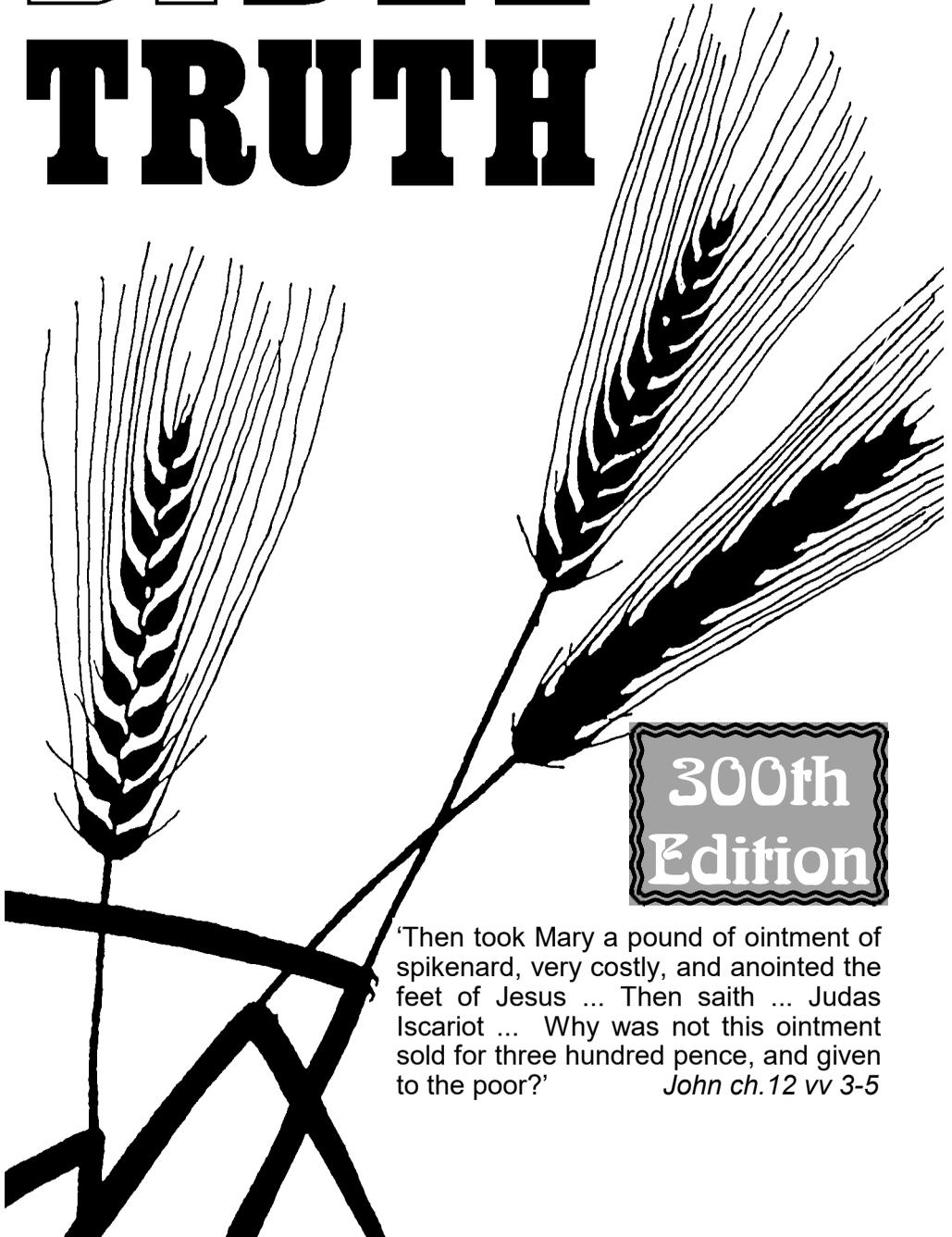


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'Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus ... Then saith ... Judas Iscariot ... Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?'
John ch.12 vv 3-5

Rev. Dr Norman Court was a staff lecturer for the SPBI travelling throughout Britain bringing the Identity Message to hundreds of people. His speciality was Anthropology and many who attended his lectures had their cranial index measured by him in order to ascertain whether they were similar to those of ancient Israelite skulls. As well as editing the Brith magazine he brought much biblical enlightenment to the youth in those days. He was also the minister at Waltham Chapel in Berkshire. In his latter years he was a welcome guest lecturer and author for our Fellowship.



