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Finally the majority of American voters have voiced their desire for our nation to return to some semblance of traditional moral and constitutional values. They could easily see the destructive policies and outright insanity of the Democratic Party with their fellow travelers of Marxists, social change-agents and anti-American violent street mobs. Solomon's words are true when he said; *"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice: but when the wicked beareth rule, the people mourn."* (Proverbs 29:2) Voters have put their trust in the promises of Donald Trump and the MAGA agenda, to make our nation great again. My question is; ***"What is true American greatness?"***

Is American greatness found in our Democratic Republican form of government, vast economy and production of material goods, world-wide display of military strength and our boasting of individual freedom?

American national greatness can only be found in the patriarchal blessing of our father Jacob when he declared, *"he also shall become a people, and he also shall be great"* in reference to Joseph's son Manasseh. (Gen. 48:19) That was a covenantal decree that has been fulfilled in the American nation, but has since been stained by national iniquity and deliberate rejection of the Laws of God and the true Gospel of Jesus Christ. In order to restore 'greatness' our leadership and the people at large must recognize that our greatness is not a result of our own human abilities, but only comes from God Himself who is the *"Governor among the nations."*

The Psalmist declared; *"Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD; and the people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance."* Psalm 33:12

If America is to return to any degree of greatness, there must be a genuine return to Biblical repentance and righteousness. *"Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people."* Proverbs 14:34

The policies of Trump, if successful, might make us 'great', but will not make us righteous.

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*"Empire is the inevitable outcome of the lust for power among men whose rebellion against God drives their every motive."*

—Pastor George Southwick

**ON THE COVER:** Bronze statue of Martin Luther created by the sculptor Adolf Von Donndorf in 1885 in front of the Frauenkirche in Dresden, Germany. During the fire bombing of WWII in February 1945, the statue of Martin Luther stayed standing.

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# THE PRESERVATION OF ISRAEL

*Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads.*

Revelation tells of the preservation of God's people Israel. Chapter 7:1-8 names the tribes that would be in existence in the closing age of time. He would know His own. We may not know all Israel by tribal identification, but God does. In 7:9 -17 after He had named the twelve tribes of Israel, He said some were tribulation saints who were the martyrs under Papal Rome for twelve-hundred-and-sixty years. *"After this I beheld, and, lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, kindreds, people, tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, palms in their hands; And cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sits upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God. And they said, Blessing, glory, wisdom, thanksgiving, honour, power, might, be unto God for ever and for ever. And one of the elders answered and said, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? whence came they? And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb."*

Revelation 8 tells of European wars which took place with the Gothics, Vandals, Huns, et cetera. Chapter 9 shows the rise of Islam.

In chapter 10, **The Mighty Angel is Christ Himself.** Now we're moving into the Protestant Reformation with two great eye-opening events. 1) Jesus Christ and Him alone as the means of our salvation. No pope, councils, mass, intervention of saints, Mariology, transubstantiation, none of that, just Christ and Christ alone. Jesus Christ is revealed in the great Protestant Reformation as the only Savior.

2) **The Little Book is The Bible** that we now hold. It was once locked up by the ruling religious establishment, but the Morning Star of the Reformation John Wycliffe began to translate this Bible. He was ostracized, but his writings went over to Bohemia, and awakened a man by the name of John Hus. A hundred years later we see Martin Luther saying, *"the just shall live by faith."*

Two great revelations: 1) **Jesus as the only means of salvation**, and 2) **the Word of God.** In 1450 A.D. Johan Gutenberg developed his printing press. The first book that was printed was the Bible. One main result of the Protestant Reformation was the rise of Christian Israel in economics, literature, education, science, government, standard of living and various inventions. God had a plan for His people and it all happened in Western Europe, the British Isles and then moved over to America. Concerning this fact Preterism ignores it, Futurism won't admit it, but we know that by the Word of God and the Historicist interpretation it's made very plain, yet remains unpopular.

In chapter 12 **the Woman is Israel.** *"And there appeared a great wonder in heaven; a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars:"* It's Israel of Genesis 37 in Joseph's dream of the sun, moon and twelve stars. This woman gives birth to a **Man Child** who is to rule all nations with a rod of iron which is none other than the Lord Jesus Christ. We see this rod of iron again in Revelation 19 in the hand of Jesus Christ.

God's whole program that He outlined in eons past is dealing with this people called, *"mine elect, Jacob my servant."* That is Jacob Israel which is the Anglo-Saxon and related peoples. There are many successful churches in this land with thousands of people teaching many things with popularity and prosperity but ignore this truth.

