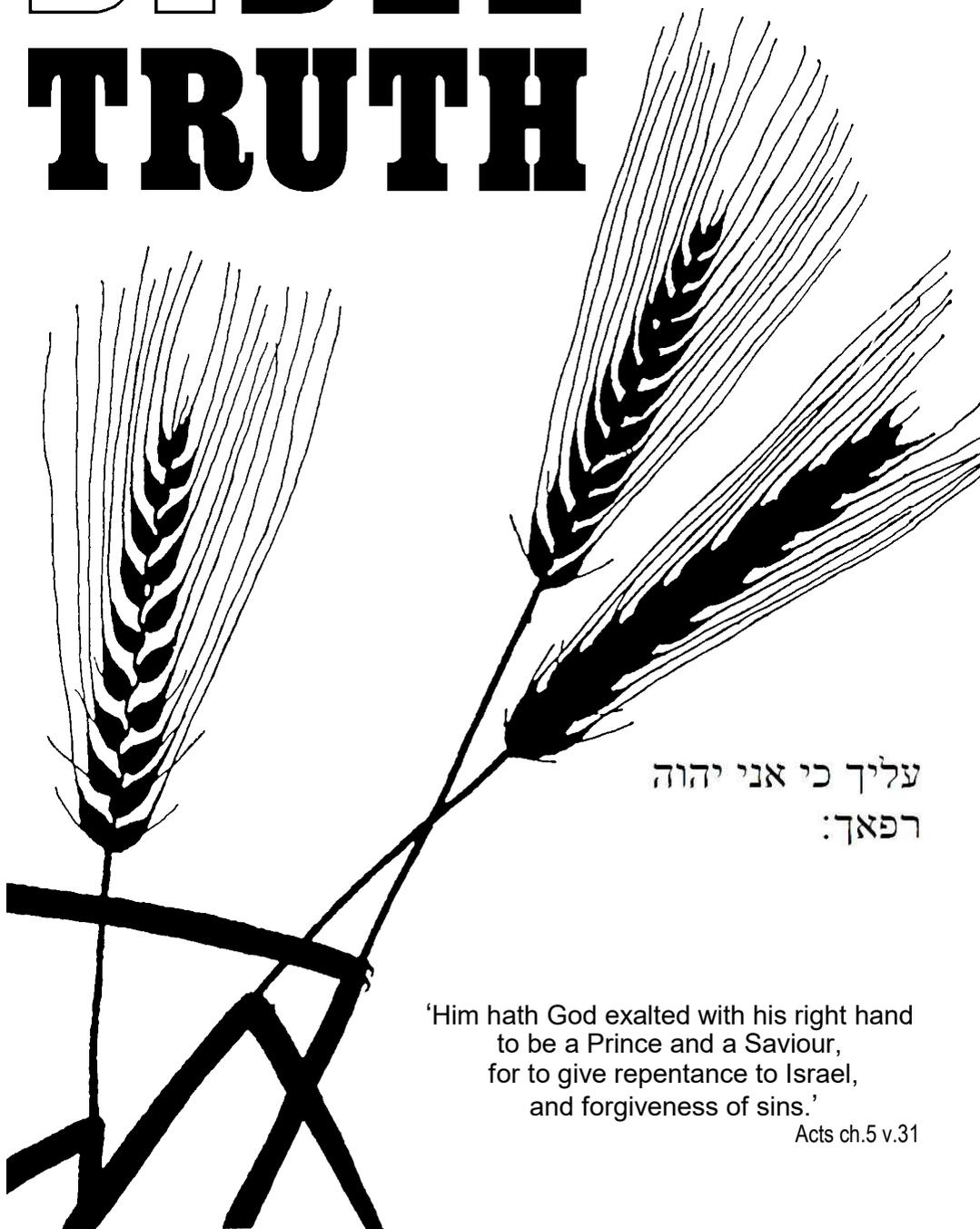


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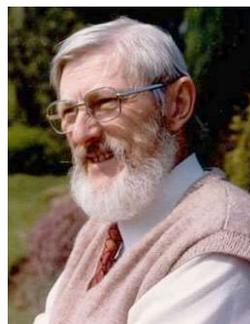
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'Him hath God exalted with his right hand  
to be a Prince and a Saviour,  
for to give repentance to Israel,  
and forgiveness of sins.'

Acts ch.5 v.31

# THE SIGNS OF HIS COMING

by Arthur Eedle



## LIST OF EARTH EVENTS PRIOR TO DIVINE INTERVENTION

‘And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of [the coming of] the Son of man.’

