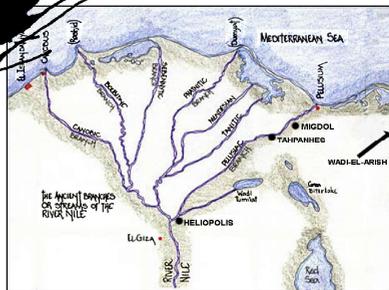
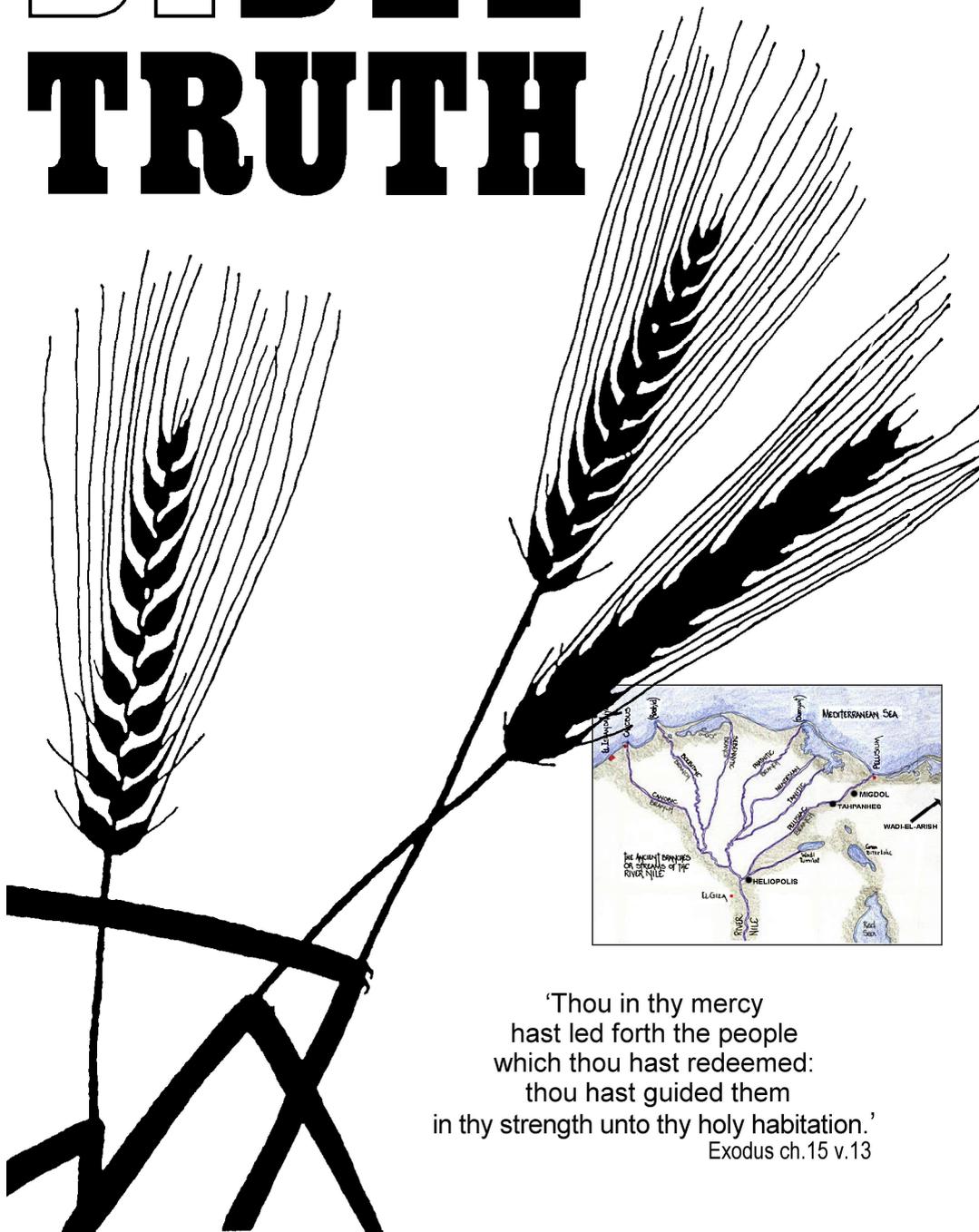


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'Thou in thy mercy
hast led forth the people
which thou hast redeemed:
thou hast guided them
in thy strength unto thy holy habitation.'
Exodus ch.15 v.13

EDITORIAL

It is worth pondering what other journals say about the state of the United Kingdom at present and comparing it with Israel of old.

