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The Perils of Brexit

This newsletter firmly supports the concept of full sovereignty for our nation. We believe that the nation state is a divine appointment. We also believe the Creator has given responsibility for the governance of the nation to those who are its leadership. Quite a challenge in face of the powerful worldwide move towards globalization—a plan motivated by economic factors. As wrote the apostle Paul: ‘...For the love of money is a root of all evils’.

On the face of it, recovering sovereignty over our economy from a dominating foreign power should be easy given we are the world’s fifth largest economy with a dynamic (mostly!) work-force. No longer hamstrung by an entanglement of pointless restrictions industry will be free to grow. Not all, however, is rosy.

An influential rump of so-called ‘remainers’ is marshalling to undermine our new Government’s plans to exit from the European yoke. Indeed their opposition—born out of left-wing ‘liberal’ ideology and political ambition—may overturn the Government’s tiny overall majority in the Commons and disrupt the exit process. It could become messy. Prime Minister Theresa May could be faced with calling a General Election. (She doesn’t yet have a mandate from the country.)

But that’s not the least of our worries!

Divine Right

The ancient concept of the ‘divine right of kings’ no longer has traction in the twenty-first century. It

is said, for example, that ‘*the Queen reigns but does not rule*’. There does still exist, however, a ‘divine right’. Note how Paul addresses the matter of governance to a Christian audience: ‘...*Everyone must obey state authorities, because no authority exists without God’s permission, and the existing authorities have been put there by God. Whoever opposes the existing authority opposes what God has ordered; and anyone who does so will bring judgment on himself. For rulers are not to be feared by those who do good, but by those who do evil*’ (Romans 13:1-3). It’s another concept that has passed out of favour!

The world and its rulers have arrogantly lost sight of the fact that this is *God’s* world. As spoke the prophet Daniel to King Nebuchadnezzar in response to the King’s prophetic dream: the King would lose control of his empire ‘... *until you know that the Most High is Ruler in the kingdom of men, and He gives it to whomever He desires*’ (ch 4:25).

Isaiah, similarly: ‘...*I will use the king of Assyria as a club to beat down you godless people. I am angry with you [Israel], and I will send him to attack you*’ (ch 10.5-6). Indeed ‘*the nations are as a drop of a bucket, and are counted as the small dust of the balance*’ (Isaiah 40:15)!

The LORD had for centuries ruled through His chosen ‘deputies’ (eg the judges), but they had become corrupt (I Samuel 8:5-7) and the people demanded a visible king to lead them. God granted their wish acknowledging that *cont’d over*

Time to celebrate? First read this!

Religious Holidays...or Holy Days

...is it important which
you observe?

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'...they have not rejected [Samuel], but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them' (v.7). That pattern of rejection continues to this day in the descendant nations of ancient Israel.

Exit

Like that ancient nation, the Anglo-Saxon and related nations are sinking into a sea of depravity and are discarding all that is wholesome. Biblical moral principles no longer guide the majority of the populace and certainly not their leadership. As wrote the prophet concerning ancient Israel: '...You have made cruel and unfair laws that let you cheat the poor and needy and rob widows and orphans' (Isaiah 10:1-2).

And not only so—but adultery is condoned and rampant. Law goes unenforced encouraging lawlessness. Idleness is encouraged. Corporate greed inflates the rich and impoverishes the common man. We are swamped with foul soul-destroying pornography and sexual imagery. The voice of children drowns that of the adults who should be training them in the arts of good citizenry. (What will the next generation of leadership be like!)

Gone Missing

Above all—*where is God?* Driven from our schools and universities. Excluded from business and commerce. All but banned from mainstream media. Certainly exiled from what is loosely called 'entertainment'. Ignored by Government and Parliament. And the 'faith of our fathers' silenced in favour of all that's foreign and idolatrous.

Inevitably, judgment falls. The sorry pattern of our history repeats and divine correction for God's nations follows. The United Kingdom may regain sovereignty—but unless the divine wisdom and guidance of our righteous and holy God (as revealed in the Christian Bible) is restored to the heart of all our institutions we will pursue a downward path and blindly head over a precipice to destruction. Ω

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evil [wicked, immoral] things to a resurrection of judgment' (John 5:29). The apostle Paul notes: '...as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. But every man in his own order' (I Corinthians 15:22-23).

Their response to Christ-like principles during that time of judgment will determine their eternal fate—as true immortal children of the Father, or extinction (John 3:16). All that defiles will then be burned up: '...the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men' (II Peter 3:7).

A New Beginning

Tabernacles, however, is followed by a separate festival on the *eighth day*—a day representing *eternity*.

A new age dawns—a new beginning, the glorious culmination of God's plan for mankind, a plan formulated before the world began (II Timothy 1:9).