Chapter 13 describes Papal Rome. Chapter 14 speaks of the hundred and forty and four thousand. *"I looked, and, lo, a Lamb stood on the mount Sion."* The Lamb is all through the book of Revelation, and with Him is this representative number of Israelites, having His Father's name written, not on their foreheads, but in their foreheads. Let's be putting His name and His words in our forehead. Chapters 17 and 18 speak of the religious system of Babylon. The cry is; *"Come out of her my people."*

# A DAY TO REMEMBER

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The Spark that Ignited the Reformation, challenging the Church's authority and paving the way for centuries of reform.



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NAILING THE 95

THESES

Six months ago we celebrated July 4th, Independence Day. Each year on this day we take time to remember not only the day, but also the men and women that sacrificed to bring forth an independent Nation and rightly so for it is a day to be remembered.

A few months ago, we paused to remember September 11<sup>th</sup>, a day to be remembered for the cost of American lives, an event that will have a lasting effect upon our nation. Recently we remembered December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1941, the day America was attacked by Japan.

We could go on with days that have been set aside to remember past events that have shaped our country and our lives. Yet when it comes to our religious freedom

that we enjoy, we have decided in recent generations to cast that great day aside, not realizing the lasting effect upon the Protestant world and the world in general that one day impacted all mankind.

That day being October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517 known as:

## REFORMATION DAY

This is the day the *Two Witnesses* of Revelation chapter 11 were raised from the dead and stood as a wall of truth against all false dogma and doctrine of the apostate Church of Rome.

Before we look at the events surrounding this great day, take a moment and reflect upon the benefits you and I received as a result of this event.

- To attend the Church of your choice, or not to attend at all.
- To believe as per your own conscience.
- To read and have the Word of God, **THE BIBLE.**

## We call this Freedom of Religion

A hundred years before 1517 a fire was being prepared at the feet of one John Huss, the Bohemian reformer. He was asked one last time to renounce his 'errors' as per Rome's charges against him.

His reply: *"What errors, shall I renounce? I know myself guilty of none. I call God to witness that all that I have written*

*and preached has been with the view of rescuing souls from sin and perdition; and therefore most joyfully will I confirm with my blood that truth which I have written and preached.”*

The stakes were driven into the ground as he was held fast to the beam by a chain around his neck. The year was 1415. As his life was about to come to an end Huss proclaimed: *“that you silence the goose, but a hundred years hence there will arise a swan whose singing you shall not be able to silence.”*

As the flames arose Huss began to sing *“Jesus, thou son of David have mercy on me.”* As the smoke of the flames choked him his singing ceased. Huss had given up the ghost. The fire would be rekindled three times to burn the body to complete ashes. The ashes were carefully collected along with the soil, carted away and thrown into the River Rhine.

The Rhine received his ashes. His tormentors proclaimed *“Huss is dead.”* Yet, Huss is not dead. Life is found within the fire of his death. Bohemia is awakened. In a hundred years Germany and all Christendom will shake off their chains. It's time for the martyr's prophetic spirit foretold, *“In the course of a hundred years you will answer to God and me.”* It was the night of October 30th, 1517 the Elector Frederick of Saxony had a dream which he relates to his brother Duke John on the morning of October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517.

“Having gone to bed last night, I dreamed that Almighty God sent me a monk, who was a true son of the Apostle Paul. All the saints accompanied him by order of God, in order to bear testimony before me, and to declare that he did not come to contrive any plot, but that all that he did was according to the will of God. They asked me to have the goodness graciously to permit him to write something on

the door of the Church of the Castle of Wittenberg. This I granted through my chancellor. Thereupon the monk went to Church, and began to write in such large characters that I could not read the writing. The pen which he used was so large that its end reached as far as Rome, where it pierced the ears of a lion that was crouching there, and caused the Triple Crown upon the head of the Pope to shake. All the cardinals and princes, running hastily up, tried to prevent it from falling. You and I, brother, wished also to assist, and I stretched out my arm; but at that moment I awoke, with my arm in the air, quite amazed, and very much enraged at the monk for not managing his pen better.

“I was still half asleep, and once more closed my eyes. The dream returned. The lion, still annoyed by the pen, began to roar with all his might, so much so that the whole city of Rome, and all the states of the Holy Empire, ran to see what the matter was. The Pope requested them to oppose this monk, and applied particularly to me, on account of him being in my country. I again awoke. Falling asleep again I dreamed that all the princes of the Empire, and we among them, hastened to Rome, and strove, one after another to break the pen; but the more we tried the stiffer it became, sounding as if it had been made of iron. We at length desisted. I then asked the monk (for I was sometimes at Rome, and sometimes at Wittenberg) where he got this pen, and why it was so strong. The *“Pen,”* replied he, belonged to an old goose of Bohemia a hundred years old. I got it from one of my old schoolmasters. As to its strength, it is owing to the impossibility of depriving it of its pith or marrow; and I am quite astonished at it myself. Suddenly I heard a loud noise; a large number of other pens had sprung out of the long pen of the monk. I awoke the third time; it was daylight.”

