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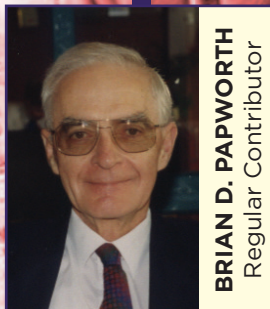
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Powerpoint

from Alec Passmore



Restrictions, restrictions restrictions! I think that readers of our Magazine will be as tired and weary of them as I am? And, ominously, we are all learning to do as we are told! When will it end? We long for new days of freedom, mobility and renewed fellowship with others. Massive damage has been done to Churches and Assemblies, while the British government for the first time in our history has banned the public open singing and worship of God! This is compounded in many instances where believers have sadly fallen out, and divided, over the response (or none) to a tiny viral entity, which cannot even be seen with the human eye!

However, our difficulties are nothing compared to the hardships suffered by God's people in the past and in 2 Timothy 2:9 the Apostle Paul laments, yet rejoices, when he declares: *"Wherein I suffer trouble ... even unto bonds, but the Word of God is not bound."* Incarceration and enforced distancing from others brought out his glad affirmation 'BUT THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND'

Many believe that more souls are being reached with God's Word by electronic means during the Covid restrictions than were reached before they began! The miracle of modern technology means that from my humble study here at home, I can reach the world for those who have ears to hear. True, it is not New Testament 'assembling together' (Heb. 10:25), but we meet in heart and faith to hear God's precious Word taught and expounded. We are The Prophetic Witness Movement INTERNATIONAL.

Our Scottish representative and council member Charles Somerville is 'ZOOMING' weekly to eager believers in Nairobi Kenya, Malawi, Nepal and several times weekly to multiple Churches in Pakistan! They can't get enough! Recently, many were thrilled to hear of the doctrine of the Rapture, which they had never heard before! Thrilling reports from Africa speak of some nineteen precious souls coming to the Saviour following Charles' ministry over the last seven weeks. I 'Zoom' weekly to Romania! How we praise the LORD and thank you for your prayers for our ministry. THE WORD OF GOD IS NOT BOUND. Please continue to support our witness to the soon-return of Christ and pray for an awakening in the Church.

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another and so much the more as ye see the day approaching (Hebrews 10:25)

Dr. Alec R. Passmore

PWMI President



**Timeless
Truth**

"Those who accepted [Peter's] message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. . . . And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

(Acts 2:41-42 & 47)

From The Editor's Desk

by Richard Salmon



You will see elsewhere in the magazine details about the 'Blessed Hope Conference' taking place at the Derby Conference Centre in Alvaston, Derby on the 10th July. Unfortunately I can't make it, but I just want to encourage as many of our readers as possible to attend, as I'm sure it will be a good day of uplifting ministry, information and fellowship. Details and registration form are also on our website: www.pwmi.org. Just follow the links.

I really enjoy getting correspondence with feed-back from our readers, and we have had plenty concerning the Covid-19 virus and the introduction of the restrictive rules and regulations brought in by the government to combat it. There are those who are happy to willingly go along with them and those who are not. I reproduce here (with permission) what one reader thinks about it all. Some of the points made are, I believe, quite relevant. I quote:

"They've been able to get away with these draconian measures because they've told us 'it's all for your own good', which is what most totalitarian systems say. Sounds just like a dress rehearsal for the man of sin to me!

"On the basis of Romans 13:1 many Christians say that we should obey the government. Of course, in most circumstances this is the Biblical response. However, when the government enacts evil laws, Christians have an obligation to resist. This is not just my view - it is the position of Scripture itself (e.g. the Hebrew midwives disobeyed Pharaoh, Rahab disobeyed the king's edict, Peter and John disobeyed the Jewish leaders, Jesus Himself disobeyed the Jewish leaders' laws concerning the Sabbath etc. etc.)

"It seems that the majority of the population is sleepwalking into tyranny, and unfortunately, many Christians are following them. It would seem that they are doing this, either because they cannot discern what is happening, or because they feel that Christians must always obey the government.

"As pre-tribbers, we should be able to discern that this is a rehearsal for a worldwide plan to take away more of our liberties, and we should push back against this evil.

"We know that the Man of Sin is on the horizon, but I believe God expects us to push back against tyranny in all forms (lockdowns, masks, mandatory vaccines etc.) as we are able. If we lack courage on these relatively minor points, how will we be able to summon our courage when serious persecution comes?"

As you see, this dear reader has, I think, some very reasonable observations, though I know not all of our readers will agree with every point. Perhaps overall, the message there is, will we know when to say 'enough'? If you read my last month's editorial, you will know my thoughts on what I believe is a coming persecution in this country towards Christians and Jews (have you noticed the increase in antisemitism since Israel defended itself from the personal attacks and thousands of rockets being fired by Hamas from Gaza into Israel in May?). I'm sure it will be subtle, probably legally based and will creep up on us without our realising it; if we're not careful and discerning that is.

I am reminded of the words that our Lord Jesus said to His disciples:

"As you enter the home, give it your greeting. ¹³ If the home is deserving, let your peace rest on it; if it is not, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake the dust off your feet when you leave that home or town. ¹⁵ I tell you the truth, it will be more bearable for Sodom and Gomorrah on the Day of Judgment than for that town. ¹⁶ I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Be on your guard against men; they will hand you over to the local councils and flog you in their synagogues. ¹⁸ On My account you will be brought before governors and kings as witnesses to them and to the Gentiles. ¹⁹ But when they arrest you, do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, ²⁰ for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

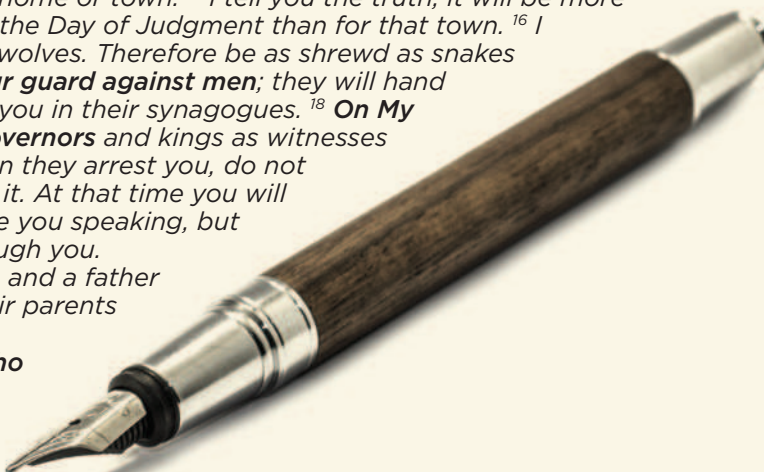
²¹ "Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child; children will rebel against their parents and have them put to death. ²² All men will hate you because of Me, but he who stands firm to the end will be saved."

Matthew 10:12-22 (emphasis mine).

God bless and Maranatha

Richard Salmon

Editor & PWMI Council Member



IN TOUCH

with the General Director

by
Colin Le Noury



FAMILY CAMP 2021: Our Philippines Representative, Pastor Duane Advento, has just sent us a report on their 2021 Family Camp held in Mindanao on May 10th - 12th. This is an event in which all the churches under his pastoral care come together for fellowship and teaching. The theme of this year's event was 'Living with God' based on Galatians 2:20. There was participation from all the churches and a number of young people trusted Christ as their Saviour during the three day event.

NEW CHURCH OPPORTUNITY: Also in the Philippines, an opportunity has arisen for a new church in the town of Pelanco. Mayor Olvis, the town's civic leader has already freely gifted them with a parcel of land in a good location for the building of a church. Pastor Duane already has a group of believers in the town who have been praying together for some time over the vision for a church and they now see the Mayor's gift as an answer to prayer. They are now praying for funding for the project, which Duane says will cost 350,000 pesos (approx. £5,200) and they will begin to purchase materials as funds come in. Please join them in praying for this.



BLESSED HOPE CONFERENCE: Last month in this column I mentioned our forthcoming 'Blessed Hope Conference' to be held in Derby on July 10th. As previously announced, we have invited a number of organisations and societies of like theological position to join with us for this event, all of whom will have a display stall. Some of the organisations representatives will be participating in the programme, which will be centred around preaching of the word and ministry reports. Please see, as promised, further details in this issue regarding registration. There is a fee covering administration of £10 pp, which will also cover a buffet lunch. This will be an historic event unlike anything we, or the participating organisations, have done before and should be a great blessing to all who attend, especially as we emerge from 15 months of Covid restrictions.

BRANCHES: Once again, as we begin to emerge from the pandemic, branches are now planning again to resume in person activities. Can I please urge all branch secretaries to send details of meetings for inclusion in both the magazine and on our website. These should be sent to the magazine editor, Richard Salmon at: richardba310@gmail.com and to webmaster Nigel Murray at: nigel.murray87@gmail.com as soon as they are available. If you don't have email please send to our Head Office address.

Blessed Hope Conference

From Stephen Boreland (Chairman PWMI)

Our hope is the soon return of our Lord Jesus Christ in fulfilment of His promise **"I will come again"**, the context of which is indicating that the return of our Lord in view is a personal one; He's coming for us His bride. The thought of our Saviours imminent return is indeed a blessed hope and constant comfort to us living in a hostile and uncertain world. It's good to share that hope and to fellowship with others who are like minded, so that's why we have organised this conference to mutually support each other, pray for each other and promote each other's work. Therefore we commend this first 'Blessed Hope Conference' to you and trust you will be able to attend.

