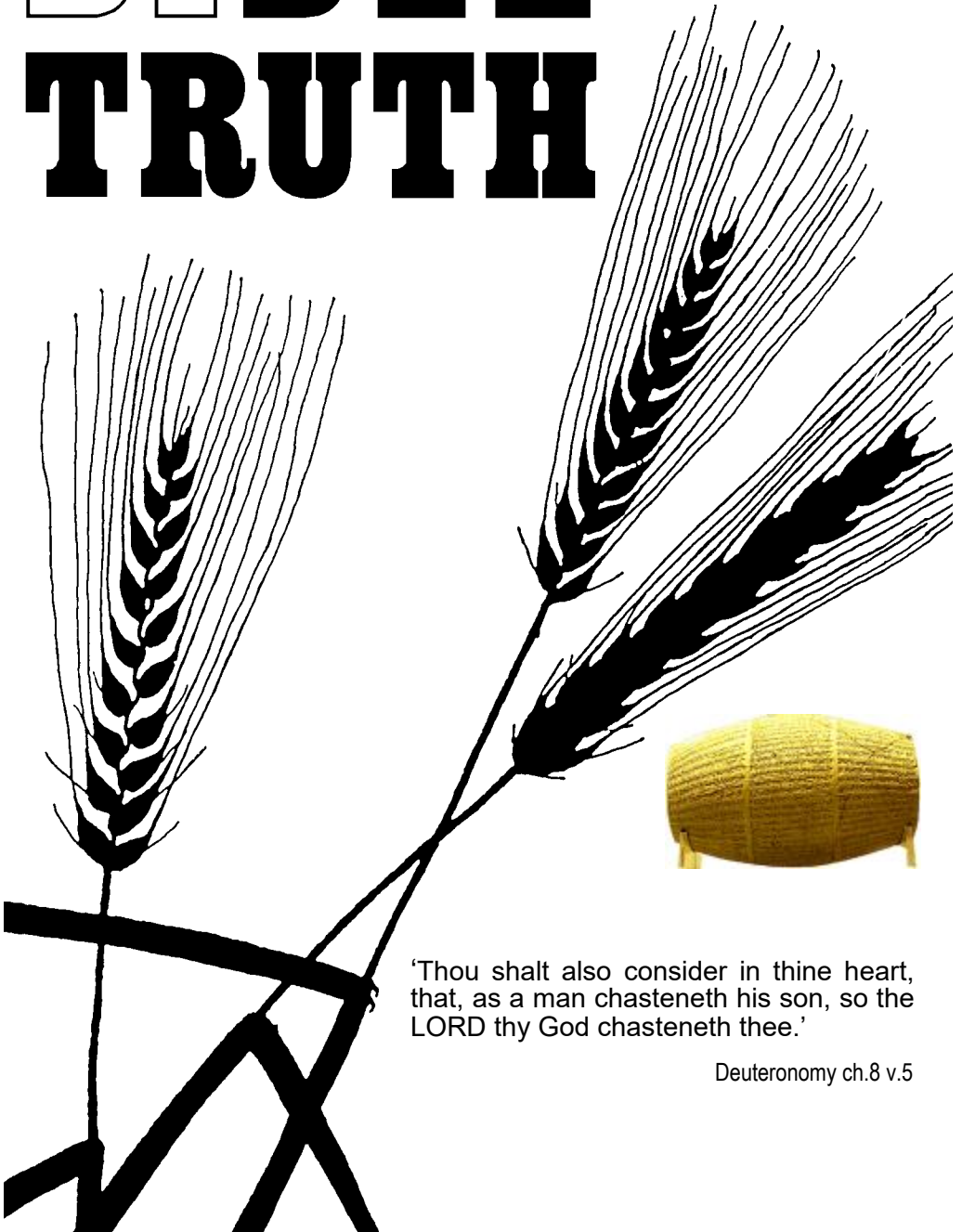


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‘Thou shalt also consider in thine heart,  
that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the  
LORD thy God chasteneth thee.’

Deuteronomy ch.8 v.5

# *A Time to Weep*

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When the course of human affairs runs smoothly for a while, men tend to lose sight of God's hand in history. If this happens, it becomes necessary for Him to awaken them by upsetting their established habits of thought and practice. Nothing else does this so effectively as calamity. Therefore God finds it beneficial to set aside seasons to weep and mourn; for it is only in times of distress that His people become alarmed at their helplessness apart from His direction, infinite wisdom and power. Although there have been many occasions to weep in the long history of Israel, there has never been but one cause for weeping; and that cause is disloyalty to the Kingdom pledge made at Sinai, namely,

'And all the people answered together, and said, All that the LORD hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the LORD'.

Exodus ch.19 v.8

Without one single exception, the periods of calamity and national mourning in the kingdoms of both Israel and Judah were caused by rebellion against God's laws and expressed will for His people, as revealed to them by consecrated priest and prophets. Jeremiah's Lamentations seem to be peculiarly fitting to conditions which exist today in the nations of Western Christendom. Using the ruined city of Jerusalem as a symbol of the bereft state of captive Israel and Judah, the sorrowful prophet begins his lament with these words.

'How doth the city sit solitary that was full of people! how is she become as a widow! she that was great among the nations, and princess among the provinces, how is she become tributary! She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: all her friends have dealt treacherously with her, they are become her enemies.

