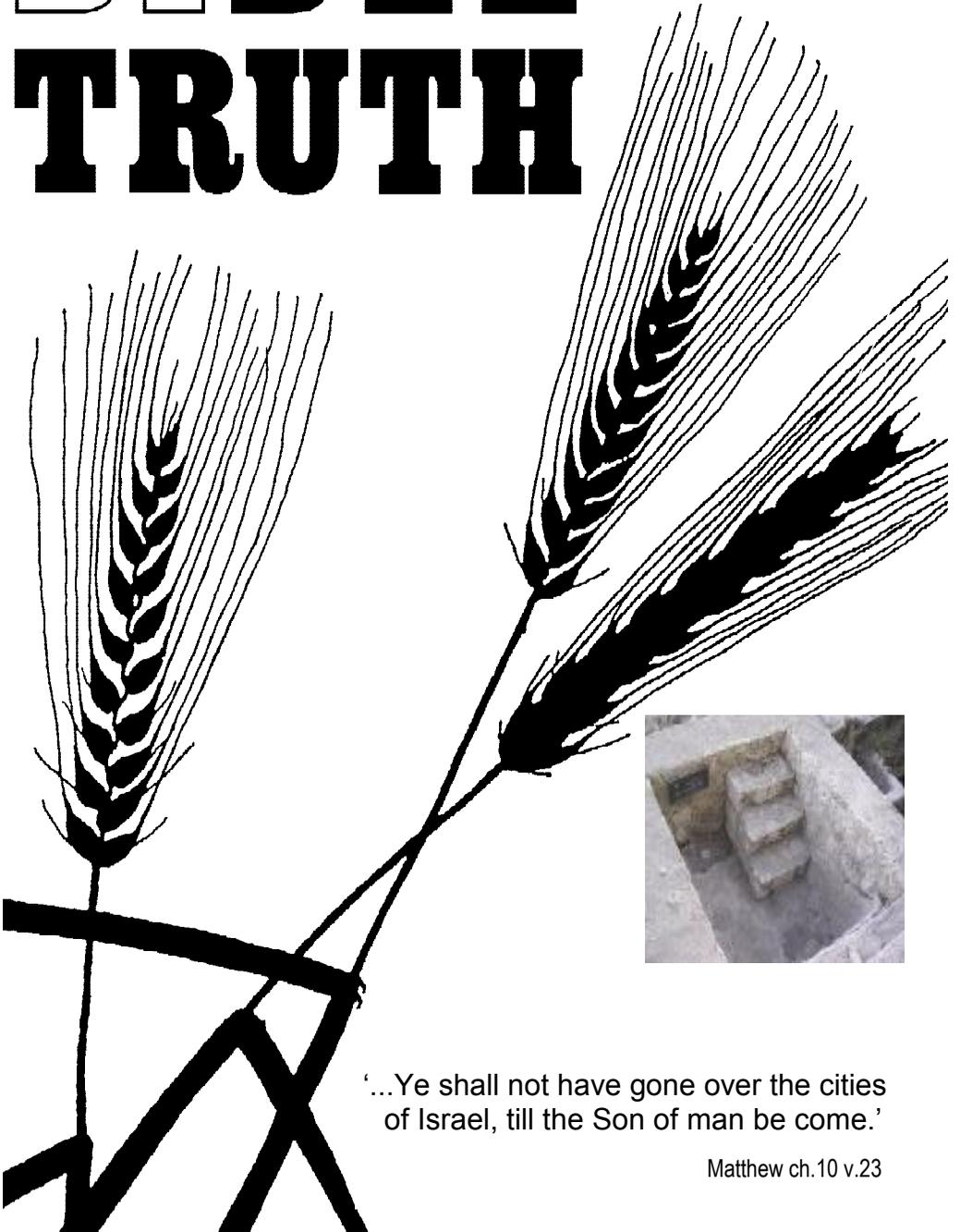


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'...Ye shall not have gone over the cities
of Israel, till the Son of man be come.'

Matthew ch.10 v.23

PROMISES, PROMISES

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Read Joel ch.3 vv 9-21

During February 2015 we in Australia had a State Election in Queensland and on the Federal level a Liberal/National Party vote on the suitability of the Prime Minister. Mr Tony Abbot was re-elected as Prime Minister but with a serious warning that unless he listens to the people and includes the elected politicians to have more say, then he may not be present at the next Federal Election. As in all previous elections for Council, State and Federal all we hear are promises. 'We are listening to the people', is the catch cry that encourages the electors to continue on with the false hope that is called Democracy.

In my view this country's vision was blurred about 50 years ago. Like all Western Nations we came out of World War II with great hope and aspiration for the future. The majority of people were the Middle Class. With a few rich and a few poor people. Whilst the Western Nations appeared to be showing the way for a better world it is unfortunate that what was going on behind the scenes was unknown to the general public. The issues confronting people today did not originate in the two decades after the mid 1940's at a time when confidence in our leaders was taken for granted.

General conversation shows that most people see little difference between the two major parties. The majority of people obtain their news from the newspapers yet they also tell you that they only believe half of what they read. TV and the Movies are the other source of news. Whilst most people say they are not influenced by the media, it soon becomes obvious in discussion that they repeat what they read and see. On so many subjects, if you do not step outside the 'square', regarding views that are interpreted for you by the establishment, then you will be a pawn in a game of politics.

