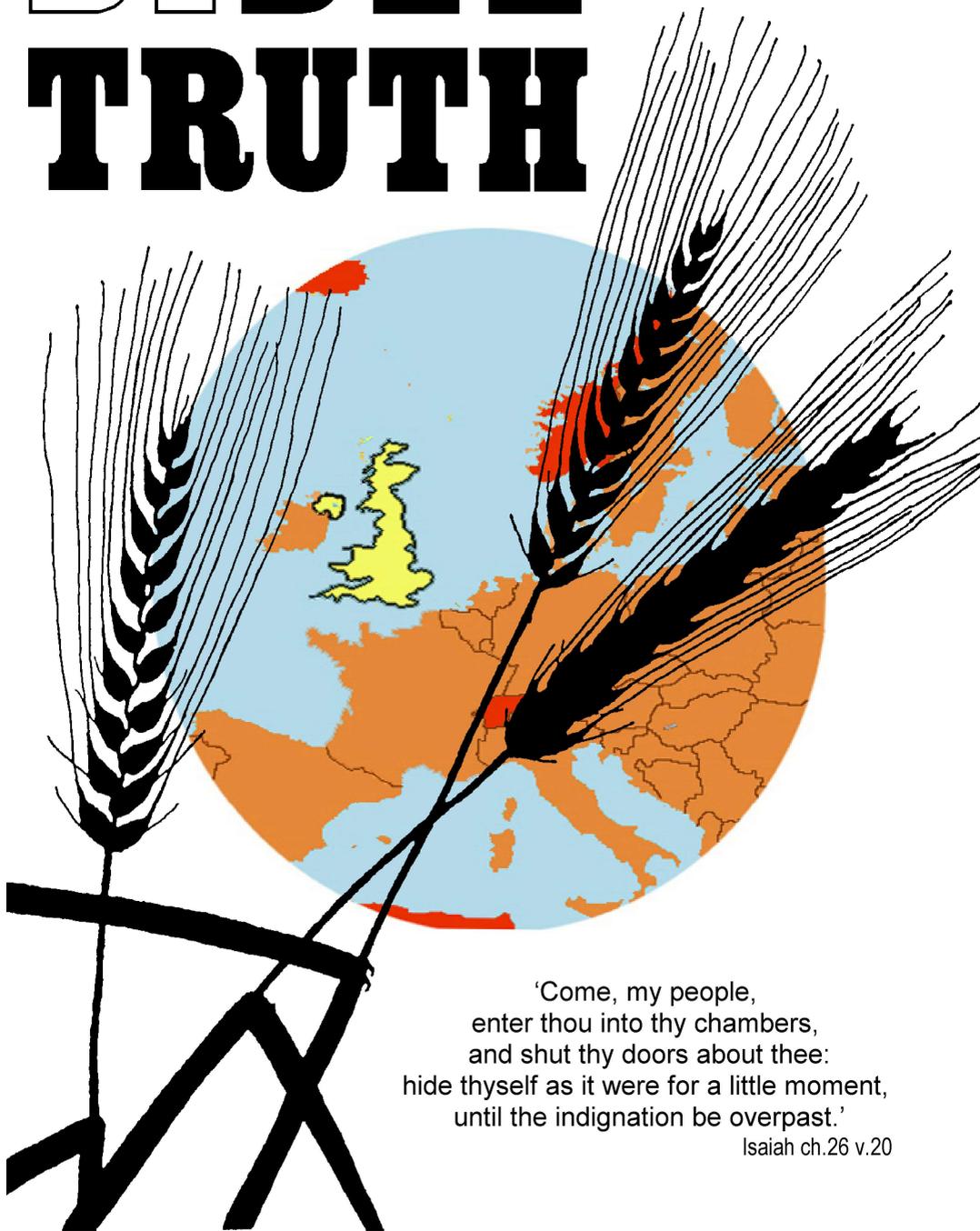


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'Come, my people,
enter thou into thy chambers,
and shut thy doors about thee:
hide thyself as it were for a little moment,
until the indignation be overpast.'