... Her adversaries are the chief, her enemies prosper; for the LORD hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: her children are gone into captivity before the enemy. And from the daughter of Zion all her beauty is departed: her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and they are gone without strength before the pursuer.'

Lamentations ch.1 vv 1-2 & 5-6

The United Nations (UN) building opened in New York in 1950. At the turn of the twentieth century, what king or commoner in the whole world would have believed that before 1955 the affairs of all the great Western nations would be managed, to a very large and dangerous extent, by the hands of our enemies? Yet how true it is! Our enemies have led us into the most senseless and devastating wars in the history of civilised man - and the end is not in sight. The prophet's words describe perfectly the plight of Anglo-Saxon peoples today. For the crown has fallen from our head; our heart is faint; our eyes are dim; and Herodian foxes tread insolently upon our high places. Yes - it is time to weep in the land of Christian Israel. Woe unto us, that we have sinned! A sinful nation, like a wicked individual cannot escape the operation of Divine Law. To the extent that Christian nations reject the wise counsel and kingship of Jesus Christ, they will be ruled by the tyranny of their enemies both within and without. Sin affects the national security of the New Covenant people of today exactly as it affected the national security of ancient Israel under the Old Covenant. God is still dealing with wayward Israel - His servants and witness - and in the same manner.

From the beginning of Bible history, the Lord has referred to His covenant children as a stiff-necked people. Through the centuries they have been taught and led of the Lord in a marvellous way to the end that they might become a blessing to all nations; though determined to go their own way. Consequently, at frequent intervals, God gave them what may well be called the 'shock treatment'.

### **Loss of national honour**

It is time to weep in Christian lands because of our loss of national honour. Honour is moral rectitude; it is the crown and dignity of a true man and of an upright nation. As with man, so with a nation, when righteousness is abandoned, honour is lost and 'the crown is

fallen from our head'. The life of nations is analogous to that of individuals but it is drawn to a larger scale. As one commentator says: 'Nations, like individuals, have peculiarities of character, and special elements of strength and weakness. As the moral determinations of a man's early life change the whole course of his subsequent history, so it is with nations. By great moral crises they rise to superior influence and grandeur, or date from them the first symptoms of decline. For them, too, there is 'a time to be born and a time to die'.

Certain fundamental principles were laid down for the Lord's 'peculiar' (i.e. Separated) people (see Deuteronomy ch.14 v.2) which, if adhered to, would guarantee His protection and blessings; but, if disregarded, would lead to national disintegration and distress. Anglo-Saxon people cannot ignore these principles except at their own peril, because they are written into the character of our race. Unfortunately, church leaders have not understood these basic truths and have not taught them clearly and forcefully. We do not know all that we should know about our Divine heritage and responsibilities; as a consequence, the whole world faces problems too complex for man to solve in his own limited wisdom.

Be it said to the shame of the Lord's people that they never did comply fully with His command in regard to separating themselves from subversive alien influences; and it was disobedience at this point which led to all their subsequent internal dissension, their many wars and their final captivities. Failure to heed this command is the underlying cause of the situations which continue to threaten the security of Western nations, and Christian people everywhere, even to the present time.

The founders of the United States of America, from the Virginia Colonists to the Mayflower Pilgrims, let it be known that they established their country in the Christian faith; and some of them declared that their chief purpose was to promote the Gospel of Jesus Christ. They looked upon the Bible as the cornerstone of the Republic, and held its principles to be the sheet anchor of their liberties. Guided by their belief in those sound principles, wise statesmen gave them their Constitution and Bill of Rights. The United States, protected by such leadership and safeguards, enjoyed a

hundred and fifty years of amazing progress and gained the respect and admiration of the world.

### **Decline sets in**

Then the decline set in. The United Nations (UN) building now stands on United States soil - a symbol of disobedience to the mandates of God. The UN has not proved its right to survival anywhere, either by the character of its personnel or by the quality of its performance. And it certainly has no place in Christian Israel countries. Its primary aim is to supersede the sovereignty of Christian nations and force them into an international hodgepodge of races and religions. Nothing could be a more flagrant violation of God's decree, which has never been repealed, that His covenant people must separate themselves from ungodly nations and make no alliances with them. If one objects to this statement on the grounds that the Old Testament edicts are invalid in a Christian society; let him remember that the New Testament bears out the same teaching with the line of separation more finely drawn than in the Old Testament. (See Matthew ch.25 vv 31-46, 2 Corinthians ch.6 vv 11-18 and related passages).

There are enemies of Jesus Christ and Christian civilisation within our borders, who sit in high places in government, education and the churches. They have betrayed us into meddling into the affairs of other nations around the globe to their hurt, and ours. But there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth, when the great conspiracy comes to naught, as it surely will. Evil plans do not have a chance to succeed, to reach complete fulfilment, because they are out of joint with the moral order of the universe. God has permitted them to flourish for a time. He uses them to chastise His stubborn children.

So - Christians, if true believers, can always hope, even in times of weeping. In the midst of tears, disappointment and temporary failures, we believe that God once made everything good and beautiful - and that He will do it again. We know that in some future time all will be right in His glorious Kingdom on earth.

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