A few hours later on October 31<sup>st</sup>, 1517 a monk by the name of Martin Luther nails his 95 Thesis on the doors of Wittenberg Castle, not knowing that within four weeks it will have been sent to countries far and wide until it was procured and read by none other than the Pope himself.

The words of Paul were proclaimed for the entire world to hear!!!

*“The just shall live by faith”*

Rome was revealed for what she was, the monk had arisen. The pen of the truth of God's Word that John Huss had died for has risen as iron and a new day for Christendom had come.

Now it was time for the other pens that had sprung out of the long pen of the monk to awaken Christendom to *“Arise and Shine”* of the glorious Gospel of the Protestant Reformation. Such men as:

- [John Calvin](#)
- [John Knox](#)
- [Ulrich Zwingli](#)
- [Hugh Latimer](#)
- [Heinrich Bullinger](#)
- [John Rogers](#)
- [Myles Coverdale](#)
- [Nicholas Ridley](#)
- [Thomas Cranmer](#)
- [Michael Servetus](#)
- [Philip Melancthon](#)
- [John Hooper](#)

Countless others in the 16th century engraved the truth of God's Word with the pens of iron upon the hearts and minds of a whole generation.

Can you think of a day more deserving of being remembered than October 31, REFORMATION DAY?

*Lest we forget the price that was paid!!!*

# JESUS

## WAS HE MAN OR GOD?

By Adolph Philip Gouthey

“Where did sin or anything else come from?” Neither science nor philosophy is able to go back to beginnings.

The common practice is to list Christianity as another great world-religion, along with Hinduism, Buddhism, Islam, and Confucianism, and to speak of Jesus Christ as the founder of a religion along with Buddha, Confucius, Zoroaster, Mohammed and Socrates. This is the most disastrous blunder made by modern men! Christianity is not a religion: it is a supernatural revelation! It is not a philosophy about the problems of human existence, nor is it a philosophical effort to explain God, the universe, the origin of man and his relation to the Infinite; it is a supernatural revelation of ultimate truth which answers all of these questions for this and every other world!

Just as Christianity stands apart from the religions of the world, so does the person of Jesus Christ stand apart from the religious leaders of the world. Neither Buddha, Zoroaster, Confucius, nor Mohammed claimed, much less demonstrated, supernatural power. Jesus Christ not only claimed, but demonstrated such power, and by so doing, He demonstrated that He is Very God, as well as Very Man.

### WORDS OF JESUS HIMSELF

There are those who insist that He never claimed to be Very God. Let's see. "And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world." John 8:23. He said: "I and my Father are one." John 10:30. "...he that hath seen me hath seen the Father..." John 14:9. In the presence of His own people He said "...Before Abraham was, I am," John 8:58. His hearers understood that He claimed to be God – the "I Am" of the Old Testament. He not only claimed the attributes of God, but constantly stated the fact that He was God throughout His life and ministry by doing such things as only God can do.

There is no way of explaining the person of Jesus Christ only as we admit Him to be Very God as well as Very Man. Neither is there any way of explaining His teaching apart from the fact that He is God.

### SERMON ON THE MOUNT

As one reads what we know as the "Sermon on the Mount," one is profoundly impressed with the fact that there is in His teaching an authority, majesty, originality and spirituality, which would be absolutely impossible for any human philosopher. Human



## *“Thou art worthy, O our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things” —Rev. 4:11*

teachers have always dealt with problems of origin, purpose of life, and destiny, in terms of philosophical speculations, but Jesus, without once hesitating, proceeds to unfold the profoundest mysteries with an authority which would be unpardonable audacity in another. No wonder the soldiers who were sent to arrest Him came back saying, “Never a Man spake like this man.” This must be the testimony of every person who will give His teaching deep and serious thought. He spake as God!

When Leon, charmed with the oratory of Pythagoras, asked him the secret of his wisdom and power, he replied, “I am not a master, only a lover of wisdom.” In striking contrast, Jesus Christ said, “I am the Truth.” The centuries have vindicated His highest claims that His sayings are the ultimate on every question pertaining to the highest good of men, the stability of government, the progress and perpetuity of civilization.