Writes Paul: '...the creature itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the glorious liberty of the children of God' (Romans 8:21).

The *Feast of Tabernacles* marked the time of man's six thousand year sojourn in the flesh—from Adam to the last human to be transformed to spirit from the summer harvest.

Now the awesome God—our Father—comes to the renewed planet Earth: '...the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God' (Revelation 21:3). His children, now transformed in immortal spirit bodies, will forever be with Him as He continues His Universe-embracing plans. Ω

As it is written, eye has not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God has prepared for them that love him. But God has revealed them unto us by his Spirit
I Corinthians 2:9-10

New Horizons

The *September/October* issue of our bi-monthly magazine traces our national history to its ancient beginnings and looks at our prophesied future.

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Insight from Paul

The apostle Paul's letters shed a bright light on our walk with God

'Come along and listen to me next Sabbath' the apostle Paul [might have] told his hearers after he had addressed them—also on a seventh-day Sabbath [ie Saturday]. We read: '*...the next sabbath day came almost the whole city together to hear the word of God*'. (Acts 13:44). That's when he had opportunity to preach and teach to both Jew and Gentile, for he worked the rest of the week: '*...Paul, as his manner was, went in unto them [in the synagogue], and three sabbath days reasoned with them out of the scriptures*' (ch 17:24). Luke notes: '*...because he [Paul] was of the same trade, he lived and worked with them; for they were tentmakers by trade. And he reasoned in the synagogue on every sabbath persuading both Jews and Greeks,* (ch 18:3,4).

The apostle, that is, observed the same day as the Jews—the seventh-day Sabbath. This, remember, was perhaps twenty years after Christ's resurrection! Before King Agrippa he testified: '*...Paul called the chief of the Jews together: and when they were come together, he said to them, Men and brethren, [though] I have committed nothing against the people, or customs [religious institutions] of our fathers*' (Acts 28:17). He insists that he follows Christ in his daily walk (1 Corinthians 11:1) - and urges his hearers to follow his example.

Letter from England

Greetings

The evidence piles up that we are indeed in what the Scriptures call 'the end of the age' - though that doesn't necessarily imply that the end is imminent. But the signs *are* there, just as they have appeared to successive generations of Christians down the centuries.

That doesn't mean we can be complacent, saying '*my Lord delays his coming*'. For Jesus will return suddenly, unexpectedly—and at '*a time you think not*'. That time, Jesus tells us, is the Father's prerogative.

In the meantime '*...we ourselves also, having the first fruits of the Spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves while we await eagerly our adoption, the redemption of our body*'. There are struggles and trials, Paul notes, as we daily resist the pressures imposed by a world that is God's adversary. And Jesus was sufficiently concerned that he warned us, '*...because lawlessness will increase, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end--this person will be saved*'.

What's going on in the world is confusing. Yet as children of our loving Father we understand '*...[he has] made the earth, the man, and the animals on the face of the earth by My great power and by My outstretched arm; and I have given it to whom it seemed*

Which they did. And for the next three centuries the church of God continued the observance of this fundamental institution—all the while battling the pressures from the sun-worshipping practices of the surrounding nations. Ecclesiasticism gradually strangled the primitive simple Pauline message as the bishops arrogated to themselves increasing religious and political authority. They accommodated the church to pagan practices to gain political control—achieved through the Emperor Constantine in the early fourth century of our era and leading to the horrors of mediaeval so-called 'Christianity'.

One strand of opposition to the simple Gospel message is illustrated by Paul's guidance to the Colossian Christians. Their faith was being undermined by teachers advocating asceticism (ch 2:21-23). He warns them: '*...do not let anyone judge you with reference to eating or drinking or participation in a feast or a new moon or a Sabbath, which are a shadow of what is to come, but the reality is Christ*' (vv.16-17). Such God-appointed practices are timely reminders of the reality to be universally implemented in the Kingdom, and were observed by the early church. (Indeed, what passes for Christianity still observes one of these annual festivals, *Pentecost*, while adding various pre-Christian pagan festivals.)

The apostle upheld these observances while advocating balance in how they were observed in practice. **Ω**

right in My eyes'. Yes (as often appears obvious!) He even sometimes '*...sets over it the basest of men*'. The almighty Creator of the vastness of the Universe has 'the whole world in His hands'. Yet while leaving mankind to live with the consequences of our own choices He yet intervenes as is fitting to accomplish His purpose.

Few of us in the West have yet to experience the horrors inflicted on believers elsewhere. But should we encounter such '*...we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, for those who are called according to his purpose*'.

So—remain faithful. Seek God's will for you from His Word. Resist lawlessness. Be involved. And patiently await his coming.

James

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Israel—abandoned by God?

