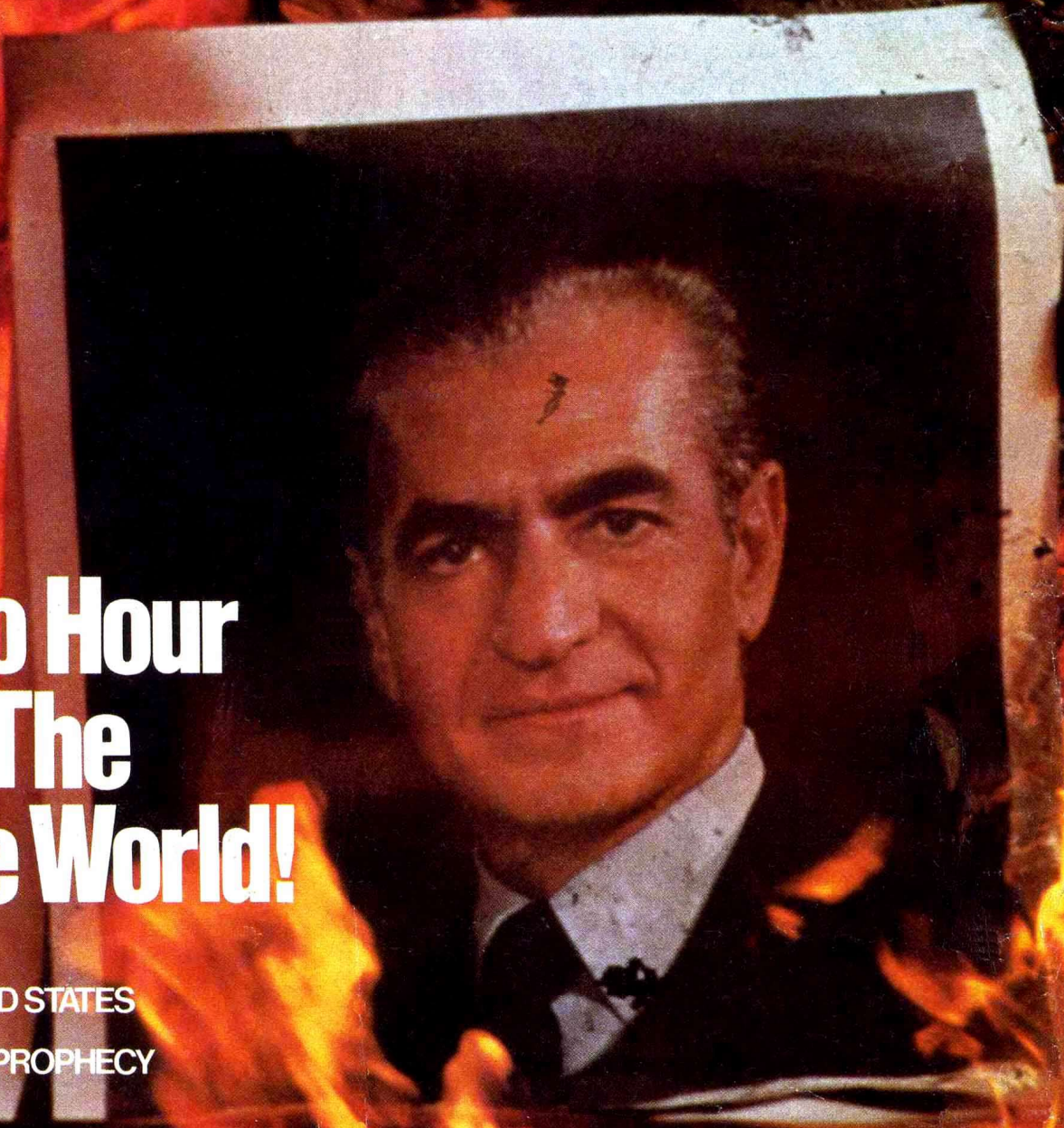


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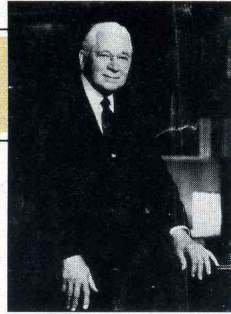
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Personal from...

They Didn't Believe What He Said

The more I travel around the earth, the more I see the sickening conditions in the world today, and the more I glean from history, the more convinced I become that the real root *cause* of all of humanity's troubles and evils may be summed up in six words: "They didn't believe what He said." And they still don't believe what He says today!

Suppose you had suddenly come into consciousness—just now having been suddenly created the first human being. Your Maker is sitting beside you, revealing to you *vital knowledge* so direly necessary for you.

He tells you that He has made you and the wife He has created beside you so that you can reproduce your kind. In due time you will populate the earth with millions of your offspring.

He reveals to you that He has provided for you a WAY OF LIFE that will CAUSE and produce PEACE between individuals, groups, and nations that shall arise. This way of life is the result of following an inexorable spiritual law as automatic and relentless in continual action as the law of gravity, which He demonstrates to you. It is the basic law of His government by which He rules the vast universe He has created. It is the law of love. It will produce peace, happiness, joy, abundance, universal prosperity, and if you and your children choose it as your way of life, He will give you also the gift of eternal life, which you do not yet possess.

This way of life is symbolized by a tree, called the "tree of life," in the midst of the beautiful garden where He has placed you. But also, in case you decide to reason out your own way of life—taking to yourself the decision and knowledge of what is good and what is evil—then there is a second very special symbolic tree which also produces fruit. That tree is the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. But your Maker FORBIDS you to take of this tree, which means disobedience to His law, and if you choose to disobey and take of that tree, you shall die, since the penalty of SIN (the transgression of His LAW) is DEATH.

Would you BELIEVE what your Maker said? Would you?

Adam and Eve didn't.

God their Creator had given them His way of life. If they rejected it, turning to their own way, it would bring sorrow, curses, unhappiness, suffering—and death!

But Satan, in the symbolic form of a serpent, came along and said God lied. They would not surely die. They were immortal souls. He reminded them of the superior human minds they had. They could work out their own way of life—and after all, could they believe God? They only had His word for it.

They must have said, "Yes, that's right! After all, how can we be sure? All we have is God's word for it. We'd better *do an experiment*, and be sure! Let's put it to the test. Let's *take to ourselves* the decision—the knowledge of what is good and what is evil."

They made the first scientific experiment. Even today, the scientific method rejects revelation as a source of knowledge and understanding, and utilizes observation, experimentation, and human reason.

Adam and Eve rejected divine revelation as the foundational basis of knowledge, as does modern science today. They didn't believe what their Creator said! And it was "when the woman saw [observation] that the tree [of the forbidden fruit] was good for food, and that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree to be desired to make one wise [human reason], she took of the fruit thereof [she did the experiment], and did eat, and gave also unto her husband with her; and he did eat" (Gen. 3:6).

Some 4,000 years later, God sent Jesus Christ, His Son, into the world with a message from heaven. This message was essentially the same as He had instructed the first two humans. It had to do with God's government and rule over them, of His way of life that would cause every good, and with the gift of eternal life.

But again, humans (with few exceptions—120 in all) did *not believe* what He said! They called Him a liar!

Let me quote: "As he [Jesus] spake these words, many believed on him. Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word [His MESSAGE], then are ye my
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Part Two:

7 PROOFS OF GOD'S TRUE CHURCH

Where is the one and only true Church today—the Church founded by Jesus Christ in A.D. 31? Seven major eye-opening proofs identify it unmistakably.

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The first proof of the true Church—the understanding of the identity of God; who and what God really is—appeared in the February Plain Truth. This installment continues with proofs two and three.

Proof Two:

THE GOVERNMENT OF GOD AND CREATION OF HOLY, RIGHTEOUS CHARACTER

The most important feat of creation is holy, righteous CHARACTER.