Tried By Fire

Two Illustrations by Franklin Ferguson

No 1. Occasionally, I go by a site whereon a house has stood, now destroyed by fire. Pausing for a moment to look over the place, I then pass on with reflective thoughts of a time when, not houses, but lives of Christians shall be, “tried with fire.” I notice a brick chimney is left upright, standing securely on its solid stone foundation, the central figure in a picture of desolation. Strewn around are to be seen the pieces of indestructible materials “proved” by fire; not much of what once stood on the place.

Someone will stand at last like this lone chimney (secure on Christ the Rock) in the midst of the ruins of a life that once surrounded him. Shall you? Shall I? “Would that I had lived differently!” someone will say. Shall you? Shall I?

Does the reader shrink back from the thought of such a possibility? The fiery ordeal will leave some with little of their works to be commended: much “wood, hay and stubble” burned; and little “gold, silver, precious stones” left. Some will come through the test as a man is dragged from his burning residence. “What a mercy he is saved!” we exclaim. Yes, “saved, yet so as by (through) fire!” (1 Cor. 3:11-15).

No. 2. Let me illustrate how every saved one’s life shall be looked at by-and-by. Let us say you have known the Lord for eighteen years. That day of your new birth you thought, “The saints above could be

hardly more favoured or blessed.” For a season, the once cold heart is now so filled with “redeeming love”, that the thought of shame to speak for Jesus does not occur to mind. We will think of the eighteen years as a broad line drawn out eighteen feet across a wall. We will say the “fear of man” comes in by the year is out, followed by eight years you now think of with bowed head in shame, a time that appears barren and unfruitful. We will say the

line is clearly marked for a foot; then a gap of eight feet—a void, lost. But here restoration takes place, and you go on well for a while and you bear fruit, with much personal blessing. In course of time, efforts are again relaxed, and another empty space is seen in our line. We will say that to the end of the line there occurs here and there a blank, though with less frequency.

When the Lord rewards for the life lived, He takes out the blanks. What is there remaining? Perhaps a line eight feet in length, whereas

it could have been eighteen. So I stand by and see the twelve-years-saved Christian who steadily went on the whole while for God, receiving a greater reward than I. Then I learn how some who are first can become last, and the last become first. Some lives may shrink up very small when Christ manifests them; while there will be surprise on the other hand at what was contained, to God’s glory, in some shorter lives without blanks.



“So we make it our goal to please Him, whether we are at home in the body or away from it. For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive what is due him for the things done while in the body, whether good or bad.” 2 Corinthians 5:9-10.

*“For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ. If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work. If what he has built survives, he will receive his reward. If it is burned up, he will suffer loss; he himself will be saved, but only as one **escaping through the flames.**” 1 Corinthians 3:11-15.*

“You, then, why do you judge your brother? Or why do you look down on your brother? For we will all stand before God’s judgment seat. It is written:

*“ ‘As surely as I live,’ says the Lord,
‘every knee will bow before Me;
every tongue will confess to God.’ ”*

So then, each of us will give an account of himself to God.” Romans 14:10-12



Signs Of The Times

by Tony Pearce



The Strong Delusion.

"And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie, that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." 2 Thessalonians 2:8-12

'The philosophers have only interpreted the world, the point however is to change it.' Karl Marx.

Many people are seeking to change the world today - some with a new variant of Marxism and some in other delusions that are coming on the world today. These 'change agents' want to change the way people think and behave, and what they believe. Whether they realise what they are doing or not, the ultimate aim is to bring people into subjection to the world government programme, otherwise known as the 'Global Reset', the 'New World Order' or 'Agenda 30'. The goal is to bring this into being by 2030, by which time they hope to have control of politics, the media and education and to use technology to enforce this system. Dissenters will be threatened with social exclusion, and eventually with arrest and death.

The plan is to manipulate events and global crises' to push us in this direction and enforce a globalist way of thinking that will be based on something which lines up with what Paul wrote about in 2 Thessalonians - a strong delusion, making people believe something which is not true. The only defence against this will be repentance and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and a true and living faith. The alternative will be to go along with the 'unrighteous deception' of the coming lawless one, the man of Sin, also known as the Antichrist, verses 9-12.

I see three main ways in which people are being prepared for this in our society today.

Use the Coronavirus crisis and the lockdown to get people to accept mass vaccination coupled with some kind of ID pass to enter society. Create a fear of the virus returning unless we comply. Create hostility towards any dissenters from the programme. Create a fear of catastrophic climate change bringing the end of civilisation, unless we make radical changes to the way we live by cutting the use of carbon fuels on which we are presently dependent. Restrict the use of fossil fuels, coal, oil and gas, and control what people are able to do in their homes and their ability to travel. This programme, together with the vast debts built up by the coronavirus crisis, will cause an economic crisis, out of which a new economic system will be imposed that will use technology to control people's ability to buy and sell.

Denounce the existing culture as being racist and homophobic and work for the removal of influences from the past, which are said to foster such attitudes. In Christian majority countries, Bible teaching will be seen as responsible for 'wrong thinking' and lead to a campaign to cancel parts of the Bible and in the process work for the suppression of the preaching of the Gospel.

Because all of this is based on a wrong way of thinking, it will end up creating the antichrist system of the last days. The ultimate aim is to impose an antichrist dictatorship on the world, one in which people will not be able to publicly express views that are out of line with the people in power. Doing so will risk suppression, arrest and even death. Already we see this emerging in supposedly Christian societies. We must resist this process and fight for the right to keep preaching the Gospel and the message of the Lord's return, which is the only hope for the world today.

Suppressing the truth

A Christian pastor in Uxbridge was arrested for making 'homophobic statements' and treated 'shamefully' by the police. Mr Sherwood, a pastor for 35 years, said: 'I wasn't making any homophobic comments, I was just defining marriage as a relationship between a man and a woman. I was only saying what the Bible says - I wasn't wanting to hurt anyone or cause offence.' He quoted from Genesis 1:26, 2:14 & 5:1-2.



The Bible shows that in the eyes of God, marriage is the union of a man and a woman, which is the only sexual relationship that God approves of. Our identity as male or female is something given by God in creation and cannot be changed. This goes against the new 'woke' orthodoxy being imposed upon us, which says that homosexual relations are equally valid to heterosexual relations and that 'gender is fluid' (i.e. you are not born male or female and may change your sex if you don't like it). If you question this, you may be guilty of a hate crime against homosexuals and transsexuals.

Mr Sherwood was let off with a caution, however Paivi Räsänen, an MP and former minister in the Finnish parliament, is now facing three criminal charges with a possible 6 years imprisonment for expressing her opinion on this subject. In 2019, Räsänen wrote a tweet questioning the leadership of her church for sponsoring the LGBT event "Pride 2019," accompanied by a quote from Romans 1:26-27. She is facing 6 years in jail for 'hate speech' crimes by sharing her opinion on marriage and human sexuality on social media from a Biblical perspective.

The Rev. Dr. Bernard Randall was reported to Prevent, the government's anti-terrorism programme, for delivering a sermon in which he told pupils that it is acceptable to question and disagree with the LGBT ideology being taught at the school.

Dr. Randall served as the chaplain at Trent College, which claims support of 'the Protestant and Evangelical principles of the Church of England.' The school invited the LGBT group 'Educate and Celebrate' to help "embed gender, gender identity and sexual orientation into the fabric of the school."

'Educate and Celebrate' is run by Dr. Elly Barnes, a former music teacher with ties to the Socialist Party of Britain. It is a charity that trains school teachers to "completely smash heteronormativity" (heteronormativity is the traditional idea that normal sexuality is the relationship between a man and a woman). Their aim is to make LGBT ideology an "everyday occurrence within the school." It has worked with thousands of schools across the country in developing lesson plans, running workshops, and conducting training for teachers. The charity promotes far-left positions on gender theory, such as banning the use of the words "boys" and "girls" in the classroom, and using so-called gender-neutral terms such as "they" and "zie." It published a book that promoted the idea of using puberty blockers on children as young as 12-years-old if they want to change sex. The charity is also alleged to have told teachers that it is acceptable to help children transition (change gender) without the knowledge of their parents.

In response Dr. Randall wrote a sermon entitled 'Competing Ideologies' in which he stressed the Christian ethics of understanding, grace and kindness, and added that pupils should not feel as though they must accept teachings if they believe they run contrary to their faith.

"Now when ideologies compete, we should not descend into abuse, we should respect the beliefs of others, even where we disagree. Above all, we need to treat each other with respect, not personal attacks - that's what loving your neighbour as yourself means" Dr. Randall said.

Randall says he had a moral obligation to respond. They were bringing in this atheist worldview into a Christian school, and my job, as I saw it, was to speak up a little bit about some of the difficulties that might raise."

In addition to reporting the chaplain to 'Prevent', the school also informed him that his future sermons would need to comply with 20 conditions including being reviewed and edited/censored accordingly prior to their delivery. He was told to refrain from discussing "any topic or expressing any opinion (in Chapel or more generally around School) that is likely to cause offence or distress to members of the school body." Ultimately, he was dismissed from the school, prompting Randall to sue for harassment, victimisation, discrimination, and unfair dismissal. "My career and life are in tatters" he said. "My story sends a message to other Christians that you are not free to talk about your faith. It seems it is no longer enough to just 'tolerate' LGBT ideology."

