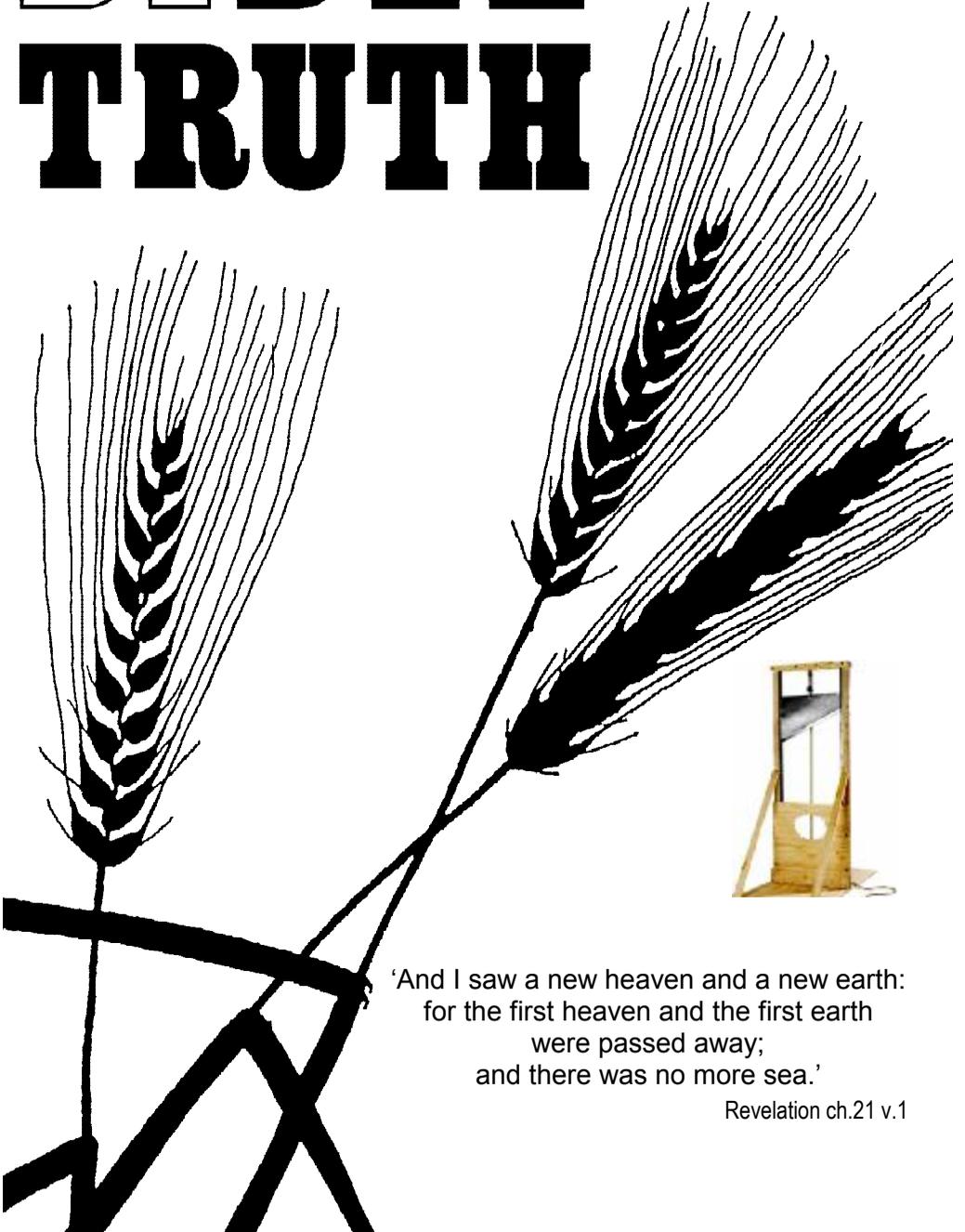


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'And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth  
were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.'

Revelation ch.21 v.1

# PRAYING FOR THE NATION

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Exodus ch.32 vv 7-14

Deuteronomy ch.9 vv 8, 14 &25

Matthew ch.3 v.9

In the Summer of 2010, we in Australia experienced the sham and hypocrisy of politicians parading themselves before the electorate, in the hope that the bemused masses would elect a new parliament. We finally voted in a new government in the name of Democracy. This new Liberal Government promised confidence, investment and honest government. Does this all sound familiar?

After a couple of years when the dust had settled, we looked back and asked the question, 'Have things really changed for the better?' Will the prayers for the Nation that have been sincerely expressed with great expectation, be answered? Or, have we arrived at an historical junction for the Western Nations, when our prayers are an abomination because we have turned away from hearing the law?

'He that turneth away his ear from hearing the law, even his prayer shall be abomination.'

Proverbs ch.28 v.9

Has the writing been on the wall for some time but few have deciphered its message? I believe so.