That is so stupendous an accomplishment that even the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD, in all His matchless supernatural power, cannot create such character instantaneously or automati-

cally by fiat. That ought to take the reader's breath! Is there actually something that even GOD cannot do—by Himself alone?

Such character is the ability of a separate conscious, thinking entity with free moral agency—capacity for free choice—to come to KNOW the right from wrong, good from evil, to make the decision, and then with God's help exercise the WILL to DO the right or good, even contrary to self-desire.

Angels Created First

Now for the moment go back to John 1:1: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."

That is the very earliest prehistoric record. It could have been millions or thousands of millions of years ago. The two eternally living Spirit Personages, who together constituted the ONE God, were ALONE in empty space. There was no physical universe—YET!

But, even as man thinks, and designs and plans before making—so

did God, who much later made MAN in His own image.

God—with the Word—first conceived the plan and design to create angels, also immortal spirit beings, composed wholly of spirit.

So God created angels before creating the material universe, as revealed elsewhere in the Bible.

The Duality in Creation

There is the DUALITY principle in God's creative process. Angels were the first thinking, reasoning, separate entities created by God.

Angels were created with minds—ability to know, reason, make choices. But their creation could not be a *finished* creation until CHARACTER—either good or evil—was developed in them. And this is a PROCESS, to be EXPERIENCED. That character development was the second part of the DUAL stage of their creation.

God initially INSTRUCTED them in HIS WAY—that of righteous character. It was THE WAY of God's spiritual law—the basis of God's GOVERNMENT.

Then came the time of the creation of the PHYSICAL UNIVERSE. There was a vital connection between the creation of angels and the creation of the material universe. For that, too, was created on the DUALITY principle.

To illustrate, I compare this physical creation to the manufacture of unfinished furniture—sold in stores of most cities. Such furniture may be of fine quality, but lacks the finishing polish, paint or whatever.

So God created the heavens and the earth—the universe with its countless planets in innumerable solar systems and galaxies, including planets such as our Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, etc.

Genesis 1:1, where “heavens” is in the plural in original Hebrew and modern translations, together with Genesis 2:4, which speaks of “. . . the heavens and the earth when they were created, in the day that the Eternal God made the earth and the heavens,” indicates the earth was created as part of the material universe—all simultaneously created. Other scriptures imply this.

But, like the unfinished furniture, the universe, including the earth, was not at that time completed. Angels had been created prior to the universe, because they sang together and shouted for joy at earth’s creation (Job 38:4-7).

A Double Duality

Now we come to the fact of a double DUALITY in the creation of angels and of the earth. For the earth was inhabited by angels prior to the creation of man. Apparently God placed a third of the created angels on earth. They were given opportunity to share in God’s creating activities by FINISHING the earth—working in and with its many elements, improving, beautifying, completing it.

This required harmonious teamwork—all working together toward the common God-ordained goal. The earth was the *proving ground* to QUALIFY them, by righteous CHARACTER development and finishing earth’s creation, to share with God the same creative participation in completion of the myriads of planets of the vast universe.

To regulate this effort of the angels, God placed on earth’s THRONE the archangel, the cherub Lucifer, to administer the GOVERNMENT OF GOD over the angels.

I repeat: That GOVERNMENT is based on God’s spiritual laws—as *all* governments are based on a constitution of foundational law.

God’s spiritual law is *the way* of God’s holy, righteous CHARACTER.

Angels Led into Rebellion

The third of the angels (Revelation 12:4) on earth *completed* their creation by developing *evil* character—sinning (II Peter 2:4). The super-archangel Lucifer (Isaiah 14:12-14) had been perfect in all his ways from the day of his initial creation, till iniquity—lawlessness—was found in him. “Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering . . . in the day that thou wast created. Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth; and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee” (Ezekiel 28:12-15).

Lucifer was not satisfied with rule over only the one planet—as the testing ground to prepare him for *all* planets. He wanted to rule all at once. He said, “. . . I will exalt my throne above the stars of God . . .” (Isaiah 14:13). He had been created with exceeding beauty, which “lifted up his heart” in vanity (Ezekiel 28:17). He became lustful, jealous and envious of God, decided on a WAR of invasion, attempting to overthrow God on the heavenly throne of the universe. He led his angels into rebellion. These angels “kept not their first estate, but left their own habitations”—meaning this earth! (Jude 6.)

But Lucifer and his angels were cast back down to earth (Revelation 12:4).

The creation of this third of all angels was *finished*—creation of evil character within them completed.

Once their creation was completed, being spirit, *they could never change!* And they are immortal!

The GOVERNMENT OF GOD no longer was operative on earth! Lucifer’s name was changed to Satan the devil. His angels became demons. Their minds had become perverted for eternity.

Proof Three:

WHAT AND WHY IS MAN?

It must be as shocking to the reader as it was to me to learn that NONE of the religions or churches but the Worldwide Church of God understands both WHAT man *is* and WHY humanity was put on the earth!

Science cannot give you the answer. Modern higher education does not know or teach the answer. And, along with these basic and important questions, WHY all the evils in this chaotic and sick world, now facing the number-one problem of whether human life can survive through the remainder of this 20th century?

I ask, HOW can even the most highly educated be so IGNORANT of SO IMPORTANT a TRUTH?

Earth’s Face in Devastation


Instead of improving, beautifying, completing earth’s creation, the sinning angels brought it to desolation and ruin.

Come now again to Genesis 1:1-2: “In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. . . .”

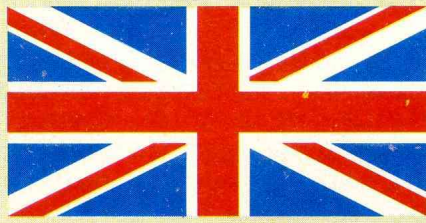
The original Hebrew for “without form and void” is *tohu* and *bohu*—meaning “waste, desolate, deteriorated.” The word “was” may also be translated “became.” All was oceanic surface—and light had been by angel lawlessness turned into darkness.

Let me here interject a biblical principle. The entirety of a subject is often not stated within the context of
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PART FIVE:



THE UNITED STATES AND BRITAIN IN PROPHECY



God promised that throughout every generation David would have someone to sit on his throne over Israel. But has God kept that promise? And if so, just where is that throne today?

by Herbert W. Armstrong

The strange truth of the PLANTING and the REBUILDING of David's throne is revealed in "a riddle and a parable" couched in symbolic language never understood until this latter day. Yet it stands today so clearly explained a little child could understand!

It fills the 17th chapter of Ezekiel's prophecy. The whole chapter should be carefully read. Notice, first, this prophetic message is addressed, NOT to Judah, the Jews, but to the house of Israel. It is a message to give light to the lost ten-tribed house of ISRAEL in these latter days!

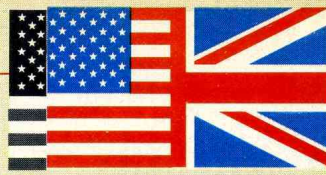
First, Ezekiel is told to speak a riddle, and then a parable. The riddle is found in verses 3 to 10. Then, beginning in verse 11, the Eternal explains its meaning. "Say now to the rebellious house [God says, the "rebellious house," being ten-tribed ISRAEL (Ezek. 12:9), to whom Ezekiel is set a prophet (Ezek. 2:3; 3:1, etc.)], Know ye not what these things mean? tell them . . ." and then the riddle is clearly explained.

A great eagle came to Lebanon and took the highest branch of the cedar. This is explained to represent King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon who came to Jerusalem and took captive the king of Judah. The cropping off of the cedar's young twigs and carrying them to a land of traffic is explained to picture the captivity of the king's sons. "He took also of the seed of the land" means Nebuchadnezzar

took also of the people, and the mighty of the land of Judah. He "set it as a willow tree. And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature" means the Jews were given a covenant whereby, although they were ruled over by the Chaldeans, they might live in peace and grow. The other "great eagle" is explained to represent Pharaoh of Egypt.