The teaching of Jesus Christ is the marvel of the centuries. He came from a village so mean and low that to hail from it was a reproach. He had none of the advantages which we deem indispensable to the person who aspires to leadership, and yet His first public utterance was so final that the wisest men of the centuries have never been able to add to it or take from it. We stand spell-bound before the magnitude and sublimity of His spiritual and moral teachings. With steady sure hand, He grasps the profoundest truths which the philosophers have always touched hesitatingly, and unfold them with majesty and simplicity which is at once both comprehensive and inspiring.



### **JESUS' TEACHING ON SIN**

Up until Christ came, the world had thought of sin as an act, only. It had not occurred to human philosophers that the act was but an effect, and that before the effect could be dealt with successfully the cause must be located and removed. It remained for Jesus Christ to bring this revolutionary message. “For from within, out of the heart of men proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All the evil things come from within, and defile the man,” Mark 7:21-23. This teaching is not only revolutionary, but it is the only scientific explanation of world conditions as they now are, and ever have been, that the world has ever had or ever will have

### **JESUS ALONE REVEALS THE CAUSE**

The questions, “Where did sin come from?” or “Where did anything else come

from?” for that matter, is too deep for either science or philosophy. Neither science nor philosophy is able to go back to beginnings. All beginnings are veiled in mystery. Effect can be, and are, observed; but to observe an effect, where sin is concerned, is not enough. We must get back to the first cause. Jesus Christ alone reveals this cause. Because men have failed to apply His teaching on sin, they have failed miserably to make their sublime dream of “world peace” and “world democracy” come true. Neither sin nor righteousness are detached problems. The individual is the problem. Society is only lifted as the individual is lifted. The “new state” about which men orate, cannot be founded upon educated or uneducated human nature as it is. There is no such thing as the redemption of society, only as the individual is redeemed. Supernatural regeneration by the power of Jesus Christ is the world’s only hope of reformation. Wrong conduct and conditions in society will continue as long as we ignore or neglect the truth.

# A PLACE CALLED CALVARY

LUKE

23:33

*Only as the Melchisedec Priest  
could He say:  
"IT IS FINISHED" John 19:30*

*Jesus  
Made  
One  
Final  
Sacrifice  
Heb.  
7:27;  
9:12,  
26, 28;  
10:10*

Made Reconciliation for the sinner  
Rom. 5:10-11

Made Reconciliation between the Two Houses  
Col. 1:20-22; Eph. 2:13-22

Purchased the Church  
Acts 20:28

As Shepherd gave His life for the sheep  
John 10:11

Secured Justification for the sinner  
Rom. 5:9

Secured Sanctification for the believer  
Heb. 10:10

Made the Greatest expression of Love  
John 15:13

Fulfilled the Law of Atonement  
Rom. 5:11

Fulfilled the Law of Passover  
1 Cor. 5:7

Caused the Sacrifice for sin to cease  
Daniel 9:27

Fulfilled Daniel 9:24 in the middle of Daniel's  
70<sup>th</sup> Week

Confirmed the Abrahamic Covenant \*  
Gen. 15:17; Rev. 1:14-15; Gal. 3:13-18

Changed the Priesthood  
Heb. 7:11-12

Changed the Law of Sacrifice  
Heb. 7:12

Changed the Tribe  
Heb. 7:13-14

Confirmed & Ratified the New Covenant \*\*  
Matt. 26:28; Heb. 7:22; 8:6

Qualified Himself to remarry His divorced wife Israel  
Romans 7:1-4

Fulfilled the role of Mediator of the New Covenant  
Hebrews 8:6-13; 9:15

Wrought Redemption for Old Covenant transgressors  
Heb. 9:15; Eph. 1:7; Col. 1:14; Gal. 3:13

Rent the Veil  
Matt. 27:51; Heb. 10:19-20

Cancelled the reign of death  
1 Cor. 15:25-26; Heb. 2:9, 14-15

Bruised the Serpent's head  
Gen. 3:15

**IN HIS DEATH, JESUS CHRIST  
ACCOMPLISHED AND FINISHED  
HIS FATHER'S WORK AS  
PROPHESIED IN THE 70TH  
WEEK OF DANIEL.**

**JESUS SAID "I HAVE FINISHED  
THE WORK" John 17:4**

\*Confirm = to make firm, strengthen, establish, to prove the truth, validity or authenticity of; to establish as true that which was previously set forth.

