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

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MOSES, THE CHRISTIAN by the late Don Robson

“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.” (2 Peter 1:18-19).

So this well-known statement of Peter advises against espousing a personal view of prophecy. But how do we know if a prophecy is true, to be believed? The Bible makes it clear that prophecy that is proved by eventual realization is of God and is a prime reason for believing the authority of the Bible. Similarly, those prophecies which are not realized according to the prophecy are from the false prophet leading to a deception.

With this in mind, let us consider some of the current beliefs prevailing among many churches and Christians today. It is a common belief that Israel, of the Bible, is non-existent since the deportation of the ten tribes to exile in Assyria (actually twelve tribes, except for those of Judah living in Jerusalem). This belief can be nourished by ignoring the Word found in 2 Esdras 13:40-45, *“These are the ten tribes that were carried away prisoner out of their own land in the time of Osea the king, whom Salmanasar the king of Assyria led away captive, and he carried them over the waters, and so came they into another land. But they took this counsel among themselves, that they would leave the multitude of the heathen, and go forth into a further country, where never mankind dwelt, that they might there keep their statutes, which they never kept in their own land. And they entered into Euphrates by the narrow passages of the river. For the Most High then showed signs for them, and held still the flood, till they were passed over. For through that country there was a great way to go, namely, of a year and a half: and the same region is called Arsareth.”*

So those believing the ten tribes do not exist would have us believe that God's plans for His servant people were abandoned and their mission was transferred to the church. I see this as the height of arrogance, thinking God could not implement His own plan!! Knowing the demonstration of the union of the two sticks, one marked Israel and one marked Judah, they look for a union of the Jews of Palestine with the Christians on the Lord's return forming the Kingdom of Heaven. Here, they are grasping at straws. The union of the twelve tribes has already occurred and it does not involve the Jews (who would not have this Man to reign over them). How can this be?

The first thing to realize is that the story of Judah is not

confined to Jerusalem and Babylon. Judah had twin sons Pharez and Zarah. Pharez proceeded with Moses out of Canaan, and counted among his descendants Jesse of whom King David was born, establishing the House of David. Zarah's branch of the family was led by his two sons Calcol and Dara who led this group into Asia minor (present-day Turkey) and founded Troy. After the defeat of Troy by the Greeks, Brutus a Trojan, led a band of Trojans to England establishing New Troy, renamed London. Calcol led a group to Ireland by way of Greece and established the tribe of Judah in Ireland, the Isles in the North-west sea. Later, Jeremiah took the princess Tea Tephi to Ireland where she was married to the Irish king. This was fulfilling his mission to build and to plant. The marriage depended on the Irish king adopting the faith, and Jeremiah receiving a religious school. But this marriage of King Zedekiah's daughter brought the Houses of Pharez and Zarah together again. Later, Fergus took the crown to Scotland by conquest and when King James the sixth of Scotland became King James the first of England the union of Jacob was completed according to prophecy.

The prophet Nathan prophesied to King David that God was appointing a new homeland for his people where they would not be afflicted by their enemies as beforetime and that David would never want a man to sit on his throne. The person now occupying that throne is Queen Elizabeth II,

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who traces her ancestry right back to King David. Yes, and the migration started in Arsareth, concluded in Britain with the entry of Benjamin, the Normans, in 1066 AD. (get the message: **David, Solomon and Jesus on God's Throne**, by *Ben Williams*, #W-005 @ \$6 posted)

The Israelis in Palestine fail to meet many of the Lord's promises. First, their people are not numbered as the stars. The covenant with Abraham declared that his posterity would be numbered with the stars or the sand of the seashore, if either could be numbered. Second, they are not ruled by a descendant of King David who received the promise to rule in perpetuity. Third, the Lord Jesus told them that the Kingdom was taken from them and given to a nation bringing forth the fruits of the kingdom.

My issue is not with the Israelis. It is to sleeping Christians who have not taken seriously the scholarship performed over the last hundred and fifty years. I have tried to show with my examples, how the research of many scholars over the years have shown how the prophecies referenced have been implemented exactly as stated and by doing so, give us confidence that those which are as yet unfulfilled will surely happen exactly as planned by the before the world was! There are two prophecies which provide me with assurance and comfort.

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

The second is found in 1 Thessalonians 4:16-18, *"For the Lord Himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ (anointing) shall rise first: Then, we which remain alive shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air, and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Comfort one another with these words."*

Finally, from Psalm 17:15, *"As for me, I will behold Thy face in righteousness: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with Thy likeness."*

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PORT ARTHUR MYSTERIES

by *Joe Vialls*

ELAPSED TIME 15 SECONDS...

The above sequence is the best forensic scientists could deduce from the crime scene and there may be small variations, but in the final analysis they matter little. What does matter is that at this precise juncture the gunman had killed twelve victims and wounded a further ten in 15 seconds flat, using only 17 rounds fired from the right hip. Such a staggering performance is on a par with the best combat shooters in the world, and two retired counter-terrorist marksmen ruefully admitted they would be hard-pressed to

equal such awesome speed and accuracy. Both agreed that attributing such a performance to an intellectually-impaired invalid with an IQ of 66 and severely limited cognitive functions, amounts to nothing less than certifiable insanity on the part of Bryant's accusers. In military terms a fatal shot to the upper neck counts as a head shot, so for all practical purposes those who died during the first 15 seconds were killed by head shots fired with lethal accuracy from the gunman's hip.

Next the very professional gunman moved towards the area of the souvenir shop and killed Nicole Burgess with a shot to the head, then shot Mrs. Elizabeth Howard through the chest and arm with fatal consequences. Swivelling around, the gunman killed Mr. Lever with a shot to the head, and killed Mrs. Neander with another shot to the head. Temporarily distracted, he fired back into the cafe area and wounded Mr. Crosswell. Turning again he shot Mr. Winter twice, killing him with a shot to the head. On his way back to the souvenir area the gunman wounded Mr.

Olson, then proceeded to the kill-zone near the locked door where he killed Mr. Jary, Pauline Masters, and Mr. Nash, all of them with single shots to the head.

At this stage the gunman had killed twenty and wounded another twelve with a total of 29 rounds. He then stopped firing and changed magazines in a most professional way. The magazine fitted to the AR 15 held 30 rounds total, so by changing magazines after firing only 29 shots the gunman ensured that he still had a live round in the breech in case anyone moved, enabling him to kill that person instantly if caught unawares. Such professionalism is well-known to counter-terrorist personnel. Critically, the gunman then waited motionless in the Broad

Arrow Cafe with a fully loaded magazine, which brings us back to the differential between the verified time estimate of four to five minutes, and the inaccurate official claim of 90 seconds.

It is easy to see why government and media continued to rebutt Wendy Scurr and her colleagues' insistent claims about the elapsed time and the door that refused to open. Either or both had the potential to open a Pandora's Box with catastrophic results, for there was no way the Tasmanian Government could openly and honestly investigate these matters without running the risk of "accidentally" proving that its villain of choice, Martin Bryant, was innocent of all charges. In addition, the drugs decoy and the stunning accuracy of the gunman in the Broad Arrow had to be swept under the carpet, before informed members of the public had the chance to realize the "lone nut" massacre was in reality a highly planned paramilitary operation with geopolitical motives, designed from the outset to undermine Australian national security.

In the view of this author, and others, the 5.56-mm Colt AR 15 was deliberately selected for three specific reasons, one of which was its known ability to inflict horrific and highly visual injuries at close range, caused by its low-mass bullets travelling at extreme velocity. The nature of those wounds caused revulsion among police, emergency service workers and medical staff, thereby assisting the immediate drive by anti-gun lobbyists to have all semi-automatic weapons outlawed. As the leader of the National Embalming Team wrote: "Approximately 90% of all deceased persons had severe head trauma. The bullet wound was

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normally inflicted to the head with the resultant smaller entry wound and larger exit wound. Some of the deceased persons had an entry wound with no exit wound, the result of this was an explosion of the skull..." Despite her thirty years of ambulance experience, Wendy Scurr still remembers being shocked when she accidentally trod on shattered skull fragments, before being confronted with a human brain lying in a bowl of chips.

In the medium to long term the lobbyists and international power brokers will be unable to sustain their claim that Martin Bryant was the villain, because there is simply too much hard evidence proving the "official line" to be a criminal scam. Some American video evidence submitted to the Supreme Court has already been scientifically proven a forgery; deliberately submitted to the court in order to secure the conviction of Martin Bryant on all counts, in the event that he continued to plead "Not Guilty." Due to the seriousness of this offence, copies of the scientific proof have been sent by registered mail to departments which should take active steps to have the material reviewed and struck out of evidence, and then urgently implement strategies to ensure the future integrity of Australian national security.

If steps are not taken, more registered mail copies will be sent to more departments, allowing the author to compile a list of those government departments determined not to take steps to protect Australian national security and the lives of Australian citizens, even when provided with absolute scientific proof that they must do so. Details of the scientific proof itself, and a full list of those Government departments which refuse to take adequate steps to secure the future defence of Australia, will be published in full sometime during 1998.

