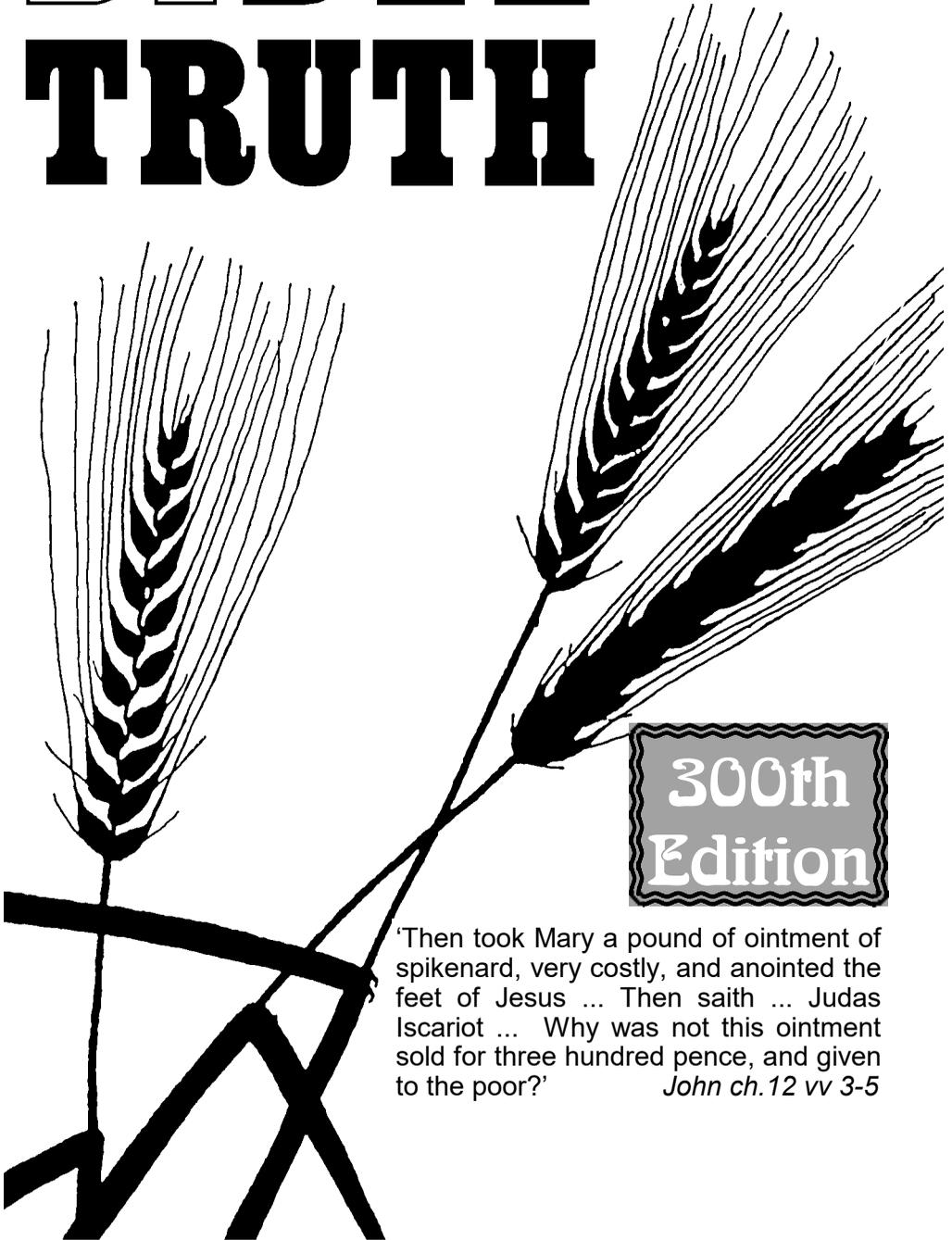


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'Then took Mary a pound of ointment of spikenard, very costly, and anointed the feet of Jesus ... Then saith ... Judas Iscariot ... Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred pence, and given to the poor?'
John ch.12 vv 3-5

Charles Samuel McKelvey (affectionately called Mac) had been a London Commissioner and a very popular speaker for the British Israel World Federation during World War II and many a time could be found addressing large crowds at London Speakers' Corner or on Tower Hill. After the war he founded the Society for Proclaiming that Britain is Israel (SPBI) and with his team frequently spoke at scores of meetings around the British Isles. His great attribute that caught the support of so many people was to expound the prophets in a way that applied to the present times.