Thus the riddle covers the *first* half of Jeremiah's commission. Now notice what is revealed concerning the *second* part—the PLANTING of David's throne! It comes in the parable, verses 22-24: "Thus saith the Lord God; I will also take of the highest branch of the high cedar." From God's own explanation we have learned that the cedar tree represents the nation of Judah; its highest branch is Judah's king. The riddle told us Nebuchadnezzar took the highest branch—the king. The parable now tells us *God*—not Nebuchadnezzar, but *God*—will take *of* the highest branch. Not the branch, but *OF* the branch—of Zedekiah's children. But Nebuchadnezzar took, and killed, all his *SONS*.

God, through his prophet Jeremiah, is now going to take *OF* this highest branch and "SET IT" (verse 22). "I will crop off from the top of his young twigs a *tender one*, and will plant it upon an high mountain and eminent," continues the Almighty! Ah! "A tender young twig"! The twigs



of this highest branch represent the children of King Zedekiah! Certainly a tender young twig, then, represents a DAUGHTER! “. . . and will PLANT it.” Could symbolic language say plainer this young Jewish princess is to become the royal seed for PLANTING again of David’s throne? Where? “. . . upon an high mountain and eminent,” says the Eternal! A “mountain” in symbol always represents a NATION.

But Which Nation?

“In the mountain of the height of ISRAEL will I plant it,” answers the Eternal! David’s throne now is to be planted in ISRAEL, after being thrown down from JUDAH! Could language be plainer? “. . . and it [the tender young twig—the king’s daughter] shall bring forth boughs, and bear fruit, and be a goodly cedar.”

Did David’s throne cease with Zedekiah of Judah? Did God forget His covenant? No! Compare this language with the passage in Isaiah 37:31-32: “The remnant that is escaped of the house of Judah shall again take root downward [be planted], and BEAR FRUIT UPWARD.” It was PLANTED in ISRAEL, who removed from Judah! After this Hebrew princess is “planted” on the throne, now in ISRAEL, lost from view—that throne is to BEAR FRUIT. She is to marry, have children, and her sons are to continue David’s dynasty!

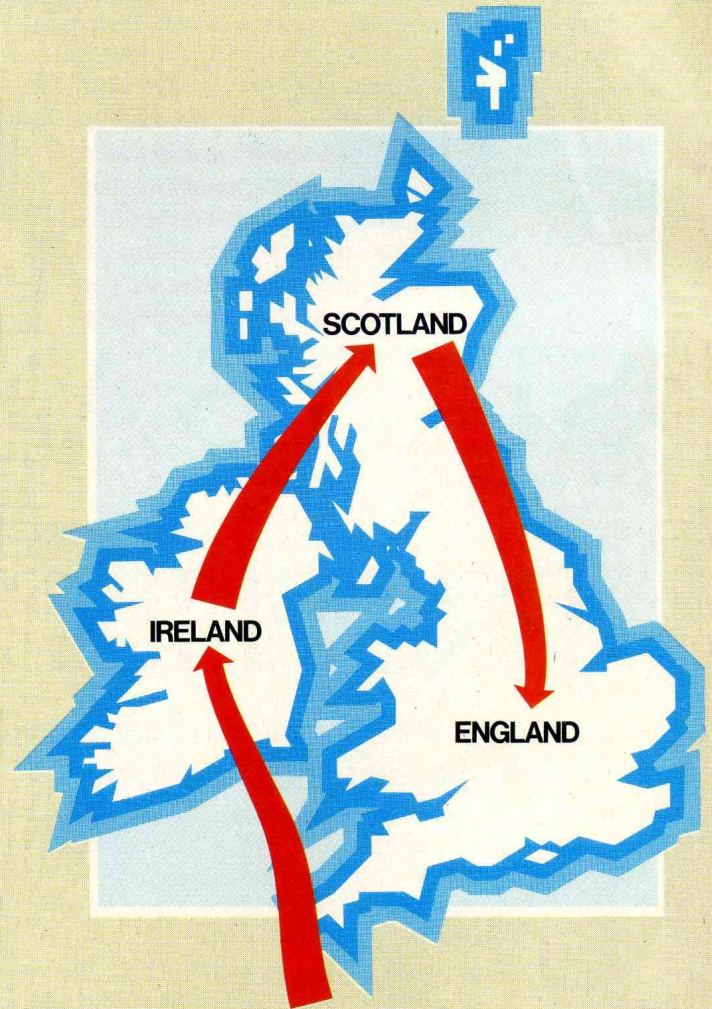
“. . . and under it shall dwell all fowl of every wing; in the shadow of the branches thereof shall they dwell” (Ezek. 17:23). “Lost” Israel, now having acquired the throne and become again a self-ruling nation, shall, in time, spread around the earth gaining dominance and power. They shall inherit the unconditional promises of the BIRTHRIGHT, according to God’s covenant with Abraham!

“And all the trees of the field . . .” (verse 24). A “tree” in this riddle and parable is likened to a nation. In other words, “all the nations of the earth.” “. . . shall know that I the Lord have brought down the high tree.” Judah, the high tree, having the throne 130 years after Israel had been taken captive, now is brought down to the low stature of slavery. “. . . have exalted the low tree.” For 130 years Israel had been a “low tree.” Now Israel is exalted, becomes again a thriving nation with a Davidic king. “. . . have dried up the green tree [Judah] and have made the dry tree [Israel] to flourish.”

Compare that language with Ezekiel 21:26: “Remove the diadem, and take off the crown . . . exalt him that is low, and abase him that is high. I will overturn . . .” etc. It is speaking of transferring the throne from Judah to Israel.

Israel had already been independent in Ireland for four centuries. Israel in Ireland already had a kingly line onto which Zedekiah’s daughter was grafted. The Irish Israelites were an ancient colony and had not gone into Assyrian captivity.

ISRAEL, headed by the tribes of Ephraim and Manas-



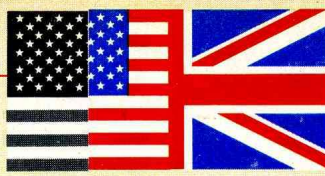
MAP ABOVE ILLUSTRATES THE ROUTE of Jeremiah’s trip to Ireland. According to tradition, he set up the royal dynasty in Ireland, which was overturned and planted in Scotland and later moved to England.

seh, who possessed the birthright, now would flourish, become prosperous in due time. “I the Lord have spoken and have done it” (Ezek. 17:24).

Yes, that BIRTHRIGHT is in ISRAEL. Though *lost*, though supposed to be a Gentile nation, they are the people who were to grow into the promised multitude—the great nation and the company of nations, possessing the gates of their enemy nations, becoming a colonizing people spreading around the world, being blessed with national resources and wealth. And, when they become thus powerful and nationally dominant, remember, David’s throne will be found transplanted among them!

But where did Jeremiah, with his royal seed for the transplanting, go to find the lost house of Israel? Where are they today? How was the “breach” healed, and how did a son of Zarah ascend the throne? Can we tell?

We CAN! The exact, precise location is revealed in Bible



prophecy! We can pick up Jeremiah's trail in actual history besides!

Israel's New Land

We are ready now to search out the actual location of the lost tribes of the outcast house of Israel. We know they exist today as a nation, and a company of nations, powerful, looked upon as Gentiles. And when we find them, we shall find the throne of David!

Many passages of prophecy tell of these people in these latter days. Prophecies not to be understood until this "time of the end." Prophecies containing a message to be carried to these people by those to whom God reveals it!

First, fix in mind these facts:

The prophet Amos wrote, in the days of the 13th of the 19 kings of the house of Israel (Amos 1:1): "Behold, the eyes of the Lord God are upon the sinful kingdom [house of Israel—Judah had not yet sinned], and I will destroy it [the kingdom, or government, not the people] from off the face of the earth. . . . For lo, I will command, and I will sift the house of Israel among all nations, like as corn is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth" (Amos 9:8-9).