Isaiah ch.26 v.20

Another Shield of Faith

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The enemies of God delight in saying that the Word of God is riddled with untruths and contradictions and even outright lies. How foolish, for the truth is that they do not want to see the truth, they do not want to study history to see that God's Word is fulfilled. An old saying is 'There is none so blind as them that do not want to see and none so deaf as those who do not want to hear'.

There are two ways to see if the prophecies and declarations of God are true. Study history and work out if a nation has actually done what God said a nation would do. God said that His people Israel would go to the barren places on earth, that they would spread to the east and to the west and to the north and to the south and would make the land blossom and be fruitful. I believe that the Anglo-Saxon- Celtic peoples stem from His nation Israel. The modern State of Israel only came into being on the 15th of May 1948, so it cannot be them because it has not fulfilled the biblical promises and does not worship and honour Jesus as the very living Son of God. In the Bible we read that biblical Israel was exiled from Palestine and vanished into history. However, God also said that His nation Israel would be His,

'... battle axe and weapons of war: for with thee will I break in pieces the nations, and with thee will I destroy kingdoms'.

Jeremiah ch.51 v.20

This has not been the destiny of the Israeli state.

'The shield of his mighty men is made red , the valiant men are in scarlet : the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, ...'

Nahum ch.2 v.3

This is not said of the Israelis, but can you think of a nation who has done these things? A nation whose fighting men were called 'redcoats'. Which nation, more than any other, has sent missionaries out to the furthest reaches of the earth? Which nation has founded great nations far from its own shores?

Do you see a pattern emerging? Dig deeper and you will see that all this has been done by the Anglo-Saxon-Nordic peoples. Dig a little further to see where these people came from. Many came via trade routes from the old land of Israel but the great bulk of them came from the very area where ancient Israel vanished from history. There are many more proofs of their origin, too many to discuss now, but it clearly shows that God's Word has been done. This gives us faith that the remaining prophecies will be fulfilled as per His Word. That Jesus will return, in Glory, to gather His own into His Kingdom.

So let us go forward in our lives with the faith of old Simeon who had been told that he would not die until he had seen the Lord's Anointed, the long promised Messiah. One day the Spirit of God came over him and took him to the temple and as he sat there, Mary came by him with the child Jesus. Simeon was moved to ask to see the child, he took Him into his arms and knew, by the Holy Spirit that this child was the Son of God, the Holy one of Israel spoken and promised by God and the prophets from the foundation of the world and he was moved to prophecy,

'Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people; A light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel'.

Luke ch.2 vv 29-32

This is quoted in the evening service of the Book of Common Prayer. It is a statement that God does keep His Word. It is a declaration of faith by Simeon, who puts himself into God's Hands, and a song of praise for the great things which the Christ-child would do and that He would become the Glory of Israel.

As mentioned earlier in Matthew ch.21 v.42, 'this is the Lord's doing, and it is marvellous in our eyes'. The Lord is going to do even greater things and it will be marvellous in our sight.

The belief in British Israelism usually gets a bad press. I believe this is not for lack of evidence, because there is an abundance of this, but rather that acceptance requires a move away from self service, to Christ service; to follow God's way, instead of man's way. This is the way of faith. If we follow this path, we will travel through life with hope in our hearts, and eventually, through the Love of God our faith will be rewarded in His Kingdom where He will fulfil His promise.

‘But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:’

John ch.1 v.12

Then we will be able to say as St John declared, ‘we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth’ (see John ch.1 v.14).

So we pray that He will not take His Holy Spirit from us but rather that He will be with us along life's way. Through the grace of God, we will reach our goal, the greatest goal known to man and that is to be with Jesus in the Father's kingdom. I cannot tell you how marvellous this will be but St Paul tells us,

‘But as it is written, 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

By faith we believe the truth of all these things. May our faith be as St Paul's and all the hosts of God's servants as St Paul prayed in his first Epistle to the Corinthians.

‘That your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.’

1 Corinthians ch.2 v.5

‘The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.’

Numbers ch.6 vv 24-26

Amen