THE GREAT AND TERRIBLE DAY OF THE LORD by Rev. C. S. McKelvey

*Editors' Note. This article has ideas that could have been superseded by events,
'For now we see through a glass, darkly;' (1 Corinthians ch.13 v.12)*

When thinking of the first coming of the Lord, we do not so much consider the day of his birth, but of the thirty-four years of His life span on earth. We begin, in fact, in the Temple with Zacharias being told by the angel that he would have a son (John) who would be the forerunner of the Lord. From this standpoint we go on speaking about the first coming of the Lord until His ascension into heaven.

In the same way we must think of the second coming of the Lord as a series of events starting before He descends from heaven in bodily form, and continuing for a period after the actual return. In fact, the Lord said this.

'... The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it.'

Luke ch.17 v.22

We often mistakenly think of prophecy as always being fulfilled in a most miraculous event, when often it is fulfilled quite naturally and in such a way that we do not notice its importance. The second coming of the Lord is a period that started in 1917 with the taking of Jerusalem. At this time prophecy was fulfilled by the British taking the City without a shot being fired as the Turks suddenly took fright and moved out of the City. This was the end of the gentile rule of Jerusalem and so a major prophecy passed into history.

‘ ... Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.’

Luke ch.21 v.24

The Christian church hardly noticed that prophecy had been fulfilled and certainly Israel-Britain did not see that she was Israel. She would not know this, for her own good, until a much later date.

‘For I would not, brethren, that ye should be ignorant of this mystery, lest ye should be wise in your own conceits; that blindness in part is happened to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in.’

Romans ch.11 v.25

Israel-Britain realising her identity is an event which must occur prior to the coming of the Lord, and is yet well in the future.

Another event pointing to the Lord’s coming occurred in 1948 when the Israeli State was born in a day. At that time the Israelis took over half the City of Jerusalem, and that was the business half (see Zephaniah ch.1 v.11). They did not take the Holy Place in 1948. This came in 1966 which was another milestone towards the Coming of the Lord.

We now follow another series of events described in the four horses of Revelation chapter six. The first horse is white symbolising the time of the beginning of the end when the Lord Jesus Christ first comes unseen into the picture of the end time. This horse is the only one with a rider that wins.

‘And I saw, and behold a white horse: and he that sat on him had a bow; and a crown was given unto him: and he went forth conquering, and to conquer.’

Revelation ch.6 v.2

It is interesting to note that the ‘bow’ is Judah and the ‘arrows’ are Ephraim (see Zechariah ch.9 v.13).

The second horse is red and it symbolises a military power which began to operate in 1945. Since then nearly every change of government has been a military take-over. For example, nearly every state in Africa is controlled by armed forces. The Red Horse like the others stays in operation until the Great Battle of the Lord. Its rider has power to take peace from the world, and 'they should kill one another' and 'there was given unto him a great sword'.

The third horse is now in the picture and the rider is well in the saddle. This is the Black Horse whose rider has a pair of scales in his hand symbolising the economic power. This horse even now is controlling food and every other need of the people. It is causing rising prices at a time when even Governments have to spend more time considering the price of butter, sugar, and bread than any other national problem. It is comforting to know that the power of this rider is limited to the Gentile world and cannot win against Israel-Britain. Although we too are suffering now with inflation, we will not suffer like the other nations.

The fourth horse is not yet fully prepared and, from the Bible standpoint, has not yet got the rider on him. This horse is yet future, but it cannot be long now before this pale horse and its rider, the deadliest of all, will be loose on the earth. We think that this horse represents the Communistic horse. Communism is well established over at least half of the world but as yet it is rider less. Prophetically this horse does not operate fully until the Prince of Gog and Magog is in control. It is interesting to see that the Black horse is used by God to bring down the Pale horse, the communistic horse of death, but this subject will be studied later.

We now turn to Daniel chapter 2 and see there the four great Empires of Nebuchadnezzar's dream and its interpretation by God through Daniel. The four Empires were Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece and Rome. We are not interested in the first three, for they are all past; but we are interested in the last stage of the fourth power — Rome. This stage represents the present time when the Roman Church is still in control but is now nearing its end. According to Daniel there is then to appear a grouping of all the four great Empires under Russia, which was never one of the four. These four will be under their new names: Iraq Iran, Greece and Italy, making the final Babylon that we read about in the Daniel Image. Thus, Daniel said there would be five empires. This last

conglomeration of parallel empires will be destroyed by being hit by the 'stone' kingdom.

