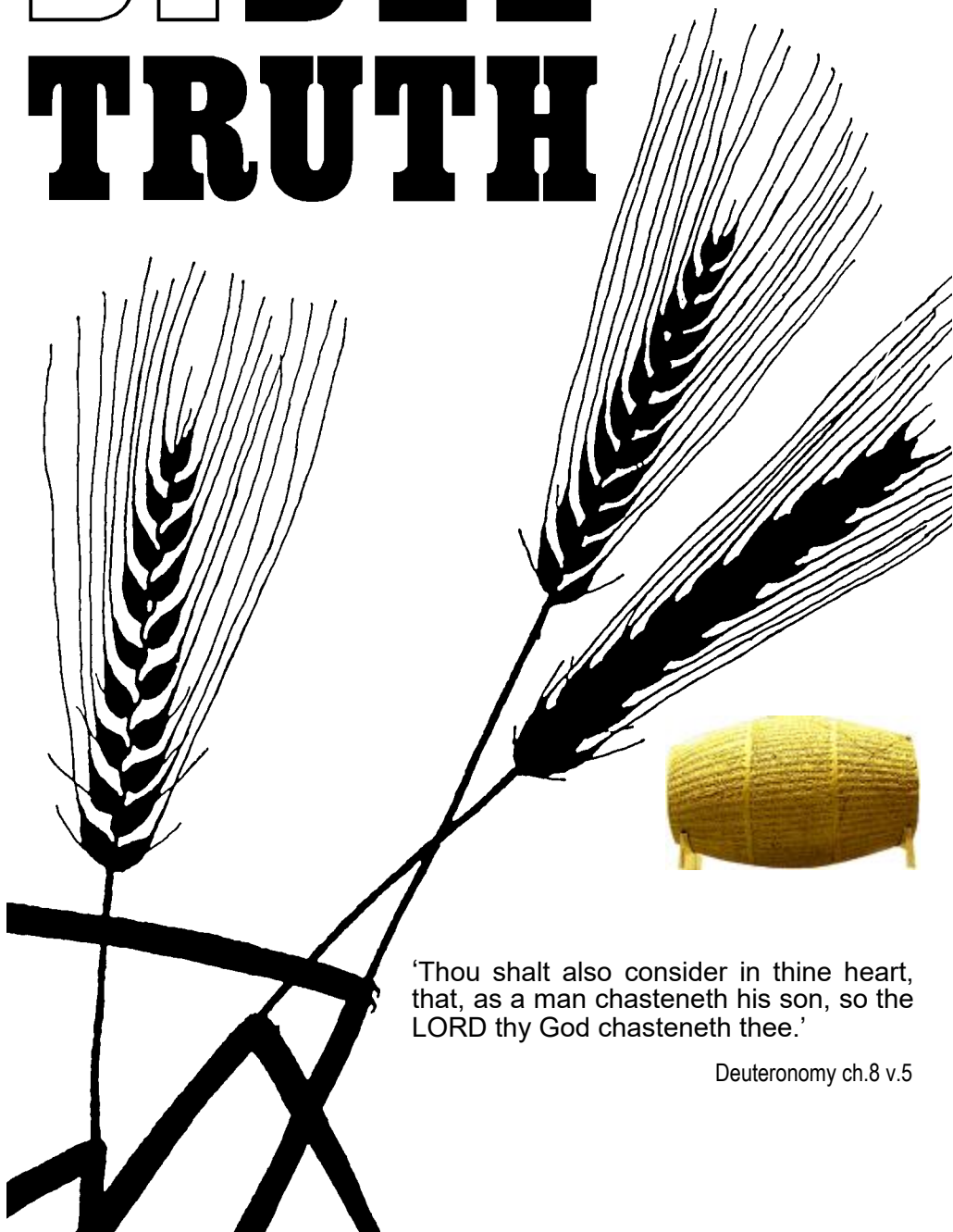


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‘Thou shalt also consider in thine heart, that, as a man chasteneth his son, so the LORD thy God chasteneth thee.’

Deuteronomy ch.8 v.5



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# Earning Respect

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Many years ago my uncle gave me the following wise advice before he left for Vietnam during the war period. It is nice to be liked, but it is more important to be respected. He was a military man with considerable experience. These words have never left me.