All of this is unlikely to worry those lobbyists, public servants, and members of the media who nowadays believe their own propaganda that the police have literally hundreds of eyewitnesses who will step forward in a flash to positively identify Bryant at Port Arthur. Unfortunately for all of the above, Wendy and Graeme Scurr have contacted dozens of key witnesses present at Port Arthur on the day. At the time of going to press, neither had managed to find a single witness prepared to state that he or she could positively identify Martin Bryant either carrying or firing a weapon of any kind at Port Arthur on the 28th April 1996.

Oh dear ... The only video positive identification was forged, and all of those eyewitnesses we were told about failed to positively identify Martin Bryant at Port Arthur after all. How can this be? Basically by means of the Tasmanian Government sitting on the real evidence, while pumping vast quantities of misinformation to an eager but thoroughly inept media. There is now also convincing hard evidence that the gun control proposals accepted by Police Ministers in May 1996 were prepared before the massacre, by an ideological senior bureaucrat with United Nations connections. As the truth about the massacre and the pre-determined gun controls slowly but surely percolates through the Australian community, the backlash against both Coalition and Labor MPs will be savage. The Australian people will not tolerate being deliberately misled by their own elected representatives, especially on a matter of such overwhelming importance to national security.

Detective writer Arthur Conan-Doyle, author of the Sherlock Holmes series, once wrote: "When you have ruled out the impossible, then whatever remains, no matter how improbable, is the truth." We know that it was impossible

for intellectually-impaired Martin Bryant to suddenly metamorphosize into the lethal equivalent of a highly trained counter-terrorist marksman, so we also know that Martin Bryant was not responsible for the mass murder at Port Arthur. Though improbable, the truth is that a pre-meditated operation was launched at Port Arthur with the express intent of murdering sufficient innocent citizens to set a new world record. The motive should be obvious, at least to anyone who has recently watched more than \$300 million of taxpayers funds being spent on removing defensive weapons from the hands of Australian citizens

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Footnote: Many thanks to Graeme Scurr who used his full power of attorney to relay Wendy's evidence and supporting documents to me. Graeme is still striving, as he always has, to achieve justice for the staff at Port Arthur, now that the fickle media caravan has moved on and forgotten them. END.....•

.... and recently received ...

Hi Hank,

I was actually intrigued to read more about the Port Arthur massacre in the latest *Covenant Messenger*. I have read a number of articles and watched various YouTube clips over the years, that demolish the official narrative, so what I was reading was familiar to me.

What Australians don't understand about Port Arthur was that it was a staged false flag terror incident against the people by elements within our own government, police and judiciary, with the agenda of gun confiscation. The point of the incident was to terrorize people so badly, they would demand that the government remove semi-automatic firearms from the hands of civilians, and it worked.

The removal of military firearms was necessary, because John Howard must have known Australia was going to be committed to the war on terror in the Middle East, and he feared an armed backlash. Also what a coincidence Howard just happened to be in the US during the 9/11 attacks. This shows to me more than anything else that our politicians don't govern for us, they are puppets for the globalist puppet masters outside the country.

I am not sure if you have read the article I am sending from *Gumshoe news* about Port Arthur, but the signs are there that this was a planned event, as so many details have to be arranged beforehand. They don't just happen on the day. Therefore, Martin Bryant had nothing to do with the murders, and was merely a pawn.

A lot of people in this country could never imagine that public officials would allow Australians to be slaughtered simply to get gun legislation passed, but that is exactly what happened. I pray every day that the truth will finally emerge and that Martin Bryant will be proved innocent, and the real perpetrators of this crime punished. •

Best wishes, David

GETTING READY FOR THE PORT ARTHUR MASSACRE

By Malcolm R. Hughes from *GumshoeNews*

Today, twenty-two years after the Port Arthur massacre, I wish to look at how it was planned. I do not have any new data or Insider secrets, but there is much on the record that can help us reconstruct. Without doubt the massacre was a major undertaking. Who organized it? I present a conservative accounting as to how much was involved in

appropriate video:

MARTIN BRYANT & PORT ARTHUR MASSACRE.

Former Victorian Police officer Andrew McGregor and Port Arthur staff member Wendy Scurr (now deceased) go over the events of and piece together what transpired. Taken from YouTube.

About 90 minutes.

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readying for the event.

Three Meetings That Required Advance Bookings

As is well known, there were three meetings going on that day that helped the right people be where they would be needed.

1. There was a conference of surgeons, from around Australia, at Royal Hobart Hospital, which finished at 1 pm on Sunday April 28, 30 minutes before the shooting began at the Port Arthur Historic Site (PAHS).

2. There was an international gathering of media people at a hotel in Hobart. The attendees were just settling in on Sunday for the start of their conference, on Monday morning.

3. There was a meeting of staff members of PAHS, particularly top management at Swansea. It was to be a two day seminar, starting Sunday 28th April. Ten in number, left PAHS two hours before the massacre started.

So far I have not said anything about a conspiracy. But I have had much experience with officials over the last ten years - mainly writing to them (right up to the Governor General) and logging their resolute non-replies, so you can be sure I do think it was officialdom that ran the entire event.

In this article I will not speculate as to exactly *whodunnit*. Nor will I make any effort to argue for the innocence of Martin Bryant - that should be clear from the mere fact that one ordinary person could not have managed all the complications of the day.

Back to the planning. It is likely that the purpose of Meeting 1 was to have an extra supply of surgeons at hand in case there was a sudden population of wounded, not killed victims. The meeting in Royal Hobart Hospital made that possible. Such meetings always require the attendees to register well in advance. There is standardly a fee, so the bank accounts or credit card accounts for the doctors would record the date on which they paid their registration.

Meeting 2 would also have called for rego in advance. Since the majority of journalists and editors attending were from overseas, there must be records showing how far in advance they arranged their travel to Australia. (It's not my job to trace them; I am making the point that much advance planning went into it).

Meeting 3, by contrast, did not provide a supply of needed persons. Rather, it provided us with a non-supply of the key group of people — the managers of the PAHS. Unprecedentedly, they held a meeting (with no known agenda) at a location about 2-1/2 hours drive from Port Arthur, in Swansea. By virtue of missing out on the action at PAHS, these personnel were spared from later having to give testimony as to what they saw, and of course they were spared from getting shot at.

There was yet another move to “get inconvenient personnel out of the way,” but it could have been arranged mere days in advance so I don't include it in my list of advance-planning. But I will mention it — namely, the “white powder affair.” Notice of a drug situation came through on the police phone. This had the effect of causing two local cops to have to drive far north on the Tasman peninsula at around 1:00pm and thus be unavailable to respond in a timely way to the activity at PAHS. I assume the drug thing was a hoax — when the constables got there they found only white powder.

Three Preparations for Body-Handling

The following three things seem ludicrously revelatory of “malice aforethought,” yet they have not had any effect on bringing the murderers to justice.

4. A mortuary truck was purchased in 1995. And it was later offered for sale on the internet in 1998. It was capable of carrying 22 deceased persons. The purchaser was not exactly the government. It was a private contractor, Ray Charlton for Southern Districts Mortuary Services. Who was he to predict the (potential) need for such a thing? No other state in Australia had a similar vehicle.

5. As is openly revealed in the “Port Arthur Seminar Papers,” published in 1997, embalmers prepared, in advance, a large supply of embalming equipment and transported it to Tasmania from the Victorian funeral company, Nelson Brothers. The author of that seminar paper was Stephen Parry. Researcher Keith Noble subsequently composed a “show cause” notice to Parry as to why he should not be charged with fore-knowledge of the massacre.

6. There is also said to have been an extra supply of helicopters and pilots-on-call for that Sunday, where there would normally be none or very few. They were utilized both to transport inspectors to the site, once the shooting ended around 1:50 pm, and to carry some of the wounded to hospital. A good question is: who arranged for those pilots?

Two Big Adjustments in the Political Situation

7. A federal election eight weeks before the massacre (March 2, 1996) brought John Howard into the prime ministership - ousting Paul Keating. Howard then arranged for a buyback

of guns from the populace, in less than a fortnight after the massacre.

8. Also, six weeks before the event, Ray Groom stepped down as premier of Tasmania — no reason given — and instead took over the portfolios that would give him control of the aftermath of the massacre, including Attorney General and Minister of Justice, Tourism and Workplace Safety.

Three Lesser Adjustments

9. The State Government of Tasmania purchased the Broad Arrow Cafe from its private owner, Jim Laycock, one year in advance of the massacre. This went against the trend: government owned properties were being privatized. Was there any rationale presented for this purchase?

10. Workmen's Compensation provisions were changed by Premier Ray Groom in 1995 to eliminate coverage for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. Of course, many employees at PAHS wanted to sue for benefits for the PTSD they acquired on the job on April 28, 1996, but could not.

11. A change in the Coroner's Act had been made by the Tasmanian Parliament and given the Royal Assent on November 14, 1995, but it had a delayed effective date of February 1, 1997. Therefore when Coroner Ian Matterson aborted his inquest in December 1996 (Because Bryant had pleaded Guilty) the law that was still in force was the 1957 Coroner's Act whose section 22 provided that a coroner could not make a finding that conflicted with a plea of guilty

A Mystery: the Prediction of a Massacre in Tassie by a NSW Premier

12. As is often mentioned (on the internet) as proof that there was a conspiracy to have a massacre at Port Arthur, Barrie Unsworth, premier of NSW said - way back in 1987, “There will never be uniform gun laws in Australia until we see a massacre in Tasmania.” Stated at a conference in Hobart. Either he had a crystal ball, or was in-the-know. Or, conceivably he made a random choice of state to name - Tassie.