This prophecy usually is applied to the scattered condition of the Jews. But it has nothing to do with the Jews, or house of Judah, but refers to the ten-tribed house of ISRAEL—driven to Assyrian captivity, then migrating from there and scattering among other nations *before* the Jews were taken to Babylon. This prophecy says that ISRAEL (not Judah) was to be sifted among other nations—these Israelites losing their identity—yet God has protected and kept them: "yet shall not the least grain fall upon the earth."

A New Homeland

It was during this time that the children of the house of Israel were to "abide many days without a king" (Hosea 3:4). That these people did sift through all nations is clear. Many New Testament passages indicate this. Although many of them still were scattered among various nations in the first century A.D., a portion of them had become established in a definite location of their own by Jeremiah's time—140 years after their original captivity.

But these Israelites who possessed the birthright eventually were to come to a new land of their own. The Eternal says, in II Samuel 7:10 and I Chronicles 17:9: "Moreover I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will PLANT THEM [Jeremiah was commissioned to do the PLANTING of the throne among them], that they may dwell in a place of their own, and *move no more*." The context of the whole passage shows this refers, not to Palestine, but a different land where these scattered Israelites were to gather after being removed from the promised land of Palestine, while that land was lying idle and in possession of the Gentiles.

Notice carefully! After being removed from Palestine,

being sifted among all nations, abiding many days without a king, losing their identity, they are to be "planted" in a faraway strange land now to become their own. And, note it, after reaching this place *they are to move no more!* That is, of course, during this present world.

While other prophecies indicate these birthright holders were to become a colonizing people, spreading around the world, it is plain that the spreading out must be from this appointed place, which must remain the "home" seat of government for David's throne.

Mark this clearly! Once this "place of their own" was reached, and the throne of David planted there, THEY WERE TO MOVE NO MORE. Therefore, the location of this people today is the place where Jeremiah planted David's throne more than 2500 years ago!

Therefore prophecies pertaining to *this* day, or to the location of this people just prior to Christ's return, will tell us the location of Jeremiah's planting. The house of Israel is *yet* to return, at Christ's coming, to Palestine—yet to plant grapes in Samaria, their original country. Prophecies telling where they shall, in that future day, migrate FROM will reveal the location of "lost" ten-tribed ISRAEL! The two succeeding "overturns" of the throne, too, must be located in this same general locale.

Lost Israel Located

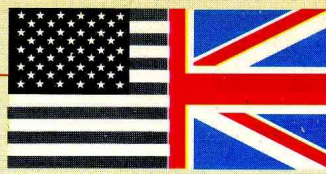
Without further suspense, let us see where prophecy locates these birthright holders, now possessing the throne of David and having received earth's richest national blessings. Remember they are distinguished from Judah—the Jews—by various names: "Ephraim," "Joseph," "Jacob," "Rachel" (the mother of Joseph), "Samaria" (their former home), "Israel."

According to Hosea 12:1: "Ephraim . . . followeth after the east wind." An "east wind" travels west. Ephraim must have gone *west* from Assyria. When the Eternal swore to David that He would perpetuate his throne, He said: "I will *set* his hand [sceptre] also *in the sea*" (Ps. 89:25). The throne is to be "set," planted, "in the sea."

Through Jeremiah the Eternal said: "Backsliding Israel hath justified herself more than treacherous Judah. Go and proclaim these words *toward the NORTH*, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord" (Jer. 3:11-12). Israel is clearly distinguished from Judah. Of course Israel was north of Judah while still in Palestine—but when these words were written by Jeremiah, Israel had been removed from Palestine more than 130 years and had long since migrated, *with* the Assyrians, north (and west) of Assyria's original location.

And in these last days messengers are to go "toward the NORTH" (of Jerusalem) in order to locate lost Israel and proclaim this warning. So the location, we now find, is toward the north, also west, and in the sea.

The 18th verse, same chapter, says: "In those days the house of Judah shall walk with the house of Israel [margin, *to the house of Israel*], and they shall come together



out of the land of the north to the land that I have given for an inheritance unto your fathers." At the future exodus, at Christ's coming, they are to return to Palestine out of the land of the NORTH!

After saying, "How shall I give thee up, Ephraim?" the Eternal, speaking through Hosea, says: "Then the children shall tremble from the west" (Hosea 11:8, 10).

Again: "Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the coasts of the earth" (Jer. 31:8). This prophecy is for consideration in the "latter days" (Jer. 30:24; 31:1), and is addressed to "Israel" (verses 2, 4, 9), to "Ephraim" (verses 6, 9), and "Samar-ia" (verse 5). Here is added another hint—"the coasts of the earth" (verse 8)—evidencing they are dominant at sea and indicating they have spread abroad widely by coloni-zation.

Referring to the house of ISRAEL, not Judah (Isaiah 49:3,6), God says: "Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the NORTH and from the WEST; and these from the land of Sinim" (Isa. 49:12). In the Hebrew, the language in which this was originally inspired, there is no word for "northwest," but this term is designated by the phrase, "the north and the west." It means, literally, the northwest! The Vulgate renders "Sinim" as "Australi," or "Australia." So we now have the location northwest of Jerusalem and even spreading around the world.

Hence, Israel of TODAY—Israel of the day of Jerem-iah's "planting" of David's throne—is located specifi-

Though lost, though supposed to be a Gentile nation, Israel's people were to grow into the promised multitude.

cally as northwest of Jerusalem and in the sea! Let us locate this land more specifically!

The same 49th chapter of Isaiah begins with this: "Listen, O isles, unto me." The people addressed, Israel, are called "O isles" in the first verse and "O Israel" in the third verse. This term "isles" or "islands" is sometimes translated "coastlands."

The 31st chapter of Jeremiah, locating Israel in the "north country," says: "I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations [Ephraim, Manasseh], and declare it in the isles afar off . . ." (Jer. 31:9-10).

Again: "Keep silence before me, O islands. . . thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen" (Isa. 41:1, 8).

In Jeremiah 31:10, the message is to be declared "in the isles afar off" and is to be shouted in "the CHIEF OF THE

NATIONS" (verse 7). So, finally, today, as in Jeremiah's day, the house of Israel is in the isles, which are "in the sea," the chief of the nations, northwest of Jerusalem. A coast-dwelling, and therefore sea-dominant, people. Cer-tainly there can be no mistaking that identity!

Take a map of Europe. Lay a line due NORTHWEST of Jerusalem across the continent of Europe, until you come to the sea, and then to the islands in the sea! This line takes you directly to the British Isles!

Of proof that our white, English-speaking peoples to-day—Britain and America—are actually and truly the birthright tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh of the "lost" house of Israel there is so much we shall have space for but a small portion in this series.

Britain's Hebrew Names

A most interesting fact is the Hebrew meaning of the names of the British people. The house of Israel is the covenant people. The Hebrew word for "covenant" is *ber-iyth*, or *berith*. After Gideon's death, Israel followed the false pagan god Baal. In Judges 8:33 and 9:4, the word "covenant" is used as a proper name coupled with the name "Baal." This is quoted in the English text, Author-ized Version, without being translated, as "Baalberith," meaning (margin) "idol of the covenant."

