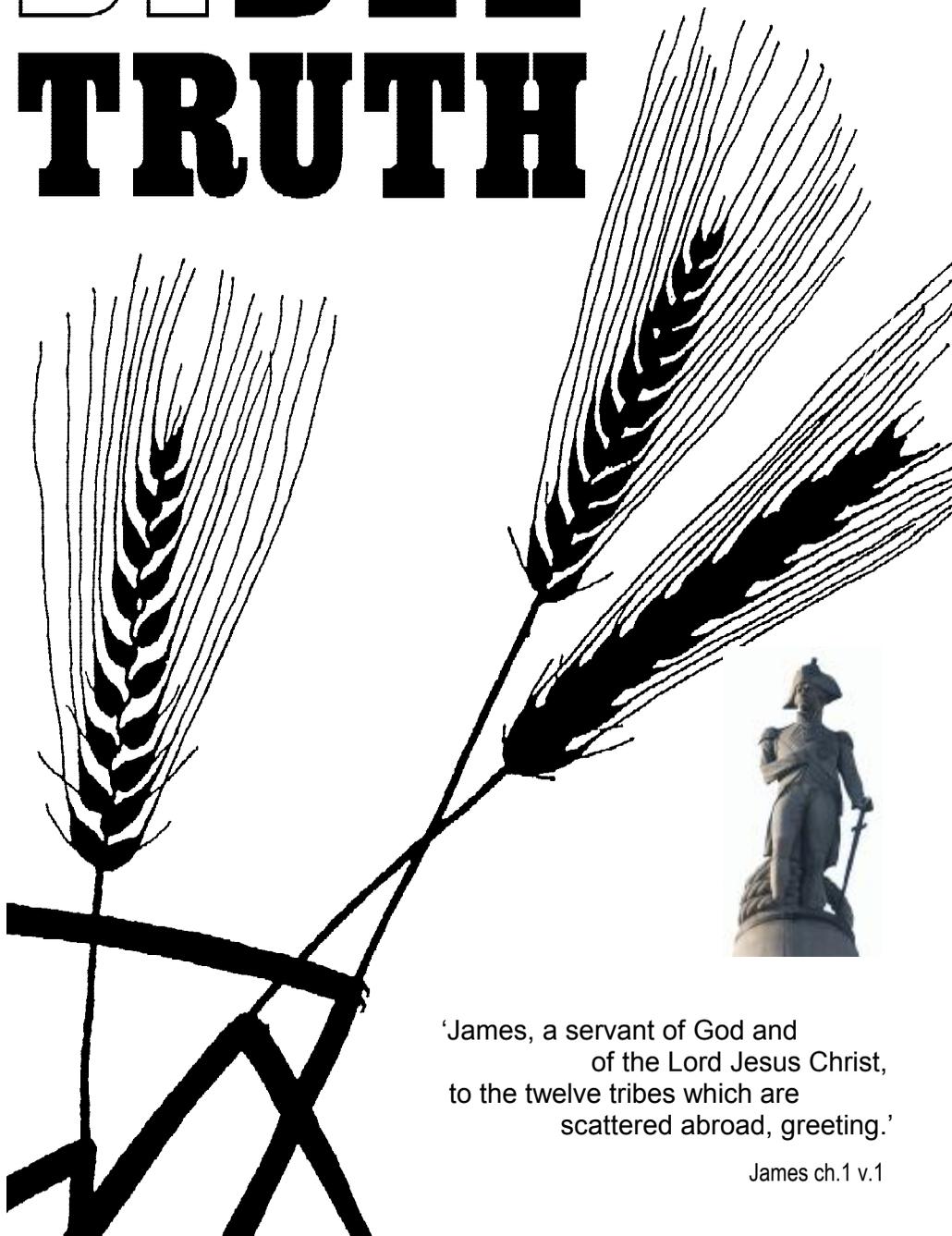


BIBLE TRUTH

No. 276
October/December
2014



‘James, a servant of God and
of the Lord Jesus Christ,
to the twelve tribes which are
scattered abroad, greeting.’

James ch.1 v.1

ISRAEL'S LOATHING

By John Trotter

See Ezekiel ch.7 vv 5-9 & ch.36 vv 21-38

Most commentaries agree that chapter 36 of Ezekiel lies within the section that pertains to Israel's restoration. I believe that it can be safely stated that verses 21 to 38 can be applied to future events. Detail mentioned in these verses will be applied to true biblical Israel's descendants of whom most are living as the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic peoples.

'Then shall ye remember your own evil ways, and your doings that were not good, and shall lothe yourselves in your own sight for your iniquities and for your abominations.'