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DECEIT AND TERRORISM AT PORT ARTHUR.

A presentation given at the Inverell Forum, dealing with Martin Bryant and the Port Arthur Massacre - and downloaded from YouTube. time: 2:43:00

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Recap

To recapitulate, a dozen odd things can be listed as reasonable indicators of forward planning of the Port Arthur massacre.

Three meetings that day: surgeons, media-people, and PAHS personnel.

Three preparations for body-handling: purchase of a mortuary truck, preparation of a large embalming supply, and the arranging for extra helicopters and pilots that day.

Two big adjustments in the political situation: a federal election that brought John Howard into the prime minister-ship, and a voluntary stepping down by Ray Groom as premier of Tasmania.

Three lesser adjustments: the purchase by the government of the privately-owned Broad Arrow Cafe, the change in Worker's Compo to eliminate PTSD coverage, and a change in the Coroner's Act to restrict a coroner's scope

The mystery of the prescience of Barrie Unsworth.

Everything I have listed is open-source knowledge. I have refrained from discussing many other factors that suggest forward planning, in hopes of making this list clean and incontestable. I do not claim that it PROVES that someone planned the massacre (or who that someone is), but it is extremely good evidence that the massacre was planned in advance.

To argue that the massacre was not planned you would have to be willing to say that each one of the 12 items is only a coincidence, and that the conjunction of all 12 of them is mere chance.

[Mal Hughes, aka "Aussiemal" is a regular contributor to GumshoeNews, determined to bring justice to the Port Arthur situation. He thanks Mary W. Maxwell for assistance in constructing this article].

Dear Reader,

If you would like the details (includes references) of Stephen Parry's inside knowledge of the official massacre at Port Arthur in April 1996, please email me for the 50-page summary document: "20 YEARS, CORRUPTION, DECEPTION, LIES" (NO COPYRIGHT, DISTRIBUTE FREELY) - martinbryantisinnocent@gmail.com

This evasive embalmer from Tasmania has refused to explain his incriminating words which he presented at a government seminar in 1997. (see details in above-mentioned summary)

What does it say about the affairs of State in Australia when Stephen Parry - a person who knew preparations for the massacre (allegedly 35 killed; 23 wounded) were made in Victoria "ready for the incident" - becomes President of the Senate? But don't just condemn the Liberal Party. A copy of the Show Cause Notice which was directed to Parry was also sent to every senator at the time. None have replied or reacted.

It seems every senator in Australia is quite content to see the torture of the poor patsy Martin Bryant continue. **He has been wrongly condemned and imprisoned since 1996. Over 20 YEARS!!!!**

There was NO hard evidence proving guilt, NO motive, NO fingerprints, NO credible identification, NO public inquiry. NO legal integrity, NO proper firearm ownership, NO DNA evidence, NO coronial inquest (with 35 killed!), NO free admission of guilt, NO witness ever testi-

fied in a court, NO forensic results, NO crime re-enactment, NO jury, NO complete list of evidence, NO explanation for the naked black-haired woman police wrote they saw at Seascope (it was not the owner who officials said was already dead), NO proper legal representation, and Martin had NO trial (hearings in courtrooms are NOT trials).

All there was were official allegations all unproven and blown up to psycho-shock and unsettle the very gullible public. Just right as a prelude to the gun-control legislation which quickly followed.

Of course officials could not have had a trial. The only witness who knew Martin Bryant and who was at Port Arthur said the gunman was not Martin Bryant. Terry Hill a gunsmith was pressured to say he sold a weapon to Martin, but Mr. Hill refused to lie (all documented in the book MASS MURDER). And the marksmanship and coolness of

the gunman was way beyond mentally handicapped Martin. (and did you know two people - ASIO or MOSSAD? - voluntarily went and sat inside the vehicle with the gunman at the PAHS toll booth, and there had a discussion with him. It seems those two people knew the gunman and/or why he was there. They knew the gunman had already killed people, but they just went and had a chat with him. This is documented in the statements of witnesses who were at the tollbooth. You're not supposed to know this. It's all in the book MASS MURDER).

Do not believe for one minute the bulls.t about him making a confession. For six months Martin Bryant clearly stated he was innocent. But to circumvent proper legal and trial procedures, that

criminal lawyer John Avery worked Martin over and got him to accept Avery's plea. (Even Martin's bewildered mother was herself pressured to put pressure on Martin to get him to say he did it. And she did). Given his mental handicap (IQ of 66; retarded), Martin should have had a protecting guardian with him at all times. But that did not happen. Three official mongrels John Avery (corrupt lawyer), Damian Bugg (corrupt prosecutor), and William Cox (corrupt judge) worked on poor Martin then locked him away forever.

Martin Bryant is INNOCENT! It is Stephen Parry who is GUILTY!

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free pdf of the book "MASS MURDER: Official Killing in Tasmania, Australia" (2nd edition; 2014)

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IS THE KINGDOM PRESENT?

by Martin Selbrede

During Jesus' lifetime, our Lord anticipated the question of the coming of the Kingdom several different ways, depending on His audience and the lesson He was bringing home to His listeners. It is one thing to observe that "the Kingdom of God is preached, and every man presseth into it" (Luke 16:16). That tells us that the kingdom is growing without limitation. How do we know the Kingdom is advancing? Luke 17:20 seems to set forth Jesus denying us the benefit of empirical evidence: "The kingdom of God



cometh not with observation.” Its growth, its coming, occurs as slowly as a mustard seed grows into the largest of trees—which is to say, too slow for one person to mark that progress with their own eyes.

Nonetheless, there are unmistakable markers that the Kingdom of God is present, and that His people are taking seriously the call to seek first His Kingdom and its righteousness (or justice). These clues are presented throughout the Scripture, and from them we can gain a picture of what the Kingdom “looks like” at various stages of its development.

The more attractive elements of that picture are well-known: every man under his own vine and fig tree (Micah 4:4, Zech. 3:10), “abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth” (Psalm 72:7), the earth being filled with the knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea (Isaiah 11:9). The latter verse is interesting because it explains why “they shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain,” which would then be another expectation for that future era.

The danger in rehearsing all these wonderful aspects of the world that is being shaped as the leaven slowly penetrates it is multifold. *First*, such victories of the gospel might appear afar off to us, which keeps us at a distance from their realization. In one sense, this is true: we almost certainly are stepping stones to those future generations. The danger is in losing sight of our generation’s express contributions to the Kingdom and people’s ability to see its manifestation in justice, mercy, and faith. *Second*, we fail to recognize that many of these markers are the *results* of God’s Kingdom dynamically acting through His people.

God doesn’t just fling peace on the earth (Jesus expressly denies this in Matt. 10:34), He commissions peacemakers as He speaks peace to the nations (Zech. 9:10). Jesus sends us forth as ambassadors who are given the ministry of reconciliation because God was in Christ (through anointing) reconciling the world to Himself (2 Cor. 5:17-20). That task, as Benjamin B. Warfield notes, is given to all believers to pursue. We too easily overlook our stake in the Kingdom’s visibility in our day and age.

The Kingdom of God and the Crisis of Abuse

When we encounter discussions of the Kingdom of God and the tidal wave of abuse rampant in our era, we could be forgiven for thinking of that conjunction in terms of abusive Protestant pastors, abusive Roman Catholic priests, abusive cult leaders, abusive Christians parents, etc. In all these categories, it is noteworthy that believer and nonbeliever alike have come to perceive the visible church (however one defines it) as a particularly rich environment for every predatory behaviour. The solutions usually offered as a defense against these enormities are tighter regulations, stiffer penalties, massive surveillance, and coercive measures all the way to outlawing religion altogether.

We tend not to be surprised at news stories about public school teacher unions opposing legislative bills that would make sex with students a crime, such as occurred in Rhode Island in April 2019.¹ It would merely be evidence of teachers being treated as a protected class, so far as we might be concerned. Maybe these secular bureaucrats learned the practice of “passing the trash”² (moving predators to other school districts to resume the abuse cycle) from practices within the big wide world of Christendom. These are all variations on the “circle the wagons” imperative to protect institutional reputations at the expense of the weak and vulnerable.

I’ve written at length on the topic of abuse for Chalcedon³ back in January 2014, and by the time you read this I will have (God willing) delivered three lectures on that topic in Alabama. Some might find this topic an unusual one, an issue that appears to be peripheral to matters of the Kingdom. Dealing with abuse is seen by too many as a distraction (perhaps a necessary one, but still a distraction) from primary Kingdom imperatives and missions.

The best justification most people see for treating abuse as a Kingdom matter is getting the abused back on their feet and back in the game, where the main action is. Too many of us have trouble seeing a Biblical approach to abuse as itself Kingdom-oriented and Kingdom-glorifying—perhaps even a matter at the heart of the Kingdom and how it comes without observation into our fallen world. And some of us would prefer “isolation instead of involvement”⁴ in the face of these difficult, messy matters ... to be raptured away from the ugly side of human interaction and the effects rippling outward from one ground zero after another.