Christian Concern took up Dr. Randall's case, asking the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and the Bishop of Derby to intervene. None did, apart from Lambeth

Palace, which sent back a reply saying 'No comment.' The Church of England's abandonment of its preachers who get out of line with the LGBT consensus is a sign of its coming collapse as a Christian organisation. As some have asked, "What is the point of the Archbishop of Canterbury?"

For all of human history, people of all cultures and races have relied on a very simple way of knowing the sex of a child at birth. Take a look between the legs and you know if the baby is a boy or a girl. Progressive thinkers believe the lie that gender is fluid and can be changed if people don't feel comfortable in being male or female. The Bible says this is a God given feature of our humanity and is unchangeable.

To pretend that we are incapable of knowing whether a child is a boy or a girl at birth is lunacy. Writing in the Wall Street Journal, Margaret Harper McCarthy hits on what is so problematic about this effort, especially as codified in the Equality Act, which Democrats are now attempting to push through US Congress. 'The so-called Equality Act, currently before the US Senate, is on one level about whether transgender men can play women's sports and use women's bathrooms. But at the bigger level it is about the freedom of rational human beings to use a common vocabulary when speaking about what all can see concerning

the biological difference between male and female. Sexual difference is obvious to anyone with eyes to see. It's a debate about whether we, as a society, are on board with the programme of pretending that men and women are interchangeable, that the realities of biological sex and human nature can be erased if we pretend hard enough.'

The problem is if you express objections to this, you are likely to be de-platformed (not allowed to speak at a public meeting), you may lose your job if you work in education, social services or the media. It's another step towards a police state. And the established

church, for the most part, goes along with it. Former Evangelical Alliance spokesman, Steve Chalke, has advocated prosecution by law for anyone preaching that homosexual practice is sinful in the eyes of God (Romans 1:18-32). Stephen Cottrell, Archbishop of York, says that Biblical teaching should submit to 21st century Western cultural beliefs and that to teach that homosexual practice is wrong in the sight of God is to 'legitimise homophobia in others'.

There are other forces leading towards the suppression of biblical Christianity. These include the campaign against Islamophobia by which Muslims demand the right to be above any criticism or be told that Islam will not give them eternal life and salvation, but repentance and faith in the Gospel message of the Lord Jesus will. Writing about the incident in Batley about the teacher sacked for allegedly insulting Islam, who has now had to go into hiding in fear for his life from Muslim hit squads, Tim Dieppe of Christian Concern says: "At the moment in our society, there are two gods - or idols - that we dare not offend. One is Islam, and the other is LGBT. If you are deemed either Islamophobic, or homophobic, or transphobic, you are effectively a blasphemer in today's culture. You have insulted the gods of these increasingly powerful groups. The relevant mob will hound you and try to force you out of your job. This is not how a free society operates. Sadly,

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too many churches are also afraid to offend these gods. Consequently, they avoid talking about Islam or LGBT issues, thus modelling acceptance of de-facto blasphemy laws. It is time for the Church to speak out boldly against the prevailing idols of our culture. Our freedoms, and those of our children, are at stake."

Democratic Unionist Party chooses creationist Christian as leader

Arlene Foster stood down as leader of the DUP, partly over issues relating to the Brexit agreement and Northern Ireland, and partly because the party was unhappy with her stance on LGBT issues. She abstained from a vote to ban 'gay conversion therapy', rather than voting against it with the rest of the DUP, who want this therapy to be permitted when conducted responsibly to help people who want to be free from unwanted homosexual attraction.

While there are harmful practices which have taken place with 'gay conversion therapy', the bill that the government has brought in endangers the right of Christians to minister the Gospel to people with homosexual feelings who want to follow Jesus Christ. It is another way in which we are losing freedom to proclaim the Gospel, which involves conversion from sin to faith and obedience to the Lord Jesus Christ. The DUP is the only UK political party committed to Christian faith.



Now the party has elected Edwin Poots. He is opposed to LGBT consensus and describes himself as a Bible believing Christian who believes the Genesis account of Creation. Speaking of his faith when he was appointed Environment Minister in 2007 he said, "I am a Bible-believing Christian ... If you believe God made this Earth, you will believe you should look after

something He has given us." He also hit out at scientists who he claimed wanted to 'indoctrinate everyone' with the theory of evolution.

As can be expected, this has been met with howls of ridicule in the media, despite the fact that it has been a central belief of the church for centuries. In recent

times a number of Christian organisations like Answers in Genesis, with the backing of PHD scientists, have put forward well researched arguments showing that the reason we exist is God's work of creation not evolution. But you cannot disagree with the great god science today and expect to get away with it.

Divided opinions over the Vaccine

The Daily Mail carried a headline on May 18th: 'Now Vaccine refuseniks threaten freedom. MPs warn Boris not to delay unlocking on June 21st over the few who won't have the jab.' Its editorial said: 'The vaccines are our passport to freedom. Why should the rights of a tiny minority to refuse them be allowed to override the majority's right to return to normal life?'

Sean O'Grady, Associate editor of The Independent wrote on 19th May: 'This is what we do about anti-vaxxers. No jab? Then no job, no access to NHS health care, no state education for your kids, no access to pubs, restaurants, theatres, cinemas, stadiums, no entry to the UK and much else.'

In an article in 'Conservative Woman', Daniel Miller writes that government prevarications on lifting the lockdown due to the Indian variant are part of the psychological warfare being waged on the population. He claims that "the current phase of the 'Great Reset' transition to the 'Fourth Industrial Revolution' is not yet complete. ... Models are not showing sufficiently high vaccination rates to allow the smooth introduction of the vaccine passport. Government pressure will probably intensify to increase vaccination rates. The consequence is likely to be a surge in fatalities following the pattern of vaccination drives in other countries. This surge will be blamed on the Indian variant, thereby justifying the government's decision in the minds of a bewildered population."

Many people do feel bewildered about this issue, with strong opinions dividing Christians who favour taking the vaccine and those who oppose it. Opponents see a link between the 'global social control matrix' Daniel Miller speaks of and developments towards the 666 system of Revelation 13. Those in favour view taking the vaccine as a sign of our obedience to the Lord's command to 'love our neighbour as ourselves' by immunising ourselves and preventing the spread of the disease, thereby enabling society to come out of lockdown.



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Pre-Tribulation Signpost | Imminency

by Jonathan Brentner



A GEICO commercial portrays a spy fleeing from armed men on a roof, as well as from a black helicopter approaching from the air. His phone rings as his adversaries appear ready to capture him, or perhaps kill him. Thinking the call is from those coming to rescue him, he answers the phone shouting, “Where are you?”

We then see his mom relaxing by a pool as she calmly talks to him about his dad’s battle with squirrels in the attic. As she continues talking to her exasperated son, the narrator interjects, “If you’re a mom, you call at the worst time. It’s what you do.”

Reflecting on New Testament teaching regarding Jesus’ imminent appearing, we might change that to: “Once we receive the Lord’s gift of eternal life, we live in expectancy of Jesus’ return. It’s what we do.”

When we say Jesus’ appearing is “imminent,” we mean it can happen at any moment. If Jesus is coming for us before the start of the tribulation, we would expect to see such an anticipation of the Rapture on the pages of the New Testament. And that is exactly what we see.

Don’t take my word for this; please allow the following Biblical texts to speak to you on this matter.

The eager anticipation of New Testament saints

In Philippians 3:20-21 Paul wrote: “But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Saviour from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables Him to bring everything under His control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like His glorious body.” The Greek word for “await” in verse 20 points to an “intense anticipation” or an “excited expectation” of a future event. [i]

As citizens of “heaven,” the apostle says we eagerly anticipate the time when the Lord will appear and at that time change our perishable bodies into imperishable ones. His words imply that this could happen at any moment, the essence of imminency. Why would Paul describe believers as excitedly awaiting Jesus’ appearing if many other prophetic events needed to happen before it? His description of the saints at Philippi, and us, only makes sense if Jesus could appear at any moment to take them back to heaven.

Luke used the same Greek word for “await” in Acts 17:16 to describe Paul’s restless “waiting” in Athens for Silas and Timothy to re-join him. After

the apostle’s troubling experiences in Philippi, Thessalonica, and Berea, we can be sure he intently watched for their return hoping he would see them soon. It’s this same passionate yearning of the soul with which the apostle characterizes the waiting of the Philippians for the Lord’s appearing, or what we refer to as the Rapture.

In 1 Corinthians 1:7, Paul used the same Greek word here for “wait” as he did in Philippians 3:20, to indicate his readers’ heartfelt longing for Jesus’ appearing, “. . . as you eagerly wait for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed.” Despite the immaturity of these believers, they eagerly waited and watched for Jesus to appear to take them home. It was the natural result of believing the Gospel message.

We see this same eager expectation in 1 Thessalonians 1:9-10, where the result of their decision “to serve the living and true God” was waiting “for His Son from heaven.” After putting their faith in the living God, these new believers settled into the posture of waiting for Jesus’ appearing. They assumed it could happen at any moment. Why else would they immediately begin watching for it?

For the Rapture to have been regarded with the heightened expectation we see in the New Testament, it had to be an imminent event. It does not make sense that this is the second coming. Why would they eagerly await an event that could only occur after seven horrific and

violent years of the tribulation, during which, they would likely perish?