\*\*Ratify = to give formal and legal authorization and approval to ~ to legalize



# THE LANGUAGE OF THE PROPHETS

*"For every beast of the forest  
is mine, and the cattle upon a  
thousand hills." –Psalm 50:10*

Part 2

By Robert Caringola

The Round Indefinite

I do not know how many times over the last four decades that I have read the 50th Psalm. Many years ago, when I was pondering the consistent language of the prophets, their metaphors and allegories used from Adam to Malachi, did the implications of the above stated verse dawn on me! The Psalmist stated that God owns the cows on 1,000 hills. Ok then, but who owns the cow standing on hill 1,001? Are we being clued here in the Psalms, and other verses in scripture, to something very relevant to our time mentioned in the Revelation? I'll get back to this.

Let's examine one of the greatest revelations concerning the language of the prophets: The understanding of the DAY-FOR-A-YEAR truth when interpreting divine time measures, Ezekiel proclaimed, *"I have appointed thee each day for a year."* Ez. 4:6. One of the greatest demonstrations of this "language of the prophets" is found in Daniel chapter 9; the Messianic prophecy of the 70 Weeks (490 days for a year). All agree that these "weeks" are to be interpreted according to Ezekiel's revealed prophetic key. Have you ever asked yourself why then, in Daniel's sister book, The Revelation of Jesus Christ, are the divine time measures proclaimed as a "day for a day" by the Roman Catholic teachings on prophecy known as Futurism and Preterism? Many Protestants today are poisoned with this terrible curse of uncertainty!

In the Revelation, there are eight epochs of divine time measures. All have passed in history. Historicism properly interprets and defines this history. They are as follows: (I haven't forgot about cow 1,001)

1) The ten days' tribulation of the church at Smyrna Rev. 2:10. 2) The duration of the Scorpion torment Rev. 9:5. 3) The Career of the Euphratean horsemen Rev. 9:15. 4) The time of the down-treading of the Holy City Rev. 11:2. 5)

That of the prophesying of the two witnesses Rev. 11:3. 6) The time they lay unburied Rev. 11:9. 7) The Sojourn of the woman in the wilderness Rev. 12:6,14. 8) The period of the domination of the beast Rev. 13:6. (See these periods properly interpreted in *The Present Reign Of Jesus Christ.*)

Now back to cow 1,001. It is evident that the use of thousands here in the Psalm and other places in Scripture imply a **round indefinite**, not an exact calculation. Again, prophetic language is consistent in your Bible. And of course, God owns cow 1,001 and 1,002 and...etc.

Now with a measured understanding of the prophetic thousands let's look at, what for some is, the most puzzling use in Revelation chapter 20.

FOUR TIMES the word "thousands" is used! What meanest this? Is this another exact divine time measure? Is it an exactly calculated period yet to come? Does the day-for-a-year apply here? If it is, then is the prophecy revealing a divine time measure of 365,000 DAY YEARS yet to come? Absolutely not!! Furthermore, what is most frustrating for the author is the inability to address these questions in this short article. The good news is that I address the "thousands" in the "Present Reign" chapter 20 "THE SYMBOLIC MILLENIUM."

*"God keeps covenant and mercy to a thousand generations"* Deut. 7:9. Does His mercy stop there? Is generation 1,001 doomed? Did Moses cut God Short?

*"Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever,"* proclaimed the prophet David in his psalm of thanksgiving in 1Chronicles 16:34.

It's a Contradiction, or the use of the **round indefinite**?

# DO YOU KNOW CHRIST BY PERSONAL REVELATION?

*“He saith unto them, But whom say ye that I am? And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven” (Matthew 16:15-17)*

By W.F. Bell

**T**he most important question you could ever be asked is simply this: Do you in reality know the living Christ? The question is not, Are you religious? – Are you a church member? – Do you read the Bible? You may be very religious, yet not know Christ in your heart. You may be a loyal church member, a regular reader of God’s Word, a person who “says” their prayers or one who loves to study religious books and doctrine. But, these soul-searching questions still remain – Have you ever seen yourself as a lost, vile sinner before a holy God? Have you ever been stripped of your self-righteousness and laid low in the dust of humility? Have you ever viewed by faith the glorious person of the Lord Jesus Christ, all because of a direct and personal revelation to you by the Holy Spirit?

Sinner friend, I plead with you to not be deceived. Do not rest in your religious creeds, your attendance of religious worship or your so-called righteous acts. Rest only in Christ! Look only to Him! Be not content with any religion if Christ is not the center and substance of it! Do not be deceived by man-made religion! Seek that which comes by divine

BUT WHOM  
SAY YE  
THAT I AM



revelation, as Simon Peter had. Simon was blessed to know who Christ was by a personal revelation to him of God the Father! This must also be true of us. If Christ Jesus is not known to you by the revelation of the Holy Spirit, He is not

known as the very well-spring of blessedness to the soul. If you only know Jesus no more than the world knows or the learned among men know, you have not the real blessing. If you only know the Lord of glory by what you have found out



yourself, in reading or in talking to others, unaided by the Father's drawing power you are not blessed with true salvation. If you know no more of Christ than what flesh and blood has revealed to you, you are nothing more than a Pharisee or Sadducee – religious, but lost without God – a separatist or a rationalist, but not a recipient of revelation and regeneration. May the eternal God reveal to you your true and undone condition before Him!