The Double Witness of Isaiah

Most Reconstructionists are more than familiar with the famous Messianic prophecy of Isaiah 42. And they will readily grant that the Messiah apparently deals very gently with the abused, the downtrodden, the victim of evil, as laid out in verse 3: “A bruised reed shall he not break, and the smoking flax shall he not quench: he shall bring forth judgment unto truth.” This is quoted in Matt. 12:20 as well, where Jesus modifies the final clause to assert that the Messiah shall send forth justice unto *victory*. Those last words are clearly important, and it is understandable for us to emphasize them. The *should* be emphasized, especially in light of the next verse in Isaiah that He shall set justice in the earth, and the nations shall wait for His law.

But that third clause about victory should not be emphasized at the expense of the two clauses that precede it that concern the bruised reed and smoking flax. There’s something about Jesus’ choice of building materials here that should catch our attention, precisely because virtually any other king wouldn’t hesitate to break the bruised reed and quench the smoking flax. It’s too much trouble to deal with damaged goods—for anyone, that is, except the Lord Jesus, who sees treasures in what men lightly esteem, and vice versa (Luke 16:15).

Maybe you’re thinking, Yes, Jesus will not break bruised reeds, He is the lifter of the head. And that office now falls to pastors and elders and deacons and doctors and therapists. This has nothing to do with the average Christian, who needs to arise and build, just like the masthead of this Chalcedon publication says. At best, we need to bear one another’s burdens and weep with those who weep, and do so genuinely, but we need to focus on Kingdom-building, not cooling our heels in the infirmary world without end.

It would be my contention that this mindset, aside from being inconsistent with the doctrine of the priesthood of all believers, is also inconsistent with two other key pieces of Scripture. We’re all familiar with the one concerning the Good Samaritan who showed mercy to the man dying in the ditch. And we might even acknowledge that showing mercy was an example of loving one’s neighbour as oneself, and thus a fulfillment of God’s justice as recorded in Leviticus 19:18.

But, you might reply, that certainly indicates what being a neighbour entails, and how to show love to one’s

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neighbour, and how to do so in a law-honoring way, but neighbourliness, even Biblical neighbourliness, falls short of being a crucial Kingdom imperative. You'd need more evidence to show that ministering to those who are being harmed is a specific element of God's Kingdom and its administration in our day. Is there Scripture to that effect?

Isaiah 32, The King, The Princes, and The Man

I want to draw your attention to the first couple of verses of Isaiah 32, which describes the Messianic era, the Kingdom of God. The first eight verses of this chapter are regarded as descriptive of the Kingdom, and there are fascinating details embedded in it (such as the explosion of all social lies described in verses 5 and 6, etc. —things that have yet to happen in our world, but will indeed happen).

Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in judgment. And a man shall be as a hiding place from the wind, and a covert from, the tempest; as rivers of water in a dry place, as the shadow of a great rock in a weary land. (32:1-2)

The king of verse one is supposed by some as Jesus ruling from the right hand of heaven, but such vague, generic terms for Him would be out of place after Isaiah had previously given the Messiah such concrete, lively names in chapters 7, 9, and 11 and how the Hebrew places the emphasis (“for righteousness will a king rule...”).⁵ The princes ruling in judgment are the earthly civil rulers applying God's Law faithfully to every corner of their lands, fulfilling the command of 2 Sam. 23:3, “*He who rules over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.*” These are things we would expect as His Kingdom extends over the world: a trickle-down of the King's imperatives into His creatures as they emulate Him.

But who is this generic “man” of verse two, this mysterious Everyman, who functions as a four-fold protector from wind, tempest, drought, and heat? What kind of hiding place is he? Should we think about the Hebrew midwives, Rahab of Jericho, Corrie Ten Boom's *The Hiding Place*, etc? The Pulpit Commentary on Isaiah 32:2 provides guidance here:

The Refuge We May Be to One Another. *Any man may be, and every man should seek to be, a hiding-place, a covert ... Who would not like so to live, with such quick and ready sympathy of spirit, with such kindness and hopefulness of word, with such friendliness of uplifting hand and sustaining arm, that his life should be suggestive of the words, “A man shall be a hiding-place”?*⁶

Here you see a proper yardstick to determine the extent to which the Kingdom is in our midst. It is a measure we have some influence over, by our actions and commitments, individually and collectively. Hiding places, coverts, rivulers, massive rocks are mentioned *because they are desperately needed by victims seeking refuge and succor* (the last clause of verse 2 is literally *a land of fainting*). Not surprisingly, George Adam Smith's commentary on Isaiah plumbs the depths of the passage the best:

When Isaiah says with such simplicity *a man*, he means the ideal for every man. Having in ver. 1 laid down the foundation for social life, he tells us in ver. 3 what the shelter and fountain force of society are to be. “Character and the capacity to discriminate character” indeed summarizes this prophecy ... Isaiah's words present us, *first*, with a philosophy of history, at the heart of which there is, *secondly*, a great gospel, and in the application of which there is, *thirdly*, a great ideal and duty for ourselves.

Where the desert touches a river-valley or oasis, the sand is in a continual state of drift from the wind and it is this drift which is the real cause of the barrenness ... plants often spring up through the sand, and there is sometimes promise of considerable fertility. It never lasts. Down comes the periodic drift, and life is stunted, or choked out. But set down a rock on the sand, and see the difference its presence makes. After a few showers, to the leeward side of it some blades will spring up; if you have patience you will see in time a garden. How has the boulder produced this? Simply by arresting the drift.

... A great man serves his generation, serves the whole human race, by arresting the drift.⁷

Smith says that all of Isaiah's countrymen “were rushing down the main, steep ways of politics, carried off by the only powers that were as yet known in these ways,” against which Isaiah had “stopped one of the most dangerous drifts in history.”

Smith enumerates others who stood their ground to prove the prophet's point. “Isaiah is right. A single man has been as ‘an hiding-place from the wind and a covert from the tempest.’ History is swept by drifts: superstition, error, poisonous custom, dust-laden controversy.” What is needed is for a man “to resist those drifts, to set his will, strong through faith, against the prevailing tendency, and be the shelter of the weak.”⁸

Three Phases of the Kingdom in Isaiah 32:1-8

Smith laid down the elements of Isaiah's prophecy clearly: justice and righteousness (verse 1) versus oppression and tyranny, character that protects and shelters (verse 2) versus turning a blind eye to the oppressed and tyrannized, and “the capacity to distinguish character” (verses 3-8) where the masks men and women wear are

removed and their social standing collapses with their facades. Those facades, titles, positions, institutional powers, protect many a predator and inspire others to defend them. That collapse begins at Isa. 32:3 when the eyes are opened and the ears hear:

The *closed eye* is typical of the blindness of those who will not see. To shut the eye to evil, to turn the head away from what disgusts, —this may seem for a time equivalent to cancelling the evil itself. Not so; and reformation sets in from that hour when men are willing to face the most painful facts, to let the light into the darkest corners of existence. Ears were made to listen, not to be stopped. Let the bitter cry be hearkened to; its tones thrill through every fibre of our sympathetic being; nor let its pleading be dismissed until the question, *What can I do?* has found *some* distinct answer.⁹

Oppressors and their conduct—even the instruments they use—are described so vividly in Isaiah 32:6-7 that one wonders how such men maintained high office (civil, spiritual, familial, pedagogic) so long, with a “good name,” without detection. Closed eyes and ears have their part to play in this.

But verse 5 promises the *explosion of social lies* referenced earlier, a phrase Smith coined for Isaiah's description of the Kingdom: the fraudulent and crafty will no longer be called noble and generous. By implication, abusers and predators will no longer be protected by their spiritual offices, impressive titles, institutional apparatus, circled wagons, or external achievements.

What society needs is capacity to discern character, and the chief obstacle in the way of this discernment is the substitution of a conventional morality for a true morality. Human progress consists, according to Isaiah, of getting rid of these conventions;

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Modern history & theology tells us that the Jews are an ancient people who have been around for 4,000 years. But this is not an accurate statement, for neither the Jews nor their name existed then or even at the time of Jesus. The common teaching about the Jews of today being the Israelites of the Bible has been hanging by a thread, and is about to give way as the facts of Jewish Identity come to the forefront of Christian study and thought.

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and in this, history bears him out. Above all, as Isaiah tells us, we need to look to our use of language.¹⁰

Why such concern about language? Because verse 5 is all about *reversing what things are called*—where names protect the guilty and further harm the afflicted. But in Isaiah 32 the Kingdom will be marked by calling people by the names their conduct has actually earned them: all masks must disintegrate. While God directly indicts the abusive shepherds described in Zechariah 11, Jeremiah 23, and Ezekiel 34, *all His people participate in the restitution of language, office, and authority described in Isaiah 32*—which occurs as God enlarges the capacity to discriminate character as the leaven penetrates further.