'Then was the iron, the clay, the brass, the silver, and the gold, broken to pieces **together**, and became like the chaff of the summer threshingfloors; and the wind carried **them** away, that no place was found for **them**'

Daniel ch.2 v.35

It will fall into crushed dust and be seen no more. It will be crushed by the Lord Jesus Christ in the great judgement when He comes to take over all the kingdoms of this world.

Rome was the fourth Empire and was to have seven heads or seven forms of government. Five existed before the birth of the Lord, so when He was born the sixth was ruling. The position was still the same when John wrote the book of Revelation. The five forms of government that fell before the end of the BC age were Kings, Consuls, Dictators, Decemvirs and Triumvirs and the sixth was the Emperors.

'And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth. And there are seven kings: five are fallen, and one is, and the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a short space.'

Revelation ch.17 vv 9-10

The seventh that was still future in Saint John's day is Rome under the Pope, or Ecclesiastical Rome. Thus Rome is described in the same chapter.

'... I saw a woman sit upon a scarlet coloured beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet colour, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication: And upon her forehead was a name written, MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus: and when I saw her, I wondered with great admiration. And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou marvel? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and ten horns.'

Revelation ch.17 vv 3-7

Rome as the Roman Church is the last form of the power of 'Babylon the Great', the great power of the Gentile world which was set up at Babel to oppose the Lord and His Kingdom on earth (His people of Israel). The historical Babylon will soon come to its end. It is finished by the ten Horns on the Beast.

'And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the whore sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. And the ten horns which thou sawest upon the beast, these shall hate the whore, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and burn her with fire. ... And the woman which thou sawest is that great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.'

Revelation ch.17 vv 15-16 &18

The ten horns which are the last remnant of the old Roman Empire represent Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, Hungary, Austria, Czechoslovakia, Greece and Turkey. These nations are all going to become communist, and therefore anti-God. For a time after the fall of Rome these will stand as independent communistic states, very friendly with Russia, who exercises great influence over them until eventually they readily agree to be governed by Russia. The short period of independent rule by the Ten Horns is made quite plain in the book of Revelation.

'And the ten horns which thou sawest are ten kings, which have received no kingdom as yet; but receive power as kings one hour with the beast. These have one mind, and shall give their power and strength unto the beast.'

Revelation ch.17 vv 12-13

This is the time when the beast appears to be dead for it receives a deadly wound at the time of the fall of the Roman Church. That mighty beast has only ten horns, but it reappears, more diabolical than ever, this time with three evil powers ruling it.

'And I saw one of his heads as it were wounded to death; and his deadly wound was healed: and all the world wondered after the beast. And they worshipped the dragon which gave power unto the beast: and they worshipped the beast, saying, Who is like unto the beast? who is able to make war with him?'

Revelation ch.13 vv 3-4

When we see in prophecy the might of Russia governing the whole of Europe and only the British Isles against it, we see the coming challenge, for it will seem to the world as if we are really

doomed. However, our trust will be in the Lord, and from the Lord's standpoint. Russia and all her allies are really very weak, for He says, 'Behold, the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing'.

Isaiah ch.40 v.15

The Dragon is Satan, the archenemy of the Lord and of God's servant people Israel.

'And I saw an angel come down from heaven, having the key of the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand. And he laid hold on the dragon, that old serpent, which is the Devil, and Satan, and bound him a thousand years,'.

Revelation ch.20 vv 1-2

There is a work that only Satan can do. The beast system cannot do it but Satan must do this work through the beast, thus the two powers emerge. Now for the third power.

'And I beheld another beast coming up out of the earth; and he had two horns like a lamb, and he spake as a dragon.'

Revelation ch.13 v.11

The lamb-like person is evil and does all the things that the beast does, he has two horns, therefore he is both a secular leader and an evil spiritual leader as well. Thus we see three evil heads in the final stage of the Babylonian System.

Prophecy is given to the end that, when it comes to pass, we might believe. If we know the prophecies, we have our faith in the Lord, and keep our confidence in Him when they happen. If we don't know the prophecies then, we can be badly shaken in our faith as we see everything apparently going wrong. We should, therefore, get a fairly clear picture of what the Bible tells us concerning future events just before they really take place.