The prayer of New Testament believers

In 1 Corinthians 16:22 Paul prayed, “Our Lord, come.” The word for this phrase in the original text is the Aramaic “Maranatha.” This signifies “a petition to Christ that He should return now—at any moment. Paul used it in this letter to Greek-speaking (mostly Gentile) Christians in Corinth because it expressed an idea that had become universal in the early church. Christ could come at any moment, and Christians called upon Him to do so.” [ii]

Jesus’ soon return for His Church was not just something the New Testament saints believed might happen at any moment; they prayed for it to happen soon. “Maranatha” expressed the prayer of the New Testament saints for Christ to come and take them back to His Father’s house in heaven, as He promised them He would do in John 14:2-3.

Why would he encourage such anticipation of Jesus’ appearing if the events of the tribulation came before the Rapture?

This prayer indicates a strong desire for Jesus to come in the immediate future, such as what we would expect, if they regarded it as an imminent event.

New Testament expressions of hope

Peter wrote this regarding our hope: “Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at His coming.” (1 Pet. 1:13). Peter possessed the same expectation as Paul, and accordingly instructed his readers to focus their hope exclusively upon Jesus’ appearing.

Why would he encourage such anticipation of Jesus’ appearing if the events of the tribulation came before the Rapture?

We see a similar expression of hope in Jesus’ appearing in Titus 2:11-13, “For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ.”

Upon turning to Jesus, these early believers in Jesus began waiting for their “blessed hope,” the appearing of Jesus. Such anticipation flowed out of their reception of the Gospel message.

The writer of Hebrews said, “... so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.” (Heb. 9:28). This verse describes followers of Jesus as “those who are waiting for him.” It was what they did; it’s what we do. The New Testament saints watched for Jesus’ imminent appearing to the extent that it became something that characterized them.

What if imminency is not true?

Many pastors and teachers today argue against the Biblical evidence for imminency on the basis that it’s already been two thousand years and the Lord has not yet returned. They often ask, “How could Jesus’ appearing possibly have been an immediate expectation during the time of the apostles?” They insist there must be a more viable interpretation to the passages that teach imminency, given the long delay in Jesus’ return.

It helps to look at this matter from another perspective. What would have happened if Jesus had told his disciples His return was not imminent? What if He had implied it would be many centuries or possibly much longer before He returned? What if instead of telling His followers to be ready and constantly watching for His coming (Matthew 24:44; 25:13), Jesus had told His disciples to relax because He would not return for a very long time?

Can you imagine the impact of such a message? Would the disciples have had the same urgency to proclaim the Gospel to the world? I don’t think so. Would any generation of the church afterward have viewed the Lord’s return with even the remotest sense of urgency? I can’t envision that happening.

What about the motivation for purity that results from viewing Jesus’ appearing as imminent as we see in 1 John 3:1-3? If Jesus cannot return at any moment or anytime soon, the Rapture ceases to be such a motivation. People would naturally think they have plenty of time to make things right with the Saviour.

For the prospect of Jesus’ return to encourage, comfort and motivate believers of all ages to purity, it had to be an imminent possibility. Once it’s pushed to an indefinite future, Christ’s appearing ceases to be a factor in the lives of the believers, and the things of this earth soon occupy all their thoughts. Their ultimate hopes switch to the temporal things of this life.

It must be The Rapture

Jesus’ return to earth at the end of the tribulation cannot possibly be the event the apostles wrote about as the eager expectation of the saints. Several other prophetic events must happen before Jesus’ second coming, such as the revealing of the antichrist’s identity, his desecration of the rebuilt Jewish temple in Jerusalem, and the many horrific events of the Tribulation.

The New Testament passages that speak of an imminent return of Jesus thus cannot refer to the second coming; these verses must have the Rapture in mind. Why would the apostles describe early believers as excitedly watching for Jesus’ appearing, if the tribulation with its death and widespread destruction had to occur first? Jesus’ return after a horrendous time of God’s outpouring of wrath on the earth, does not fit with eager expectations of New Testament saints for His appearing. It must be

the Rapture, and it must occur before many of the events of the Tribulation, if not all of them.

This sense of imminency argues strongly for a pretribulation Rapture, but does not seal the deal. The case for the pretribulation Rapture will continue to grow stronger with each signpost along the way. Stay on the road and watch for further signposts.

[i] Colin Brown, editor, *Dictionary of New Testament Theology Vol. 2* (Grand Rapids: Zondervan Publishing House, 1969) p. 244.

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The United State of Israel

Ezekiel 36-37

by Stephen Boreland



“Our hope is lost,” was the cry of the Jewish exiles in Babylon according to Ezek. 37:11. From a human perspective it would have been difficult to argue with them. But all was not lost, as far as Israel was concerned, for the prophet in the next few chapters, promises bright hope for tomorrow for God’s ancient people.

In Chapters 36-37 there are four important elements predicted that would ensure the future hope of the nation. Swiss theologian Emil Brunner wrote: “what oxygen is to the lungs, such is hope for the meaning of life.” That’s applicable to God’s people in every age. The four elements essential to the nation’s future were:

- **The restoration** – 36:1-15.
- **The regeneration** – 36:16-38.
- **The resurrection** – 37:1-14.
- **The reunion** – 37:15-28.

The restoration of the nation – 36:1-15

God gave the land of Israel to the Jews, according to the terms of the Abrahamic Covenant (Gen. 12:1-3, 13:14-18 & 15:7-21). That settled the question of ownership of the land. But their possession and enjoyment of the land depended upon their obedience to the terms of the Mosaic Covenant (Lev. 26:3-12 & 14-18). Their sins and disobedience had brought chastisement from the hand of God, described in some detail in the earlier chapters of this book. Now the prophet turns the attention of the exiles, whom he is ministering among, to the future. He predicts two things here about the future:

The punishment of the nations – 36:1-7

God had used the nations to chastise His people, but because of the terms of the Covenant that God made with Abraham, He must judge those same nations (Gen. 12:1-3). The final fulfilment of His promise of judgement upon the nations will be during the future ‘Tribulation’ period when the wrath of the Lamb is poured out upon the world (Rev. 6:12-17). It should be noted here that God pledges Himself to judge the nations, 36:7. And right now, the nations are ripe for God’s judgement.

The promise to the nation – 36:8-15

In complete contrast to the threatening of judgement previously given in the book, the prophet now outlines the future blessing of the nation of Israel. There would be:

- **Prosperity** – vs 8-9
- **Protection** – vs 10-12
- **Posterity** – vs 13-15

The final fulfilment of this will be in the millennium, that future golden age of blessing for Israel and the whole world when Jesus shall reign.

The regeneration of the nation – 36:16-38

If there is to be a restored land, then there has to be a regenerated people to inhabit it. But before dealing with the conversion of Israel, the prophet first speaks of her condemnation.

The condemnation of Israel – 36:16-23

The sin of Israel was **defilement** - 36:16, 18 & 20-23. The **chastisement** of the Lord was dispersion - 36:17 & 19.

The conversion of Israel – 36:24-38

All of the future blessings of the nation you will note were dependant upon God’s grace. Eighteen times in these verses God says, “**I will.**” But why did He so act in grace? Well, for His own glory - 36:22-23. Here is the reason why God acts in grace; it is for His own glory - there are no exceptions to

this principle. Consider therefore the five things that God will do for Israel in the future.

The people will be re-gathered – 36:24

The prophet predicts a re-gathering of Israel from among the nations. There have been two dispersions, and there will be two re-gatherings.

- The first dispersion began in 605 B.C. and concluded in 586 B.C. Note during this dispersion there were several deportations.
- The first re-gathering began 538 B.C. and continued up until the time of Christ.
- The second dispersion began in A.D.70 and continued through the centuries. There have been several deportations here as well.
- The second re-gathering began in 1947 and will be fully and finally fulfilled when Christ comes to reign in the Millennium – Isa. 11:11-16.

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The people will be regenerated – 36:25-27

Although not specifically stated here, the basis of Israel's Regeneration will be the New Covenant as confirmed by a parallel passage in Jer. 31:31-34. This New Covenant is made with Israel, not the Church; the Church could not have a New Covenant because she never had an Old one. But although made with Israel, it is ministered to the Church. The salvation blessings of the New Covenant intended for Israel, have been presently applied to the Church. The final future fulfilment of the Covenant awaits the regeneration of Israel at the second coming of Christ, as Paul confirms in Rom. 11:26-29.

The popular view today that the Church replaces Israel is untenable, indeed to adopt such a view it is necessary to abandon the literal interpretation of scripture. For instance, when is the Church ever referred to as 'the house of Israel and the house of Jacob'? And in what sense could we say that God was faithful to His promises, if the people to whom He made the promises, are replaced with another people altogether? Especially since the promise was unconditional Jer. 31:35-37. And how do the specific geographical locations associated with the fulfilment of this covenant, find fulfilment in the Church Jer. 31:38-40? These are serious issues that need to be faced before arbitrarily replacing Israel with the Church.

Note the various things here that the New Covenant will do for Israel.

- First, there is a sprinkling with water for cleansing: v25. This alludes to the Old Testament ritual of purification under the Law. But in this situation the Lord will perform, in actuality, what the law pictured by this act of sprinkling.

- Next, the Lord would give them a new heart, in contrast to their stony hearts: v26. In scripture, the heart represents the governing principle of life. In the unregenerate, the heart is cold and hard like a stone, in the regenerate it's warm and tender like flesh.
- Then God promises the presence of the Holy Spirit within: v27. In the Old economy, the Spirit was not given on a permanent basis, that's why David could cry: "take not thy Holy Spirit from me." But according to the terms of the New Covenant, the Spirit will dwell within permanently, and prompt the new nature, as intimated by the new heart, to obey the principles of scripture. The difference between a saved Jew in the Old economy under the Law of Moses and the Christian today, is that the Jew was governed by the law; the believer is governed by the Spirit.

