thanks you! May the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob bless, keep and preserve His people Israel, to His glory and to our comfort,