We now have to turn to Revelation ch.16 vv 13-14.

'And I saw three unclean spirits like frogs come out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet. For they are the spirits of devils, working miracles, which go forth unto the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.'

We have already seen that the dragon is Satan. That the beast is the final leader of the final state of Babylon; and therefore, the false prophet is the two-horned Lamb. They all three go out to try God's

people Israel and Judah and to enslave the nations of the world; but, like so many evil plotters, their evil plans are turned upon themselves. These evil powers will be used by God to bring all the nations of the world to Jerusalem to battle in that great day when the Lord Jesus Christ comes to begin His reign upon the earth.

So far we have seen what the Lord tells us about many nations but we still have to consider all the nations in the Middle-East who might otherwise appear to be outside of the world-wide plan of God.

We read in Daniel that when the Russians come down into Palestine the 'King of the South' shall push at him. The king of the South brings in Arabia which plays a minor role. The true Arabs who are the descendants of Ishmael will never accept communism. They are fatalists, who believe in one God, but in accordance with the Koran they believe that Christ was a prophet who will one day return to the earth, to Mecca, their sacred City. The king of the south, the Arabs will try to oppose the advancing Russian armies but will be swept on one side.

So we now turn to the Prophet Isaiah.

'... My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: Calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man that executeth my counsel from a far country: yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it, I will also do it.'

Isaiah ch.46 v 10-11

We look for the identity of this bird and find the answer in the verse just before the one dealing with the three unclean spirits.

'And the sixth angel poured out his vial upon the great river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way of the kings of the east might be prepared.'

Revelation ch.16 v.12

Thus, we see that the ravenous bird from the east is the communist leader of China gathering the nations of the Far East to Palestine to the great battle of the Lord. We know this looks complicated but it will become quite plain when we look at each one of the powers separately and see their roles, each one different from the others, but each one being massed by Satan to destroy Israel and to defeat the Lord when He comes. Satan is stirring up the world in hatred against the Lord. We see this quite plainly in the book of Revelation.

'And the seventh angel sounded; and there were great voices in heaven, saying, The kingdoms of this world are become the

kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever. ... And the nations were angry, and thy wrath is come, and the time of the dead, that they should be judged’

Revelation ch.11 vv 15 & 18

Again, we turn to another passage of the Scriptures and read that all the Gentile nations will be joined together in one great conference, with only one item on the agenda.

‘Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD, and against his anointed, saying, Let us break their bands asunder, and cast away their cords from us.’

Psalms 2 vv 1-3

With all this in mind we see there will never be another world war like the last two, moreover we can well rule out Atomic war also.

Having paved the way we must look on the other side, and see what effect they will have upon the Israel nations — the peoples of Britain, together with Canada, America, parts of Southern Africa, Australia and New Zealand, and also on the Israel groups living just the other side of the Channel, who will eventually come over to these Islands when Russia dominates Europe, to be received with open arms by their kinsmen of Israel. The seven nations listed above will form one solid front against the common foe and all come under the Throne of David. We, of Israel, will not even worry about our foes with all their boastings because we will be safe in our ‘Chambers’ and the Lord will be our defence and protection.

Psalms 46 is the answer.

‘God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;’

vv 1-2

‘The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved: he uttered his voice, the earth melted. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah.’

vv 6-7

The Lord invites us not to fear but see that great work He is doing. We can take an interest in every stage if we know what the operation is, and how it is going to bring health to the world. So the Lord says, ‘come and see’, just like a brilliant surgeon, who knowing that the operation will be a success might ask a friend to watch the process.

'Come, behold the works of the LORD, what desolations he hath made in the earth. He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.'

v 8-9

But before this can happen God must be acknowledged by the whole of the human race. In fact when God is in His right place He will put the whole world in its proper place before Him. While He is performing this gigantic operation we must be calm and confident. So the Psalm ends with the words,

'Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth. The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah'.

v 10-11

Barely a year after the BIBTF was founded Rev. McKelvey was called to his eternal home. Though the occasion was touched with sadness it was also a time of gratefulness in remembering his legacy of patience and faithfulness to the Lord which was so well expressed in the article by Jon Ellis: Absent from the Body, Present with the Lord.