Ezekiel ch.36 v.31

For Israel to loathe herself something beyond our present understanding has got to happen to cause this change of heart.

Future events are clearly framed within the phrase,

'Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord GOD; I do not this for your sakes, O house of Israel, but for mine holy name's sake, which ye have profaned among the heathen, whither ye went'.

Ezekiel ch.36 v.22

The next verse clearly states that His name is to be sanctified after it has been profaned.

'And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the LORD, saith the Lord GOD, when I shall be sanctified in you before their eyes.'

Ezekiel ch.36 v.23

These phrases clearly establish the sovereign nature of the God who was worshipped by Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. God in effect can do what He likes. He is the potter and we are the clay (see Isaiah ch.64 v.8 & Jeremiah ch.18 v.6). This feature of God is often overlooked. God's mercy is not necessarily shown to all people.

'For he saith to Moses, I will have mercy on whom I will have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I will have compassion.'

Romans ch.9 v.15

It is important to realise that the context of the verses in Ezekiel ch.36 is to be seen within the unconditional New Covenant that was

made with the two Houses of Israel. It is my view that the sprinkling of clean water and the removing of filthiness will occur on this earth. It will take place after His Second Coming to this earth. Christ will have returned with those who will reign with Him. This New Covenant will be the beginning of the phrase,

‘Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven’.
Matthew ch.6 v.10

During the early period of this earthly Kingdom those who have been appointed to rule with Him will be granted their roles of restoring the Kingdom. Ezekiel ch.36 v.24 surely shows that God’s plan for His restored Kingdom is to take place on this planet. Many verses in the Bible have been written about the ‘new heavens and the new earth’. Read the context of Isaiah ch.65 v.17 to see how this wonderful vision is to become a reality.

What a mystery! God’s plan for His creation cannot be completed until His Wife is cleansed under the New Covenant promises. Hebrews ch.8 is very much a continuation of Ezekiel ch.36. The Mosaic Covenant was not perfect for we continue to sin but Christ who was sinless could take upon Himself the sins of the people who were under the Law. God through Jesus took out of the way ‘the curse of the Law’ (Galatians ch.3 v.13).

‘So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.’

Hebrews ch.9 v.28

Let us refer to Isaiah concerning the word many.

‘He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify **many**; for he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore will I divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of **many**, and made intercession for the transgressors.’

Isaiah ch. 53. vv 11-12

I ask the question, Why ‘MANY’?

As time progresses towards His Second Coming we are going to see no signs of recovery. Yet because of the continual injection of credit into the financial system there will be continued expectation of hope for the future. The masses will be expected to rely on the decisions of

world leaders. But the people have yet to realise that God has made foolish the wisdom of this world.

‘For it is written, I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent. Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this world? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of this world?’

I Corinthians ch.1 vv 19-20

Isaiah ch.29 v.14 also substantiates these verses.

It is my view that over the next ten years there will arise unexpected issues that we all, including nations, will have to confront. As individuals we will have to decide as to which side of the fence we represent. A friend, who is a science master, recently informed me that ethics and morals are going to be a major issue in the forthcoming revolutionary changes in education. A lot of pressure will be put on teachers to make sure what the State expects will be taught. Technology and all forms of science is going to be presented as the ‘saviour’ of mankind and Science will increasingly replace the Word of God.

As for religious education, the present differences between the main religions will be made less obvious. The theme will be that of ecumenical brotherhood. The view of separation will be considered as socially unacceptable and as I have read, some authorities will consider separation from the world as a form of mental illness. The broad path that leads to destruction will be the way of the social engineers. Yet the word of God has assured us,

‘Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?’... He that sitteth in the heavens shall laugh: the Lord shall have them in derision’.

Psalms 2 vv 1&4

Daniel ch.2 vv 34-35 & 45 says that a stone which was cut out of a mountain without hands, destroys the image seen by King Nebuchadnezzar. This image was made up of four kingdoms which have passed into history. So how could the stone destroy the image? May I suggest that in addition to the Empire that followed Nebuchadnezzar these four kingdoms are still represented in our world by all the ‘gods’ that were worshipped in those days. Even the ‘gods’ of Egypt are represented today. Read any New Age book or go into a New Age shop and you will realise what I mean. The names of these ‘gods’ are seen everyday, like that of Mazda, Nike, and Thule.

Even in the churches there are teachings of these past kingdoms. Many accepted doctrines and teachings that have ancient heathen

origins have been used to put aside the need to believe in Biblical doctrine. Feelings and emotions appear to be more important than sound Biblical teaching. People generally do not realise just to what extent the cleansing has to go, for example, in my view even much of church architecture will have to be removed because of the occult influence. Once the cleansing starts we will 'remember our evil ways'. For a complete list of the sins of the Western Nations read all the prophetic books from Isaiah to Malachi. Can the Israelite Nations be less repentant than the heathen? A possible answer is to be found in the book of Matthew.

'Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes.'

Matthew ch.11 v.21

At the moment I am reading a book entitled, '*Contemplative Mysticism: A Powerful Ecumenical Bond*' by David Cloud. If you obtain a copy you will realise that much of what is happening in the world today goes right back to the discussion between Satan and Eve in the Garden of Eden. Satan's 'ministers of righteousness' (see 2 Corinthians ch.11 v.15) are having a field day. But God will not be mocked (see Galatians ch.6 v.7) for God is going to treat the wicked sinner in the same way as God is treated by them. These views are confirmed by the following text,

'And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie:.'

2 Thessalonians ch.2 v.11.

It must be realised that the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob has within His Sovereign power the right to accept or reject whom He likes.

It becomes very obvious as you read Old Testament history that there are only two issues that are going to save the day for Israel. One is the remnant whom God will preserve and the second is the unconditional Covenants with Israel because God swore by Himself. He will intervene when mankind is on the precipice of destruction. As stated in Matthew ch 24 v.22 it will be for the '... elect's sake those days shall be shortened' or docked as a dog's tail.

Who is God's elect?

'For Jacob my servant's sake, and Israel mine elect, I have even called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me.'

Isaiah ch.45 v.4

In Ezekiel ch.36 vv 21-38 there are over fifteen 'I will' or 'will I' phrases. The whole passage is centred on what God is going to bring about. God is going to allow Israel to descend into the pits of despair, for the sole purpose of showing His Saving Grace or unmerited favour towards a 'stiffnecked people' (Deuteronomy ch.9 v.6). This continually repeated message of the Bible is not taught in the churches. It is more a message of us choosing Christ.

If my understanding from the Bible is correct then God will intervene for His Remnant, when those who have been chosen for service during the millennium, have been born and trained for that calling. There will be many shepherds required to take the message of the Kingdom to all nations on the earth. Jeremiah ch.23 vv 4-9 tells us about this. In the book of Acts is found this question.

'..., Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel?'

Acts ch.1 v.6

That question will soon be answered. The Kingdom will be restored to Israel as well as her role as the Servant Nation. The role of the 'ecclesia' or called out ones will be incorporated into this role. The following verse confirms the earthly aspect of the Kingdom.

'And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.'

Revelation ch.5 v.10

I think that prior to Israel loathing herself, there will occur supernatural events on this earth that originate in heaven. One such event will be the resurrection of the 'over comers' or high calling as mentioned in 1 Thessalonians ch.4 vv 5-18 prior to the return of Christ. After the marriage supper has taken place in heaven they will return to rule with Christ on earth. Some have even suggested that Elijah will return either literally or spiritually to help prepare Israel for the events ahead. The words of Ezekiel ch.36 vv 33-35 appear to indicate that after the considerable destruction on the earth there will be a rebuilding to the degree that the land will be as the Garden of Eden. So there is still so much to learn from scripture about these matters and I am sure views held now could even change in the remaining years. Nevertheless we have this assurance.

'Many shall be purified, and made white, and tried; but the wicked shall do wickedly: and none of the wicked shall understand; but the wise shall understand.'

Daniel ch.12 v.10

If you were shocked at the collapse of the 9/11 'Twin Towers', the God of Israel has plans for this earth that will cause you to either weep and gnash your teeth (Matthew ch.22 v.13) or cause you to rejoice in the belief that there is only one God who deserves our praise. We have been told,

'... , Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him'.

1 Corinthians ch.2 v.9

We cannot fully comprehend what God has prepared for those who love Him for we see through a darkened glass.

'For now we see through a glass, darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know even as also I am known.'

1 Corinthians ch.13 v.12

Then shall Israel remember all the evil that she has done (Ezekiel ch.36 v.31). The impact of the New Covenant will take effect. Even the heathen throughout the world will become aware of '... I the LORD have spoken it and, I will do it' (Ezekiel ch.36 v.36). The servant work of Israel will continue without the influence of Satanic forces. The end of this service is described as follows.

'For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the LORD, as the waters cover the sea.'

Habakkuk ch.2 v.14.

You know what? This is not the end of His Story! God's plan will be completed only when death, Satan and the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil are destroyed. Only one tree will exist and that is the **tree of life** which will be for the healing of the nations.

'In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the **tree of life**, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.'

Revelation ch.22 v.2

Prior to these events heed this verse, study the Scriptures, pray for understanding and contend for the faith that was once delivered unto the Saints.

'Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.'

Jude v.3