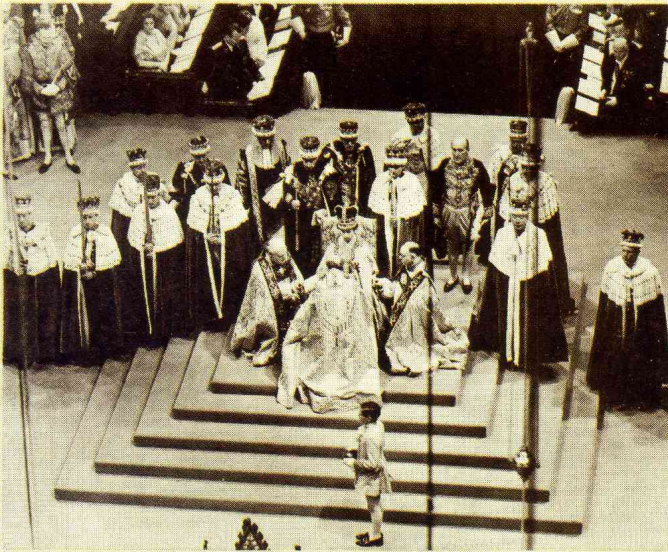
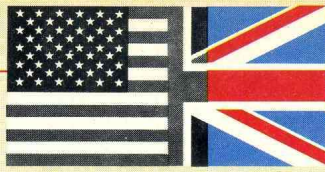
The Hebrew for "man" is *iysh*, or *ish*. In English, the ending "-ish" means "of or belonging to (a specified na-tion or person)." In the original Hebrew language vowels were never given in the spelling. So, omitting the vowel "e" from *berith*, but retaining the "i" in its anglicized form to preserve the "y" sound, we have the anglicized Hebrew word for covenant, *brith*.

The Hebrews, however, never pronounced their "h's." Many a Jew, even today, in pronouncing the name "Shem," will call it "Sem." Incidentally, this ancient He-brew trait is also a modern British trait. So the Hebrew word for "covenant" would be pronounced, in its angli-cized form, as *brit*.

And the word for "covenant man," or "covenant people," would therefore be simply "BRIT-ISH." And so, is it mere coincidence that the true covenant people today are called the "BRITISH"? And they reside in the "BRITISH ISLES"!

The house of Israel not only was to lose its identity, but its name. It was to be called by a new name, since they no longer were to know their identity as Israel, as God said plainly in Isaiah 62:2, referring to these latter days, and to the millennium.

To Abraham God said, "In ISAAC shall thy seed be called," and this name is repeated in Romans 9:7 and Hebrews 11:18. In Amos 7:16 the Israelites are called "the house of ISAAC." They were descended from Isaac, and therefore are Isaac's sons. Drop the "I" from "Isaac" (vowels are not used in Hebrew spelling), and we have the modern name "SAAC'S SONS," or, as we spell it in shorter manner, "SAXONS"!



Keystone

Dr. W. Holt Yates says, "The word 'Saxons' is derived from the 'sons of Isaac,' by dropping the prefix 'I.'"

Many confuse the Anglo-Saxons with the German or Old Saxons who still live in Germany. The German Saxons derive their name from an Old High German word, *Sahs*, meaning "sword" or "knife." These sword-carrying Germans are an entirely different people from the Anglo-Saxons who migrated to Britain.

Dan a Serpent's Trail

As the Eternal intended that "lost" Israel was to be located and found in these last days, we should expect some kinds of signs or waymarks to have been left along the trail by which ancient Israel journeyed from Assyria, the land of their original captivity.

Speaking to Ephraim (verse 20), the Eternal says in Jeremiah 31:21: "Set thee up waymarks, make thee high heaps: set thine heart toward the highway, even the way which thou wentest." In Scripture we find the "waymarks," or highway signs, which they set up along the road they traveled.

In Genesis 49:17, Jacob, foretelling what should befall each of the tribes, says: "Dan shall be a serpent by the way." Another translation of the original Hebrew is: "Dan shall be a serpent's trail." It is a significant fact that the tribe of Dan, one of the Ten Tribes, named every place they went after their father Dan.

The tribe of Dan originally occupied a strip of coast country on the Mediterranean, west of Jerusalem. "And the coast of the children of Dan," we read in Joshua 19:47, "went out too little for them: therefore the children of Dan went up to fight against Leshem, and took it . . . and called Leshem, DAN, after the name of Dan their father."

In Judges 18:11-12, it is recorded that Danites took Kirjath-jearim, and "called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day." A little later the same company of 600 armed



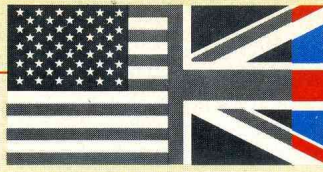
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THE OLD CORONATION CHAIR in Westminster Abbey, London. Under it lies a stone, said to have been brought to Ireland by Jeremiah the prophet and upon which many kings of Scotland and England have been coronated.

Danites came to Laish, captured it, and "they called the name of the city DAN, after the name of Dan their father" (verse 29). So notice how these Danites left their "serpent's trail" by the way—set up waymarks by which they may be traced today.

Remember, in the Hebrew, vowels were not written. The sound of the vowels had to be supplied in speaking. Thus, the word "Dan" in its English equivalent could be spelled, simply, "Dn." It might be pronounced as "Dan," or "Den," or "Din," or "Don," or "Dun"—and still could be the same original Hebrew name.

The tribe of Dan occupied two different districts, or provinces, in the Holy Land before the Assyrian captivity. One colony lived on the seacoast of Palestine. They were



principally seamen, and it is recorded Dan abode in ships (Judges 5:17).

When Assyria captured Israel, these Danites struck out in their ships and sailed west through the Mediterranean and north to Ireland. Just before his death, Moses prophesied of Dan: "Dan is a lion's whelp: he shall leap from Bashan" (Deut. 33:22). Along the shores of the Mediterranean they left their trail in "Den," "Don," and "Din."

Irish annals and history show that the new settlers of Ireland, at just this time, were the "Tuatha de Danaans," which means, translated, "Tribe of Dan." Sometimes the same appears simply as "Tuathe De," meaning the "people of God." And in Ireland we find they left these "waymarks": *Dans-Laugh*, *Dan-Sower*, *Dun-dalk*, *Dun-drum*, *Don-egal Bay*, *Don-egal City*, *Dun-gloe*, *Lon-donderry*, *Din-gle*, *Dunsmor* (meaning "more Dans"). Moreover, the name Dunn in the Irish language means the same as Dan in the Hebrew: judge.

But the northern colony of Danites was taken to Assyria in the captivity, and thence with the rest of the Ten Tribes they traveled from Assyria by the overland route.

After leaving Assyrian captivity, they inhabited for some time the land just west of the Black Sea. There we find the rivers *Dnieper*, *Dniester*, and the *Don*.

Then, in either ancient or later geography, we find these waymarks: *Dan-au*, the *Dan-inn*, the *Dan-aster*, the *Dan-dari*, the *Dan-ez*, the *Don*, the *Dan*, and the *U-don*; the *Eri-don*, down to the *Danes*. *Denmark* means "Dan's mark."

When they came to the British Isles, they set up the "waymark" names of *Dun-dee*, *Dun-raven*; in Scotland the "Dans," "Dons" and "Duns" are as prolific as in Ireland. And so the "serpent's trail" of Dan sets up waymarks that lead directly to the British Isles!

Ancient Annals of Ireland

Now briefly let us consider what is found in the ancient annals, legends, and history of Ireland, and we shall have the scene of Jeremiah's "planting" and the present location of "lost" Israel.

The real ancient history of Ireland is very extensive, though colored with some legend. But with the facts of biblical history and prophecy in mind, one can easily sift out the legend from the true history in studying ancient Irish annals. Throwing out that which is obviously legendary, we glean from various histories of Ireland the following: Long prior to 700 B.C. a strong colony called "Tuatha de Danaan" (tribe of Dan) arrived in ships, drove out other tribes, and settled there. Later, in the days of David, a colony of the line of Zarah arrived in Ireland from the Near East.