Verse 8 concludes the passage by promising us that the truly noble person—one who acts as a covert and hiding-place—devises noble things and upon these noble things shall stand. His or her labors to the Lord are not in vain, and God rewards them with a *stability that is inaccessible among the things that are shakeable*. How can Isaiah expect these people to stand upon the noble, the bountiful, things that they've devised and done? Because in Anointing, "their works do follow them" (Rev. 14:13).

Dealing With Abuse Therefore Not a Kingdom "Side Issue"

In light of the above, we must recognize the radical disconnect between how we currently deal with issues of abuse (familial, domestic, ecclesiastical, educational, governmental, etc.) and how Isaiah 32 depicts the Kingdom of God in operations. We talk about the priesthood of all believers, but not about the hiding-place-hood of all believers, the covert-hood of all believers, the boulder-hood of all believers, and we've furthered the devaluation of language by protecting the powerful against the powerless by emphasizing their ministerial or parental or leadership gifts rather than the evil they've hidden so well.

God makes clear that in His Kingdom, all of that is going to stop. And if you're working to make it stop, to put into effect Isaiah 32, *to arrest the drift*, you are surely one of those who has arisen and is building His Kingdom, sword in one hand, trowel in the other.

If you don't see the abuse issue and our response to it as a proper and legitimate Kingdom matter, as outlined above, perhaps you're building another kingdom altogether. Great will be the fall of it, however, for judgment begins at the house of God, and a refuge of lies has no future: their total overthrow *in this world* is certain. •

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THE SABBATH

by Pastor Mark Downey

A question which agitates the Christian Identity community is: what day is the Sabbath? Some say Sunday is based on sun worship, while others say Saturday derives from Saturn. So begins long, drawn out controversies of pagan origins vs. "Thus sayeth the LORD." The point of the Sabbath is missed by the arguers, good Christians that they may be. I believe this issue has been used as a wedge to sow discord among the brethren. We had a guest visit our church once, a libertarian CI, who never came back, not because of lack of fellowship or worship, but because he was adamant about Saturday being the day.

We observe Sunday, not as a matter of dogmatic doctrine, but because it has been the traditional day for a long, long time. "The children of Israel shall keep the Sabbath, to observe throughout their generations, for it is a perpetual covenant. It is a sign between Me and the children of Israel" Ex. 31:16. For the record, and not to denigrate our own kinsmen, it's a fact that Jews observe Saturday. They either have it right or that is the "sign" they have chosen for themselves to distinguish themselves from Christianity.

In response to the sun/Sunday connection, may I remind you of the scripture, "But unto you that fear My name shall the sun of righteousness arise with healing in His wings" Malachi 4:2. The sun also provides light to our planet earth. Without light there is no life. Jesus said, "I am the light of the world" John 8:12.

Just as a side note, it is interesting American history to know that at the turn of the century in New York City, Jews began violating the Sunday blue laws of not conducting business. Parenthetically, it was at this same period of time that the floodgates of non-White immigration began to open. This day of rest soon became another day of business. We can see the fruits of this subterfuge 100 years later with the TGIF mentality for a fun-filled party weekend. Oh, people might make a guest appearance at a church twice a year on Easter and Christmas, but it isn't like it used to be. The actual day of the "true" Sabbath is the least of our worries. One out of seven is the point and principle.

When I recently said that to someone, he replied, "Well, I wouldn't go quite that far. It does incur the death penalty after all. It is however one of the more difficult Laws to follow in modern Babylon." Perhaps he misunderstood what I meant. I did not say that we shouldn't keep the Sabbath, whereby the death penalty pertains. Do you really think God will judge us as a matter of capital punishment if we



miss the Sabbath by one day (keeping in mind that His mercy endureth forever)?

The reason I gave the anecdote about New York City taking the lead in not keeping the Christian Sabbath is that we are not the same blessed nation that we were when we did keep the Sunday worship. The Law of God is not difficult to follow at all if the intent is to do our best to keep it. A rebellious spirit who willingly disobeys and defies God is quite another matter and will incur the wrath of God as sure as the sun shines. "*Come out of her [Babylon] My people*" means 'deny your selfishness and take up your Cross and follow Christ'. What we should worry about is the blindness that is still upon our people, who are happy as clams with their heads in the proverbial sand, regardless of which day they keep or don't keep. Israel is indeed lost to their identity and duties. (**Psalm 122:1**)

I think what has happened with this issue and why it has become such a contention for some, is that there is a difference between the spirit of the law and the letter of the law. What happens when we start doing greater works than the healings of Jesus on the Sabbath? Will the modern Pharisee point the finger of blasphemy at the Christian as they did with Christ? It has been my casual observation that we have so many conflicts of interest; not because somebody has sinned, but rather that somebody isn't living the same kind of lifestyle as another. It doesn't bother me if a brother or sister worships on Saturday or Monday, as long as he or she has a day of rest and can dedicate some special day for the Lord (above and beyond the other six days of the week). I think that was the intent of the Law. By the same token, those of us who keep Sunday as our Sabbath day of rest, worship and fellowship should not be castigated to hellfire and brimstone for doing so.

There are other Sabbath cycles that work on the same numerical principle. If we have lost track of the Jubilees, we should know when 49 years have expired to release a debt. It doesn't require a debate or a calculator to determine exactly which year it is. The old axiom applies: just do it!

Just to digress for a moment, it is the bickering over things like the Sabbath that turn people away from their calling. If people are told they are not a Christian unless they believe the Sabbath is on a certain day, they have been robbed of making the decision for themselves. That's why I'm not dogmatic on this subject. I can present all the options out there for them to choose from and still fellowship with them, without excommunicating them before they've decided to respond to their calling from God. I think it is I Thes. 5:19, quenching or extinguishing the spirit that we should be watchful of.

Many do not like the idea of Christianity sticking its nose into politics and cry 'separation of church and state'. The reality is, however, that if the idolatry of the land is the law of the land, then it is really a separation of God from government. We are told to seek **FIRST** the Kingdom of God. This has everything to do with political power and our calling.

What does the aforementioned have to do with the Sabbath? Well, it's become controversial because of so many interpretations as to what we are supposed to do. I can count at least half a dozen such subjects that will keep our people arguing ad infinitum, never realizing a power base within Babylon. I have noticed this tactic being employed

over the years by self-aggrandizing ministries and people who get caught up in the whirlwind of what constitutes a Christian, and it has been very damaging to the body politic. Why? Because of idolatries, not of wood or stone, but of heart and mind. A false teaching and an ungodly spirit can be just as much an idol as any carved figure.

We all want to place our faith in the Truth, however the Truth has sometimes been manipulated into a theological football. According to Scripture, this should not be. And it explains why we are so riddled with divisions: someone wants to quench another's spirit by accusing them of not being a Christian. There are only a few fundamentals that would force me to accuse someone of not being a Christian and they all have to do with Jesus Christ, not the particulars of the calendar, or the pronunciation of sacred names, or how wet someone has to get to be baptized, etc.

We should understand this about our fellow believers: we are all at different levels of growth in our walk with the Lord. The Lord gave us these sowers of seed, fishers of men, pastors etc., with spiritual enablements to serve the will of God. In this regard we are as powerless to choose our calling as was Jonah. God's purpose is to build the body politic, knowing that there would be "*deceitful workers and.... servants disguising themselves*" as righteous men. Ephesians 4:13 emphasizes the unity of our mutual faith in Jesus Christ and our knowledge of Him as we mature "to the measure of the stature" which belongs to the fullness of Anointing. In other words, man cannot measure what belongs to Anointing. "*So that we are no longer without forethought, being blown about and being carried by every wind of teaching, in the deceitful trickery of men, in dishonestly having no principles, on the side of the system of error; but speaking the truth in love, we may grow up into Him in all things*" Eph. 4:14-15. This is how we are supposed to deal with controversy.

If there is no biblical principle in Christian discourse or discussion, it usually winds up with fragmented resentments and a grab for power that God has not ordained. How can the Truth be spoken of in any other way than in love? Maturing in Christ is progressive from each individual member of the body. It is the body politic of Christians being fitted together and brought together, with every joint and ligament supplying an assistance towards the measured growth of the unity of the whole itself (in love). The muscle of our faith is the momentum of our Movement. We move forward collectively. A disjointed body is crippled and cannot make progress.

When we finally get our act together, we just might get somewhere; somewhere out of the spiritual rut that we find ourselves in today. "*For this is the love of God: that we keep His commandments and His commandments are not grievous. For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world; and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith*" I John 5:3-4.

I was fortunate enough, several years ago, to make the acquaintance of the late Pastor Curtis Clair Ewing, a contemporary of Howard Rand, Robert Record and other earlier CI Bible scholars. Pastor Ewing wrote a 74 page tract entitled "**Israel's Calendar and the True Sabbath**"; (#750 @ \$4.95) in which he stated that the days were not named, but were fixed days of the month. As such, the system is lost to antiquity. Even if one were to rediscover the

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particulars, one would have to change the system. The bumper sticker that says "The Gene Pool Needs Chlorine" comes to mind.

We know that there were certain changes nailed to the Cross with the advent of Jesus. The temple ordinance of the Sabbath was foretold by God that He was going to bring it to an end (Hosea 2:11) and 785 years later it did. Ewing makes the point that Jesus established the new day of rest and therefore, that is our standard.