On 11 January the *Britain Thinks* blog based on their recent survey opened with 'The mood of the nation is bleak'. It was based on 81% saying 'the public is feeling anxious about the future', 80% said 'something needs to be done to bring the country together', 'There are few sources of pride in the UK', 'Younger people are particularly worried', 'older people feel more positive about the year ahead, but also nostalgic about the past'. Feedback from *Bible Truth* readers, especially in the old Commonwealth countries, together with the USA are saying similar things that agree with this outlook.

The religious, and particularly Christian, outlook fares no better. On 16 February *Premier Christian Radio* with respect to the UK reported that 'Religious education came near the bottom of a table of subjects which people ranked in order of importance'. A few days prior, a prominent Baptist minister intimated that the Old Testament was only a book of themes for Christians but not historical fact. A popular atheist and professor at an UK leading university theology department takes pride in claiming that 'very little, probably of the Hebrew bible is historical fact ... she does not believe accounts of Moses and King David in the Hebrew bible to be factual'. Sadly, this academic is far from being alone in making these claims which fly in the face of recent archaeological evidence to the contrary. Independent factual proof seems to count no more with such people!

Meanwhile, the Archbishop of Canterbury has weighed in with his new book entitled *Reimagining Britain* in which he laments threats to 'our togetherness'. Aside from any threats, is 'togetherness' found much at all in this nation at the present time, one may well ask?

These are but a few true reports highlighting the current mood of the nation. No wonder newsmedia headlines scream, 'Insidious management speak has infected the land from our boardrooms to our school halls' (Andrew Spicer, *The Daily Telegraph* 20 Sept. 2017). 'Both Britain & America are afflicted by a mortal sickness' (Melanie Phillips, *The Jerusalem Post*, 22 June 2017). But stop and consider; would this not have been familiar talk amongst Israelites prior to their slaughter or eviction from the Land of Promise before Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians in the 6th c. BC. People rarely change and some whom God called are no exception. The Anglo-Saxon-Celtic people were for centuries known as Godly people, but how did they alter their attitudes so quickly it is asked? Just look to their forefathers for the answer; they took but a generation following,

‘And king Solomon gave unto the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, beside that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned and went to her own country, she and her servants.

Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred threescore and six talents of gold, Beside that he had of the merchantmen, and of the traffick of the spice merchants, and of all the kings of Arabia, and of the governors of the country’.

1 Kings ch.10 vv 13-15

Have Great Britain and other Anglo-Saxon-nations not followed in the steps of Solomon? He had greatness, when he walked with the Lord God, until tragedy struck.

‘But king Solomon loved many strange women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites;

Of the nations concerning which the LORD said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in to them, neither shall they come in unto you: for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto these in love.’

1 Kings ch.11 vv 1-2

What a shocking situation it was; are we any different today?

This magazine lays out: what is biblically true, and gives evidence confirming its authenticity; it provides God’s instructions for Israel not only in how to live their lives, but in association with their neighbour nations as well as strangers living amongst them; it gives guidance given by Jesus to His disciples that the Saviour ‘will return in glory’; it teaches what the prophets uttered, particularly in relation to these Last Days, and much more. All these are crucial ingredients so necessary not only to bring people back to Almighty God but to alert those who know Him not.

In essence then, these are essential reasons for sharing the magazine contents with others. Remember that with regard to sowing seed, Jesus said to His disciples,

‘No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.’

Luke ch.11 v.33

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