We now enjoy all of these blessings, having been brought in under the benefits of the New Covenant, which Israel rejected when she rejected her Messiah, but which she will experience at the second coming of Christ.

The place will be rejuvenated – 36:28-30 & 33-36

Along with the spiritual blessings promised to Israel, there are material blessings, as these verses reveal. The land will be restored to Israel and the desolate places will become productive again; people will inhabit the cities and live in peace. The prophet predicts that to those who witness this, it will seem as if the earth had become like the 'garden of Eden.' As the apostle Paul says in Romans 8, the whole of creation is waiting for the moment of its redemption, groaning and travailing – Rom. 8:19-22. What a day it will be when that first millennial morning dawns and the world awakes to a peaceful, prosperous, pure and perfect environment.

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From Our Israel Desk

by Tony Pearce



Situation in Israel and Gaza. (Written May 17)

Israeli Ambassador addresses the UN Security Council on Gaza war

While most of the world rushed to condemn Israel for the deaths of Palestinians in Gaza, Gilad Erdan, the Israeli Ambassador to the UN, gave a calm and factual account to the Security Council on May 16th of what is happening. He put the blame for the situation on Hamas, the Islamist terrorist organisation that rules Gaza. Here are some of the main points of his talk.

3000 + rockets have been fired into Israel from Gaza, killing Jewish and Arab civilians. Israeli civilians have 30 seconds to reach the bomb shelters when the sirens go off. Children and women are huddled together in fear as Hamas rockets land around them.

Hamas is firing its rockets while hiding behind Palestinians' houses, schools and hospitals, using the civilians as human shields. Some of its own rockets have misfired and landed in Gaza, killing their own people.

For a month before the missile war began, Hamas was inciting Arabs to attack Israeli Jews, escalating the tension in Jerusalem as a pretext to start a war. Throughout the month of Ramadan, Arabs began violent attacks on Jews, which they filmed and put on social media.

They used an issue around a property dispute in the Jerusalem suburb of Sheikh Jarrah to stir up local and international condemnation of Israel, accusing them of trying to evict Arabs from their homes where they have lived since Jews were evicted from them at the time of the first Arab Israeli war in 1948. This case has been going on for a long time over property rights in the area.

Hamas has used this as a propaganda ploy to justify rocket attacks on Israel. It has also moved to incite violence on the Temple Mount, where the Muslim shrines of the Dome of the Rock and al Aqsa Mosque now stand. Palestinian extremists used the Al Aqsa Mosque to stockpile weapons and launch violent attacks with fire bombs and rocks against Jewish worshippers and Israeli police. The Israeli police had no choice but to intervene to keep the peace and ensure freedom of worship. Images of the police action were beamed around the world with the accusation that this was an attack by Israel on the third holiest Muslim place during Ramadan.



Hamas then fired missiles at Jerusalem. Israel responded by hitting back at Hamas targets in Gaza. The ambassador asked the delegates what would they do if missiles were fired at their capital cities, Moscow, Beijing, Paris or London?

Hamas has built a huge network of terror tunnels in Gaza, underneath schools, homes and civilian areas. It hides behind its civilian population and is guilty of a double war crime, making random attacks on Israeli civilians and using its own civilians as a human shield.

Hamas targets civilians. Israel targets terrorists. Israel makes every effort to avoid civilian casualties. Israel uses missiles with precision strikes against terrorists, taking steps to prevent civilian casualties. It makes phone calls and sends text messages to get people out before it makes its strikes on Hamas.

Israel sees every civilian death as a tragedy. Hamas sees every civilian death as a victory in its campaign of jihad. Israel uses its missiles to protect its children. Hamas uses its children to protect its missiles. It doesn't care about who dies, as long as there is terror and destruction.

As Israel defends itself, Hamas has been calling on Israeli Arabs to attack Jews. There have been numerous attacks by Arabs on Jewish citizens in mixed Jewish / Arab towns like Lod and Acre. This has included deliberate burning of synagogues, homes, businesses and cars. The mayor of Lod compared the attacks to Kristallnacht, the night of broken glass, when the Nazis attacked the Jewish population in 1938, setting off the awful progress towards the Holocaust. Sadly there have also been attacks by Jewish citizens on Arabs in revenge. Prime Minister Netanyahu strongly condemned this, saying that all violence is unacceptable. The Israeli police are working to arrest those responsible.

In conclusion, the Ambassador said that Israel seeks peace and has made agreements with four Muslim countries in 2019. In 2005 Israel withdrew from Gaza, uprooting Jews and hoping to bring security. Instead it brought terror to Israel and an Islamist dictatorship to Gaza. He spoke out strongly against the equivalence made between the actions of Israel as a democracy that respects life and the actions of Hamas that seeks the destruction of Israel. He told the Security Council that if they fail to condemn Hamas, they will strengthen a radical terror group who aims to overthrow the Palestinian Authority in the West Bank and whose charter

calls for Israel to be wiped off the map. He called for the demilitarisation of Gaza and for any funds from outside to be invested in the wellbeing of its people, not in a terror organisation that seeks the destruction of Israel.

What can Israel do about Hamas?

Hamas wants to gain political power in the West Bank and replace Palestinian President Abbas. Abbas has been told by the US and the EU that he must hold elections for the PA parliament. These have not taken place for 15 years. Abbas does not want to hold elections because of his fear that Hamas will win.

Abbas demanded that Israel should allow Jerusalem Arabs to vote in the PA election. When Israel refused, Abbas cancelled the elections. This was a ploy, because he does not want to hold elections. Israel also fears that Hamas might win an election in the West Bank, so it was quite happy for the elections to be postponed.

Hamas then used the situation to present itself as the defender of Jerusalem and increase its support amongst West Bank Arabs. After it forcefully took over Gaza in 2007, it has never ceased to try to take over the West Bank and unify the Palestinian Arabs in a single entity that would reject the Oslo Peace Agreement and seek the destruction of Israel and its replacement with a Palestinian state 'from the river to the sea' (i.e. from the Jordan to the Mediterranean). It is fuelling the conflict, forcing Israel to react, then presenting itself as the defender of Jerusalem.

Hamas is heavily funded from Qatar and backed by Turkey. It has a military wing with as many as 35,000 members, armed with some 15,000 rockets. Some of these projectiles are industrial-made Iranian or Chinese rockets, though many are manufactured as part of Gaza's weapons industries.

A rival terror group, Palestinian Islamic Jihad (PIJ), operates in Gaza backed by Iran. The PIJ has some 10,000 operatives with some 10,000 rockets, most of them up to a range of 45 kilometres. The current situation is extremely dynamic and changing hour by hour. (Information from Jewish News Service)

The wider crisis

As the violence spreads, Israel is now also facing the nightmare scenario of civil unrest in its towns where there is a mixed Jewish/Arab population. Islamist as well as criminal elements, are encouraging Arab youths to attack Jewish people and property in a cycle of violence, which could rip the country apart. They are also encouraging attacks on Israeli forces in the West Bank. Meanwhile, there have been incidents on Israel's borders with Lebanon and Jordan, with attempts to breach the fence from Lebanon and cross into Israel. The nightmare scenario is Hezbollah becoming involved, backed by Iran and firing its 150,000 missiles from Lebanon into Israel.

Iran has played a vital role in helping Hamas develop its arsenal and use of missiles. Turkey, which supports

Hamas, is also entering the fray, seeking to extend its influence in the region. President Erdogan has called on Russia to demand an 'international protection force' to shield the Palestinians from Israel. On 12th May he said 'the international community should give Israel a strong deterrent lesson.'

Israel is clearly in a very dangerous situation. A peace force involving Turkey would be like pouring petrol on the flames. Turkey opposes Israel, and has in the past called for an Islamic army to be raised up to regain Muslim control over Jerusalem. If Israel does send in ground troops and re-occupies Gaza, this could also prompt Turkey to move for such a force to be sent in.

The situation is stirring up strong anti-Israel and anti-Semitic feeling around the world. Muslim opponents of Israel, with their left-wing allies, have staged demonstrations in the UK and around the world. On 16th May, a convoy of cars flying Palestinian flags drove by the Jewish area of Golders Green in London with a loud speaker calling for attacks on Jewish people, including a cry to 'rape Jewish women.' Jewish people are terrified at the prospect of anti-Israel feeling spreading in Britain and Europe and leading to attacks on Jews living here.

Prophetic significance

The involvement of Turkey, Russia and Iran in the situation could be seen as a signpost towards the Gog and Magog War of Ezekiel 38-9. These countries are all involved in the alliance of nations coming against Israel in the last days from the north. If the conflict spills over into Lebanon and Syria, it is very possible that this could see such an invasion alliance coming against Israel.

The centrality of Jerusalem in the crisis reminds us that Zechariah 12-14 tells us that Jerusalem will be a burdensome stone for all peoples in the last days, a focus of attention of the whole world, which will lead to the final war before the Messiah returns to bring peace to the world.

President Biden has acknowledged Israel's right to defend itself. French President

Macron has also extended support to Israel and urged for a return to peace in Gaza.

We are reminded that there is no real solution to this conflict. However, a temporary peace may come first (Daniel 9:27), when the antichrist arises as the wonder worker offering peace and safety. This will not bring peace, but the final time of Jacob's trouble (Jeremiah 30) or great tribulation (Matthew 24) and the return of the Lord Jesus to the earth.