The Seed of Isaac

What Would Jesus Eat?

Israel—lost forever?

A Family Tale

The Church Community

God's Global Plan

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Harvest Time...plan for the ages

The object of all the major faiths is to spread their message. *Islam*, for example, by hook or by crook, wants the entirety of mankind to submit to the tenets of Islam. For *Christians* the mantra is 'here's how you get to Heaven'. Neither conforms with God's revelation through the Bible, the Christian Scriptures.

Thousands of years before Mohammed and long before Allah was invented, the one and only true God initiated a plan: '...he [the Creator] has chosen us [ie Christians] in him before the foundation of the world', wrote the apostle Paul (Ephesians 1:4). Chosen, selected, from all ranks of mankind to become a new holy nation: '...you are God's chosen and special people. You are a group of royal priests and a holy nation' (I Peter 2:9).

The Way

Through Jesus the Messiah alone can mankind associate with that plan: '...I am the way, the truth, and the life!" *Jesus answered. "Without me, no one can go to the Father'* (John 14:6). Or, as he said earlier: '...No one is able to come to Me unless the Father who sent Me draws him' (ch 6:44). Those who choose to enter this association are 'the elect', the chosen, selected by the Father, and from that moment entered on a training programme—for eternity.

That programme has been up and running since man's beginnings. Indeed the Scriptures list a sample of those chosen (Hebrews 11): '...These all died by way of faith, not having received the promises, but seeing them from afar, and being persuaded, and having embraced and confessed that they are aliens and tenants on the earth' (v.13). Those chosen up until the death of Jesus laid the foundation on which the church of God has been built over the two millennia since. Jesus said, '...many will come from east and west, and will recline with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of Heaven' (Matthew 8:11).

Early Harvest

God's plan is portrayed in His appointed seasons and the three main harvests of the year—spring, summer, autumn. 'Spring' encompasses all the faithful until the return of Messiah and is pictured by the Biblical *Feast of Firstfruits* (Leviticus 23). John in vision wrote: '...These are they which follow the Lamb whithersoever he goes. These were redeemed from among men, being the firstfruits unto God and to the Lamb' (Revelation 14:4). As James the brother of Jesus wrote: '...Of his own will begat he us with the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures' (ch 1:18).

The coming return of Christ marks incredible changes. All human government will be overthrown. Earth itself will be 'at rest'. The Adversary (Satan) will be

banished. And the Spirit of God will be freely available to all—as typified by the *Day of Pentecost* (see Acts 2). 'Summer' will have arrived!

Mankind having in the beginning rejected Him as our guide, the LORD God gave us free rein as to how we would conduct our affairs. It has been messy—but we needed the experience! And as with any business the Creator carefully selects those—the 'firstfruits'—who will work with Him throughout eternity. When the selected personnel are spiritually toughened by their encounter with Satan's world and the 'crop' ripened, the 'harvest' will be gathered in—by a resurrection from the dead: '...an hour is coming in which all those in the tombs will hear His voice. And they will come out, the ones having done good into a resurrection of life [immortality]' (John 5:28-29).

Harvest Times

Barley (Spring):

March—May
Deuteronomy 16:9

Wheat (Summer):

May—July
(Exodus 34:22)

Main (Autumn):

corn, grapes, oil etc
September/October
(Exodus 23:16)

Jesus and the resurrected saints—his firstfruits harvest from every era—will begin the restoration of earth and all its institutions. Gone will be corrupt practice at every level of society—from business and commerce, from finances, from entertainment and the media, from the internet. And gone will be every false religion (major and minor), pseudo-faiths that have cast a veil over all mankind. Gone will be every idolatrous practice that demeans and distorts comprehension of our holy and righteous God.

Final Harvest

Without a final harvest, however, the agricultural year would be far from complete. So, too, in the divine plan. For the antitype of the autumnal harvest is the resurrection of the billions of humans until now excluded from the Kingdom. It follows the thousand year reign of Jesus: '...the rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years were over' (Revelation 20:5).

Disinterest, preoccupation with the mundane, spiritual blindness imposed by false religions and philosophies, unpreparedness, shallow thinking—all factors that contribute in this life to their ignorance of or rejection of God's freely offered invitation to become a part of the Spirit Kingdom of God.

But our loving God has plans for them: '...The Lord is not slow to do what he has promised, as some think. Instead, he is patient with you, because he does not want anyone to be destroyed, but wants all to turn away from their sins' (II Peter 3:9).

These (part of the 'autumn harvest' pictured by the seven day *Feast of Tabernacles*), will also be raised from their graves by a resurrection—but (unlike the firstfruits harvest) by a resurrection to renewed physical life: '...those who have practiced **cont'd p.2**