Among the vast religious throngs of this earth there is to be found the true people of God. These chosen of the Father are also redeemed by the Son, and quickened by the Spirit. The elect of God know by deep acknowledgement of their sin that they are blind and ignorant by nature. The true children of God have been made humble, they confess their total dependence upon the grace and mercy of Christ, and place their entire confidence and faith in His meritorious righteousness and shed blood. In the Lord Jesus Christ alone do "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace" (Ephesians 1:7).

Reader, what do you know of this once crucified, yet now living Christ? Does

His name bring gladness to your heart? Do you love the fragrance of His person? Is He more than just a religious leader to you? Beware of cloudy views of King Jesus! Beware lest you only have a head knowledge of Him! Make sure that Christ is your Surety, your Substitute, your Sacrifice and your Saviour. Beware of any religion which belittles Him or that does not exalt Him as the only way to God.

Do you believe in Jesus by an inward discernment of Him? Do you clearly see Him as the Son of man and the Son of God? Is He definitely your Lord and Saviour, your propitiation (satisfaction) before God? If you know Him thus you have not learned this by the instruction of men. You have had a direct and personal revelation made to you and in you by the Father concerning who Jesus Christ really is (Galatians 1:16).

## The SON of the living GOD



*It is only when the Lord Himself deals with you, taking you in His powerful hand, that you are truly taught who Christ is. You may have heard about Jesus, but you can only know Him as "the Son of the living God" when illuminated and quickened by the Spirit of God. Jesus came forth from God, and the power to know Christ comes forth from God also. If you have Christ, you have the new birth! If you have Christ, you have eternal life! If you have not Christ, you have nothing but dead, lifeless, counterfeit religion! John declared; "He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life" (1 John 5:12). Said our blessed Master: "No man can come to me, except the Father which hath sent me draw him: and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:44). May divine power draw you this day, poor sinner! May you see Christ in all His Beauty! May you come to worship and serve only Him! Christ is to be seen, but in the light which He Himself supplies. May that light shine unto you even now and to our glorious God be all the glory!*

# THE RELIGION OF HUMANISM



By Pastor Earl Linville Christian Covenant Fellowship

**H**umanism is alive and well in America. Nationally and collectively most Americans observe a religion called “Humanism.” This includes political parties, our monetary system, the media, the educational system, much of religion, and generally most of society.

The dictionary defines humanism as follows: “a doctrine, attitude or way of life centered on human interests or values; especially in philosophy that asserts the dignity and worth of man and his capacity for self-realization through reason that often rejects supernaturalism.” Doctrine, attitude, way of life centered on human interest and values? The last part of the above definition is that this doctrine, attitude and way of life often reject supernaturalism. In other words it rejects revelation and guidance from God. I call that the religion of humanism. The god worshipped in this religion is “man” himself. The humanist may even still profess to believe in God, worship Him and give Him a little lip service, but the humanist decides for himself what is good or bad, right or wrong, moral or immoral, what sin is and what is not.

While God’s Law should govern every aspect of our lives, nationally, individually and even in government, we have many man-made laws and personal opinions that conflict with and violate God’s Law. An honest simple reading of the Bible will reveal this.

• *“Through thy precepts I get understanding: therefore I hate every false way. Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” Psalm 119:104-105*

Some time ago on the O’Reilly Factor they showed a segment where a Gallup poll was taken on morality in America, and was titled, “Sin, what is morally acceptable and unacceptable.” It covered many issues, such as premarital sex, having a baby out of wedlock, abortion, pornography, adultery, death penalty and suicide. The results of the poll made it clear to me that society has trended toward more tolerant views as to what is acceptable than it held years ago. But what really got my attention was the lack of any mention of God, or the definition of sin, which is transgression of God’s Law. (1 John 3:4) It is all about what the people think, what the people thought was morally acceptable or immorally unacceptable.

In this poll not one person was asked “what does the Creator God say on the subject?” God’s Word was/is not considered or mentioned. That’s humanism.

How did we get to this point? By two main ways. First, by believing the false doctrine that all of the moral Laws of God were “nailed to the cross” and therefore done away with. But they weren’t.