However these prophecies come to pass, we are assured that there is one in the heavenlies who will keep Israel until the time of Messiah's return. Meantime we must pray for the peace of Jerusalem and stand by Israel and the Jewish people in their need (Psalm 122:6-9).

Obviously the situation is changing day by day so please bear this in mind if the situation has changed by the time you read this.



Schools Of Thought

by David Herring



Many people feel confused by the different schools of thought when it comes to the Lord's Return. I hold to the Pre-Millennial position, because it is the original understanding of the apostles; fits in far better than any other position with the whole of literal scriptural revelation, and brings far more glory to God, especially in His redemptive purposes. This short study is offered in the hope it sheds some light on the differing views held by evangelical Christians.

While I have tried to describe the most common features of each school, there are many variations within each, and this generalisation is inevitable.

A. Premillennial

This view teaches that the golden age, or Millennium, is a literal period of one thousand years, which will follow the Lord's Return. Jesus will establish His worldwide reign from Jerusalem, occupying David's throne and fulfilling Jewish messianic expectations. The Church Age (which began at Pentecost), comes to an end amid a catastrophic deterioration in world affairs socially, politically, economically and environmentally. There will be clear signs of the approaching end, principally involving Israel and the return of the Jews to their ancient homeland. The seven years before the Lord's Return are known as the Tribulation period, with the final three and a half years being known as the 'Great Tribulation'. The whole Tribulation period marks the time of judgement at the end of the Church age. During the Tribulation a political leader referred to in Scripture as the Antichrist will dominate the world's affairs.

Premillennialists differ as to the timing of the Rapture, the moment when all Christians are suddenly raised to life, changed into immortality and rise up to be with the Lord in the air. Some, including me, believe it will happen prior to the Tribulation (Pre-Tribulationists). Some believe it will happen at the midpoint, before the Great Tribulation (Mid-Tribulationists). Some believe it will happen at the same time as the Lord's physical return to reign (Post-Tribulationists). Whatever view Premillennialists take as to the timing of the Rapture, they clearly distinguish between the Rapture - the Lord's Coming for His Bride (the true Church) - and His Second Advent with His Bride, when He returns to the earth "with power and great glory" to reign on David's throne - Isaiah 9:6-7, Zechariah 14:1-9, Matthew 24:30-31, Romans 8:19-23, Philippians 2:10-11, Revelation 1:7.

B. Amillennial

This view teaches that there is no separate Millennium, or golden age. The Church is the new Israel and the Jewish people cannot expect any revival of their fortunes to the point where their King becomes a world ruler. All the Old Testament prophecies relating to the King and His reign refer to the present Church Age, which started at Pentecost and will finish when Jesus returns. We are in the full Kingdom of Christ now. After that there will simply be the final judgement followed by Heaven and hell. The blessings promised under the reign of the Messiah are to be understood as the social, political, scientific and economic benefits that would come to societies in this age when they submit to the influence of the Gospel. If nations and individuals follow the teaching of the Bible, they will experience great blessings and improvements in their conditions here on earth. The advances in

medicine, transport, education, etc. since the Reformation are seen as evidence of this. However, this view makes no attempt to differentiate between these great improvements that have certainly come about through the Gospel witness, and the vastly better world that the Old Testament states will exist under the reign of a literal King on David's throne. The Amillennial view has been prominent in the older churches, before and after the Reformation, and has given rise to the concept of civilised "Christendom". Some

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would even argue we must take up political or even, in extreme cases, military action to protect Christendom, the Kingdom of Christ.

C. Postmillennial

This view teaches that there is a future golden age, but that Jesus will not return until after it arrives. It will come about through the activity of the Church. The Church will become progressively more and more influential in world affairs through the increasing power of the Holy Spirit. It will not happen through the historical Israel. Any revival of Jewish fortunes is by and large an historic accident. The Old Testament references are to be understood spiritually as referring to the Church and its influence, not Israel and its King. Postmillennialism emerged amongst the later Puritans and became prominent at the end of the eighteenth century. It led to the great missionary movement of the nineteenth century when Christians wanted not

just to evangelise individuals, but also to bring whole nations under the golden rule of Christ. Many hymns of the time reflect this thinking: “Onward Christian Soldiers”, “Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”, “Jesus shall reign where’er the Sun”, etc. The Postmillennial view has had a great revival under the Charismatic Movement and is generally known as “Restoration” teaching. Groups that generally see prophecy in this way include Kingdom Now, Word of Faith, Manifest Sons of God, Dominion, Latter-Day Rain, and a whole succession of apostolic movements in recent years, especially in the United States. Songs such as “I hear the sound of rustling”, “Rejoice, rejoice, Christ is in you”, express this broad idea. There is much talk of new power, taking territory, winning the nations, Christian socialism, new wave, worldwide revival, etc. A renewed emphasis on healing, complete wholeness and spiritual authority underlies this movement because, it is believed, we are moving into the fullness of the kingdom now.

D. Pan-millennial

This is a common reply often heard today, from church leaders and others, who do not wish to take sides and simply believe “it will all pan out in the end”!



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We believe in the true and proper deity of our Lord Jesus Christ; in His virgin birth; in His real and complete humanity; in His sinless life; in His authoritative teaching; in His substitutionary and atoning sacrifice through His shed blood; in His bodily resurrection; in His ascension to the right hand of the Father; in His heavenly intercession; in His personal, pre-millennial and pre-tribulation return to receive His church and to establish His millennial kingdom.

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The Church

We believe in the unity and priesthood of all true believers in Christ.

The Commission

We believe that the commission of the Lord Jesus Christ to all believers is “Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature. Teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

The Coming King

We believe in the personal, pre-millennial, pre-tribulation return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We believe that the signs of the times point exclusively towards the close of “the times of the Gentiles”; that the return of our Lord is imminent; that the completed Church will be translated to meet the Lord in the air, to be forever with the Lord; that Israel will be restored to her own land in unbelief and will afterwards be converted as she repents, recognises and receives Christ as Messiah; that the Lord Jesus Christ will reign for a thousand years upon the earth during which time there will be a further outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon all flesh; that the message of the imminent return of Christ is the greatest motivation to prayer, holiness of life and evangelism.

The Future State

We believe in the resurrection of the just and the unjust; the eternal blessedness of the redeemed in Christ and the eternal punishment of those who have ignored or rejected the offer of salvation.

The people will be repentant – 36:31-32

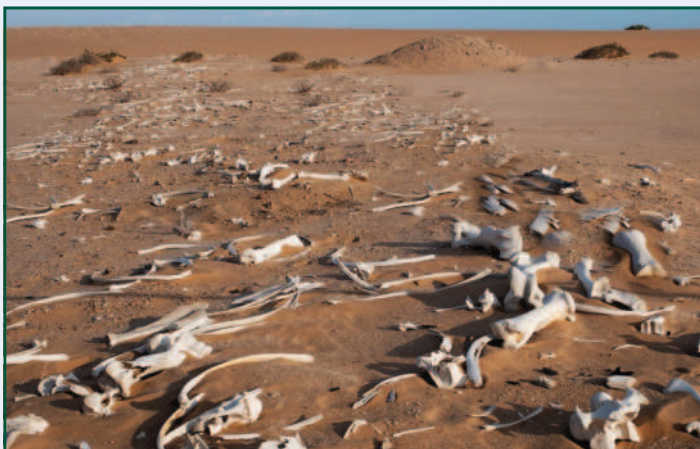
The repentance of Israel at the time of their conversion is elsewhere described in very graphic terms: Zech. 12:10-13:1. Jesus lamenting over Jerusalem during the last days of His ministry said: “ye shall not see Me henceforth till ye shall say, ‘blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.’” On the day of their conversion, the nation, through trial and tribulation, will have been made ready to receive their Messiah, and when they see that He is Jesus whom they rejected, there will be such a mourning and repentance the likes of which has never been seen before.

The people will be revived – 36:37-38

There had been a day when God refused to answer the prayers of His wayward people because of their sins. Sin hinders prayer - 20:3. But at this time, God promised that He would both hear and answer the prayers of His people and multiply them in the land.

The resurrection of the nation – 37:1-14

What an amazing phenomena, that after nearly 2,000 years, a nation scattered to the four corners of the earth, whose people were hated and hunted out of every continent, should be back on the map. Is this a political accident or a miracle of God? Even before the nation had re-emerged as a modern independent country, Frederick the Great of Prussia asked his chaplain to prove the authenticity of the Bible. The chaplain replied, “the Jews your majesty.” If that was so then, even before Israel became a nation again, how much more so is it now. The nation of Israel is God’s barometer. Jesus, referring to Israel said, “when you see the fig tree begin to blossom, know that these things are near, even at the doors.” The things He was referring to, were end time events. Whenever Israel begins to feature again in end time prophecy, it’s a sign that the end of the age is near. There are three stages here in the resurrection of these bones that we should observe.



The revelation of the bones – 37:1-2

The prophet was transported, as he had been before, to another location. Not to the city of Jerusalem this time, but to a valley whose exact location is not given. What he has been brought to the valley to see is an amazing and solemn, if not

gruesome, sight; the valley is full of dry bones. The identity of these bones is given in v11 - they are “the whole house of Israel.” They were exceedingly numerous and very dry, indicating that they had been there for quite some time. What a harrowing sight for the prophet to behold as he walked among the bleached bones of his dead and decayed nation. The message of these dry bones is given in v12. History verifies this vision, for Israel has not been a nation since AD 70.

