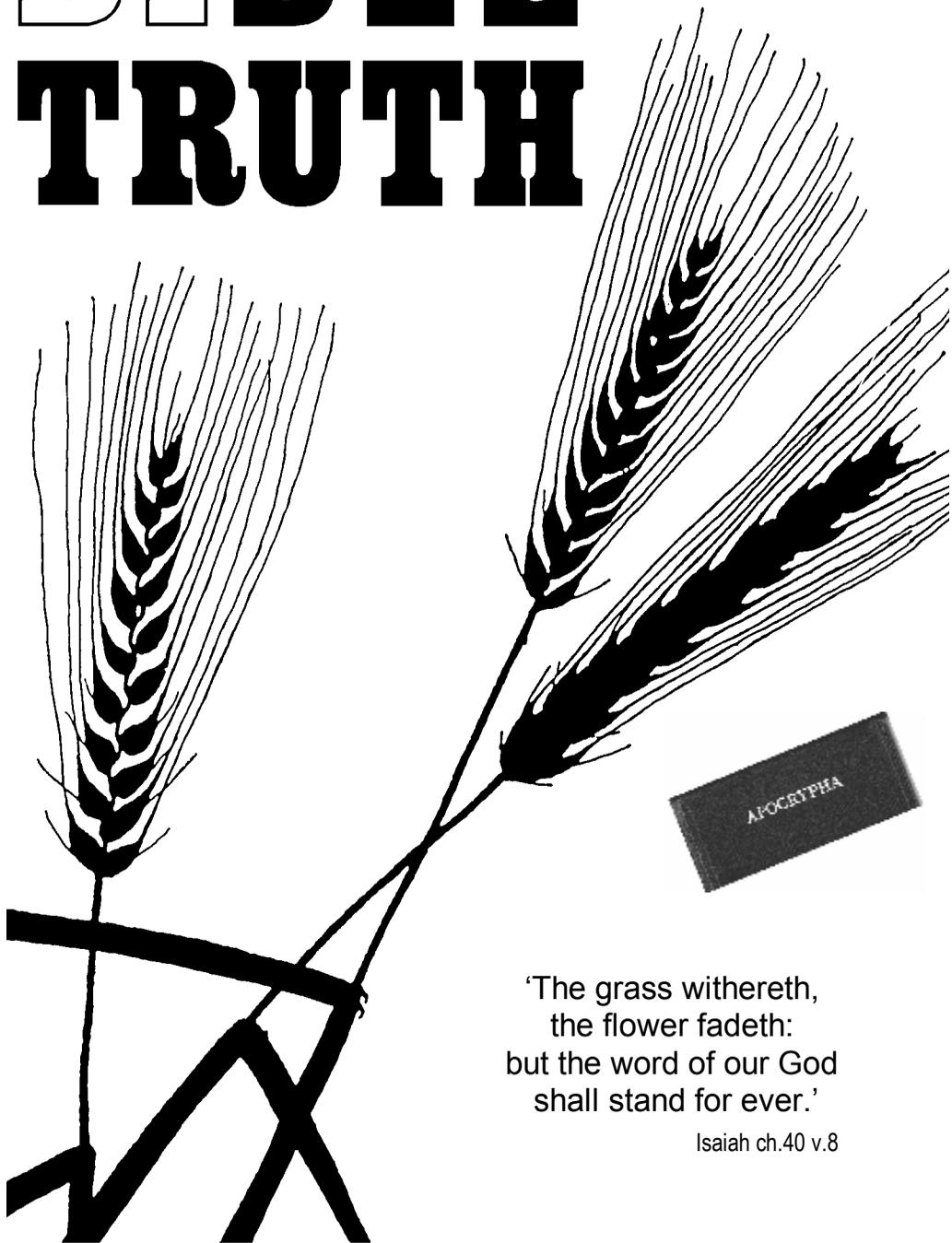


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'The grass withereth,
the flower fadeth:
but the word of our God
shall stand for ever.'

Isaiah ch.40 v.8

THE NEW COVENANT

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As much nonsense is taught concerning this important subject it is worth revisiting it.

Under the terms of the New Covenant, God says,

‘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: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more’.

Jeremiah ch.31 vv.31-34

This is important for Israel, Judah, Jewry and even the Church because it is confirmed in the New Testament,

‘But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, **the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:** Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they continued not in my covenant, and I regarded them not, saith the Lord. For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts: and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their

iniquities will I remember no more. In that he saith, A new covenant, he hath made the first old. Now that which decayeth and waxeth old is ready to vanish away’.

Hebrews ch.8 vv.6-13

Every Israelite must be re-covenanted to Yahweh through His Son Jesus Christ. Formerly circumcision was of the flesh, now it is of the heart. Moses looked to the day when Israel would accept Christian circumcision and his words are recorded as follows,

‘And the LORD thy God will circumcise thine heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, that thou mayest live’.

Deuteronomy ch.30 v.6

Every Israelite under the terms of the New Covenant must accept the new type of circumcision in order to secure citizenship in the coming new order. Strangers who are not Israelites by birth can also become a citizen by the same means, that is, circumcision of heart.

The great multitude whom John described had thus become citizens through Jesus Christ. The way has been opened that every Israelite may secure His citizenship. Every non-Israelite may become a citizen by the simple process of accepting Jesus Christ and keeping all His commandments. ‘The Blessings of the Kingdom’.
