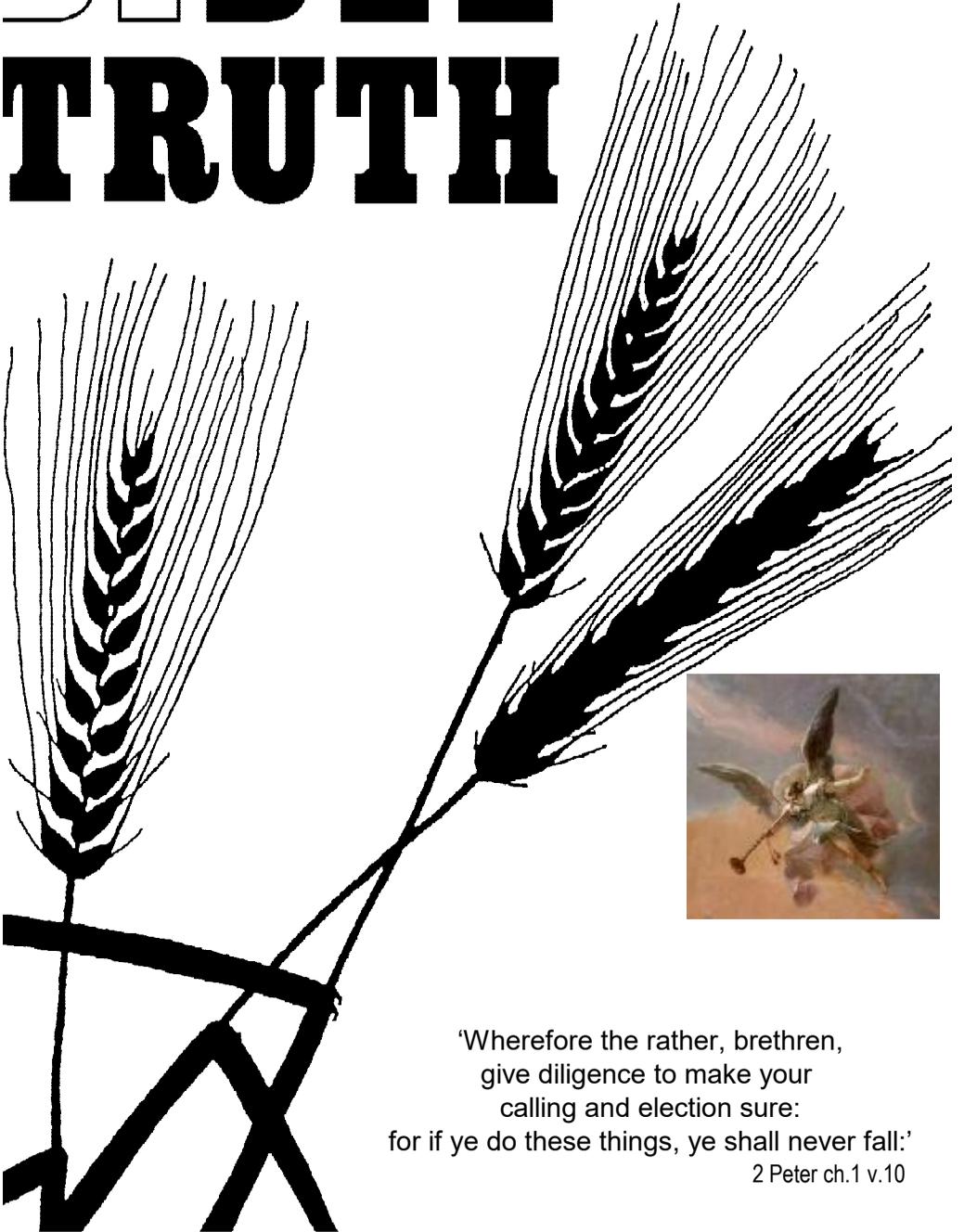


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'Wherefore the rather, brethren,
give diligence to make your
calling and election sure:
for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:'

2 Peter ch.1 v.10

IF MY PEOPLE

Part 2

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'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'

2 Chronicles ch.7 v.14

If Israel would carry out the actions as spelt out in Part 1 of this article (See *Bible Truth* 280), then God will fulfil His promises, he will,

- hear from heaven
- forgive Israel's sins, and
- heal their land.

These three promises are to be fulfilled on earth, not in heaven. See also 2 Chronicles ch.6 vv 27, 30 & 39.

There has always been offered up to God sincere and righteous prayers. With the condition of the world worsening it is natural to ask, 'Has God heard our Prayers?' As a nation, Israel in the Old Testament had descended to such evil that God was unable to fulfil the prayers that were offered up, even by the separated remnant. I am sure that as the nation of Israel was taken into captivity, many righteous people believed that God had turned His face from them. I am reminded of the following,

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

Proverbs ch.28 v.9

Like today the people of Israel had forgotten the Ten Commandments and the Statutes. This explains why God did not hear.

'Behold, the LORD'S hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.'

Isaiah ch.59 vv 1-2

As you read further on, it becomes obvious that the Western Nations are very comparable to the conditions of Israel in the Old Testament period. Continue reading about this in Isaiah chapter 65.

History will soon reveal that it will be the Unconditional Covenants and the chosen remnant that will turn the day from misfortune to Divine Prosperity. God is going to bring about events that will cause Him to intervene. In the final points of both the above chapters there is mentioned a remnant who turns from transgression and the Redeemer goes down to Zion.