The second way was by our believing the lie of separation of Church and State. The Constitution nowhere teaches that idea, and certainly the Bible doesn’t. The false doctrine of “Separation of Church and State” is merely a lie and a “smokescreen” elected officials hide behind so they don’t have to obey God and His Laws as His Word commands them to do.

Man-made laws, apart from God’s direction and laws, become arbitrary, inconsistent, unstable, unfair, corrupt and at the whim of politicians trying to please the people, or a segment of the people, rather than do what God demands of them. Man’s laws can swing like a pendulum. One day they might be just, the next day unjust. What might be legal in one administration is illegal in the next.

God’s Laws are holy, just, consistent and eternal. God is not a flip flopper like the religion of humanism. That is comforting to me.

# CALVARY & THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD

By Charles A. Jennings



*“And when they were come to the place, which is called Calvary, there they crucified him,” –Luke 23:33*

**I**t is my intention that each reader understands that the Anglo-Israel message is firmly based upon the principle of the “*shedding of blood*” whereby is Israel’s only legal means to transact business with God.

The correct identification of God’s people Israel as being the Anglo-Saxon and related families is not for the purpose of self-glory, but for the understanding of the plan of God as expressed in the Biblical covenants that He Himself made with His people. In the covenants that God initiated with Israel, the principle of the “*shedding of blood*” was the vital means to bind each party to the terms of the covenant.

**The three all-encompassing purposes of the shedding of blood** in Scripture are:

**1. Atonement** – means to “cover.” In order to “cover” the first-born of every Israelite family in Egypt, God commanded that they apply the shed blood of a lamb to the door posts and lintel of their home. God said; “*And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt*” Ex. 12:13.

The writer of Hebrews made it clear that; “*almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission*” Heb. 9:22. The only remedy for sin is the atoning and cleansing power of the shed blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.


See the chart: “At A Place Called Calvary” on page 8.

**2. Redemption** – means to “*buy back*” that which was originally possessed, but was then “lost.” When God divorced His people Israel in 721 B.C. because of their idolatry and unfaithfulness to Him, they were put away in punishment and therefore became “lost.” The literal people still existed, but estranged in their relationship to their husband, the Lord God and were in need of redemption. That act of redemption was when Jesus died on the cross and paid the price to reestablish that covenant relationship with His wife, the House of Israel. The Apostle Paul stated that “we have redemption through His blood” Eph. 1:7. Historically it has been the people of the Christian nations of Northwestern Europe that have accepted the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ as the only means to be “bought back” into national and personal covenant relationship with God.

**3. Ratification of a Covenant** – The Abrahamic and Mosaic covenants were sealed and ratified with the shedding of animal blood. The word ‘ratify’ means to confirm or make binding. In Jeremiah 31:31 the Lord declared; “*Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah.*”

The writer of Hebrews identified this New Covenant as the Christian covenant that Jesus made and ratified with the shedding of His own blood. (Heb. 8:6-13). On the night of His betrayal by Judas the Lord Jesus declared to His disciples; “*For this is my blood of the New Testament (covenant), which is shed for many for the remission of sins*” Matt. 26:28.

*“And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself” –Colossians 1:20*



# WHY IS YOUR TEACHING OF PROPHECY SO DIFFERENT FROM THE MAJORITY OF CHURCHES TODAY?

By Pastor Robert Phillips, CPF

**M**any Churches have different views of prophecy. However, they are usually variations of three main prophetic views. Although a valid interpretation may be discerned in both Old and New Testament prophecy, some views are traceable to the post-apostolic period, when the dearth of the Holy Spirit led to increasingly speculative interpretations. But more particularly, differing views of prophecy were recognisable during and after the Reformation, gaining greater recognition during the 19th and 20th centuries.

## THE COUNTER REFORMATION

The Counter Reformation Movement led by Ignatius Loyola and the Jesuits, under the direction of so-called Pope Paul III, formally began in 1545. Martin Luther and the other Reformers were extremely effective in identifying the Papacy with the Antichrist referred to in the Scriptures. In order to deflect that, a vital part of the Counter Reformation plan was to create alternative interpretations of Prophecy, especially with regard to Antichrist, to divert focus from the Papacy and the Roman Catholic Church.

# THE COUNTER REFORMATION

Two Jesuits played a vital role in this. One was the Spanish theologian Luis de Alcazar. He developed the theory that the prophecies of Christ and of the book of Revelation were all fulfilled by 70ad. According to this scenario, the Beast of Revelation 13 was the Roman Empire. Nero in particular, was the anti-Christian Emperor who persecuted and slaughtered Christians. Alcazar's book *An Investigation of the Hidden Sense of the Apocalypse* was published in 1614. This view became known as Preterism, and has become more accepted in recent years. It is especially popular among those who believe in a spiritual Kingdom of God, which they believe was inaugurated in 70ad. There was undoubtedly a partial, but by no means final fulfilment of Prophecy in 70ad. The one major problem with the Preterist view is most scholars agree it is unlikely that the book of Revelation was written until approximately 96ad, which tells us much was yet to be fulfilled.