Then, in 569 B.C. (date of Jeremiah's transplanting), an elderly, white-haired patriarch, sometimes referred to as a "saint," came to Ireland. With him was the princess daughter of an eastern king and a companion called "Simon Brach," spelled in different histories as Breck, Ber-



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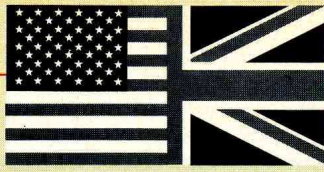
THE THIRTEEN AMERICAN COLONIES rebelled against British rule in 1776. Biblical prophecy stated that the Israelite tribe of Manasseh was to become a great nation, while Ephraim would become a union of "many nations."

ech, Brach, or Berach. The princess had a Hebrew name Tephî—a pet name—her full name being Tea-Tephî.

Modern literature of those who recognize our national identity has confused this Tea-Tephî, a daughter of Zedekiah, with an earlier Tea, a daughter of Ith, who lived in the days of David.

This royal party included the son of the king of Ireland who had been in Jerusalem at the time of the siege. There he had become acquainted with Tea-Tephî. He married her shortly after 585—when the city fell. Their young son, now about 12 years of age, accompanied them to Ireland. Besides the royal family, Jeremiah brought with them some remarkable things, including a harp, an ark, and a wonderful stone called "lia-fail," or "stone of destiny." A peculiar coincidence (?) is that Hebrew reads from right to left, while English reads from left to right. Read this name either way—and it still is "lia-fail."

Another strange coincidence—or is it just coincidence?—is that many kings in the history of Ireland, Scotland, and England have been coronated sitting over



this stone—including the present queen. The stone rests today in Westminster Abbey in London, and the coronation chair is built over and around it. A sign beside it labels it “Jacob’s pillar-stone” (Gen. 28:18).

The royal husband of the Hebrew princess Tea was given the title Herremon upon ascending the throne of his father. This Herremon has usually been confused with a much earlier Gede the Herremon in David’s day—who married his uncle Ith’s daughter Tea. The son of this later king Herremon and Hebrew princess continued on the throne of Ireland and *this same dynasty continued unbroken* through all the kings of Ireland; was *overturned* and transplanted again in Scotland; again *overturned* and moved to London, England, where *this same dynasty continues today* in the reign of Queen Elizabeth II.

Another interesting fact is that the crown worn by the kings of the line of Herremon and the other sovereigns of ancient Ireland had *twelve points!*

Queen Elizabeth on David’s Throne

In view of the linking together of biblical history, prophecy, and Irish history, can anyone deny that this Hebrew princess was the daughter of King Zedekiah of Judah and therefore heir to the throne of David? That the aged patriarch was in fact Jeremiah, and his companion was Jeremiah’s scribe, or secretary, Baruch? That King Herremon was a descendant of Zarah, here married to the daughter of Pharez, healing the ancient breach? That when the throne of David was first overturned by Jeremiah, it was REPLANTED in Ireland, later overturned a second time and replanted in Scotland, overturned a third time and planted in London? When Christ returns to earth to sit on that throne, He shall take over a LIVE, *existing* throne, not a nonexistent one (Luke 1:32).

And the British Commonwealth of Nations is the *only* COMPANY OF NATIONS in all earth’s history. Could we so *exactly* fulfill the specifications of the birthright, and not be the birthright people?

The United States expanded rapidly in national resources and wealth after 1800, but reached world dominance among nations later than the British Commonwealth. It became a giant world power by the end of World War I.

The United States Is Manasseh

From the prophetic blessings passed on by the dying Jacob, it is apparent that Ephraim and Manasseh were in a large measure to inherit the birthright jointly; to remain together for a long time, finally separating.

In Genesis 48 Jacob first passed the birthright on to the two sons of Joseph jointly, speaking of them both together. Then, finally, he spoke of them separately—Manasseh was to become the single GREAT nation; Ephraim, the COMPANY of nations.

And in his prophecy for these latter days Jacob said, “Joseph is a fruitful bough, even a fruitful bough by a

well; whose *branches run over the wall*” (Gen. 49:22). In other words, Joseph—Ephraim and Manasseh jointly and together—was to be a *colonizing* people in this latter day, their colonies branching out from the British Isles around the earth.

Together Ephraim and Manasseh grew into a multitude, then separated, according to Jacob’s prophetic blessing of Genesis 48. Our people have fulfilled this prophecy.

But how can we be Manasseh when a large part of our people have come from many nations besides England? The answer is this: A large part of Manasseh remained with Ephraim until the separation of NEW England. But our forefathers were to be sifted through many nations, as corn through a sieve, yet not a grain to fall to the earth or be lost (Amos 9:9). Our people did filter through many nations. Ephraim and much of Manasseh finally immigrated to England together, but many others of Manasseh who had filtered into and through other nations did not leave them until they came, as immigrants, to the United States AFTER the New England colony had become the separate nation. This does not mean that *all* foreigners who have immigrated into this country are of the stock of Manasseh, but undoubtedly many are. Israel, however, always did absorb Gentiles, who became Israelites through living in Israel’s land and intermarrying.

Thus we have become known as the “melting pot” of the world. Instead of refuting our Manasseh ancestry, this fact actually confirms it. The proof that we are Manasseh is overwhelming. Manasseh was to separate from Ephraim and become the greatest, wealthiest single nation of earth’s history. We alone have fulfilled this prophecy. Manasseh was in fact a *thirteenth* tribe. There were twelve original tribes. Joseph was one of these twelve. But when Joseph divided into two tribes and Manasseh separated into an independent nation, it became a *thirteenth* tribe.

Could it be mere coincidence that it *started*, as a nation, with *thirteen* colonies?

But what about the *other* tribes of the so-called “Lost Ten Tribes”? While the *birthright* was *Joseph’s*, and its blessings have come to the British Commonwealth of Nations and the United States of America, yet the other eight tribes of Israel were also God’s chosen people. They, too, have been blessed with a good measure of material prosperity—but *not* the dominance of the birthright.

We lack space for a detailed explanation of the specific identity of all of these other tribes in the nations of our twentieth century. Suffice it to say here that there is ample evidence that these other eight tribes have descended into such northwestern European nations as Holland, Belgium, Denmark, northern France, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Sweden, Norway. The people of Iceland are also of Viking stock. The political boundaries of Europe, as they exist today, do not necessarily show lines of division between descendants of these original tribes of Israel. □

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one place. There is this instruction in Isaiah: "Whom shall he teach knowledge? And whom shall he make to understand doctrine? . . . For precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little" (Isaiah 28:9-10). But most who try to apply this principle in biblical understanding take each "little" out of context, in order to interpret their own idea into it.

Much directly concerned with what is revealed in Genesis 1 is filled in by other passages of Scripture in various parts of the Bible.

So now, let's UNDERSTAND the background. Earth's angels had *not* completed the creation of this planet by improvement, development and beautification. Rather, they had brought it to desolation and ruin. The GOVERNMENT OF GOD had been nullified on earth.

And now *only God* could be *certainly* relied upon never to depart from *the way* of His law and His government.

No higher, more perfect kind of being could be created than Lucifer—and he had rebelled. Since GOD ALONE would never deviate or turn from GOD'S WAY, God now determined (or probably had already predetermined) to accomplish the SUPREME creative feat—to REPRODUCE HIMSELF! In God's supreme wisdom He knew this must be brought about *through matter!*

Man in God's Image

To prepare the earth for the creation of MAN, God first renewed the face of the earth. This is explained in Psalm 104:30: "Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth."

Now back to Genesis 1:2. The earth was in a state of ruin. ". . . And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

The first thing God did was turn darkness back into LIGHT as originally made. God said, ". . . Let there be light: and there was light" (Genesis 1:3).

So in six days God RENEWED THE FACE OF THE EARTH (the six days in Genesis 1 is not the time of earth's original creation), preparing it for the creation of MAN! Once again the earth was a perfect creation—but lacking the finishing touches.