The re-awakening of the bones – v3-8

Next, God asks His prophet a question, “can these bones live?” From the human perspective the answer to this question would be no. However, Ezekiel knows his God and so he answers, “O Lord God thou knowest.” The word ‘know’ can mean ‘appoint’, and it is possible that the prophet was saying, “These bones can live if thou appoint it so.” Then the prophet is told to prophesy over the bones and to tell them that God was going to:

- Give them breath and life - v5
- Sinews and flesh - v6.

So the prophet did as he was commanded, and as he prophesied, there was a shaking and a rattling, and the bones came together, sinews and flesh came upon them and skin covered them: v7-8. But as yet there was no breath in them.

The resurrection of the bones – v9-14

The prophet is now called upon to ‘prophesy unto the wind’ to breathe breath into the nostrils of these lifeless bodies, v9. When he does so, this company is raised up to life, v10. What a remarkable demonstration of the power of God. This is the same power that raised up Christ from the dead and will raise us up at the resurrection. The same awesome power was used to resurrect our dead spirits and bring us to new life in Christ. But while there are many applications here, there is only one interpretation, namely, that God in mighty power will resurrect Israel to nationhood after a long period of deadness. Note this is a message of hope for Israel, look at the terms used:

- House of Israel, v11.
- My People, v12, (the only people that were His people then were Israel).
- Land of Israel, v12.

We cannot mistake who this prophecy is intended for here; it is the nation of Israel, the ancient people of God, who are to be resurrected as a nation and most significantly of all, according to verses 12 & 14, restored to their own land, Deut. 30:1-6, Jer. 32:37-41, and Amos 9:14-15.

In 1917, Lord Balfour declared Palestine as a homeland for the Jews in honour of a Jewish scientist, Chaim Weizmann, who had greatly helped the British war effort. The same year, General Allenby captured Jerusalem from the Turks without firing a shot. In Britain, what is now the Prophetic Witness Movement International was begun by F B Mayer and others who were aware of the prophetic significance of these events.

The holocaust during WW2 moved the United Nations to seek a solution to the Jewish question, and on the 14th of May 1948, David Ben-Gurion declared the independent state of Israel reborn. Immediately, the Arabs sought to extinguish the newly reborn state, but were defeated. In 1967 with great courage and emotion, Israeli soldiers retook the city of Jerusalem. What significant events we have witnessed in our day. Ancient prophecies being fulfilled before our eyes. The final fulfilment though will not be until the millennium.

The reunion of the nation –
37:15-28

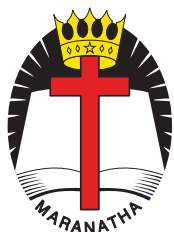
At this point the prophet Ezekiel is tasked with something more; he is to take two sticks, one for Judah and his companions and the other for Joseph and his companions, and join them together. When he had done this, the sticks would become one in his hand, v15-17. The meaning of this is explained in v18-22. The division of the kingdom that took place during the reign of Rehoboam was to eventually be healed and the two parts of Israel would again become one. As noted previously in Chapter 36, there would not only be a restoration of the nation, but a regeneration, v23. For a full recovery to take place there must be a restoration of the theocracy, that is, divine rule through a King, and such a restoration is predicted, 37:24. But who is it that will be king, David or David's greater son

the Lord Jesus? Prophetic scholars are divided as to who this refers to, but the burden of proof points clearly to our Lord Jesus Christ. Why call Him David though? Well this kind of thing was not uncommon.

An example would be Israel being called Jacob, or Ephraim after great leaders of the past. Christ shall rule with righteousness and equity from David's throne, Ezek. 37:24-25 & Luke 1:32-33, (presently He is on His Father's throne, Rev. 3:21). Also His reign will be marked by peace and God will dwell in their midst, v26-28. The world yearns for peace today, but there will be no peace until the Prince of peace comes.

The key to peace in the world is Israel; a united state of Israel; restored, regenerated, resurrected and re-joined under their Messiah, who will usher in a time of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

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Zephaniah

...an Introduction

by Sam Gordon



(This is the first of a six part monthly study - Editor)

There's a second time for everything – and, yes, in 45 years of ministry, this is my second time to do a study on the book of Zephaniah. That's a pity, for I've really missed out, big time. Mind you, I can't imagine too many of you folks reading it in your quiet time either – I'd be surprised if a lot of preachers have ever ministered on it, it's a real shame, but it's one of those books that we tend to shy away from.

If the truth be told, here's a wee book with a lot to say on the unfolding purpose of God in history; it's a book which focuses on the amazing ability of God to do what He wants to do, when He wants to do it and it's a prophecy that reminds us of the ultimate prize at the end of time.

The book of Zephaniah is tucked away towards the end of the Old Testament. He's in the section dedicated to the so-called 'minor' prophets; he's number four from the far end.

Take it from me, there's nothing incidental or insignificant about his message – this guy is on the ball, his finger on the pulse, he's aware of what's happening all around him, he has a true appreciation of the big picture, and he comes across as someone who's not afraid to tell it like it is.

His was a kind of in-your-face message, no doubt about that, but he didn't shirk his onerous responsibility, he didn't back-off when God told him what He wanted him to write and he didn't back-down when faced with the withering challenge of delivering a message that the nations needed to hear – it was what they needed, but they didn't want to know.

Zephaniah is a tough cookie, he's resilient, he's up for it, and he's in it for the long haul. It's only three chapters, 53 verses, the kind of script you could easily read in ten minutes – you should do it sometime, as it will give you a flavour of his entire message; you'll get a feel for what he's trying to say. When you read a book like this, it puts a lot of things in perspective. A lot of what the prophet says is so relevant to our situation and we'll find out more of that as we get into the heart of his message.

It seems to me there are so many of us who want a religion that gives us access to God without having to bother with people. We want to go to God for comfort and inspiration when we're fed up with everyone around us. We want God to give us an edge in the dog-eat-dog competition of daily life. We want an inside track with God and, at the same time, we want to deal with people however we like.

We want the cherry, as it were, but we don't want the pits! There's nothing new about that attitude – it's as

old as the hills. It's the sort of mindset that men like Zephaniah were determined to root out, they are dead set against it.

That's why he preached his socks off 2,600 years ago; that's why so much of what Zephaniah says leaves us feeling a little uncomfortable, it encroaches on our comfort zone, it gives it a squeeze. There is a relevance to God's word – it's timeless, it answers the big questions you're asking right now and it scratches where folks are itching.

Let me give you a quickie outline of the book – it'll help you remember what the prophet is on about. In chapter one, we are aware of the determination of the Lord; in chapter two, the focus is very much on the day of the Lord; and, in chapter three, the gloom is dispelled, as we zoom in on the deliverance of the Lord.

It's a 3D picture: we see a God who knows what he's doing, a God who works according to schedule, a God who specialises in bringing hope and salvation to people. The God we're talking about here is a God who doesn't leave us in the doldrums; He wants us to experience and enjoy His intimate presence in our daily lives.

You see, it's all about relationship – our relationship with God; that's how the prophet rounds off his timely message. We read in 3:16-17 some marvellously, wonderful words (I'm reading from the New Living Translation) – *"Cheer up, Zion! Don't be afraid! For the Lord your God has arrived to live among you. He is a mighty Saviour. He will rejoice over you with great gladness. With His love, He will calm all your fears. He will exult over you by singing a happy song."* See what I mean, this God meets us where we are and He takes us to where He wants us to be. He specialises in the personal touch, and when we are walking with Him,

He finds immense pleasure in us.

OK, let's go back to the beginning and see if we can find out a little more about our friend Zephaniah. We want to trace his roots. Who is he? Where did he come from? What do we know about him? What's on his CV? Important questions, but the reality is, we don't have much to go on! One verse and that's about it!

The first thing we're told about him in verse 1 is his name; he's called: Zephaniah. It's worth noting that his name means: 'Jehovah hides' or 'Jehovah protects'. The thought is, there is safety in the Lord, He gives security to His people, and He looks after His own. We can turn to Him in the hour of crisis and He's a shelter in the time of storm. When troubles and trials come, the Lord is our refuge.

Zephaniah wasn't born with a silver spoon in his mouth, but he has royal blood flowing in his veins. He has a significant ancestral history – it appears that he is the great, great, grandson of King Hezekiah (See

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2 Chronicles chapters 29 to 32). You'll recall that Hezekiah ran the show for the best part of 29 years. He started out when he was 25 and died when he was in his mid-50's. That was 686 BC.

He is fondly remembered and his was an illustrious career; and on the whole, he made a huge impact on the nation. Scripture says of him: 'he did what was right in the eyes of the Lord'. He was extremely successful during his reign and is acclaimed as one of Israel's great kings. We read that in everything he did, 'he sought his God and worked wholeheartedly'. Apart from a few hiccups, he was a good man, a godly man. That's the kind of vintage that Zephaniah springs from.

The good thing is, that Zephaniah didn't let the side down – nor did he fail his Lord either. He was privileged to minister in the days of King Josiah who is the man who turned the nation right side up. He led the nation in a religious reformation triggered by the finding of the Book of the Law in the temple in the year 622. You read all about it in 2 Chronicles 34.

The intervening period between Hezekiah and Josiah was a real mess. Manasseh turned the clock back and deliberately led the nation away from the Lord. He was into idolatry big time, and he was a great believer in mediums and wizards. He was wicked in the best sense of that word and there's no doubt that his long reign was a recipe for spiritual disaster.