BIBLE TRUTH - By Rev. Norman Court

The title of the magazine of the newly-formed British Israel Bible Truth Fellowship is very appropriate for the times in which we live. Not only is it a witness that we believe the Holy Bible to be the Word of God; but it also indicates the desire of its promoters to cover the whole range of Scriptural Exegesis, concerning itself with doctrine as well as prophetic interpretation.

As time goes on, prayerful study of God's Word will lead to the Holy Spirit's guidance in the field of prophecy. What should concern us however, especially in this age of confusion and deception is Bible doctrine. It is essential, nay more, imperative, that our foundation be laid in Christ Jesus and Him alone.

The Divine Foundation

The first statement in the Bible points to the Triune God. 'In the beginning God ...'. The Hebrew word used is Elohim, unique plural form of Eloi as used by the Lord Jesus Christ when He addressed His Father on the Cross. Belief in the Trinity necessarily demands implicit belief in the Deity of the Lord Jesus Christ. This is the most fundamental of Bible truths.

Accepting the Bible to be the inspired and true Word of God without any reservations, we declare our belief in the perfect oneness of the Godhead, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Then recognising in the Lord Jesus Christ our one and only hope, we acknowledge Him to be our personal Saviour. We see Him clearly not only as the Redeemer of Israel but the Saviour of men of every race, colour and status. He is the One spoken of by Isaiah as the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Christ is referred to in the Bible under something like three hundred different titles and figures. He is the central figure, the very centre and circumference of the Word of God. In Hebrews ch.1 v.8, the Father shows that His Son is one person of the Godhead.

‘But unto the Son He saith. Thy throne, O God. is for ever and ever...’
This sublime truth is taught in John ch.1 v.1.

‘In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.’

Before the heavens were spread abroad, before the great exhaustless universe was created, before the teeming myriads of living creatures came into existence, the Everlasting and Eternal Word was! With God He was, the Word was God, and we must pay Him the adoration due to Deity. Paul, that great teacher of Truth, tells us in a sublime statement: ‘... in him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily’. (Colossians ch.2 v.9)

Christ Jesus then, is in all the Bible. He is the Way of Life, the only One through Whom salvation can be obtained, our only Advocate and the Chief Cornerstone, the Author and Finisher of our faith. He is not only our Resurrection and our Life, but as the Redeemer of Israel, He is life and hope to His people.

There are many conveniently forgotten truths insofar as this day and age is concerned. Because of scepticism on the part of professed Christians, the glorious doctrine of our Lord’s Second Coming is either ignored or treated with some amusement. It should be our business to emphasise this Truth and point out the evident signs of the times. Today, it is as true to say that the Kingdom of God is at hand, as it was in the days of John the Baptist.

The Identity of Israel

The title of the magazine indicates that, insofar as Israel’s identity and destiny is concerned, the Bible is our textbook and our court of appeal for evidence. It is recognised and appreciated that supporting evidence from scientific and historical research is most valuable, but it must be recognised as secondary. Its importance, however, must not be minimised. Devoted men, women, scholars and seekers after truth, have spent years in careful study and research. and their findings should be appreciated and treated with respect. It is sad indeed when those who have never studied the subject of the identity of Israel in the world today denounce as heretics those who are convinced that the Anglo-Saxon and kindred peoples are the lineal descendants of Jacob, but it is deplorable when those who believe this revelation are harsh in their criticisms.

The fulfilment of God's promises to the fathers, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob who was re-named Israel, embraces the United Kingdom, the Anglo-Saxon-Celtic countries including the United States of America. Ephraim and the tribes of Israel his fellows, as mentioned in Ezekiel 37, having become the great and mighty nation and Company of nations now undergoing Jacob's trouble, and Manasseh, identified as the United States of America, also beset by the enemy, are the subject of Genesis 48. A perusal of that chapter together with Ezekiel 37 should convince the reader of average intelligence and perception that we are Israel.

There is a mass of scientific, historical and general evidence to prove our identity; but the real proof lies in Holy Writ. Truth needs no defence when our appeal is to the Bible. Resting on the impregnable rock of Holy Scripture and upholding its glorious truths we rest assured of God's blessing in sending forth the magazine '*Bible Truth*'.