The Purpose of Man on Earth

WHY did the Creator God put MAN on the earth? To *improve* the physical earth as God gave it to man, *finishing* its creation, which sinning angels had deliberately refused to do; and in so doing to RESTORE the GOVERNMENT OF GOD, with God's WAY of life, and, further, in this very process, TO FINISH THE CREATION OF *man* by the development of God's holy, righteous CHARACTER, with man's own assent. Once this perfect and righteous character is instilled in man and man converted from mortal to immortal spirit, then is to come the INCREDIBLE HUMAN POTENTIAL—man being BORN INTO the divine FAMILY of God and then participating in the completion of the CREATION of the entire endless expanse of the UNIVERSE!

So, on the sixth day of that (re)creation week, God (Elohim) said: "Let us make man in our image, after our likeness: and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the fowl of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. So God created man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; male and female created he them" (Genesis 1:26).

Man was made to have (with his assent) a special relationship with his Maker! He was made in the form and shape of God. He was given a spirit (essence) to make the relationship possible. Much more of that a little later.

The Soul Is Mortal

But God made MAN *wholly* of MATTER! This was necessary for the supreme accomplishment God willed.

"And the Eternal God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath [air] of life; and man became a living

soul" (Genesis 2:7). Man, formed from material dust of the ground, upon breathing air BECAME a living soul. It does not say man is or has an immortal soul. What was formed from material ground BECAME a soul.

Therefore the SOUL is physical, composed of matter, and can die. This is a TRUTH believed by very few denominations and probably by no religions other than Christianity—another PROOF that identifies the one true Church of God!

How Human Mind Functions

Now we come to another truth, so far as I know exclusive in the one true Church.

Did you ever wonder about the vast difference between human mind and animal brain? This incidentally is another PROOF of the falsity of the theory of evolution!

The physical brain of vertebrates in the animal kingdom is almost precisely the same in physical form, design, and constituents as human brain—and the brains of whales, elephants, dolphins are larger, and of chimps almost as large. Yet the output of human brain is indescribably greater. Few indeed know WHY!

Many passages of scripture show that there is a spirit *in* man. Spirit is *not* matter, and man is wholly matter. But, as there could be a small metal object swallowed by mistake *in* man, yet no part of the man himself, so with the spirit within each human. It is in the form of essence—not a ghost or being of itself, and to distinguish it from God's Holy Spirit, I designate it as the "human spirit." Nevertheless, it is spirit and not matter.

This "human spirit" imparts the power of intellect to the human physical brain. The spirit cannot see, hear, taste, smell or feel. The *brain* sees through the eye, hears through the ear, etc. The "human spirit" cannot of itself think. The physical brain thinks.

What, then, is the function of the "human spirit"? It is NOT a "soul." But it 1) imparts the power of intellect, of thinking and of MIND power to the human brain; and 2) it is the very means God has instilled to make

possible a personal relationship between human MAN and divine GOD.

Two Stages of Man

God creates, as previously mentioned, by the principle of DUALITY. So it is with the creation of MAN. It is accomplished in TWO STAGES: 1) the physical phase, which began with the first man, Adam; and 2) the spiritual stage, which begins with the "second Adam," Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:45-46).

So also, man was made from creation (and birth) with the one "human spirit"—but he is INCOMPLETE. He was made to need another Spirit—the HOLY SPIRIT of God, and when that gift of God is received, His "Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God" (Romans 8:16)—in the begotten or first stage of the *spiritual* creation.

This is most clearly explained in I Corinthians 2.

"... Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart [mind] of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him" (verse 9)—spiritual knowledge. The natural mind can know only what the brain can physically see, hear, taste, smell or feel. The natural mind is *confined* to physical, material knowledge!

"But God hath revealed them [spiritual things] unto us by his Spirit..." (verse 10).

"For what man knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of man which is in him?..." (verse 11). A cow, sheep or dog cannot know the things a MAN knows—and neither could a man, except by the spirit of man which is *in* him. Likewise, the natural man with this one spirit is *limited* to material knowledge: "... even so the things of God knoweth no man, but the Spirit of God" (verse 11).

ONLY when the Holy Spirit enters, combining with the "human spirit," can a man come to know that which is spiritual. "But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned" (verse 14).

That is WHY the most highly educated are overall the most ignorant. They are confined to knowledge of the material. Knowledge of God and the things of God are foolishness to them. But, of course, God says, "... the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God" (I Corinthians 3:19).

World Cut Off from God

Now back to the first human, Adam.

Remember God's PURPOSE in creating man on the earth: 1) to restore the GOVERNMENT OF GOD on earth, and by regulating human life through that GOVERNMENT, to complete the physical creation of earth where angels turned it to ruin, and in the process to complete the creation of MAN by developing righteous spiritual CHARACTER; and 2) to establish the KINGDOM OF GOD and eventually the incredible human potential of finishing the creation of the vast UNIVERSE.

This supreme PURPOSE required: 1) that MAN reject Satan's WAY, embracing GOD'S WAY of LOVE, based on God's spiritual law; and 2) that man be made first of matter so that if he were led into Satan's way of GET, he could be CHANGED, converted to GOD'S WAY of LOVE.

Spirit, once a finished creation, *cannot be changed!* That is why the one-third of the angels who followed Satan are forever demons. Spirit is constant and eternal—not subject to change. But physical matter is constantly *changing*.

Through God's master plan for His spiritual creation, to be covered later, it had been determined by God and the Word that the Word would divest Himself of His supreme glory, and in due time take on Him the likeness of human flesh as Jesus Christ, making possible the spiritual phase of the creation of MAN—God REPRODUCING HIMSELF! What a MASTER PLAN for the extreme ULTIMATE in creative accomplishment! How GREAT is our God—in mind, purpose, planning, designing, as well as CREATING—from the tiniest germ or insect to the most huge sun, dwarfing our own great sun to insignificance!

And the incredible human poten-

tial is that the GREAT MAJESTIC GOD is, in MAN, reproducing Himself—man can be born into the GOD FAMILY!

The first human, Adam, was created with the potential of qualifying to replace Satan, the former Lucifer, on earth's throne, restoring the GOVERNMENT OF GOD.

But it was necessary that he resist and reject Satan's GET way and choose GOD'S WAY of His law—the way of LOVE (GIVE)!

His Maker talked first to Adam and Eve—instructed them thoroughly in the GOVERNMENT and spiritual LAW of God—even though in Genesis 2 only the most condensed summary of God's instruction to them is revealed. Satan was restrained from any contact with them until God first had completely taught them.

Two Symbolic Trees

In the gloriously beautiful Garden of Eden, in which God placed them, were two symbolic trees. One was the "tree of life." Taking its fruit, freely offered, symbolized obedience and faithfulness to God's law of outgoing LOVE and receiving the gift of God's Holy Spirit.

The other was the "tree of the knowledge of good and evil." Taking of its fruit was taking *to themselves* the knowledge of what is good and what is evil—deciding for themselves what is right and what is sin. This, of course, meant rejection of GOD'S LAW, which defined *for them* the right and the wrong.

The glorious archangel Lucifer, as God originally created him, was the pinnacle of God's creative power in a single being. Few today remotely realize the great power, now turned to cunning deception, possessed by Satan. Apparently Adam completely underestimated him.

The wily Satan got to Adam through his wife Eve. He did not say, "CHOOSE MY WAY." He appeared as a subtle serpent. He cleverly deceived her. He put DOUBTS in her mind about God's veracity. He deceived her into believing God had been unfair—selfish. He subtly injected vanity of mind. He misled her into thinking it was *right* to take of the forbidden fruit.

Adam, not deceived, nevertheless went along with his wife. With her, he took to himself the determination of what is right and what is wrong—thus DISBELIEVING what his Maker had said, REJECTING God as Savior and Ruler—rejecting God as the Source of revealed BASIC KNOWLEDGE. He believed and followed Satan's WAY!