It has to be said that his son fared no better. His name was Amon and he was a chip off the old block. Mind you, he didn't last long. He was assassinated by his servants only two years into his reign. As they say: good riddance.

That's the appallingly awful situation that Josiah stepped into. He was only a lad, but God used him in a very special way to call His people back to Himself. When a work needs to be done, age doesn't enter into it. Josiah was the new kid on the block and he was only

a teenager at 16 years of age; see what God used him to accomplish. It's fantastic. Let's not underestimate what God can do in and through the lives of our young people. It doesn't matter what age we are, the Lord wants to use us!

We don't know for sure, but the chances are that Zephaniah preached God's message prior to this reformation, or he would have said something about it in his book. What we do know, is that he and Jeremiah were contemporaries. So too were Nahum and Habakkuk. That tells me that God's word was given quite a billing during those massively important years. You see, the Lord never leaves Himself without a witness, there is a voice in the wilderness. The challenge is: when people listen to God's word, do they hear what He says?

Before we get into the main text in our next study, let me ask you a question: what do these words have to teach us today? They remind us of one of the great needs in today's church; our days are not so different from the days of Josiah and Zephaniah. The nation in their day was in dire need of reformation, one that was sparked off by a rediscovery of the word of God.

That's our need today – a spiritual revival. You see, as the church has departed from its biblical message, so society has slipped further and further away from God-honouring moorings; therefore, what we need is a rediscovery of the timeless truths of Scripture. We need to get back to the Bible, back to the Word of God.

We need men of the calibre of Zephaniah – men with guts, men with spiritual backbone, men who will boldly stand up and declare: 'thus says the Lord'. Men with a sense of call on their lives, men who are passionate about God and His glory.

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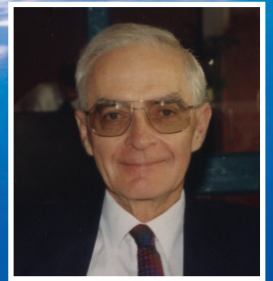
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What In The World Is Happening?

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It is not the "Signs of the Times", but the "Times of the Signs" we are seeing all around us and in every news bulletin. We are now living in a world where Bible prophecy is being fulfilled every day. Prophetic signs noted in the Scriptures can be seen happening daily before our eyes. Mankind has degenerated as in the days of Noah and Lot (Luke 17:26-28). Man is turning into that described in 2 Timothy 3:1-5. We are told there will be a "Falling Away" (2 Thess. 2:3) of the Church in the last days, a lack of enthusiasm and an increase in apathy, and we can all read about the Laodicean church in Rev. 3:14-22. What about you, where are you yourself?

Revelation Chapter 13 part 2

The False Prophet or Beast out of the Earth, is one who not only helps Antichrist's rise to power, but also hi-jacks the religions of the world to combine into one religion that will eventually put forward the Antichrist as god to be worshipped in the rebuilt Temple in Jerusalem. This will trigger the flight of the faithful Jews from Judea (Matt. 24:15-22). True believers will have been taken out at the Rapture. It will leave an empty Christless shell of an organization that will incorporate all worldwide religions. At the moment, Pope Francis is going around the earth signing cooperation treaties with all the other religions of the world. I am not saying the "False Prophet" is Pope Francis, but he did mention some time ago: "that if you know anything about the "Last Days" you will know a bit about me!"

He will not only set things up for the Antichrist to reign worldwide, but also fix up the worship of the Antichrist. Let's look at the passage of Scripture that describes him. *"Then I saw another beast coming up out of the earth, and he had two horns like a lamb and spoke like a dragon. And he exercises all the authority of the first beast in his presence, and causes the earth and those who dwell in it to worship the first beast, whose deadly wound was healed. He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. And he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast, telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded*

by the sword and lived. He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed" (Rev. 13:11-15 NKJV). At some time in the Antichrist's rise to power, he receives a fatal wound, but miraculously recovers. Everyone marvels at this, as he seems to have come back from the dead. Satan tries to copy Christ, and this is an attempt to make it appear that the Antichrist has also risen from the dead.

The "False Prophet" also sets up the "Mark of the Beast," so that no-one will be able to buy or sell without this mark. We already have this technology and is regularly used in cats and dogs for identity purposes. It has been used in trials with soldiers, so that if they are killed in battle they can be identified, and also dementia sufferers in case they get lost. The banks in New Zealand are all removing cheques from the system, and I and many other people have had a letter from the bank, to see if we will still require cash to be available. It won't be long before we can only trade and buy food and clothing through a bank. Supposing all the banks were controlled by the World Bank and there is no cash! Where does it leave the citizens of the world?

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Chapter 13 finishes with giving the number of the Beast or Antichrist as 666. Well, what does it indicate? 666 is a man's number and is earthly, whereas 7 is a number generally applied to perfect things of God, like the letters to the 7 churches, the 7-day creation and the plagues of Revelation in sevens. However, when it comes to earthly government, there is multiples of six: 12 apostles, Jacob had 12 sons, Israel had 12 tribes and many of the utensils

used in the Temple were 6 or 12 in number. So 666 is the manifestation of a terrible earthly trinity of Satan, the Antichrist and the False-Prophet, trying to mimic Gods Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Mimicking God does not help Satan at all, as he is merely a fallen angel, whereas God created everything and by Him all things consist (Col. 1:16-17). God is in the process of bringing Satan to judgement and eventual destruction. This we shall see in the coming months as we study the remaining chapters of Revelation, where we are told what is going to happen, perhaps in the not-too-distant future.

Are you among the number who will be taken away before Satan is let loose on the citizens of this world? Are you a member of the Church, the Bride of Christ, who will be Raptured before the Antichrist is revealed? Have you been to Jesus for His cleansing power from sin? Are you born again and washed in the blood of the Lamb?

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What's On

Meetings For June / Early July 2021

Please remember to pray daily for all P.W.M.I. Staff and the following meetings:



**EVERY TUES
12 NOON**

ZOOM BIBLE TEACHING HOUR with Charles Sommerville. 'The Book Of The Revelation Revealed'. Also, every Thursday evening at 8.00pm - Bible study. All are welcome to join us. To receive the link required to log in, Email: drcharles.sommerville@sky.com - Or Telephone 01506 856205.

SAT 26th JUNE PRESTON & MORECAMBE BRANCHES -

North West Bible Prophecy Zoom Meeting (Monthly) 7pm-8pm. Speaker: Pastor David Salt. Subject: "The Final Development of World Government - The division of Ten."

All welcome - free to join (For more information or to receive the zoom link, ID & passcode please contact: David Raby Tel: 01257 234410 - email: david.michael.raby@outlook.com or Dianne Schofield Tel: 01524 855323 - email: pwmimorecambebranch@hotmail.co.uk)

SAT 26TH JUNE MID-WALES BRANCH Venue has yet to be confirmed.

For further info. Contact: Ronald Downey, Tel. 01597 810463 - email ronaldedowney@gmail.com or John Mitson, Tel. 01597 822700 email: jw.mitson16@btinternet.com Meeting at 3.00pm and 5.30pm. Speaker: Dr Alec Passmore. (Dr Passmore will also be speaking at 2.30 pm on Sunday, 27th June at Bethania Baptist Church, Elan Valley, Rhayader, Powys LD1 5HW)

TUE 6th JULY

HASTINGS BRANCH meeting at Calvary Chapel, Duke Road, Hastings TN37 7DN (Parking at Alexandra Gospel Hall, 83-85 Sedlescombe Road N, St. Leonards On Sea, East Sussex TN37 7ES). Meeting at 4.30pm & 6.30pm with tea interval. Speaker: Brian Chapman. (Further info. Mr Richard Brabazon, Tel. 07812 041787 - email: richardbrabazon@talktalk.net or Tony Bullett, Tel. 01892 510045 - email: tonybullett@yahoo.com)

SAT 10th JULY

BLESSED HOPE CONFERENCE meeting at the Derby Conference Centre, London Road, Alvaston, Derby DE24 8UX. Morning and afternoon sessions. Tea & coffee - buffet lunch - Child care provided - Overnight accommodation if required. £10.00 registration deposit per adult required.

Please Note: Because of possible further Covid-19 'lockdowns' and/or restrictions, things could quickly change; so if in doubt, please contact your local PWMI Branch Rep. for the latest details.

REV COLIN LE NOURY'S ENGAGEMENTS FOR JUNE 2021

(All subject to Covid restrictions)

Colin is currently residing in Guernsey until the end of June and is ministering in local churches.

He is not available at this time for mainland 'in person' meetings, but is available for occasional ministry via Zoom.

Please contact him at his new temporary head office numbers -

mobile/text: 07781117617 - Landline (Office hours) 01481 263845

if you would like him to do a Zoom meeting for your church or PWMI meeting.

Colin will be back home in Leyland from early July.

SUN JUNE 6th

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH Guernsey at 10.30am.

COBO MISSION HALL Guernsey at 6.00pm.

SUN JUNE 13th

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH Guernsey at 10.30am.

SUN JUNE 20th

EMMANUEL EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCH Guernsey at 6.00pm.

Please Note: Could the local branch reps. email (preferably) richardba310@gmail.com or telephone (01983 526096) the magazine editor with details of any meetings scheduled for July/August/September 2021 that may be going ahead. Thank you.



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10:00 am

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on the Lord's return

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Overnight Accommodation if Required

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For more info: pwmiheadoffice@btinternet.com

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