The word Sabbath means *rest* and is not an alternative word for Saturday or Sunday. Contrary to the claims of some, **it does not mean seventh**. The Moral Law as summarized in the 10 Commandments tells us to, "*Remember the Sabbath day*", not the "seventh day." Some absolute calendar day corresponding to a standardized way of marking off a week is not the essential moral issue as the inspired word states it. Sabbath keeping, as with all Moral Law, did not begin at Sinai. It was recognized from the time of pre-Fall Eden throughout all of biblical history. To show how important it is, God put the Creation Sabbath law into covenant form at Sinai, and included it with His summary of the other commandments that together summarize the principles of moral law.

One day in seven is designated by God for a Sabbath as a creation ordinance. In the time before Jesus, that day is to follow six days of labor. The intent of this rest was to show our commitment to set ourselves apart from the world, thereby receiving the blessings of our Lord. Making a particular day of the week an issue for being obedient to God, misses the biblical intent and principle. The principle was/is to be on a national level. As I mentioned earlier, the old Sunday blue laws can show a discernible loss of blessings, just as it has been proven that education went sour when they took prayer out of the schools. It's just a matter of divine cause and effect. Jesus denied that He came to abolish or to destroy any part of the Law or the words of the prophets. He came instead to bring them to their full measure. As the application of that principle is seen throughout the New Testament, it becomes clear that the ceremonial law was added to foretell the coming of Jesus, as the Lamb of God, and was completed at the Cross and thus finished as to its purpose. A sign of something to come is no longer needed once that to which it points has arrived. But the moral principles installed in Creation to declare the holiness and nature of God were not set aside, nor could they be without violating their purpose. In each text that speaks of Sabbath in the New Testament, we must first determine if it is speaking of the Creation Sabbath, which was prior to Moses, or of the Levitical Sabbaths added at the time of Moses to prefigure the coming of the Messiah.

God's work of Creation established the seven-day cycle. The Sabbath Day was a memorial binding upon Adam. The Bible clearly teaches that this obligation is perpetual. Later, when the Law was revealed to Israel by Moses, other uses of the Sabbath principle were imposed to foretell the redemptive work of the Messiah. Therefore we ought to recognize two separate levels of law included in the Sabbath principle at the time of Jesus:

The Sabbath of Adamic Creation: binding perpetually upon all Adam's descendants.

The Sabbaths of the Levitical Priesthood: binding upon

Israel until their fulfillment in Jesus the Christ

Moral law is characterized by particular properties which help us to categorize the principles revealed in Scripture such as the various levels of Sabbath law. They are as follows:

Since the moral principles derive from the nature of the Creator, it is not possible for these principles to be variable or optional in a creation intended to declare the Creator's glory, eternal power and divine nature. Therefore we say that the moral laws are each necessary and cannot be abrogated without confusing or denying aspects of God's nature.

Since the nature of God is eternal and unchangeable, so also must the moral principles of His Creation be perpetually binding.

Since God made all of Creation to declare His glory, which includes His holiness and justice, therefore God makes known His moral principles obligating all moral creatures to obey them perfectly and personally.

Considering these properties, it will become evident by the details given in God's Word that the Creation Sabbath fits the category of Moral Law, and the Levitical Sabbaths do not. They fit into the category of Ceremonial Law, which was nailed to the Cross.

The Creation Sabbath is primarily related to the work of bringing the physical universe into being. Since all living beings owe their existence to that event, and since this was given prior to the Fall of man into sin, this day was set aside as special for all time. It

has no specific redemptive element, though it lays the foundation for the means of salvation by establishing the Sovereign authority of God over all He made. Genesis records the introduction of Sabbath to the representative head of mankind in Eden: Genesis 2:1-3.

It represents God's ceasing from His work of creating all things out of nothing. The main element was not rest and recuperation, since God needed none. The rest is that of ceasing from what He had been doing. Therefore the primary focus of the Creation Sabbath is ceasing from our labors and a remembering of the Sovereign Creatorship of God to whom all glory belongs. This makes it a perpetual **day of worship** (not just an hour), as long as the created heavens and earth remain. Therefore it is moral in its nature.

The Levitical Sabbaths were made binding upon Israel after the exodus as part of the system later abrogated by Jesus. That system of symbols, ceremonies and sacrifices were instituted to reveal the redemption Jesus would accomplish and the benefits of that redemption. These Levitical Sabbaths commemorated the rest granted to Israel upon its deliverance from Egypt and foreshadowed the rest promised in the land pledged to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. They also marked out Israel from the nations as a **covenant community** by the special requirements they made upon their culture and calendar.

They began in the deliverance from Egypt and were layered upon the moral principle given at Creation rather than being an essential part of it. The rest promised was essentially fulfilled in the finished work of Jesus. Therefore these special days, like the other special feast days established under Moses, have no place in the Christian era that followed the Ascension.

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Government has by design become de facto in nature—that is, a factual but not a lawful government. Subversive forces have by legal means, gained control over the government, and all law enforcement agencies do their bidding. Every aspect of Law and Government that was based on Biblical precepts, have been deliberately supplanted with Marxist-Talmudic laws and principles.

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Since the Sabbaths of the Levitical period deal with redemption from sin, they are only moral in the sense of revealing God's grace and justice during a particular time segment of history and are therefore not moral in nature, but are better categorized as ceremonial law.

According to Ewing, if it can be shown that through Jesus, Sunday became recognized as the Sabbath, we only need to know when that first Sunday Sabbath was. It began on the day of the Resurrection and that should be the focus of one's study (Mt. 28:1). The 4th chapter of Hebrews speaks of a better rest for the believer, of which God's creation-rest is the type. It is the unbelief in Jesus' work (as it was in the Wilderness), that they will not enter into His rest. Ewing proceeds to show that the day of Resurrection is the Lord's Day, the first day of the week, Sunday, and this is the day John was speaking about in Rev. 1:10. Our body needs it, our soul needs it, our spirit needs it and God commands it. The choice is not in what day (personally decided upon), but in resting from our labors. If we had a national consensus or plebiscite (as the old blue laws), our cup would runneth over with blessings and we would no longer be at the mercy of personal decisions. That is the greater impact we must realize as Christians. In all of this there are Jewish troublemakers lurking somewhere in the shadows (every day of the week). Christian Identity can take the lead by promoting the necessary and biblically prescribed ethnic and moral cleansing to make the Sabbath day holy.

It has also been pointed out to me after I asked: "What are the basics of this subject? Do we keep a specific day or do we rest? Which principle reflects the will of God?" Why would they be exclusive of each other? Surely we could rest on a specific day?

They would be exclusive because there isn't any unity on the subject (at this point in time). It goes to the heart of intent. Is God's will for us to keep the letter of the law or the spirit of the law? The letter of the law would deal with specifying what day. The spirit of the law would be to rest your body, soul and spirit. If we, as Israel, were to act in unison on a national basis as the body of Anointed, on a specified day to rest, would it make any difference which day it is? I would say sure, because we have recent history as a model, and we would know in short order if we were being blessed or cursed. I might add that national repentance would go a long way in that regard also. If we, as individuals, are earnestly trying to obey God in this matter, does it make any difference which day it is? I would say no, because it's not for us to judge each other over this subject. Let's face it; we are in a pathetic state of affairs! Who is going to call it sin and cast the first stone? Who is going to drag me and my congregation out of our Communion service on a Sunday down to the local stoning pit? "Let no man therefore judge you in regard to... a Sabbath day" Col. 2:16.

We could rest on a specified day, but the reality is that there is too much of a divergence of opinion at this point in time to specify what day that would be. So the next best thing for us to do is to calmly respect the opposing view if there is no discernible sin. For those that are all-too-ready to accuse, keep in mind the certainty of Mt. 7:1-2, "Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged, and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again." We are told that we are

to be overcomers and so we should overcome this issue as brethren and not as adversaries. The same can be said with all the other doctrines that impede our advancement of the Kingdom. It is especially true that Israel has everything to do with the Sabbath issue. Until we, the White race, deal with the alien strangers on our hallowed ground, our national institutions, our Beulah land, the Sabbath issue will be superficial by default (defilement of hallowed ground).

What I'm saying is that the literalist, legalistic, pharisaic mindset to observe a point in time is not as important as our justification in Jesus and Him as our personal rest. Nationally and corporately as the body of Anointed, the Sabbath or Lord's Day is Sunday. From the Westminster Confession of Faith we read, "21:7 VII. As it is the law of nature, that, in general, a due proportion of time be set apart for the worship of God; so, in His Word, by a positive, moral, and perpetual commandment binding all men in all ages, He hath particularly appointed one day in seven, for a

Sabbath, to be kept holy unto Him: which, from the beginning of the world to the resurrection of Jesus, was the last day of the week; and, from the resurrection of Jesus, was changed into the first day of the week, which, in Scripture, is called the Lord's day, and is to be continued to the end of the world, as the Christian Sabbath."