Man's Sentence Pronounced

When the Eternal God "drove out the man" from the Garden of Eden and barred reentrance—lest he go back and receive eternal life in sin (Genesis 3:22-24)—God PRO- NOUNCED SENTENCE!

God said, in effect, "YOU have made the decision for yourself and the world that shall spring from you. You have rejected me as the basic Source of knowledge—you have rebelled against my command and my government—you have chosen the GETTING, TAKING way of Satan. Therefore I sentence you and the world you shall beget to 6,000 years of being CUT OFF from access to me, my revealed knowledge, my WAY of life—EXCEPT for the comparative exceedingly few I shall specially call for special service preparatory to my Kingdom. GO, and produce your own fund of knowledge with your carnal, hostile minds. Produce your own carnal scholarship and system of disseminating it. GO, and create your own gods and religions. GO, FORM YOUR OWN HUMAN-DEvised GOVERNMENTS. Satan, in all this, will deceive your world into receiving his ATTITUDE of vanity, lust and greed, envy and jealousy, suspicion and disbelief, competition and strife and violence—into unrealized REBELLION against me and my WAY of outflowing LOVE! After your world has written the lesson of your WAY in 6,000 years of evils, troubles, frustrations, sickness, sorrow, suffering and DEATH, I will INTERVENE! I will by supernatural divine POWER take over the government and education of the whole world, calling all to me—to repentance from your false way, and to eternal salvation."

Except for those specially called for special duty preparing for God's KINGDOM, ALL HUMANITY HAS BEEN

CUT OFF FROM GOD THESE 6,000 YEARS!

I know and privately discuss world conditions with many heads of state—kings, emperors, presidents, prime ministers, ambassadors, men high in governments. They all have to deal with problems and evils with which they are utterly unable to cope.

WHY? Few indeed know. But I have just told you the CAUSE. This KNOWLEDGE makes the one true Church of God UNIQUE in the world!

The TRUTH that all are CUT OFF from God except those specially called by God was emphasized by Jesus. He said, plainly, "NO MAN CAN come to me, except the Father which . . . sent me draw him . . ." (John 6:44). No scripture contradicts that.

The Only Day of Salvation?

The most universal false teaching, believed by virtually all churches called Christian, except the one and only true and original Church of God, is that ALL are automatically lost unless they profess Jesus Christ as Savior and that now is the *only* day of salvation.

Those cut off from God are NOT lost—unless called and then lost. They are simply NOT YET JUDGED! All so far called since Adam have been called, not for salvation alone, but primarily for a special mission—and salvation goes along automatically if they do repent, believe, receive and are led by the Holy Spirit.

All still living will be called during the millennium, with Christ ruling all nations—and all others previously uncalled will be resurrected and called in the "great white throne judgment" following the millennium. There will be no Satan to overcome then.

Just as Adam was required to reject and overcome the pull of Satan to qualify to succeed to the throne of the earth, so was Jesus Christ, the second Adam. Jesus Christ *did* qualify. Those converted prior to His return must also qualify, in order to sit with Him on His throne (Revelation 2:26-27 and 3:21). □

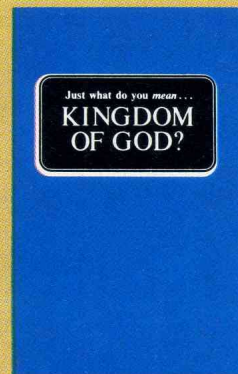
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THE KINGDOM OF GOD-

What does it mean to you?

King-dom *n.* A politically organized community or major territorial unit having a monarchical form of government headed by a king or queen.

The phrase "kingdom of God," which appears frequently in the Bible, is often heard in religious circles. It is generally assumed to be a reference to heaven or to a condition of mind held by believers. Almost no one would apply the standard dictionary definition of "kingdom"—a type of government over a specific territory. Yet that is precisely how the term is most often used in the Bible. The real meaning of the term "kingdom of God" is far more interesting and exciting than the traditional vague concepts. The booklet *Just What Do You Mean . . . Kingdom of God?* clearly explains what the Kingdom of God is and why it's important to you. For a free copy write to *The Plain Truth* at the address nearest you. (See inside front cover for addresses worldwide.)



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disciples indeed; and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free" (John 8:30-32).

They answered Him sarcastically and hostilely. They were Abraham's descendants and were already free, they said.

"I know that ye are Abraham's seed," responded Jesus, "*but ye seek to kill me*, because my word [His gospel message] hath no place in you."

They believed on the messenger—but they *rejected His message*—they didn't believe what He said!

Jesus continued, "But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth [His gospel message], which I have heard of God."

Later, Jesus said, "And because I tell you the truth, *ye believe me not. . . why do ye not believe me?*" (Verses 45-46.)

Before the end of the first century that message was suppressed and another false "gospel" substituted (Gal. 1:6-7—A.D. 58). Christ's message was not proclaimed to the world again until now—in the latter half of the twentieth century!

But God saw to it that His word—His message to mankind—was inspired and put into His *written* Word. But even today, the religions that have appropriated Christ's name preach about the PERSON of Christ—but they do not proclaim His MESSAGE—His *true* gospel.

And in many basic doctrines they teach the very opposite of what Jesus and the first apostles taught. They condemn the customs Jesus observed, and observe customs Jesus and the Bible condemn.

Today, a professing adherent of "Christianity" will say, in surprise, "Why, you surely don't take the Bible *literally*, do you?"

Humans have written books by the millions. People read and take *them* literally. They take them to mean what they say—and say what they mean. But the Bible? They can't seem to *believe* it can mean what it plainly says.

For example, the Bible says, "The wages of sin is DEATH" (Rom. 6:23). But professing Christians will say,

"But death doesn't *mean* death—it means everlasting life in hellfire!" God in His Word SAYS "death"—but they don't believe what God *says*.

This same verse says, also, "But the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." Do they believe eternal life is a gift of God? No, they believe we are "immortal souls" who already *have* eternal life. But God says in His Word, "The soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). God says that—but professing Christians don't believe what He says! He says the same words again in Ezekiel 18:20.

God said the same thing to Adam and Eve: ". . . in the day that thou eatest thereof [of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil] *thou shalt surely die*" (Gen. 2:17). And in verse seven God says He "formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man [made of the dust of the ground] became a living soul." God told this "soul" he would "surely die" if he disobeyed by taking the forbidden fruit.

It was Satan who said, "Ye shall NOT surely die." Today those who profess Christ believe what Satan said. But they do not believe what God said!

And what about modern science and higher education? Like our first parents they reject revelation (what God says) as the basic source of knowledge. Do they believe there was a flood in Noah's day? God says there was, but they do not believe what He says! What about higher education? God says the waters of the Red Sea parted and the Israelites walked across on the dry floor of the sea. In His Word, God says the walls of water returned, covering and drowning Pharaoh and his army. But can you find that in the ancient history texts? They don't *believe what God* said!

God shows us the way to world peace—peace between individuals, between groups, between nations. But men do not believe *what God* says, and so we have no peace.

God shows us the way to peace, happiness, prosperity in abundance and eternal life as His gift. But men, except for the *very* few, don't believe what God says! Instead, humanity suffers on! □

REAL CONVERSION (You can't win the prize unless you start the race)

The apostle Paul likened the Christian life to a race which must be run for the "prize" of eternal life. A person does not even begin his "race," however, until he has undergone a *genuine* conversion. The New Testament concept of conversion involves much more than a mere intellectual or ritualistic acceptance of a set of beliefs. True conversion can be defined in two parts. The first involves a definite event which occurs when God fulfills His promise to place the Holy Spirit within a person after certain conditions are met. The second part is a process which continues through the Christian's life. If you'd like to know more about the Bible's teaching on conversion, request the free booklet *Just What Do You Mean—CONVERSION?* Write to *The Plain Truth*. (See addresses on inside front cover.)

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