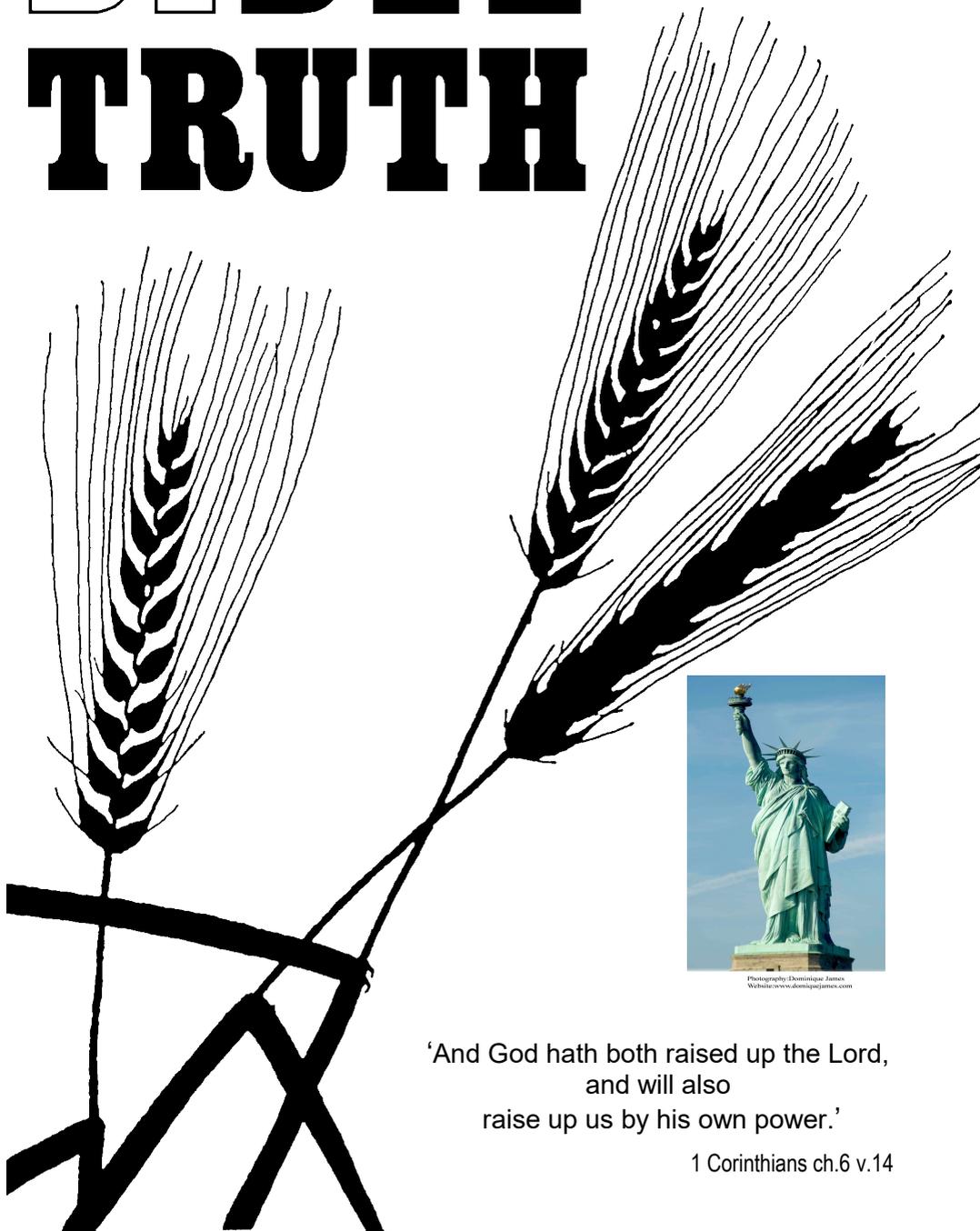


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'And God hath both raised up the Lord,
and will also
raise up us by his own power.'

1 Corinthians ch.6 v.14



When Michael, the Archangel, defends Israel

by Pastor Karl Schott

Editor's note. For many years Karl Schott was minister at Christ's Gospel Fellowship in Rich Street, Spokane, Washington, US, and there he edited The Pathfinder magazine. Sadly that journal ceased production at the end of last year but we are pleased to include this article written by Karl and wish him God's blessing in his retirement.

'And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince which standeth [defends] for the children of thy people [the House of Israel - Christendom today]: and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. And many of them that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.'

Daniel ch.12 vv 1-3

It is apparent that the time which is being referred to in the verses above is the 'time of Jacob's trouble', the great tribulation period which characterises the time of the end. It seems that Michael, the Archangel, will play a very important part in the deliverance of the Lord's servant people, Israel. It is comforting and interesting to know that the Lord Jesus also expresses a very similar prophetic message to His disciples.

'For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time, no, nor ever shall be. And except those days should be shortened, there should no flesh be saved: [no living thing could survive] but for the elect's sake those days shall be shortened [cut short].'

Matthew ch.24 vv 21-22

There is a very similar prophecy by the prophet Jeremiah who lived a short time before the prophet Daniel.

'And these are the words that the LORD spake concerning Israel and concerning Judah. For thus saith the LORD; We have heard a voice of trembling, of fear, and not of peace. Ask ye now, and see whether a man doth travail with child? wherefore do I see every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in travail, and all faces are turned into paleness? Alas! for that day is great, so that none is like it: it is even the time of Jacob's trouble; but he shall be saved out of it [come through it safely]. For it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD of hosts, that I will break his yoke from off thy neck, and will burst thy bonds, and strangers [foreigners] shall no more serve themselves of him [enslave them]:'

Jeremiah ch.30 vv 4-8

In these scriptures the Lord Jesus Christ, the prophet Daniel and the prophet Jeremiah all agree that a time of trouble would come upon the people of Israel so severe that it would exceed any previous troubles experienced, by the House of Israel, many of whom comprise Anglo-Saxondom today.

When considering these scriptures, and their implications, we can praise God for the promise of the Lord God of Israel that deliverance is assured. Michael, the Archangel already knows that God's servant people, Israel will desperately need help and protection from their enemies who are now seeking their complete overthrow and destruction. This is the 'time of Jacob's trouble' about which Jeremiah warns.

Remember the Lord Jesus' words.

'But of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only. But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be.'

Matthew ch.24 vv 36-37

Then the Lord goes on to warn those who live in these end times.

'Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord doth come.'

Matthew ch.24 v.42

Praise God that Michael's intervention will affect the outcome of this time of tribulation as he will be 'defending' God's people, Israel.