The Creation Sabbath is but one kind of Sabbath. But it is also consistent with the fact that in the Levitical set of laws there are many different Sabbaths. While the Scriptures are our only authoritative word concerning the proper keeping of Sabbath, subsequent records show that the church kept the Creation Sabbath throughout the major periods of its history. Only in recent times have some churches actually championed

the open rejection of the fourth commandment. Prior to that revolting development, people were merely quibbling over Saturday or Sunday. While the practices and interpretations of law have varied, the Sabbath has been honored by the church in the time of the early church fathers, the Roman Period, the time of the Reformation, the era of Puritans and Separatists in England, and all who have adhered to a complete and inerrant Scripture.

We are set free from the imposition of man made limits. Fallen hearts look to such things as if somehow they could make us more holy or draw us closer to God. Superstition was an element of the fallen nature and it drives people to abstain from good things thinking they will be better for it. And they judge those who don't abstain as their inferiors. This has no place in the believer's life. They also condemned those who did not keep their strict calendar which no longer had meaning since what it represented had now been completed on the Cross. There is only one perpetual holy day set aside by God. The weekly Sabbath was sanctified from the time of creation. God never promised that we would be set at liberty from his moral law.

Though God's moral principles are unchanging, they must be applied to changing needs. The most significant act of God toward man after His Creation was the redemptive work of Jesus Christ. While that didn't free man from his duty of remembering God's Creation, it did affect the way that law was applied to the circumstances of God's unfolding plan. At the root of the creation ordinance of Sabbath is the duty to labor for six consecutive days, then to cease

why was the subject of abortion not a controversial issue in earlier years while today it is hotly debated?

THE LAW ON ABORTION

Charles A. Weisman

Why has the Common Law, which held abortion as a criminal offense, been replaced with public policy? The answer to these intriguing questions lies in the fact that people have forgotten the law on abortion, and not try to settle the issue by personal opinions, beliefs and by public policy. The law does not and cannot change. Only man's understanding or knowledge of it changes.

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labor for a full day of remembering God's work and glory. Within the context of changing circumstances, there is an unavoidable detail that must be agreed upon. We must know which of the seven days is to mark the beginning of the work week. Before the atonement of Jesus, the covenant people of God were told to keep the Sabbath on the seventh day of the labor cycle. The post-resurrection church keeps the Sabbath on the first day of the labor cycle. This is a circumstantial change only. It does not reflect a modification of the moral principle itself.

God's Word gives no indication about an absolute solar or lunar day on which the weekly Sabbath should fall. Its association with Saturday, (or more accurately Friday sunset to Saturday sunset, considering that the sun starts to set right after high noon), is more of a circumstantial artifact of the calendars in use by the Roman Empire and the Jews of that same period, than any moral principle laid down at Creation. What is clearly evident in the moral part of the law is a cycle of six work days followed by a seventh day of rest. This basic fact is undisputed. The day of the week, as our modern calendars define it, is not the essential moral issue. One day in seven is designated by God for Sabbath as a Creation statute.

Exodus 20:11 makes it clear that the weekly Sabbath before the Cross was set to what they then understood as the seventh day after the six-day work cycle. It was tied to Creation. In Deuteronomy we have the covenant form of the law. There Moses gives the deliverance from Egypt in the Exodus as a reason for Sabbath. This redemptive idea is tied to the Levitical period only, where restorative symbols abounded.

The church after Pentecost (Acts 2) began to keep Sabbath on the first day of the week to commemorate Jesus' resurrection on the first day, Sunday. The day of Jesus' resurrection was very important. All four gospels record that this took place on the first day of the week (Mt. 28:1, Mark 16:2, Luke 24:1, John 20:1, 19). His resurrection was the turning point of all history. It marked the end of the Levitical symbols of expectation, and the beginning of the era of fulfillment when the things promised became facts of history. It took an event as great as Creation itself to make the circumstantial change in the day of Sabbath sanctification.

By our Lord's completing of the temporary redemptive laws, the old calendar set by God for the era of Mosaic practices was set aside. The variable calendar was no longer needed and the day of ceasing could, for the first time since Sinai, be set to a fixed rotation of days with no 48-hour Sabbath to move it each year. The references to the worship of the New Testament church show that the Apostles directed the early church to make this change from the seventh day following labor to the first day of the week tied to the new Roman calendar. Acts 20:7 tells us, "Upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread". and in 1 Corinthians 16:2 ... "On the first day

of every week let each one of you put aside and save, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come"; and in Revelation 1:10, "I was in the spirit on the Lord's Day." The phrase "on the Lord's Day" is based upon the idea expressed throughout the Old Testament where the Sabbath is referred to as a day belonging to the Lord.

The earliest records of the church confirm that the Lord's Day, or "Christian Sabbath" was kept faithfully by the church on the first day of the week in remembrance of the Lord's resurrection. The views of the earliest teachers in the church show us how the apostolic teachings were being implemented at that time. What we find is consistent with what we see in the New Testament record.

Ignatius of Antioch (known as a personal friend of the Apostles) said, Christians "no longer observing the seventh day, but living in the observance of the Lord's Day, on which also our life has sprung up again, by Him and by His death." Justin Martyr said, "On the day called Sunday is an assembly of all who live either in cities or in rural districts ... because Jesus Christ our Savior rose from the dead upon it." (more in **It's About Time-The Sabbaths**, #161 @ \$11.55)

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**CELEBRATE GOD'S DELIVERANCE:
REMEMBER THE BATTLE OF
BLOOD RIVER,
DECEMBER 16, 1838.**

"I am a 27-year-old Afrikaner (White South African), having just read your page on the Battle of Blood River (www.kinsmanredeemer.com/BloodRiverText.htm). Several of my ancestors took part in that very battle. I would like to confirm that what you wrote is absolutely correct and happened just as you wrote.

I would like to add that my great-great-grandmother, Anna Smit, who was married to Jacob Smit was in the laager aiding the men by ensuring that their ammunition was supplied at the correct rate. She has written in her diary a very interesting event, which I would like to share with you.

Women were not allowed to fire weapons or actively participate in battle unless their husbands were killed. Anna, in angst, prayed openly as the battle progressed. She asked God to use her as He saw fit to ensure His will was done.

As she prayed, she saw a great mist above the laager with a searing light shining through. She immediately knew that although she could not fire a weapon, she could supply the men with the ammo they needed as supplies of ammo were not evenly distributed around the laager. As she moved around, she was quite open and a target for spears from the Zulu warriors. However, every time a spear was thrown towards her, the shining Presence above the laager would protect her. Not a single spear even landed within 10 feet of her. This, despite the fact the Zulus could throw a spear and impale an animal from 100 feet away.

What touches me about this is what happened next.

As she moved the ammo around, she prayed over the ammo. She writes in her diary that (translated), "I could move the crates and boxes of ammunition but I could not open them for when they were opened by the men and the ammunition removed, I witnessed the blood of (the) Christ on it."

Anna lived to the good age of 97 (in 1899 when she died, that was an exceptional age). She had 13 children - all of whom were raised in a strong Christian home in the middle of a savage continent. It shows that nothing, NOTH-

New Video:
SOUTH AFRICA

This is a historic video telling how in 1838 on December 16, the Ncome River became the Blood River at what is known as the Battle of Blood River. 300-400 Dutch Christians embarked on a monumental trek for freedom in (64) covered wagons. When threatened by the Zulus, they formed a laager and prepared to defend themselves against the 15-20,000 Zulu warriors who were coming to kill them.

They prayed to God and were delivered.- Also material on the Anglo-Boer War 1899-1902 - a small number of crack shot tough farmers (Boers) against the might and power of the British Empire, who first used concentration camps against the Boer elderly, women and children. The British had many casualties, and were often defeated in the many battles.

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ING, can stand in the way of God's will. I will always honour her.

Thank you for reading my email. I pray that God blesses your ministry. *Johan van den Berg.*
(Courtesy: kinsmanredeemer.com/BloodRiverText.htm)

CHRISTMAS
THREE GOOD REASONS
by Ben Williams

There are many good reasons for a Christian to stop taking part in Christmas. But, let me share just 3 of those reasons with you. They are:

- 1. It is pagan with a spirit of antichrist.**
- 2. It is direct disobedience to Jesus the Christ our King.**
- 3. It prevents God from healing our Nation.**

Books have been written which prove to the most casual reader the heathen roots of this day and season we call Christmas. *"That Christmas was originally a Pagan festival is beyond all doubt ... Upright men strove to stem the tide, but in spite of all their efforts, the apostasy went on, till the Church, with the exception of a small remnant, was submerged under Pagan superstition."*¹

There were three major pagan feasts around December 25th which are the roots of our present-day Christmas. First was the feast of SATURNALIA, or feast of Satan. The Concise Oxford Dictionary says Saturnalia was observed in December "as a time of unrestrained merry-making extending even to slaves." Work stopped; schools closed; war was never declared; and gifts were given. Same as today.

Saturnalia was hardly over when the new year's festival of KALENDS began. *"In the middle of this period of general gaiety, there was a day set aside for special reverence to the Sun whose apparent rebirth on the Winter Solstice had originally provided the excuse for all these widespread pagan jollifications. This day was known as Dies Solis Invict, Nati; the Day of the Birth of the Unconquered Sun, and it fell on what corresponds to 25 December in our calendar."*²

And finally we have YULE. *"The very name by which Christmas is popularly known among ourselves -- Yule-day --proves at once its Pagan and Babylonian origin. 'Yule' is the Chaldee name for an 'infant' or 'little child;' and as the 25th of December was called by the Pagans, 'Yule-day,' or 'Childs day' and the night that preceded it, 'Mother's night,' long before they came in contact with Christianity..."*³ It included great slaughtering of cattle and riotous parties much like today.