Francisco Ribera was the Spanish Jesuit theologian whose theory was to have a major impact on the Church. In his *Commentary on the Gospel of the Apocalypse* published in 1590, Ribera developed what became known as Futurism, based on the 'postponement' or 'gap' theory. This reinterprets Daniel 9:24-27. The period of "70 weeks" (490 years, calculated on a day for a year scale), was a prophecy divided into three parts:-

The rebuilding of Jerusalem in "7 weeks" (49 years);

A further "62 weeks" (434 years) "unto Messiah the prince" – "69 weeks" (483 years). Jesus was anointed as Christ (Messiah) at His baptism;

During the 70th week, "shall Messiah be cut off [put to death]". Christ made the final sacrifice and oblation forever "in the midst of the week", i.e. after 3½ years ministry. Daniel also prophesied the destruction of Jerusalem by Prince Titus of Rome, which occurred in 70ad (verse 26).

However, instead of applying this wonderful prophecy to Christ, Ribera totally distorted it by inventing an indeterminate gap between the 69th and 70th week of Daniel's prophecy, postponing the 70th week to the end of the Church age, and applying it, not to Christ, as clearly stated, but to Antichrist and a future 7 year 'Great Tribulation.' This led to a distorted view of the coming of Christ, that the Church will be 'caught up'—not just to meet the Lord as stated—but to heaven—which is not stated, while Antichrist takes over the earth!



## BIBLICAL HISTORICISM

These two views—Preterism that pushes prophecy back into the past, and Futurism, that pushes it into the future, ignore the fact that Bible Prophecy has been progressively fulfilled throughout history. This was clearly the way Daniel, Jesus Himself, and the Apostles interpreted Prophecy. We refer to this as the Historical or Historicist view, not because it relates solely to the past, but the time-lines of Prophecy apply to the past, present and future. History is being made every day, and in this sense, Prophecy has, and is, being fulfilled daily.

Whereas most Historicists agree regarding time-cycles etc., there are differences of emphasis. Literal Historicism emphasises the fulfilment of major events throughout secular history. Church Historicism emphasises events in relation to the Church, as taught by the Reformers. National Historicism recognises the above, in the light of God's Plan for His True Israel, and the coming of Christ to reign on the Throne of David, as King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

Much of Bible Prophecy that Futurists (Dispensationalists) apply to the future, has either already been fulfilled, or is reaching its final stages. We should not be taken in by futuristic fantasies. Rather, we should make our calling and election sure, and trust the Lord. "Even so come Lord Jesus!"

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### HISTORY OF THE COVENANT PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP

*The Society for Proclaiming Britain is Israel*, now known as The Covenant People's Fellowship, was founded in April 1945 by Rev. Charles S. McKelvey, widely known as a speaker in large public and open-air gatherings for the propagation of British-Israel Truth. The stated aims and objectives of the SPBI were to teach the whole counsel of God as revealed in the Bible, and to emphasise that Great Britain and Nations of Anglo-Saxon-Celtic descent—i.e. the British Commonwealth, the USA, and related peoples of Western Europe are descended from the dispersed tribes of the House of Israel, and part of the House of Judah. In September 1945 the first issue of "Brith" magazine was published.

Other well-known ministers became part of the Ministry Team of the SPBI, including Rev. Dr. Norman Court, Rev. George Thompson and Rev. Albion Gaunt. Others who became part of the Ministry were Rev. Roy Simpson, and Dr. Francis Thomas who became General Secretary, succeeding Rev. Charles McKelvey, who remained the Organiser of SPBI until 1974.

Dr. Francis Thomas proved to be an effective leader. In 1982 the Council decided to change the name to "The Covenant People's Fellowship". One of the reasons was to emphasise that the Covenant People include many Nations. Rev. Kenneth Whittaker had taken over as editor of "Brith" in 1974, but when "Brith" was replaced, he became designer and editor of ***Covenant Voice and Covenant Viewpoint***.

Dr. Francis Thomas passed away in 1992, and was succeeded briefly by his son-in-law Rev. Roy Simpson, and subsequently by Rev. Kenneth Whittaker in 1995, serving until 2016. He had continued designing and editing *Covenant Voice/Viewpoint* and all CPF publications, and after he resigned, Rev. Robert Phillips, after serving as Vice President, became President and General Secretary.