‘And the Redeemer shall come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith the LORD.’

Isaiah ch.59 v.20

‘For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth: and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind.’

Isaiah ch.65 v.17

In the Book of Psalms it says that,

‘The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, and his ears are open unto their cry’.

Psalms 34 v.15

Just as the white ant eats the timber from within, so the Western Nations have been white-anted. From the outside there appears to be no real reason for concern, even though a few see evidence of structural weakness. We have not yet arrived at the same position that David found himself as expressed in 2 Samuel chapter 22. The verses of this chapter tell of a powerful deliverance, that is to be reflected in The Nations of the West. It will be then that God will hear from heaven.

A most overwhelming aspect of God's love for His people Israel is that their sins will be forgiven. Events that are yet to occur are going to bring about this outcome.

‘And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.’

Hebrews ch.10 v.17

It is true that,

‘... the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth’.

Matthew ch. 8 v.12

However, for those whom God chooses from within Israel, for the High Calling, will be made ready for the task ahead. Even though this is an Israel issue, this does not mean that individuals of other races do not play a role in Christ's earthly Kingdom.

'For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.'

Hebrews ch.8 v.12

This is fulfilled in the following.

'If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land.'

2 Chronicles ch.7 v.14.

It is essential to remember that the book of Hebrews is written to the Hebrew people, just like that of James is written to 'the twelve tribes who are scattered abroad'. The New Covenant is only made with the two Houses of Israel as spelt out in in the following.

'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:'

Hebrews ch.8 v.8

'This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;'

Hebrews ch.10 v.16

This verse adds to the greater meaning of 2 Chronicles ch.7 v.14. The placing of the Law into the hearts and minds of those whom God chooses within Israel is of God's making. He is the potter and we are the clay (see Isaiah ch.64 v.8). God can do what He likes. We have no part in the decision making when it comes to His plan and purpose. No man cometh unto Christ except the Father draw him (see John ch.6 v.44). Titus adds to the redemption theme for Israel and the purifying unto Himself a peculiar or special people.

'Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.'

Titus ch.2 v.14

The words of Deuteronomy have been forgotten.

‘For thou art an holy people unto the LORD thy God: the LORD thy God hath chosen thee to be a special people unto himself, above all people that are upon the face of the earth.’

Deuteronomy ch.7 v.6

‘And to make thee high above all nations which he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honour; and that thou mayest be an holy people unto the LORD thy God, as he hath spoken.’

Deuteronomy ch.26 v.19

God does have a special people unto Himself. This people is above all people that are upon the face of the earth. Due to the teachings of universalism, the view that we choose God and the acceptance of political correctness inferring a level playing field, the above verses have been discarded. In the book of Revelation we are given a warning to those who add or take away from the words of the Book.

‘For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, if any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.’

Revelation ch.22 vv18-19

The Western Nations have become the tail and not the head.

‘He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail.’

Deuteronomy ch.28 v.44

This is because they have disobeyed the Laws and allowed the stranger (alien or foreigner) with another faith to arise above them. Deuteronomy shows the connection with money and Matthew shows why it is imperative that we must return to the Commandments and Statutes.

‘The LORD shall open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven to give the rain unto thy land in his season, and to bless all the work of thine hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow.’

Deuteronomy ch.28 v.12

‘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: but whosoever shall do and teach them, the same shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.’

Matthew ch.5 v.19

We finally read that God will heal the land or earth. To be more specific I believe it refers to the soil from which everything that man makes comes from. Also if the soil is not healthy then diseases can arise. Obedience to God's commandments and disease are both mentioned together in Exodus ch.15 v.26. It is no wonder to read in Psalm 24 v.1, 'The earth is the LORD'S and the fulness thereof;' that is, everything, belongs to the Lord.

The Bible provides many Laws that pertain to improving the earth or soil. Such laws include rotation of crops, leaving the soil fallow, not picking the first year's fruit, and letting it fall to the ground. Maybe during the millennium there will be made available smaller properties for production. Large farms and corporations will be a thing of the past. God has promised that if we obey the Laws then He will provide rain at the right time (Ezekiel ch.34 v.26). All the people will be fed with healthy produce.

By placing the Laws into our hearts and minds there will occur the healing of our backsliding or apostasy (Jeremiah ch.3 v.22). The cry goes out today again as stated.

'Turn, O backsliding children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion: And I will give you pastors according to mine heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding.'

Jeremiah ch.3 vv 14-15

The Western world has to a great extent abandoned its Bible based teaching and as a result has lost the will to live as stated by Alexander Solzhenitsyn. They are seen as a weak target and therefore been brought low (Deuteronomy ch.28 vv 43-44). This has largely come about due to disobedience of God's monetary laws. The following association has been forgotten.

'For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.'

1 Timothy ch.6 v.10

This question has to be asked,

'...when the son of man cometh, shall he find [the] faith [belief] on the earth'

Luke ch.18 v. 8

This faith or belief was once delivered unto the Saints during Old Testament times.

‘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

Sadly, this message has been mostly lost because much of Scripture that should have a literal meaning has been spiritualized, but we are given these wonderful promises.

‘And I will set up shepherds over them which shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall they be lacking, saith the LORD.’

Jeremiah ch.23 v. 4

‘And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd.’

Ezekiel ch.34 v.23

Then the healing process will be complete. May that day come quickly.