Luke ch.17 v.26 & Matthew ch.24 v.37

Notice ‘days’, not ‘day’. The coming of the Lord occupies a period of time with a sudden end, as it was in Noah’s day. Hence the Lord admonishes us to ‘look, watch, and pray’. The birth of the Kingdom is preceded by a stressful time of ‘labour pains’. With regard to the days of Noah the First Book of Moses records this.

‘The earth also was corrupt before God, and the earth was filled with violence.’

Genesis ch.6 v.11

The last 100 years has seen two world wars, and this has been the springboard for the manufacture of more and more sophisticated weapons of mass destruction which hang over us like the sword of Damocles. But life goes on regardless, with no one heeding the warnings of scripture. Not only the violence of ISIS, but frequent acts of violence in domestic circumstances. Hate, rage and accusation growing rapidly throughout the nations.

‘Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed.’

Luke ch.17 vv 28-30

‘Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom, pride, fulness of bread, and abundance of idleness was in her and in her daughters, neither did she strengthen the hand of the poor and needy.’

Ezekiel ch.16 v.49

In Britain, on 5 July 1967, homosexuality became legal. The Same Sex Marriage Act became law on 31 October 2013. Empires can destroy themselves by immorality and love of pleasure. Forty thousand people paraded in 'Gay Pride March' in New York just recently. Tel Aviv is the most active city in the world for LGBT people. Nearly 50% of American evangelicals see same-sex marriage as acceptable according to a recent poll.

'But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.'

Daniel ch.12 v.4

About 3,300 planes are in the air at any moment. Assuming an average capacity of 200, there are about 660,000 people in the air. The total number of aircraft currently in service is approximately 23,600. And this is just one way of 'running to and fro' unknown in Daniel's day, and unknown in the world until the beginning of the 20th century with the manufacture of Model T Fords and of the first aeroplanes. Gone are the days of horse-drawn carriages. Even the craze for bicycles only began in the 1890s! As for books, Solomon said,

'And further, by these, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh'.

Ecclesiastes ch.12 v.12

But not only is the world flooded with books, there is now Google! However, the ability to learn from all the available sources of knowledge has not led mankind into the land of righteousness. Rather has it increased his ability to destroy his neighbour and the world in which he lives.

'Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils; Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.'

1Timothy ch.4 vv 1-3

Catholic priests are forbidden to marry. Some sectarian leaders require a vegan diet for all their followers. These are just examples. But the really evil ones are those that seek to dethrone the Lord Jesus Christ, and bring His name into disrepute.

‘For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; Because that which may be known of God is manifest in them; for God hath shewed it unto them. For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.’

Romans ch.1 vv 18-20

These days the Theory of Evolution has become almost universal. The idea of Creation is not only mocked, but used as an instrument to discredit those who hold to it. Creation teaching is disallowed in schools and colleges. University students who espouse creation are in danger of being refused their degrees. We have witnessed the rise of Militant Atheists in recent years. Evolution is no longer considered a theory. It is demanded as scientific fact.

‘This know also, that in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, Without natural affection, trucebreakers, false accusers, incontinent, fierce, despisers of those that are good, Traitors, heady, highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away.’

2 Timothy ch.3 vv 1-5

The 21st century already holds the record for the love of self, money, and pleasure.

‘But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts. These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.’

Jude vv 17-19

Mockery of Christian values has become almost an epidemic.

‘Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. For this they willingly are ignorant of, that by the word of God the heavens were of old, and the earth standing out of the water and in the water: Whereby the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished.’

2 Peter ch.3 vv 3-6

Evolution and disbelief in the Flood of Noah's Day have even infected the Church. Few people these days have the courage to stand by the Biblical record.

'Men's hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth: for the powers of heaven shall be shaken.'

Luke ch.21 v. 26

Stronger and more frequent earthquakes, Tsunamis, the evils of the ISIS and other terrorists, the shutting down of free speech, drugs, the increase of diseases like cancer, these and many other such things trouble the average person seeking to live a moral life.

'And take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.'

Luke ch.21 vv 34-36

To 'stay awake' means to stand fast to God's words, 'waiting and watching' the development of events, and the 'signs of the times', and being always in an attitude of prayer, to walk worthily of our calling with godly fear.

'For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers places. All these are the beginning of sorrows. Then shall they deliver you up to be afflicted, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all nations for my name's sake.'

Matthew ch.24 vv 7-9

Labour pains precede a BIRTH. Best to keep one's thoughts and prayers on the birth of the Kingdom, rather than being weighed down by trials and tribulations. 'Look up for your redemption draws nigh'.

'And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold. But he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved. And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come.'

Matthew ch.24 vv 12-14

This is not a reference to the centuries of missionary work, but to a brief, world-wide proclamation that God's Kingdom is 'at hand'. Elijah's ministry.

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