Whilst sceptical, I will give the benefit of the doubt that some politicians initially enter politics with genuine views about how they can improve the status-quo. Most politicians will express privately their views on the basis that such opinions will not be repeated in print. I have been to meetings where politicians have expressed their personal views on the basis that it is not repeated outside the room but they keep on promising. They continue promising as long as it does not come out of their own pockets.

Many politicians take their seats with the smallest of margins, often with less than a 3% majority. It is no wonder that kissing babies and the elderly is a favourite ploy to win another two or three people out of an hundred. The politician will encourage the people by referring to their smartness and high standards. Prior to the election we are encouraged to vote because it is seen as one of the features of a free society. We are reminded that many died on foreign soils for the principles of Democracy. The promise that our politically appointed members will do everything possible to grant us a sustainable society is ever present, even on our land rates notices. For example for over fifty years Federal politicians have been promising a second International Airport for Sydney but who wants to lose their seat. A decision has been recently made but none of us are holding our breath as to the time of completion.

When politicians on both sides are dealing with the same financial system, all the promises and expectation of fulfilment are going to be the same. It is like the High and Low roads to Scotland, where the scenery on the way might vary but the end result is the same. Debts and taxes increase and the general break down of society continues. The promised increase in the number of police and larger hospitals is seen as positive. But in fact we should be ashamed because once the dust has settled after any election, the people and the nation carry on as usual with maybe some new issues to argue over. Thus the people learn to live with their chains.

Under the present Babylonian money system, I believe that Church and State should be separate. The Church has lost its opportunity in not providing another paradigm, namely the Laws that God gave to Israel. These pertain to economic and financial matters, that if applied would cancel our debt and also provide sufficient money via the means of tithes and freewill offerings. Sadly these two issues are misunderstood by the church as well as the purpose of the heave tithe. Church teachings are in error when such Laws are considered irrelevant and outside the New Covenant. No wonder judgement is to begin first in the House of God (1 Peter ch.4 v.17). According to Matthew ch.5 v.19,

‘Whosoever therefore shall break one of these least commandments, and shall teach men so, he shall be called the least in the kingdom of heaven: ...’

As Matthew ch.19 v.30 says, ‘But many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first’.

During the early 1980's I attended a meeting at which a well known politician spoke about decaying morals. At question time I asked, 'Could he provide a financial and economic statement from his party that reflected the association of the love of money and evil in society based on the verse 1 Timothy ch.6 v.10?'

Part of his reply was that he had never thought of the association expressed in the above verse, yet he was a well known minister. When I heard his reply I can assure you that I thought that Karl Marx could have written it. As usual this man promised everything only if more people voted for the party. Until the understanding of how money comes into being and the purpose for which it is created, is understood, the money changers in the temple will continue to control the affairs of State and they alone will benefit from the curses that flow from disobedience to God's perfect Law.

The churches should be praying for 'Thy Kingdom Come' and not for some prayerful expectation that the present political and economic systems only need a few repairs. We do not need changes but rather a completely new system based upon God's Laws. For those who are wise, the writing that has been on the wall for some decades has been clearly seen.

One of the best ways to confuse the enemy is to redefine words that already have a set meaning or understanding. Such words are 'peace', 'harmony' and 'justice', etc., that are used by people who hate Christ and His Kingdom. It is very hard for most people to realise that evil people rule this world, especially when they are dressed in expensive suits and are well educated in our universities. Much of what is happening today goes back to the Tree of Knowledge of GOOD AND EVIL. Even the GOOD is tainted by the EVIL. Does Ephesians ch.6 v.12 not warn us of 'spiritual wickedness in high places'?

Some leaders of this world have fulfilled 2 Corinthians ch.11 v.14 which says, 'And no marvel: for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light'. In other words leaders have become messengers of Satan and they are spreading his light or the illumination of false knowledge. They preach as though they are the apostles of Christ. They are false ministers of righteousness (see v.15), have sold their soul for the power and glory of human reason, and worship another Lord or Baal. The only promise they can offer are the New Age words of the song 'Imagine' by John Lennon. Those

who rule over us have brought the true Israel people back to the valley of decision (see Joel ch.3 v.14). For too long we have walked in hand with the heathen. But God is allowing their promises to fool us to the extent that He will step in for the 'elect's sake' (Matthew ch.24 v.22). Who is mine 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

For the purpose of this article I request you follow up in your own time the dozens of promises that God has stipulated for true Israel. What the West needs is a death shock; an awakening that is supernatural. Whilst the valley of decision might be correctly seen as a specific place in geography, I see this valley of decision on a world scale. Valleys in the Bible are often depicted as places of darkness where the decisions needed to escape from such places need to be made with clarity, understanding and divine guidance.

We are assured in Isaiah ch.40 v.4 that 'Every valley shall be exalted, and every mountain and hill shall be made low:'. This can only occur after we put behind us the promises of men and depend solely on the promises of God, both individually and nationally. May the promise of Joel ch.3 vv 9-21 be the starting point for our hope in the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob and the promises and heritage for 'His Elect'.