Recently I attended a number of lectures on Last Day events. The speaker expressed the view, that once a nation legislates laws that are contrary to the Laws given by God to Israel, the nation is in a very serious situation. The matter that he was referring to related to the issue of approving same sex marriages and other related issues. There were a number of other matters raised that showed how the Western Nations had transgressed the Law.

Many might disagree with me but I feel the time has come, or is in the very near future, when our prayers will have to be more in line

with separating us from the world, asking for guidance in our study of the Scriptures, protecting the elect and finally praying for the return of Christ to establish upon this earth His Righteous Kingdom. The return of Christ to this earth is the only solution. Whatever is suggested by man, no matter how good it sounds will not be the answer. Of course there would be personal issues that need to be prayed for, but I believe the foregoing thoughts will provide you with sufficient time for reflection.

I have come to the conclusion that there are still too many people in the churches who believe that the system under which we struggle is still worth saving. Because the churches have not been informed of God's system of Government as explained to Moses, they believe there is no alternative other than some ethereal afterlife of eternal bliss. With Christ reigning on this earth in the near future there has to be some economic and financial laws that will bring about a righteous society. In passing it is worth noting that Christ Himself endorsed these laws on a number of occasions.

Have we arrived at a time in history where the thoughts of God as expressed in Jeremiah reflect our present sinful state.

'Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me: for I will not hear thee.'

Jeremiah ch. 7 v.16

Please read the whole chapter for the context of the following verse. It indicates that there are some left who have not bowed the knee to Baal, and Elijah had to be shown that seven thousand had not become apostate.

'Yet I have left me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.'

1 Kings ch.19 v.18

Being in the world but not of it, still means that we all have to abide by the normal day to day functions of life. What I am referring to here are those people who have succumbed to the temporal matters of this world order. They see their salvation in the future man-made management of world affairs and all the sciences. The

few who have not bowed the knee realise that there is no future in a political and economic system that falsely believes in giving power to the people at the time of an election, then the leaders soon after fulfil their own desires for a world order based on the false god of human reason and a 'Christ' of the New Age teaching.

A read through the Book of Jeremiah reveals that the sins of the people are exactly the same today. Nothing has changed, except the fact that the world has become a global village. The world is smaller due to communication and technology. I came to the conclusion many years ago, that the authorities only plan to manage the decay of society. They fail to eradicate the causes. The symptoms have to be maintained. All this adds more power and control to the social engineers of society. Words like 'sin' and 'disobedience' are not mentioned like they used to be in the churches. Hymns like, '*Onward Christian soldiers, marching as to war*', have been eliminated from the Hymn Book. We appear to be in some type of passive resistance where compromise and tolerance have become the motto of most sermons.

In one respect the Old Testament is a sad history of a people who continually showed a very stiff necked attitude towards a God who only wanted to shower them with blessings.

'For the LORD had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people: I will come up into the midst of thee in a moment, and consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments from thee, that I may know what to do unto thee.'

Exodus ch.33 v.5

Why did God persist in chastening His people?

'Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.'

Deuteronomy ch.8 v.5

Hebrews ch.12 v.6 reads: 'For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth'. This relationship between the Husband (the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob) and His wife (Israel), has continued down through history.

Recently, one of our senior public servants, who was previously a politician, proudly announced that the wording that relates to the 'unknown fallen soldier' at the Canberra War Memorial would be changed. The words at the moment read as follows: 'only known unto God'. In the near future the mention of God is to be removed and the 'unknown fallen soldier' will be seen as a citizen of the world (the exact wording is forgotten). This is just another example where we see the name of God being slowly removed from the memory of people.

Many times I have had it said to me that God is in control and that they are on His side. If the prophets had taken that attitude we would not have had an Old Testament or even a New Testament. The Bible is very clear that God can not go back on His Word for He changes not.

'For I am the LORD, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed.'

Malachi ch.3 v.6

'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.'

James ch.1 v.17

It is my view that the souls of men can be eternally lost and therefore it is necessary that we plant the seed of hope in the mind of those whom we converse with.

'TEKEL; Thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.'

Daniel ch.5 v.27

The word 'Tekel', has been ringing out for some decades, but who can read the signs: we have been, weighed in the balances, and are found wanting'. It is not my intention to advise you in your manner of prayer, but this I am sure of, our leaders both political and spiritual will mostly be found speaking on behalf of Satan's power in high places.

‘For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.’

Ephesians ch.6 v.12

In the mean time be a student of the Scriptures. Believe that God chooses the foolishness of this world to confound the wise.

‘But God hath chosen the foolish things of the world to confound the wise; and God hath chosen the weak things of the world to confound the things which are mighty; And base things of the world, and things which are despised, hath God chosen, yea, and things which are not, to bring to nought things that are: That no flesh should glory in his presence.’

1 Corinthians ch.1 v.27-29

Confide in each other with this understanding,

‘Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it’.

Matthew ch.7 v.14

And finally pray that the ‘chosen remnant’ will remain faithful to the High Calling of God.

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