Now you can understand why so many non-Christians celebrate Christmas and New Years with drinking and carousing in the days leading up to them. The pagan 'spirit' has not changed—It is not the spirit of Jesus but the spirit of antichrist—a spirit of drunkenness and riotous parties and ungodly behaviour. Antichrists and ungodly nations of our day take time to celebrate Christmas (or Winter Solstice as it is called in some nations), this alone should be reason enough to avoid it.

So with this information alone, why would any Christian continue to celebrate this heathen holiday? Possibly because of the emotional attachments and memories one has developed from childhood? Or perhaps its the fear of further alienation over so many other issues. Yet, our Saviour told us that if we are not willing to be separate even

from our own family when necessary, we are not worthy of His kingdom. In Matthew 10:37 He said: *"He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me."*

A true Christian is a disciple, and a disciple is one who is under discipline. Our discipline should be the Word of God. Our King told us to observe only those things that He commanded us to observe. *"Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you ..."* (Matt. 28:20a). Tell me, where is His command to observe His (supposed) birthday? You will search the Scriptures in vain but will find none. We are told to commemorate His death and remember His sacrifice for us, not His birth. Paul emphasized in 1 Corinthians 11:2, to *"...keep the ordinances as I delivered them to you."* We should remember Him as our King and Saviour. He is no longer a baby in a manger but the King of Israel: King of kings and Lord of lords. It is the world that desires to keep him as a helpless baby.

Perhaps some well-meaning parents may say: 'But we only keep Christmas because it is so much fun for the children, we're not REALLY worshipping Santa Claus and the tree, or those heathen gods!'

"Let me pose some final questions for you to consider in your heart:

1. *Have you considered that children understand things DIFFERENTLY than you might think they do?*

2. *Have you considered that your 'acting out' the rituals of pagan Baal will teach them to do so also?*

And thus begin another generation of the same rituals?

3. *Have you considered that the emotions generated by "Christmas" rituals may well affect the ENTIRE LIFE of the children God has given you to teach and protect?"*⁴

Why talk about conspiracies and the Beast of Babylon if we can't stop our involvement in the biggest Babylonian holiday of the year. Even Jewish merchants love the Christmas season in spite of their hatred for Jesus our King. The farther you look the more you can see a fleshly, carnal, selfish motive (spirit) behind this observance.

And, have you considered that it is lying to your children to tell them that Christmas is Jesus' birthday when it isn't! We don't know when Jesus was born. About the only thing we do know is that it was not in December! Paul warns us about *"another Jesus, another gospel and another spirit"* (2 Cor. 11:4). The Jesus of Christmas is the Judeo-christ (the false Jewish Jesus). The Christmas story comes from the *gospel* of world brotherhood and (selfishness) and the *spirit* is the spirit of antichrist.

Don't tell me that you believe that our King will heal our land and bless us individually if we don't first purge ourselves of such heathenism. John ended his first epistle, *"Little children, keep yourselves from idols (false worship)."* Every Christian prays for our land to be healed and turned back to the God of the Bible. When we are confronted with our own personal behaviour as it may affect this healing and turning back, we have no choice but to stop our idolatries.

Our forefathers *"...were people with a mission; single-minded, they worried lest devilish influences cause them to stray from the accomplishment of their purpose on earth, which was to work and prosper and thereby glorify God."*⁵ The Puritan colony of Massachusetts passed a law that anyone *"found observing any such day as Christmas or the*

get it now!

THE GREAT TRIBULATION HOAX

Charles A. Weisman

The purpose of this book is to show to any one with common sense thinking the many flaws, errors, and inconsistencies in the teachings of a soon to come Tribulation that was prophesied by Jesus. While Bible prophecy is 100% accurate, man's understanding or interpretation of such prophecy is not.

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like, either by forbearing labor, feasting or in any other way, shall be fined five shillings." Many early Americans who refused to work on Christmas either went to jail or paid heavy fines. [work on Christmas day! Just remember to refrain from all labour on the weekly sabbath day!]

My dear Christian brother, do we really want our land to be healed? Only the Lord's method will work and it's outlined in your Bible at 2 Chronicles 7:14:

"If my people, on whom My name is called (Num. 6:23-27), shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

*"My Christian friend—leave this pagan ritual—you will be amazed and delighted at the serenity and rest that will come upon you as you pass by the tensions and false emotions of "Christmas." And teach your children the truth. You will see the new respect they have for you, and for Jesus the Christ. God will honor those who honor Him. God will prove in your children and grandchildren His promise, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old, he will not depart from it."*⁴

The prophet Elijah summed it up when dealing with the paganism of his day when he said, "... how long halt ye between two opinions? if the Lord be God follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." (1 Kings 18:21). Choose ye this day who is your Lord. Let's get out from being under the religious spell of Babylon the Great whose time of judgment has come. "Come out of her, my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins and that ye receive not of her plagues." (Rev. 18:4).

Notes: 1. Rev. Alexander Hislop's *The Two Babylons*

2. Michael Harrison's *The Story of Christmas*.

3. Hislop's *The Two Babylons*.

4. Pastor Sheldon Emry's *Is Christmas Christian*. (@ \$6.15)

SATURDAY OR SUNDAY?

Sunday is the Sabbath, that's what we preach but from time to time we receive dressing-downs from readers insisting it is Saturday. I suppose it is good that at least a Sabbath is being observed and we have learned not to engage in arguments that go nowhere.

Interestingly though, Ralph Woodrow, in the introduction to his book *"Three Days & Three Nights—Reconsidered in Light of Scripture,"* mentioned that in his early studies accepted Sunday but as he later wrote, and believed for many years, "I accepted the position that Jesus was crucified on Wednesday and the resurrection occurred late on the sabbath (Saturday) - exactly three days and three nights later (72 hours)"(taught by H.W. Armstrong)

Then he wrote, "In the pages that follow, I will explain why I no longer hold this position and have returned to the long established view, that the crucifixion was indeed on Friday and the resurrection on Sunday morning."

This is a very good book and for those who seek further study, it may be ordered through Ralph Woodrow Evangelistic Association, PO Box 124, Riverdale, CA 92502-0124.

What is most interesting are Mr. Woodrow's compilation of all the Bible verses which refer to the resurrection on the "third day" or "in three days." There are 20 such verses. On the other side of his chart is one verse "three days and three nights" in the heart of the earth. His is a complete study but even if "three nights, etc" referred to the resurrection, and that is certainly questionable, then Sunday it is!

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RIGHTEOUSNESS

"Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matt. 6:33 By the reading of the context it will be found that "all these things" are the material, creature necessities and comforts desired by the human and recognized by God, "for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things." Matt. 6:32.

Almighty God desires to pour out upon His people all the blessings possible; blessings of Peace, Health, Happiness, Social Security and Prosperity. He desires that we should have for our use and enjoyment every good thing it is possible for this earth to produce. But we cannot have them unless we are working in harmony with Him and His Laws, which are the Natural Laws of the Universe. There can be no compromising with God. "Whosoever will, may come," but we must come to Him on His terms only. We can make no terms for ourselves. He demands Faithfulness and Obedience to His Rules and Regulations which are True and Righteous altogether. In its broadcast aspect, the "Righteousness of God" is Jesus Christ our Lord. He was the Living Word which lived among us. The Word of God includes everything connected with God, and this of course embraces the Laws of God, under which Jesus was born, lived and died, and who fully met in our stead and behalf every penalty of disobedience to the Law.

In the more Human Aspect, Righteousness may be defined as that which results from obedience to the Law through Faith in Jesus. Righteousness is Right Living, in Right Relationship with God and Man; Righteousness is something not only to be known but to be done. The Laws of Righteousness are the Laws of God, given to the people through Moses. The Laws of Righteousness are described by the Psalmist, in Psalm 19:7-11.

"The Law of the Lord is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the Lord is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the Lord is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, yea than much fine gold (it is better to live with kinfolk, than in a multi-ethnic, multi-cultural area for the sake of making more money): sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover, by them is thy servant warned; and in keeping of them there is great reward."

Righteousness is "rightness" according to the Divine Standard; it is conformity to the WILL and NATURE of God Himself; Righteousness is God-likeness and manifests itself in right conduct and right character. Before we can ever hope to get in right relationship with Man, we must first get in right relationship with God through Faith and Obedience because "Faith without works is dead." James 2:20. We are, therefore, advised by Jesus to seek first the Kingdom of God; to secure an understanding of it by searching the Scriptures, and to administer the Laws of Righteousness therein, and all the material blessings for which the human heart longs will be showered upon us. (see Psalm 37:4).

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Greetings once again. For those who asked, No, we are not near or affected by any bushfires, although there has been smoke around. We pray that God will send some much needed rain soon. I still have good days and bad days, although the good are outnumbering the bad. Strauss Heart Drops from New Zealand are a help, although expensive. Thank you for your letters and ongoing support. It is much appreciated. May God bless you and keep you safe,