Since that time I have searched for truth on many levels. Holding to the belief that the Western Nations are mostly descendant from Israel of the Old Testament it has become obvious during the past fifty years or so, the respect that other nations once had for them, has now almost vanished. It is my opinion that the erosion of this respect started during a time when those presently in their eighties or nineties felt society was well founded on Christian principles. On the religious level, this erosion started soon after the Reformation with the establishment of the Counter Reformation and by the late 19th century there were a few men warning of such whitewashing, not only in the churches.

The impact of evolutionary teaching, Communism (Marxism) and other degrading aspects of society were also hatching during the late 19th century. These beliefs eventually laid the foundation for the present trends that has resulted in the Western Nations becoming the tail and not the head (Deuteronomy ch.28 vv 43-44). Read the whole chapter for the blessings and curses.

Political correctness was spawned in the 1920s and the ongoing ecumenical procession has resulted in a wishy-washy 'Christianity'. The belief that many of the Western leaders were Christian, when in fact they were more akin to Deism, only shows how deep the corruption had penetrated society, even at a time when we thought in the West that we might be on the verge of an earthly reign of Christ.

Looking back over the decades we can see that it was a world-wide mirage. Many of the aspirations of good people never materialised. God did not intervene and stop the undercurrent of deception and consequence of Israel's sins. Instead He allowed His plan of Redemption to roll on. I believe we are not at the end yet. Our pride and blind willingness to be liked by all around us at the expense of our sovereignty will only take us into greater shame and despair. Lesser nations will grant us less respect. Leaders who have no fear of God will continue to rule over us. In the meantime we will sell our birthright to the lowest bidder.

The history of Israel throughout the Bible is a sad reflection of disobedience. There were short periods when Israel was enjoying the blessings such as the time of the Judges. During Solomon's reign there was a period when peace was known throughout the land. It is no wonder that God scattered His people in the hope that His 'wife' might learn the hard way. But God is ever patient and merciful.

Respect is not easy to acquire once it is lost. Trust has also to be regained. As I believe you are aware of the reasons why we have become the tail and not the head it would be wasted time to list them.

Throughout history Satan has done everything he can to destroy the descendants of Israel. These intentions have been mostly carried out by those who have 'crept in unawares' (see Jude v.4). Karl Marx referred to the British who had the ability to laugh at their own demise. There is one example that I would like to use and this has come from within the churches. It is called Replacement Theology.

Even though the beginnings of this theology date back to the second century it is the Roman Catholic church that has pursued such teachings. The so called Protestant churches have also by and large adopted this teaching, namely that the Body of Christ (the Church) has now replaced the Bride of Christ (Israel). It is my opinion this teaching has done more harm regarding an understanding of the Bible, than any other issue. As a result it has hidden from the people the plan and purpose for Israel's redemption.

But all is not lost for God is going to use a remnant to reinstate His plan and purpose for Israel and His millennial reign of Christ in Earth. It is my opinion that this remnant, just like Gideon and his three hundred, will be used by God to reinstate an 'holy' or 'separate' people. A reading of Deuteronomy ch.7 v.7 reveals that God chose Israel because she was fewer in number whilst in Leviticus ch.26 v.19, Hosea chs 5 v.5 & 7 v.10 Israel's pride is revealed. This pride is one of the reasons why God can only rely upon a remnant.

We look to science for Edenic eternity, we abase and flaunt ourselves with the leaders of the world, and we acquaint ourselves with those who seek to destroy us: What hope have we? Finally we finish by saying, '... My power and the might of mine hand hath gotten me this wealth' (see Deuteronomy ch.8 v.17).

As a people, there is little health in our beings, and yet God has preserved down through history those who have not bowed the knee to Baal (Romans ch.11 v.4). This remnant with God's help will turn the tide and Israel's role as a servant people will be reinstated. Those shepherds that God has chosen to feed the flock (Jeremiah ch.23 v.4) will be used to cause other nations to respect not only His 'wife' but also the perfect Law that converts the soul (Psalm 19 v.7).

In the meantime Israel has to be shown the error of her ways. We await the day when Israel's wickedness shall be used to correct her whilst her backsliding reproves her (Jeremiah ch.2 v.19). Once the Western Nations are brought to the point where they realise they have forsaken the fountain of living water and instead have hewed out cisterns that can hold no water (Jeremiah ch.2 v.13), then we will start to see the beginning of Israel's cleansing (Ezekiel ch.36 vv 33-38). The importance of respect will become apparent for 'At that day shall a man look to his Maker, and his eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel' (see Isaiah ch.17 v.7).

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