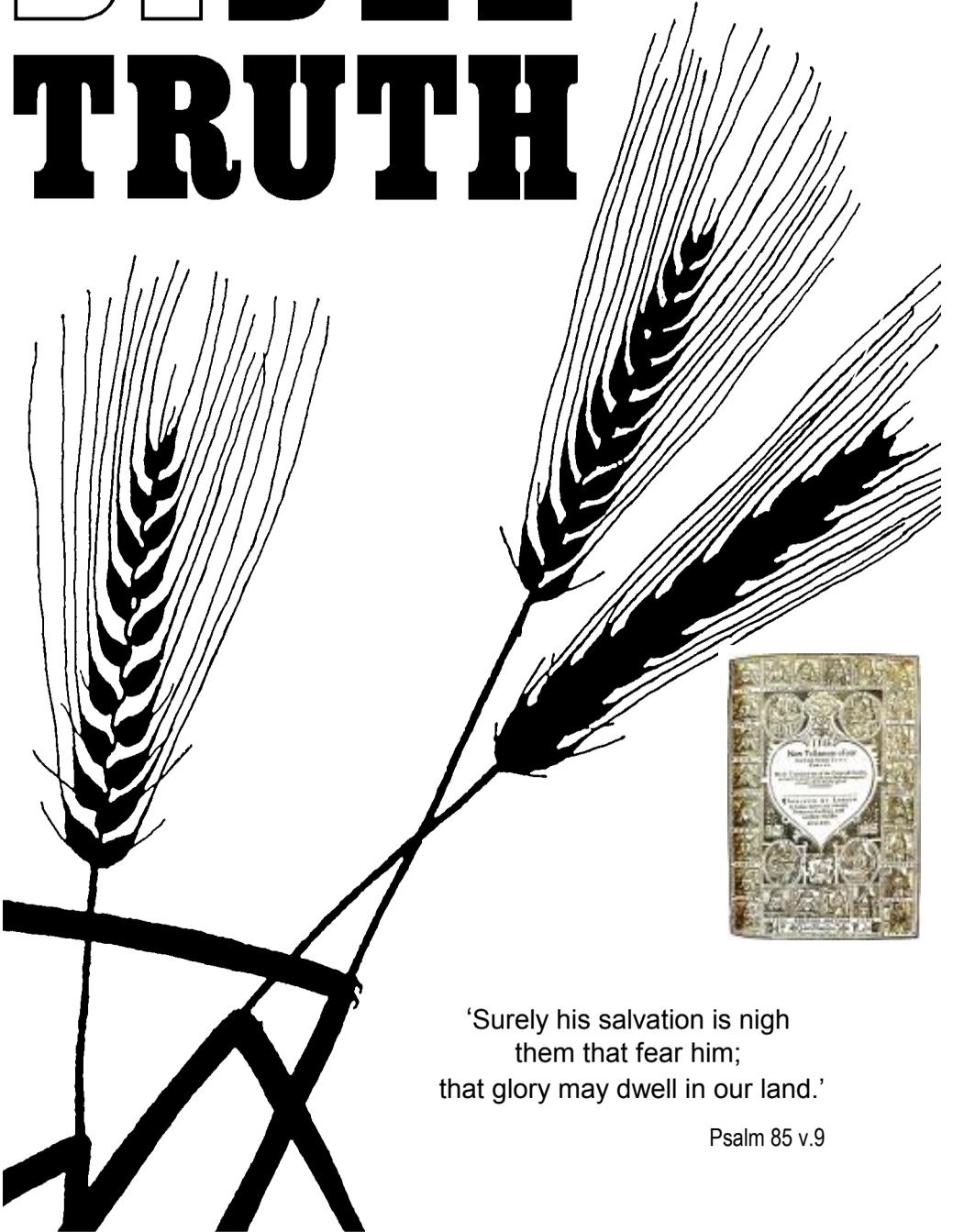


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‘Surely his salvation is nigh  
them that fear him;  
that glory may dwell in our land.’

Psalm 85 v.9

# THE CUT OFF ONES

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In the vision of the dry bones, the prophet Ezekiel saw bones in a valley come to life as flesh came upon them and the breath of God entered into them. The Lord said to Ezekiel,

‘Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried, and our hope is lost: we are cut off for our parts. Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, O my people, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, and bring you into the land of Israel’.

Ezekiel ch.37 vv.11-12

There are two resurrections coming, at the beginning and end of the millennial rule of Christ. Paul wrote about the first one in his first letter to the Thessalonians,

‘For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord’.

1 Thessalonians ch.4 vv 16-17

I believe this event will happen at the end of the period called ‘Jacob’s Trouble’ or ‘the Great Tribulation’. I do not believe in a silent rapture followed by seven years of chaos under the rule of the Anti-Christ.

The second resurrection is the resurrection to judgment, mentioned in Revelation ch.20 v.12.

‘And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God; and the books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works.’

God continually warned the Israelites that He would cut people off from Israel for unbelief and the worship of other gods. Moses could cut people off for a variety of sins, but when God cut someone off, it was for something very serious, and the judgement was eternal. The people that made Aaron craft an idol to worship were cut off by God.

They did not believe Moses would come down from the mountain and did not believe that God had brought them out of Egypt. They said another god had brought them out, represented by the golden calf.

‘And the LORD said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book.’

Exodus ch.32 v.33

This is the book of life referred to in Revelation ch.20 v.15.

‘And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire.’

The Bible mentions various sins that God would cut people off from Israel for, including the worship of Molech, seeking evil spirits in seances, consulting with psychics (wizards) and the like.

‘And the LORD spake unto Moses, saying, Again, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. And I will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. And if the people of the land do any ways hide their eyes from the man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and kill him not: Then I will set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that go a whoring after him, to commit whoredom with Molech, from among their people. And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.’

Leviticus ch.20 vv 1-6

I read that Wicca (witchcraft) is the fastest growing religion in North America. Could this be because of books, movies and television programmes about good witches and bad witches? The Bible does not make this distinction and says to avoid anything to do with that religion.

‘There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.’

Deuteronomy ch.18 vv 10-11

Judah had only one king that used witchcraft. God said it was because of the sins of that king (Manasseh), that He destroyed the nation (see 2 Kings ch.24 v.3). We do not realize how serious an offence it is to dabble in such things.

Our duty to God is to believe in Jesus Christ, His Sacrifice, Resurrection, and coming Kingdom.

‘Then said they unto him, What shall we do, that we might work the works of God? Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent.’

John ch.6 vv 28-29

Our faith in Jesus Christ makes us acceptable to God and ensures our part in the great resurrection that is coming.

‘Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.’

Hebrews ch.10 vv 38-39

God did not ask very much of the Israelites in the Old Testament. They were told to worship only God, not to bow down to any other god or any idol, and to avoid marriage with people from the heathen countries that worshipped other gods.

‘When the LORD thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and hath cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; And when the LORD thy God shall deliver them before thee; thou shalt smite them, and utterly destroy them; thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them: Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. For they will turn away thy son from following me, that they may serve other gods: so will the anger of the LORD be kindled against you, and destroy thee suddenly. But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire.’

Deuteronomy ch.7 vv 1-5

They were also told never to eat blood.

‘And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, that eateth any manner of blood; I will even set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people.’

Leviticus ch.17 v.10

If they obeyed God in all these things, God would not cut them off from Israel. The requirements of Israelites in the New Testament era are similar. We are to worship only God the Father, and to come to Him by believing in His Son, Jesus Christ. He then puts His Holy Spirit in us to guide us and correct us. If we obey God in these things, we cannot be cut off from Israel, and we have part in the great resurrection that is coming.

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